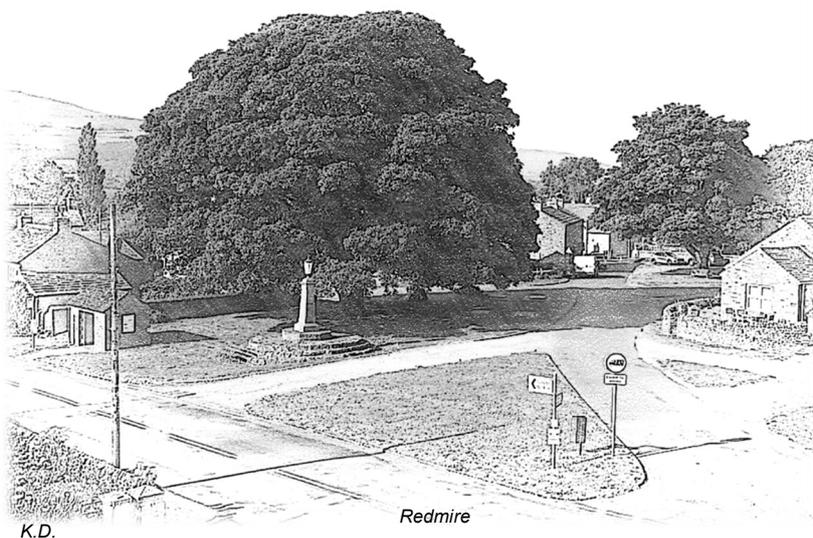


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Guest Editorial

*'You may not be an angel,
'cause angels are so few,
But until the day that one comes along
I'll swing along with you.'*

This song, from a 1930s musical, was still around in the 1950s when I was growing up; my mother used to sing it round the house.

People often talk about 'angels in disguise', popping up out of nowhere to offer a helping hand out of some dire strait and this happened to me last month when I had a rather terrifying experience. I had gone, alone, to Israel, one of a group of 30 people, who had all opted for a holiday called 'Slow Galilee'. This was a week spent in a 'pilgrim house' on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. There was to be some sightseeing and some time for quiet reflection in the place where Christ lived, taught and healed. There was to be input from our three leaders, in the form of music and teaching. An added bonus was daily swimming in the lake which was just on our doorstep. I was looking forward to a peaceful holiday.

In the weeks before our departure there was trouble in Israel, attacks and counter attacks in the ongoing dispute over land settlements between the Arabs and the Israelis. But the experienced tour organisers had assured us all would be well. However, ten minutes away from Tel Aviv the pilot announced he could not land because of the 'trouble on the ground' and we flew to Cyprus. There we sat with endless updates from British Airways and a lot of irritable behaviour from a handful of passengers who thought the airline was being over-cautious. Our luck was in however and we eventually set off again, landing in Tel Aviv but several hours behind schedule. We assembled in Arrivals and set off with our luggage behind a man with a white flag on top of a stick who headed off at breakneck speed to our coach. The pressure was on because we had a two hour journey to Galilee; registration and supper were waiting and the domestic staff wanted to go home.

In the rush and the crowds, and (having had two knee replacements) unable to keep up with White Flag Man, I somehow got separated from my group and ended up looking for the coach park all alone. Other groups were looking for it too, wandering about and talking to taxi drivers who of course were anxious to take everyone to Galilee, no doubt for a large sum of money.

I doubled back towards the Arrivals Hall and tried to find someone who could speak English, I failed. Nobody seemed interested. The crowds had drifted away by now and the airport felt as if it was closing down. Panic was beginning to set in. Then I spotted a young man who could have been my grandson and I approached him. He spoke reasonable English. This was his last day at the airport, he was on his way to Rome to study Medicine. This student looked after me. We found the coach park full of coaches but mine was not among them. My panic deepened. Could it be that they had set off without me? I gave him all my details including emergency phone numbers. Nobody answered his calls, he had to leave messages. We sat disconsolately on a bench wondering what to do next when aeroplanes with flashing lights suddenly appeared in the sky overhead. Then there was an explosion, quite near, and a big column of smoke. My friend grabbed my suitcase and hurried me into shelter. We waited. More explosions. Then silence. He said 'This is always happening. They came over yesterday when I was in the shower'. Eventually his phone rang. It was our guide for the week, who had picked up a message on the bus to Galilee with the rest of our group. Yes, they had miscounted heads and yes, they had left without me. Many hours later we reached our guest house by the Lake. I was traumatised by then, and fit for nothing. But I was glad, that when my guardian angel left me, I had blown him a kiss which he had returned with a warm smile. I wish I had his address. I would like him to know how indebted I felt to him. Me, a stranger, in a strange land.

Did you know that there are angels in Hawes too? Some weeks before my adventure I had lost a watch. This was not my everyday watch, it was vintage, from the 50s, bought out of a money gift I had once received. I searched the house and garden, we all searched. No watch. St Anthony, Patron Saint of Lost Things, was evidently on holiday. Then I wondered if I had gone shopping with it - unlikely, it was 'for best'. I asked in Elijah Allen's. Nobody had handed in a watch of my description said the lady on the check-out but she directed me to another member of staff who was extremely helpful and at once said she would put it on Facebook for me. Then I went to the Spar and as I stood in the queue with my purchases I saw a notice stuck on to the till: 'Have You Lost a Watch?' 'Well, I have' said I, and I described it. Someone fished under the counter and produced

a brown paper bag and out of it, lo, my watch! The clasp had broken (they had found it on the floor) but it was still going. They explained that originally they had stuck the watch itself on the till until a customer, who recognised it as 'vintage', advised them not to leave it on display.

The poet Wordsworth wrote about

*'the little, nameless, unremembered acts
Of kindness and of love.'*

But these acts of kindness are remembered and whether the angels in question are handsome young students at airports, or familiar faces in our own town, they are part of the essential fabric of living alongside other people, in strange places, or here at home. I sometimes pick up a free newspaper on a London bus and my heart is always warmed by a small column headed 'I would like to thank.'

- 'The kind stranger who picked me up and helped me home when I had a fall in Sainsbury's'.

- 'The boy who found my little dog who'd slipped her lead and brought her safely back'.

- 'The couple who looked after me and rang my daughter, when someone stole my phone and my wallet.'

There are angels everywhere. In 'The Mower' the poet Philip Larkin describes his sorrow at the death of a hedgehog accidentally 'jammed up against the blades.' The poem ends like this:

*'we should be careful
Of each other, we should be kind
While there is still time.'*

Let's do it.

Ann Pilling

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Eunice the Ewe

Last month I was hiding in the picture in the Dalesplay article on page 13 and the lucky winner of the £10 prize is Noah Parish of Hawes.

Where am I this month? To enter for the £10 prize, please include your postal address if replying by email.

Support for Business

From July, Alison Laws, a Business Relationship Manager for the York and North Yorkshire Growth Hub, will be on hand at the Hawes Community Offices on the **last Friday of each month** between **9.00am and noon** to talk about business support available for businesses in the area.

This might include skills and training, access to finance, mentors, apprenticeships, boot camps, networking, start up support and much more. The service is free and impartial so if you need some support to start, thrive or survive drop by and have a chat.

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July Competition

All the answers are the names of plants you can find in a garden.

