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Guest Editorial

A few years ago, I decided that I would subscribe to a new philosophy, one with the repellant title of "Anti-consumption". I think many Dales folk may know a similar idea by the name "Make do and mend".

I have carried this philosophy since then; we are pelted with advertisements in all digital environments, in magazines (my Mother-in-law recently bought Good Housekeeping and was shocked to find it was mostly advertisements) and on the radio. Society wants us to keep buying things and helping the "economy".

Without getting into my ideas on that front, I wanted to purposefully push in the opposite direction. To see how far I could get without buying things. Obviously, this omits food, rent, heating oil, petrol, and the normal necessities. The next time I found myself wanting to get a new shirt or a new dress because I felt my old ones were overused, overdone, or out of fashion - I tried to think - do I really need a new one? Are the old ones still serving the function of clothing me, can I mend any holes they have (perhaps by practicing my embroidery)? Can I arrange a clothing swap with my friends so we can both freshen up our wardrobes? Can I continue to live my life happily and healthily without purchasing new clothes? The answers are a resounding "Of course!"

Imagine that the world right now has all we need and more. When I go to a store and see new ladles or cutlery for sale, I imagine the second hand shops and drawers of people's houses are filled to the brim with enough cutlery for everyone. I myself have more sets than my two person household needs, but the world keeps producing more things. Each time things are produced, this uses electricity, emits pollutants, and uses up resources from our finite world.

Yes I fail here or there, usually when I am on holiday and my defenses are down in a store with lovely items, but especially when I hear from a colleague that they receive an Amazon order at least every week. I do imagine my life is looking quite different than some other people. (It helps to not have children who are constantly outgrowing their clothes).

This philosophy is something I don't often see around me in the world. Some people even have shopping as a hobby; it's hard for me to imagine, going to buy things without even a

view of what you have a need for, but rather just to do the action of buying items. My aunt is one of these people, she loves to find deals and buy clothes, but the last time I was at her house, she pulled out a pile of ten or so jeans that she had bought and it turned out they didn't even fit her properly! She is wealthy to the point that she didn't bother returning them so I was able to take my pick and have some new trousers to replace ones I had outgrown or worn out.

Being anti-consumption doesn't mean I never need new things. I may take up a new hobby, or find that I need a more appropriate raincoat. So I try to buy used things, to consciously not add anything new to the world. Charity shops are of course popular in this realm. Luckily in our digital age we have many other tools to assist with finding more niche items, and sometimes at a lower cost. Facebook Marketplace or eBay can connect us with people across the country who may have what we are looking for. Another great recommendation is Freecycle.org, a website all about giving things away for free; I'm in the Richmondshire group and I regularly see furniture like drawers or beds, hobby equipment, plants, and many other nice items that the owner would rather send easily to a good home than to faff about with trying to sell it.

I believe in the phrase "to each their own" so if you think I'm spouting a lot of nonsense, then I welcome you to that opinion, but maybe next time instead of binning old belongings, you'll think of me and pass them on to someone who could use it.

Inez Hein

Penhill Ladies

The next meeting is on **November 15th at 7.30pm**. This is an open meeting where members and visitors are very welcome. Our speaker is Colin Alderson on "Christmas at Sandringham". Last year, he attracted a good crowd of members and visitors and was greatly appreciated. There will be refreshments after the talk including homemade cake (Visitors £5 to include refreshments).

Penhill Ladies meet in Carperby Village Institute at **7.30pm on the third Wednesday in the month**. New members and visitors are warmly welcomed.

For more details it's **Shelagh 01969 663958 or Rosie 01969 662691**.

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Eunice the Ewe

Last month Eunice was hiding amongst the musical notes at the top of page 9 and the winner was Victoria Prentice from Snaizeholme who has donated her £10 to Hawes Christmas Lights.

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

Heather and Grouse

Heather and Grouse in Askrigg, will be holding their late night shopping events on **November 1st and 19th**. Open until **8.00pm** on both evenings, come and enjoy a drop of mulled wine, coffee or tea. Great ideas for quality Christmas shopping. Everyone very welcome.

Bell

Eric and Kathleen would like to thank everyone for all the cards flowers and presents received for their Diamond Wedding.

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Increased Awards

In an effort to encourage more of our readers to have a go at our monthly competition we are, from this issue, increasing the award to the winner's nominated charity to £50.

November Competition

Modes of Transport

1. They sound like duties
2. Platform tutor
3. It's back in smart fashion
4. Practise your sport
5. Esroh
6. A lean rope twisted
7. I rinse lucre
8. A dine crash crashed
9. A bit of something has led Gerald here
10. Latin at length
11. Not a dead ship
12. Boule rampart muddled
13. Back in the subjunctive
14. Replacement soldier

Send in your answers to arrive by **Tuesday, November 21st**. Don't forget to include details of your nominated charity which will receive the £50 prize should you win.

Writing Competition Reminder - Closing Date November 11th

Just a reminder that the closing date for the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter Children's Writing competition is **Friday, November 10th**.

We hope you have been thinking of great ideas for your story. If you need any help, just ask in your primary school as your KS2 teachers are keen to support you. Remember there are great prizes to be won.

Entries to be emailed to us at uwnlinput@gmail.com. For more details see the September Newsletter or ask in your school office.

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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

October Competition Answers

The following were all places or features in the Yorkshire Dales National Park with the letters of the name arranged in alphabetical order.

1. Malham Cove
2. Gaping Gill
3. Grassington
4. Gordale Scar
5. Bolton Abbey
6. Buckden Pike
7. Ingleborough
8. Hardraw Force
9. Stalling Busk
10. Aysgarth Falls
11. White Scar Cave
12. Pendragon Castle
13. Great Shunner Fell
14. Ribbleshead Viaduct
15. Horton in Ribblesdale

One settlement in the National Park whose letters are in alphabetical order - DENT.

There were several correct entries for this competition and the winner is Marie Morrison from Garsdale Head whose chosen charity to receive the £20 prize is the Yorkshire Air Ambulance



The children in Dalesplay have been enjoying learning about Autumn. They have been exploring the ever changing colours of the trees, collected items on Autumn walks for our investigation tray, baked hedgehog bread, made vegetable soup and much more. Take a look at our Facebook page to gain more insight to what the children have been learning through play.

We will be holding our annual Christmas Fair in Hawes Market Hall on **Sunday, November 12th, 10.00am - 4.00pm.**

Come along and browse the fabulous trade stands, sample some delicious home baking whilst having a cup of tea and take a turn on the tombola and wine/water game. The money raised at our fair will be spent on much needed furniture for the children to use in Dalesplay.

Sketchbook available to support the Air Ambulance.

Regular readers of the Newsletter will be familiar with the drawings by Stuart Armstrong from Gayle.

Stuart's pen and ink sketches of scenes from Dales villages and landmarks have graced many of the Newsletter front covers over the last fifteen years, including this month's cover.

Stuart is the son of Frank Armstrong who for many years was the chief artist of the Dalesman magazine and Stuart has certainly inherited his father's talent.

Now Stuart has put together 42 of his drawings into a limited edition sketchbook. The sketchbook provides a unique perspective of life in the Upper Dales and will be enjoyed by locals and visitors alike.

