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Guest Editorial

Christmas – The Life-Changing Chapter!

Dear Friends

It feels very strange to begin a Christmas 2023 message with a 'Goodbye', but as this will be my last Christmas with you here in the Dales, it feels only right to take this opportunity to thank you for your wonderful welcome since my arrival in September 2019 and bid you a fond farewell as I look towards my retirement in July 2024 and a move to Scotland. When I received the phone call inviting me to write this year's Christmas message, it seemed only fitting to say 'yes' recognising that I was also invited upon my arrival in 2019. At that stage I was at the beginning of a new chapter in my ministry as I settled into life in the beautiful North Yorkshire Dales, adjusting to new accents and a new culture, and colder weather! Soon I will begin yet another new chapter, this time as a retired Minister living in Scotland, again adjusting to new accents, a new culture, and even colder weather! My life, so far, has been a large book full of differing chapters taking me far and wide where I have met many wonderful people with whom I have been privileged to journey alongside, and always, whether I have been conscious of it or not, in the presence of God. As we once again approach Christmas with all the familiarity that it often brings, maybe it is good to stop and reflect upon the reality of what it really represents. For it was, and continues to be, a life-changing new chapter in the lives of so many.

Mary and Joseph were about to begin a new chapter in their lives. Betrothed, many years before, through a family arrangement, they had now met, decided that 'yes', they did like each other, and 'yes', they would like to be married, and therefore their traditional year of betrothal or engagement, before their marriage was due to take place, had begun. Mary was young, Joseph older as per tradition, with an established trade and a means to provide for his young wife, but both inevitably looking forward to this new chapter in their lives and we can imagine some of the excitement and trepidation as they got to know each other and planned for their future. An ordinary everyday story about two people falling in love and planning for their future that brings a smile to our lips. However, two people who lived more than 2000 years ago that you and I would never have heard of if God had not

turned their lives upside down in a mighty, terrifying, and unbelievable way.

Mary, a young, innocent, barely physically mature, girl, is chosen to be the mother of God's Son, and Joseph, not yet her husband, is trusted by God to be this precious child's father. Even as I type these words on the page the impact of this scenario hits me hard. If we read the scriptures, we know that Mary is hurriedly sent away to stay with her elderly aunt and uncle whilst the dust settles so to speak, and poor Joseph is initially in a right quandary not knowing what to do and thinking it might be best to quietly divorce Mary (i.e. end the official betrothal arrangement). The Bible makes it sound as if they both immediately took this catastrophic news in their stride and just got on with things, but we know enough about what it means to be human that it was never that simple. It took a while for this precious but ordinary couple to embrace this new unanticipated and perhaps unwanted chapter of their lives. However, embrace it they did, partly because of their character, and their blossoming love as a couple, inevitably with much support from their families, but ultimately because they trusted God for what lay ahead of them. God was present and gave them strength, but my goodness, my heart goes out to this incredible couple as they began to make sense of a chapter in their lives that they never saw coming, and all the subsequent chapters. Jesus their incredible son, responsible for his upbringing, his nurture, teaching him right from wrong, negotiating sibling squabbles and rivalry, Joseph passing on his trade, Mary leaning on her oldest son after the death of Joseph. So many more chapters to come and then just as Mary was beginning to think it was time for Jesus to settle down and marry, he embarks on a new chapter in his life, a 3-year ministry where incredible miraculous things happen way beyond his mother's understanding, but which soon takes an ugly turn and culminates in his brutal death and breaks her heart.

Still reeling from the death of her beloved son and feeling so alone with the pain of loss crushing all hope and joy, Mary is a broken woman, very different from the young girl who first received the news that she was to bear God's only Son, when something happens that isn't just a life-changing chapter, and there have been many of those, but turns all things upside down, Jesus rises from the dead, and the penny

finally drops, her incredible son truly is the Son of God. God is with us!

I wonder what twists and turns your life has taken, how many new chapters, perhaps some of them unanticipated and unwanted? The Christmas story taken in its simplest form is the story of God with us. It is, of course, in many ways far more complicated and still difficult for many to accept or embrace, but it is also a story of hope, perseverance, determination, solutions and most importantly, love.

So may the Love of God fill your life this Christmas and may you know God's presence in this chapter and all the chapters of your life that are to come.

Rev Melanie Reed
(Methodist Superintendent Minister,
North Yorkshire Dales Circuit)

Sunday Dalesbus 856 Service – December and January

DalesBus has confirmed that the Sundays (only) 856 service will run every Sunday as normal through the Christmas and New Year holiday period (including Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve) BUT NOT ON ANY ADDITIONAL DATES.

Weather permitting, the 856 makes three return journeys each Sunday on the route from Northallerton via Leeming Bar-Bedale-Leyburn-Aysgarth-Bainbridge-Hawes and all the villages in between on the route of the A684.

Maximum single adult fare is £2 (£4 return journey) and valid ENCTS passes are accepted for free travel.

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Eunice the Ewe

Last month I was hiding in the top right-hand corner of the sketch on the front cover and the lucky winner of the £10 prize is Julie O'Byrne of Bedale.

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

Newsletter Christmas Greetings

We wish all our readers, advertisers and contributors, regular or occasional, a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous 2024.

Once again, we have decided to make significant donations to the charities frequently nominated as recipients of competition prize money. We will thus be giving £200 to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and £200 to the Great North Air Ambulance both of which serve the Newsletter area.

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December and January Competition

All the answers to the following questions contain letters found in Christmas.

1. Indian stringed instrument (5)
2. It's rubbish in the US (5)
3. Might be black, brown, copper or gold (5)
4. Stiffener (6)
5. Aromatic gum (6)
6. Unsuitable role (7)
7. Metaphorical loss in a bad deal (5)
8. Type of dogmatist (6)
9. Apples and pears (6)
10. US medical comedy (4)
11. Heat changed rock (6)
12. Consecrated oil (6)
13. Long piece of cloth wrapped around the body (4)
14. Make dirty (6)
15. Theatre backdrop (5)
16. Deep divide (5)
17. Fiddle string in Scotland (6)
18. Feather shaft (6)
19. Box office success (5)
20. It has legs and feet but no hands (5)

Please send in your answers (as many as you can solve) to arrive by **Tuesday, January 23rd**. Don't forget to include details of your nominated charity which will receive the £50 prize should you win.

Reg Fagg Trophy Winners

The winner of the Reg Fagg Trophy was Lily Alderson whose winning entry is our cover picture this month.

- Class 1 Winner: Bob Fremlin
Highly Commended: Skye Helin
Class 2 Winner: Lily Alderson
Highly Commended: Maisie Richards
Class 3 Winner: Harry Fothergill
Highly Commended: Antoni Biros

With a very high standard judging was very difficult. Well done to all the entrants.

November Competition Answers

1. Taxis,
2. Stagecoach,
3. Tram,
4. Train,
5. Horseback,
6. Aeroplane,
7. Cruise Liner,
8. Sedan Chair,
9. Sledge,
10. Tandem,
11. Lifeboat,
12. Perambulator,
13. Bus.
14. Submarine

Last month's competition proved to be a lot harder than normal. There was only one correct entry submitted by Mary Elphick of Burtsett. Her chosen charity to receive the increased £50 prize is the Herriot Hospice.

Central Dales Pharmacy

Please note that the Central Dales Pharmacy, Hawes is closed on following days during Christmas and New year:

December 24th to 26th

December 31st and January 1st

Otherwise open 9.00am to 5.30pm

Drop-off points and contacts

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

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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

Volunteer Day and Launch of Upper Dales Home Care

An update from UDCP Ltd

Tuesday, December 5th is International Volunteer Day, a day to not only celebrate and praise the hard work of all our volunteers but also to showcase the invaluable work they do in our communities. We are lucky enough to be supported by volunteers for our Good Life social wellbeing work, and also with drivers for our Little White Bus.