1. Sad ringer
2. Avalanche
3. Mrs Bucket
4. Cilla gets mixed up in the garden
5. Slow moving American state
6. Is in 24 hours
7. Ivy's partner has German wine
8. Evaporated milk maker
9. Stood up
10. Confused Amie rung
11. Change in climates
12. Mixed it makes garden hay
13. Rubber hand protector
14. Reynard's hand warmer
15. Simple card game that proceeds tediously

Please send your answers in to arrive by **Tuesday, July 25th**. Don't forget to include the details of your nominated charity which will receive the £20 prize should you win.

Hello, I am a Geography A-Level student seeking *your* views on planting trees and land use to fight climate change in the Yorkshire Dales.

Please follow this link or scan the QR code to complete the questionnaire.

<https://arcg.is/1PPebX1>



It is only short and for every completed questionnaire I will donate 50p to Woodland Trust (up to a maximum of £50). Thank you! Cam.

June Competition Answers

1. Eastenders
2. Britain's Got Talent
3. A Question of Sport
4. The Repair Shop
5. Countryfile
6. Midsomer Murders
7. Taskmaster
8. Eggheads
9. Pointless Celebrities
10. Match of the Day
11. Coronation Street
12. The One Show
13. QI
14. Countdown
15. Emmerdale

There were very few entries this month and the only correct entry was from Kelvin and Mary Young of Skidby whose nominated charity to receive £20 is Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Mother Goose Pantomime

There will be a read through / auditions on **Tuesday, July 11th** at Gayle Institute.

We need anyone who wants to be part of the show (chorus and all!) to attend. **7.00pm - 8.00pm** (juniors), **7.00pm to 9.00pm** adults (over 16s).

Drop-off points and contacts

For news, articles, reports, letters, What's On dates, competition entries, suggestions and comments:- All 01969 numbers.

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Askrigg:	Sykes Shop,	650535
Carperby:	Anthony Abraham Hall Garth	663243
West Burton:	Nadine Bell, Margarets Cottage	663559
Aysgarth:	Hamilton's Tearoom	663423
Redmire:	Kevin Davis Westholme	624165
Thoralby:	Neil Piper	663747
West Witton	Christine Barker, Chestnut Garth	624934

Notes from Thorney Mire - Summer

There has been quite a lot of activity in the squirrel world these last few weeks and not all of it is good news. Two red squirrels in our neighbouring woodland have been found with the squirrel pox virus and were in a bad condition, so unfortunately they have had to be put down. The pox is spread to the reds from the grey squirrels, the greys are immune to the disease having been exposed to it for many years, but can pass it on to the reds where it is usually fatal. In the last five weeks, fifteen grey squirrels have been caught in the Cotterdale area, but none have been seen in our adjacent woodland. It is a bit of a mystery where the pox has come from as no greys have been spotted in the immediate area, but as we cannot be vigilant all the time, a camera was placed in our wood to catch any passing greys, but none have been seen. At the time of writing, there have been no more outbreaks of squirrel pox, so let us hope that they were two isolated incidents.

Near Cotterdale, three baby red squirrels were found, out of their nest, on the floor. Their mother had been run over and it is thought they had come out of the nest to look for her. They were not in a good condition and were only a few hours from perishing, but were taken indoors and hand reared. Firstly on milk with four hourly feeds for two weeks both day and night, until the night feeds finished, then gradually onto solids. I have been fortunate to see the videos and photographs recording their progress, from them gripping the syringe full of milk with their two front feet and drinking as if their life depended on it, which it did, to them taking their first solids. They have now been put into a slow release pen and when they are ready, a small door will be opened and they can come and go as they please.

Two and a half weeks after these babies were found, a fourth baby squirrel, their brother, was also found. This one had been fending for itself, it was in an extremely poor condition, very underweight and covered in fleas. It was taken inside to be fed and given a good wash to get rid

of the fleas. This washing put it in meltdown as it curled into a ball and couldn't be coaxed out of it for six hours. All four siblings have been reunited and by the end of the month should be roaming free in the woods again, all thanks to someone's patience and kindness and time-consuming efforts.

I heard a cuckoo at home, but only once. We have two pairs of spotted flycatchers nesting in the garden, which is good news because according to the BTO the decline in the spotted flycatcher from the 1960s is 92%. On the U.K. conservation list it has red status. A thrush has reared three young in the trellis, well camouflaged, by the white clematis, in full bloom by the coal place door. I took a photograph one evening of the three chicks, which was fortuitous as by the next morning they had fledged. The following day we could hear a cheeping, a "come and find me" call emanating, I thought, from near its nest in the clematis, but on opening the coal place door, there in the gloom at the back of the shed, sitting on top of a pile of coal, was a baby thrush. How long it had been in there or even got in that situation, we do not know. The door was left open and the baby was soon reunited with its parent. If it decides to go AWOL again, the parent should be able to find it by tracing a line of sooty footprints.

Last year we had no swallows nesting in the eaves of the house and this year looked as though it would be same. There was just one lonely swallow sitting on the wires for many days, looking up and down the dale waiting for a mate to appear. Then on June 9th there were two swallows sitting on the wires, you could almost hear the violins. They have paired up and are in the process of looking for somewhere to nest build. There is plenty of room below the eaves of the house, but they are checking out one of the outbuildings. This involves, when the door is shut, flying through a 6" pipe. Nesting in the outbuildings is not convenient, as every time I open the door I have to stand back or I get my hair parted by two black and white darts. Then there's the mess! I haven't got the heart to tell them to move on, not after one of them sat on the wires for nearly three weeks, scanning the horizon, with hope in its heart waiting for its true love to arrive. What patience, its human counterpart would have given up ages ago and gone to the pub.

Sylvia Turner

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Steph's Cabins

Hidden up high behind a very big hill, in the very beautiful Wensleydale, there is a workshop. I have come to see a friend's new Shepherd's Hut. I wasn't expecting to see such a thing of beauty. I immediately wanted one.

Having spent various trips recently in modern caravans I was naively expecting the same veneered MDF, coated aluminium and cardboard feel. Before I had even set foot onto the solid wood porch these pre-judgements disappeared. I was lead through the stable door and into an amazing space. The floor didn't wobble and most importantly I didn't need to shrink down.

In front of me was a perfectly proportioned double bunk. We sat down on a bench whilst looking out of the window and up towards the hills. To the left of me was a small wood burning stove sat neatly upon a great slab of thick, rough stone. A dresser filled the wall opposite, containing a sink and kettle. What more could you want?

Now I'm no expert, especially in woodwork, but even I could tell how precise and meticulous the workmanship had been. Not a rough edge in sight. The hut next door to this one has been fitted with purpose-built shelving, lights and a gorgeous stained-glass window on the rear wall. His solid hand-made desk turns this one into the most calming and exquisite workspace. Ideal for anyone working from home.

One of Steph's latest projects was to build a shepherd's hut on an old farm trailer. I asked him what the more challenging elements of this project had been.

"This was a particularly interesting build. The old wooden trailer had been in my client's family for many decades and had stood the test of time reasonably well. That said, it needed a fair amount of restoration before the build could begin. They were keen to include special features, such as a pull-out veranda that would act as their balcony and entry point. The kitchen sink was framed with a single slab of Utile, which also acted as the worktop. The front was made to allow the grain of the spalted beech run seamlessly through the cupboard doors and drawer."

Steph was born in Manchester and grew up in Colchester with a love of music, sports and of course carpentry. Some of his earliest endeavours included replacing the sash cords in

the windows of his family home and building tree houses in the garden. Whilst at college he played drums in a band called Desert Monkey, who played with the likes of Snow Patrol. They were also featured on John Peel's radio show! He followed his passion for music and worked as a music teacher in a school in East Bergholt, famous for John Constable's paintings.

