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Guest Editorial

Climate Change or Changing Nature

If, like me, you're a lover of wildlife you'll know how easy it is to lose time just gazing or waiting, watching, and listening. Everyday chores can easily be disrupted by the chance sighting of something new or the return of a regular animal visitor.

My wildlife experiences are emotive, rather than educational. For me the value is gained through the feelings that an encounter with an animal elicits rather than being able to tick it off a wish list or knowing all the facts and figures of its life. So, let's just say that I'm writing this piece not as an expert but merely as an intrigued observer.

Over the last 10 years our exposed, high-altitude abode has witnessed many wildlife changes and thankfully some consistencies too. When we first arrived, our garden and surrounding fields supported a good range of bird and wildlife and sharing our space with these mostly charming visitors was, and still is, a pleasure. But whether down to climate change or simply a change in nature, we have seen a decline in both numbers and diversity of wildlife.

During our first few years we were blessed with a thriving community of House Sparrows who 'owned' the ivy at the front of the house. These cheeky entertainers bickered, scrapped, and played their time away, often popping out to check up on anyone who dared to venture up the garden path. Loyalty was not their strong point though, and they were often seen hopping around to the other local bird feeders, mystery shopping for the best delicacies. These days we see the odd Sparrow couple, and even then, only as they're passing through.

A couple of Robins guarded the garden providing a splash of winter colour and a ring-side seat for those territorial spats. My favourite, the feisty Wrens, have been a consistent pleasure living in the stone walls, flitting amongst the shrubs, and successfully fledging tiny brown balls of fluff each year. They seem to thrive despite the blustery, wet conditions and the growing predator population. Both Robin and Wren are still welcome 'good neighbours'.

Dunnocks loyally stay with us and while some people may describe them as drab, I love the way these brown coated workers diligently rustle and stomp through the leaves and

undergrowth, searching out tasty morsels such as insects, worms, and seeds.

Most Wensleydale residents will be familiar with the distinctive and evocative 'dliui kleui' call of the Curlew. Despite being 'Red' UK conservation status, our moorland area seems to provide a safe breeding ground and we often sit in the early spring evenings watching and listening as these charismatic birds fly overhead. I read recently that eggs from the Dales breeding sites are being sent to the south of England to help rebuild these endangered Curlew populations.

Through the years the Blue Tits and Great Tits have been consistent companions but their numbers have steadily declined. Early on we were honoured by a fleeting visit from a – yes just one – Long-Tailed Tit. Other singularly splendid visitors were the Siskin and the Greenfinch – a lucky spot sadly not yet repeated.

The stunning jewel-like clusters of Goldfinches have been replaced by the swirling, chattering murmuration of Starlings. These intelligent, boisterous birds are just simple, honest entertainment and when I see them now, I remember my time as a student in Leeds when the racket of roosting Starlings in the central city's great buildings heralded dusk. I remember too the council's attempts to move them on and the unusual city sight of falconers flying with hawks and falcons. But in the end 'success' was achieved by covering the buildings in nets and spikes – a sad solution. Some see Starlings as pests, personally I'd rather accept and enjoy the noisy intrusion.

No garden is complete without songbirds and I'm happy to say that Blackbirds and Thrush still nest and live close by providing a calming soundtrack to spring and early summer. Numbers have declined over the last 10 years but we're hopeful as they return to nest in the pyracanthas each year.

As with many rural gardens we are home to dare I say it too many rabbits and field mice. The Rabbits appear to spend most of their time trying to break into our Colditz like anti-rabbit fencing and the mice building nests in lofts and even a welly (complete with shredded sock). Now the Rabbits have been joined by Hares. Over the last couple of years, possibly because Covid lockdown pushed back human interference we now regularly see Hares—what a privilege.

But we have also seen an increase in the predator. The graceful but deadly Sparrowhawk, diving into the garden and exiting in a puff of tiny feathers, with our small bird population one less and the hawk fed for another day. The stunning Barn Owl patrolling the fields for Mice and Voles and the Little Owl stationed on a gate post waiting for the right moment to pounce.

Our most recent predator arrivals are the Stoats nesting in field walls and intriguingly a loft, taking mostly Rabbits but not adverse to taking birds and worse still their eggs.


Each year I take part in the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch bird count, hiding inside our greenhouse on a cold January morning pen poised to count the different species visiting our garden. For the last few years I have counted only a few birds and my sad entry this year read Blue Tit – 1, Dunnock – 1.

Over the last 10 years the number and diversity of small birds has definitely declined, but other species – Stoats, Hares, Owls – appear to be growing in number. Could the loss of these small birds be down to climate change, wet and windy weather reducing insect and plant life or simply nature, with predators establishing themselves and driving out prey species? Or could it be me, unable to feed the birds as rodent pests thrive. Whatever the cause, our garden is a duller, sadder place without these small creatures.

Julia Newiss

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

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September Competition

Find the link word that joins these two words
 Example POD — AWAY. Answer: CAST.

- 1 PLAY - ANNOUNCER
- 2 INTER - BALL
- 3 YORKSHIRE - BASIN
- 4 HOT - ASH
- 5 TOMATO - KITCHEN
- 6 TABLE - STATION
- 7 HAY - LORD
- 8 JACK - BITE
- 9 SNOW - ROOM
- 10 BALLPARK - OUT
- 11 TIGHT - SHOP
- 12 RED - STONE
- 13 GARDEN - MARK
- 14 POOL - TOP
- 15 GOLD - TONE

Please send in your answers to arrive by **Tuesday, September 19th.**

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

August Competition Answers

- 1 Hardraw
- 2 Hawes
- 3 Raydale
- 4 Stake Allotments
- 5 Cams House
- 6 Whitfield Gill
- 7 Kidstones
- 8 Nappa Scar
- 9 Dodd Fell
- 10 Oxclose

Just a few correct entries for last month's competition and the winners are Roger and Maureen Emmins formally of Appersett whose charity to receive the £20 prize is the Hawes Little White Bus.

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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

You Should Come and See Us!

The internal refurbishment of the communal areas at Sycamore Hall in Bainbridge is now complete!

Sycamore Hall, a facility for independent living, was opened in 2007 and, since that time has undergone ongoing maintenance but was starting to look a bit tired. So, we were all delighted to learn that a full programme of refurbishment was planned for the property which began just before Christmas.