The sketchbooks are available for purchase at the Dales Countryside Museum, the Hawes Community Office, Chapel Gallery and Rhodes Pet and Wildlife Supplies and are priced at £10 each. 100% of the profits from the sales will go directly to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Events in Reeth Memorial Hall

Saturday, November 4th – Sam Lewis – direct from Nashville he's captivated audiences all around the world with his songs and stories. Great stage banter. Tickets £14 in advance (£16 door).

Thursday, November 16th – Guy Davis – American Roots musician, two times Grammy nominee (Best Traditional Blues). Guy uses a blend of Roots, Blues, Folk, Rock, Rap, Spoken Word, and World Music. Tickets £15 in advance (£17 on the door).

Friday, December 1st – The Wilderness Yet – They weave an eclectic tapestry of traditional and original songs and tunes, from a cappella three-part harmonies to luscious instrumental arrangements. Tickets £16 in advance (£18 on the door).

Tickets from Reeth Post Office or phone **Glen Steward (01748 884989)** or visit www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk – tickets are half price for under 16s. All concerts begin at **8.00pm** with doors open at **7.30pm.**

Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust

A new scheme has been launched to provide opportunities for young people aged 16-17 from all backgrounds to experience and benefit from spending time in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) and the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) have partnered with NCS (National Citizen Service) to create Green Routes, with the aim of empowering hundreds of young people through a series of practical and inspiring experiences. The aim is to create outdoor experiences in the Yorkshire Dales over the next 12 months that encourage teamwork, improve health and wellbeing and provide opportunities for social mixing for young people from Bradford, Blackburn with Darwen and North Yorkshire.

Youth groups from underrepresented and underserved communities who might otherwise face barriers to accessing nature and green spaces are invited to apply. “We hope that through Green Routes, the young people we work with will develop life skills, confidence

and resilience that can be taken forward into their future lives,” said Fiona Busfield, Green Futures Programme Manager at YDMT. “We aim to provide a supported pathway that will hopefully inspire them, whether it be a lifelong passion for the outdoors or creating positive change for the environment and their communities.”

Examples of the kind of experiences that will be on offer include: green woodworking, walking, bushcraft and campfire cooking, lambing, tree planting, species identification, dry stone wall building, path laying and natural crafts.

Lizzie Bushby, Member Champion for Recreation Management at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority said: “We want to make sure everyone, regardless of ability, background or lived experience has the opportunity to come and explore our special landscapes. Providing experiences that enable people to access the special qualities of the National Park, through schemes like this, is one of our key objectives and we look forward to working with partners to deliver successful outcomes for the young people taking part.”

Participants will take part in regular Youth Forum meetings which will encourage peer-to-peer learning and development through exploring different environmental challenges and identifying ways they can take action.

There will also be a Big Dales Day Out, where all the groups will come together to take positive action for the environment. The scheme has been made possible through funding from NCS.

Youth groups and leaders are invited to apply to participate in the scheme by emailing alex.green@yorkshiredales.org.uk. There is a rolling application process until October 2024.



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Costs are £8.50 pay as you go. Michelle is an advanced yoga teacher, teacher trainer and yoga therapist. Please contact her directly for more details at: yogamichelle@gmail.com.

Find it hard to get out in the darker months? Try gym membership or our morning Bootcamp or Millies Classes. Booking is essential for all classes.

Fitness classes - via zoom or live class as indicated: Cost £7 each class unless otherwise indicated.

With Millie: Move and Tone – **Wednesday (live) 7.00pm.** Aerobics session to music followed by core strength exercises for toning.

Circuits – **Sunday (live) 4.00pm.** High intensity workout.

Or try our High Intensity Bootcamp - **Tuesday and Thursday (live) 7.00am** – get that morning metabolism boost that lasts throughout the day.

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.

Soft Play - We now have a dedicated room which is available for hire - £5 per family for 2 hours, or why not try our monthly subscription £15 unlimited use? For social, active play with your babies and pre-school child. Book and pay online.

Booking and enquiries can be made via our website www.yorebridgesportandleisure.co.uk or email admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk or telephone **01969 650060**.

Our other classes are:

Fit for Life - **Mondays (zoom) 9.15am - 10.15am.** Building and Maintaining Strength to live life your way.

Tennis – **Mondays (live) 6.00pm.** Social tennis, weather permitting, contact us to join group. Cost £5.

Walking Circuit – **Wednesdays (zoom) 9.15am - 10.15am.** Exercises to keep active people, active.

Strong and Able – **Fridays (live) 11.00am.** Maintain your ability to get out and enjoy life, build muscle tone, stability around movement and keep flexible and mobile around joints. Standing and chair-based exercise.

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Notes From Thorney Mire

Autumn

A red squirrel with a distinctive black tail has been seen running along the garden wall. We once saw one with an almost white tail as though it had reached pensionable age. If you can get close enough or, if they keep still for a while you can see that they have distinctive markings. A friend of mine who used to live at Snaizholme, regularly had three red squirrels coming to her bird feeders. She could identify each one from their markings and gave them all names. Smokey was obviously the one with the black tinge to its fur. This was over twenty years ago and at that time we had no red squirrels at Thorney Mire, only greys, but over the years the reds have gradually spread to our area and now we have a thriving colony. A grey squirrel has once again been observed in our wood, that's the third one this year. Unlike its predecessors who were caught within hours of the traps being set, this one is proving to be more elusive and we think it's gone elsewhere.

The trapping programme in our wood has finished for the time being as only reds are being caught now. The traps have to be checked frequently to ensure the red squirrels do not become captured for too long. It is illegal to release a trapped grey squirrel, they have to be disposed of humanely. Twenty one grey squirrels have been caught at Cotterdale this summer. Where they are coming from, no one knows.

I have only seen two live hedgehogs this summer and fortunately none who have not made it safely across the road. Does this mean there are not as many around this year or, are they more healthy and only coming out at night which is when they should? We had one in our bottom field which was heading straight for the lane. It was gently picked up, (how else would you pick up a hedgehog?) and returned to the bottom of the field where it was hoped that it would go into the wood and forage there, where it was safe from traffic. I daresay as soon as we were out of sight, it would turn round and head for the lane again. They are a bit like children, you do your best for them, but they've got minds of their own.

When it stopped raining for long enough in the summer for you to sit outside and have lunch, we played the "Count the Butterfly Game." (Simple things for simple minds and all

that!) The first day we saw one red admiral. The second day we saw one red admiral and one peacock. The peacock disappeared never to be seen again but, the red admirals increased in number daily until we had twelve, mostly attracted by the sedums. They floated around from one flower head to another trying different flavours like the rudbeckia and verbena, but the sedum was their favourite. They even landed on me if I was wearing a light-coloured top, but they soon discovered that I wasn't a flower. They fed mostly in peaceful harmony. There was a bit of posturing in a, "Hey, this is my flower, find your own," sort of way, but mostly it was harmonious and a delight to watch. There was sometimes difficulty in trying to go through the door back into the house as they seemed intent on following us inside.

Red admirals migrate to Britain from North Africa and Europe and in recent years their numbers have increased. With temperatures rising they are now overwintering in the U.K. This is good news for red admirals but, why only one peacock and no painted ladies? There seems to have been fewer cabbage whites this year, this maybe because they've flown off in a

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huff because we've netted all the brassicas and I could be a little hypocritical here, because while I'm all for encouraging wildlife into the garden, (as I sit and watch a blackbird systematically devouring the berries on the pyracantha,) I do draw the line at finding caterpillars on the cabbage.