Most volunteers work without expecting anything in return, without being paid, and many do so at the expense of their own time. They work out of kindness and their love to help others. There are many benefits to volunteering; it is not just the feeling of reward for helping others, it also strengthens the body and the mind. So, this is the perfect time to start volunteering if you have been thinking about it!

What began before and during covid as our "A Good Life" project has now developed into offering a 3 day a week Community Hub within the Market House in Hawes. The Hub is a warm, safe place to go and is open on **Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, 10.00am to 3.00pm**. On the first Monday of the month, we welcome Carers Plus, Citizens Advice and MIND to help with free advice or for you to make a more private appointment if you need something more specific. The Hub is open to everyone so please pop along for a cuppa and a chat any time. You may simply want some company, but staff and volunteers can offer help

and support with energy/fuel costs, computer use and accessing services online. We also offer signposting to other more specific help that is available through external organisations.

We continue to work with the Open Pantry team to provide food support not only within the hub but also at Dalesplay in Hawes, St Oswald's in Askrigg and St Matthew's in Leyburn. If you are struggling with food costs but nervous or unsure how to access these services, please get in touch with our Project Manager, Julie Greenslade, who will be able to help. Everything is dealt with in the strictest confidence. Her details are: julie@udcp.co.uk / **07817 711227**.

We were thrilled to be awarded the Carer's Break service contract for the Upper Dales area in October. If you care for someone but need help to look after them while you go to your own medical appointments, or need to go shopping or simply to get out of the house for a couple of hours, we can offer support by providing someone to sit with your loved one while you do what you need to do. This service is free and all our volunteers are DBS checked. Please contact Julie on the above details if you would like to know more.

Finally, we are delighted to be launching our own Upper Dales Home Care Service. This is practical support for day-to-day domestic tasks that will support you and help you to remain independent at home. It could also be support for you after a hospital stay while you get back on your feet. This might include cleaning, making/changing beds, doing the washing up, doing the laundry, hoovering, gardening, changing light bulbs etc. The council can arrange homecare for you if you are eligible, please contact the council directly or speak with your GP, or support can be arranged privately. Please contact Julie on the above details or pop in to the Community Office for a confidential chat.

To learn more about all our services now being offered, please come along to our Volunteer Day on **Tuesday, December 5th, 10.00am – 2.00pm**, in the Community Hub at Hawes Market House. We'll be celebrating our wonderful existing volunteers, but we also hope you may be interested in coming along and joining us.

**Abbie Rhodes,
General Manager UDCP Ltd**

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Santa's Sleigh Route

Saturday, December 2nd

Santa will stop opposite Allen's for 30 minutes from **4.30pm to 5.00pm** giving a photo opportunity for anyone.

Santa will then travel from Hawes Central, down the Holme to Town Foot, up the Cobbles to the Market Place

Back down the Holme, out of Hawes to Old Gayle Lane, then follow Old Gayle Lane to Gayle Bridge.

To Little Ings Entrance (Flats) to Little Ings Entrance (Playground). To Gayle Lane (Entrance Car Park). Down Gayle Lane to Town Head onto the Hawes Centre.

Gifts will be given out en route - and at the start. Please gather safely.

Stops	Estimated times
Start: Opposite Allen's with Hawes Silver Band and Community Carol Singing	4.00 - 4.30pm
Santa arrives in the Market Place	4.30 - 5.00pm
Town Foot Car Park	5.10pm
Herriot's	5.15pm
Auction Mart	5.25pm
Gayle Bridge	5.35pm
Little Ings Entrance (Flats)	5.40pm
Little Ings Entrance (Playground)	5.45pm
Creamery Entrance	5.55pm
Gayle Lane (Entrance Car Park)	6.00pm
Finish - Cocketts Hotel	6.05pm

Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year

Please note: we are taking down the Christmas displays on **Wednesday, January 10th**. If you can help please meet at Town Foot at **8.30am**.

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The Wensleydale School News

The Key Stage 3 curriculum here at The Wensleydale School includes Oracy, something that develops through years 7, 8 and 9 the students' ability to articulate ideas, develop understanding and engage with others through the spoken language.

During enrichment time at the end of each day some students in year 9 have chosen to take their Oracy skills and join the Debate Club. As a club we are working to develop a league with local schools for regular debate matches and have also entered the national debate competition run by the English Speaking Union.

We registered for the competition at the beginning of the year and were entered for the first round in a group of four schools, including Queen Mary's School, St Aidan and St John Fisher Associated 6th Form, Ripon Grammar School and The Wensleydale School.

In each heat, there is one, two or three debates

over the course of an evening. The ESU provides the judging panel to adjudicate and mark each team across the following areas: 'Reasoning and Evidence', 'Organisation and Prioritisation', 'Listening and Response', and 'Expression and Delivery'. Once all teams have debated, the judges deliberate and deliver their verdict.

On Friday, November 10th, our team of Jessica Chapman, Harry Barnes and Sophie Male were given the following motion and position: *This House Believes that environmental campaigning should focus on changing government policy rather than individual behaviours.*

*Proposition: The Wensleydale School
Opposition: Ripon Grammar School*

To start the evening we listened to the Queen Mary's School and St Aidan and St John Fisher Associated 6th Form debate: This House would broadcast court cases in the British justice system. We then debated our motion with Ripon Grammar School. In each round the judges give their verdict; it is not necessarily the winner of each debate that progresses to the next round; teams are scored according to the criteria above and the teams with the highest scores on the evening progress.

To finish the evening the judges provided general feedback for all the teams and then identified, in no particular order: The Wensleydale School, St Aidan and St John Fisher Associated 6th Form and Ripon Grammar as qualifying for the next round of the competition.

The team and the club are very, very excited about their success and we wait to hear from the English Speaking Union on December 7th when Round 2 matches and motions are revealed.

Julia Polley, Headteacher



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News From Hawes School

We had a visit from Laura from North Yorkshire Fire Service this month. All the children listened to the messages including Nursery. In school we have had follow up conversations around the messages. Hopefully at home as families, you will have talked about the way to leave your homes in case of a fire. It is an important part of our wider learning in school and we look forward to welcoming the Police into school later this term.

We also had a non-uniform day where the children brought in donations of chocolate for the PTFA Christmas Fair tombola.

On Wednesday, November 15th, Class 2 and 3 were visited by members of York University (Jess, Martha and Joel) for a science workshop

on space and our solar system. There were two workshops for the pupils to take part in. The first one was making a model rover using different components (battery, wheels, a light). Once they had built the rover, they were able to control it using an app on an iPad. As an extra challenge, the pupils changed the light to a robotic arm that could move side to side.



The second workshop was about the solar system. The pupils were given a virtual reality (VR) headset where they watched various videos

about the different planets. They then did a sorting activity where the pupils had to sort the different planets from smallest to largest. It was a fantastic morning and the children thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank you to Mrs Brown for organising it and for Jess, Martha and Joel for delivering such fantastic workshops.

Children in Need – Children came to school wearing spots and gave a donation to Children in Need raising £44.10.

Friends of the Dales Winter Events

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.

Online Talk: Access the Dales

Wednesday, January 17th at 4.30pm.

Since becoming a wheelchair user in 2011, Debbie North has campaigned tirelessly to break down barriers and promote countryside accessibility for all. Founding the charity, Access the Dales, whose motto is 'making the inaccessible accessible', there are now nine 'free to borrow' all terrain wheelchairs available from designated sites across the Dales. Debbie was also appointed Cabinet Office Disability and Access ambassador for the Countryside in 2022. This talk offers a unique opportunity to learn about the successes and improvements Debbie's campaigning has achieved, along with the challenges still to surmount.