Contractors were brought in by Housing 21, who own and manage the facility, with the first stage of works being the replacement of all the lighting in the communal areas. This has seen the old lighting replaced by modern LED lights. The reduction of heat in the building has been amazing since these lights were installed and they are now only on if there is movement in the communal areas, This should represent a huge cost saving!

Since the start of 2023, work has been undertaken to completely re-decorate the communal areas in colour schemes chosen by residents. . The ground floor now has a muted woodland theme and the first floor is more 'coastal'. Once all the painting was complete, the flooring was replaced - new carpets upstairs and down and non-slip flooring in the main corridor, kitchens and tenanted commercial areas. This was by far the most challenging part of the works as you can imagine the disturbance when all the flooring was up and new bits being laid. Still, we survived with no-one getting stuck down in the glue!

Once all that was done, there was a slight delay until all the new furniture and fittings could be delivered. Very wisely, there had been an intentional delay to ensure that any over-run of works did not mean contractors had to work around boxes of furniture! As it was, delays were kept to a minimum by the fantastic contractors we had who were all very efficient and obliging.

The previous Day Centre is now a lovely lounge, used by residents and visitors, where they can sit on some comfy sofas to chat, read or puzzle away. A kitchen area with serving bar has been created here to allow self-service refreshments when required. The previous residents lounge is now a bright space, suitable for many of the activities and events held here, and will be the home for our weekly quiz/

bingo, coffee mornings and gentle exercise sessions. Why not join us?

We now have a second guest room, available to family and friends of residents at very reasonable prices, and, along with the original guest room, both are beautifully decorated and fitted with a wet room and kitchen area for a very comfortable stay. A cinema has also been created and a very large screen TV installed, funded through generous donations from local organisations. It is hoped that Sonja and Karen can get arrangements in place for film showings during the autumn/ winter period, hopefully involving the local community as well as residents, once the necessary licences are in place.

The restaurant now has a lovely new serving bar, along with the new furniture and is very bright and airy - a lovely place to join us for lunch. Our commercial tenants (Sycamore Country Store; Sonja's Salon with Mabel and Maisy's Mini Emporium and Sycamore Restaurant) have all benefited from a refresh as part of the scheme and are ready to welcome you to benefit from what they have to offer. Come in to check them out!

To finish off the scheme, lovely soft furnishings arrived and 129 specially commissioned photographs were taken of the local area. These have all been framed and adorn the walls of the communal areas. All in all, the place is almost unrecognisable and very up-to-the-minute! You really are encouraged to come along and check it out for yourself. Most of our commercial businesses are open during the week, our events and activities are open to all and we very much welcome members of our local communities, and visitors to the area, to come and see us.

The next stage of the refurbishment includes the installation of electric car charging points, (which will be available for public use) re-surfacing of the car park, creation of new footpaths around the grounds and installation of new garden furniture. We have not finished yet! Once all that is done, there are plans to replace windows, doors, kitchens and bathrooms, so some way to go yet. Thank you Housing 21.

We cannot think of a more wonderful facility in which to enjoy our latter years in the Dales. We are very lucky to have this facility here and want it to be very much a part of our local community. Do come and join us.

Notes from Thorney Mire

Late Summer

I was standing in the courtyard admiring some flowers in a planter when I was aware of a movement to my left. Suddenly I was face to face with a red squirrel on the wall. We stared at each other for a while before it decided that it didn't like the look of me and shot off across the road and disappeared into the branches of a tree. It really was a close encounter. The camera which was set up in the wood a few weeks ago eventually revealed a grey squirrel. A trap was set and within a few hours the grey was caught. A similar thing happened a few days later, two grey squirrels were caught in a short space of time.

Driving down our lane I could see something, couldn't tell what, by the verge on the road. In the blink of an eye, a stoat appeared out of the grass and dragged whatever it was into the undergrowth. In the few seconds it took us to reach the place where the action had been, there was no sign of stoat or prey.

We saw a hare near Semerwater and know that we have one in our area. On a dull, overcast afternoon, in a field near our house, we saw, sticking up through the grass what we thought, were the ears of the hare. It was a little distance away and was mostly hidden by the vegetation. It stared at us for a while and something made me doubt that it was a hare. When it stood up it was a fawn, not very old. It turned and ran away and in doing so disturbed a second deer which didn't look fully grown, but could have been

because I only got a fleeting glimpse of it. That one too ran away from us. Then, and we couldn't believe our eyes, a third deer came into view, this one was fully grown. We only saw them for a short time before they ran off together in the direction of the wood and out of sight.

I have only seen one hedgehog this year so far and that one was ambling across the road leading from Hawes to Appersett. I drove on with my heart in my mouth hoping that a vehicle would not come in the opposite direction until it had time to cross the road. I think it would have made it, but it shouldn't have been out in the daytime anyway.

There has been a lot of bird activity in our garden this summer. The thrush which successfully reared a very healthy looking family of three in a nest in the clematis earlier in the season, must have gone broody again straight away and I could hardly believe it when in no time at all, there were three more healthy chicks sitting in the nest.

A spotted flycatcher, nesting in the jasmine managed to produce five young. They couldn't hang around too long before fledging as the nest originally belonged to a wren and space was a bit limited for five flycatchers. An extension had been built onto the nest at some time, a sort of annexe, but it wasn't used.

The garden has also been full of noisy wrens who must have nested near by. Earlier in the Summer when it was light until late evening, at around 9pm, just as if they had set their alarm clocks, thrushes and blackbirds decided to give an aerial display in front of the living room window. It was very distracting especially if you were trying to watch television and could give you a start when occasionally they flew into the glass in the window. Fortunately none were injured, just stunned. Willow warblers have been



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around. I don't know where they have nested but I have seen several in the garden.

The two swallows which nested in the outbuilding produced three young, maybe four, they didn't stay still long enough for me to count. The parents were very industrious and were flying constantly through a six inch diameter pipe which was their entrance to the building. On several occasions they only just missed colliding with each other. These baby swallows seemed reluctant to leave and who could blame them with the wet, windy weather we were having. Who wants to go outside and get cold and wet and blown about when you can stay cosy inside? They eventually came out in the daytime but were ready for returning to the nest at night. One afternoon when I thought they had left I walked into the building, which isn't very big and I must have disturbed them for suddenly four swallows were circling around me. It was like one of those cartoon characters when they've bumped their head and are in pain and the cartoonist draws stars whizzing around the head of the unfortunate victim. The swallows did eventually fledge and one day we counted thirty swallows sitting on the wires, but I don't think all of them had nested around here.

