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Guest Editorial

The Tale of the Little Green Bin

Once upon a time, someone had the clever idea that a small green bin would be a good way of households collecting and disposing of their garden and vegetable waste. As a result, a nice little green bin on wheels was made and delivered to properties in Richmondshire.

For those with a garden these were wonderful - at last, a place to put our compostable waste and garden clippings etc that didn't end up all over the path or drive when the black bags split! However, for those without a garden, these became an eyesore and a waste of space.

There are some places in Richmondshire where the storing of a green bin at a property is nigh on impossible with either poor access or insufficient space to store them, particularly as every home already had a big black bin too.

Collection days in small villages, such as West Witton, created not only an eyesore but also a hazard to pedestrians and indeed motorists (when it was a windy day) with lines of green bins waiting on the footpath for emptying.

After some time, the Council realised that this service, whilst useful to some, was not needed by all and was not actually making them any money. So, it was decided to introduce an annual fee for those who wanted a little green bin. If you wanted a bin, you could pay the annual fee and receive a sticker in exchange which you could put on your bin identifying to the operatives which ones were paid for and should be emptied on a fortnightly basis.

Whilst not popular as deemed an additional cost on top of our Council Tax for the privilege of having garden and/or a lot of compostable waste (which we assumed the Council could turn into compost and sell), this scheme continued successfully until this year.

With nothing ever standing still these days (except the green bins awaiting emptying on the footpaths), the creation of a new North Yorkshire Council saw the closure of the district council offices across the region. This appeared to spark discussion on many fronts but we were told it would be a good thing as it would cut out an unnecessary layer of local government and make life easier, not to mention save money for the Council.

Well, that all sounded fine, but then the practicality of it came to light. I won't go into the cost of re-branding this new Council and re-labelling countless vehicles, buildings, signs, literature etc, etc. However, the fate of the poor little green bin has been distressing.

It would appear that in a big Council area, he who speaks louder gets what he wants (usually the case) and, as we know, those who live in the Dales don't tend to make much noise unless they are really upset about something.

And so it came to be that all those who had previously signed up to a little green bin were sent an email advising them that, under the new bigger and better Council, there would only be one uniform size of green bin and that would be the large one, as preferred by those who spoke louder!

We were advised that we had a choice - woo! We could either keep our little green bin but pay an increased cost, or we could have a swanky, new big green bin and pay almost double the cost for the same collection arrangements. Not much of a choice really! As if that wasn't bad enough, we were then told that we could either keep our old little green bin and use it for some other purpose, or we could ask the Council to collect it, but this would not be for some time as they would be busy delivering new bins.

Poor little green bin!! Not only has it been abandoned as useless for its original purpose but now it is just hanging around somewhere waiting for someone from the Council to come and collect it! Do we think they will ever materialise? Possibly but even if they do, what are they going to do with all these abandoned little green bins? Is there a retirement home for them? Perhaps it is with all those hideous banks of recycling bins that were imposed upon every village a couple of years ago - most of which were subsequently returned as they were not required, weren't in keeping with villages in a National Park, or were just a waste of time and money.

I suspect that somewhere in the area, there will be a storage facility newly hired to store all these redundant bins! Meanwhile, the new big green bins have turned out to be a big disaster for many! If you look closely at them, the build quality is very inferior to that of the little green bin and suggests that it won't be long before replacement green bins are needed. However, for many the biggest problems relate to the

storage of such a big bin (for many, finding the space for a little green bin was bad enough!) but there is an even bigger problem that no-one seems to have realised. Once you fill your big green bin with all your garden waste, lawn clippings, vegetable peelings etc etc, it is so heavy that you can't actually move it!!!! Trying to drag this huge bin to the nearest site where an operative is prepared (or allowed) to collect it from is like training for the World's Strongest Man! As a consequence, I now hear that many of these bins are being returned as they are utterly useless to those who are not fit enough to move them!!

Perhaps I have inadvertently found a use for the retired little green bin? Maybe we are all supposed to hang onto it to store half of our green waste so that the big green bin goes out for every collection only half full?! At least that way, we would always have a bin for collection as we would be so far behind with our green waste during the summer months that it would take weeks to catch up! Perhaps that makes a big green bin better value for money as we are at least making use of every collection which we are not always doing with a little green bin in the 'dead' months of the year! However, let's not forget that if we adopted this idea, we would then need to be fit enough to tip the contents of the little green bin into the big green bin - I doubt many of us could manage that!

Either way, I am struggling to see the sense in this whole exercise, never mind the 'green' (forgive the pun!) credentials of manufacturing all these bins and chucking out a load that were perfectly useable. And that is before we even contemplate the potential need for new lorries to empty the bigger bins and the storage facility purchased or hired to store all the retired little green bins!!!! I expect there was also a cost associated with training the operatives in the safe way to move these big green bins! The list - and the cost - goes on!

Am I alone in thinking this was all a complete waste of time and money? I rather doubt it!