All digital talks can now be booked via the online ticketing platform, Eventbrite. The Zoom link for the talk will be sent out via email in the usual way a few days prior to the scheduled talk. Both talks can be booked via our Events page: <https://friendsofthedales.org.uk/events> or via: www.eventbrite.com/cc/friends-of-the-dale-autumn-winter-talk-programme-2567229.

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The End of Another Busy Year

Our AGM was the focus of our November meeting where we received reports of our activities over the past year. We were delighted to hear that we had gained eight new members this year who are already immersing themselves in all our offerings.

It wasn't until we heard all the reports that we realised quite how busy we have been this year and just how many of our members are enjoying all the extra opportunities presented by their membership. All of our clubs have been busy although the weather did its best to interrupt plans of the walking and gardening groups. Despite that though, we've all had a great year!

Our President, Nicole Robinson, was re-elected for a second year in office and thanked for her tireless efforts in ensuring we have a lively, friendly and interesting WI. Margaret Thomptone stood down after many years on the Committee and was thanked for all her hard work over the years. We welcomed one new member to the Committee who will now meet to finalise our exciting 2024 programme.

We then enjoyed a delicious supper and tried our best to name the babies in our photo competition. We are now looking forward to our

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Christmas Party at The Garden Rooms at Tennants, after which we can have a brief festive break before launching into our busy 2024 programme.

Before that, we will be hosting our popular Christmas Coffee Morning and Craft Fayre at Sycamore Hall in Bainbridge on **Saturday, December 9th from 10.00am until 3.00pm**. Come along and join us for festive treats and some Christmas shopping!

Our monthly meetings resume on **Thursday, January 18th at 7.30pm** in Bainbridge Village Hall when we will be having a Members Evening. These are a great opportunity to chat with each other whilst also attempting an activity (sometimes crafting, flower arranging or quizzing). All great fun and a very casual evening!

If you would like more information about our busy and friendly WI or any of our events and activities, please contact our President, **Nicola Robinson** on **01969 650801**. We would be delighted to welcome you to our merry throng!

In the meantime, we would like to wish all our members, supporters and speakers a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

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Blueboxt – December Update

Wensleydale Young Musician of the Year

At the time of writing this month's update, we have just launched the first young musician's competition in partnership with the Wensleydale Rotary Club. As the December copies of the Newsletter are distributed, the competition will just be about to take place so do come along to St. Matthew's Church in Leyburn on **Saturday, December 2nd** and support the young performers from across Wensleydale and Swaledale who are taking part. Doors open **9.30am** with the first class starting at **10.30am** - everyone is welcome to attend. Entry is free with the option to donate and help defray the costs of delivering the competition. Refreshments will be available. Visit www.wensleydale.org for full details.

Leyburn Jazz Festival

The third annual Jazz festival took place in October. Special thanks to Claire Cameron, Neil Dutton and Alastair McLachlan who give their time year-round to make it all happen. To our dedicated technical team - Simon Chorley and Fred Norman - and the teams at St. Matthew's Church, Leyburn Arts and Community Centre

and Tennant's Garden rooms for hosting events. There are numerous volunteers who support the events over the four days. Without you it would not be possible - Thank you.

Over 50 people took part in our educational activities 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 community choir collaboration with York City Gospel Choir. This year saw records sales with over 1,120 tickets allocated. Despite the terrible weather, every performance was well attended. Planning is already underway for the 2024 festival which takes place from **October 17th to 20th**.

December Events

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 inc. mulled wine and mince pie [U18s £5]. Raffle and refreshments available.

A Magical Christmas Concert 2023 - BlueBoxt's young performers present a celebration concert featuring festive favourites and highlights from their 2023 programme, supported by Colin Bailey and Mick Yare. **Friday, December 15th** - Thorlby Village Hall and **Saturday, December 16th** - Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. Doors open **7.00pm for 7.30pm** start. Tickets £12 inc. mince pie [U18s £6]. Bar and refreshments will be available.

Want to work 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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Thoralby and District WI

On Tuesday, November 21st the Thoralby and District WI met for their Monthly and Annual General Meeting. The meeting was very well attended. Our President, Sally Stone began by announcing the up and coming events which include a Dabble Day on **Wednesday, December 6th** from **10.00am to 3.00pm** and members may choose to make two items for Christmas. This could be a card, wreath or a Christmas decoration.

On **Tuesday, December 12th** it will be our Christmas lunch at the Street Head. Our last event this year will be our Soup and Sweet lunch for £5 and will include a bowl of Soup and a roll, a sweet and a cup of tea or coffee. This will be on **Thursday, December 14th**.

Looking forward in to the New Year there will be a meal at the Wheatsheaf in Carperby on **Wednesday, February 21st**.

The Annual General Meeting included a summary from the Secretary and the Treasurer as well as thanks from the President to all the Committee members for all their hard work and

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commitment. The Secretary is standing down after eight years. She has been a very well-respected Secretary who has kept everyone informed and has always been very organised keeping the running of our WI smooth. Everyone has appreciated her hard work and dedication.

It has been a very successful year for our WI including some new members. Anyone wishing to join us will be made very welcome. If anyone is interested in joining or contributing towards our WI, please contact **Sally Stone** on **01969 663373**.

Happy Christmas and all the best for 2024 from everyone at Thoralby and District WI.

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BAWB School News

What a great time we had for Children in Need this year! Our pupil council chose the theme "Who do you want to be when you are older?", we had teachers, dancers, game keepers, wildlife film maker, farmers, super heroes, footballers, rugby players and sport superstars, to name but a few! It must be noted that a couple of staff came in their PJ's – retired! Huge thanks to Pudsey for making the journey to visit our schools.



The excitement for Christmas is growing across our Federation. In December we have PTFA Christmas shops, a trip to the Georgian Theatre to watch the pantomime, Nursery, Reception and Year 1 nativity, Carol singing and Christingle service, a visit to Sycamore Hall, Christmas parties and, of course, our Christmas lunch!

It's not all about Christmas though... honest! We are really proud some of our runners have made it through to the final of the cross-country event and our girl's football team who have made it through to the second round of

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We are very much looking forward to welcoming you all to the BAWB PTFA Christmas Fair on **Sunday, December 10th** in Askrigg Village Hall. Maybe it is all about Christmas after all!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at BAWB.

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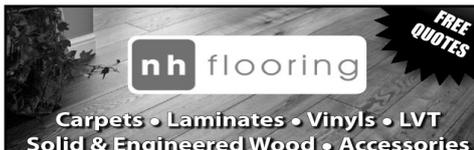
I love it when the UK's major retailers unleash the faces and the voices of the great and good in their bid for creative supremacy in the Christmas TV advertising charts. This year we have the return of favourites such as Jim Broadbent, Dawn French, Graham Norton, loveable cartoon characters and ... Michael Buble! It's a world of joy and friendship, bright lights and decorations and it's a world of indulgence and plenty - "When the food's good ... everything's good!"

As autumn fades and the natural order of winter brings increased darkness, we possess a preprogrammed inclination to seek light and joy as a contrast to the darkness around us. That's why our ancestors focussed so much on feasting at this time of year. The Bible speaks a great deal about the contrast of light and darkness in the world and in our lives but it also provides an answer that we can look to that survives all year round and not just for December.

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A favoured Bible reading over the Christmas season is from the gospel of John: 'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.' ^{Jn1:5}. Here John is speaking of the arrival of Christ into the world and the impact his life has had ever since, bringing the opportunity of experiencing (and feasting) on his joy, hope and light every day of the year. Good food indeed.

It would be wonderful to welcome you to any of our services and events during this Christmas season. There are lots of opportunities to celebrate the light together. May the God of light and life, fill your hearts and your homes with joy this Christmas and New Year. Happy Christmas!