We have not had any house martins this year. I still find it amazing that these tiny little creatures sitting in a nest on the beam of the outbuilding will fly all the way to Africa and hopefully all the way back again to nest in the same place. I didn't tell them before they left that if they do make it back, they will be nesting in the eaves next year. All inside accommodation is out of bounds until they are house trained.

Sylvia Turner

Churches Together Harvest Celebration

Everyone is welcome at **6.30pm on Sunday, September 17th** at Hawes Market House for our annual Harvest Celebration, this year lead by Rev. Gillian Lunn with Hawes Silver Band. Come along and be part of this great community event.

Kathleen Martin

Would like to thank all her family, friends and neighbours for all the cards, gifts and flowers given to her for her 80th birthday.

Events in Reeth Memorial Hall

Saturday, September 9th – Chris Wood - Singer songwriter, guitarist and winner of six 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). Tickets £15 (£17 door).

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

Tickets are half price for under 16s. Doors open **7.30pm for an 8.00pm** start.



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Wath Morris Bainbridge Weekend

September 9th - 10th

On the weekend of **September 9th - 10th**, Wath Morris will be once again touring upper Wensleydale and performing English Morris Dances, Yorkshire sword dancing and singing local and regional folk songs. This tradition started around fifty years ago and most years since the team have had a weekend based in the region.

Although Morris Dancing traditionally was predominantly performed in more southern counties, in the upper dales there was a tradition of sword dancing particularly in Gayle, Redmire, Arkengarthdale, Muker and Bellerby. Wath Morris will be performing the Flamborough Sword dance and are currently practicing the Arkengarthdale sword dance.



The performances are free to attend and a rare opportunity to see these English traditional dances performed in the Yorkshire Dales.

On the Saturday evening (**September 9th**), the team are inviting along everyone to join them for a night of songs and music in the Bainbridge Village Hall and any folk performers are more than welcome to come along and perform. The evening is free and runs from **8.00pm to 11.00pm** – Bring your own refreshment.

The dance itinerary for the weekend is:

SATURDAY 9th

10.00am. Dancing at Aysgarth National Park Visitor Centre.

11.30am. Dancing in Leyburn Market Place.

12.30pm. Dancing at The Black Bull, Middleham followed by singing afterwards.

2.30pm. Dancing at The Fox, West Witton.

3.30pm. Dancing at the Fox and Hounds, West Burton.

8.00pm – 11.00pm. Bainbridge Village Hall Informal music and songs – open invitation.

SUNDAY 10th

10.30am. Dancing at Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge.

11.30am. Dancing at Hawes Countryside Museum.

12.30pm. Dancing at The Board Inn, Hawes.

1.30pm. Dancing at Wensleydale Creamery, Hawes.

If you want any further information, please contact Wath Morris at: wathmorris@aol.com or visit our website: www.wath-morris.co.uk.

Financial Assistance for Students - 2023/2024

Grants are being offered to students under the age of 25, who live in Upper Wensleydale, and are moving into, or are already within, higher education for the academic year 2023/24. The grants are awarded to provide students with financial assistance in meeting educational costs, including transport costs.

The Trustees of Yorebridge Education Foundation are now inviting grant applications; applicants should provide details of their age, the educational establishment that they are to attend, their chosen course, how they would use the grant if awarded one, plus any additional information that they consider relevant.

Students are welcome to apply this year even if they have been awarded a grant in previous years.

All applications must be received by 31st December 2023 and should be sent electronically to The Clerk: clerk@yef.org.uk or by post to: The Trustees Yorebridge Education Foundation c/o The Haven, Askrigg, DL8 3HN.

Stalling Busk Schoolroom

Harvest Supper

Friday, September 29th at 7.30pm

Speaker:- Andrew Craske

'A Journey Through Ireland Past and Present'

Heavens Above

It's a pity cloudy weather spoiled our view of last month's Perseids meteor shower. Apparently, it was one of the best displays for years with over a 100 'shooting stars' an hour recorded from places where there were clear skies. This month we have the Harvest Moon, always a spectacular sight just after it has risen and still low over the horizon. It is also a 'supermoon', the last of four this year, so it should appear even bigger and brighter than normal. Have a look for yourself shortly after moonrise around **7.00 pm on September 29th**.

Just under a week before the Harvest Moon we have the Autumn Equinox when the Sun heads south again across the equator, the nights become longer than the days, and Autumn in the northern hemisphere officially begins. In the night sky there's already a marked changeover in the seasons. The three bright Summer Triangle stars are still reasonably high in the south-west but by late-evening early on in the month, Autumn's main constellation, Pegasus the Winged Horse, with its famous Square dominates the view south. The Square, formed by four medium-bright stars, is fairly easy to recognise as it lies in a sparsely populated part of the sky. Trailing away from the Square's top left-hand corner you'll find a short chain of three stars representing Andromeda, the beautiful princess in the old Greek myths who was rescued by Perseus from the clutches of the dreadful sea-monster, Cetus. On a clear dark night you might just spot the Great Andromeda galaxy as a hazy patch of light just above the second star along in the chain. At a distance of over 2,000,000 light years it is reckoned to be the most remote object visible to the naked human eye.

On the planetary front this month you can't miss giant Jupiter shining brilliantly low in the east just after **9.00pm**. It stays visible all night long as does the ringed planet, Saturn, which stands due south early on in the evening. Neptune, the outermost planet, lying to the left of Saturn, is also on view throughout the night but you'll need a really good pair of binoculars or a telescope to catch sight of it. Venus, the second planet out from the Sun, is now a dazzling 'Morning Star'. It reaches its maximum brightness, magnitude minus 4.5, in the early hours of **September 18th**. A beautiful sight low in the east just before dawn. Have clear skies!

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News from Dales Countryside Museum

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September is exhibition change over month, but you still have time to see Hester Cox's beautiful exhibition, *Within These Walls – Hay time in the Yorkshire Dales* before the last day on **Sunday, September 17th**. The exhibition has received wonderful feedback from visitors. It shares the history of hay time with oral history clips, archive photos of both local people and Irish workers as well as Hester Cox's stunning prints and installation.