Steph was also a keen orienteer, competing across the country and winning national events including the Scottish, Lakes and White Rose. He has since travelled and worked all around the world, learning new skills and developing his craft. From making cabins high up in the Austrian Alps, to house building down in the south of Australia, creating bamboo domes in Mexico as well as preparing a high-speed trimaran boat for its adventures around the islands of French Polynesia. He now finds himself back in Wensleydale. Back in the place he spent his childhood holidays. Back amongst the green fields and streams. Above the lake, in his workshop, at the top of the hill.

If you would like to know more about creating your very own escape room, or guest accommodation tailored exactly to your own needs contact Steph via email Steph@stephscabins.com or visit his website stephscabins.com.

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Upper Dales Health Watch

The Patient Participation Group for the
Central Dales Practice

Synopsis of the meeting held on 19th June

- The Practice has approximately 4,250 patients which is below 5,000 giving the Practice sparsity funding. This number has remained static since 2019.
 - Extra funding has been granted for Lynn Iveson, Advanced Clinical Practitioner to work one day a week at Sycamore Hall and for Amy Wardell, Mental Health Practitioner.
 - Fiona Morrison, Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP) visits Sycamore Hall every Thursday.
 - The Practice provides the same number of clinical sessions per week as it did in 2019. However, GP/ANP appointment demand has increased by some 35% since 2019. The Practice cannot identify the reasons for this but feel the only way to manage the increased demand is the use of telephone triage. This allows the GPs & the ANP to make their own clinical decisions and manage the workload safely and effectively.
 - 70% of CDP patient queries can be dealt with over the phone. This frees the GPs /ANP to spend more time with patients who need face to face appointments.
 - The delay in prescription deliveries is a national problem and wholesalers have staffing issues. CDP Is trying to keep a larger stock of medicines, but some are temperature sensitive and won't last in hot weather.
 - Practices across England get no funding for Temporary Residents e.g., holiday makers. CDP gets no extra funding for "assisted living" e.g., Sycamore Hall.
 - Media hype e.g., recent programmes about the menopause can cause sudden panic and an influx of patient enquiries. Patients using Dr Google can also become worried unnecessarily.
 - Although some patients would prefer the pre Covid system waiting all morning to be seen, others prefer the present system as it saves time.
- GP Assistant is a national term but is confusing some patients, so CDP is describing Sarah Weatherald as a Medical Secretary.
 - There had been real community relief the CDP had been able to recruit two new GPs and it was appreciated that appointments were much easier to get than in some other parts of the country.
 - The Practice's new website will be ready shortly and will include the synopsis of the UDHW minutes.
 - There is no information yet about Covid boosters due this autumn. There will still be 2 separate 'flu injections.
 - CDP has volunteered to pilot the NHS Digital Inclusion Project. This will target those who don't use / are wary of IT e.g., apps, Facebook, SystmOnline etc. Further information pending.
 - E consultations need to be encouraged. Friends / relatives can help patients communicate this way by filling in the online form for them.
 - There is a list of UDHW Parish Representatives in both surgeries.

**Jane Ritchie, Hon. Secretary
Upper Dales Health Watch**

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	St Mary & St John's, Hardraw 9.00am	St Margaret's, Hawes 10.30am	St Oswald's, Askrigg 10.30am	St Matthew's, Stalling Busk
July 2nd		The Gathering		
July 6th			Live Acoustic Music Concert 7.30pm	
July 9th	Morning Prayer	Ecumenical at Gayle	Holy Communion	Soup and Holy Communion 12.30pm
July 16th	Holy Communion	Praise in the Pen Family Service	Morning Prayer	
July 23rd	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Outreach Café Style Service	2.30 - 3.00pm Afternoon Prayer 3.15pm Pathfinders
July 30th	Songs of Praise	Morning Prayer	Forest Church	
Evening Prayer by telephone is held at 4.00pm every Sunday . For details see our website - www.upperwensleydalechurch.org/services .				

Issues of Trust

There is a story associated with President Abraham Lincoln that when once faced with a particularly stubborn disputer who was having difficulty over some issues of truth and trust asked him, "How many legs does a cow have?" "Four, of course" came the reply in a rather disgusted tone of voice. "That's right," responded Lincoln. "Now, suppose you call the cow's tail a leg; how many legs would the cow now have?" "Why five of course" came the confident reply. "Now that's where you're wrong, said Lincoln. "Calling a tail a leg doesn't make it a leg!"

The issue of truth and trust remains very much in the news these days and many feel disappointed and let down by recent events involving those who we should be able to trust implicitly. What is truth? Can we trust our political leaders and those around us to uphold it? The erosion of trust surrounding the truth is an important issue for every one of us, for

without the acceptance that we are all starting from a premise that we will tell the truth to one another and that this will not change, then the whole fabric of society begins to crumble.

At the trial of Jesus, Pilate famously asked "What is truth?" Jesus repeatedly tells us that he is telling the truth, even stating "I am the truth". Ultimately, trusting someone comes through knowing them well and making an assessment based on what we personally experience and upon the testimony of others. The Bible is full of personal testimonies that God can be trusted but the only way to know that for sure, is to get to know Him for ourselves. Perhaps in the longer (and for many, the more relaxed days of this month) we might take time out to investigate and examine the truth behind some of the really big issues in our lives.

"For I the Lord do not change" Malachi 3:6

Per Dave



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Young Musician Steps In to Save Swaledale Festival Finale

Swaledale Festival finished with a dramatic finale on Saturday, June 10th after fifteen days of outstanding music, arts and walking in the Northern Yorkshire Dales.

The final concert in Grinton Church was supposed to feature the world-renowned Doric String Quartet playing music by Haydn and Berg, followed by a Beethoven quintet with the addition of the viola player Brett Dean. However, the Festival's Artistic Director, Malcolm Creese, received a telephone call at lunchtime from their agent who informed him that the first violinist was ill and the Quartet would not be able to attend the Festival. Malcolm and his team had only a very short time to try to rescue the concert, so some quick thinking and frantic phone-calling ensued.

The young violinist Mathilde Milwidsky was about to perform a duo concert in Wensleydale with her pianist Annie Yim as part of the Festival's 'Young Artist Platform' in the afternoon, and after some delicate negotiation about repertoire, she agreed to play first violin in the final concert with just a few hours' notice.

The other members of the Quartet, who were keen to resurrect the finale, agreed to travel up and it was decided that the musicians would perform the Beethoven Quintet in the first half, and a quintet by Brahms after the interval.

Not only had the courageous Mathilde never played either piece before - she hadn't even heard the Brahms! The music had to be found online, downloaded, printed and taped together.

Mathilde, who has been named one of Classic FM's '30 under 30' Rising Stars, gave a virtuosic 'Young Artist platform concert' in the afternoon, which included music by Telemann, Arvo Pärt and Elgar as well as Ravel's fiendish Tzigane. Moments after she put her bow down she received the music for the evening concert, and after a hair-raising car journey over the high moor from Wensleydale to Swaledale, arrived at the ancient St. Andrew's Church in Grinton in



time for a quick run-through with the other players before the audience poured in.

Timothy Culkin and Austin Lynch, who attended the concert, said: "What an amazing way to finish the Festival! A potential disaster turned into an evening of pure joy. And what a stand in ... Mathilde played with the Dorics and Brett Dean as if she had been with them for ages. Not often do we see the whole audience rise to their feet and clap until it hurt! It was affirmation well deserved!"