So, if you can think of a new use for all these hundreds of little green bins who have been cast aside, now is the time to speak up! An adoption scheme could see them re-homed and living happily ever after, rather than cast on the scrap heap as a hideous indicator of our wasteful society!

Karen Prudden



Eunice the Ewe

Last month I was hiding in the Edie Peacock advert on the back cover and the lucky winner of the £10 prize is Julie Pledge of West Burton.

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

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July Competition

They sound the same:

Example: Infection took to the air

Answer: FLU; FLEW

Now try these:

1. Permitted but not silently
2. Great yell; sphere
3. Not smooth round the neck
4. Breeze of the preliminary attempt
5. Undressed mammal
6. Animal group came to our ears
7. Bit of no war
8. Drank and moaned
9. Interfere with the gong
10. Stop separate into pieces
11. Old military man under cover of darkness
12. Long breath taken neither back nor front
13. Strong, healthy ice drops
14. Big fire holder
15. Sport area, not fine though

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

June Competition Answers

1. Dust
2. Bolt
3. Fast
4. Buckle
5. Handicap
6. Variety
7. Transparent
8. Overlook
9. Rent
10. Custom
11. Sanction
12. Peer
13. Original
14. Screen
15. Consult
16. Bound

The winner is Jan Shipard of Hawes, whose nominated charity to receive the £50 prize is Hawes Christmas Lights.

Upper Wensleydale Ladies Luncheon Club

The Luncheon Club meets on the **4th Wednesday in the month** at Street Head Inn at **noon for 12.30pm Lunch**.

Our new programme starts on **Wednesday, September 25th** with a talk by Colin Bailey, Blue Box Creative and Performing Arts.

On **October 23rd** we have Flower Demonstration by Rosemary and Twine.

Why not come along and join us, we are a small group and would make you very welcome. Anyone wishing to join please contact **Ray Wilkinson** on **01969 663613**, or **Sue Ryding** on **01969 663551**.

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Redmire:	Kevin Davis Westholme	624165
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West Witton	Christine Barker, Chestnut Garth	624934

Affordable Homes in Bainbridge

The Upper Dales Community Land Trust (UDCLT) is very excited to share the news that their first affordable housing project is nearing completion. Two brand new 2-bedroom flats have been created from what was a beautiful - but crumbling - former Methodist Chapel in Bainbridge, Upper Wensleydale.

These will be available to people with a local connection who would otherwise struggle to



afford to live in the area (see end of article for more information on qualifying for affordable housing and the application process).

The UDCLT is a volunteer-led charity whose mission is to create affordable housing for those born, living and working in the remote Upper Dales. It was formed in 2017 by a group of concerned Upper Dales residents and local council members who recognised there was, and is, a critical shortage of affordable housing in our region. Since our inception we have built up important partnerships and attracted enough funding and support to purchase the Chapel, and then carry out the building works necessary to create the affordable homes. These homes will be let and managed by our partners North Star Housing Group.

We have a number of ambitious and exciting plans for the development of more affordable homes in the deeply rural areas of the North Yorkshire Dales, plans that reflect and resonate with current research identifying the challenges faced by residents within our Upper Dales area who just cannot afford to live in the place they have been born and brought up in.

Find out more about our background and information on current projects at www.udclt.co.uk.

Join Our Volunteer Team!

Our Trust relies on its small group of volunteers to carry out its day to day running and formulate future affordable housing projects - and we are looking for new recruits! If you are interested in the development of affordable homes in your area and have a bit of spare time to contribute then we'd love to hear from you. Email udcltrust@gmail.com to arrange an informal chat.

How To Register For Affordable Housing

If you are interested in applying for local affordable housing you must first register with North Yorkshire Home Choice:

www.northyorkshirehomechoice.org.uk/.

You will need to qualify with a local connection to be considered for our properties.

You can also contact North Star Customer Services **0300 011 0011** or customer.services@northstarhg.co.uk.



News from Hawes Youth Club

At Easter we said farewell but not goodbye to Stella, we would like to thank Stella for all her hard work at Hawes Youth Club she will be missed, but she will still be working in the background managing the finances and stepping in to cover staff absences.

We welcome Joanne as group leader, Joanne has volunteered at the youth club for a long time and has experience and knowledge of how the youth club works and the young people.

After all these changes Hawes youth club needs new members and volunteers. If you are aged 11 - 19 years come along and meet the team and have some fun. Opening time **Wednesday term time only 6.30pm - 8.30pm**

Volunteers:- free training will be given in Essential Youth work and DBS check. If you can spare a couple of hours once a week, month or half term we would love to hear from you. Contact Joanne at Onthehook1@outlook.com.

Herbal Remedies

It was when the wind started composing tunes through our brickwork that I realised we needed the front of the house repointing. Before the builder started, I had to peel off a climbing hydrangea which had effortlessly reached bedroom height. This tenacious brute seemed intent on breaking and entering and persuading it to let go was no easy task: the aerial roots clung fast and any stems in crevices had swelled and locked in. After a half day's slog, up a ladder with a chisel, an accident waiting to happen, job done. Wow, look, a naked house. Two weeks on and the pointing's done but no more climbers for me though – one door shuts etc and there's a well drained 10ft by 6ft sun trap revealed, perfect for scented herbs.

