

THE UPPER WENSLEYDALE NEWSLETTER

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and Bishopdale,

Swaledale from Keld to Gunnerside plus Cowgill in Upper Dentdale.

Guest Editorial

As part of our celebration of the 300th issue of the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter we thought we would include the editorial from issue 100 (from February 2005) which was written by the late Alan Watkinson and describes how the Newsletter came into being in 1995.

Here it is;-

Begun in November 1995 as just three issues to support and explain to the area the aims of the newly formed Community Partnership (and paid for by it), the then very small committee was persuaded to continue – without computer or printing facilities and even worse, without money!

So with borrowed computer time, interest-free loans and a refurbished printing machine the real fun began. Teething troubles were manifold, ‘steep learning curves’ were the order of the day, ink flowed freely, usually over the hands and the floor, financial pressures continued and the growing committee had to ‘gel’.

However, with foot-slogging round local businesses, councils and any grant-aiding bodies that could be located, things began to settle down and we became financially secure. It soon became an expected journal, distributed with the papers or picked up in local shops and the pubs, with its ‘empire’ expanding by request to Preston and Redmire, West Witton, over to the top end of Swaledale and Cowgill in Dentdale, and trouble if it didn’t arrive on time. Articles flooded in, and still do, from what seems to be a wonderful area for writers, would-be poets and artists. Its circulation now reaches the majority of households. With its avowed intention to “inform, educate and entertain” it has gone from strength to strength with about fifty people closely involved in various ways and another forty at our distribution outlets.

We have featured on TV’s ‘Dales Diary’ and came in the top seven finalists for local magazines and journals in the ‘Country Life’ nation-wide competition. Being entirely voluntary, we return as much of our income as possible to the community:- Newsletter seats for each parish council (where locals can sit and read it!), grants to students going to higher education, and our Bursary Scheme whereby a selected year 12 (sixth form) student becomes a committee member and writer for a year, as well

as several one-off donations as funds allow. Almost from the start children and young people have been involved; giving computer advice!, preparing the ‘Kids’ page’ and writing in from each of the area’s schools and youth clubs. Regular articles are now well-established with local organisations keen to advertise and report their events, and about 150 local characters have been featured. The editorials, to which the committee gives much attention are often discussed, as are the annual ‘April fools’ which trick the unwary. The frenetic slavery at the end of each month, where volunteers manually collate, fold, staple and distribute – and hear the gossip un-printable – is a real highlight.

We are so glad that what began with such difficulty now runs very smoothly, mind you not effortlessly, and its avowed intention of holding the area together seems to work, and even provides enjoyment for its very committed volunteers! New ideas still come to the fore and we look forward to its continued success under the ever-watchful eye of its ever-youthful mascot- Eunice the Ewe.

We thank you all very much for your support.

Alan Watkinson

This photograph which accompanied the above article shows some of the many past and present volunteers of the Newsletter committee, writers, local contacts and distributors who gathered in Askrigg to mark the 100th issue.



Some are still living in the Dales but no longer actively involved with the Newsletter; some have moved away; some have sadly passed away but there are four individuals who still make a contribution to the Newsletter some 18 years later, so congratulations and thank you to Ruth Anison, Jack Sutton Nadine Bell and Barry Wilcox.

Newsletter Higher Education Grant

Once again this Autumn, the Newsletter will be offering a grant of £400 to students living in the Newsletter area (as indicated on the front cover), who are about to commence higher education, following completion of their compulsory education - either the first year of a university course or practical higher education training (eg, HNC, HND, BTEC Level 4 and above, Foundation and Bachelor Degrees). Please note that this grant is only available to those in their **first year of study**.

This grant is not restricted purely to academic studies, but also includes practical courses and learning/instruction in skills which will improve opportunities for employment (such as cookery, hairdressing, beauty etc).

In the past, this grant has been used by successful applicants to purchase not only text books but also laptops, sewing machines, cookery knives and beauty kit.

Applicants should apply in writing, or by email, including name, address and contact details. Please give details of the university, college or specialist training facility where studies will take place, together with details of the course/training being followed.

If an application is successful, receipts will be required for the purchase of books or equipment and, once these have been received and checked, the grant will be made.

Please forward your application to the Newsletter (see address and email details on the back of the Newsletter), to be received **before or during the first year of study**.

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Eunice the Ewe

Last month I was hiding in the entry for July 22nd in the What's Ons list on page 20 and not on the musical instrument on page 10 as several people thought. The lucky winner of the £10 prize is Geoff Pope a visitor to the area who has donated his £10 to Gayle Mill.

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

Part-time Gardener Wanted in Askrigg

Initially to help with overhaul of overgrown and out-of-control garden (some serious digging required).

After that to help with, pruning, weeding, general maintenance and possibly landscaping.

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August Competition

There has been a competition in the Newsletter from the very first issue. We think they have got harder as the years go by. So here is the very first competition from November 1995 entitled :

‘So you think you know the Upper Dales’
‘Put on your mental walking boots and try to unscramble these places’.

See how you get on.

- 1 Firm and uncooked
- 2 He was all mixes up here
- 3 A single beam of light shines down here
- 4 It sounds as if they dig up T-bones here
- 5 Chase us Mo to this place near the river
- 6 The old actress June gets an old half pint
- 7 Little children’s sounds – and be careful on your bike!
- 8 Scrap a pan here
- 9 Funny man Ken tumbled down it
- 10 The old cow’s nearby

Please send in your answers to arrive by **Tuesday, August 22nd.**

Don’t forget to include details of your nominated charity which will receive the £20 prize should you win.

Drop-off points and contacts

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

Hawes:	Community Office	667400
Bainbridge:	Sylvia Crookes, 3, Bainside	650525
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

July Competition Answers

1. Bluebell
2. Snowdrop
3. Hyacinth
4. Lilac
5. Virginia Creeper
6. Daisy
7. Hollyhock
8. Carnation
9. Rose
10. Geranium
11. Clematis
12. Hydrangea
13. Marigold
14. Foxglove
15. Snapdragon

There were quite a few correct entries this month and the winner was Jen Johnson of Hawes whose nominated charity to receive £20 is the Hawes Christmas Lights Fund.

Jean Jordan

I would like to thank all my family, friends and neighbours for all the cards, presents and lovely flowers given to me for my 90th birthday. Also I would like to thank Rachel, Jonty and Anne for their help getting me ready for my trip to hospital earlier!

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Reminisces

When I first joined the UWNL Committee in the 1990's if I remember correctly, it was still in the charge of the late Alan Watkinson, and reflected many aspects of his character and personality.

Alan was curious (i.e. nosy) about people, places and whatever was going on in the Dales. He conducted many interviews himself, with a knack of bringing out any interesting stories in the life of the interviewee.

His subjects were usually locals, and he wanted to know, on behalf of the readers; who they were, where they were born, what they did or had done for a living and what they felt for the Dales then. If they had an amusing tale to tell so much the better. Several of us also interviewed folk and I can't remember anyone refusing to be "grilled", even those who were a bit "shy" soon warmed to their subject. Alan also, for many years, wrote the editorials - no easy task, usually composing these on his long solitary walks in the hills.

Committee meetings were held in someone's house, the address usually reached by all members. Alan had by now gathered most of the material for the next edition; this was quickly summarised, approved, and any criticism considered, then on to the next month.

We, the committee had our various roles, be it gathering articles, researching, sorting the advertising, contacting schools, clubs and teams, surgeries, the police, churches etc. in fact all those with an interest in getting into the magazine. These meetings were just as much social as business and much humour and banter ensued.

Finally, and most importantly, the compiling and printing; all hands to the wheel here! It was done, in my day in the old school in Askrigg. Compiling, folding, adding the cover, stapling and packing into boxes for distribution.

We were a companionable and happy band, satisfied that, for another month at least, the UWNL would go out far and wide into Wensleydale. Bringing the community together within the pages of this modest publication, looked forward to fondly by locals and visitors alike, as it still is today.