A trip to some other European countries makes you realise, how in comparison this country is devoid of wildlife. Our landscape seems to be "managed" whereas in Sardinia the fields are left to look after themselves so poppies and other wild flowers grow there. In Slovenia there are so many wild flowers and butterflies that it impedes your walk because you are constantly stopping to take photographs. In the Alps there are masses of wild flowers, the species changing as you climb higher.

We are told that one reason for the decline of wildlife is lack of habitat. Recently walking past a field where the farmer had left a narrow strip of land by the fence, to go wild, bees and butterflies were taking advantage of this. We are constantly being advised by the media to grow plants that will attract wildlife, provide bug hotels, make tunnels in the hedge so that hedgehogs can pass from one garden to another and not to be so tidy in the garden. At the risk of sounding like Chris Packham, I think we could all do our bit for wildlife in our own patch of land. I'm all for it. If you've not had the time or inclination to tidy or weed the garden you can tell people you are re-wilding. All I want now is someone to tell me that doing housework is environmentally unfriendly and I would gladly join their cause.

Sylvia Turner

Little White Bus

Just a quick reminder that we still have two remaining trips this year. The first is on **Friday, November 17th** and will be going to Hayes Garden World at Ambleside. This is always a popular destination as there is usually an enormous selection of Christmas items as well as the usual indoor and garden plants. The second and last trip this year will be on **Friday, December 15th** to Kendal.

All details are available from the Community Office or alternatively from the Little White Bus web site. Looking forward to seeing regular and of course new faces too.

Your driver, Richard Noble

Financial Assistance for Students - 2023/2024

Grants are being offered to students and apprentices 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 and apprentices 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, home address, 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 **December 31st** and should be sent electronically to The Clerk: clerkyef@outlook.com or by post to: The Trustees Yorebridge Education Foundation c/o The Haven Askrigg Leyburn North Yorkshire DL8 3HN.

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The experience starts with being inducted into the Elf Academy, and then, under the supervision of the Head Elf, the new trainees complete a series of tasks, to attain stamps that will enable Santa to certify them later on as a fully qualified Elf. After completing Elf Boot Camp, it's on to the North Pole sorting office where our young guests can write their Christmas wish lists, and then post them to Santa. Next follows a magical journey through the land of Narnia, where our intrepid explorers will encounter the Snow Queen, and then on to Who-Ville, and make sure that that they stop the Grinch from stealing Christmas.

Then it's time for each individual family to spend time with Santa in his grotto, where there will be an opportunity to interact with the man himself and take some photos. The young elves will receive a gift, as well as Santa's personal authentication of their certificates. The fun doesn't end there though, because the whole family can play on the 9-hole, North Pole crazy golf course, for the perfect end to a memorable visit.

The team behind this have a long history of producing themed events to the highest standard, so you can expect the experience to be truly magical. The event is also entirely indoors, so won't be affected by the winter weather. "Many parents have disappointing memories of underwhelming Santa experiences." Says Dawn, "Christmas is such a special time for children that we really wanted to make this a magical adventure for them. The whole experience should take about an hour and we have tried to make it as affordable as possible. We have included all the elements that made Christmas so special for us when we were young, and hope that we can help parents to re-create those special memories for their children today."

The venue is Uredale Mill (the old Carrs Billington warehouse), Station Rd, Askrigg, DL8 3HZ and will run through **December on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays for the first two weekends, and then every day from the 15th to the 23rd.** Full details and tickets are available from: <https://www.buytickets.at/incredibleartists>.



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Sycamore Hall News

As always, there is plenty going on at Sycamore Hall - you really should come along to see for yourself.

Chaos reigned while the car park was re-surfaced, as expected, but the contractors were very helpful and did a good job, leaving us with a car park that is now pothole free.

Sonja and Karen organised a very successful Quiz Night with Pie and Pea Supper which was enjoyed by residents and members of our local communities. Chris and Alice served up a delicious pie and peas (with the help of Maisie) which was followed by a selection of puddings. Thanks must go to our local butchers - J W Cockett and Sons of Hawes and Hammonds of Bainbridge - who both generously donated meat for the pie. Make sure you put the date of our next evening in your diaries now – **Saturday, December 9th at 6.00pm** for a Christmas themed Quiz and Supper - Everyone welcome.

Discussions are now taking place to plan activities and events in the run up to the festive period. Meanwhile we continue to hold our weekly Gentle Exercise sessions with Janet on **Fridays at 11.00am**. Knit and Natter continues at **2.00pm on Mondays** in our lovely new lounge and of course, our weekly coffee morning takes place on **Thursdays at 10.30am**. You are welcome to join us.

The ladies of the WI are also holding a monthly IT Club on the first **Friday of the month at 2.00pm** to try and answer all those nagging little questions about our technology.

On **November 19th**, we will be holding a Nostalgia Afternoon, focused on the 1950's/60's. We hope to decorate in that theme and are asking our residents to bring along photographs of themselves as babies or on their wedding day. We will be serving refreshments and hope that this will be a great opportunity to get together and discuss our memories of those times. Do join us.

As always, we hope you will come up to see what we have to offer at our newly refurbished site. The Post Office is open **Mondays and Wednesdays between 9.00am and 11.00am**; Sycamore Country Store is open **Monday to Friday 9.00am to 1.00pm** (now closed Saturdays for the winter); Sycamore Restaurant is open **noon to 2.00pm daily** for lunch and Sycamore Salon is open **Thursday, Friday and**

Saturday by appointment, along with Mabel and Maisy's Mini Emporium for all your gift requirements.

For more information about our facilities and the availability of apartments, please contact **Nicky Cooper, Housing Manager on 0370-102-4055**. We look forward to seeing you soon! A warm welcome awaits.

A Big Thank You

On **Saturday, October 21st** I was proud to present an afternoon of 'Music From The Movies' which I performed on the organ at St Margaret's Church in Hawes. This event was the third occasion for which I have been able to raise much needed funds for the future restoration of the organ at St. Margaret's.



During the second half of the performance it was almost as if the organ itself knew what the funds were being raised for, as it started to 'misbehave', however a swift rethink and workaround the problem saved the day. It just goes to highlight even more, the need for this instrument to be restored in the near future.

It was fantastic to see such a packed church and the feedback that I received from many of those who attended was amazing. On the day we raised the fantastic sum of just over £600 for our fighting fund which currently stands at approximately £6,000, however we still have a very long way to go. I would just like to express my gratitude to all those who came along to enjoy the music and the accompanying visuals which were superbly put together by Mike Hirst. I would like to say a huge thank you to all those who have generously donated to this appeal as I feel that the organ at St. Margaret's is an instrument which is worthy of being maintained in good working order for future generations to appreciate.

So the fundraising will continue, there's lot more film scores to work with and plenty more composers and films to talk about too, so keep your eyes open for news of 'Music From The Movies 2'!!

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Leyburn and District u3a Group

The November meeting is on **Friday 17th at 10.30am** - The History of National Parks - Nigel Watson. 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 850 471** or email susiemellish@gmail.com.

Future Meetings: **December 15th** - Mince Pies and chat - No Speaker at this meeting.

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New Local Nature Website

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Thoralby and District W.I.

On **Tuesday, October 17th** the Thoralby and District WI met to listen to an excellent talk by Malcolm Brookes on Cyprus - "Blessed by Nature and Cursed by History". Malcolm worked for "Service Children's Education" and taught children from British military families in Cyprus and Germany.