I've read that the most evocative sense we have is smell, a waft of scent can transport you anywhere, peel back the years. Not always good - a hint of chlorine and I'm returned in a flash to the 60's, enduring fraught swimming lessons at Pudsey baths. Upsides are plenty though, particularly in the garden, where a perfumed rose or brushed artemisia and I'm a scrawny kid again, back bug hunting in that childhood Sandsend holiday cottage rockery.

Let's start planting at the rear with the bee-friendly savoury leaved sage, *Salvia officinalis*, 2ft by 3ft, with the prettiest tiny blue flowers. I'll surround it with three hardy Hidcote lavenders, very dependable as long as you remember to deadhead lightly in Autumn and prune just above new growth in spring. By the front door and it's got to be artemisia abrotanum, the southernwood. This 'lad's love' is as pungent as it gets, the crushed leaves giving off an 'aroma' which, coupled with its toxicity and insignificant yellow flowers, divides opinion on suitability. I love it but posties and delivery drivers aren't so

keen – that Evri driver's got looking daggers off to a fine art.

As a centrepiece I've chosen common myrtle, communis, which has flourished in a sheltered position in my garden for several years. Despite its tender reputation, the profusion of small white blooms has never failed, and set against the glossy aromatic foliage, this will win your heart.



COMMON MYRTLE COMMUNIS

Let's simplify towards the front and give the bees a treat by alternating common thyme with its posher cousin, Golden Queen. The dark and light leaf tones are complemented by a wealth of purple flowers in summer. Prune lightly after flowering to maintain compactness, otherwise trouble free. Give all mentioned sun lovers plenty of room to spread, as they all have sharp elbows and hate 'clutter' and consequent shadow.

Two I rejected for the project are lemon balm and mint. Well-disciplined when young, the balm thickens too quickly and seeds all over the garden. Don't get me started on garden mint. Nice as a sauce with tatties, but the plant spreads like juicy scandal and will take over your garden. Assert yourself and grow it in a bucket, show it who's boss.

Ed Gardener



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Day in the Dales

Our annual 'Day in the Dales' will be held on **Wednesday, July 24th at 10.00am** at the Carperby Pavilion.

This is a day where we welcome refugee families, currently staying in Darlington, to Wensleydale where they are treated to a day of sports, activities, countryside and friendship.

Every year we encourage local families to come and take part in the activities, we always find our refugee families love to meet other families, and the children have a great time playing football and crafting together.

Following a morning of activities, we walk to Carperby Village Hall where lunch is catered for by a team of volunteers. To ensure we cater for the right number please let us know if you can join us. We then head down to Aysgarth Falls for a lovely afternoon walk.

It is a very special day, we really hope many of you can come and enjoy it with us. Please let us know by emailing dayinthedales@gmail.com.

If you can't make the day but would like to be involved, financial support for the delivery of the event would really help make this, and future days, possible. Thank you for your support.

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5 th July	Communion at Sycamore Hall			
7 th July	The Gathering – St Oswald's Church 10.30 Family Communion			
14 th July	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Café Style	Soup Lunch from 12.30pm Followed by Afternoon Prayer
21 st July	Holy Communion	Family Service	Morning Prayer	
25 th July			Concert: Music for a Summer Afternoon starting at 4pm	
28 th July	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Afternoon Prayer & Pathfinders

Evening Prayer by telephone is held at 4pm every Sunday for details see our website
www.upperwensleydalechurch.org/services

Balls, Batons and Ballot Boxes

July: a General Election, the 'Euro24' Final and the Olympic games. What a month! There will inevitably be a mixture of celebration and commiseration as our hopes and expectations bring either delight or disappointment on the pitch, track or in the ballot box.

We will see some wonderful examples of human determination and skill in the coming weeks, but one quality that unites all the participants is that of integrity. There has already been some encouraging displays of honesty and fair play on the football pitch and I am hoping that we will see the same from our political candidates and athletes.

I have been reminded recently of the life of Eric Liddell, the Christian sprinter whose story was famously captured in the Oscar winning film 'Chariots of Fire'. Seen as a favourite to win the 100m final in the 1924 Paris Olympic

Games he risked coming away from the games with absolutely nothing after refusing to compete because that particular race was scheduled to be run on a Sunday. In the end he competed in the 400m, an event he had not trained for, and won Gold. The film depicted a man who put God before his sporting career.

The Bible describes our lives as a race – a race of unknown length and one in which none of us know when we will reach the finishing line. Whether we agree or disagree with Liddell's decision is, for me, not the point. What I find attractive is his courage and integrity in standing for what he felt was right. In sport, politics or daily life, we all benefit when such qualities are lived out by ourselves and those around us. With such a testing month ahead, it may be good to remember that the Bible also speaks a great deal about HOPE!