On **Friday, September 22nd** we will be opening our next exhibition, in which three generations of the Hicks family, Peter Hicks, his daughter Beverley and granddaughter Phoebe, explore place and the cultural heritage of North Yorkshire in very individual ways.

The Dialect and Heritage project, led by the University of Leeds, working with Museum partners including DCM, continues to run until December. You can still contribute your words by filling in a survey from the Museum or by going online at <https://dialectandheritage.org.uk/>. We'll be sharing the results of the thousands of surveys and words that have been submitted.

Andrew Fagg continues to produce the Voices from the Dales podcasts on behalf of the Museum. These entertaining episodes feature local people and oral history snippets from the archive. They can be found via the museum website or via any podcast app on your smartphone or tablet. We will be producing a further three episodes this autumn linked to dialect with support from the Friends of DCM. <https://www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk/explore/explore-the-museum/voices-from-the-dales-podcast/>.

The Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust Roadshow visited the Museum in August with their amazing Rivers2U mobile classroom. People were able to find out how rivers form, about rivers and their wildlife, and identify the amazing freshwater invertebrates which live in our rivers. We are currently asking people if they would be interested in a project called Rivers4Life that we

hope to run in 2024/25, including community and school activities and a summer long exhibition. If you're interested in the health of our rivers and are keen to link with our proposed project, please get in touch.

Our Scurry Club pass for children (£10) has been great for families looking for school holiday activities. With a Scurry Club pass, 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. Events are listed below, but keep an eye on our Facebook page and website too! www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk.

In September our Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists' Club will be visiting Richmond Castle to experience the sights and sounds of life in a Norman Castle with Conquest, the Norman re-enactment society. The club meets once a month on a **Saturday morning, 10.00am –noon**. Please call **01969 666210** if you'd like to join in or email dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk. Young people age 8 – 17 years are welcome to come along to try a session from October onwards.

What's on in September...

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

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.

Hawes Town Trail.

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 the lovely market town of Hawes and the village of Gayle.

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. No dogs allowed.

Local and Family History workshop.

Sunday, September 10th. 1.30pm-4.30pm.

Join Judy Rhodes for an afternoon introductory workshop for those new to local and family history. £30 Booking Essential.

Stories and legacies of the black residents of the Yorkshire Dales and the Lancashire Coast in the 18th century.

Friday, September 15th. 7.30pm-9.00pm.

Robert Bullock talks about the stories and legacies of the black residents of the Yorkshire Dales and the Lancashire Coast in the 18th century. A Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum evening lecture. Donations welcome.

Woolly Wander Experience.

Sunday, September 17th. 10.00am - 4.00pm.

Walk with the Alpacas at Semerwater and return to the Museum in the afternoon to make your own felted picture. £50 Materials and delicious light lunch by the Firebox Cafe included. Booking essential.



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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, September 10th:

10.30am Holy Communion Benefice Service.

Revd Jeff Payne will speak about the environment and climate change. St Andrew's Aysgarth.

Sunday, September 17th:

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, September 24th:

9.30am Holy Communion,
St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

11.00am Harvest service,
St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.

4.00pm Harvest service,
Thornton Rust Mission Room.

September Mid-Week Services:

Thursday 14th and 28th at 9.30am.
Holy Communion, at St. Bartholomew's,
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Church Coffee Morning: **Wednesday, September 6th from 10.30am to noon** at Redmire Village Hall.

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LWB and DalesBus have worked together to bring back the Sunday Hawes-Garsdale station shuttle (which on Sundays is also running to Bainbridge, Askrigg, Carperby and Castle Bolton). Printed timetables available from the DCM and UWCO.

Garsdale station train information.

It has been reported that the new automated information displays on the platforms at Garsdale (and some other Settle-Carlisle stations) are sometimes - but not always - operating in reverse. This has potentially disastrous travel consequences for any passengers who were to catch a train in the opposite direction from their intended destination.

The correct platform for trains going north to Carlisle is on the SAME SIDE as the houses and signal box; the correct platform for trains going south to Leeds is on the OPPOSITE side from the houses and signal box.

The Friends of the Settle-Carlisle line have reported this problem to Northern, who installed the displays, but any further reports noting date, time and if possible photos, might help in resolving it.

Ruth Annison

Wensleydale Railway News

All aboard the 'Gin Train Experience'
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We are pleased to announce that we will once again be hosting the Taplin and Mageean Gin Train. Enjoy a full range of their award winning Gin and Tonics from the comfort of a private carriage travelling through the spectacular Yorkshire Dales scenery on our Railway!

The train will depart Leyburn at **12.30pm**. Sit back with a gin and enjoy the 45-minute journey to Leeming Bar. Next stop is a tour of the Taplin and Mageean distillery and presentation about their gins. For more details and to book - <https://wensleydale-railway.co.uk/gintrainexperience/>.

The Afternoon Tea Train will be running on **October 15th**. Cost is £45 per head – Children 14 and under £25. For details and to book see <https://wensleydale-railway.co.uk/leeming-bar-and-leyburn-timetable-tea/>. Explore the Dale between Leeming Bar and Leyburn on one of our heritage diesel trains. Start your journey at Leeming Bar and travel west up the dale to Leyburn before returning to Leeming Bar two hours later. There is free parking at Leeming Bar and the newly refurbished Station House takes you back in time to see what life was like at the Station in the 1920s. You can do this either before you start your journey or upon your return. All tickets are rovers so hop on or off where you want.

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Poetry in the Summer

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Robert Powell was born in Canada and now lives in York. He has published four collections of poetry - Harvest of Light (2007), All (2015), Riverain (2018), and Lost and Found (2021). He was artist in residence with the Kone Foundation in 2018 and in 2019 produced Notes From a Border River, inspired by time in Northern Ireland during Brexit negotiations. He has worked with other artists on short films and performances, and is currently writer in residence at York Civic Trust.

Sarah Wimbush is a Yorkshire poet and the recipient of a Northern Writers' Award. Her first collection, Shelling Peas with My Grandmother in the Gorgiolds, was published with Bloodaxe in 2022. She has published two prize-winning pamphlets: Bloodlines (Seren, 2020) and The Last Dinosaur in Doncaster (Smith|Doorstop, 2021). Her poems have recently appeared in Poetry Wales, Magma, Poetry Salzburg Review and in the celebratory Plath anthology, After Sylvia, (Nine Arches Press, 2022). www.visitchurches.org.uk

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The 105th Moorcock Show

Time passes very quickly, and this year's show will take place on **Sunday, September 3rd** at the show ground at Mossdale Farm, Thwaite Bridge which is on the Hawes/Sedbergh Road. Just follow the signs and you will get there.