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A Santa Experience in Askrigg

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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 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 2 weekends, and then every day from the 15th to the 23rd.**

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The Magic of Christmas

Featuring Malcolm Carruthers (Organ) and The Askrigg Handbell Ringers.

Saturday, December 2nd - 2.00pm at St. Margaret's Church, Hawes. Free Entry. (Donations to the Salvation Army Christmas Appeal).

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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Heavens Above

We've one of the best meteor showers of the year this month – the Geminids – famous for producing loads of bright slow-moving 'shooting stars'. It reaches its peak on the night of **December 13th/14th** when you could spot over a 100 meteors an hour if it's a good year. Best time to look is late evening from **10.00pm** onwards. With no moon to spoil the view it should be a great show – weather permitting of course. If you miss this display you might like to try and catch the Quadrantids shower on the night of **January 3rd/4th**. It's not quite as good as the Geminids, producing around 40 meteors an hour, but still well worth taking a look at.

Most of us can't wait for the long dark nights to come to an end but if you fancy a bit of stargazing, the next couple of months are probably the best time of the year. By the middle of the evening early on in December most of the bright winter star patterns are well on view in the south with the constellation of Orion, the Mighty Hunter of the old Greek myths, dominating the scene. His upright rectangular outline is easy to pick out with a red-giant star, Betelgeuse, marking his right shoulder, blue-white Rigel his left knee and a sloping line of three brightish stars forming his 'Belt'. Just below the Belt's middle star you'll find his 'Sword', a huge star-forming cloud of gas and dust which shows up well in binoculars.

The three Belt stars are a useful guide for finding a number of other impressive winter-sky objects. Following them downwards towards the south-eastern horizon takes you to the Hunter's faithful Hound, Sirius the Dog Star, easily the brightest star in the sky. It's beaten for brightness this year, however, by the Solar System's largest planet, Jupiter, shining brilliantly much higher in the south-west. Following the Belt stars upwards brings you to the constellation named after Orion's old adversary, Taurus the Bull. Aldebaran, another reddish coloured star, lying in front of the Hyades open star cluster, marks the fierce bovine's baleful eye. Higher and to the west lies the beautiful Pleiades star cluster another fine binocular target which bring hundreds more stars into view than the 7 or 8 normally visible to the naked eye. Above Orion's Head lies Capella the She Goat, the bright yellow leader of Auriga the Charioteer. Back towards the east, high over Orion's right shoulder, you'll find the twin stars, Castor and Pollux, and below them

Procyon, the smaller of Orion's hounds. On a clear night from a really dark location, you should be able to glimpse the Winter Milky Way running right across the sky from the distinctive 'W' of Cassiopeia high in the north-west down past Procyon towards Sirius low in the south-east.

If you're rolling home in the early morning hours during the festive season keep a look-out for the planet Venus, a dazzling 'Christmas Star' blazing away low in the east just before dawn.

A Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Here's hoping for lots of clear skies in 2024.

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The children in Dalesplay have had lots of fun learning what Bonfire night is all about, they explored the different colours that fireworks make.

We also celebrated Diwali. We made Diva lamps, Rangoli patterns and designed henna patterns on hand cut-outs and we learnt all about the festival of light.

We dressed up in spots and pyjamas to raise money for Children in Need. The children had a teddy bears picnic and made bear ears to wear and Pudsey biscuits.

We have lots of fun Christmas activities planned for the month ahead and look forward to the festive season. Dalesplay would like to thank all those who kindly donated prizes, supported us on the day and helped out at our Christmas Fair, a special thank you to Sharon Guy for organising the event. We have purchased a wooden arch den for the children to play in and share stories in with the money raised.

We would like to wish all our families in our community a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year. We look forward to sharing more adventures with you next year.

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Week 1

The WHOOP Group - Polish saxophone quartet.

The Jeremiahs – Irish folk supergroup.

Ganda Boys - compelling African fusion music.

London Tango Quintet – a feast of Argentinian Tango.

Rich Hall - star stand-up comedian .

Villiers String Quartet – fine string quartet with world premiere.

The Reeth Lecture: Bob Harris and Colin Hall - 'The Songs The Beatles Gave Away'.

Week 2

Martin Taylor - world renowned master of solo jazz guitar.

Will Pound and Delia Stevens - harmonica and percussion.

Mathilde Milwidsky Trio - Bartók, Beethoven, Ravel, Martinu and Mozart.

John Law (piano) and Jon Lloyd (saxophone): Naissance - ambient, mesmerising, uplifting.

Emma Johnson’s Orchestra of the Environment.

Carrivick Sisters - American bluegrass meets evocative songs based on South Devon folklore.

The Young’uns – famous Teeside folk trio.

Richmond School Jazz Collective - late night session of swinging jazz from talented students.

Key Dates: - Tickets go on general sale on **Monday, March 11th at 9.00am**, or you can subscribe to our Festival Friends scheme to access Priority Booking, opening **Monday, February 26th at 9.00am**.

If you haven’t already done so, now is the perfect time to take out or renew your Friends Membership, visit www.swalefest.org/friends.

Interested in volunteering as a steward, driver, accommodation host or leaflet distributor? We welcome all volunteers - past, present and future! - to our Volunteer Briefing at Reeth Memorial Hall on **Wednesday, February 14th, 2.30pm - 4.00pm**. Find out what the roles involve, sign up to events and have a cup of tea.

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Jim Spensey would like to wish family and friends a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



Joan Hague wishes all her friends, and neighbours a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2024



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**DECEMBER and JANUARY
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December

- 1 Concert at Reeth Memorial Hall. See p.25.
- 1 Santa Experience opens in Askrigg See p.14.
- 1 Dominoes. Carperby Village Institute. 7.30pm.
- 2 Magic of Christmas Organ Concert. St Margaret's Church, Hawes. 2.00pm. See p.15.
- 2 Hawes Christmas Lights switch on. 4.00pm.
- 2 Santa visits Hawes and Community Carol singing. 4.00pm. See p.6.
- 2 Young Musician of the Year. St Matthew's Church, Leyburn. 9.30am. See p.24.
- 2/3 Woodcraft Studio Christmas Shopping. 10.30am. See p.6.
- 5 Volunteer Day. Hawes Market House. 10.00am. See p.5.
- 6 Thoralby W.I. Dabble Day. 10.00am. See p.11.
- 6 Friends of the Dales Digital Talk. 5.00pm. See p.8.
- 9 Coffee Morning and Craft Fayre. Sycamore Hall. 10.30am. See p.9.
- 9 Quiz Evening. Sycamore Hall. 6.00pm. See p.32.
- 9 Blueboxt Christmas Together Concert. St Matthew's Church, Leyburn. 1.30pm. See p.10.
- 9 Concert. Holy Trinity Church, Wensley. 6.30pm. See p.21.
- 10 BAWB PTFA Christmas Fair. Askrigg Village Hall.
- 12 Thoralby W.I. Christmas Lunch.
- 13 East Witton Male Voice Choir Concert. Leyburn Methodist Hall. 7.30pm
- 14 Thoralby W.I. Soup and Sweet Lunch. See p.11.

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- 15 Leyburn u3a Meeting. LA&CC. 10.00am. See p.24.
- 15 Little White Bus Trip to Kendal.
- 15 Blueboxt Magical Christmas Concert. Thoralby Village Hall. 7.30pm. See p.10.
- 16 Blueboxt Magical Christmas Concert. LA&CC. 7.30pm. See p.10.
- 16 Christmas Dominoes. Thoralby Village Hall. 7.30pm.
- 17 Christmas Carols. Hawes Junction Chapel. 2.30pm. See p.12.
- 17 Hawes Silver Band Concert. Hawes Market House. 3.00pm. See p.33.