Sue Harpley July 2023

BAWB Schools News

The end of term came with the sad passing of Mrs Alderson, our very much-loved TA and dear friend. The team at BAWB and all our pupils have shared many moments remembering what a wonderful and talented person Rebecca was.

Between sports days, EYFS and KS1 cycle trip, Y6 leavers' trip, and our end of term service – with our KS2 brass band entertaining a packed St Oswalds, we will have definitely made Mrs Alderson proud.

In September our Federation structure will be:

Bainbridge, 2 classes:

EYFS (Nursery and Reception) - Robins

Year 1 - Owls

West Burton, 2 classes:

Year 2 - Swallows

Year 3 – Kingfishers

Askrigg, 3 classes:

Year 4 – Golden Eagles

Year 5 – Herons

Year 6 – Merlins

We have spaces available in all classes and you are very welcome to get in touch to arrange a visit. We hope you all have a wonderful summer.

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The 200th Issue of the Newsletter was in **March 2014** and there were several articles about the planning and preparation for the Tour de France visit later in the year. We have extracted the Hawes School News from that issue. Some of our current teenagers might remember their contributions.

Hawes School News – March 2014



Cookery Club

On Tuesdays we have a cookery club after school run by Mrs Fothergill and Mrs Scully. The children have made all sorts including pancakes, pizza and scones. This has been proven to be a great success and these are some of the comments from the children:

‘We made pancakes, they were delicious, thank you Mrs Scully and Mrs Fothergill’ – Lola age 6.

‘I really liked making pancakes, my Mum and Dad are very proud of me. Everything was delicious, I really liked making fairy cakes, in fact I liked doing everything’ – Aiva age 7.

‘I liked doing pancakes, we all flipped them over in a cooking pan, taking turns’ – Jack B age 10.

‘I love taking turns in mixing the batter with my partner and I love the nice smell of what we have made. I love cooking’ – Esme age 8.

‘We made fruit salad, we had to peel the oranges and cut the strawberries’ – Tia age 5.

‘I liked putting the fruit in the pancakes and flipping’ – Lauren age 6.

‘I like making pizza, fairy buns and pizza and then eating them’ – Jessica age 7.

Carbon Reduction Workshop

Power Down Pete came into school on February 12th and talked about how we could save the environment. He showed us different ways to save energy. Pete brought in lots of gadgets that would help us save energy - a timer plug for computers and phones, a solar charger and a heat leak detector. We also played some fun games.

There was a parachute game where Pete put the gadgets under the parachute and told us what we had to find, the second game was called rainbows and lightning bolts where we had to roll the dice and we were in teams it was a bit like snakes and ladders we went up the rainbows and down the lightning bolts. We all had a great time and learnt a lot about looking after the environment.

Isabel Year 4

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Prunings

Where has the year gone? We are now past half-way through and the greens are turning from the acid hues of Spring to the richer shades of Summer. The roses have been glorious but some have suffered because they are planted close to the house wall, and when it was really dry, didn't get their share. Now that we have had some rain I think they might soldier on.

The white lilac seemed short-lived but perhaps the long dry spell didn't help. Now it has suddenly grown enormous and will have to be cut back, but I am not sure when it would be best to do it. I love to have flowering shrubs at the front of the patio, but not if they are seriously obscuring the view. There is a white buddleia in the same category, and of course cutting them back does nothing to diminish them. Because of other commitments lots of things have been neglected this year and I hope my precious pink hawthorn has not sustained too much damage, as it did not flower.

Some years ago I bought a plant recommended by Carol Klein. It was Iris Ungularica and it took some finding. I planted it up against the house wall as she suggested, and for years it produced nothing but a few spiky leaves. This year the dry spell must have suited it because it suddenly appeared: healthy green spikes followed by five amazing regal purple flowers which lasted ages. It really was a joy.

Garden of the Week in Garden News featured a creation in Flintshire. The couple have been there 40 years and have engineered a wonderful space, but they don't open to the public. Am I being unreasonable to suggest that after all that time and effort it would be appropriate to share it. One of the shrubs/small trees they recommend is Amelanchier Lamarkii. This is one of my all-time favourites with sparkling flowers in Spring and all year interest. If you get chance of one grab it. You will love it.

In Garden News there are two roses which I am tempted to add to my collection as they can both be grown in containers. One is Princess Anne, with lovely, shaggy, warm, pink blooms, and the other – Margaret Merrill, is a diminutive white growing to only 75cms with delicious scent and dainty blooms.

We all have our own way of taking cuttings, but now is a good time especially for shrubs and plants which have lots of new soft growth.

Ideally water the plants the night before and collect the cuttings in the morning. Select only healthy non-flowering shoots and keep them moist and cool. Cut them just below a leaf node and trim the leaves to prevent them wilting. I usually scrape them gently to expose the cambium: the layer underneath where the roots will form. Some prefer to use rooting powder, or you can do both. Place them in a well-drained mix and keep watered. Either way they should have rooted in about 6 weeks and you can pot them on.

Whatever you grow, take time to enjoy it!

Rose Rambler

Thorlby Village Hall

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News from Dales Countryside Museum

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Contact: hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk or call **01969 666210**.

Within These Walls – Hay time in the Yorkshire Dales (**until September, 17th**).

The mini meadow planted on our Outdoor trail by our volunteer team is looking beautiful and compliments the hay time exhibition perfectly. We're adding more traditional games outside this summer so there's lots of fun for everyone.

Wishes and words are being added to our Wishing Tree and Word Loom and you can 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 can be found via the museum website or via any podcast app on your smartphone or tablet. We hope to produce more later this year with support from the Friends of DCM. <https://www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk/explore/explore-the-museum/voices-from-the-dales-podcast/>.

Lots of school children have been taking part in learning activities both at the Museum and in school using our loan boxes. Leyburn school recently visited to explore the history of cheese, make butter and taste different cheeses. BAWB school children have been discovering the history of lead mining and looking at the significance of local place names, particularly in connection with the Vikings.

With the help of our great volunteer team, we've also been along to Countryside Days in Harrogate, where we worked with children from 12 different schools, talking about the importance of meadows and helping them create some wonderful meadow prints.

Our Scurry Club pass for children (£10), is proving popular. Your child and an accompanying adult carer can visit all year round. Kids can start collecting their squirrel badge and first stamp as soon as they visit and you can keep busy with our drop in family events throughout the school holidays (all

included in the pass) and activities all around the museum and the outdoor trail. Events are listed below, but keep an eye on our website too! www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk and our Facebook page.

In July our Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists' Club visited Hipswell village to take part in a dig. We're taking some time out over the summer holidays and will be back in September. 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 dc@yorkshiredales.org.uk. Young people age 8 – 17 years are welcome to come along to try a session.

What's on in August...

Events are included in the Museum admission unless otherwise stated and children visit free.

Drystone Walling Demonstration.

Tuesday, August, 1st. 11.00am-3.00pm.

Join Dales Volunteers as they showcase the traditional craft of drystone walling and explain the construction of this iconic feature of the National Park landscape. Drop in.

Print a meadow!

Thursday, August 3rd. 1.00pm-4.00pm.

Print a meadow to take home. Drop in.

Hands on History.

Friday, August, 4th. 1.00pm-4.00pm.

Leather working: How has leather been used in the past? Make your own leather bookmark to take home. Drop in.

Hawes Rural Heritage.

Tuesday, August 8th. 11.00am-4.00pm.

Join us for this 5.5 mile (8.8km) walk in Herriot country, through fields and along old bridleways with stunning views of the Yorkshire Dales. We will look for evidence of old industries and traditional rural activities as we walk, including local hamlets, villages, barns and lime kilns. Starts at the Dales Countryside Museum. £6 Booking Essential. No dogs allowed.

Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust Roadshow.

Wednesday, August 9th. 11.00am-3.00pm.