Malcolm Creese said: "It was sad to have to alter the original programme, but the change led to something extraordinary, the audience having a rare opportunity to hear musicians working together for the first time - a process which is usually confined to the rehearsal room. We all went on a musical journey together, with no idea what would happen, and the result was dynamic and thrilling. Hats off to all the musicians for pulling it off, and especially to the extraordinary Mathilde for bravely and brilliantly saving the Festival finale. Needless to say, she's already agreed to come and play for us again next year!"

The concert was the last in a programme of more than 50 events taking place in the area's unique venues - from charming churches and village halls to the stunning Georgian Theatre Royal in Richmond.

Other performers at Swaledale Festival this year included flautist Eliza Marshall, guitarist Craig Ogden, the WFEL Fairey Band, cellist Natalie Klein, jazz singer Claire Martin, local folk group Fourum in their last ever performance, comedian Andy Hamilton, and Antiques Roadshow expert Ronnie Archer-Morgan.



As well as public performances, the Festival runs an extensive community and education programme which this year saw world class musicians performing in numerous local schools

and care homes. One of these was given by Michael Messer's Mitra, a unique collaboration between an innovative British blues guitarist, a Hindustani slide guitar maestro from India and a London-based tabla master. The three musicians performed to around 100 secondary and primary pupils, and talked about their respective cultures and careers.



Stephen Boyd, Lead Teacher for Music at Richmond School and Sixth Form College, said: "The musicians brought a completely new sound to our students this morning. A fusion of blues and Indian Classical music seems unlikely, however the players' incredible musicality and dexterity made for seamless transitions between the two genres, creating a unique experience for our students."

In Talk of the Land: Ancient Sound Waves, pupils from Risedale School had the opportunity to work with professional artists Rachel Antill and Patrick Green, culminating in an exhibition at The Station in Richmond which was attended by the Prime Minister and MP for Richmondshire, Rishi Sunak.

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Hawes School News

Our School supported Mental Health Awareness week from May 15th to 19th. This year's theme was 'Anxiety'. Our special events included groups of pupils going on a walk over Bealah Bank in Hawes every lunchtime during the week. As part of Mental Health Awareness; all pupils and staff were involved across school and everyone learned more about this important subject and how we can improve our wellbeing, as well as enjoying some lovely moments of calm and positivity which included the walking to improve our mental health and wellbeing.



All the walkers had a chance to walk and talk with pupils and staff through our beautiful local area in the sunshine, looking up to the hills, identifying animals, trees and flowers along the way and sharing our thoughts and feelings; everyone returned to school with such a positive attitude to their afternoon lessons and a visible energy and mood boost!

On the Thursday, we held a non-uniform day, where everyone was asked to come to school dressed in an item of green clothing and donated money which was then given to the Mental Health Awareness charity.

After Celebration Assembly on the Friday,

Year 6 pupils held a mental health-themed coffee morning in the school canteen for parents, friends and families. All our visitors enjoyed a drink and some lovely cakes and biscuits baked by our Class 3 children. They were all able to talk to the children and staff members and it was felt that it would be of benefit to repeat the coffee morning in the future. We raised a total of £193.20 across the events during the week.

Very special thanks go to our wonderful Year 6 wellbeing ambassadors who have led the walks and organised the week's events together with our staff wellbeing champion, Mrs. Metcalfe.

Please keep up to date with our school news via our website <http://www.hawesprimary.co.uk> or contact school via email – hawes@ycatschools.co.uk. We also have a school Facebook page where you can view our learning in school.



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Events in Reeth Memorial Hall

Friday, July 28th – Tom Leary and Eric Sedge - North-east virtuoso fiddler, Tom, has played with Lindisfarne and Feast of Fiddles and is a member of The Joe Brown band.

Singer-songwriter, multi-instrumentalist Eric (now based in Reeth) found success with The Broadside Boys and more recently launched his solo career, including playing at Cropredy. Tickets £15 (£17 door).

Saturday, August 5th – Duncan Chisholm and Hamish Napier - One of Scotland's most recognised and accomplished fiddlers and composers joins multi-instrumentalist,

vocalist and composer. Music inspired by Highland landscapes and heritage. Tickets £17 (£19 door).

Friday, August 25th – Bob Fox – North-east singer and musician, Bob Fox was the Songman in the National Theatre's production of WarHorse and is also a member of The Pitmen Poets. Tickets £15 (£17 door).

Tickets are available from Reeth P.O. or phone **John Little (01748 884759)** or visit www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk.

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It is currently a museum and attraction owned by a charity and run by volunteers. We are now in desperate need of more volunteers.

We are having a Volunteer Recruitment Day on **Saturday, July 22nd between 10.00am and 4.00pm** - **WHATEVER YOUR SKILL WE NEED YOU AT THE MILL!**

Whether you are into history or heritage, woodcraft, engineering, hydro power, tour guiding, grounds maintenance, buildings maintenance or are a tradesperson, crafts person or people person, even if you're not one of the above but would like to do something for the Mill we would love to see you! Drop in for a chat and a look around.

Please do come along on **July 22nd** to Gayle Mill (email crafts@gaylemill.org What3words address: *existence. transcribe. animate*).

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The league consists of 14 teams each of seven players split between two divisions. Teams generally represent pubs and are drawn from across Wensleydale.

At the time of writing, Division One is being led by The Bridge, Grinton, with Middleham Quoits Club snapping at their heels.

Division Two is topped by The Fountain, Hawes, who are close to being toppled by White Rose, Askrigg, who have a game in hand.

For more information please see the league's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/DalesQuoitsLeague.



Hawes In Bloom

I hope that most of you will have noticed the Town bursting into bloom these past weeks.

With the combined effects of the lovely bright hanging baskets (now organised by Wayne Hallam from Whites Outfitters and also by some businesses themselves) and the planters placed by the Hawes in Bloom volunteers, I am pleased to hear the many enthusiastic comments from visitors and residents alike.

This is a huge effort initially, and also a continuing additional workload to keep everything watered and in good fettle throughout the summer and in to autumn, particularly in the lovely warm but very dry periods we have recently experienced.

As I mentioned last month we were fortunate to obtain part funding for more permanent planters both from the District Council and of course our own Parish Council. These large additional planters can now be seen in position

in front of the Market Hall, between the seats along the Quaker Burial Ground railings at Town Foot, and also either side of the wide path between the traffic islands also at Town Foot. I hope those of you who have not yet noticed them will take a look and see how well the plants are settling in. There are donation boxes in various businesses around town and at the Town Foot displays and on the green opposite the school. Any contributions are gratefully received and go towards the running costs of the scheme.

It only remains for me to take this opportunity to thank all those who support the scheme, and wish everyone a continuing bloomin' good summer! With best wishes.

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Bainbridge WI News - There's No Stopping Us Now!

June has been another busy month for the ladies of Bainbridge WI, helped by the exceptionally good weather. We try to keep busy most of the year, but with such lovely weather we have been out and about as much as we can manage.

Some of our members enjoyed a visit to Ripon Cathedral where they had an interesting tour around. Members of our Gardening Club enjoyed a glorious evening in the garden of one of our members in Worton and also visited the fabulous gardens at Thornton Hall near Darlington. The Walking Group had truly amazing weather for their walk from Aysgarth Footbridge to the National Park Centre at Aysgarth, where they just had to partake of some refreshments! The 'Lunching Ladies' went a bit European and headed to Rustique in Richmond to sample some French cuisine, which apparently was very good. July sees them a bit closer to home at the recently re-opened restaurant at The Creamery in Hawes - plenty of Dales cheese inspired dishes to try there! We also enjoyed a fun craft session at Sycamore Hall, where we were guided in three different crafting activities. Those who participated were very impressed with their creations!

