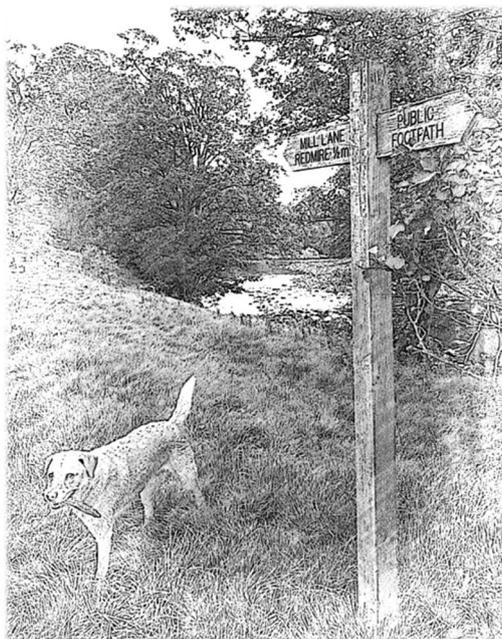


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Guest Editorial

I am standing on my soap box, speaking out on behalf of all dinosaurs like me who are lamenting the gradual decline of customer service in both banking and retail. Am I the only person in the country who prefers the personal approach to making transactions and would rather hear a cheery “Hello, may I help you?” rather than the bleeping of faceless machines which are taking over? Now don’t get me wrong, I’m not a modern day Luddite, I like technology when it suits me, but I think it’s a shame when society is pushed into spending more time with electronic devices rather than with their fellow humans.

Our shopping habits have changed a lot in the last few decades. Going into a grocery store and being served over the counter has long vanished into the mists of time and will only be remembered by those of us from the Jurassic period. We’ve had years to get used to pushing a trolley with squeaky wheels around a supermarket, going in for fifteen items and coming out with thirty and now we are losing our checkout assistants. These are becoming increasingly difficult to find. I think they have been added to the endangered species list and I rather suspect in time will become totally extinct, like bus conductors. In their place, battalions of self-service machines are being installed, why? Is it to save time? Do we have a labour shortage or, has some executive had a light bulb moment and said, “Here’s a good idea, let’s get the customers to serve themselves, that will save a bob or two on the wages bill? Not only do the checkout staff perform a useful service, they also unwittingly provide a social need. There are a lot of lonely people out there and I know for a fact that for some of them, sometimes, the only conversation they have all day is at the checkout. You can’t have a discussion about the weather, the state of the economy, or who is going to win Strictly with a machine, well not yet anyway, who knows where AI will take us?

Hopefully the assistants will not disappear altogether. Have these retail giants given any thought to people with disabilities? Providing someone to patrol the machines with “Happy to Help” written across their backs is not the answer.

D.I.Y. now really does mean D.I.Y. I was in a garden centre / home improvement store with a flatbed trolley containing large bags of compost,

overhanging 8ft canes, which probably should have had a warning flag attached and other gardening paraphernalia. I managed to drag the trolley which had no sense of direction, steering and no reverse gear through the labyrinth of shelves without knocking anything over, giving myself a hernia or, catching the shins of other nearby customers and then when I got to the till I was expected, by the young assistant to check out the goods. “Oh, really? Why didn’t you ask me to come in earlier and I could have done a bit of stocktaking as well as I seemed to have done everything else?” I didn’t actually say that, I just thought it, and moved further down the line to where there was another assistant, who was prepared to serve me. She was paid and no doubt trained to bend, stretch and lift heavy goods in search of elusive barcodes. I am not. Some of us have bad backs you know.

The saying used to be, “The customer is always right.” but now it seems that the customer is an inconvenience. I bought a pair of trousers in that well established high street store, famous for selling clothes and good quality food. I took the trousers to the till and the assistant said, (exact words,) “Oh, are you just buying?” I think that was opposed to returning or ordering goods, but just buying? I thought that’s what customers were supposed to do, buy things, boost the profits and increase the Bottom Line. Have I been getting it wrong all these years? Then to add insult to injury she told me that as I was “just buying” I could check the goods out myself, which roughly translated as “I can’t be bothered with you”. Feeling like a second-class citizen, she then proceeded to teach me the noble art of self checkout. (I didn’t pay any attention, but don’t tell her). She gave me my receipt and left me to pack my bag, which incidentally I had to provide myself, while she hurried back to more important customers who were returning goods and wanting their money refunded. I almost apologised for interrupting her day.

A lot of people like online banking, for them it’s quick, easy and very convenient, especially when there isn’t a bank in the area. Others do not and why should they be pressured into doing so if they are not comfortable with it? Our bank has been pushing it for years. You barely had one foot inside the door before you were greeted with the mantra, “Have you downloaded our app?” “No, I have no intention of downloading your app, dinosaurs do not bank online”. (They leave it to their better halves.) Now if you have

the audacity to go into the bank, rather than make your transactions digitally, you have to run the gauntlet of a “greeter”, he’s recognisable because he’s got his eyes trained on the door and he always carries a tablet. Don’t ask me why because I’ve never seen him use it yet. It’s like some kind of comfort blanket and he feels insecure unless it’s permanently welded to his hand. He will ask what transactions you would like to make and then point you either to the counter, as if you didn’t know where it was, or more than likely towards the machine in the wall, which does everything but dispense loose change. Fortunately a machine providing this service has not yet been installed, otherwise it would be like going into a casino where everyone has won the jackpot. In an effort to embrace modern living I have learnt how to use this machine. I can now press all the right buttons in the right order without setting off alarm bells or, an assistant coming to my rescue.

Some customers still do not like using this technology, like the man behind me in the queue. He told the greeter, that he wanted to do his transactions at the counter. On hearing this heresy, instead of respecting the man’s wishes, the greeter still tried to persuade the customer to use the machine, but the gentleman was not for turning and waited steadfastly in the queue for the counter like someone who has just won a battle, but knows that the war is not over. I would love to tell the greeter that he would be more gainfully employed if he went behind the counter and helped to reduce the length of the queue, rather than floating about with a smile on his face, tablet in hand, directing people where to go. He would probably look at me, smile and say, “You know what happened to dinosaurs, don’t you?” My reply would be, “Don’t underestimate dinosaurs, they were around for a long time. It took a meteorite to bring about the demise of the original ones. Those walking around today are also a formidable lot and it will take more than a few electronic devices to cause their downfall, so don’t expect a mass extinction.”

Sylvia Turner

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Eunice the Ewe

Last month I was hiding on the dog collar in the Home Run advert on page 32 and the lucky winner of the £10 prize is Tricia Tate of Flamborough who has donated her prize to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

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

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October Competition

The following are all found in the Yorkshire Dales National Park. The letters of the name are arranged in alphabetical order. The number in brackets is the number of words in the name.