The Rivers2U mobile classroom will be visiting the museum so come along to find out about rivers and their wildlife. Discover how rivers form, and identify the amazing freshwater

invertebrates which live in our rivers. Free drop in activity

Make your own meadow creature.

Thursday, August 10th. 1.00pm-4.00pm.

Create your own recycled meadow creature to take home. Drop in.

Hands on History.

Friday, August 11th. 1.00pm-4.00pm.

Roman Surveying: How did Romans make straight roads and square corners? Find out using a Groma and a Chorobates and have a go Drop in.

Upper Dales Geology Walk.

Sunday, August 13th. 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. Booking Essential. £6 plus entrance fee to the waterfall. No dogs allowed.

Drystone Walling Demonstration.

Tuesday, August 15th. 11.00am-3.00pm.

Join Dales Volunteers as they showcase the traditional craft of drystone walling and explain the construction of this iconic feature of the National Park landscape. Drop in.

Woolly Wander Experience.

Wednesday, August 16th. 10.00am-3.00pm.

Visit the Alpacas at Semerwater and learn to make felt with their fibre at the museum. Materials and light lunch included. £50 Booking essential.

Make your own "drinkings" trifle in a jam jar!

Thursday, August 17th. 1.00pm-4.00pm.

Food in the meadow - make your own "drinkings" trifle in a jam jar to take home. Drop in.

Hands on History.

Friday, August 18th. 1.00pm-4.00pm.

Hands on Finds: A chance to handle real archaeological finds and discover what they tell us about the past. Drop in.

Barns, Walls and Bridges Walk.

Sunday, August 20th. 1.30pm-4.00pm.

Guided walk - Barns, Walls & Bridges. Join Dales Volunteers for a 4 mile walk to discover the important features of Wensleydale, its local industry and agriculture. £5 Booking essential

Drystone Walling Demonstration.

Tuesday, August 22nd. 11.00am-3.00pm.

Join Dales Volunteers as they showcase the traditional craft of drystone walling and explain the construction of this iconic feature of the National Park landscape. Drop in.

Jam Tasting.

Thursday, August 24th. 1.00pm-4.00pm.

Taste the past and pick up some preserving tips! Drop in.

Hands on History.

Friday, August 25th. 1.00pm-4.00pm.

Trollen wheel braiding: have a go at making historic cords using a braid wheel and take home your own friendship bracelet. Drop in.

Drystone Walling Demonstration.

Tuesday, August 29th. 11.00am-3.00pm.

Join Dales Volunteers as they showcase the traditional craft of drystone walling and explain the construction of this iconic feature of the National Park landscape. Drop in.

Magical butter making.

Thursday, August 31st. 1.00pm-4.00pm.

Experience the magic of butter making and make your own to take home. Drop in.

Hands on History.

Friday, September 1st. 1.00pm-4.00pm.

Stained glass: A look at monastic art and a chance to use glass paints to make your own stained glass inspired art. Drop in.

Hawes Town Trail. No dogs allowed.

Sunday, September 3rd. 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. £3. Booking essential.



August Update

The school holidays are traditionally a time when activities pause so families can enjoy time together. However, August continues to be a busy month for our team of volunteers, and we look forward to welcoming you to find out more about us and help raise funds to support our charitable work.

Strawberry Teas, Sunday, August 6th from 2.00pm.

You are invited to join us on the lawns of Thornborough Hall on (if the weather is unkind, we will be indoors **Sunday, August 6th from 2.00pm** 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. Pimms will also be served. There will be a selection of garden games, tombola and book stall. Live music will be provided by The Leyburn Jazz Collective. Free Entry – Pay what you can donations appreciated. Reserve your place at www.blueboxt.org or call **Judith Clark, Chair of Trustees - 07882 331421.**

Wensleydale Agricultural Show, Saturday, August 23rd.

This will be the first time we have had an information stand at the Show so do pop by and say hello. We are teaming up with Leyburn Arts and Community Centre and the Wensleydale Camera Club to provide a selection of creative arts activities for all ages to enjoy. There might even be some guest performances too. As well as finding out about our work, there will be an opportunity to purchase tickets for the Leyburn Jazz Festival and support our work by entering our Grand Prize Draw.

Coffee Morning, Thursday, August 31st at Richmond Town Hall

We are hosting our second Coffee Morning in Richmond. There will be books, cakes, tombola, raffle and of course a friendly welcome and plenty of chat over a cuppa. Don't forget we will also be at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall on

Friday, September 15th. Donations welcome. Thank you to everyone who has supported us so far during the year.

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

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 is available on our website, www.blueboxt.org. Closing date for entries is **Saturday, September 30th.**

Wensleydale Community Arts Festival

'Thank you' is the first thing that that comes to mind when we reflect on the first Community Arts Festival. Thank you to our venues and their teams for welcoming and accommodating us. Thank you to all our volunteers who worked tirelessly before, during and after the events to make it all happen. Thank you to our performers and exhibitors who gave their time to share their skills and creativity. Thank you to everyone who came along to watch, listen and celebrate the diverse range of creative and performance arts which takes place across the Dales. We are still preparing the full report which we will be able to share soon.

Leyburn Jazz Festival – October 19th to 22nd

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 - Sessions are open to all ages to take part and enjoy making-music in a relaxed and friendly environment. Wensleydale Community Gospel Choir – We are thrilled to welcome York City Gospel Choir who will lead two afternoon workshops on **Saturday, September 16th and October 14th**. Participants are invited to take part in the Jazz Eucharist service and concert as part of the Festival programme. Young People's workshops with Paul Edis. This year, there will be two afternoon workshops held on **Saturday, September 23rd and October 7th**. Participants will then give a performance at the Festival on **October 21st.**

To find out more or register your interest please contact **Colin Bailey on 07711 21169** or admin@blueboxt.org.

News from The Wensleydale School

Successful, Hardworking, Positive and Respectful have been our four key behaviours for 8 years. This year, to complement these and give extra motivation to overcome barriers, we also introduced the concept of 'Climbing your own personal mountain.'

I am therefore delighted to announce that we are proposing a very special, one off trip for 2025 or maybe 2026. A 2-week expedition to the Himalaya, with the chance to see the highest mountain in the world, Mount Everest. We have thought long and hard about offering this experience, but feel that now is the right time.



Many schools offer very unique opportunities and our school has offered trips to India in the past. We are convinced that this once in a lifetime opportunity, will add value to our core purpose. We aim from September, to start a series of challenges and fundraising events to support the trip. However, (and this is important) we do acknowledge that everyone's mountain is different, so we will be supporting ALL students to make an ascent- the Shawl to Base camp Everest

Everyone will be enabled to succeed, at whatever level. Earlier this month we held a meeting for parents for the chance to hear from Gavin Bate, Guide and Director of Adventure Alternative, who is helping us plan this trip which will be accompanied by two members of school staff, as well as expert Sherpas and guides.

A possible itinerary is below and obviously, there are very important issues such as fitness and health to be taken into consideration, as well as the cost.

Example Trip

A trek to Lukla and beyond to the capital of Sherpa country which is called Namche Bazaar, and from just above that village/town you can see the view of Mt Everest. Then you would come back down the same trail to Lukla and fly back to Kathmandu. The programme would look something like this:

Day 1 and 2. Fly overnight from UK (evening flight) and arrive Kathmandu, hotel.

Day 3. Drive to Paphlu, overnight in lodge.

Day 4 and 5. Trek to the villages.

Day 6-10. Continue up the trail to Lukla and beyond to the capital of Sherpa country, which is called Namche Bazaar, and from just above that village/town you can see the view of Mt Everest.

Day 11 and 13. Then you would come back down the same trail to Lukla and fly back to Kathmandu.

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Wensleydale Concert Series

It seems like only yesterday our 2023 series started but already we have passed the halfway mark. There are three concerts remaining: the next is at **7.30pm on August 19th** in St, Andrew's Church, Aysgarth with pianist Mark Bebbington.