It is no longer just a sheep show, there are many other attractions which will interest and entertain you. Again, this year there will be the popular cookery demonstrations provided by a leading chef from the Aysgarth Falls Hotel.

There will also be free adventure activities for the children; not forgetting our craft tent and the Hawes Silver Band who will be playing two sessions.

If you have children who attend the Hawes Junior School, why not come along to see the pupils' entries to our handwriting competition and find out who are the winners. Entry to the show is just £5 per adult, children are free.

DalesBus and Little White Bus will be providing an extra bus to the Moorcock Show. The extra journey will leave the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes at **12.10pm** and return from the show at **2.30pm**. Seats are just £4 return and must be booked online at www.trybooking.co.uk/CPQB.

This extra bus to/from the show will connect with the usual Sunday DalesBus 855 from Castle Bolton, Carperby, Askrigg and Bainbridge to Hawes so passengers from further down the dale can also easily visit the show. Tickets from Castle Bolton to Hawes should be bought on the bus as usual.

Alternatively, passengers from Hawes can board the regular Sunday service 855 bus in Hawes at **10.10am, 4.10pm and 5.40pm** and ask the driver to drop them at the showground. The bus will return to Hawes at **10.50am, 4.35pm and 6.00pm**. Single fares on this service are just £2 – pay the driver by cash or

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Division One has been won by Middleham Quoits Club with The Bridge, Grinton, coming second. Closer to home, The Fountain, Hawes, are top of Division Two and are playing it out with the George and Dragon, Aysgarth, Kirby Malzeard B and the White Rose, Askrigg.

The Fountain, Hawes, are also heading to the final of the League KO Cup after beating White Rose, Askrigg, in the semi-final. The Fountain are facing Kirby Malzeard in the final at the Dalesman's Club after this issue goes to press.

A special mention must also go to the Bolton Arms, Redmire, a team which was reformed from complete beginners just a few years ago and has always propped up the bottom of the league. Redmire's good humour and tenacity finally paid off last month when they won a match for the first time in years. For more information see the league's Facebook page The Dales Quoits League.

Medieval Music in the Dales

Theme: Transitions: The Fifteenth Century. **September 8th to 10th** at Bolton Castle and St Oswald's Church. Concerts, talks, workshops, one-to-one tutoring with leading musicians, music-making all around Bolton Castle, instrument makers selling their fascinating creations. Medieval Music in the Dales is the UK's only festival of medieval music and has got it all for music and history lovers! This year we are focusing on the fifteenth century, which means an incredible range of instruments and lots of glorious polyphony.

Come along to Bolton Castle over the weekend to get a taster or come to an evening concert in St Oswald's on Friday or Saturday evening or buy a Festival Pass to access all the daytime concerts and workshops and enjoy the evening tavern scene as well. More info available at www.medievalmusicinthedales.co.uk.
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Sycamore Hall News

On **Thursday, September 28th** we will be holding a Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Please come along from **10.30am** to join us. If you wish to bring a donation of cakes we will be happy to accept these to sell at the event.

We are now starting to think about the festive season and making plans for various celebrations - watch this space for more information in due course! In the meantime, we continue with our regular activities and the various businesses based here are ready and waiting to welcome you. - do visit us soon!

More information on all our facilities and events can be obtained from **Nicky Cooper, Housing Manager, on 0370-102-4055**.

Basil Allen

Lesley, Richard and the family of the late Basil Allen wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kindness and sympathy shown and for the letters, cards and messages of condolence and support received following their recent sad loss.

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Penhill Ladies

Our summer outing took place on a pleasantly sunny **August 16th**. Fosters coaches collected members and friends from Carperby, Redmire and Leyburn. Shibden Hall was our first stop where (after a coffee) the stunning building impressed us with its wooden panelling, artwork and artefacts giving us an impression of life in the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries in Halifax. The history of Anne Lister's home (Gentleman Jack) fascinated all, and the parkland was appreciated in the good weather.

A brief transfer took us to Halifax centre where many of us enjoyed a delicious lunch at one of the many courtyard cafes and restaurants of the Piece Hall. This was followed by a perusal of the many boutique shops and maybe a trip into the main shopping area to visit Marks and Spencer or some such.

A happy time for the Ladies of Wensleydale, thanks to all who made it happen.

For our **September 20th** meeting we are delighted to have Peter Lohmeyer with us giving a talk entitled "Playboy and the Bunnies". Peter used to work for the Telegraph newspaper, then at Playboy magazine and is a very entertaining speaker.

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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September

- 1 Dominoes. Carperby Institute. 7.30pm.
- 2 Wensleydale Concert Series 7.30pm.
St. Andrew's Aysgarth. See p. 27.
- 2 Poetry Readings. Wensley Church.
2.00pm. See p.14.
- 2 Gin Train Experience. See p. 13.
- 3 Moorcock Show. See p.15.
- 5 Askrigg Ladies Sing for Pleasure
7.30pm. See p. 35.
- 6 Muker Show. See p. 32.
- 7,14 Pink Pooch Photo Opportunity.
Scenic View Gallery, Reeth. 6pm-7pm.
- 8,9,10 Medieval Music. Bolton Castle.
See p. 16.
- 9 Reeth Memorial Hall Concert. 7.30pm.
See p. 7.
- 9 End of Hawes Library Summer
Reading Challenge. See p. 25.
- 9,10 Wath Morris Dancers. See p. 8.
- 10 Harvest Festival, Hardraw Church.
3.00pm. See p. 30.
- 15 Leyburn u3a talk. 10.00am at LACC.
See p. 25.
- 16 Wensleydale Concert Series 7.30pm.
St. Andrew's Aysgarth. See p. 27.
- 16 Gin Train Experience. See p. 13.
- 17 Churches Together Harvest
Celebration. Hawes Market House.
6.30pm. See p. 7.
- 17 Dalesplay Table Top Sale. Hawes
Market Hall. 10am to 4pm. See p. 33.
- 19 Local History Group talk. 2.00pm.
Middleham Key Centre. See p.30.
- 19 Yvonne Peacock Surgery. Hawes
Community Office. 10am – noon.
See p. 25.
- 20 Penhill Ladies Talk. Carperby Village
Institute. 7.30pm. See p.18.
- 23 Hawes Junction Chapel. Harvest
Festival 7.30pm. See p.22.
- 23,26,30 Quaker Tapestry. Bainbridge
Meeting House. 11am -3pm. See p. 19.
- 29 Stalling Busk Schoolroom. Harvest
Festival. 7.30pm. See p. 8.
- 30 Reeth Memorial Hall Concert. 7.30pm.
See p. 7.
- 30 First Richmondshire Concert. £20 ticket
See p. 22.
- 30 Gospel Choir Concert. 4.00pm.
St. Andrew's Church, Grinton.
See p.14.