1. AACDEHMMOV (Natural feature 2)
2. AGGGIILLNP (Natural feature 2)
3. AGGINNORSST (Village 1)
4. AACDEGLORRS (Natural feature 2)
5. ABBBELNOOTY (Human feature 2)
6. BCDEEIKKNPU (Natural feature 2)
7. BEGGHILNOORU (Natural feature 1)
8. AACDEFHORRRW (Natural feature 2)
9. ABGIKLLNSSTU (Village 2)
10. AAAFGHLLRSSTY (Natural feature 2)
11. AACCEEHIRSTVW (Natural feature 3)
12. AACDEEGLNNOPRST (Human feature 2)
13. AEEEFGLHLLNRRSTU (Natural feature 3)
14. AABBCDDEEHIILRTUV (Human feature 2)
15. ABBDEEHIILLNNOORRST (Village 3)

(Extra challenge - If you have solved all of the above, can you name a settlement in the Yorkshire Dales National Park where the letters of its name are already in alphabetical order?)

Please send your answers (as many as you can solve) to arrive by **Tuesday, October 24th**.

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

Answers to September Competition

1. PLAY – Station - ANNOUNCER
2. INTER - Net - BALL
3. YORKSHIRE - Pudding - BASIN
4. HOT - Pot - ASH
5. TOMATO - Soup - KITCHEN
6. TABLE - Service - STATION
7. HAY - Time - LORD
8. JACK - Frost - BITE
9. SNOW - Ball - ROOM (or Board)
10. BALLPARK - Figure - OUT
11. TIGHT - Corner - SHOP
12. RED - Flag - STONE
13. GARDEN - Bench - MARK
14. POOL - Table - TOP
15. GOLD - Ring - TONE

Just a few correct entries this month and the winners are Yvonne Denison and Kathleen Iveson whose charity to receive the £20 prize is the RNLI.

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Bainbridge W.I. - Keeping Ourselves Busy

As the end of another year fast approaches, there is no let-up in our plans to keep our members busy! The committee are working hard to ensure a wide range of activities aside from our regular monthly meetings and hopefully these will be well supported.

Amazingly, the Walking Group had a glorious day for their last walk around Addleborough which, for this year, was very unusual! The ladies of the Lunch Club are still trawling the area for the best places to eat and drink and September saw them visit Nateby for some refreshment. If you are out there, we will find you! Meanwhile, the Garden Club have visited another member's garden, managing to avoid the rain which sadly wasn't the case when they visited Dalemmain Mansion House and Gardens near Penrith

As I write this, we are still looking forward to our September meeting, which we have opened to everyone. We will be having a demonstration of flower arranging by Amy Fairburn of Leyburn which no doubt will amaze and inspire us.

On **Saturday, October 14th**, we will be holding a Christmas Craft Workshop at Sycamore Hall. We will be making all sorts of Christmas items which should be great fun, so why not join us and learn something new?

Our winter programme of Soup and Sweet lunches began on September 25th and will be

followed by further lunches on **October 23rd** and **November 20th**. All lunches will be held at Bainbridge Village Hall from **noon**. Everyone is welcome and a two-course homemade lunch with tea/coffee costs just £5 per person. No booking required.

Our October meeting takes place on **Thursday, 19th at 7.30pm** in Bainbridge Village Hall when our speaker will be Helen Guy from the Keld Resource Centre who is talking about lead mining in the Yorkshire Dales. Do come along and join us.

Looking a bit further ahead, our AGM takes place on **Thursday, November 16th** when we will be electing our committee for 2024 - how quickly it comes around!

As you might tell, we are a very active and fun-loving group of women and we are always looking for new members to join us. We already have an exciting programme planned for 2024 which includes several trips. Come and join us!

For more details of membership or any of our events, please contact Nicola Robinson (President) on **01969 650801**.

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Aysgarth Institute

The opening of Aysgarth Institute took place on September 6th, 1907 by Mr and Mrs W.A.G Orde-Powlett. The original plan was to build the Institute on the land where three old cottages stood next to Midville, a house opposite the Institute. A committee had bought these cottages for this purpose. However, they changed their mind and swapped the land with W.H Tomlinson (The Squire), who lived at Flatlands and owned a rundown cottage where the Institute is now. He demolished the three cottages and gave the land to the village as a permanent open space. This is where the stocks are today.

The committee then appointed a builder, George Dougill, but his estimate was too high for their budget. They decided to make the building smaller and save £41. The final cost was £538.10. The building had a Public Room that could seat 200 people, and a Reading and Billiard Room at the front. They bought newspapers and magazines for the Reading room and sold them later.

In 1908, they bought chairs, tables and a used Billiard table. In 1911, Mr King donated 50 books to start a Library and the local Billiard League also began. During 1912, electricity was installed like the rest of the village. In 1916, they engraved the date above the door of the institute and paved the front area with cement. In 1929, Midland Bank rented a room once a week for local customers.

The roof needed major repairs and was replaced with Welsh slates. They also added a lavatory upstairs. A heating boiler was added in the Billiard room and radiators put in the upper room in 1932. 1938 saw the committee converted the old coal house downstairs into a kitchen as the only one before was upstairs with

a hot water pot. In 2000, a new kitchen extension was built on the south side of the building with lottery funding.

The institute used to host WI, Billiards, Snooker, Badminton, Dances, History, Choral groups, Whist and Domino Drives, Village parties and more. Now the Institute is a venue for various meetings such as Parish Council, Sewing classes, Badminton, Singing Group, Bible study group, Whist drives, Parties, Fund raising events, Lent Lunches and more.

More information on how to book the institute can be found at www.aysgarth.institute or on Facebook www.facebook.com/Aysgarthinstitute.

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Church Services: Before making any journey please check our website at penhillbenefice.co.uk/services for updates.

There will be a Telephone Service each **Sunday** at **9.30am**. Dial **0333 0110 946** and enter room number 61337190# and PIN 7450#.

Sunday, October 1st:

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

Sunday, October 8th:

- 10.30am** Holy Communion Benefice Service. - Jullia Vierzen will speak about the work of Farming Community Network at St. Margaret's, Preston under Scar.

Sunday, October 15th:

- 10.30am** Baptism and Confirmation Benefice service, St. Andrew's, Aysgarth with the Rt Revd Anna Eltringham, Bishop of Ripon.

Sunday, October 22nd:

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

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- 4.00pm** Evening prayer,
Thornton Rust Mission Room.

Sunday, October 29th:

- 10.30am** Holy Communion. United Benefice service, St. Mary's, Redmire.
- 3.00pm** Commemoration and thanksgiving service for those who have died, St Andrew's, Aysgarth.

October Mid-Week Services:

Thursday 12th and 26th at 9.30am. Holy Communion, at St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

Church Coffee Morning: **Wednesday, October 4th** from **10.30am to noon** at Redmire Village Hall.

Church Afternoon Tea: **Wednesday, October 18th** from **2.00pm to 4.00pm** at Redmire Village Hall.

Harvest Supper: **Monday, October 2nd** in aid of Mission Aviation Fellowship: **6.00pm for 6.30pm.**

Menu: Cottage Pie - beef mince, (Quorn Mince if pre requested), dish of vegetables followed by fruit crumbles and ice cream. Tea or coffee (Bring your own wine!) Mark and Sarah Newnham work to fly orthopaedic doctors, mobile eye clinics and aid to refugee camps in remotest Kenya.