The final two are in September with cellist Moray Welsh and pianist Martin Roscoe on **September 2nd** and horn player Ben Goldscheider with pianist Huw Watkins on **September 16th**. More about the September concerts in the next issue.

Mark Bebbington is an outstanding British pianist. Internationally he is recognised as a champion of British music. Mark has recorded extensively for the Somm label to critical acclaim, with no fewer than nine of his recent CDs awarded 5* by BBC Music Magazine.

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He has featured on numerous BBC and major European television and radio networks. This concert is made possible with the support of The John Ireland Trust and features Ireland's wonderful work "Sarnia: An Island Sequence" as well as Beethoven's popular Appassionata Sonata and works by Haydn and Liszt.

For full programme details and further information, tickets etc. please see our website www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk.

You can also order tickets by phone via our booking agent, Ticketsource, on **0333 666 3366** (quote the date and Mark Bebbington). Tickets are £15 for adults and £1 for anyone in full time education. You can order a ticket with printed programme for £1 extra (which helps us enormously with planning how many programmes are required).

I look forward to seeing you on **August 19th**. If you have non-ticket related questions call me on **01969 663026**.

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Leyburn and District u3a Group

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Doors open at **10.00am** at the Leyburn Arts and Community Centre, Richmond Road, Leyburn. DL8 5DL. Talk starts **10.30am**.

Meetings are held the third Friday of every month. Visitors and new members always welcome. Annual Membership is just £12 or £20 for two people at the same address. For details contact **Sue Mellish on 01748 850 471** or email susiemellish@gmail.com.

Future Meetings: To be confirmed.

Hawes Christmas Lights

Hawes Christmas Lights is considering running a fund raiser in the form of a team based set of knowledge games, in a format similar to Richard Osmon's House of Games. We are thinking of running a Trial evening in **September/ October**. Team size to be 2 people.

If you would like to be part of the evening can you please register interest by **August 31st** at either Whites of Wensleydale, Wensleydale Press or Wensleydale House B&B - **01969-666020**.

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- Taking a new and unfamiliar route.

- Planning for each day's timetable.

- Making sure they have the right books and equipment.

- Doing homework, which has to fit into their routine.

All of this will have to fit into your child's new routine, alongside their other interests and the often daunting prospect of becoming a teenager. It can take time for children to adjust to these new responsibilities. At The Wensleydale School, we want that transition to be as smooth as possible and most new Year 7s have already spent a week with us in July. Below are a few more tips as September looms.

If your child is using a North Yorkshire school bus, make sure to apply for a bus pass in good time and impress on your child the importance of keeping it in a safe place. Students who will be using the school bus service from Catterick and the surrounds, will have bus passes issued in the first week in September.

Shop for uniform and equipment in good time. Our uniform in September is our striped shirt or blouse, navy blue school jumper, black trousers or skirt and black shoes. The shirts, blouses and jumpers can be bought from Uniform Direct : <https://www.uniform-direct.com/>.

If your child feels nervous, take time to listen and reassure them that all children feel this way before starting secondary. The move to secondary school can come as a shock to both parents and children. They will usually have more books and equipment to carry around and may find it difficult to stay organised.

Encourage your child to get organised for school the evening before. This can save them (and you!) a lot of undue stress in the morning.

Remind them to check their timetable for the following day, pack their bag and lay out their uniform if necessary.

Try and resist the temptation to do everything. Your child needs to learn to manage their time efficiently and they won't do it if you get everything ready for them.

Use every opportunity to keep in contact with us - this may seem to be more difficult now that your child has many different subject teachers. However, our Facebook, website and twitter feeds have regular updates but as the Headteacher, I am always contactable if you have any concerns or queries: Julia.polley@wensleydaleschool.net.

Once your child has started school, make time to talk and listen to your child each day to check how things are going. Just giving attention in this way can help your child feel supported and more confident. However, resist the temptation to ask too many questions, especially when a child first gets home from school and is likely to be tired, hungry and short-tempered from coping with many new people and things.

I look forward to welcoming all our students back to school – new and older.

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Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

As I mentioned in a previous Newsletter, I am unfortunately having to give up my role as Poppy Appeal Organiser for the Askrigg District due to ill-health. Although this is unavoidable, I would be happier if I could hand over the position to someone else, but so far, no-one has come forward. This is not an onerous role with a team of volunteers already in place to undertake door-to-door collections. There is also a wonderful, experienced volunteer who co-ordinates the Appeal in the Hawes area.

In essence, the role involves the ordering of stock, preparation of the Poppy boxes, distribution and collection of the boxes and counting and banking of the donations. There are volunteers who are happy to help with the boxes and money-counting which really just leaves the stock ordering and co-ordination of the Appeal in the Askrigg and Bainbridge area.

If you think this might be something you could take on, please contact me as soon as possible. Unfortunately, if no-one comes forward, it may be that there may not be an Appeal this year as I will have to hand everything back to the Area RBL co-ordinator. If you would like to find out more about the role, please contact me on **650706**.

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Separately, the rail industry is proposing to close almost every ticket office at railway stations (including Northallerton); see the local press. As it is believed that almost 1 in 5 people will not be able to respond online - or are not "comfortable" with doing so - their views may not be well-represented without active community support.

Sunday rail/bus link from Garsdale station to Hawes and Castle Bolton: On a more cheerful note, collaboration between Little White Bus and DalesBus has restored the Sunday minibus connection between Garsdale station and Hawes and extended it through Bainbridge, Askrigg and Carperby to Castle Bolton until October 22. Timetables are given on both LWB and DB websites; printed timetables are available free from Upper Wensleydale Community Office and the Dales Countryside Museum.

There's good news too about the all year round Sunday DalesBus 856 from Northallerton-Hawes/Gayle, as passenger numbers continue to increase, with many people taking advantage of the £2 cap on all single bus fares. Since April, passenger numbers are up 45% on the same period last year and are up 16% compared with pre-pandemic 2019.

A return journey between Northallerton and Hawes/Gayle costs just £4 until the end of October (£5 thereafter) or travel in the other direction to Northallerton. Under 19s travel for just £1 each way, with elderly/disabled passes valid for free travel. Encourage family and friends to travel on the Sunday DalesBus 856 bus (it's not a minibus) to visit Upper Wensleydale and for local events. Or go from here down the dale to Leyburn, Bedale and all villages on the A684.

On Sunday, August 6th there's Jurassic Northallerton, with a return of the dinosaurs to Northallerton High Street!

Ruth Anison

Askrigg and District 75th Produce Show

2.30pm Sunday, August 27th

I was reminded by one of our fine judges that this is our 75th Produce Show, it having had its beginnings out of the 'dig for victory' campaign in WWII and the first show being in 1948. It's lovely to be maintaining such a historical event although proceedings are rather less formal now than they were in the early days. Minutes of those early meetings make for interesting reading and give a window in to an age when everything seemed rather more formal and drawn out. There were lots of 'point of order, Mr Chairman' and every decision had to be proposed, seconded and voted on, all recorded in copper-plate handwriting in the minute book.

One practice from those days that I definitely won't be reviving is that the chairman (I'm assuming that means the chairman's wife!!) provided a full sit-down cooked lunch for all of the judges. One other lost tradition was the post-show dance which happened on the evening of the show. To me, that indicates just what a prestigious event the Produce Show was in those days. I've brought up the idea of reinstating the evening dance but after all of the exertions of show day I think we're all just too knackered.

As the custodians of this piece of history the committee and I are dedicated to keeping this wonderful old tradition alive whilst trying to adapt in little ways to keep it relevant. As ever, whatever we do as a group is only the starting

point, we are completely reliant on the talented people of Askrigg, Bainbridge and all points further afield to come up with the exhibits that make this show such a special event.

I hope that you will find some time to look through the schedule – paper copies were sent locally in May or you can find it on-line by searching for Askrigg Produce Show. Why not try something you've never done before and enter it in the show? It's a bit late to plant vegetables but you could take some photos, paint something, bake something or have a go at any of the many classes in the show. You won't get rich on your prize winnings but you'll be surprised at what a buzz it gives you to win a class or a cup.