Although retired, he still has a home in Cyprus. Using his own research and knowledge of the area he talked about the the conflict in Cyprus starting in December 1963 which led to the drawing up of the CFL (Cease Fire Line) or the "Green Line". His photographs and short videos and anecdotes were fascinating and demonstrated his love of the area and interest in the island's history.

Future events leading up to Christmas include a "Dabble Day" on **Wednesday, December 6th** to make Christmas wreaths, cards and decorations, and Christmas Meal at the **Street Head Inn on Tuesday, December 12th** at lunch time. Soup and Sweet continues on the third Thursday in the month until April and everybody is welcome to come along for a lovely lunch for just £5. If you are interested in joining in or would like further information, please contact our President **Sally Stone** on **01969 663875**.



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Farming Ambition Programme Embraces Change for Young Farmers

The Farmer Network is excited to announce significant changes to its flagship Farming Ambition Programme, dedicated to providing business support to young people. Over the last 12 years, the Network has assisted over 160 young individuals in turning their farming-related business dreams into reality with the support of various funders. This winter, we're holding a series of engaging and informative workshops that will help young people in the farming industry acquire the skills and knowledge needed to succeed.

Our revamped programme will have workshops covering essential aspects such as business planning, bookkeeping, diversification, marketing, loan applications and the promotion of sustainable farming practices in harmony with nature.

Farming is undergoing a significant transformation, and these workshops are specifically designed to equip the next generation of farmers with the tools and knowledge they need to turn their farming business ideas into reality.

If you're a young individual with a passion for farming, between the ages of 18-30 in Cumbria and 18-40 in the Yorkshire Dales, this programme is for you. To find out more and to book your place use the QR code on The Farmer Network flyers and social media posts or visit the 'Projects Section' on www.thefarmernetwork.co.uk.

Spaces are limited and the majority are free of charge. Secure your spot by booking early. The workshops are not only an invaluable educational experience but also a fantastic opportunity to connect with like-minded young farmers and gain insights from successful farming and related business owners.

The Farming Ambition launch sessions, where you can find out more about the programme and hear from younger farmers running their own businesses, are scheduled for:

- Yorkshire Dales – **Thursday, November 2nd** at Burnsall Village Hall.

- Cumbria – **Thursday, November 16th** at Penrith Rugby Club.

Marie Curie Wensleydale Fundraising Group

Saturday, November 11th, 7.00pm. Quiz and Pudding Night, West Witton Village Hall, DL8 4LT.

Savoury filled Yorkshire puddings, pre-order meat or veg please, followed by a sweet treat pudding. Phil's Bar, and Raffle. Tickets £12.50pp. To book a place, phone: **01969 623813** (teams of 4-6).

Saturday, November 18th, 2.00pm. West Witton Village Hall, Lasagne bulb planting demonstration followed by Have a Go. £20 pp, including all the materials, and refreshments. To book a place, phone: **01969 623813**

Saturday, November 25th. Stall at St. Mathew's Church, West Witton, Christmas Fair from **10.00am** until **4.00pm**.

The money raised from these events will be used locally to help those who are living with any terminal illness. The Marie Curie Nursing Service will give hospice care at home to those in need. If you are interested in helping this local fundraising group to raise more money for Marie Curie, please contact Mary Sadler, phone number above, or email: wensleydale.mariecurie@gmail.com.

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I still get comments about the demise of Hawes in Bloom. Again I would stress, it was only the hanging baskets I could no longer supply for reasons outside my control.

We have carried on with all the other planting as usual and the shops and businesses have made their own arrangements regarding the baskets only.

It has been really encouraging to see that so many businesses have been willing to carry on with baskets and all the additional work of maintaining them during a busy summer season. They looked terrific again this year!

A few words of thanks are due. Firstly, a big thank you to my gallant team of volunteers who give their time and effort in putting it all out and the taking it all away at the end of the season. Secondly to Peter Metcalf who generously allows us to use his premises at Appersett

Finally, a big thank you to all our other supporters, from financial contributions from the Parish Council, Hawes Market Toll Trustees, the District Council, and others who help in so many ways.

As I now plan and order for next year's display I look forward to once again keeping Hawes in Bloom in our 10th year 2024!

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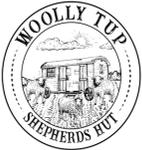
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Middleham Key Centre, Tuesday, November 21st at 2.00pm

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A call has gone out to Redmire and Castle Bolton to "Make and Bake" for the cake stall. All proceeds will go to Dementia UK, which has a free helpline **0800 8886678** and supports Admiral Nurses to help families living with dementia.

Refreshments will be available just up the road at the newly opened Redmire Village Pub. A warm welcome awaits, so pop along and see what's on offer. For more information email dinahfrancis307@gmail.com or carole@bc-crafts.co.uk or find us on Facebook under Redmire Craft Markets.



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November

- 1 Hawes Drama Club meeting. 7.00pm. Gayle Institute.
- 2 Farmer's Network Meeting, Burnsall Village Hall. See p.16.
- 3 Carperby Institute. Dominoes.7.30pm.
- 4 Gospel Music Concert. Hawes Market House. 7.30pm. See p.17.
- 4 LACC Fund Raising event. 10.00am to 2.30pm . See p.14.
- 4 Concert Reeth Memorial Hall. See p.5.
- 5 Bonfire Hawes Community Field 6.00pm. See p.39.
- 8 Friends of the Dales Digital Talk. 4.30pm.
- 10 Wensleydale Railway. Polar Express starts. See p.3.
- 11 Closing date for Story-Writing Competition. See p.4.
- 11 Dales Archaeology Day. Middleham Key Centre. See p.23.
- 11 Bainbridge Christmas Lights. Village Hall. Pie Supper 7.00pm. See p. 22.
- 12 Dalesplay Christmas Fayre. Hawes Market Hall. See p.5.
- 15 Hawes Christmas Lights going up. See p. 21.
- 16 Concert Reeth Memorial Hall. See p.5.
- 17 Leyburn u3A talk. 10.30am. See p.13.
- 17 Hawes Christmas Shopping. See p.3.
- 18 Redmire Craft Fair. 10.00am to 2.00pm. See p.19.
- 18 Music Concert at LACC. 7.30pm. See p.22.
- 18, 19 Woodcraft Studio Christmas Shopping. See p.25.

December

- 1 Concert Reeth Memorial Hall. See p. 5.
- 1 Santa Experience opens in Askrigg. See p. 10.
- 2 Magic of Christmas Concert. 2.00pm.St Margaret's Hawes See p. 31. Followed by Hawes Christmas Lights switch on at 4.00pm.
- 2,3 Woodcraft Studio Christmas Shopping. See p. 25.

**News from Dales Countryside
Museum**

Opening times: Daily **10.00am to 4.00pm, November and December.** Closed Christmas Eve to Boxing Day and January. Last entry one hour before closing. Contact: hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk or call **01969 666210.**

Our Reflections and Connections exhibition is now on show featuring the work of three generations of the Hicks family. At the exhibition opening, local people noted that they are used to coming across Peter 'in the middle of nowhere with his sketchbook', at Malham Tarn, Settle tops, Goredale, or at the riverside in Airton. Beverley's interpretation of the landscape is a reflection of her deep connection with it, while Pheobe herself has said her work is inspired by her family and growing up in North Yorkshire. So this is an exhibition deeply rooted in the landscape of the National Park.