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Heavens Above

Can you remember Sputnik? You might be feeling your age if you do. It was the world's first artificial satellite, sent into orbit 66 years ago this month by the then Soviet Union. Its launch on October 4th, 1957 caused a world-wide sensation and marked the beginning of the 'Space Race' between the USA and the USSR.



Sputnik, Russian for 'fellow traveller', was a pretty basic device compared to today's sophisticated satellites. It was merely a polished metal sphere less than 2 feet in diameter which took just over an hour and a half to circle the Earth. There was nothing on board apart from a battery-powered radio transmitter which used 4 external antennae to broadcast a series of 'beeps' as Sputnik sped around the globe. The radio's batteries ran out after three weeks and Sputnik fell silent for the next few months until it burned up in the atmosphere shortly before the first U.S. Satellite, Explorer, was launched at the end of January, 1958. You can still hear Sputnik's famous beeps, however, if you go onto YouTube and type in Sputnik-1 Telemetry Signal (audio). Makes fascinating hearing.

If you'd like to do a bit of meteor spotting this month have a look out on the night of **October 21st/22nd** when the Orionid shower reaches its peak. It's nowhere near as spectacular as the Perseid shower but you might still glimpse up to 20 meteors an hour as dust particles left behind by Halley's Comet burn up in the atmosphere. Best time to look is after the Moon sets around **10.00pm**. On **October 28th**, there's a partial Lunar eclipse lasting from **8.35pm until 9.53pm**. Not very exciting as only 12% of the Moon's disc is obscured. Have clear skies!

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Events in Reeth Memorial Hall

Saturday, October 14th – John Tams makes a rare solo appearance. Just a few tickets left. Tickets £20 (unlikely to be any on the door).

Thursday, October 19th – Sean Lakeman & Kathryn Roberts have twice won the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards 'Best Duo' title. Mixing traditional songs with self-penned material. Tickets £18 (£20 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.

Don't Forget the Story Writing Competition

Remember, your story can be about anything that captures your imagination but it must start with the words **"What are you doing here?"**

There are two categories in the competition; those in years 3 and 4 and those in years 5 and 6. Primary schools will be encouraging children to enter and can help with advice and access to computers etc.

How to enter:

Your story must be type written and between 300 and 500 words long. Email your entry to uwnlinput@gmail.com to reach us by **midnight on Friday, November 10th 2023**. Ensure your name, year group, and the name of your school is sent in with your entry.

The winner in each age group will receive a £50 book voucher and a trophy to keep. The runners up will receive a £25 book voucher. All entrants will receive a certificate.

The winning stories will be published in the February 2023 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 in each age group will hold the Alan Watkinson Memorial Shield for a year and receive a book voucher for encouraging and collating entries.

Full rules can be found in the September issue of the Newsletter at <http://upperwensleydalenewsletter.co.uk/news/2023/issue301.pdf>



Music From the Movies

Saturday, October 21st - 2.30pm at St. Margaret's Church, Hawes

Free entry (Donations to organ restoration fund)

On the afternoon of **Saturday, October 21st at 2.30pm**, in St. Margaret's Church, Hawes, Malcolm Carruthers (Organist for the Upper Wensleydale Benefice), will present "MUSIC FROM THE MOVIES", an afternoon of organ music featuring many well known classic movie themes.

When asked about the event, Malcolm says "This concert is presented as part of the continuing goal of building up a fighting fund for the future restoration of the organ at St. Margarets here in Hawes. It's a nice instrument to play with some really lovely voicings and the acoustic in the church is good enough to show this off.



Unfortunately, time has taken its toll and the organ is really in need of at least a 'generational' overhaul and restoration similar to that undertaken on the organ at St. Oswalds in Askrigg a few years ago. However such things come at a price and with the cost of everything increasing these days, it would be a conservative estimate to suggest that around £30,000 would be a starting point".

In the last couple of years Malcolm has presented two Christmas Music organ concerts which have so far raised approximately £6,000

with both events enjoying a very good turnout. Those who have attended these events before will be familiar with Malcolm's trademark style of audio/visual presentation which will be central to this event also.

From Westerns to War films, Action to Sci-Fi, Musicals to Drama, we hope that there is something here for everybody to enjoy. Come along, sit back and immerse yourself in this Matinee performance which will also include information and anecdotes about the composers and the films. So, what's not to like? Come on down, it'll be great to see you.

One last thing, you might want to bring a cushion as church pews can be a little uncomfortable!!

There will be a short interval during which refreshments will be served. With no entry charge for the event, it is hoped that retiring donations will be made which will go 100% towards the organ restoration fund.

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 Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services in October 					
	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 4.00pm
October 1st	The Gathering - Benefice Family Communion St Margaret's, Hawes at 10.30am				Evening Prayer by telephone
October 6th	Sycamore Hall - Communion Service in the Long Lounge - 10.00am				
October 8th	Morning Prayer	Ecumenical at Hawes	Holy Communion	12.30pm Soup followed by Communion	Evening Prayer by telephone
October 15th	Holy Communion	Family Service	Morning Prayer		Evening Prayer by telephone
October 22nd	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Café Style Service	2.30 - 3.00pm Afternoon Prayer 3.15pm - 4.15pm Pathfinders	Evening Prayer by telephone
October 29th	Benefice Celebration Service 10.30am St Oswald's Askrigg				

Relax ... Be Healthy

I was recently taken with a report on a BBC Radio news broadcast that highlighted the latest advice from the 'International Society of Hypertension'. In an attempt to reduce the number of high blood pressure cases that were on the increase across the nation they have released new guidance for us to follow. Amongst promoting a greater willingness to be grateful for all we have, quitting smoking and consuming less salt, the report says we would all benefit from engaging in an act of meditation for approximately. 45 minutes every day.

One of the authors, UK blood pressure expert Prof Bryan Williams, said: "We should be able to find half an hour in our day to have time to ourselves".

I love it when medical science finally catches up with God's advice given thousands of years

earlier. Jesus was a wonderfully holistic teacher, focussing on the body, mind and (essentially) our spirit. He knew that all needed to be in balance for us to truly 'live life to the full' ^{Jn.10:10}

In his famous sermon on the mount ^{Mth5} Jesus advocates the power and the benefits of living with an attitude of gratitude and throughout his life he promoted the daily need to have time on our own away from distraction, but, crucially, to spend this time in the presence of God in thoughtful reflection and prayer.

St Paul develops this further: 'Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think about such things and the God of peace will be with you'. ^{Phil.4:8}

I commend this wisdom to you ... it also saves a fortune on expensive classes!

 Peter.

News from The Wensleydale School

Launching Personal Mountains and the new Rewards system for 2023-24.

As ever the good weather returns in early September as we all head back into school. This year the students have been welcomed with a newly refurbished DT block, hall floor and toilet block. We have also redecorated and simplified our corridor displays. The focus this year is to raise the academic challenge and our aim is to move students away from needing extrinsic motivation and become intrinsically motivated.