We are also always keen to welcome volunteers who might bake some cakes for the teas, help with setting up and clearing the hall, assist judges and one of many other things that need doing on show day. Email me at mcvmad@yahoo.co.uk or phone me on 01969 650424 if you can help. Many thanks.

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

Saturday, September 9th – Chris Wood - Singer songwriter, guitarist and winner of 6 BBC Folk Awards, "He's good, quite probably the very best we have today, and we need him more than ever" (fRoots Magazine). Tickets **£16** (£18 door).

Saturday, September 30th – Megson - Comprising Debs (vocals, whistle, piano accordion) and Stu Hanna (guitar, mandola, banjo). Megson have been described by The Guardian as "the most original duo on the British folk scene." Tickets **£15** (£17 door).

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As usual lots going on at the Arts Centre in August, Oklahoma; the opera Turandot; Jayne Darling Vintage Show; Andre Rieu concert; plus our regular Friday cinema. We get great pleasure if some of these visitors join us and complement our volunteers.

So this month instead of our usual Volunteers Together Information Sharing session we are holding an Open Day, celebrating our volunteers, past, present, and hopefully prospective. We want people to come along, have a look around and see what happens in the Arts and Community Centre. So often do locals say to us 'I didn't know that' or 'I've never been in this building' and this is our chance to chat over free coffee and cake.

It will be a very informal morning, with our volunteers in attendance, but NO pressure to join as a volunteer, unless of course you like what you see and hear and think you could enjoy being a part of our merry band!

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Special thanks to The Doctors, Nurses and Carers for all their kindness and care for Rebecca, also to Rev Dave Clark for a comforting service and Richard Sanderson funeral directors for his help and support. Finally, grateful thanks for the generous donations received in memory of Rebecca for Teesside Hospice, Yorkshire Cancer Research and St Margaret's Church funds.

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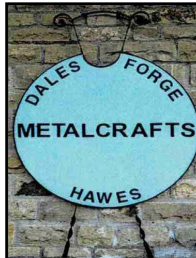
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August

- 2 Dales Discovery Talk. St, Margaret's Church, Hawes. 8.00pm. See p. 27.
- 4 Dominoes. Carperby Institute. 7.30pm.
- 5 Kings Club Activities. West Burton Village Hall. 12-3pm. See p. 22.
- 6 Eurythmia Ensemble Taster concert. Holy Trinity Church, Wensley. 2.00pm. See p. 15.
- 9 Kings Club Activities. Leyburn Methodist Church. 12-3pm. See p. 22.
- 9 Dales Discovery Talk. St, Margaret's Church, Hawes. 8.00pm. See p. 27.
- 12 LACC Open Day. 10.00am. See p.18.
- 12 Thorlby Village Hall. Safari Supper. 6.30pm. See p. 7.
- 16 Dales Discovery Talk. St, Margaret's Church, Hawes. 8.00pm. See p. 27.
- 18 Leyburn U3a Group Talk. 10am. LACC. See p. 13.
- 19 Mobile Household Waste Recycling at Business Park, Hawes, 9am to 1pm.
- 19 Wensleydale Concert Series 7.30pm. St Andrew's Aysgarth. See p. 12.
- 19 Wensley Camerata Concert. Holy Trinity Church, Wensley. 7.00pm. See p. 34.
- 20 Afternoon Tea Train. See p. 35.
- 20 Hawes Junction Chapel Service 2.30pm. See p. 19.
- 23 Dales Discovery Talk. St, Margaret's Church, Hawes. 8.00pm. See p. 27.
- 25 Reeth Memorial Hall Concert. 7.30pm. See p. 18.
- 26 - 28 West Witton Feast. Various events. See p. 24-25.
- 27 Askrigg Produce Show. 2.30pm. See p. 17.
- 30 Dales Discovery Talk. St, Margaret's Church, Hawes. 8.00pm. See p. 27.
- 30 East Witton Male Voice Choir. 7.30pm at Leyburn Methodist Hall. See p. 20.

News from the Vets

It's been a busy few months at the practice and we are looking to expand our nursing team with another student vet nurse who we would train up with the help of college to obtain their qualifications as a registered veterinary nurse. If you would like more information on the position or to apply please email davinia@bainbridgevets.co.uk.

Thank you for the Music

Would you like to sing? The following groups are preparing for the Autumn season full of lovely music.

Askrigg Ladies Sing for Pleasure, now in its 13th year, meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month in Askrigg Village Hall at **7.30pm**, commencing on **Tuesday, September 5th**.

East Witton Male Voice Choir, now in its 73rd year, welcomes you to come and sing on Wednesday evenings at **7.30pm** in Leyburn Methodist Hall, commencing on **August 30th**.

These are informal groups, there are no auditions, no necessity to read music (but great if you can), friendly people, so just come and enjoy!

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Heavens Above

We have shooting stars galore this month with the return of the annual Perseids meteor shower. It is one of the best of the year, famous for producing loads of fast, bright meteors. The shower runs from late **July** until the beginning of **September** reaching a peak on the night of **August 12/13th** when, with a bit of luck, you can expect to see well over 60 meteors an hour.

Last year's display was a bit of a damp squid due to bad weather and interference from strong moonlight, but there's no moon to spoil the view this time round and we should be in for an excellent show. You will get the best view after midnight on **August 12th** from a dark location well away from street lights. Do not bother with binoculars you are better off just using your naked eye. You could try and capture some of the brighter meteors with a camera if you can get hold of a tripod and your camera has a long exposure setting. You might notice that nearly all of the meteors appear to come from the same point in the sky, the radiant, but this is just an effect of perspective, they are really travelling parallel to each other.

Most of the annual displays are named after the constellation in which their particular radiant lies. For the Perseids it is the constellation of Perseus which you will find over in the north east at this time of the year. Perseus, himself, was the mythological hero of Ancient Greece who slew the snake-headed Gorgon, Medusa. Algol, the famous Demon Star, lies in Perseus. It is an eclipsing binary star representing the winking eye in the Medusa's head.

We have two more "Supermoons" this month, one on **August 1st**, the other, the brightest full moon of the year, on **August 31st**. As it's the second full moon in the month it is sometimes called a Blue Moon.

Now that Venus has disappeared into the Sun's glare for a couple of weeks, it returns as a Morning Star during the last week of **August**, Jupiter takes over as the brightest naked eye planet. It rises in the east around **11.00pm** in the constellation of Aries the Ram and stays visible for the rest of the night. The beautiful ringed planet, Saturn, is also on view this month amongst the stars of Aquarius. It reaches opposition, its closest point to the Earth for the year, on **August 27th** and reaches its highest point in the sky in the south around midnight staying visible all night long. Saturn's rings are a

marvellous sight in a medium-sized telescope which might also let you spot Titan, its largest moon.

If you do venture out for a bit of meteor spotting take a look at the summer Milky Way. It sweeps right across the sky during late summer, a marvellous spectacle from a properly dark location and well worth exploring with decent binoculars. Have clear skies!

Al Birio

Energy Efficiency Survey

Do you envision a more energy-efficient future for your dwelling? If so, the University of York needs your valuable insights!

Researcher Jack Rhodes from the University of York is currently working with the North Yorkshire Council to gain insight into the community's values, actions, aspirations, and barriers in relation to domestic home retrofitting.

To help this research and provide your insights into retrofitting, please follow the link below and complete the Google survey. Participating is of great help to this research and your time and dedication are highly appreciated. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdPkwupldmWD74XHZdAnfRGpcBp3TiFZ_TGsa8bV-SUu5lmYA/viewform?pli=1.

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DCM's Project Featured on 'The One Show'

The Dales Countryside Museum's Dialect and Heritage project was featured on BBC 1's 'The One Show' on July 10th. The programme featured the Project lead, Fiona Douglas from Leeds University, participants, Ian Spensley, Robert Guy, Albert Calvert, June Swift and John Waggett and Alyson Jones, a project volunteer. It starts with Richie Anderson walking through Hawes and down to the Museum so is great promotion for the town and area as a whole.