January

- 4 Hawes Drama Club meeting. 7.00pm. Gayle Institute.
- 17 Friends of the Dales Digital Talk. 4.30pm. See p.8.
- 17 Local History Group Talk. Harmby Village Hall. 2.00pm. See p.24.
- 18 Bainbridge W.I. Meeting. Bainbridge Village Hall. 7.30pm. See p.9.
- 19 Leyburn u3a Meeting. LA&CC. 10.00am. See p.24.
- 24 Bellerby Study Group Meeting. Bellerby Memorial Hall. 7.30pm. See p.35.
- 31 Bellerby Study Group Meeting. Bellerby Memorial Hall. 7.30pm. See p.35.

Edwin and Madeleine Pratt

Congratulations on your 65th Wedding Anniversary on November 29th.

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News from Dales Countryside Museum

Opening times: Daily **10.00am to 4.00pm in December**. Closed Christmas Eve to Boxing Day and throughout January. Last entry one hour before closing. Re-open on **Thursday, February 1st, 10.00am to 5.00pm**. Contact: hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk or call **01969 666210**.

Our Reflections and Connections exhibition features the work of three generations of the Hicks family in response to the landscape and cultural heritage of the Yorkshire Dales. The exhibition runs to the end of December.

We're currently working on our next exhibition, The Cry of the Curlew which will open on February 1st and will highlight the plight of the Curlew and share the work that is taking place to try to support this at risk bird which is such a key part of the Yorkshire Dales.

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

If you'd like your child to be able to visit all year round, why not think about a Scurry Club pass for Christmas (£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.

We've lots of lovely 'Distinctly Dales' things in our shop that will make great Christmas presents and of course, the Cards for Good Causes are still on sale!

Schools are busy making the most of the Museum and our fabulous object loan boxes. The majority of our boxes are out at local schools, helping children to learn about the past and the Yorkshire Dales by exploring objects and the stories they have to tell. Hawes school will be visiting this week to explore past toys and games.

In November our Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists' Club enjoyed learning about the use of leather in the past and made their own leather bracelets. The club meets once a month on a **Saturday morning, 10.00am - noon**. Next month we'll be looking at Christmas traditions and making a felt wreath. 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.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the AGM of The Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum had to be postponed in October. This meeting will now be held at the lecture taking place on **Friday, February 16th at 7.30pm**.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the DCM team and we look forward to seeing you in 2024!

Wensley Camerata with The Jervaulx Singers

Saturday, December 9th at 6.30pm

Holy Trinity Church, Wensley

Bach's Christmas Oratorio Part One;-
Bach's Magnificat

2023 is the 300th anniversary of JS Bach's permanent appointment as Kappellmeister at St Thomas's Church, Leipzig, a place for which he wrote much of his most profound and glorious music.

The Wensley Camerata is thrilled to join forces with The Jervaulx Singers in performances of two major works for soloists, choir and orchestra from Bach's output at this time. His setting of the Magnificat in D was written for Christmas 1722 at St Thomas's, while he was on a temporary appointment, to demonstrate his skills as a composer and to hopefully persuade the church authorities to appoint him! The other comes from Christmas 1734, and is the first part, or Cantata, of his Christmas Oratorio, telling of the birth of Jesus. Both works provide uplifting and exuberant music for the Christmas season in a way typical of the High Baroque style.

In addition, we will be able to enjoy the wonderful voices of The Jervaulx Singers in three unaccompanied seasonal pieces – The Cherry Tree Carol (arr Willcocks), Now May We Singen (McDowall) and the classic I Saw Three Ships (arr Ledger).

Tickets are £30 to include Reception after the Concert at The Fothering House (by kind invitation of Valerie Lady Bolton), or £25 for the concert only. Apply to LadyB@Boltonestate.co.uk. Proceeds in aid of Heriot Hospice and Holy Trinity church.

Wensleydale Rotary Club - Creating Jobs in the Dales



A recent speaker at Wensleydale Rotary Club's meeting was Jodie McGregor who is the founder and CEO of Gate Jobs.

Jodie grew up on a farm at Bishopdale. As a teenager she became a member of Team GB's junior eventing team and went on to event horses for other owners. When she was twenty-one, she decided to change careers and became a personal trainer. Linked with this she also developed an interest in nutrition.

That interest in nutrition proved useful as she was unable to continue as a personal trainer during the Covid lockdowns. She built a new business sending out breakfast boxes which proved very popular. Its success enabled Jodie to sell the business.

Following the sale Jodie took time to travel and have adventure which led her to spend eight months working for a company in Japan. At the same time, she developed the idea for her new business Gate Jobs, a recruitment company aimed at bringing together local rural businesses with local job applicants.

Since her return Jodie has continued to develop and promote Gate Jobs. She developed the website further to include tips and guidance for job applicants to improve their chances of gaining employment.

Responses from employers and job seekers in North Yorkshire have been good with many using Gate Jobs to advertise their vacancies. Jodie is working to extend the area covered by the business throughout the North and East of England

Wensleydale Rotary is committed to local charity fund raising, community service and involvement, especially promoting ethical and sustainable projects. With many decades of members' experience, we bring a unique mix of local expertise and organising skill to our efforts. All are welcome to come along and see what our club does, and new ideas for our efforts are always welcome!

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Leyburn Arts and Community Centre

In December 2013 on Boxing Day we screened our first films. What a lot has happened in the 10 years since then! The Centre has improved facilities, a wider range of films, more activities and more events. We look forward to serving the Community for the next 10 years!

Thanks must be given to the original volunteers, the Trustees who had the vision and the will to get the Arts Centre up and running and all the volunteers who have followed since and done their bit to enable a thriving, sustainable Centre which offers so much to the residents of Leyburn and the surrounding areas. Just look on the website to see what now goes on: room hire facilities; a professional standard dance studio; a community cinema offering a range of new releases and films not shown elsewhere as well as live cinema screenings of the top plays and concerts from London; activities run by volunteers as well as other groups such as the u3a; community support and signposting for help and advice; health and wellbeing activities.... the list is endless! Who could have foreseen all this 10 years ago? And we must not forget our soon to be seen Community Shed!

Thanks to everyone who has supported with time and effort, financial support from individuals and local groups and also to those of you who support by attending films, concerts, activities and special events and use Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. If you haven't been in yet come and see!

We shall be celebrating our 10th year in many ways and to start us off, our new volunteer shirts have arrived in time to give us a new look for the future! We shall look very smart in purple!

Lots for your diaries in December and for January 2024! The Comedy Club launches on **Friday, December 1st**, two hilarious one-act plays and a chance to meet the cast afterwards; the French Film Festival continues with two films; back by request is Live Cinema from Andre Rieu with his 'White Christmas' concert on **Sunday, December 10th at 2.00pm**. An unforgettable festive treat for the whole family. Get your tickets now! £12 (or £6 for our Volunteers). More live music is our 'Magical Christmas' concert on **Saturday, December 16th** which is always enjoyable and gets us in the Christmas mood.

We shall be closing on **Friday, December 22nd** and re-open on **Tuesday, January 2nd**.

Forthcoming events in January include our regular Friday films at **6.00pm**, plus two National Theatre Live Cinema nights, 'Yerma' starring Billie Piper on **Thursday, January 11th at 7.00pm** and 'Dear England' starring Joseph Fiennes in a play about Gareth Southgate, on **Thursday, January 25th at 7.00pm**. Tickets £15 or £7.50 for our volunteers. On **Saturday, January 27th at 7.30pm** we have our next entertaining event for the Comedy Club, Tony Scully and friend with a selection of monologues and poems.

In the New Year we shall be start our 100 Club recruitment again. If you would like to be in with a chance to win £25; £15; or £10 each month for only £12 for the year contact us asap.