At our June meeting, we enjoyed a fascinating talk about 'The Canary Girls'. This is the name that has been given to the women and young

girls who worked in the munitions factories during the First and Second World Wars. They were given that name because the chemical components of the bombs they were making turned them yellow! Many of those working in these factories chose to do so because they were very well-paid for the work they did, but it wasn't without its dangers. Many lost their lives when accidents happened in the factory and many others lost limbs or suffered horrific injuries. The work they did was obviously much-needed to assist the forces in winning the wars, but there was a moral dilemma for many to be working in a job that created instruments of death. We were pleased to hear that the work and sacrifices of these women and girls is now finally being acknowledged with memorials being erected on the sites of some of the old factories and at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire, but this is only down to the work of a few determined women wishing to ensure these workers were not overlooked. It really was an eye-opening talk.

We ended the month with our biggest fundraising event returning to Bainbridge - the lunch stop for participants in the Beamish Car Rally. The weather was just about perfect (for a change!) meaning it was no hardship to spend several hours on the green selling a range of sandwiches and cakes donated by our members. We did a roaring trade and it was lovely to see the old cars and their enthusiastic owners back here after the Covid-enforced three-year break. A huge thanks must go to our members for their donations and to those who turned up to help on the day - we couldn't do it without you!

So, moving into July and we are planning yet more exciting activities. We are hoping for more good weather so that our gardeners can get busy in their own gardens and enjoy visiting others. Likewise, the Walking Group hope for nice (but not too hot!) weather for their next jaunt out (route not yet planned).

Our July meeting on **Thursday, July 20th** is an evening of 'Art & Mindfulness' with Louise Webb. Why not come along and enjoy what sounds like a fun evening? We are always keen to welcome visitors and indeed new members, so don't be shy - come along and see what we can offer you! Our meetings start at **7.30pm**.

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Sycamore Hall News - We Made It!

HOORAH! The refurbishment works are just about finished. What a relief! It has to be said that, in the main, everything has run very smoothly and the various contracts have been great, but the upheaval has been hard to deal with sometimes and we are relieved that the major works are now at an end. Within the next few weeks, we will receive the new furniture and soft furnishings in advance of professional 'dressers' coming to 'set the scene' and then the place will be like new! There will still be a programme of works to be undertaken outside, including refurbishing the car park, installing electric car charging points and replacing outdoor furniture, but at least that won't impact too much on the day-to-day running of the place. We would like to thank our Manager Nicky Cooper, for overseeing this massive project and the various 'niggles' along the way. There have been challenging moments, but the end result was definitely worth waiting for!

We must also thank those organisations who have generously donated to our new cinema room - Bainbridge Parish Council, members of the TAPAS group in Askrigg and the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter. We hope that this will soon be another community facility that we can offer to the people of the Upper Dales, once all the necessary requirements are met

So, to allow everyone to see just what a fantastic job has been done, we are holding an OPEN MORNING on **Thursday, July 27th between 10.00am and noon**. We do hope you will come along to see our wonderful facilities, meet our residents and staff and enjoy some

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Whilst all that chaos has been going on inside, many of our residents have wisely taken the opportunity to escape to the gardens to enjoy the fabulous weather we saw in June. Our wonderful keen gardeners have been really busy and done an amazing job with the various flower beds. The vegetables have been planted and the upper garden has been transformed into a tranquil haven, not just for residents, staff and visitors but also for the wildlife around us. Meanwhile, we watch and wait as the produce grows, both in and out of the greenhouse, and will look forward to enjoying it over the next weeks and months. A huge 'THANK YOU' to our wonderful gardening team and also to Sawley Hall near Ripon who donated a large selection of plants to us. What a busy bunch of green-fingered residents we have!

Once all the refurbishment work is completed, we will resume our regular programme of activities and start planning some events and activities for the remainder of the year, some of which have had to be held over during the refurbishment. Further details in due course.

Thanks to the talented ladies of Bainbridge WI, some of our residents were able to join members of the local community for a crafting workshop. There were opportunities to make greetings cards, paper flowers and repair jewellery, all of which were greatly enjoyed and there were some lovely things created. It is hoped that this will be repeated later in the year with some new crafting ideas to tackle.

Those who operate on-site businesses (Mabel & Maisy's Mini Emporium, Sonja's Hair Salon, Sycamore Country Store, Sycamore Restaurant and the Post Office) have endured their fair share of challenges during the refurbishments but they are now keen to welcome everyone to their businesses to make the most of the wonderful opportunities here at Sycamore Hall. Do come and have a look for yourself, and perhaps save a journey further afield.

Further details of our facilities, events and apartment availability are available from **Nicky Cooper**, Housing Manager, on **0370-102-4055**. Do come and visit us soon - we look forward to welcoming you!

Gwen Fawcett

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July

- 1 Friends of the Dales Event. 10.00am. See p.30.
- 2 Camp Meeting. Gayle Methodist Church. 2.00pm. See p.32.
- 7 Dominoes. Carperby Institute. 7.30pm.
- 8 Ivana Gavrić Concert. St. Andrew's Aysgarth. 7.30pm. See p.26.
- 11 Panto Auditions. Gayle Institute. 7.00pm. See p.4.
- 16 Songs of Praise. Hawes Junction Chapel. 2.30pm. See p.19.
- 20 Bainbridge WI Meeting. Bainbridge Village Hall. 7.30pm. See p.16.
- 21 Celebration Concert. Thoraby Village Hall. 7.30pm. See p.24.
- 22 Volunteer Recruitment Day. Gayle Mill. 10.00am to 4.00pm. See p.14.
- 22 Pixels Ensemble Concert. St. Andrew's Aysgarth. 7.30pm. See p.26.
- 22 Celebration Concert. LA&CC. 7.30pm. See p.24.
- 27 Sycamore Hall Open Morning. 10.00am - noon. See p.18.
- 28 Tom Leary and Eric Sedge Concert. Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm. See p.13.
- 29 Friends of the Dales Event. 10.15am. See p.30.



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Our summer exhibition, Within These Walls – Hay time in the Yorkshire Dales (**until September 17th**), is getting lovely responses from visitors. The exhibition celebrates the history of hay time and Hester's stunning installation, beautiful lino cuts and collagraph work reflect her passion for these important hay meadow habitats. Oral history clips and archive photos are giving visitors an insight into everything that



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happened at hay time, including the Irish workers who travelled to the Dales to work on farms. On **July 23rd**, you have the chance to learn directly from Hester at her Nature in the Dales Linocut workshop. Why not book on and create your own hay time inspired lino cut print?

Visitors of all sizes are making the most of our outdoor games and play prompts on the outdoor trail. The quoits are particularly popular and people are loving adding their own family words to our word loom. You can also still contribute your words to the Dialect and Heritage project by filling in a survey from the Museum or by going online when you get home <https://dialectandheritage.org.uk/>.

Our Voices from the Dales podcasts explore various themes, including dialect, and can be found via the museum website or via any podcast app on your smartphone or tablet. <https://www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk/explore/explore-the-museum/voices-from-the-dales-podcast/>.