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'Eunice' Winners and More

The aims of the Newsletter have been to engage, inform and support our local community. 'Eunice' certainly has engaged readers of all ages over the years since she first graced our pages in 2000, winning the observant readers a prize of £5, now £10. Competitions devised by our editor, the late Alan Watkinson, added to the fun, especially since some of the clues were fiendishly obscure, and each summer Alan and Sue Duffield created a treasure hunt around the dale, the winners of the hunt receiving a £50 prize.

Alan was keen to encourage school students to further their education and in 2002 he initiated the Newsletter's Book and Equipment Award for students entering tertiary education. Initially £75 per student, the award gradually increased to a maximum of £500 in 2018. Since its inception, the Newsletter has supported 139 students living in our catchment area with awards totalling £30,944. In 2003 a secondary school student joined the committee under a bursary scheme, worth £200 p.a., writing articles for the Newsletter and providing a young person's views during committee meetings. This scheme continued until 2012, when the pressure of work on school students made it difficult for them to meet our publication schedules.

Continuing with the educational theme, the UWNL Children's Story Writing Competition was set up in 2018 in memory of Alan Watkinson. Children aged 7-11 are challenged to write a 300-500-word story, with winners and runners-up in two age categories being given a book token and a trophy, and the winners' schools also receive The Alan Watkinson Memorial Shields and more book tokens.

Direct donations to community schemes and organizations began in 1999 with a contribution of £200 to the Upper Wensleydale Community Partnership Directory. Since then we have supported local musical and drama groups such as HAOS, Wensleydale Chorus, Wensleydale Tournament of Song, Wensleydale Concert Series, Blue Box Productions, Young Voices, The Songbirds and the North Country Theatre. Hawes, Bainbridge, Askrigg and West Burton schools have received donations as have Dalesplay and Askrigg Playgroup; we also donated to Wensleydale School's Amala Children's Home Fund and the UNICEF 'School in a box', Pakistan. Donations were sent

to the DEC Haiti Earthquake and Philippines Typhoon appeals on behalf of the Upper Dales community.

Other recipients of donations were Hawes Cricket Club and Junior Football Club, several village institutes and churches, Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team, Yorkshire Air Ambulance Service, Great North Air Ambulance Service, Hawes Gala, Hawes Christmas Lights, Hawes Market House..... the list continues, and there are many more local and national charities receiving £20 donations courtesy of our monthly competition winners.

Thanks to surplus income over expenditure and many small and a few very large donations, we have been able to make more than 120 separate donations to charities, groups and organizations to the value of £33,350 since 1996. Together with student support in one form or another, this amounts to over £69,350 in total.

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West Witton Feast

West Witton Feast takes place on the Saturday nearest to **August 24th**, St Bartholomew's day. In medieval times village feasts were raucous drinking festivals, raising funds for the Parish Church with Parish or Church Ale being quaffed during the celebrations. The ancient, rowdy feast tradition evolved to become the Church Patronal Festivals we see today despite still being called feasts or fetes.

One of the earliest written references found for West Witton Feast was reported in The Richmond and Ripon Chronicle dated August 28th, 1858. The village Feast and Sports included dog trails, races for men and boys, donkey racing, bell racing, sack race, quoits and much more. There is no mention of Burning Bartle in this article. In 1894 Edmund Bogg published 'From Eden Vale to the Plains of York' he recorded the earliest written reference I have found to Bartle and the doggerel rhyme.

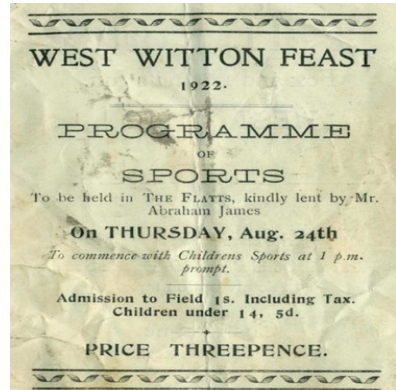
In Victorian times Witton Feast was a three day event, including fairs - stalls selling knick-knacks, crockery, copper kettles and fancy goods, sports which included horse races and running races, cheesecake gathering, fancy dress parades, dances and general merriment.



Cheesecake gatherers outside Chantry Farm Cottage, early 1900s.

Men in disguise, accompanied by musicians, would parade around the village, door to door collecting cheesecake or curd tarts which were then shared at the Village Feast. Various nearby villages including Bellerby and Redmire also gathered cheesecake for their feasts but the practice seems to have ended before the Great War. Thankfully another Wensleydale event, the naked men's race at Aysgarth no longer takes place!

This 1922 booklet advertises numerous, lively sporting events and activities including a Fell Race, Musical Chairs on Horseback, the prices for the programme and entry to the field seems extortionate!



The cottage show has probably been taking place for around 70 years, possibly starting in the late 1950s or early 1960s, after the Old School was formally opened as a Village Hall and a nationwide push for self sufficiency, home preserves and make do and mend was still at its height.

There was a big 'revival' of the Burning of Bartle in 1956 with rumours that the tradition might vanish 'into the mists of time' due to lack of enthusiasm in the village but with the promise of a visit of a folklorist from Leeds who was keen to see the tradition survive Mr George Smorthwaite, the well loved and respected village benefactor, took it upon himself to reinvent the celebrations. He annually gifted money to the makers of Bartle and the children's sports, a gift of money to the elderly residents of the village from The Smorthwaite Trust was continued until recent years.

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It was during this period that Jim 'Fudge' Ward, the maker of Bartle, decided to make a mechanical Bartle using old motorbike parts – this did not go down well with the locals and the usual straw stuffed effigy was hastily made. In the early 1900s Bartle was paraded around the village on a flat cart and sported a tall pointed striped hat and a sash. At some stage the original first line of the doggerel 'At Stoney Gate he brak his fate' was dropped, no one remembers when or why this happened. It has been suggested that the doggerel tells the tale of a Deer Hunt, who knows?

There have certainly been many changes over the years to our village feast celebrations but whatever the origins may be the Fell Race, Cottage Show, Wallops, Fun Day and The Burning of Bartle still draw large crowds of locals and visitors alike to ensure the traditions carry forward into the future.

Liz Kirby

West Witton Feast Events 2023

Saturday, August 26th.

Cottage Show Enter by **10.30am**.

St. Bartholomew's Church Exhibition about the church's year with refreshments and plant sale **10.00am-4.00pm**.

Guided Bartle Mosaic and Archaeology Walk – Meet at The Fox at **10.30am**.

Fell Race, Bar and BBQ – Register from **5.00pm** at the playing field
Burning of Bartle Parade **9.00pm**.

Sunday, August, 27th.

Patronal Service in St. Bartholomew's Church **9.30am**. All welcome.

Fun Day **1.00pm**. Playing Field
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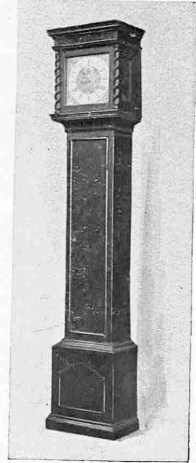
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	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total for half year
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Breconbar	201	37	131	71	19	41	500
Thornton Rust	225	30	151	71	25	46	548
West Burton	196	19	105	36	14	40	410
Carperby	171	17	143	64	7	34	436

That was a strange six months of rainfall in the Upper Dales. Alternate months of heavy rain and light rain followed by really low rainfall in May and June. The total rainfall at each of the five locations was the lowest for the last four years from 2019—not good news for the gardeners amongst us.

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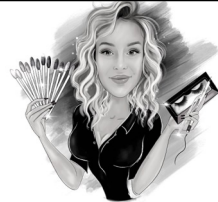
Last month's Mystery Picture showed part of Hawes Station weighbridge in the Dales Countryside Museum car park. Spotted by Mason Scarr.