Extrinsic motivation means that learning and completing tasks, are due to the need for praise, rewards, are outcome focused and driven largely by staff not the individual student. Whereas, Intrinsic motivation comes from the individual wanting to learn and complete tasks, due to the personal challenge, a love of learning, understanding that knowledge is power and recognising that results give a greater variety of choices post 16 and beyond.

How do we do this? By sticking to routines, being consistent, but most of all by stretching our students out of their comfort zones and adopting a 'no excuse' culture. In order to support the work of the school staff in lessons, our tutoring will become more focused on personal challenges and helping students to 'climb their mountains' by overcoming fears, anxieties and develop a love of learning.

School rewards systems can vary enormously. For the last few years, post Covid, we have

deliberately focused on giving positive points for many basic things, as we encouraged students back into school. This has worked. However, after a lengthy piece of consultation with parents, staff and students, we have made changes for 2023-24.

So from September, each teacher, every lesson will be awarding at least 1 to a maximum of 4 Stars. The Stars will reflect one of our 4 key behaviours, so students can earn stars for being Respectful, Hardworking, Positive and Successful. HOWEVER, these stars are only given for going beyond the normal expectations. A subtle change, moving from extrinsic to intrinsic behaviour. For example, when a teacher asks you to help them hand out some resources in the lesson and you do, is different from volunteering to help the teacher because you can see they need a hand. We want to encourage independence.

All students receiving stars will be in a weekly draw for monetary reward vouchers and also build up points to spend in our new shop, which was an idea that came from the student body.

It is my continued determination to build a school, where students and parents value learning and academic success, as much as our pastoral care and guidance. We have and always will, continue to support through a strong, calm and nurturing environment, but in today's society all of us need resilience, in order to be the best we can be.

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Digital Talk: In Your Words – Words from the Dales. **Wednesday, October 11th at 4.30pm.**

Dr Fiona Douglas, project lead for The Dialect and Heritage Project based at the University of Leeds will bring to life some of the key insights and discoveries uncovered through its recent work with the Yorkshire Dales Countryside Museum and Ryedale Folklife Museum. Fiona will share snippets of rare audio interviews gathered by researchers in the 1950s alongside newer oral histories, to illustrate how and explore whether the Yorkshire language and dialect has changed and developed over the last 75 years.

Digital Talk: Beneath the Cracks – the Hidden World of Limestone Pavements. **Wednesday, November 8th at 4.30pm.**

Following on from her feature in the summer 2023 issue of Yorkshire Dales Review, Carly Stevens, Professor of Plant Ecology and Soil Biogeochemistry at the University of Lancaster, will draw on six years of research to illuminate these complex and often biodiverse rich ecosystems which typify much of the Yorkshire Dales. She will also highlight the impact of climate breakdown, farming practice and other threats affecting these precious habitats.

Digital Talk: Funding for Sustainable Business and Community Projects in the Dales. **Wednesday, December 6th at 5.00pm.**

This talk is pitched at businesses, community groups and individuals wanting to find out more about how the Yorkshire Dales National Park's Sustainable Development Fund can support projects that aim to promote a more sustainable way of living in, working in, or visiting the National Park. Meet Andrea Burden, Sustainable Development Officer for the Park who will introduce the scheme, the funding available and how to apply. Edward Sexton of Clapham based Glencroft will then reveal how the fund helped kick-start his company's now successful 'farm to yarn' project – Clapdale Wool – buying fleeces from farms within a 5-mile radius and transforming them into Yorkshire-made hand-knit yarn.

Heather & Grouse

Heather & Grouse in Askrigg, will be holding their late night shopping events on **November 1st and 19th.**

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Halloween Crazy Golf Experience

An 18 hole Halloween crazy golf experience will be open in Askrigg from **October 27th to November 5th**. It is being organised by events company Incredible Artists, which staged a Halloween lockdown experience at the same venue at the former Carrs Billington warehouse.

The course will consist of 18 spookily themed holes with all kinds of chilling things, from a headless horseman to singing skeletons, to ghost pirates.

Time slots are available every two hours from **10.00am to 8.00pm** most days. The cost is £10 per adult, £8 per child, or a family ticket of 4 for

£35. For anyone wanting to play an additional round, there will be a discounted price subject to availability. There will also be refreshments, goody bags and Halloween toys for sale.

It's not compulsory, but it's a great opportunity for fancy dress, so whether it's Dracula or Casper the Friendly Ghost, they are hoping people will come along and enjoy a 'Fangtastic' Halloween. There are also photo opportunities to win a family ticket to the upcoming 'Santa Experience' too!

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Redmire's Pub Reopens

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Now called the 'Redmire Village Pub' (formerly The Bolton Arms), the pub is being completely refurbished. It is open for the sale of drinks from **5.00pm Monday to Friday** and from **noon at weekends**.

With further refurbishment to take place it is hoped it won't be long before it will also offer food and accommodation once again. Follow progress on the Redmire Village Pub Facebook page.

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Prime Minister Sends His Congratulations

The Prime Minister and Member of Parliament for Richmond, Rishi Sunak, has sent a letter of congratulations to the Newsletter for reaching the 'significant milestone' of 300 issues.

He writes "I do enjoy seeing it each month and find it an invaluable source of local information, news and opinion. The fact that it is produced entirely by volunteers is testament to the strength of Dales communities and a most commendable desire to ensure those communities are informed of what is happening around them"

He adds "It is a wonderful bonus that the initiative to produce the Newsletter has also led to such extensive grant funding to a variety of local causes and individuals"

He ended by wishing the Newsletter well for another 300 issues.

Hawes School News

It has been super to see all the children back in school this term and settling in to their new classes and in some cases with new teachers. There is a real sense of family about our school with the older children supporting the younger children with their transitions. It has been great to welcome our new Nursery children into school and they have settled really well.

We have all enjoyed our new learning and knowledge at the start of term and look forward to sharing our school events through the Newsletter.

Swimming at Catterick - All our KS2 children have started their swimming sessions for this term at Catterick. It has been great to be able to also include our year 3 children this term, to support them with the important skill of learning to swim.

We continue with our after school clubs of yoga, Zumba and Multi-skills. We are always

on the lookout for extra clubs that will enhance the experiences of all children. This might include music, creative, science, local history/ geography or any other clubs available. We ask that anyone in the community who may have any contacts for clubs to please contact the school

Defibrillator - The Department for Education has provided schools with a Defibrillator, which will be available for community use during school hours **Monday to Friday from 8.00am to 5.00pm**, excluding school holidays. If you ever need to use this, please press the intercom to the right of the gate, to gain access to the school. The defibrillator is located in the school office.

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



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Blueboxt - October Update

Gurkha's surprise performance at the BlueBoxt Wensleydale Show marquee.

We finished a very busy August by hosting a live entertainment marquee at the Wensleydale Agricultural Show. There were live performances throughout the day from Fred Norman (16), James Lunn (18), Edie Heringman (18) and Bee Horner (23) as well as Colin Bailey and Bert Bohanan covering a broad selection of music styles. Volunteers and visitors attending were also treated to an impromptu performance by Khagendra Shrestha and Alon Rai (20) of the British Gurkha Army based at Catterick Garrison who were attending the show with their fellow recruits.