With our Scurry Club pass for children (£10), your child and an adult carer can visit all year round. Kids can start collecting their squirrel badge and first stamp as soon as they visit. There are activities throughout the school

holidays and self-led things to do all around the museum and the outdoor trail, so there's plenty to keep everyone busy. Events are listed below, but keep an eye on our website! www.dalescountrysideuseum.org.uk and our Facebook page.

Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists' Club

In June we visited Hipswell village and learned all about recording gravestones. There were lots of interesting decorative features and members became very good at spotting the different symbols used! We meet once a month on a **Saturday morning, 10.00am to noon**. Please call **01969 666210** if you'd like to join in or email dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk. Young people age 8 – 17 are welcome to come along to try a session.

What's on in July..

Events are included in Museum admission unless otherwise stated.

Local and Family History Talk

Sunday, July 9th. 2.00pm – 3.30pm.

Talk by Judy Rhodes exploring how local and family history go hand in hand. £5. Booking essential.

Woolly Wander Experience

Thursday, July 13th. 10.00am – 3.00pm.

Visit the Alpacas at Semerwater, take them for a walk along the lake and after a lovely lunch back at the Museum, make your own felt picture using fleece and alpaca fibre. Materials and light lunch included. £50. Booking essential.

Upper Dales Geology

Tuesday, July 18th. 11.00am – 3.00pm.

Join our experienced Dales Volunteers on this 5 mile (8 km) walk to discover the geological forces which formed the Yorkshire Dales. Walk through the site of the former stone mines, Shaw Ghyll and visit the spectacular Hardraw Force, the highest waterfall in England.

Starts at the Dales Countryside Museum. £6 plus entrance fee to Hardraw Force. No dogs allowed. Booking Essential

The Norah Worth Collection

Friday, July 21st. 7.30pm – 8.30pm.

Val Davis talks about 'The Norah Worth Collection' at the Annual Gift Day and evening

social event of the Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum. Donations welcome. Please book to reserve a seat.

Nature in the Dales Linocut Workshop

Sunday, 23 July 23rd. 10.00am – 4.00pm.

Join artist Hester Cox and learn the skills for creating beautiful linocuts inspired by the landscape and wildlife of the Yorkshire Dales. Linocut is a highly accessible printmaking method which produces bold graphic images and that can be easily done at home. Following Hester's demonstrations and with one-to-one guidance, you will learn how to design and transfer your own image onto lino, how to use the tools to cut your design and how to print it by hand onto specialist papers. This adult workshop is suitable for beginners. Lunch included. £50. Booking essential.

Hawes Town Trail

Sunday, July 23rd. 2.00pm – 4.00pm.

Join our experienced Dales Volunteers on this short 2.5 mile (3.5km) guided walk and explore the history of Hawes and the village of Gayle. Walking through this lovely market town, discover the origins of Wensleydale cheese, see where the railway once went and follow a section of the Pennine Way. Starts at the Dales Countryside Museum. Booking Essential. £3. No dogs allowed.

Print a Meadow Family Workshop

Wednesday, July 26th. 10.00am – 4.00pm

Join artist Hester Cox for one of her hour long sessions. Hester will demonstrate how to create simple stamps of the flowers, grasses, insects and birds that you find in the beautiful hay meadows of the Yorkshire Dales. You can print a card to take home as well as print on a collaborative piece. Fun for all. £3. Booking essential.

Make a Meadow Collage

Thursday, July 27th. 1.00pm – 4.00pm.

Make a meadow collage to take home. Drop in.

Hands on History

Friday, July 28th. 1.00pm – 4.00pm.

Dendrochronology: How do we date archaeological sites and historic buildings using tree rings to help us? Drop in.

Wensleydale Tournament of Song

Following our recent AGM, we have had to sadly say goodbye to two of our valued Council members.

Diana Hartley, Sponsorship Secretary, has retired after serving the Tournament for many years and her experience and ready smile will be sorely missed.

Peter Olsen, Treasurer, has had to stand down from the Council due to ongoing health issues. He has done a wonderful job in keeping the Tournament financially afloat during these last few difficult years, and we all wish him the very best.

On a happier note, the Council has been joined by two new members. Janet Sheppard, who sings with the Dales Community Pop Choir, and Vanessa Hunter, an experienced speech and drama coach who has recently settled in Swaledale.

We are all very grateful, both to our departing friends and to our new friends, for their support.

Thank You

Lily Haygarth would like to say a huge thank you to the kind people who donated so generously at her Gran and Grandad's 50th wedding anniversary.

The money has been donated between the children's eye department at St James Hospital Leeds who have looked after me for over 10 years, and to ward 49 at the LGI where I have my treatment for my arthritis.

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As promised last month, we hope you enjoy our report from our RE trip to Bradford.

During the morning the children visited a mosque and a Hindu temple. In the Hindu temple the children used their five senses to learn about how Hindus worship. The children loved the colourful statues of Hindu Gods and Goddesses and the scent of the incense. The second group were lucky enough to experience Puja, an act of Hindu worship.



The Mosque, in contrast, was calm and peaceful with no images or statues of Allah or the prophets. After taking their shoes off the children visited the wudu where Muslims ritually wash themselves to prepare for prayer. In the prayer hall the children learnt about the ways that Muslims pray and listened to the call to worship.



The afternoon included a fascinating trip to the Bombay Stores where they looked at cultural clothing, shoes and jewellery from India.

Quotes from the children:

Joey – My favourite part of the Hindu temple was the statues because they were so colourful.

Olivia – I enjoyed looking at the prayer mats in the mosque and listening to Nadeem's stories.

Martha – I enjoyed looking at all of the clothes in the Bombay stores.

Fearne – Bombay stores were really good because there were loads of jewels and beautiful dresses.

Isla – I was surprised by the men's clothes in Bombay Stores. They were very detailed.

Nico – I liked the design of the Mosque, especially the domes made out of stone.

Charlie – The Gods and Goddess statues in the Hindu Temple looked a bit scary!

Louisa – I liked the way the carpet in the Mosque showed people where to pray, I liked joining in with the prayer.

Katie – I enjoyed seeing how other cultures dress and really enjoyed the whole experience.

Dec – I liked that we got to experience Hindu worship, it was interesting.

Sam – I liked finding out about the mosque and what happens there and our bus was amazing.

Antoni – I enjoyed how the Hindus prayed it was a good tune.

Archie – I was so surprised by how big the mosque was and how many people go there.



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Blueboxt - July Update

As another academic year draws to a close, it is a time for celebration as we reflect on the achievements our volunteers, young people and participants of all ages have achieved and say thank you for the many contributions and memories created. Throughout the year we have been treated to visits from young people back home from university, eager to share their experiences, knowledge gained and catch up with friends. We've shared laughter and tears - the emotional rollercoaster of growing up and growing older; relationship challenges of all varieties; what subjects to study; whether to take a gap year; what instruments to invest in; and what the next steps or chapter on life's journey might be. Before the Summer break there will be two celebration concerts – **Friday, July 21st** at Thoralby Village Hall, and **Saturday, July 22nd** at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. Tickets cost £10, under 18s £5, available from Leyburn Arts and Community Centre reception or www.blueboxt.org.

Our Trustees have been supported by some amazing community advisors. Everyone giving their time and working hard to manage the transition to becoming a fully fledged charity. As we celebrate our one-year anniversary, our website and emails have been converted from '.co.uk' to '.org'. GiftAid registration is in place and our regular donors should now have received information with the new bank account details. Our individual giving and sponsorship scheme has had a refresh and takes the new name of 'BlueBoxt Angels'. Our email contact details are: admin@blueboxt.org for general queries; info@blueboxt.org for membership, subscriptions and donor queries; and finance@blueboxt.org for all things finance. If you would like to write to us, our registered address is Office 15, First Floor, Thornborough Hall, Leyburn DL8 5AB. Telephone and messaging: Colin Bailey, Administrator - **07711 211169** and Judith Clark, Chair of Trustees - **07882 331421**.