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9.30am Holy Communion,
St. Margaret's, Preston under Scar.

11.00am Holy Communion,
St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.

11.00am Holy Communion,
St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

Sunday, August 13th:

10.30am Holy Communion Benefice Service with Jo and Simon Eastwood speaking about the work of Colburn Community Support. St. Margaret's, Preston under Scar.

Sunday, August 20th:

9.30am Holy Communion,
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9.30am Holy Communion,
St. Margaret's, Preston under Scar.

11.00am Morning Prayer,
St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

11.00am Holy Communion,
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Sunday, August 27th:

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.

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People's Views Sought on River Priorities

A network which is striving to protect the health of rivers in North Yorkshire is asking for the public's help in setting the future priorities and projects that are needed along seven watercourses and across their respective catchments.

The Dales to Vale River Network (DVRN), a partnership of organisations, interest groups, farmers and charities hosted by the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust, is setting its future strategy and is keen to hear what people consider are the priority issues along the catchments of the rivers Nidd, Ouse, Wharfe, Swale, Ure, Wiske and Foss.

To help, the DVRN has created a Catchment Management Aspirations Pack with background information on the network and each of the rivers, including the river's characteristics, species of interest, issues identified in previous consultations and the existing list of top priority projects. There is then a link to a questionnaire that people can fill in online.

Charlotte Simons, senior catchment partnerships manager for the DVRN explains: "We're keen to hear how people see the rivers, what issues they are concerned about and what improvements they would like to see within the seven catchment areas. We want to have a strategic approach to projects that delivers benefits to the public, the rivers, and the ecosystems that depend on these watercourses.

Anybody interested in contributing their views has until **September 8th** to fill in the questionnaire. For more information including links to the individual river questionnaires go to [Aspirations - Dales to Vale Rivers Network \(dvrn.org.uk\)](http://Aspirations - Dales to Vale Rivers Network (dvrn.org.uk)).

Hawes Youth Club

We are looking for volunteers. If you have a skill or hobby you would like to share with young people, Hawes Youth club would love to hear from you. We are looking for volunteers to support the group which is on **Wednesday at 6.30pm-8.30pm** term time only. You can do as little or as many sessions as you like. All volunteers will be DBS checked at our expense.

For further details contact Stella Huntbach stel87@icloud.com or pop in for an informal chat. Youth club re opens **September 13th**.

Penhill Ladies

Our Summer Trip is to Shibden Hall and the Piece Hall (Halifax) and will take place on **August 16th**. The cost of the trip will be £20 per person. The trip is open to everyone, members and others and the cost is the same. This cost of £20 includes the entry to Shibden Hall (£5) and a tip for the driver (£1).

The coach will leave Carperby at **8.00am**. There will be pre-arranged pick-up points from Redmire to Bedale. The coach will use the A1M and M62 route to Halifax. We will return between **7.00pm-8.00pm**. Exact timings during the day will need to be flexible depending on traffic, going round Shibden Hall (am) and the Piece Hall (pm). Coach seats will be allocated on a 'first-come-first-served' basis when we receive names and money.

Penhill Ladies meet in Carperby Village Institute at **7.30pm** on the third Wednesday in the month. New members and visitors are warmly welcomed (Visitors normally £5 to include refreshments).

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The internal refurbishment of Sycamore Hall has now finished and the new furniture and soft furnishings have arrived. Goodness me, it looks like a lovely hotel! We feel very spoiled to have benefited from this programme of works and look forward to making good use of the new facilities. Do come along and see for yourself.

We have been busy with our usual activities but have also enjoyed an afternoon of singing and dancing organised by Toni. There were some interesting 70's/ 80's outfits found in their wardrobes to help set the scene as we sang our way through the eras.

We had our 'Olympics' day in early July which was enjoyed by all, although there were some mumbblings that the water pistols were banned - I can't imagine why?!?!?! Despite this, competition was fierce for the various activities and there were some amazing achievements. Well done everyone!

As I write this, we are looking forward to a visit to Strikes Garden Centre to look at the plants and enjoy some refreshment. Our keen gardeners are doing an amazing job outside with the beds looking much neater. The greenhouse is helping the tomatoes to ripen and the outdoor vegetables have gone mad! We are looking forward to a good harvest shortly. Well done to our green-fingered residents for their efforts.

As always, we look forward to welcoming you to Sycamore Hall. There are lots of events and activities which you are welcome to join us for and, of course, there are all the on-site businesses to make use of - Sycamore Country Store (now open **Saturdays 9.00 am to 11.00 am**); Sycamore Hair Salon with Mabel and Maisy's Mini Emporium; Sycamore Restaurant; The Post Office; NYCC Library.

Do come and pay us a visit. 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!

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Wensley Camarata

There will be a concert at Holy Trinity Church, Wensley on **Saturday, August 19th at 7.00pm**.

Wensley Camerata is an orchestra formed in 2022 who perform Baroque music under conductor Martin Budgett. They are also performing at St Oswald's Ravenstonedale near Kirkby Stephen on **August 20th at 3.00pm**.



The soloists are Richard Selwyn Sharpe (Organ), Michael Atkinson (Trumpet) and Jane Burnell (Soprano). Richard is the organist at Holy Trinity Wensley and co-founder of Wensley Camerata. Michael is a former Bandmaster in the Royal Marines and member of the Richmondshire Orchestra. Jane is an up and coming soprano who studies at the Royal Northern College of Music, and performed Handel arias with Manchester Baroque at this year's Swaledale Festival.

The programme:

Handel's Organ Concerto Opus 4 No 3

Aria : *Let the Bright Seraphin* from Handel's Samson

Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No 2

Bach's Gigue Fugue (Organ) BWV 577

Telemann's Trumpet Concerto in D

Handel's Organ Concerto Opus 4 No 4

Aria : "*Tornami a Vagheggiar*" from Handel's Alcina

Handel's Orchestral Suite in D HWV 341

There is a reception afterwards at The Forthering House, Wensley by kind permission of Valerie Lady Bolton. Tickets are available via Eventbrite. <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/wensley-camerata-2379259>.

Proceeds will be divided between Hopes and Homes for Children and the two Church funds.

We are very grateful for Tennants of Leyburn for helping sponsor the Wensley Concert.

Over the Hump

We are now 'over the hump' of the year and, thanks to the recent miserable weather, it feels like Autumn is just around the corner. Despite the weather, the ladies of Bainbridge WI have been as busy as ever. Our July meeting was a fun evening of art with Louise Webb. Louise was an art teacher at The Wensleydale School until recently but has now re-trained as a counsellor and brings her experience in teaching art together with her new skills to develop mindfulness through art.

The Lunch Club ladies decided to pull out all the stops for the summer and opted for an Afternoon Tea at Stone House Hotel, dressed in

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their finery. Shame the weather wasn't up to much!

Our meeting in August will be on **Thursday 17th** when we will welcome Colin Bailey to tell us all about Bluebox Productions.

On **Sunday, August 20th** we will be basing ourselves on Bainbridge Village Green once again to provide refreshments for the Bainbridge Motor Club Vintage Rally Day. Hopefully the weather will be good and everyone will be able to have a lovely day on the green, looking at all the vintage vehicles and enjoying some delicious homemade food. Come and see us!

Looking ahead, our September meeting will be open to all on **Thursday 21st**. We hope you will join us for an evening of autumn flower arranging with Amy Fairburn from Leyburn.

In the meantime, let's hope that we get some good weather for the remainder of the summer, allowing us to get out into our gardens, go walking and generally enjoy our great outdoors,

For more details of membership or any of our events, please contact **Nicola Robinson (President) on 650801**.