All the above are on our website leyburnartscentre.com through which tickets can now be purchased by clicking on the link below the event entry. Alternatively, bookings can be made through our **Adminstrator on 01969 624510** or by visiting the Centre between **10.00am and 4.00pm Monday to Friday**.

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Our 2024 programme includes topics such as conscientious objectors at Richmond Castle; archaeology at Fountains Abbey; Medieval music, and the Grand Tour.

Join us at our AGM on **Wednesday, January 17th** which will be followed by 'More Dark Deeds in the Dales', a talk by Denny Gibson on local crimes and misdemeanours from the past.

Members, new members and visitors are always welcome, annual membership is £12 for nine meetings and visitors can attend for £3 per meeting. For more information please contact Tony Keates 01969 640436, dotandtonyk@btinternet.com.

Wensleydale Young Musician of the Year

As part of the Rotary National Young Musician of the Year competition, Wensleydale Rotary Club is working with BlueBoxt Creative and Performing Arts in Leyburn to hold the Wensleydale Area heat of the competition.

Open to young people aged 7 to 18 years who live or attend school in North Yorkshire (or close to the county boundary) there are three classes split into two age groups. The first is for an instrumentalist or vocalist playing acoustically accompanied by a pianist or by themselves. The second is for an instrumentalist or vocalist playing with amplification accompanied by a backing track of themselves. The third category is for an ensemble or group, two or more performers playing acoustically or amplified.

The heat is being held at St Mathew's Church in Leyburn on **Saturday, December 2nd** with the competition starting at **10.30am**. Attendance at the event is free. Members of the public are encouraged to attend to give support, refreshments will be available. If this year's event is a success then it's hoped that is that it will become an annual event. Full details can be found at www.wensleydale.org.

Leyburn and District u3a

You are welcome to join us for mince pies and coffee on **Friday, December 15th**, when Julian Pines and David Poole will give us an update on the progress of the new Community Shed. An exciting new community workspace with essential tools and equipment.

We are so lucky to have a superb independent bookshop on our doorsteps in Leyburn. Discover how it got here in 'The Wonky Tree Bookshop - One Year On'. On **Friday, January 19th** the owners Claire and Alan Flack will describe how it was set up, how it works and their future plans. This new addition to the market place is a haven for book lovers of all ages.

Doors open at **10.00am for 10.30am** at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre, Richmond Road, Leyburn DL8 5DL. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Annual membership is £12 or £20 for two people at the same address. For details contact **Sue Mellish 01748 850471** or email susiemellish@gmail.com.



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Thank you to everyone who has helped support the Memorial Hall over the last year by attending our concerts. This is our main source of funding and helps with the maintenance and upkeep of the hall.

Our last show of the year on **Friday, December 1st** will feature winter songs, folk carols and wassails by The Wilderness Yet. Tickets £16 (£18 door).

A full programme of concerts is already booked in for 2024. Kiki Dee and John Tams will both be making welcome returns next year. Further details of all forthcoming concerts are on the website: www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk.

On sale now for 2024:

The Urban Folk Quartet on **Saturday, March 9th** - expect a groove-filled set of acoustic

music, presented with infectious energy and humour. £17 (£19 door).

Friday, March 22nd – Kiki Dee & Carmelo Luggeri (7.30pm start). £22 (£24 door). Expected to be a sell out.

Friday, April 5th – The Often Herd. £16 (£18 door).

Friday, April 19th – Leveret. Andy Cutting, Sam Sweeney and Rob Harbron. £18 (£20 door).

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DVRN partners have successfully delivered a number of environmental improvements across the region such as riparian tree planting to boost biodiversity and natural flood management, reducing farm runoff to ensure cleaner water, and restoring some of Yorkshire's most modified rivers.

Commenting on the 10-year anniversary of DVRN, Charlotte Simons, Senior Catchment Partnerships Officer, said: "Over the last ten years we have worked in partnership to improve our rivers and this celebration is about recognising all the projects delivered and the resulting benefits for our rivers and to say a big "Thank You" to everyone who has been involved. The vision of the partnership is to have healthy rivers, abundant wildlife, valued

by communities. Working in partnership we will move forward to take our rivers from surviving to thriving"

National partners in the network include Natural England, Yorkshire Dales National Park, The Woodland Trust, and the National Trust.

Commenting on the partnership aspect of DVRN's work, Rachel Forsyth, Yorkshire Dales Countryside Manager at the National Trust, said: "As custodians of some of the best-loved and most visited natural landscapes in the north of England, National Trust has very ambitious commitments to improving the environment for everyone, including a significant amount of work on our river catchments. Working with the Dales to Vales Rivers Network over the last decade has enabled us to combine knowledge and expertise with numerous other partners to ensure the regions rivers are cleaner and better for the natural environment than ever before."

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Hawes Market House Trustees Chair's Report

November 2023

The Market House team of Laura Dunn, Administrator, and Alison Wade, Caretaker, continue to work hard to keep the Market House not only running as it should on a day-to-day basis, but also by continually driving forwards improvement.

There has been a variety of maintenance work carried out over the past year:

- Grant funding from Cllr Yonne Peacock and Newcastle Building Society enabled us to repair the damaged wall in the Youth Club room and to replace the upstairs carpet.
- The car park gates were removed, blasted, repainted and are now back in situ.
- Current building maintenance projects include replacing side windows and making sure the roof is properly insulated to keep the building warm and reduce our carbon footprint. Some of the fire doors are being replaced and the office has received a much-needed uplift.

Commercial use of the hall continues to thrive in the way of Craft Fairs, Tabletop Sales and the Tuesday Market. The Saturday Markets that were piloted in 2023 were a great success and will continue in 2024. Annual bookings such as the Spine Race and Gems Fair also continue.

Community use of the hall is strong, and groups including Youth Club, Playgroup,

Indoor Bowling, and Hawes Band are regularly using the facilities. The Community Hub and Open Pantry are hiring the committee room on a more long-term basis and community support and use of the hub is growing.

It was great to see the ABBA event earlier in the year be a roaring success, and HAOS are back in January with their rendition of Mother Goose. The surprise of the year, however, goes to 'pickleball', which has gained a good following and now holds multiple sessions per week. I'm still not sure what it is.....

As a committee, we are grateful to all the Trustees for being part of this small team of people wishing to retain and maintain this wonderful community building. My thanks go to Stan Roocroft, our Treasurer, for his work throughout the year looking after our finances.

We do, however, say goodbye to Graham DiDuca. After 11 years as a Trustee, 8 of which were spent serving as Chair, Graham has decided it is time to move on to other things. We are incredibly grateful for all his hard work and dedication over the years and wish him well in his future endeavours. On behalf of the Trustees, Laura and Alison, I say thank you.

Finally, on behalf of all Trustees, I'd like to say a huge thank you to Laura and Alison. Your dedication goes well beyond what is expected of your roles, and we are truly grateful for all your hard work, initiative and enthusiasm. Thank you.

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Remember we have recently started Yoga classes with Michelle, **2.15pm – 3.15pm**. 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@ymail.com.

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Churches Together Advent Taizé Service

To mark the start of advent Churches Together in Upper Wensleydale are holding a Taizé Service at Gayle Chapel on **Tuesday, December 5th**. 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. All are most welcome to attend.



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Combined Cadet Force attend Remembrance Service

Students from The Wensleydale School Combined Cadets Force (CCF) took part in the parade with the Leyburn and District branch of the Royal British Legion (RBL), as part of the Remembrance Day celebrations in Leyburn.



It coincided with the RBL's 100th anniversary and was the perfect way to mark the recently established affiliation between the school and local branch. Students marched with SSI WO2 Tracy Sockett, the school's CCF Staff Instructor, to the war memorial where they joined the RBL members. As part of the proceedings, the names of all local fallen soldiers from all conflicts were read out. This was followed by a march to the Methodist church for a service.