'It was very unexpected to get the opportunity to sing a Nepali song. We are really proud of our country and the British Gurkha Army.' said Alon Rai, 'I would like to thank BlueBoxt for granting our request to sing and I hope everyone enjoyed and appreciated the little moment we created.'



Khagendra Shrestha and Alon Rai

Championing young people to have a voice is what our Charity is all about and providing a platform for the young soldiers to share their cultural heritage was the perfect fit. The day was kindly captured by Wensleydale Camera Club. We would like to thank everyone who has donated and giving their time to support our activities and events so far.

"Jazz isn't my thing..." It might be a cliché but if we had a pound for every time we heard the phrase, we would be able to sponsor multiple bursary places for young people to take part in our activities. The third annual Leyburn Jazz Festival takes place **October 19th to 22nd** and is the perfect place to explore and discover new music and surprise yourself with how many

tunes you already know and listen to on the radio and in shops and cafés or have in your playlists and music collections. As well as international award winning artists taking to the stage, there are community performances by participants from across Wensleydale and Swaledale. All events are ticketed - even those with FREE entry - so early booking is advised to avoid disappointment. Pick up a brochure for full details or visit www.leyburnjazz.org. You can book online or in person at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre or Tennants Garden Room receptions or call **07711 211169** or email info@blueboxt.org.

The schedule

Thursday, October 19th - St. Matthew's Church, Hawes. **6.00pm** Friends Reception | **6.30pm** Edison Herbert Quartet | **8.00pm** Emma Fisk's Hot Club Du Nord.

Friday, October 20th - St. Matthew's Church. **1.30pm** Natalie Wildgoose Trio | **3.30pm** Film: Jazz on a Summer's day - at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre | **6.00pm** Tony Kofi with the Paul Edis Trio | **8.00pm** Aligator Gumbo.

Saturday, October 21st - Tennant's Garden Rooms. **10.30am** - Leyburn Jazz Collective and Young People's performances including refreshments [FREE - donations appreciated] | **2.00pm** Ben Shankland Trio | **4.00pm** Paul Edis Trio - the music of Bill Evans | **7.30pm** Jacqui Dankworth Trio.



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Sunday, October 22nd – St. Matthew’s Church. **10.45am** – Jazz Eucharist with York City and Wensleydale Community Gospel Choirs followed by refreshments and **11.30am** concert [FREE - donations appreciated] | **12.45pm** Colin Bailey Band | **2.15pm** Paul Edis | **4.15pm** Climax Jazz and Blues Band.

It’s not too late to join our music workshops and be part of the Jazz Festival...

Leyburn Jazz Collective - Sessions are open to all ages to take part. Enjoy making-music in a relaxed and friendly environment. We meet **Tuesdays 7.00pm - 9.30pm.**

Wensleydale Community Gospel Choir - York City Gospel Choir who will lead two FREE workshops on **Saturday, October 7th and 14th, 2.30pm - 4.30pm** at St. Matthew’s Church, Hawes.

Young People’s workshops with Paul Edis - for 11-19 years (other ages considered). **Saturday, October 7th, 2.30pm - 4.30pm** at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall.

Play, Record, Perform - our regular session for 11-19 years (other ages considered) runs on **Sundays, 2.00pm - 5.00pm** at Thoraby Village Hall.

Want to work us in the music and creative industries?

We have an exciting opportunity for young people aged 18 – 25 years who are interested in developing their creative ideas and career potential in the music industries. The roles are varied, flexible hours, office or home working, freelance contracts 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. Raising Creative Aspirations is backed by Youth Music, a national charity, thanks to the players of the People’s Postcode Lottery.

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October and, as always, we have lots to look forward to - some great cinema, music events and groups to join!

Our 'Exploring Film' night screening documentaries, foreign language or other slightly more challenging films not routinely available at commercial cinemas have resumed. These will take place on the **first Tuesday of the month at 7.00pm**. The 'Into Film Festival' sessions for young people to experience film on a big screen will be held in November again. We shall shortly be approaching the local schools to see if they wish to become involved.

October highlights include Don Quixote; the return of the very popular Dixon County Band; Jonas Kaufmann and the Silent Film season.

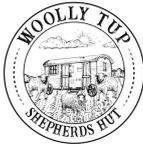
The free drop-in sessions on the **second Friday of each month** continue, **10.00am – noon**. You can talk in confidence to discuss any problems you might have over a free tea or

coffee. Carer's Plus also attend on the **first Thursday of the month**. More information on our website.

If you have any poppies made for the British Legion for Remembrance in November please deliver them to the Centre asap. The Knit and Natter group are preparing to expand the display which was produced last year.

I hope you were amongst the many winners, of The Community Shed Summer Draw, but if not, please accept our thanks for contributing to the fundraising for the Shed which is on-going. The practical work now begins!

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Tuesday, October 17th at 2.00pm,
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This talk is based on the archive of the Yorkshire Vernacular Buildings Study Group (YVBSG), but with many recent photographs and results of recent recording work. Special focus will be given to Coverdale where Isobel Jenkins lived and to the buildings recorded there during the 2009 YVBSG conference which she helped David Cook organise.

After a brief analysis of the methodology behind the selection of houses and buildings, he will look at the development of plan form houses. Understanding plan form can help us interpret the development of these houses and their associated buildings.

Born in Barnsley, David now lives in Durham and has studied vernacular buildings for over 30 years. He was Chair of YVBSG for 10 years and is now the Group's archivist and was responsible for digitisation of the entire YVBSG archive of over 1,900 reports. He is currently focussed on recording buildings for the YVBSG South Yorkshire project.

Members, new members and visitors are always welcome, annual membership is £12 for nine meetings and visitors can attend for £3 per meeting.

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October

- During Oct. Pinktober in the Dales.
Various events. See p.25.
- 4 Hawes Drama Club play reading. Gayle Institute. 7.00pm New members welcome.
- 6 Dominoes. Carperby Institute. 7.30pm.
- 7 Quiz Night. Sycamore Hall. 6.00pm. See p.26.
- 7 Gin Train Experience. See p.20.
- 7/8 Art and Craft Weekend. Yore Mill, Aysgarth. See p.29.
- 11 Friends of the Dales Digital Talk. 4.30pm. See p.12.
- 14 Reeth Memorial Hall Concert. 7.30pm. See p.8.
- 14 Christmas Craft Workshop. Sycamore Hall. See p.5.
- 15 Afternoon Tea Train. See p.20.
- 17 Local History Group Talk. Middleham Key Centre. 2.00pm. See p.19.
- 19 Reeth Memorial Concert. 7.30pm. See p.8.
- 19 Bainbridge WI Meeting. Bainbridge Village Hall. 7.30pm. See p.5.
- 19-22 Leyburn Jazz Festival. Various events. See p.16.
- 20 u3a Meeting. LA&CC. 10.00am. See p.31.
- 20 Friends of DCM AGM. 7.30pm. See p.22.
- 20/21 Designer Makers Market. Garden Rooms, Tennants. See p.20
- 21 Illustrated Talk. Thoraby Village Hall. 7.00pm. See p.5.
- 21 Music from the Movies. St. Margaret's Church, Hawes. 2.30pm. See p.9.
- 23 Soup and Sweet Lunch. Bainbridge Village Hall. Noon. See p.5.
- 24 Domino Drive. Stalling Busk Schoolroom. 7.00pm.
- 27 - Nov 5 Halloween Crazy Golf. Askrigg. See p.13.
- 28 Gin Train Experience. See p.20.