Bainbridge W.I.

So, summer was nothing to write home about, but it didn't stop our ladies from getting out and about. Admittedly, the Walking Group are always on tenterhooks as to whether they can venture out but they did manage a walk around Semerwater eventually in some good weather. Their next jaunt is one around (not up!) Addlebrough, which suggests that it won't be too taxing, but you never know!

The Lunch Club ladies galloped off to The Saddle Rooms for a 'nosebag' of delicious food and the Garden Club headed to the homes of two of our members in Marssett and Bainbridge to see what was growing in their gardens. They always come home with tips and ideas, and sometimes even seeds and cuttings.

At our August meeting, we were joined by Colin Bailey who told us all about Bluebox Productions.

On **Sunday, August 20th** we were out on Bainbridge Village Green providing refreshments to those who had come along to the Bainbridge Motor Club Vintage MotorFest. Despite the less than ideal weather that week we were fortunate to have a nice day and a steady trade.

Don't forget that our September meeting on **Thursday 21st** is an Open Meeting where we welcome anyone who would like to join us for the evening (no charge) at Bainbridge Village Hall. We will have a demonstration of flower arranging by Amy Fairburn of Leyburn, followed by refreshments. The evening starts at **7.30pm** - do come along.

The Committee have been very busy and have now planned the programme for 2024 which includes not only our monthly meetings but also numerous trips and activities. It is already sounding like a busy and fun year!

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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	Evening Prayer 4pm
Friday Sept 1st	Sycamore Hall – Communion Service in the long Lounge – 10am				
Sept 3 rd	 The Gathering - Benefice Family Communion St Margaret's - 10.30				Evening prayer by telephone
Sept 10 th	A Yorkshire Harvest Celebration and Tea 3PM	Ecumenical Service with Gayle Chapel in St Margaret's	A Yorkshire Harvest Celebration at Lowlands Farm in Askrigg. or St Oswald's if wet weather.	Joining Hardraw Church for A Yorkshire Harvest Celebration and Tea at 3PM	Evening prayer by telephone
Sept 17 th	Holy Communion	Family Worship	Morning Prayer		Evening prayer by telephone
Sept 24 th	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Pathfinders Sponsored Walk	Evening prayer by telephone

'Seedtime and Harvest'

With July being one of the wettest on record and August not feeling a great deal better, many of us are perhaps looking to September with the hope of an Indian summer; some late sunshine and welcome warmth before we consider reorganising the wardrobe and promoting the woolly jumpers back into circulation.

As children return to school and the summer holiday season draws to a close the rhythm of life in the dale changes once again and the great two day sheep show and sale in Hawes comes around once more filling the air with noise, chatter and anticipation. I have come to love the excited expectation that this time of year brings as the dedication and skill of our farmers is displayed and celebrated at this and other similar events. As a church in the Upper Dale we pray regularly for the fruitfulness of the land and for all those who work it, that they might know 'the favour of the Lord blessing the work of their hands' Psalm 90:17

September also brings the celebration of harvest in chapels and churches across the county and the Benefice of Upper Wensleydale will once again be hosting and enjoying a range of festivities both outdoors and in. As so many parts of the world continue to experience hunger it's right to be grateful for all that we have. Our very particular '**Yorkshire Harvest Celebration**' gives a Wensleydale 'twist' to the season and is based on an ancient tradition of offering and giving thanks for a range of locally associated goods such as wool, milk and cheese. Details of these and other services are given and it would be lovely to welcome you to any of them.

In the meantime, no matter what the weather might bring, we hold to God's promise that, '*As long as the earth endures seedtime and harvest will never cease.*' Genesis 8:22

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If you prefer to pick up tickets in person, go to Castle Hill Bookshop in Richmond (cash or cheque only). Rather send a cheque? If you're on our mailing list and haven't already bought tickets, we'll send you a paper order form in a few weeks.

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Fitness classes - via zoom or live class as indicated. Booking is essential for all classes.

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September Update

Supporting our activities

August was busy with very little time to catch a breather! While our sessions for young people paused for the holidays, the time was replaced with rehearsals for upcoming events. We are disappointed that not everyone was able to see the first performance by the Leyburn Jazz Collective but there is another opportunity as part of the Jazz Festival in October. This is a free event, but you still need to book your tickets to avoid disappointment.

Don't forget on **Friday, September 15th** we host our final coffee morning at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall. **Friday 29th** is our annual Quiz Night - Simon Eastwood at The Aysgarth Falls Café and Gift Shop. Tickets are £12 (including lasagne). The deadline to enter our Grand Prize Draw is also approaching. Prizes include colour TV, bluetooth speakers, hampers and vouchers to name a few. Tickets cost £1 and the closing date for entries is **Saturday, September 30th**. Do get in touch if you would like to enter and support the charity.

Taking part in our activities

There are more ways to take part in Leyburn Jazz Festival this year. You can see the full programme in our printed brochure or 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. We meet **Tuesdays 7.00pm - 9.30pm**.

Young People's workshops with Paul Edis. This year, there will be two afternoon workshops for 11-19yrs held on **Saturday, September 23rd and October 7th**. Some playing experience is desired. Other ages considered. Participants will then give a sharing performance at the Jazz Festival on **October 21st**.

Play, Record, Perform - our regular session for 11-19yrs will run on **Sundays 2.00pm -**

5.00pm at Thoraby Village Hall. Other ages are considered, do get in touch. We will also be running some Get Musical sessions soon for 6-11yrs as an introduction to group music-making.

Want to with us in the music and creative industries?