Reflecting on his experience, senior cadet and Year 11 student Elliott said: "It was a real privilege and something I did not think I would get the chance to do. During practices I learnt a lot and this has helped me understand the

importance of remembrance. Sometimes people think young people are not interested or don't understand why we have Remembrance Day, but that is not true. Being part of CCF at school has helped me and the link with the RBL is a great way for the different generations to work together." The Wensleydale School's headteacher Julia Polley, who started her career in the RAF, added: "This partnership is significant. We hope students, parents and even many within the community will see the important role the RBL has in our community by considering membership, which will help to secure the RBL's future."

The joint parade was the second event since the partnership was formed and follows the school's annual CCF presentation in the summer, where Chairman David Halliday officially welcomed the cadets to the branch. David said: "Leyburn and District branch of the Royal British Legion are proud of their affiliation with Wensleydale School CCF and equally proud to have them stand with us on this annual Act of Remembrance in Leyburn. "We would also like to think that some of the cadets could be tomorrow's British Legion members". The parade highlighted the intergenerational role of the RBL, with young and old coming together to commemorate its longevity. It comes at a time when the charity finds its existence under threat due to a drop in membership, because elderly members are not replaced by younger members. If numbers drop any further the Leyburn branch is at risk of becoming a sub branch. Long-standing member Richard Morris added: "We're keen to debunk the image of the charity as a place where members exchange wartime stories in the pub. Membership is not only for those with a connection to the forces - everyone is welcome to join". Besides the poppy appeal, the charity's flagship campaign which is known to be the longest running appeal in the world, a lot of work goes on in the community throughout the year such as clay shoot fundraisers and supporting the Wensleydale Show.



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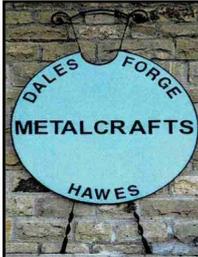
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November has seen us enjoy a lull in refurbishment works at Sycamore Hall, although by the time you read this we are probably getting used to some cooler temperatures as all the windows in the building are replaced! When finished, it will not only look lovely but it should be insulated to within an inch of its life!!

Our new cinema launched to residents with a showing of 'Viceroy's House', accompanied of course by the obligatory popcorn! We will be holding further showings for residents until we have licenses in place to open to the public.

We had a very successful Nostalgia Day on November 19th when we were able to study hundreds of photographs of local characters as well as reminisce about the past. We admired some clothing loaned by residents, wondering how on earth everyone was so small! Naturally, the event was accompanied by tea and cake, vintage style.

We are now looking forward to a programme of events running up to Christmas and hope that you will join us for some of these.

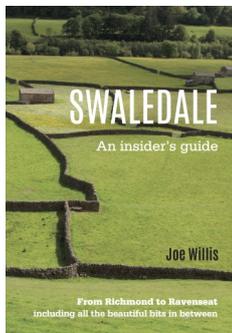
On Saturday, December 9th at 6.00pm Karen and Sonja are hosting another Quiz Evening with Pie and Pea Supper. There will be a distinctly festive theme to this event with Christmas outfits dragged from the wardrobe and delicious festive fare served up by Chris and Alice. Booking is essential via Sycamore Country Store or Sycamore Salon with tickets just £10 each. Come along and join in the fun!

We do hope that you will call in to check out our festive programme of events and consider joining us for some of them. Don't forget too that you can visit Sycamore Country Store and Mabel and Maisy's Mini Emporium for your Christmas shopping needs - both have now launched their Christmas shops so pay them a visit and save the hassle of travelling further afield!

For more information about our facilities and the availability of apartments, please contact **Nicky Cooper**, Housing Manager on **0370-102-4055**.

Now that we have reached the end of the year, we would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year. We hope you will visit us soon!

New Book on Swaledale



Joe Willis editor of Richmondshire Today has produced a new guide to the charms of Swaledale. Called 'an insider's guide' it features Joe's well-known sense of humour as he provides interesting backgrounds to some of the places and people of the Dale.

Lavishly illustrated with colour photos it will appeal to visitors and locals alike and would make an excellent Christmas 'stocking-filler'. Priced at £5.99 it is widely available from outlets in Richmond and Swaledale, including the Information Centre. It can also be ordered on-line from the websites of Richmondshire Today and Richmond Information Centre.

Annual Christmas Charity Concert

Hawes Silver Band invite you to join them in a musical Christmas Celebration on **Sunday, December 17th at 3.00pm** in Hawes Market House. All are welcome, entry is free so we hope that families will come along to listen to the festive music and enjoy community carol singing, mince pies and mulled wine.

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Sachin Tammewar, Pharmacist

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January 24th - Jim Morton will talk on his 'Walking Around Britain'. On April 12th 2021 He set off from Penistone and walked around the coast of the British mainland to raise money for the Gurkha Welfare Trust. He was gone 537 days and walked 8895 miles, and wrote a book at the end.

January 31st - Chris Bibby give his 'Reminiscences of a Coach Driver'.

Then the following week Roger Burnett returns to do a 'Gardening Q and A' and as a former RHS and Britain in Bloom judge he will be more than able to cope with all our questions.

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SUN 10 DEC	2pm	André Rieu's White Christmas (Live Event) *£12
THU 14 DEC	7pm	The Little Gang (French Film Festival) (N/C 12+) 1h 46
FRI 15 DEC	6pm	Scrapper (12) 1h 24
THU 21 DEC	7pm	A Christmas Carol (Live Event) *£12
FRI 22 DEC	6pm	National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (12A)

OTHER EVENTS & NEWS

(*Half price entry for our volunteers)		
FRI 1 DEC	7pm	Leyburn Comedy Club - LADS *£10
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Your pull-out pages of December and New Year events and greetings

SPECIAL CHURCH AND CAROL-SINGING EVENTS

ASKRIGG AND BAINBRIDGE AREA

St Oswald's, Askrigg	Sunday	Dec 10	10.30am 3.00pm	Holy Communion Reeth Brass Band in Concert	
	Wednesday	Dec 13	2.00pm	BAWB School Christingle Service	
	Sunday	Dec 17	10.30am	Lessons	
	Monday	Dec 18	7.00pm	Askrigg Christmas Tree Festival—runs until New Year	
	Christmas Eve		10.30am 5.00pm	Morning Prayer Community Carols and songs around the tree and visit from Father Christmas	
	Sunday	Jan 7	11.30pm 10.30am	Midnight Communion The Gathering—Benefice Family Communion	
	Sunday	Jan 14	10.30am	Café Style Communion	
	Sunday	Jan 21	10.30am	Morning Prayer	
	Sunday	Jan 28	10.30am	Holy Communion	
	St Matthew's, Stalling Busk	Sunday	Dec 10	12.30pm 1.30pm	Soup and friendship Short Family Communion Service
		Christmas Eve		3.00pm	Communion Service
		Sunday	Jan 14	12.30pm 1.30pm	Soup Lunch Holy Communion
		Sunday	Jan 28	2.30pm 3.15pm	Evening Prayer Pathfinders
Marsett Methodist Chapel		Sunday	Dec 3	2.00pm	Christmas Singalong
	Sunday	Dec 24	2.00pm	Locally arranged Service	
	Sunday	Dec 31	2.00pm	Sunday Service led by Mr Roland Dent	
	Sunday	Jan 7	2.00pm	Locally arranged Service	
	Sunday	Jan 14	10.30am	Covenant Service led by Rev. Melanie Reed	
	Sunday	Jan 21	2.00pm	Locally arranged Service	
	Sunday	Jan 28	2.00pm	Service led by Mrs Ruth Poultney	
Sycamore Hall	Sunday	Dec 17	10.45am	Christmas Carols with Rev. Melanie Reed	
	Sunday	Jan 28	10.45am	Service led by Mrs Liz Haythornthwaite	