November

- 1 Heather & Grouse late night shopping. Until 8.00pm. See p.12.
- 4 Gospel Music Concert. Hawes Market House. 7.30pm. See p.25.

Events on the Wensleydale Railway

The Gin Train Experience – **October 7th and 28th**. 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 departs Leyburn at **12.30pm**. Sit back with a gin and enjoy the 45-minute journey to Leeming Bar. There will be time to stretch your legs and enjoy a free tour of the restored 1920s station building at 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 Wensleydale Fryer - **October 21st** (fully booked).

Autumnal Afternoon Tea Train - **October 15th**. From Leeming Bar to Leyburn and back. Price £45 per head – Children 14 and under £25. For more details and to book see <https://wensleydale-railway.co.uk/leeming-bar-and-leyburn-timetable-tea/>.

Race Night – **October 21st** – The Bedale Station Support Group is organising a Race Night at Crakehall Village Hall. Tickets are £12 each and include a pie supper. A bar is also available. Tickets and further details from Brian Whitehead, phone **07999 374111**.

The Polar Express – **November 10th to December 23rd** – Tickets are selling fast with some trains sold out. To book - <https://tickets.yorkshiredalesthepolarexpressride.com/>.

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Synopsis of the meeting held on
September 12th

It was agreed a discussion would take place with an ICB representative concerning the installation of wi-fi at Sycamore Hall. The building does need to have wi-fi for all its residents and it currently costs The Health Accommodation Trust (HAT) £64 a month to supply wi-fi to the Step-up Step-down room. It would really help visiting GPs/ANP to be able to use wi-fi when visiting patients at Sycamore Hall.

Both 'Flu and Covid injections will be carried out by the CDP. The intention is to complete this by the end of October. Housebound patients, those at Sycamore Hall and those at risk are being contacted first. Other patients will be contacted as vaccine arrives. Hopefully patients will get both injections at the same time, but that will depend on when supplies become available.

Staffing – Laura Dent has moved to a new job and will be replaced by Sahira Schutte at the beginning of November. Sahira is a Pharmacy

Technician so will have greater pharmaceutical knowledge than a dispenser. Sue Teasdale (Dispensing lead at Aysgarth) is retiring, and Richard Cloughton will take her place.

A second GP Assistant (modern name for a Medical Secretary) will be appointed to support Sarah Weatherald. The person appointed will spend one day a week on Reception to get some face-to-face patient experience. Medical Secretaries submit and chase referrals, support patients make hospital appointments, and deal with discharge letters etc. This work has increased since Sarah was appointed, hence the need for another person to fulfil this very valuable role, allowing GPs and the ANP to spend more time with patients.

The NHS@75 report can be found at: - <https://humberandnorthyorkshire.org.uk/campaigns/nhs-75/>.

It is hoped that construction of the Catterick Integrated Care Centre (CICC) will commence in January 2024 and the doors should open in 2026. The civilian services will be available to patients in the former Richmondshire area as well as to the Harewood patients. There is no sign of dentistry being offered to non-military personnel on this site at present.

Medication deliveries can be made to Dent patients given a reasonable amount of notice. These would probably be on a Friday.

Jane Ritchie, Hon. Secretary



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Our next exhibition is, Reflections and Connections in which three generations of the Hicks family, Peter Hicks, his daughter Beverley and granddaughter Phoebe, explore landscape, place and the cultural heritage of North Yorkshire in very individual ways. Peter Hicks is a landscape artist and ex-middle-distance runner, whose physical, intimate understanding of the landscape provides his paintings with almost infinite layers of meaning. Beverley Hick's work addresses the environment and she reflects the stunning landscape of Malhamdale through her characteristic use of hieroglyphic mark making. Phoebe Scott creates stained glass pieces, exploring the interplay between traditional craft and innovation and paying homage to the long history of this traditional craft.

Andrew Fagg will be working with us this autumn to produce a further 3 episodes of our Voices from the Dales podcast. You can catch up on past episodes at <https://www.dalescountrysideuseum.org.uk/explore/explore-the-museum/voices-from-the-dales-podcast/>.

We are currently working with the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust Roadshow asking people if they would be interested in a project called Rivers4Life that we hope to run in 2024/25. The project will include community and school activities and a summer long exhibition. If you are interested in the health of our rivers and are keen to link with our proposed project, please get in touch at dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk and <https://forms.office.com/e/YNqg6GPBA>.

We've lots going on over the half term weeks for Cumbria and North Yorkshire. Families visiting the Museum and the Creamery will enjoy a discount in our shop and will be able to buy two kid's meals for the price of one at the Firebox Cafe. If you'd like your child to be able to visit all year round, you can buy a Scurry Club pass for £10. Your child and an

accompanying adult carer can then visit all year round. Kids can start collecting their squirrel badge and first stamp as soon as they visit. Watch out for our events listed below and keep an eye on our website too! www.dalescountrysideuseum.org.uk and our Facebook page.

In September our Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists' Club visited 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.

Events in October

Taste in Time - Preserving.

Friday, October 6th. 10.00am - 4.30pm.

Enjoy our Taste in Time Experience! You'll explore our Victorian kitchen collection, make your own chutney to take home, visit Raydale Preserves to see their traditional production methods, return to the Museum for a delicious lunch and then have a go at making your own oatcake and butter for a cheese tasting session. £50 including delicious light lunch by the Firebox Café. Booking essential.

Starting Out With Family History workshop.

Sunday, October 15th. 1.30pm - 4.30pm.

Join Jude Rhodes for an afternoon introductory workshop for those starting out with family history. £30 Booking essential.

From the Archives.

Friday, October 20th. 7.30pm - 9.00pm.

Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum AGM followed by a talk by Janet Thomson exploring the archives and objects in the Museum collection. Donations welcome.

Paint a sheep.

Monday, October 23rd. 1.30pm - 4.30pm.

Hour long art sessions for families led by Bev Parker of Cum-Bye Arts. Book in to this Big Draw event and get creative with paints and crayons. £3. Please book your time slot by calling **01969 666210**.

Halloween Crafts.

Wednesday, October 25th. 2.00pm-4.00pm.

Join us for Halloween crafts and a hot chocolate from the Firebox Café! £5 per child. Booking essential.

Drawn to t' Dales - Sheep in Portrait.

Thursday, October 26th. 1.30pm - 4.30pm.