The latest Voices from the Dales podcast episodes created for us by Andrew Fagg are now available. You can catch up on all past episodes at: <https://www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk/explore/explore-the-museum/voices-from-the-dales-podcast/>.

We've lots going on over the half term weeks for Cumbria and North Yorkshire. Don't forget it's always free for children to visit Dales Countryside Museum and this half term the Wensleydale Creamery joins us in offering children free entry so families can enjoy a full day out in Hawes. Families will be able to buy two childrens meals for the price of one at the Firebox Café and those taking part in our events will also enjoy a discount in our shop. Watch out for our events listed below and keep an eye on our website too! Our Mother Christmas event is booking up, so don't miss out. You can book online by visiting www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk and keep up to date on our Facebook page.

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.

Schools are busy making the most of the Museum and our fabulous object boxes.

Great Asby school enjoyed a fantastic session with us, learning about homes in the past and exploring food production and rationing in WW2.

Our volunteers have been busy working on the outdoor trail, helping visitors with research, carrying out oral history interviews and adding to the object catalogue, to name but a few things. If you're interested get in touch.

In October our Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists' Club had a very windy but enjoyable session on the Bartle Walk. Setting off in West Witton, Senior Historic Environment Officer for the YDNPA, Sarah Whiteley, led the walk and pointed out landscape and built heritage features including lead mining remains and medieval lynchets. The club meets once a month on a Saturday morning, **10.00am - noon**. Next month we'll be looking at the craft of leather working. 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.

In 2024/25 we hope to work with the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust on a project called Rivers4Life. This will hopefully include 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 at dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk and if you can, fill in the survey here <https://forms.office.com/e/YNqg6GPBAI>.

What's on during half term (North Yorkshire Schools) and November.

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

Creatures of the night – Halloween crafts

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

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

Hands on History

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.

In the footsteps of nuns.

Friday, November 17th, 7.30pm – 9.00pm.

Marrick Priory 1154 to the present day and beyond. Talk by Sandy Carter, Development Officer at Marrick Priory. A Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum evening lecture. Donations welcome.

Family History Workshop.

Sunday, November 19th, 1.30pm – 4.30pm.

Join Jude Rhodes for an afternoon workshop for those following on with Family History. £30 Booking essential

Meet Mother Christmas

Saturday, November 25th, 10.30am – 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm.

Come along to meet Mother Christmas, write and post your letter to Santa, have fun doing some Christmas crafting and enjoy a luxury hot chocolate at the Firebox café. £8 Booking essential.

Hawes Christmas Lights

Help needed. Looking forward to 'Switch On' day, **Saturday, December 2nd.**

We will be putting up the displays on **Wednesday, November 15th**. If anyone can help us, even for a couple of hours, it would be much appreciated. Many hands make light work! We're meeting at about **8.30am** outside Feather and Fern, Town Foot. Please come prepared for cold/wet weather.

Continuing from last year we still have our recipe book, 'A Taste of Hawes', for sale. It's an ideal stocking filler and is available at various locations in Hawes - Whites of Wensleydale, Alchemist Cottage, Laburnum House, Caffe Curva, Wensleydale Creamery and Wensleydale Press. Again this year we will have Hawes/Wensleydale themed Christmas Cards for sale, see our Facebook page (Hawes Christmas Lights Festival).

Also on **December 2nd** we will be providing refreshments for the Indoor Christmas Market in the Market Hall any offers of help or donations of food would be gratefully received. Let me know.



Wayne Webster
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Hawes Christmas Lights Festival

Leyburn Arts and Community Centre

Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 18th at 7.30pm

Live music. Keith James performs the Music of Yusuf - Cat Stevens.

Keith weaves the story of Cat Stevens' life from his early pop career, life threatening illness and spiritual journey around a performance of his beautifully crafted and memorable songs. £12 (£6 for our volunteers).

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The Dales Archaeology Day 2023 will take place in Middleham Key Centre (Park Lane, Middleham, Leyburn, DL8 4RA) on **November 11th** with a variety of talks, stalls and displays. If you are interested in the history and archaeology of the Yorkshire Dales then this annual event is not to be missed!

10.00am: Introduction – Sarah Whiteley, Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA, Senior Historic Environment Officer).

10.10am: Smardale lime kilns restoration part 1: the journey – Sarah Whiteley (YDNPA, Senior Historic Environment Officer).

10.20am: Smardale lime kilns part 2: restoring a monument at risk – David Johnson (Independent Landscape Archaeologist, contractor for watching brief).

11.00am: Refreshments break (20 mins).

11.20am: A 'Druid's Temple' near Ingleborough? The Sleights Pasture prehistoric monument complex – Yvonne Luke (Ingleborough Archaeology Group).

12.00am: Haunted Ground: New geochemical approaches for detecting the presence of past human activities – Roger Doonan (Archaeological Research Services, Head of Innovation).

12.40pm: Lunch break (1hr 30 mins).

2.10pm: Overground and Underground: the archaeological caves and landscapes of Ingleborough Commons – Rick Peterson (University of Central Lancashire, Reader in Archaeology).

2.50pm: The Descent: A re-analysis of the Cave Ha 3 burials using GIS as tool for taphonomic analysis – Keziah Warburton (University of Central Lancashire, PhD Student).

3.30pm: Discussion and 4.00pm: Close.

Booking

Online booking and payment is now live at (<https://retail.yorkshiredales.org.uk/products>) by typing Dales Archaeology Day in the 'Search' Box. For those who don't wish to use the online method the alternative is to post a cheque payable to 'YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL

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Tickets cost £15 (£12.50 for full-time students) and include refreshments (tea, coffee and biscuits) but not lunch. We cannot accept card payments via telephone or cash sales on the door. If you have a query or a problem booking please contact DalesArchaeologyDay@yorkshiredales.org.uk. You can also find the above information on the YDNPA website on the Dales Archaeology Day webpage.

We look forward to seeing many of you at this year's event. If you have any questions or need further information please don't hesitate to get in touch via our dedicated email address (DalesArchaeologyDay@yorkshiredales.org.uk)



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Bluebox – November Update

Wensleydale Young Musician of the Year

We are teaming up with Wensleydale Rotary Club to offer young musicians the opportunity to take part in the Rotary's nationally organised Young Musician Competition. The local heat will take place on **Saturday, December 2nd** at St. Matthew's Church in Leyburn and is open to young people who live or attend school within, or close to, the North Yorkshire County boundary.

The local competition will be judged in two age groups: 7 to 11 and 12 to 18 years old and include three classes. Class 1) Instrumentalist or vocalist playing acoustically accompanied by a pianist or themself. Class 2) Instrumentalist or vocalist playing with amplification accompanied by backing track or themself. Class 3) Ensemble or group consisting of two or more performers playing either acoustically or amplified. [The Rotary Club will select an instrumentalist and vocalist from Class 1 to be nominated to take part in the next round of the national competition. Winners from all classes will be invited to take part in BlueBox's Christmas Concerts (see below).] Full details can be found at www.wensleydale.org. Closing date for entries is midnight on **Tuesday, November 28th**. The inaugural competition will be adjudicated by Diana Hartley. Everyone is welcome to come along and watch the competition. Doors open **9.30am for 10.30am** start. Refreshments will be available. Donations welcome to help defray costs.