With God's Blessing.

Per Dave.

Wensleydale Concert Series July Concerts

St Andrew's Church will ring to the sound of two fantastic, and very different, concerts in July.

The first concert on **Saturday, July 6th**, is a four-hand piano recital by two truly brilliant musicians: Benjamin Frith and Heidi Rolfe. The first half of the concert is a varied mix of music by the Irish composer John Field (famed throughout Europe and admired by Chopin and Liszt), quirky French composer Erik Satie, a Rondo by Franz Schubert and one of Brahms's ever-popular Hungarian Dances. The second half is devoted to one work, Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov's spectacular and entertaining "Scheherazade". This is an ideal summer concert for all music lovers and a great introduction to anyone new to classical concerts, it will be a spectacular evening!



The second concert on **Saturday, July 27th**, features the Herschel Trio - three musicians playing baroque instruments: flute, recorders, viol and harpsichord. Their programme is a survey of early music from the British Isles and includes sets of 'airs' from Wales and Ireland, as well as music from England by Purcell and Handel and less well known, but nonetheless brilliant, baroque composers. The concert features works by: James Oswald from Scotland, Moravian composer Godfrey Finger

who worked in the court of James II of England, English Composer Thomas Arne (probably most famous for "Rule! Britannia!") and London based violinist and composer, Nicola Matteis. This will be a real treat from three amazing musicians, another ideal concert for a summer evening.

Tickets and full details can be found at our website www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk or you can order tickets by phone on **0333 666 3366** (quote date, name of artists and Wensleydale Concert Series). Tickets are £18 when bought in advance (or £20 at the door) and £1 for anyone under 18 or in full time education. When bought in advance you can also order a printed programme (we don't print large numbers for sale at the door any more). Parking is at the Falls carpark (next to the church) at the special concert rate of £1.50.

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Sedbergh, Hardraw, and the Kitchener Camp Rescue in World War II

In the middle of World War II, a company of German-speaking soldiers arrived in Sedbergh. These men weren't Prisoners of War, but British Army troops – so what was their history? And how did they come to be in Sedbergh?

Kitchener camp has been largely forgotten today, but in 1939 this derelict World War I army base on the Kent coast became the scene of an extraordinary rescue of around 4,000 Jewish men from German concentration camps. The rescue was funded and run by the same organisations that ran the 'Kindertransport' for children. Indeed, some of the children of Kitchener refugees were saved on the Kindertransport scheme.

When war was declared, many hundreds of the Kitchener camp refugees enlisted in the British army in Autumn 1939. My father was one of these volunteers. For the first few years of the war, the refugees were only permitted to join the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps – an unarmed labour unit. My dad was in 69 Company, AMPC.

In January 1940, 69 Company was sent to France as part of the British Expeditionary Force. During the main Dunkirk retreat, the Pioneer Corps soldiers were kept behind to 'hold the line', while thousands returned to safety. They were ordered to destroy vehicles and ordnance so they would not fall into enemy hands. Finally, 69 Company was brought back to Britain on unarmed fishing trawlers on 16 June 1940.

Next, 69 Company was moved around the country laying mines, digging ditches, and erecting miles of barbed-wire fencing. By Autumn they were clearing bomb sites in Bexley, recovering victims, and bringing out the dead. In December 1940, five of the company were killed and 19 injured when a bomb hit their bus.

In 1941, 69 Company arrived in Sedbergh, to construct a large petrol and oil depot. Many were billeted in the old workhouse and some were billeted at the vicarage in Hardraw, including my father.

As a child growing up in Yorkshire, I often heard talk of ‘Uncle John’ Steele, vicar of St Mary and St John’s Church, Hardraw. He and his wife Margaret (Meg) befriended my father in the heart of their home – a loving kindness that was especially needed when my dad learned after the war that none of his close family had survived the Holocaust.

There is an account of the Pioneer Corps' stay in Sedbergh in a book by Norman Bentwich, *I Understand the Risks*. Bentwich outlines the work the soldiers were carrying out here, but also describes dinner parties and concerts, and the relationships formed with people in the town.

I'm planning a visit to Sedbergh and Hardraw this year, and wonder whether someone might have a family memory of this time: a company of German-speaking troops in British Army uniform in the middle of World War II must surely have been something of an event. And I would very much like to engage with anyone who has been told about it by parents or grandparents – who might have some letters exchanged with the refugees, or even photographs of social events.

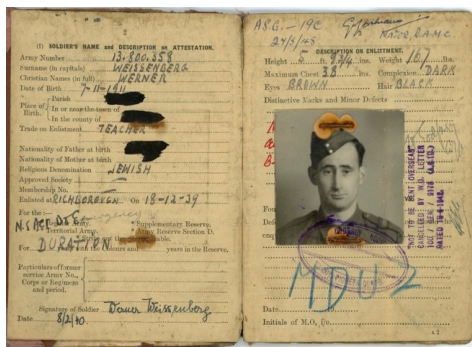
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Two of the newspaper articles on my research into the Kitchener camp rescue can be read at the following links:

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2024/01/27/kitchener-camp-sandwich-jews-fleeing-nazis-kindertransport/>.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/aug/24/kitchener-camp-sandwich-kent-german-jews-haven>.