Art afternoon led by Bev Parker of Cum-Bye Arts, to paint expressive portraits of sheep using innovative ways with watercolour. Suitable for older children, teens and upwards. A Big Draw event. £10 Booking essential. Book online or by calling **01969 666210**.

Hands on History.

Friday, October 27th. 1.00pm - 4.00pm.

Board games: A chance to make and play historic board games. Drop in.

Haunted Castle Halloween bike ride with hot chocolate and cake!

Saturday, October 28th. 3.00pm-5.30pm.
(Please note date change from 27th to 28th)

Stage1Cycles Halloween ride for older children. Two ability groups will be tackling a mountain bike ride from different start points. Suitable for the Sunday morning group and Saturday evening regulars but open to new riders. We will go in search of the haunted castle and be rewarded with hot chocolate and cake. Safe Halloween outfits and lights are welcome. £5 per child. Please book your space with Stage1Cycles. Tel: **01969 666873**. Email: ride@stage1cycles.co.uk.

Mini Halloween Pumpkin bike trail

Monday, October 30th. 1.00pm - 2.00pm.
(Please note date change from 24th to 30th)

Stage1Cycles are hosting a Halloween mini bike trail. This Halloween Pumpkin Trail is suitable for beginners and is in a traffic free area. Ideal for balance bikes and beginners learning to pedal and improving bike handling skills. Safe fancy dress is encouraged and lovely cupcakes will reward all riders. Bikes are available to loan. Parents will be asked to accompany children and wellies may be helpful.

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Halloween Biscuit decorating

Tuesday, October 31st. 1.00pm - 4.00pm.

Have fun decorating your own Halloween biscuit to take home or eat on the spot! Drop in family activity.

Creatures of the night – Halloween crafts

Thursday, November 2nd. 1.00pm-4.00pm.

Have fun creating your own spooky creatures and collage pictures. Drop in family activity.

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Friday, November 3rd. 1.00pm - 4.00pm.

Leather working: Make your own leather bookmark and find out how leather has been used in the past. Drop in family activity.

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All the children have settled in well to the new term, we have welcomed some new families to the setting and the children have settled with ease.

Our Ducklings have been exploring new textures, exploring the colours of Autumn and been learning about different shapes.

Our Sunshines have embarked on jungle life with the role play area transforming into a jungle with lots of species hidden amongst the greenery. They have been exploring how animals move, the different sounds they make and the prints they leave behind, and what foods they like to eat. As the weather turns a little cooler they have put on their wellies and waterproofs to experience the changing outdoor environment. We have spotted more worms coming up to see what we are doing!



Thank you to everyone who came along and

supported our Table Top, the money raised was used to purchase some new waterproof clothing for the ducklings room.

We have one more fundraiser event planned for the year and we hope you can join us. On **Sunday, November 12th** in Hawes Market House, we will be holding our annual Christmas Fayre. There will be some delicious homemade refreshments on sale, tombola, wine and water game and trade stands to help you start your Christmas shopping. We welcome donations of bottles of wine and Tombola prizes for our games, these can be dropped off in our entrance hall or you can get in touch and we can arrange to collect them, dalesplay1@btconnect.com. Thank you for your support.

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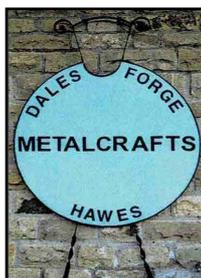
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Linda, Brenda and family would like to thank everyone for their kind messages and cards of condolence after the loss of Alan. Also the doctors, nurses and staff at the Central Dales Practice who have been excellent in caring for Alan over the years.

PINKtober in the Dales

During October, Reeth and Grinton are turning pink to raise awareness and vital funds for breast cancer research on behalf of CRUK. The key dates are;

- 1st** - Pink walk from Reeth to Grinton. Starts at The Black Bull, **3.00pm**.
- 4th** - Needle felting workshop at the Threshing Barn Reeth.
- 6th** - Pink Quiz night at The Buck.
- 13th** - Fashion Show at The Buck. **7.00pm**.
- 15th** - Craft Fair **10.00am - 3.00pm** at The Buck.
- 21st** - The Hoo music event at The Buck.
- 27th** - Coffee Morning and Exhibition of children's art work, Pink Pooches, and the Great Dales Bake Off at Hudson House.
- 28th** - Halloween Disco at The Black Bull.
- 29th** - Candle and Helen's Hearts of Hope Ceremony. Reeth Community Orchard. **6.00pm**.



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News From Sycamore Hall – The Changing Seasons

As I write this, September is heading towards its close, which seems a terrifying thought as we anticipate the short, dark days ahead. We were grateful for a few nice days in September but it was nothing to write home about.

We had a bit of excitement when we found a bat trying to hibernate in our entrance porch - causing more than a bit of consternation to some!! A local licensed 'bat rescue' person was contacted and came along to remove the poor little chap, who we were informed was a Whiskered Bat. The little mammal is now having a rest before being released back into the wild in the vicinity of Sycamore Hall to find his own comfy place to rest.

We are about to start work on the external refurbishment of the car park, which is likely to cause some element of chaos, even if only for a few days - unless of course, the weather deteriorates rapidly! Our electric car chargers are due to be installed and, once up and running, will be available for use by the public as well as our staff and visitors. A new path is also being created to make it easier for our active residents to walk around the building and access all areas.

Meanwhile, inside, we are getting used to our lovely new surroundings and it is great to see a nice group of our residents making good use of the lovely lounge during the day.

Unfortunately, we never made it to Mrs Pumphrey's due to issues with transport, but we

did manage to get to The Garden Rooms at Tennants where a group of residents enjoyed a delicious lunch and a wander around the galleries.

On **Saturday, October 7th**, we also invite you to join us for an evening of quizzing with a pie and pea supper. Teams of four will compete in a fun quiz for a cash prize. Tickets cost just £10 per person, to include the supper. Soft drinks will be available on the night but you can bring your own alcohol if you wish. Do join us for the fun! Contact Sonja or Karen for tickets, or see information on the posters.

We are currently in the process of setting up a new activities group to try and plan events etc. for the next year. If you would like to join us for this, please get in touch with Karen or Sonja at Sycamore Hall. The more volunteers we have, the better! We are aiming to have a full programme of activities to enhance the lives of our residents, but also to benefit our local community, so if you think you would like to join us, do please get in touch.

Finally, we would like to extend a warm welcome to our new residents who are in the process of settling themselves into their new homes. We hope you will be very happy here.

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



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Mountain Rescue Team Searches For New Trustee

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On average, the team responds to 35 callouts annually, working closely with emergency services to offer vital and highly valued service to both local communities and visitors exploring the Dales.

Now, the charity is trying to track down a new trustee. Membership officer Charlotte Porter said: “This is an opportunity to make a real difference to the local community. The charity really values diversity and inclusivity, so we encourage applications reflecting the rich tapestry of our local community.”

Prior knowledge of mountain rescue is not necessary. We realise everyone will have unique qualities to bring to the team and we value different perspectives. The ideal trustee will contribute actively as a board member,

helping to achieve the successful conduct of the team’s objectives by providing oversight of financial propriety, strategic direction, transparent governance and reputation.