As well as our many volunteering opportunities, we are thrilled to announce we are launching a new project. Raising Creative Aspirations is backed by Youth Music, a national charity. We have an exciting opportunity for young people aged 18-25yrs who are interested in developing their creative ideas and career potential in the music industries. The roles are varied, freelance contracts, flexible hours, office or home working and include development time for personal projects. Contact us to arrange an informal chat to find out more and discuss your creative goals and aspirations.

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The Library Summer Reading Challenge runs until **September 9th**, so children have a week to get their books read and back to the library where they can collect their medals and certificates - well done to all those who have taken part this year, a really good effort by all involved.

Our local County Councillor, Yvonne Peacock, will be holding another Surgery on **Tuesday, September 19th, 10.00am to noon**, so please do come along and ask questions or share any concerns.

Hawes Post Office is now offering a new passport photo service. Although our Post Office branch is categorised as too small to offer HM Passport or DVLA licence renewal services, we *can* offer printed and digital photos that you may need for driving licences, passports, visas, other licences, ID badges etc.

As we head towards another winter, the County Council has launched its latest Home Upgrade Grant (HUG2). This is available to help homes that are not on mains gas and have poor quality insulation and inefficient heating systems. The link is on our Facebook page for those of you who do digital - for those who don't do digital, please call in and ask us about this.

Finally, we are going to be working with Community First Yorkshire to offer computer IT sessions in the library. These can be for absolute beginners, or for those who know their way around an email or Facebook but would like to be able to confidently access government, financial or health services safely.

Please pop in and see us if you would like to know more about these or any other services we offer, or you would like us to offer, in the Community Office.

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Leyburn and District u3a Group

The September meeting is on **Friday 15th** - Poetry by John Anderson. Doors open at **10.00am** at the Arts and Community Centre, Richmond Road, Leyburn. DL8 5DL.

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 850471** or email susiemellish@gmail.com.

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Look out for further details in next month's Newsletter.

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Mystery Picture

Last month's Mystery Picture was taken in Coverdale (see article below).

This unassuming old 'barn' used to have the lovely name of 'Sod Hall' on old OS maps (up to about 1912) but can you identify where you would find it?

Last Month's Mystery Picture

Last month's mystery picture showed a stone post with unusual cut-outs on it. There are several posts like this which can be found in Coverdale. These posts used to be one of the sides of old 'gates' in the area. The other post would just have the holes in it (see picture on left, below) rather than the L-shaped slots (see picture on right). Wooden 'poles' would then be slotted into the holes. These could be easily removed by the farmer – but not by a sheep or cow.



Wensleydale Concert Series

It is hard to believe that we end our 2023 series this month, it seems like only yesterday I was writing about our first concert in May. This year has seen some really superb musicians visiting Wensleydale and September is going to be no exception!

On Saturday, September 2nd we are privileged to welcome cellist Moray Welsh. Moray moved to Leyburn a few years ago but he has had a long and very distinguished international career as a soloist, chamber musician and for many years he led the cello section of the London Symphony Orchestra. He is joined by Martin Roscoe who is one of the busiest and highly respected British pianists of his generation. Their concert features Rachmaninoff's tremendous sonata for piano and cello, a set of variations and a sonata by Beethoven.

Our final concert, on **Saturday, September 16th** features the amazing French Horn player Ben Goldscheider (right) together with Huw Watkins. This will be Huw's second visit to the series. He is not only a brilliant pianist (often described as the busiest and most adaptable pianist on the British stage) but also a prolific composer. Ben won the brass section of the BBC Young Musician of the Year in 2016 and since then he has developed a brilliant career as a soloist and chamber musician, indeed as I put together the programme for the series in 2022 I was listening to him playing a concerto at the BBC Proms in the Albert Hall. Their concert is



hugely varied, with music that appeals to all tastes including Beethoven, Ravel, Schumann, Rachmaninoff and also includes a work by Huw Watkins and more. A great end to our 2023 series of concerts.

Both concerts are at **7.30pm** in St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth and tickets cost £15 (or £1 for anyone in full time education). You can also preorder a printed programme for £1 extra. If possible, please book in advance. You can find full details and order tickets online at our website www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk or our ticket agent TicketSource by phone on **0333 666 3366** (quote date, Wensleydale Concert Series and the musicians' names).

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Entries Now Open for our Children's Story Writing Competition

The Newsletter team invites primary school children to enter a story in our 2023 competition. Your story must be under 500 words long and can be about anything that captures your imagination. The new rule this year is that you must start your story with the words "What are you doing here?"

The competition was set up 5 years ago in memory of our late editor Alan Watkinson who always encouraged young people to explore their creative writing skills. Last year we had a wonderful variety of great stories that entertained and impressed our judge.

There are two categories in the competition; those in years 3 and 4 and those in years 5 and 6. There are wonderful prizes to be won and winning stories will appear in the February edition of the newsletter. Local Primary schools will be encouraging children to enter and can help with advice and access to computers.

So let your imagination run wild and email your story to uwnlinput@gmail.com by **Friday, November 10th**.

Prizes

The winner in each age group will receive a £50 book voucher and a trophy to keep.

The runners up in each age group will receive a £25 book voucher and all entrants will receive a certificate.

The winning stories will be published in the February edition of the UWNL.

The winning children will be invited to be correspondents for the newsletter for a year.

The winning children's Primary School will hold the Alan Watkinson Memorial Shield for 1 year and will also receive a book voucher for encouraging and collating entries.

How To Enter

Write your story – it must be type written and between 300 and 500 words long (your school can help you with access to computers and email).

Email your entry to uwnlinput@gmail.com.

Ensure your name, year group, and the name of your school is sent in with your entry.

Entries need to reach us by midnight on **Friday, November 10th**.

Rules

Your story must be between 300 and 500 words long.

Only one entry per person. The story must be your own original work and you must have your parent/guardian's permission to enter.

Entrants must be in years 3-6 at the time of entering, **attending a local Primary School and resident in the UWNL area**.

The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

The winners and runners-up will be notified by email via their school by on **December 8th**. Prizes will be awarded in local schools in **January 2024**.

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Tuesday, September 12th at 2.00pm. Live Event Cinema - André Rieu's 2023 Maastricht Concert: Love Is All Around. £12 (or £6 for our Volunteers, or £10 for Tuesday Club members).

Saturday, September 16th 11.00am to 4.00pm. Social Event. Community Shed Family Fun Day.