British Army book, Werner Weissenberg



Family Activities

It is time to prepare for King's Club. It's back again including a new venue in Hawes. This year on **Monday, August 5th** at Leyburn Methodist Church and **Wednesday, August 7th** at Hawes Market House each between **11.00am and 3.00pm**.

Supported by both the Methodist Church and The Church of England. Free to attend, there will be family crafts, quizzes, puzzles, games and activities for all ages (children must be accompanied by an adult) with refreshments, food and a gift bag to take away. No need to book a place, just come along and bring your friends. For more information please contact Rev'd Gillian on gillian.lunn@leeds.anglican.org or **07592 016476**.

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Geraldine and family wish to thank everyone for their lovely cards, flowers and kindness shown on the death of Mum.

Special thanks to Dr. Pain and everyone at Hawes Surgery, also Rev. Dave for his support and the lovely service.

Thanks to the Pantry and Feather and Fern and Richard Sanderson the funeral director for his help and guidance at a difficult time.

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Wednesday, July 17th, 2.00pm at Harmby Village Hall

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We welcome back Dr Tony Nicholson a social and cultural historian who spends much of his retirement researching, writing, and giving talks. He has spoken to our Group on several occasions, most notably about the amazing horde of Victorian photographs and letters he found in his attic.

His talk opens with Laurence Sterne's extraordinary novel, *Tristram Shandy*, one of the Guardian's '100 Greatest Novels of All Time'. Sterne was a member of the 'Demoniacs', a group of eighteenth century rakes who met at Skelton Castle — 'Crazy Castle' as they delighted in calling it — where his good friend, John Hall Stevenson, was master of ceremonies. Tony explores the Demoniacs and their crazy world, and finds himself riding a few Hobby-Horses along the way.

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Hawes School News

Windrush Workshops

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Bikeability for Year 6

As part of our PE provision Year 6 children undertook Bikeability training run by Stage 1 Cycles, who taught the children how to ride safely on the road and what dangers to be aware of. This was a successful event for the children involved.

Old Photographs and Advertisements

Here is another page from 'Hawes and its Immediate Neighbourhood – An Illustrated Guide for Visitors' which features a variety of businesses.

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Bainbridge W.I.

I know we are busy most of the year, but when we think the weather is supposed to improve we seem to make ourselves even busier! Consequently, June has been one big round of events and activities. Some of our members 'virtually' joined the Annual Meeting of the Women's Institute to hear updates on the past year and look forward to the next, not to mention enjoy the speakers who are always entertaining and this year included Victoria Derbyshire and Mel B.

We enjoyed a fun morning of paper crafting at Sycamore Hall where we had a go at making flowers from recycled card. It was surprisingly easy and extremely effective.

Our IT Club continues at Sycamore Hall and last month we were learning about podcasts - how to find them and use them - which has opened up a new world to some of us!

Once again, we were out on Bainbridge Village Green offering refreshments to the participants and visitors of the annual Beamish Car Rally. This is our main fundraising event of the year and allows us to put on our busy programme of events and activities and, of course, our annual community lunch. Fortunately, the weather behaved and, aside from one short, sharp shower, we had a glorious day and were nicely busy. Thanks to everyone who helped or supported this event.

Instead of our monthly meeting in June, some of our members headed to Skipton where we boarded a narrow boat for a leisurely cruise on the Leeds-Liverpool canal. Amazingly, the weather was wonderful and we had a great time looking at the scenery and wildlife whilst enjoying a delicious afternoon tea. It was a lovely treat enjoyed by all.

The Walking Group has finally ventured out for a wander around Jervaulx, ending up at the lovely tea room there - of course! Fingers crossed that the weather stays nice enough to continue the monthly walks, having missed half the year already.

The Lunch Club really enjoyed their trip to The Highwayman near Ingleton where they had a delicious lunch. June seemed to develop a bit of a theme as we opted for yet another afternoon tea, rather than lunch, and this time stayed closer to home at Hamilton's in Aysgarth. As always, the food (whilst fantastic!) was an aside to the

entertainment from Steve! How does he cope with all these women?

The Book Club ladies are still busy reading (I don't know how they find the time!) and the Garden Club have been out and about getting ideas for their own gardens. At the end of June, we headed to Beetham Nurseries for Rose Day where we learned all about how to care for our roses.

We have submitted entries to the WI competitions at the Great Yorkshire Show and some of our members have volunteered to help out there. Fingers crossed for good weather and a successful show. In July, some of our members will be participating in the High Dales Treasure Hunt which is taking place on foot around Redmire, followed by a lovely supper.