Events at LACC

Tuesday, August 15th 7.00pm
Oklahoma. (PG) £12 (£6 for our Volunteers)

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Saturday, August 26th 7.30pm
Live Music Jayne Darling Vintage Show £12 (£6 for our volunteers)

Jayne will take you on a musical journey starting with the roaring 20s via wartime Britain and the fabulous 50s through to the swinging 60s. Book early!

Sunday, August 27th. 2.00pm
André Rieu's 2023 Maastricht Concert: Love Is All Around £12 (or £6 for our Volunteers)

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Best Foot Forward – Off the Beaten Track

Regular readers will have gathered that Best Foot Forward often strays from the popular paths in the dales. These paths are usually popular because they are easy and well walked, with good underfoot conditions and clear signposts. The route from Hawes to Burtsett is a good example. Not all of them could be described as easy, though. The Three peaks path is certainly clear and well-marked, but no-one would describe it as easy. It is popular because it is such a challenge.

Moving away from these well walked routes requires a bit more ingenuity and navigational skill. It does, however, have many advantages: there is more of a sense of exploration and the map-reading itself can be great fun; there is the opportunity to see more of the wildlife in such less disturbed areas; and, best of all, there are not the crowds of people sometimes found on really popular routes. This may sound like ramblings of Alfred Wainwright, who famously disliked the company of others on his walks. But variety is the spice of life, so there is a place for walking with others and a place for walking solo. By comparison with the Lake District and Peak District, walking in Wensleydale is pretty quiet anyway.

The walk featured here follows some less well walked paths as well as some which are well used. It was designed for a day in early July this year and it started at Aysgarth Falls. On the bridge, looking at the Upper Falls, it was immediately obvious that there hadn't been much rain recently. In fact it was just about possible to step across the river. Yore Mill, which is slowly being restored, lies across the bridge and the adjacent steps lead up to St Andrew's churchyard, one of the largest in Yorkshire. A visit to the church is worthwhile if you haven't been. On exiting the churchyard the Aysgarth Falls Hotel is passed and a signpost points to a footpath passing through a wood into the secretive Thieves Gill, which is a glacial overflow channel. At the far end the path meets a road leading down to the village of Thorlby. What a contrast to Aysgarth with all its facilities – pubs, cafes, shop, Post Office, and garage. Thorlby has lost its shop and the pub has been 'temporarily closed' for the last eighteen months. How sad is that! Nothing to do but walk straight through and out the other side, up the concrete track and onto the moor above.

Crossing Thorlby Moor to Thornton Rust can be a bleak experience. OK in fine weather, it can become featureless and disorientating in mist and rain. The paths are none too obvious and the ground is often rough. There are two streams to cross, one of which has recently been provided with a footbridge. The other one has not, apparently due to landowner resistance, and in spite it can be a real trial. On this occasion there were no problems and Thornton Rust was reached without incident. At the west end of this small village is Nipe Lane, an unclassified short cut down to the A684 road. In theory that means you could be permitted to drive a vehicle down it. In reality it is steep, heavily cobbled and often overgrown*. This is machete country and the chances are you'll emerge at the bottom scratched, nettled, bruised and very relieved to be out of it.

So why bother? Well, the golden reward for all that hassle is a set of stepping stones over the River Ure very close by. Obviously they can only be crossed at low water but they were well clear of water for six weeks in June and early July. They used to be much more difficult to use but a year or two ago the national park authority put in a new set of stones which make crossing much easier. They have even installed a ramp up the steep bank opposite. This leads to a very flat flood plain, often grazed by Greylag geese as well as cattle and sheep. For obvious reasons it is rarely walked, because the only approach other than the challenging Nipe Lane is the dangerous A684 with its death-trap bends. A pleasant stroll across the short grass of the flood plain ends at the popular railwayside path and a civilised track takes us up into Woodhall, the quietest part of which is well away from the road and garage.

A zigzag track now leads uphill to join the Oxclose Road. Although a bridleway it now has no vehicular rights of way. It was probably used in medieval times when the valley was occupied by dense impenetrable thickets. The shallow soils on the limestone shelf a hundred metres above the valley floor would have had much thinner vegetation. We only follow it for three hundred metres to Disher Force, where Eller Beck cascades over the track. For some years now this has had a fine wooden bridleway bridge, so no more hopping from boulder to boulder. The waterfall is actually below the track, so a scramble down a rocky path is needed to see it. Down there are also the remains of a hydro turbine, long since disused.

The highest point of this route is the mast on Ivy Scar at 402 metres. To reach it means leaving the track and heading up into some old lead mine workings. There are plenty of these around here and half the hillside seems to have been either excavated or dumped upon by the spoil. Ahead is an impressive ravine where Eller Beck has carved through the rock, possibly helped by the mine works. Below is more evidence, which is probably so toxic that nothing has grown over it in two hundred years or so. The view of these is temporarily obscured behind a low ridge but they eventually emerge as the real climb begins up the escarpment. Limestone crags appear on our right and the drop off is considerable. Ivy Scar is a prominent feature looking across Wensleydale. It arches its way up the hillside like a geological anticline. It is only partly open-access land but access is tolerated and, although there is no path, the short springy vegetation makes the ascent fairly easy. In July there were tormentil, birds foot trefoil, rock rose and mountain pansies in flower.



Soon the radio mast looks over the horizon and the gradient eases. Through a gate it is an easy stroll alongside a fence to the mast, which is so visible from much of Wensleydale. It has been there a long time, originally as a radio mast but no doubt it serves other purposes as well now. It is operated by arqiva. They're the people who had a fire on the mast at Bilsdale. This is a much shorter mast. It has an adjacent hut, from which a quiet hum emits. Maybe there are solar panels on the roof, but without a ladder, a drone or an aircraft it was difficult to determine. It can be a breezy place so it pays to move on.

The route now goes down to Peat Moor Lane, which leads to Carperby. It is a good track but a lot of the hollow patches have been filled in with quarry bottoms. This might be fine for Land Rovers but it makes for awkward progress on foot, bike or horse. However, we'll save that rant for another day. The remaining part of the route is all downhill and easy going, through Carperby and back down to Aysgarth Falls. We could have stopped at the pub for a pint but opted for an ice cream at the Mill Race Tearoom instead: a very satisfying way to end an excellent walk on a fine warm day. After the solitude of much of the day, the throng of people at the falls was a sharp contrast; but that's the beauty of the dales: it's good to see all the people enjoying themselves but it's never very difficult to find places where there's peace and quiet.

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August 20th Benefice Communion, St Mary & St John's Church, Hardraw at **9.00am. Rev Dave Clark.**

August 27th Lakeside Service with Hawes Silver Band, Semerwater at **3.00pm. Rev Dave Clark.**

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Taking Time

It's August and school's out heralding the start for many of the season of family holidays and an opportunity to break away from the usual routine.

The Welsh poet W.H.Davies is perhaps best remembered for this opening line from his poem 'Leisure': 'What is this life if, full of care, we have no time to stand and stare?' Successfully used in recent years in a leisure company's television promotion, it invites us to pause and consider all that is around us with fresh insight. Living in the beautiful landscape of Upper Wensleydale there is much to be gained from doing precisely that, and so the Dale will soon

be filling with visitors seeking recreation and rest from the usual routine. We aim to do the same this month with a break from our usual rhythm of worship across the Benefice.

I like to have a few books lined up for such a time as this and one that has caught my eye is that of the Japanese theologian Kosuke Koyama, 'Three Mile an Hour God'. Koyama explores the wonder that in Christ, God chose to walk amongst us but did so at an average speed of 3mph. That's nice and steady. That's creating opportunity to see and observe what is taking place around you. Perhaps that is one of the reasons that Jesus had such a successful ministry, even in the three short years he had. He took time.

In the years that I have been walking with Jesus (sadly not always at 3mph) I have learnt that I only ever find true rest and restoration when I choose to slow down and spend time with Him. Why not give this a try? I commend Him to you. May this month of August bring to your heart and home the peace and refreshing you long for.

'Walk with me learn the unforced rhythms of grace.' Matthew 11:28

Rev Dave

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