We've already ordered the fine weather! There will be lots going on, for all ages, including demonstrations of crafts, activities for young people, a 'Bloke Stuff' stall of useful (?) old tools etc, Target Golf, Splat the Rat, Spin the Wheel, Giant Buzz Wheel etc. Come along and have a coffee and home made cake in our café. Get the date in your diaries! It's free entry.

Our Knit and Natter group are busy making poppies again for Remembrance events in November. If you are able to knit or crochet or sew, and wish to support, all contributions will be appreciated at the Centre.

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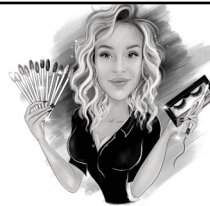
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Chris Hogg, a retired professional photographer and film maker is descended from families which have lived in Coverdale and Wensleydale for well over 250 years, these are the Hoggs, Storeys and Watsons.

His grandmother Amelia Hogg died aged 82 in 1967 and was laid to rest with her husband John among their kith and kin in Coverham Churchyard. In due course he inherited a battered old tin trunk which had belonged to Amelia. Work and family commitments meant that the trunk, apart from an occasional raid for family photographs, remained to one side and largely ignored until Chris retired.

When he eventually found the time to explore the contents it became clear that the photographs, ephemera, books and objects located inside revealed a personal family history, answering questions, opening up stories and giving insights into a way of Dales life which is now long gone.

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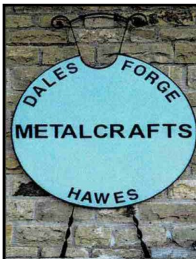
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2023 Muker Show

The 116th Grand Annual Show will be held in Muker on **Wednesday, September 6th**.

A small traditional agricultural show in idyllic Upper Swaledale. Run by volunteers, nothing fancy, just good old community spirit.

Bring your chairs, sun hats, brollies and wellies (just in case) and enjoy a day of Swaledale sheep showing, sheep dog running, produce, crafts and horticulture exhibits. Watch the children's sports and the famous Fell Race. All accompanied by the magnificent sounds of Muker Silver Band. Finish your day by joining the band in the village for community singing at **5.00pm**.

A traditional catering tent provides refreshments on the show field and afternoon teas are available in the village hall from **2.00pm** onwards. . Please note that the catering tent is **CASH ONLY**.

The show opens at **10.00am** with the procession of officials and judges from the Farmers Arms led by Muker Band.

Visitor Information;

Entry Fee: Adults £10; Children (5-15years) £2, under 5 free. Catalogue £2. Entry is paid for at the show field gate on the day. Entry tickets cannot be purchased in advance.

Free car parking is provided. Follow the signage in the village. Disabled parking: Blue badge holders can use the reserved parking area adjacent to the show field. To access this on show day, drive into the village centre and follow "permit holders only" signs to the show field. A steward will direct you to the parking. You do not need to apply in advance.

Well behaved dogs are permitted on the show field but must be kept on a fixed lead. Dogs are not permitted in the sheep pen area.

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Our holiday club this summer has been filled with laughter and fun. Our theme was ‘the seaside’, the children enjoyed making aquariums, decorating frisbees and yoyos to take home, making kites, playing with the beach balls and lots more. We have welcomed some new children into the setting over the summer and the diary is filling up fast for Autumn/ Winter 2023/2024 with very limited spaces left available. If you are wanting to join the setting we do advise you to get in touch as soon as possible by emailing dalesplay1@btconnect.com and we can arrange to show you around and advise what spaces we have left available.

Our next Table Top sale will be held on **Sunday, September 17th** in Hawes Market Hall, **10.00am - 4.00pm**. Come along for homemade refreshments, a wide range of stalls and a go on our tombola. All money raised will be put towards refurbishing the children’s story corner in our Ducklings room. We would be very grateful for any tombola prizes you are able to donate. They can be left in our collection tub in our main entrance.

Dalesplay continues to offer a food bank from our main entrance, our shelves are stocked with food items and toiletries, please do come and help yourself if you need anything, we are open **8.00am - 5.30pm Monday - Friday**. Alternatively you can email us at dalesplay1@btconnect.com and we can confidentially arrange to get some food to you, With rising living costs we understand it can be difficult.

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PINKtober in the Dales

In October Reeth and Grinton will be turning pink to raise awareness and vital funds for breast cancer research on behalf of CRUK. A month long programme of events has been planned and supported by local businesses. The month kicks off with a walk from Reeth green at **2.00pm on October 1st** to Grinton supported by Reeth’s fabulous band. The month will end with an open invitation to join us in Reeth Community Orchard to celebrate our efforts and hold a candle ceremony. Helen’s Hearts of a Hope will be the centre piece with a tree filled with pink hearts with messages of hope to beat this disease together. Hearts available to buy in Reeth businesses.

Reeth and Grinton will be decorated pink all month thanks to the army of wonderful volunteers from all around the country who have been tirelessly knitting and sewing pink bunting. There will be many events throughout the month including a fashion show, quiz nights, music events, craft fair, head shave, pink pooch photo exhibition, Great Dales bake off and coffee morning and much more. Hope there is something to interest everyone. Scenic View have kindly offered to photograph your pooch and photos will form part of the exhibition. Pink pooch bandanas are available in the Scenic View gallery and the Kings Head for £3.

We hope this will be a truly memorable month and raise as much money as possible whilst having great fun in the community in the process. We hope you can come along and support CRUK and help us raise as much money as possible. If you would like to get involved, donate a raffle or a pink tombola prize or buy a ticket for an event please contact me on Pinktoberinthedales@gmail.com.

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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 thirteenth 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!

Further details from Diana Hartley, musical director of both groups at d7.hartley@googlegmail.com. Or **01969 650245**.

Stalling Busk Church News

On the second Sunday of every month St Matthews' Church, Stalling Busk hosts a soup lunch from **12.30pm** before a communion service starting at **1.30pm**. It is always wonderful to have local residents and visitors from the area joining us for lunch. In July, with the glorious sunshine the church community broke away from the traditional soup lunch, as the sun was shining, and instead enjoyed afternoon tea in the church garden.

St Matthew's Church hosts Pathfinders, a church youth group for 9-13 year olds that meet on the 4th Sunday in Busk's school room at **3.15pm**. On **September 24th**, the group will be completing a sponsored walk around Semerwater Lake.

Our annual bread sale will take place on **October 8th**. The produce sale will take place during the soup lunch and the communion service will follow afterwards. We hope to see lots of you there.

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