Our monthly meeting at Bainbridge Village Hall on **Thursday, July 18th** will see Valerie Welti join us to present her talk about 'Crossing the Blue Line' - all about women in policing. She is a very entertaining speaker and we are looking forward to hearing this talk. Come along and join us - visitors welcome.

On **Saturday, July 20th**, we will be having another craft session at Sycamore Hall from **10.30 am** where we are going to have a go at peg looming. Do join us - no charge! 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 650801**. We would be delighted to welcome you to our merry throng and can assure you of a warm welcome, lots of fun and plenty of opportunities.

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Charity Bingo Report

Dales Charity Bingo (DCB) has held two Bingo nights since our last update. The first of which was on **May 21st** in Askrigg Village Hall and another on **June 19th** in Hawes Market Hall with the profits from each night going to BAWB PTFA and Hawes PTFA respectively.

Despite having fewer players than hoped our May bingo night was enjoyed with the added benefit, being that almost everyone went home with one or more prizes. We welcomed visitors from the USA, who thoroughly enjoyed themselves. On a positive note we were able to pay £50 to the BAWB PTFA.

We had an excellent turnout for our June bingo night, enjoying support from parents, and Hawes PTFA members as well as visitors from the Caravan Club Site. We welcomed a lot of junior players on the night, many of whom were playing for the first time and went home happy with the prizes won and we hope a love of bingo. £226 was raised for the Hawes PTFA.

Thank you to everyone who has come out and supported our bingo nights. Our next bingo night will be in Hawes Market Hall on **Wednesday July 10th** with profits to Hawes Christmas Lights. Everyone is invited to come along and join in the fun. We now have a monthly schedule of Bingo nights through to December, excluding October. Please see the posters around Hawes and neighbouring villages for details. If your group would like to partner with us for a Bingo night and receive the night's profits please call **Jan on 07736 017459**.

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Friends of the Dales Summer Programme

Walk: Access the Dales by foot or Terrain Hopper!

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Friends of the Dales is hosting its first all-terrain wheelchair guided walk on July 31st in collaboration with the charity, Access the Dales and walking company Where2Walk. Early bookers can also secure the use of an all-terrain Trampler or Terrain Hopper wheelchair for this event. For full details and booking links for all these free events visit: <https://friendsofthedales.org.uk/events>.

Event: Friends 4 Friends

Thursday, August 1st, 5.30pm – 8.30pm

A social event for non members! (Members are welcome too but they must bring a 'non member' friend along with them). As we look to the future it is vital we recruit more members and so what better way to do this than encourage interested supporters and like-minded friends to join us for a sociable evening in Gargrave for welcome refreshments and snacks, fun quiz and a leisurely three mile circular walk. NB. no obligation for non-members to join – this is just a chance to get to know more about us.

Why not sign up from Friends of the Dales free e-news on its homepage to receive news and events information direct to your inbox!

Leyburn Arts and Community Centre

Something different for July is our Summer Film Making Workshops, with award winning film maker Giovanni Maderna. These consist of a series of 10 sessions over 5 weeks, Wednesdays and Saturdays, from **July 24th to August 21st**.

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Work begins soon on our new Accessible Toilets and as a consequence there will limited parking and noise at some times. As part of the on-going fundraising, Raffle tickets are on sale for the Autumn Grand Draw! Don't forget to sign up for our Community Shed newsletter or see previous ones on the website. Best wishes for a sunny July.

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- 2 Coffee and Cake. West Burton Chapel 10.00am - Noon. See p.7.
- 4 Reeth Memorial Hall Concert. 8.00pm. See p.19.
- 5 Dominoes. Carperby Institute. 7.30pm.
- 6 National Meadows Day. Settle. 11.00am See p.28.
- 6 Dalesplay Fundraiser. Hawes Market Hall. See p.35.
- 7 Bellerby Open Gardens. See p.33. 10.00am - 5.00pm.
- 7 Gayle Methodist Chapel. 'Big Picnic Service'. 2.00pm. See p.27.
- 10 Charity Bingo. Hawes Market Hall. 7.00pm. See p.22.
- 17 Local History Group. Harmby Village Hall. 2.00pm. See p.14.
- 18 Bainbridge W.I. monthly meeting. See p.16.
- 18 Wellness Walk. 10.00am. Bainbridge, See p.37.
- 19 Start of Hawes Bookfest. See p.12.
- 20 St. Margaret's Day Festival. Hawes 10.00am - 2.30pm. See p.31.
- 20 Bainbridge W.I. craft session. 10.30am. Sycamore Hall . See p.16.
- 21 Hawes Junction Chapel service. 2.30pm. See p.12.
- 23 Dominoes. Stalling Busk Schoolroom. 7.00pm.
- 24 Day in the Dales. 10.00am. Carperby. See p.7.
- 25 Concert. St. Oswald's, Askrigg. 4.00pm. See p.32.
- 26 Reeth Memorial Hall Concert. 8.00pm. See p.19.
- 28 Wensleydale Railway. Yorkshire Tea Day. 2.30 pm. See p.13.
- 29 Mary Queen of Scots. Bolton Castle. 6.45pm. See p.7.
- 29 Leyburn u3A talk. 10.30am at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. See p.29.
- 31 Closing Date Bluebox Competition. See p.26.
- 31 Friends of the Dales Walk. See p.18.