Fund-raising

Thank you to everyone who has supported our recent coffee mornings, taken part in our annual quiz night with Simon Eastwood or entered our Grand Prize Draw. The winning numbers are: 0104, 0127, 0201, 0270, 0275, 0381, 0393, 0398, 0440, 0515, 0787, 1051, 1108, 1625, 1787. You have helped us raise over £1,500 to support our activities across Wensleydale and Swaledale.

Community Music-Making

At the time of writing this month's update, we have just held our first educational workshops in the weeks leading up to the Leyburn Jazz

Festival. Over fifty people have taken part creating new music together including young people working with the festival's resident composer Paul Edis, as part of the Leyburn Jazz Collective and our collaboration with York City Gospel Choir. If you missed their October performances as part of the festival programme, there is another chance to see the groups perform as part of our festive concerts and appearances.

November and December Events

Soup and Sweet at Stalling Busk Schoolroom – **Friday, November 17th, 7.30pm**. The Colin Bailey Band will present an acoustic set of popular music. Entry is £5 on the door. To reserve your place call **Jane Sowerby on 650765**.

Leyburn Christmas Lights Switch-on - **Saturday, November 25th**. There will be various performances and fund-raising stalls throughout the day as part of the celebrations in Leyburn Market Place. See website and main publicity for the latest schedule.

Christmas Together – **Saturday, December 9th, 2.00pm** at St. Matthew's Church Leyburn.

Enjoy a festive sing-along with the Wensleydale Community Gospel Choir, the Dales Pop Choir and the Leyburn Jazz Collective. Doors open **1.30pm for 2.00pm** start. Tickets £10 including mulled wine and mince pie (U18s £5). Raffle and refreshments available.

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Want to work in the music and creative industries?

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

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Sunday, November 5th:

- 9.30am** Morning prayer.
St. Mary's, Redmire.
- 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, November 12th:

- 10.45am** Remembrance service.
St. Mary's, Redmire.
- 10.45am** Remembrance service.
St. Margaret's, Preston under Scar.
- 10.45am** Remembrance service.
St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.

Sunday, November 19th:

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

- 11.00am** Morning prayer:
St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

Sunday, November 26th:

- 9.30am** Holy Communion.
St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.
- 11.00am** Morning prayer.
St. Andrew's, Aysgath.
- 4.00pm** Evening prayer.
Thornton Rust mission room.

November Mid-Week Services:

Thursday 9th and 23rd at 9.30am.

Holy Communion, at St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

Church Coffee Morning and gift day for Bolton cum Redmire parish. **Wednesday, November 1st** from **10.30am to noon** at Redmire Village Hall.

Church Afternoon Tea: **Wednesday, November 15th** from **2.00pm to 4.00pm** at Redmire Village Hall.

At home for Coffee. **Thursday, November 9th** from **10.00am - noon** with Liz and Neil Piper at Fernlea, Thorlby. Donations invited for Aysgarth church Mission Aviation Fellowship.

Men's breakfast, **Saturday, November 18th** at Sycamore Hall Restaurant, Bainbridge. Full English breakfast £8 or £1.40 for scrambled eggs on toast.

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Heavens Above

Jupiter dominates the night sky this month. You'll find the solar system's largest planet high in the south by the middle of the evening. At magnitude minus 2.9 it far outshines any of the stars. It's at its brightest (and closest) at the beginning of the month around opposition on November 3rd when it's directly in line with the Sun and Earth and its face is fully illuminated by the the Sun's rays. Good binoculars will let you spot Jupiter's four biggest moons – Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto - as bright dots either side of the planet. A fascinating sight as they slowly shift in position from night to night. You'll need a medium-sized telescope, however, to see any detail in the bands of clouds that cross the mighty planet's noticeably squashed disc.

November sees the nights really drawing in with proper darkness falling as early as 7.00pm at the start of the month. The changeover from autumn to winter amongst the stars is also beginning to become very noticeable. Most of the summer star patterns have drifted to the west with the three bright Summer Triangle stars starting to lose their former prominence.

By 8.00pm mid-month Autumn's main constellation, the Great Square of Pegasus, is well up in the south-west. A good opportunity

to try and spot the Great Andromeda galaxy which lies just above the chain of stars trailing away from the Square's top left-hand corner. High above the Square, almost over head, you'll find the rich constellations of Cassiopeia and Perseus. Cassiopeia's distinct 'W' is easy to recognise; the straggly inverted 'K' of Perseus a bit more difficult. Midway between the two you'll find one of the show-pieces of the night sky, the famous Double Cluster. A beautiful pair of open star clusters sparkling side-by-side in the inky blackness. A striking sight in wide field binoculars.

It's a good time of the year to view the Milky Way. From the west its pale ribbon arches right across the sky through Cygnus the Swan and Cassiopeia down to Gemini low over the eastern horizon. Late on in the evening another fine binocular target, the lovely Pleiades star cluster, climbs into view in the east. Following on behind come the first of the winter star patterns – Auriga the Charioteer, the Heavenly Twins Castor and Pollux, Taurus the Bull and around 10.00pm, the grandest of all the constellations, Orion the Hunter. His return to the night sky is a sure and certain sign, perish the thought, that the Winter's icy blasts lie just around the corner.

Next month we're treated to one of the finest meteor showers of the year, the Geminids, which peaks on the night of **December 13th/14th**. With very little in the way of moonlight to spoil the view it promises to be a great show. So - here's hoping for clear skies!

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News from The Wensleydale School

On **Friday, September, 29th** at a very unsociable hour, thirty Year 9 students and four staff members embarked on the 2023 WW1 Battlefields trip to France and Belgium. The four day trip is run annually and allows students to experience the impact and devastation of WW1 at first hand. Day 1 is solely about travel and getting to the accommodation of the Peace Village in Mesen Belgium. This was the first trip abroad for a handful of students and so excitement was high!

Day 2 was spent in Flanders, firstly to Tyne Cot cemetery, then the Passchendaele Museum, Vancouver Crossroads, Langemarck German Cemetery, Essex Farm Cemetery, the chocolate shop (!) and then finally to the Menin Gate for the evening's commemoration ceremony. The school had the honour of laying a wreath in memory of those lost led by Mrs Brice and supported by CCF cadets Harvey Kirkbride and Jackson Hogg.

Day 3 was spent on the Somme in France. Here the students visited the Wellington Quarry in Arras, Lochnagar Crater, the Thiepval Memorial and the Ulster Tower. Thiepval especially had a large impact on the students given its size. It holds the names of over 73,000 British and Commonwealth soldiers who fought, never came home and are still classed as missing. The trip was given even more

perspective as the students searched for local soldiers who sadly never returned home. These included Private JW Horn from Hawes, Private N.B.Iveson from Hawes and Private John Dinsdale also from Hawes. Students also looked to remember lost family members during the visit.

Day 4 was the journey home but not before we visited Lijssenthoek Cemetery which encompasses remembrance. Buried here are soldiers and workers from many nations including the USA and China. It also includes the grave of nurse Nellie Spindler from Wakefield who was given full military honours when buried.

The students returned home tired, but grateful for the opportunity and experience.