HAWES AREA

St Margaret's, Hawes	Saturday	Dec 2	2.00pm	'Magic of Christmas' handbell and organ concert
	Sunday	Dec 3	10.30am	United Toy Service
	Sunday	Dec 10	10.30am	Morning Prayer
	Sunday	Dec 17	10.30am	'Jubilate' Christmas Family Service
	Thursday	Dec 21	10.00am	Hawes School Christingle Service
	Christmas Eve		10.30am 7.00pm	Communion Community Carols and songs in the Square.
	Sunday	Dec 31	10.30am	New Years Eve Communion for the Upper Dale
	Sunday	Jan 21	10.30am	'Jubilate' Family Service
	Sunday	Jan 28	10.30am	Holy Communion

HAWES AREA (continued)

St Mary & St John, Hardraw	Sunday	Dec 10	9.00am	Morning Prayer	
	Sunday	Dec 17	9.00am	Morning Prayer	
	Christmas Eve			9.00am	Morning Prayer
				10.00pm	Communion
	Christmas Day			10.30am	Christmas Day Communion for the Upper Dale
	Sunday	Jan 14	9.00am	Morning Prayer	
	Sunday	Jan 21	9.00am	Holy Communion	
	Sunday	Jan 28	9.00am	Morning Prayer	

Evening Prayer by telephone is at 4pm every Sunday. See website www.upperwensleydalechurch.org/services.

Gayle Methodist Chapel	Tuesday	Dec 5	12.00noon	Taizé Service led by Pat Whitehead (including soup lunch)
	Sunday	Dec 10	6.00pm	Service lead by Rev Melanie Reed
	Sunday	Dec 17	6.00pm	United Carols Service
	Sunday	Dec 31	6.00pm	Service locally arranged
	Sunday	Jan 7	6.00pm	Service led by Mrs. Ruth Poultney
	Sunday	Jan 14	10.30am	United Covenant Service led by Rev Melanie Reed
	Sunday	Jan 21	6.00pm	Service led by Mr. Rowland Dent
	Sunday	Jan 28	6.00pm	Service locally arranged

Hawes Junction Chapel	Sunday	Dec 17	2.30pm	Carols by Candlelight
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AYSGARTH, WEST BURTON AND WEST WITTON AREA

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St Andrew's, Aysgarth	Sunday	Dec 3	10.30am	Holy Communion. Penhill Together Advent Service.	
	Sunday	Dec 17	11.00am	Holy Communion	
	Christmas Eve			11.00am	Carol Service
				11.30pm	Midnight Communion
	Christmas Day			11.00am	Christmas Praise
	Sunday	Jan 7	11.00am	Holy Communion	
	Sunday	Jan 21	11.00am	Holy Communion	
	Sunday	Jan 28	11.00am	Morning Prayer	

St Bartholomew's, West Witton	Thursday	Dec 7	9.30am	Holy Communion	
	Sunday	Dec 17	6.00pm	Carols and Readings	
	Thursday	Dec 21	9.30am	Holy Communion	
	Christmas Eve			9.30am	Holy Communion
				4.00pm	Crib Service
	Sunday	Dec 31	10.30am	Holy Communion. Penhill Together Service.	
	Thursday	Jan 4	9.30am	Holy Communion	
	Sunday	Jan 7	11.00am	Holy Communion	
	Thursday	Jan 18	9.30am	Holy Communion	
	Sunday	Jan 21	11.00am	Morning Prayer	
Sunday	Jan 28	9.30am	Holy Communion		

West Burton Methodist Chapel	Sunday	Dec 3	10.45am	Locally arranged Service	
	Sunday	Dec 10	10.45am	Service led by Rev. Melanie Reed	
	Sunday	Dec 17	10.45am	Service led by Mr. Rowland Dent	
	Christmas Eve			6.00pm	Service led by Rev. Melanie Reed
					Carol/Crib/Candles
	Sunday	Dec 31	10.45am	Locally arranged Service	
	Sunday	Jan 7	10.45am	Service led by Jos Huddleston	
	Sunday	Jan 14	10.45am	Service led by Mr. Rowland Dent	
	Sunday	Jan 21	10.45am	Covenant Service led by Rev. Melanie Reed	
	Sunday	Jan 28	10.45am	Service led by Mrs. Ruth Poultney	

CARPERBY, REDMIRE, CASTLE BOLTON, PRESTON, THORALBY AND WENSLEY

St Margaret's, Preston-under-Scar	Sunday	Dec 17	9.30am	Holy Communion
			6.30pm	Carol Service
	Sunday	Jan 7	9.30am	Holy Communion
	Sunday	Jan 14	10.30am	Holy Communion Penhill Together Service
	Sunday	Jan 21	9.30am	Holy Communion
St Mary's, Redmire	Sunday	Dec 10	10.30am	Holy Communion Penhill Together Christingle Service
	Sunday	Dec 17	9.30am	Carol Service
	Christmas Eve		3.30pm	Crib service
			8.00pm	Christmas Communion
	Sunday	Jan 7	9.30am	Morning Prayer
	Sunday	Jan 21	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thoralby Village Hall	Saturday	Dec 16	2.00pm	Carols and Readings
Redmire Village Hall	Wednesday	Dec 6	10.30am	Church Coffee Morning
	Wednesday	Dec 20	2.00pm	Church Afternoon Tea
	Wednesday	Jan 3	10.30am	Church Coffee Morning
	Wednesday	Jan 17	2.00pm	Church Afternoon Tea
Castle Bolton, St Oswald's	Saturday	Dec 16	2.00pm	Carol Service
Carperby Institute	Sunday	Dec 17	6.30pm	Carols and Readings
Holy Trinity, Wensley	Saturday	Dec 9	6.30pm	Wensley Camerata / Jervaulx Singers
	Friday	Dec 15	6.00pm	Carol Service
	Christmas Day		9.45am	Christmas Communion
Thornton Rust Mission Room	Sunday	Dec 17	3.00pm	Carol Service
	Sunday	Jan 28	3.00pm	Evening Prayer
Cote Gill, West Witton, DL84LT	Thursday	Dec 7	10.30am	Christmas Coffee Morning in aid of the Children's Society. £5. There will also be a raffle. Everyone is welcome.



Margaret Haygarth wishes family, friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year



Anne Moore wishes all relatives and friends a happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Barry Wilcox wishes all friends and neighbours a peaceful and prosperous Christmas and New Year



Dot Fletcher would like to wish all her friends a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year



Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 2024 to all family and friends from
Myra Staveley



Mary Sumner would like to wish everyone Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.



Jean Sleightholm

wishes all her friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



June Metcalfe would like to wish all her family and friends a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.


Chubby, Sarah, Jas & George Brown

would like to wish all our family & friends a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year! We won't be sending cards, but will be donating to Cancer Research .



Denise Mason would like to wish family and friends a happy Christmas and all the best for 2024

William and Audrey

Pratt would like to wish family, friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year.



Brenda Peacock will not be sending cards this year but would like to wish all family and friends a wonderful Christmas and happy and healthy 2024


Kathleen Iveson

wishes all her friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.


Kathleen Martin

would like to wish all her friends and family a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.



Rather than sending cards I will be giving a donation to Cancer Research.

Wishing everyone a peaceful Christmas and a healthy, rewarding New Year.

Mary and Kelvin Young.


James Atkinson would like to wish all his friends and family a Merry Christmas and a happy New


Georgina Devine,

from Sedbergh, would like to wish all her friends in Hawes a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year



Eric and Kathleen Bell wish family and friends a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



Jim Lambert Would like to wish all family and friends a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. A donation instead of cards to Cancer Research UK.



Jean and Stuart Cockburn send all their friends in Aysgarth best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