August

- 1 Friends of the Dales Meeting. See p.18.
- 6 Coffee and Cake. West Burton Chapel 10.00am - Noon. See p.7.

**News from Dales
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**Labour of Love Exhibition – till September
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Our current exhibition, 'Labour of Love -
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vital for enriching nature but are affected by
climate change, biodiversity decline, and shifts
in UK environmental policies. Although there
are many challenges, there are opportunities to
shape a positive future. As part of the
nationwide Our Upland Commons project led
by the Foundation for Common Land, Rob and
Harriet Fraser have spent time in these special
parts of England meeting people who are
passionately committed to a positive future:
farmers, landowners, conservationists, heritage
specialists, ecologists, scientists and others.

The exhibition offers a glimpse into the online
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mini museum on the railway carriages for our youngest visitors so there will be lots to keep little ones busy.

Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists' Club:

In June our members learned how to wash finds and use surveying equipment. There was a lot of excitement when the pottery shards were clean and the patterns could be seen and matched up.



In July we are visiting a dig. The club meets once a month on a Saturday morning, **10.00am to noon**. Please call **01969 666210** if you'd like to join in or email dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk.

Young people age 8 –17 years are welcome to come along to try a session from September onwards.

Education and community engagement:

We've had lovely feedback from schools on education sessions led here at the Museum and in school. The most recent was in relation to a WW2 activity. "Thank you so much for the wonderful day we had today with you. It was just what we needed to add to our curriculum and the activities you'd got ready for us were perfect. The children had a fantastic day and have already asked if we can go again!" If your class or school is interested in our education activities or loan boxes, do get in touch.

Here are our events coming up in July.

Geology walk:

Tuesday, July 16th, 11.00am - 3.00pm.

Join our experienced Dales Volunteers on this 5 mile (8 km) walk to discover the geological forces which formed the Yorkshire Dales. Walk through the site of the former stone mines, Shaw Ghyll and visit the spectacular Hardraw Force, the highest waterfall in England.

Starts at the Dales Countryside Museum. £10 plus entrance fee to the Hardraw Force waterfall. No dogs allowed and booking essential.

FDCM lecture and Gift Day.

Friday, July 19th, 7.30pm - 9.00pm.

Bring your donations to support the work of the Museum to a social gathering and a talk by Liz Collison of the Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists' Club. Free for Members, donations welcome from non-members.

Hawes Town Trail.

Tuesday, July 23th, 2.00pm - 4.00pm.

£5 Booking essential, no dogs allowed.

Family Craft Activity.

Thursday, July 25th, 1.00pm - 4.00pm.

Make an oyster catcher. Drop in event. Slot allocated on arrival.

Hands on History - oil lamps.

Friday, July 26th, 1.00pm - 4.00pm.

Find out about the history of oil lamps and have a go at making your own replica. Drop in event. Slot allocated on arrival.

Upland farming in the Dales - from farm to fork to fleece:

Saturday, July 27th, 11.00am - 3.00pm.

Meet local upland commoners ,to understand more about this way of life intrinsic to our British heritage and food production. Watch sheep shearing demonstrations and hear how woolly jumpers are made. In the afternoon, the commoners will host an audience to discuss food production as an upland farmer and the importance of recognising our British food market as consumers.

Drystone Walling demonstration:

Tuesday, July 30th, 11.00am - 3.00pm.

Family Craft Activity:

Thursday, August 1st, 1.00pm - 4.00pm.

Butterflies and Flowers printing.

Hands on History - Finds:

Friday, August 2nd, 1.00pm - 4.00pm.

A chance to handle real finds from archaeological sites - what were they used for and what can they tell us about the past.

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Michael, Rachel and Stuart wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kindness and sympathy shown, and for the many cards and messages received following their recent sad loss. Special thanks to the amazing team of staff and carers at Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge. Rev Julia Reid, Andy Souter and Gayle Chapel. Laura Cloughton and Simon Iveson for the design and printing of the Order of Service. Jackie Smith and the staff at the Wensleydale Pantry for a lovely cream tea and Edward, Brian & Andrew of JJ Martin Funeral Directors for all their invaluable help and guidance. Final grateful thanks for the donations received in memory of Margaret for the Sycamore Hall Residents Fund.

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Ousewem, an innovative flood resilience project, is transforming community engagement efforts by enlisting the help of talking lampposts to raise awareness about natural flood management (NFM) in North Yorkshire.

Led by City of York Council, in collaboration with North Yorkshire Council, Ousewem aims to identify and deliver nature-based solutions (NbS), including NFM, to reduce flood risk in vulnerable North Yorkshire communities across Yorkshire's Swale, Ure, Nidd, and Ouse (SUNO) river catchments. "We're excited to introduce cutting-edge interactive technology to increase understanding of how water is impacting our local area and community," said Victoria Murray, Innovative Flood Resilience Project Manager, City of York Council.