Fund-raising - Thank you to everyone who came to say hello at Richmond Town Hall in May. Despite the fair being in the Market Place, we raised over £100. There are lots of opportunities coming up where you can get involved and support our work.

Coffee Mornings - We will be hosting coffee mornings at Richmond Town Hall on **Thursday, August 31st** and Leyburn Methodist Church Hall on **Friday, September 15th**. There will be books, cakes, tombola, raffle and of course a friendly welcome and plenty of chat over a cuppa. Donations welcome.

Strawberry Teas will be served on the lawns of Thornborough Hall on **Sunday, August 6th** from **2.00pm until 5.00pm** (if the weather is unkind, we will be indoors in The Oak Room). Enjoy fresh strawberries and cream, fruit scones with jam and cream served with a pot of Yorkshire Tea, Coffee or soft drink. Free Entry – pay what you can donations appreciated. As well as garden games, tombola and book stall there will be live music from the Leyburn Jazz Collective.

Quiz Night - Simon Eastwood will again be Quiz Master on **Friday, September 29th** at The Aysgarth Falls Café and Gift Shop. Tickets £12 including lasagne, are on sale.

Prize Draw - Tickets for our Grand Prize Draw are available at various locations around the Dales, at our events and from our volunteers. Prizes include colour TV, bluetooth speakers, hampers and vouchers to name a few. The full list will be published on the website. Closing date for entries is **Saturday, September 30th**.

Wensleydale Community Arts Festival – As you read this month's report our first festival will have just taken place. The response from performers and exhibitors has been truly amazing with over 30 events scheduled. Thank you to



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everyone who took part, volunteered, attended and supported the Festival. We launched the initiative with zero budget and are thrilled to announce we have been awarded an 'Awards for All' grant supported by players of the National Lottery. The funds will be used to help meet our set-up costs and establish the festival as an annual event.

Leyburn Jazz Festival - Tickets are now on sale. The printed brochure is available or can be downloaded by visiting the festival website at leyburnjazz.co.uk. The Leyburn Jazz Collective held its first session in May and now meets weekly until August when their first appearance will be at the Strawberry Teas fund-raiser. Sessions are open to all members of the local community to take part and enjoy making-music in a relaxed and friendly environment. Wensleydale Community Gospel Choir – workshop dates will be announced next month. Contact us to find out more.

Buttersett Village Institute

Refreshments are available for walkers in the Village Institute on a self-service basis in exchange for a small donation towards institute funds.

The village Institute is a great starting/end point for walks in Upper Wensleydale and is a popular mid-point on the Hawes, Buttersett to Gayle circuit. Open daily, all welcome.

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Wensleydale Concert Series

We have two concerts coming up in July: the first is a piano recital by Ivana Gavrić on **Saturday, July 8th** and the second is a piano trio concert by Pixels Ensemble on **Saturday, July 22nd**. Both concerts are at St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth at **7.30pm**. Full details and tickets (£15 for adults, £1 for anyone in full time education) are available at our website www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk. You can also book tickets by telephone via our agent Ticketsource on **0333 666 3366**.

Ivana Gavrić was born in Sarajevo but now lives and works in the UK and performs internationally. She is a truly wonderful pianist, her playing described as "altogether of an extraordinary calibre" (BBC Music Magazine), "notable for its beautiful sound, musical integrity and introspection" (The Independent) and "impressive, insightful, ravishing" (Washington Post).



Ivana's concert will include music especially written for her by Cheryl Frances-Hoad as well as music by Janáček, Grieg and Rachmaninoff.

The Pixels Ensemble, for our second July concert, consists of pianist Ian Buckle, who has played before in WCS, and this time he is joined

by violinist Thelma Handy and cellist Alex Holladay. Thelma and Alex both enjoy solo and chamber careers as well as being permanent members of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra (indeed Thelma is the leader of the orchestra). Their programme includes some gorgeous music by Mendelssohn, Schubert and Schumann.

If you have any questions about WCS please call **Carol Haynes** or **Liz Sowter** on **01969 663026**. We look forward to welcoming you to some fantastic music in a beautiful venue.



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News from The Wensleydale School

A round up this month.

Firstly, although we are fully staffed on the teaching staff, a number of non-teaching opportunities have become available. We are seeking to appoint a General Technician, Cover supervisor and Exams/Data officer. Full details are on our website under the Join us: Vacancies tab.

In other news:

Match reports from the girls for the plate final football fixture. U13 report written by Grace Whyte and U15 written by Chloe Lambert.



U15 - Football against Thirsk was a tough game but everyone played well. There were a few nice passes and good saves from goalkeeper Scarlett Sugden. Everyone played their positions well and there were some good tackles. We worked hard to get into the final and fought hard but it wasn't our lucky day and we lost 4-2. It was a physically tough game but well done Thirsk and the rest of the Wensleydale team.

U13 - Our under 13s had a brilliant match today in the plate final against Thirsk! The end score being 7-0 to Wensleydale. Scarlett Thompson performed exceptionally well in goal keeping a clean sheet. Our two goal scorers

were Chloe Fowler with 4 goals and Grace Whyte with a hat-trick. It was a great team effort. Well done girls!

So, the under 15s we're runners up in the plate final and the U13s are winners of the plate final. Both games were away against Thirsk.



Year10 Art - Year 10 GCSE Art students were invited to take part in the Swaledale festival. The students worked with 2 artists Moray Welsh and Jo Pardoe - both local artists who did five workshops altogether with year 10 students. The exhibition was in the Orchard Gallery at Hudson House in Reeth. The project was "The Secret Life of Trees"



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- 9.30am** Holy Communion, St. Margaret's, Preston under Scar.
- 11.00am** Morning Prayer (not HC), St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.
- 11.00am** Holy Communion, St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

Sunday, July 9th:

- 10.30am** Holy Communion Benefice Service with the Dean of Ripon, The Very Revd John Dobson. St. Bartholomew's West Witton.

Sunday, July 16th:

- 9.30am** Holy Communion, St. Mary's, Redmire.
- 9.30am** Holy Communion, St. Margaret's, Preston under Scar.
- 11.00am** Morning Prayer, St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.
- 11.00am** Holy Communion, St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.

Sunday, July 23rd:

- 9.30am** Holy Communion, St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.
- 11.00am** Morning Prayer, St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.
- 4.00pm** Evening Prayer, Thornton Rust Mission Room.

Sunday, July 30th:

- 10.30am** Holy Communion Benefice Service, St. Mary's, Redmire.

July Mid-Week Services:

Thursday 6th and 20th at 9.30am. Holy Communion, at St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

Church Coffee Morning: Wednesday, July 5th from 10.30am to noon at Redmire Village Hall.

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This month's supermoon is the first of four this year. There are two more next month - on **August 1st and 31st**, with the final one

occurring on **September 29th**. The one on **August 31st** will be the brightest Full Moon of the year and as the second Full Moon in a single month it's also sometimes referred to as a Blue Moon.

Venus completes its long stint as a spectacular Evening Star this month. It's been with us since last December outshining everything else in the sky apart from the Sun and Moon. The planet reaches its maximum brightness for the year on **July 9th** but shortly after that, sinks rapidly into the western twilight and disappears by the end of the month. But not for long! During the next three weeks it swings around the Sun and then reappears in the dawn sky during the last week of August as a lovely Morning Star.