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Churches Together December Events

Advent Taizé Service

To mark the start of advent, Churches Together in Upper Wensleydale are holding a Taizé Service at Gayle Chapel on **Monday, December 4th**. The event will start at **noon** with a hearty soup and bread lunch followed by the service itself at **1.00pm**. So make a start to the advent season by joining us for the occasion.

Toy Service

This year the Churches Together in Upper Wensleydale **Toy Service** will be held at **10.30am on Sunday, December 3rd** at St. Margaret's Church, Hawes. All toys donated will be taken to The Salvation Army for distribution. All donations of new toys will be gratefully received and help make the Christmas of children who might not otherwise receive a present. Please leave the toys unwrapped so the distributors can choose the appropriate age and sex of the children who will receive them but you may wish to donate wrapping paper with the toys.

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Just over a year since Dales Head Community Ltd (DHC) completed the purchase of Dale Head Garage in Hawes, the first annual dividend cheques have been issued to all 237 individual investors.

Dale Head Garage was purchased by the local community earlier this year when it became clear that owners Minerva SIPP were looking to sell the asset.

With the incentive of a 4p per litre reduction on the pump price of fuel and a 4% annual rate of interest on the amount invested, the target sum of £360,000 was quickly reached with additional support from the former Richmondshire District Council Community Investment Fund and the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's Sustainable Development Fund.

The successful purchase of Dale Head Garage by the local community has meant vital community services such as the Little White Bus, Hawes Post Office, Community Office and Library, can continue to be provided through the Upper Dales Community Partnership who also manage the garage on a day-to-day basis.

Joe Pilling, Chair of Upper Dales Community Partnership said:

"The previous owners were always supportive, but we greatly welcome a longer lease from an organisation so firmly rooted in the Upper Dales. It gives us the confidence to develop and innovate, for example with the Little White Car and with practical help to isolated people".

Mark Sadler, Chair of the Dales Head Community Ltd management committee said:

"The last twelve months has seen an incredible amount of hard work go on behind the scenes to secure the future of Dale Head Garage, and it's a proud moment, twelve months on, to see the first dividend payment approved and issued to everyone who stepped up to help keep the garage a community asset.

"My thanks in particular must go to David Colley, who drove this process through from start to finish and who has been a great support to the newly formed DHC management committee alongside Joe Pilling, Michael McGarry and Peter Metcalfe".

Looking ahead, DHC and UDCP are now actively considering how Dale Head Garage can be improved and how those improvements are funded. This includes examining how the forecourt might be reconfigured to make it easier for drivers, improvements to the current customer payment system, and exploring the possibility of acquiring land on which to create an electric charging station.

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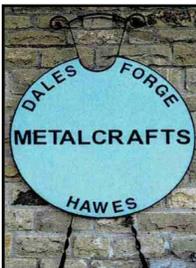
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The Magic of Christmas

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The Magic of Christmas is an afternoon of festive and seasonal music, featuring Malcolm Carruthers (Organist for the Upper Wensleydale Benefice) and The Askrigg Handbell Ringers. Bells are synonymous with Christmas and a building such as St. Margaret's is an ideal place to show off the talents of the team and the sound of the bells to their best effect.

The performance will begin at **2.00pm** and will finish in time for anyone wishing to attend the switching on of the Hawes Christmas lights and to enjoy the music of the Hawes Silver Band at **4.00pm**. There will be a short interval during which refreshments will be available. With no entry charge for the event, it is hoped that retiring donations will be made which will go towards the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. We'd love to welcome you to St. Margaret's, so why not come along, make an afternoon of it and get into the Festive spirit.

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Askrigg and Low Abbotside Parish Archive

I write this note with a good deal of relief and a smile on my face. After many years of discussion and debate as to where this Archive could be, we can finally claim to have 'done it'. The committee of Askrigg Village Hall were kind enough to allow us access to an upstairs, walk in cupboard which is just a perfect size for the job in hand, not too big to become a cluttered space but with organisation it will work well.

Huge thanks must go to the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust for the grant covering the installation of shelves and purchase of archive boxes, without this we would have no archive.

In our Parish we have quite a lot of historical documents relating to local people and customs which are mostly stored in private houses. For instance we have records going back to the beginning of Askrigg Equitable and Benevolent Friendly Society established in 1809, one of the oldest Friendly Societies in the U.K. We are grateful for their donation to the Village Hall towards the renovation of the Archive Room.

Askrigg can boast about their Village Scrapbooks, compiled in 1965, 1977, 1990, 2000 and the last one in 2015. These are a complete record of the people and life in the Parish during these years. These precious, original scrapbooks will eventually go for safe keeping to the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes but we have a full set of copies for our Archive.

The Millennium Photographic Exhibition held in the Village Hall in June 2000 has left us with copies of photographs covering every decade from 1900 to 2000, they too can be stored in the Archive. All these photographs, documents and scrapbooks are the beginning of our Archive which will have to be behind a locked door, however access will be available by appointment with Eleanor Scarr. If anyone is interested in helping with this, please let me know.

The Village Hall is in the midst of a renovation programme, again we are supported by a grant from the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust with regard to a lot of decorating yet to do, but the committee work hard to keep up the momentum so we have this great space for all our village activities.

Eleanor Scarr



Mystery Picture

Last month's Mystery Picture was first identified by Mason Scarr who said 'The picture shows the "kissing gate" on the old railway track up dale, it's where the foot path fromn Yorebridge towards Yoescott, on the Abbotside road crosses the said line.'

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More News from the Wensleydale School

This morning we welcomed Martin Beckett and Stan Roorcroft MBE from the Aysgarth Singers into school. Martina and Stan were kindly donating a Yamaha Keyboard to the Music faculty, due to the sad closure of the Aysgarth Singers group. The group, which was formerly the Aysgarth choral society, had run for 125 years, meeting regularly to sing and perform all over the dales. Sadly, post Covid the membership has dwindled with some members simply not mobile enough any longer to continue. This is a great loss as ‘music lifted spirits and was key to community togetherness



Photo : Martin Beckett, Stan Roorcroft MBE, Matt Alderson, Will Riley and Jessica Arnott Year 10 Music students

in coming together and singing’. Music is central to our school as learning about music and having the opportunity to play musical instruments and make music together, is a vital part of a rich and rounded education. It has also been proven that music plays a key role in brain development. This is because it helps with the nurturing of language, motor skills, emotional intelligence and collaboration skills. We want all our students to get these opportunities and we very much believe that music education is not just an ‘optional’ it is at the heart of our school and its wider community.

At Wensleydale School students discuss and interpret the musical meaning behind songs, and develop their creativity through improvisation and composition. We have a, slightly shorter, history than Aysgarth Singers, but regularly compete and perform across the county. This week we will be performing at Ripon Cathedral at the annual Festival of Remembrance. Led by Mr Hadfield our 50 strong choir will perform the song ‘Heal the World’.

Music continues to thrive at Wensleydale and it was a pleasure to meet Stan and Martin and can assure everyone, that the keyboard will be put to very good use. Our thanks to all the Aysgarth Singers past and present.

BAWB Schools News

We are pleased to say that the autumn storms didn’t stop our BAWB pupils triumphing at cross country running and football, they have loved the cluster events, especially meeting pupils from other schools.

Our Year 5’s took part in a Combined Cadet Force taster day at The Wensleydale School, where they learned tactics, shelter building and the application of camo – to name but a few! A great day was had by all.