Team Chair Tim Cain MBE commented that: “The ideal candidate will be a critical thinker, prepared to challenge the status quo and pose difficult questions when needed. They will bring new, invaluable insights and perspectives to our board.”

The voluntary commitment is initially for three years. The successful candidate will attend quarterly board meetings, as well as general meetings two or three times a year. Additionally, there may be a need to be available virtually for time-critical decisions, ensuring the charity can respond swiftly where necessary.

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Gym facility and membership - Now is a great time to start your journey to getting fitter and healthier, so get your gym memberships sorted or try one of our classes? We have a variety of gym memberships that allow you to use the gym and have a great workout to meet your needs. Come down to a well-equipped gym with a variety of kit to suit everyone's workout needs. There are several different gym membership packages including 6-month memberships; monthly pay as you go; couples, student, and junior memberships as well as guest day passes. One to one training sessions are also available.

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Circuits – **Sunday (live) 7.00pm.** High intensity workout.

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Low Mill Update

Many readers will be aware that Low Mill Outdoor Education Centre, situated in Askrigg, reopened its doors in March this year for school and youth groups to enjoy residential stays in the Dales.

Low Mill Outdoor Education is a vital and integral part of a young person's education. Outdoor learning enhances and improves classroom education. It turns powerful learning opportunities into life changing experiences. It develops children's sense of self and builds their confidence, giving them skills important for life after school. The trustees and staff have a deep belief that Low Mill's work has never been more important. Post pandemic young people need more than ever to connect to each other, to the adults around them, and to nature to appreciate the importance of looking after our environment.

Like most outdoor education centres, Low Mill had a difficult time during the pandemic when it was forced to close. It has undergone a significant restructuring and kept going only with generous financial support from benefactors and with hard work and dedication from the trustees and a new staff team.

As we near the end of our first post pandemic operating season, the trustees are looking for volunteers to help us offer even more young people the experience of an outdoor residential here in the Yorkshire Dales.

We are looking for help with the following roles:

Trustees - Join the trustee group to help take Low Mill forward to the next stages of growth. If you have particular skills or experience in the following areas and would like to help Low Mill, the trustees would be very interested to hear from you:

- Fundraising – applications to trusts and foundations, corporate fundraising and events to raise funds for capital projects, operational delivery and bursary fund creation;
- Charity governance and administration;
- Buildings – compliance / Health & Safety;
- Educational background / Youth Work;

To find out more about any of the roles above please email recruitment@lowmill.com to arrange a conversation with one of the existing trustees.

Volunteer Roles - Low Mill is also in need of volunteers who can help in other ways, such as:

Minibus Drivers - To support groups getting to and from activity locations. You just need to hold a D1 entitlement on your licence and be willing to undertake a DBS check – safeguarding training will be provided.

General Maintenance - Sign up to our mailing list to find out about upcoming working days and weekends to help with specific projects around the grounds and property of Low Mill.

Fundraising Group - Sign up to help us with fundraising as we reform a small working group to help with applications, fundraising activities and more.

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Leyburn and District u3a Group

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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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The readers of the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter (including businesses and visitors) can strengthen the grant application by providing evidence of local support for the Sunday DalesBus 856 (anonymously if preferred) by saying why they, or someone they know, uses and values this particular bus service. Please send a short note or postcard stating your reason(s) to Ruth Annison, Dyke House, Askrigg, Leyburn DL8 3HG or telephone me on **01969 650349**. Thank you very much.

Until the end of October, Sunday DalesBus services connect Hawes with the following places: 831: Middlesbrough, Darlington, Richmond, Reeth; 832: Ingleton and Kirkby Lonsdale; 855: Garsdale Station, Bainbridge, Askrigg, Carperby, Castle Bolton; 875: York, Leeds, Horsforth, Ilkley, Wharfedale, Aysgarth, Bainbridge.

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Potential BT Payphone and Telephone Box Removal

North Yorkshire Council has received notification from British Telecom that it intends to remove 30 payphones from the Local Authority area, 14 of which are in the former Richmondshire District Council area. This includes the boxes at Carperby, Simonstone, Burtersett, Sedbusk and Appersett.

To ensure that the local community are fully informed, on August 24th, British Telecom placed a Payphone Removal Notice (90 Day Notice) in each of the payphones. The 90 Day Notice advises of the intention by BT to remove the payphone and for people to contact the Local Authority with any comments concerning the removal. North Yorkshire Council, are attempting to make locals aware of the potential removal of the payphone.

As British Telecom has already placed the 90 Day Notice, comments on the potential removal of the payphone must be sent to North Yorkshire Council by **Friday, October 27th**. Please reply by

email to Grants.ric@northyorks.gov.uk, or by post to Business and Community Team, North Yorkshire Council, Mercury House, Station Road, Richmond North Yorkshire, DL10 4JX.

BT cannot remove a last public call box if one or more these decisions / actions apply:

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2. It is sited in a high-frequency accident or suicide location;
3. There have been 52 or more calls made from the call box in the past year;
4. There is other evidence of reasonable user need for the public call box.

North Yorkshire Council will consider all the comments received by **Friday, October 27th** and will send them and its decision to BT by **November 22nd**. BT will make a decision whether to remove the payphone or to retain it taking into account the responses from the Council.

You May Want to Adopt a Payphone - The consultation process also gives local communities the opportunity to adopt a phone box for another use. This applies to both the traditional red phone box as well as the modern phone boxes. BT are advising that to adopt a payphone box costs just a £1 and to apply at the following link: <http://bt.com/adopt>.

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Askrigg 'Safari Supper' August 2023

(in aid of Shine, the spina bifida charity)

My wife and I moved to Askrigg in January 2021, during lockdown, and have thoroughly enjoyed our time here, having been welcomed by everyone. We have enjoyed particularly the opportunities to participate in some of the village's local traditions and events such as the scarecrow competition and the Askrigg and District Produce Show. Due to family commitments however we have, until this year, been unable to experience the Safari Supper.

We were therefore delighted to be free on the evening of August 12th during which we were joined by and hosted two other couples for starters. We then moved on to join two different couples for a main course before moving on again to join two further, different couples for a dessert. The very enjoyable evening concluded, on schedule, when all participants convened in The Crown.

Of the six couples we joined during the different courses, one or two we have had the chance to meet already however some were completely new to us. The warmth and, in two cases, hospitality that we enjoyed confirmed what we hear so many times from visitors to the village that we chat to, namely that it really is a lovely village and one that many would love to live in. More importantly for us however is that for all the village's aesthetic charms, it is nice people that make a nice village.

In conclusion we would like to thank again everyone who has made us welcome since our arrival, thank those who both joined and hosted us on the evening and make particular mention of Rachel Dechezeaux who orchestrated the whole event and its bewildering logistics - well done Rachel.

One final outcome of the evening is that £230 was raised for the spina bifida charity, Shine - www.shinecharity.org.uk/.

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FRI 27 OCT	6pm	Mr. Jones (15) 2hrs 21

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