August also sees the return of the ever popular Perseids meteor shower, one of the best of the year. There's no Moon to spoil the view this time round so provided those clouds stay well away we should be in for an excellent display when it reaches its peak on the night of **August 12th/13th**. Here's hoping for clear skies.

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Make Space for Nature – Saturday, July 1st, 10.00am to 3.00pm.

This is a unique opportunity for individuals, villages, schools and community groups to find out how they can make more space for nature. In collaboration with Addingham Environment Group (AEG) discover the nature positive actions the group has taken to create, improve and restore habitats, support clean water and increase biodiversity. These include a review of hedge planting, wildflower and pollinator plantations, pond building, riparian planting, hide building, bog garden creation and Riverfly sampling. Complimentary light lunch included.

For more information and to book, email: victoria.benn@friendsofthedales.org.uk.

Creative Campaigners – Saturday, July 29th, 10.15am to 4.30pm.

If you are aged 20 to 30 and care about the countryside, wildlife and people of the Yorkshire Dales, then why not join the launch of Friends of the Dales Creative Campaigners network at Malham?

Run in partnership with Neil Heseltine of Hilltop Farm – a traditional livestock farm embracing biodiversity and sustainability, as featured in Saving our Wild Isles (WWF, RSPB,

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For an informal chat to find out more email: ann.shadrake@friendsofthedales.org.uk or What's App: **07483 438346**.

Farm Walk: Cattle, Carbon, Conservation, Climate and Conversation – Wednesday, August 23rd, 10.30am to 3.30pm.

Former Friends of the Dales trustee, Yorkshire Dales farmer, Anthony Bradley will lead a four mile guided walk around key parts of his 90 acre farm near Long Preston, to talk about some of the science behind grazing cattle in a traditional, rotational way – a methodology that makes economic sense as well as being carbon neutral. There will also be chance to observe habitat creation and look at soil and its role in the carbon cycle. Due to livestock, no dogs are allowed on this walk. Places limited.

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The children have really enjoyed observing the little caterpillars transform into butterflies. We released them into the natural habitat and watched them spread their wings and fly through the sky.

This month our Ducklings have transformed their role play area into an ice cream parlour and they have been exploring new textures and colours. They even made their own ice cream which tasted delicious and perfect on a warm summer's day. Our Sunshine's room transformed their role play area into a deep sea. They have been learning about creatures who live in the sea, what they look like, exploring the different colours and textures related to the sea and we discovered that a lot of rubbish is being thrown into the sea which can harm the poor creatures. We talked about taking care of these creatures by disposing of our rubbish into the recycle bins and taking more care.

Our children who will be moving up to Hawes Primary School nursery in September have started their transition by meeting their new teachers. They have been over to the school nursery to visit and become familiar with the new environment. This will help create a smooth transition for them in September.

Dalesplay has spaces from August, if you are looking for a place for your children to learn in

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Gayle Methodist Church – Camp Meeting

All are welcome to join us at **2.00pm** on **Sunday, July 2nd** at Gayle Methodist Church for our annual outdoor Camp Meeting. This year it will be led by the Rev. Julia Reid accompanied by Hawes Silver Band.

Weather permitting it will be held by the side of the chapel, otherwise we will retreat indoors. As always, this event will be followed by a substantial afternoon tea. So do come along to this quintessentially Wensleydale event.

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Grants Programme for Community and Heritage Projects

Local charity Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) has launched a new grants scheme for projects and organisations that benefit the people, landscape and wildlife in and around the Yorkshire Dales and Nidderdale.

The scheme can support a wide range of projects, including natural, built and cultural heritage, access improvements, educational and training initiatives, and activities that support community development. Grants can also contribute to an organisation's core costs such as rent, insurance and volunteer travel expenses.

Grants of £250 to £10,000 are available, and there could be larger grants for exceptional projects. Mike Appleton, YDMT's Grants Officer, said: "Our new grants scheme aims to improve community cohesion, reduce the impacts of climate change and biodiversity loss, and help to conserve and protect the area's fantastic built and cultural heritage.

"We've designed the application process to be simple and straightforward while ensuring that we get enough information to make quick decisions for projects that will make a real difference. Alongside grants, we can also provide advice and support to strengthen applications and to enable projects to have the maximum impact."

The grants scheme is supported by an award from Postcode Earth Trust thanks to funds raised by players of People's Postcode Lottery.

Laura Chow, Head of Charities at People's Postcode Lottery, said: "We are delighted to back the crucial work of YDMT, including the local good causes they support. The landscapes, villages and towns of the Yorkshire Dales and Nidderdale are much-loved, and it is fantastic to know that funds will be used to support such a wide range of community and heritage projects."

Applications for the programme are now open. Visit www.ydmt.org/what-we-do/grants/grants to download the application form and guidance notes. Applications can be submitted at any time and decisions are usually made within six weeks.

For further information, please contact **Mike Appleton** on **015242 51002** or email grants@ydmt.org.



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July and hopefully the warm sunny weather continues! Would like a little rain for the garden, preferably at night! Cannot believe the school summer holidays are approaching!

Highlights in this month include live music to suit everyone, from the 50s and 60s with Matt Jones-Green; a mixture of eras in the Decades Celebration Concert; and the wonderful, critically acclaimed production of 'Oklahoma' from the classic 1999 show starring Hugh Jackman and Maureen Lipman.

By request we have another talk, 'Dressing a Tudor Lady' with our inspiring and entertaining local Swaledale historians, Jane and Rebecca. Then to continue our Yorkshire Dales theme we have 'Farming Through the Seasons' a brilliant new documentary promoting the understanding of hill farming, with an introduction by the film team plus a Q&A session. For both these events free coffee and cake are included.

Tickets are on sale now for our Summer Draw, with the money raised going towards our new Community Shed. £1 each with a wide range of prizes. This will be drawn in September at our Community Shed Open Day on **September 16th**.

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It was a very pleasant surprise to discover that the route of the Sunday 855 minibus between Garsdale Station and Hawes has been extended as far as Castle Bolton village for the summer. Firstly (depending on train arrival times) this gives rail passengers arriving at Garsdale on Sunday mornings the option of visiting Bolton Castle or walking in that part of Wensleydale.

Secondly it gives residents of Castle Bolton, Carperby and Askrigg (and of course visitors) a bus service in the opposite direction for Sunday visits to friends and family members who live at Sycamore Hall or for lunch out in Bainbridge, Hawes or at Wensleydale Creamery.

For a fun ride out, why not try the Sunday DalesBus 875 - which is usually a double-decker! - from Newbiggin (Street Head Inn) via Aysgarth Falls Corner and Bainbridge to Hawes? In other directions, the Northern

DalesBus 832 goes from Hawes via Ribbleshead Station Inn to White Scar Caves, Ingleton and Kirkby Lonsdale (including Booths), whereas the all-year Sunday DalesBus 856 goes straight down Wensleydale from Gayle via Hawes, Bainbridge and Aysgarth to Northallerton (including the railway station). Hawes is very much on the Sunday bus map!

All services referred to above run on Sundays only. Timetables are on www.dalesbus.org or pick up one of the free printed timetable leaflets available in Hawes from the Upper Wensleydale Community Office and the Dales Countryside Museum (and elsewhere).

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SAT 29 JULY 2pm **Talk: Dressing a Tudor Lady** *£10

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