Our Years 2, 3 and 6 had a trip to York, the Y2 and Y3 followed the trail, using their maps to find lots of hidden cats around the city. Y6 boys had a workshop at the National Railway Museum and the Y6 girls took part in a morning at a local school celebrating careers in STEM as part of the International Day of the Girl. A fantastic experience for all of the pupils involved.



Mrs Fawcett

We have launched a new App with our pupils, Times Tables Rockstars. On launch day we all dressed up as rockstars, Mrs Fawcett looked absolutely wonderful!

Our Harvest celebration at St Andrew’s Church was a lovely family afternoon with brilliant performances from all our pupils. It won’t be long before we begin gearing up for our Christmas nativity and service on **December 13th**. Some of us are already excited.

As you may have heard, our Executive Headteacher, Charlotte Harper, is moving on to pastures new at Christmas. We wish her all the very best and will really miss her guidance and leadership. A recruitment process will begin in early 2024, with a view for a new Head to start in September 2024.

Terry Fawcett

Gwen and family wish to thank relatives and friends for cards and lovely flowers received since our loss of Terry. Thanks to Rev. Dave for a lovely service and Richard Sanderson for his help. Many thanks go to Sycamore staff and Premier Care for looking after Terry. Donations in Terry’s memory to Sycamore Amenity and Friends of Friarage.

Mental health walks

Following on, from our successful Wellbeing Walks during the Summer Term, our pupils and staff were able to walk between Monday, October 9th and Friday, October 13th. This also linked in with Adult Mental Health Week.

The walks took place at lunchtime and followed the same route as last time past the Church and round by the Creamery. All the children and staff taking part enjoyed the walks and were able to look at and explore the natural world around them. As part of this we also held an event in our school library, we offered refreshments alongside choosing our books and chatting with children, staff, parents and grandparents. We hope to continue this at after school library time each Thursday.

The school library is now open after school on a Thursday evening from 3.20 until 3.45 for children, siblings and parents/carers to browse, borrow/return a book and read together. Walking, reading and conversation are all proven to help with our mental well-being.

Games Club

On Tuesdays our lunchtime Games Club has got off to an amazing start with 19 children from KS2 taking part. All the children have enjoyed the sessions and have able to play dominoes, Top Trumps and other board games with a variety of different children. It really has had a positive feel to it and the children felt that it improved our mental well-being and were ready for our afternoon learning.

In school we are trying to extend our offer of clubs for our children either during lunchtime or after school. We already have a number of sporting clubs but would be interested to hear from anyone across the community with experience or skills that they could offer to support the children with different experiences through different school clubs. These might include craft, art, music or other skills/talents. Please contact school through the details below.

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

Robert Sturdy has become the first travel specialist to open a shop in Hawes where local people can seek advice and help in booking holidays or for any other travel queries anywhere in the world. Robert has 44 years of experience in the travel industry having previously worked in York, Ripon, Bedale and latterly from his office in Leyburn.

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Nov 5	The Gathering –Benefice Communion service in St Margaret's, Hawes 10.30am			
Nov 12		Holy Communion 8.30 Remembrance Service 10.30 followed by a procession to the war memorial	Remembrance Service	Soup Lunch from 12.30-1.15pm 1.30pm Holy Communion
Nov 19	Holy Communion	Family Service Jubilate	Morning Prayer	
Nov 26	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Afternoon Prayer 3.15pm Pathfinders
Evening Prayer by telephone is held at 4pm every Sunday for details see our website www.upperwensleydalechurch.org/services				
Most of Rev Dave's sermons are available as podcasts. Search for Rev Dave from Wensleydale to access the podcasts.				

Remembering Responsibly

'Seek peace and pursue it' – So wrote King David some 3000 years ago. He wrote it out of personal experience that violence and aggression will always lead to misery and will, at some point, always require a resolution around a table.

Moving forward 1000 years and some 27 generations later, his descendent Jesus continues the theme when he says 'Blessed are the peacemakers' Matt5:9 and yet, the waste and ruin of lives torn apart by war and acts of terrorism continues. In a month where our nation and so many others around the world will pause to remember the countless number of lives lost through conflict and in acts of service, I believe it is right to continue to reflect responsibly upon their sacrifice and to do all that we can in creating and maintaining a just and a fair world for everyone.

In the light of recent events we could be forgiven for thinking that things will never

improve, and yet, as our hearts break for the distress and misery that we see created by mankind upon itself, the hope we must cling too is that we might at some point (to quote the words of John Lennon) all learn to 'Give peace a chance.' That may be easy to say or sing, but in reality is incredibly costly because it begins with a personal decision to seek to live differently, and, as far as it depends upon us, 'to live at peace with everyone.' Rom.12:18 Jesus taught us how to live in peace with one another and crucially, how to live in peace with God. Both require a personal decision.

On **November 12th** I shall once again be leading a service of Remembrance and once again, be inviting those gathered there to join me in the following prayer. 'Almighty God; this day I pray for peace. That the world may live for peace, the frightened and the lonely would know your peace, that people and rulers would seek for peace .. and that it might begin with me.'

Rev Dave

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Bainbridge W.I.

Another month gone by in the blink of an eye - it must be because we are so busy!

October has seen our members continuing with a range of activities. The Book Club meets regularly to discuss their latest read over refreshments. Although our gardens are being 'put to bed' for the winter, that hasn't stopped the members of our Garden Club from meeting up to discuss plans for their gardens and swap seeds. The visit to Dalemmain House and Gardens was enjoyed, despite it probably being the wettest day of the year! More garden visits are being planned for the future to inspire us. Needless to say, there has been no stopping the ladies of the Lunch Club who have ventured far and wide to try new dining experiences. Perhaps we should write our own food guide?

We held a successful Christmas Craft Workshop at Sycamore Hall where we had great fun creating a selection of festive items, including bauble decorations made from our old Christmas cards, tree decorations made from old curtain rings and buttons, Christmas cards, Christmas stockings and felt brooches. We had such fun we have already arranged another session for **Saturday, November 11th from 10.00 am** - everyone welcome!

Our October meeting saw Helen Guy from the Keld Resource Centre talking to us about lead mining in Swaledale. It was a fascinating insight into how hard life was in the 1800's and the risks taken in order to earn enough money to live off.

We had a busy day at Sycamore Hall recently with a coffee morning for our new members where there was the opportunity to get to know more about the WI and put names to faces. We then followed that with an afternoon with David Driver, recording a podcast. This was really good fun and we were able to record some poetry and short stories by our members and residents of Sycamore Hall. The podcast will be available later in November and we already have plans to do another in 2024. Watch our World - here we come!!

We have just launched a new IT Club which will be held monthly at Sycamore Hall on the **first Friday of the month at 2.00pm**. We will have a practical session at each meeting and then aim to answer any questions about the use of modern technology (ie, mobile phones,

laptops, iPads etc). Do come along with your technology if you need help or guidance.

We will be holding our AGM on Thursday, November 16th when we will be electing our committee for the next year. We have a great bunch of ladies on our committee who work really well together to ensure our members have lots of opportunities throughout the year. However, we are always on the lookout for new volunteers to assist with our various activities, even if they are not on the committee as this helps to spread the load.

The next Soup and Sweet Lunch will be held at Bainbridge Village Hall on **Monday, November 20th from noon**. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a choice of delicious homemade soups and puddings - and all for just £5 per person (including tea/coffee). Bring your friends and enjoy this lovely social event.

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