As part of Ousewem's community engagement strategy, initiatives will focus on public areas such as car parks and local pubs, distributing beer mats and signage to inform and engage farmers and residents about potential NFM projects while gathering community feedback. The first phase of the project will see signs appearing in and around the Yorkshire Dales National Park, specifically around Hawes, Gayle and Hardraw, marking the beginning of an innovative approach to community engagement in flood resilience.

Hello Lamp Post CEO, Tiernan Mines, added, "We are thrilled to embark on this new collaboration with Ousewem, led by City of York Council. Together, we look forward to addressing the critical issue of flood resilience in Yorkshire. This partnership represents a powerful commitment to community engagement and environmental stewardship, and we are excited about the positive impact we can make together." "These interactive conversations are designed to evolve gradually over time, offering continuous educational materials, resources, and engagement opportunities," added Murray. "We're encouraging everyone to keep an eye out for our talking signs when out and about!"

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www.dalesbus.org and www.moorsbus.org are websites with a wealth of information on summer services using buses chartered from commercial operators at week-ends. Routes connect towns, cities, coast and countryside with destinations in the Yorkshire Dales and Yorkshire Moors National Parks.

As an example, the Sunday DalesBus No 838 departs from Darlington at **8.30am**. Its route includes Richmond, Catterick, Redmire, Carperby, Askrigg and Bainbridge, reaching Hawes at **10.0am**. The service then continues to connect with train services at Ribbleshead station (Leeds-Settle-Carlisle Line).

There are many more possibilities for days out into the Dales, using DalesBus services starting from York, Leeds, Keighley, Wharfedale, Northallerton, Leyburn etc. Place names served on the Moorsbus network include Pickering, Malton, Helmsley and Scarborough. Both websites include maps of their own route network.

For trains to and from Garsdale station on summer Sundays until **October 20th**, it is a familiar vehicle (a Little White Bus) but operating as Sunday bus number 857. This service runs from Hawes to Garsdale station - and then to and fro between Garsdale station via Hawes-Bainbridge-Askrigg-Carperby-Redmire-Castle Bolton village green.

It's a great journey, whether you are planning a walk, going to visit the castle (admission fee), meeting friends along the route for a (pre-booked) Sunday lunch - or just going to enjoy the scenery, using a valid free bus pass or paying the current £2 adult single fare. Recommended!

Ruth Annison

P.S. Just a reminder to check return bus and train times with special care when using a service that only runs on one day a week!

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- 11.00am** Holy Communion,
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Sunday, July 14th:

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Sunday, July 21st:

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- 11.00am** Morning Prayer with baptism,
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- 11.00am** Morning Prayer,
St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

Sunday, July 28th:

- 9.30am** Holy Communion,
St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.
- 11.00am** Holy Communion, St. Andrew's,
Aysgarth.
- 4.00pm** Evening prayer,
Thornton Rust Mission Room.

July Mid-Week Services:

Thursday 4th and 18th at 9.30am.
Holy Communion, at St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

Church Coffee Morning: **Wednesday, July 3rd, 10.30am to noon** at Redmire Village Hall.

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Bluebox – July Update

Wensleydale Community Arts Festival

A huge thanks to our amazing performers and artists, volunteers and audiences who have supported the festival. As always, it takes a huge team effort to make it all possible. We hope to build on our second year and the lessons learnt as we continue to grow and develop the festival offer. We are straight back into planning mode so please get in touch if you would like to be involved and/or take part next year.

Summer Activities

Let's Get Creative Competition – Closing Date July 31st.

We are inviting individuals of any age or ability to share their artistic talents. Send us your most imaginative and creative entries for a chance to win exciting prizes! There are two themes to choose from: 'A view from the window' or 'Rural Life in Wensleydale and Swaledale'.

Submissions can be in various art forms, including but not limited to photographs, paintings, drawings, digital arts, sculpture, short films, music, poetry, and performance art. Each

participant can submit up to three entries appropriate for all ages to view. You are also encouraged to include a brief caption explaining the context of each submission.

See website for full competition details. Age Categories: 5-7 years old, 8-11, 12-15, 16-19 | 20 and over. Entries must include your full name and contact details. Digital submissions should be sent via bluebox.wetransfer.com with the subject line 'Let's Get Creative Competition'. Entries can also be left at Office 15, First Floor, Thornborough Hall, Leyburn, North Yorkshire, DL8 5AB. Entry is FREE.

Activity Afternoons

Join the BlueBox team for an afternoon of creative fun for ages from 4 to 14 years old. We'll be offering a selection of indoor and outdoor activities including Crafty Crafts, Scavenger Squad, Melody Makers, Team Players and Stage Stars. Our Culinary Cadets will be helping us to explore and create nutritious snacks too.

We are delighted to announce we are being supported by North Yorkshire Together to provide free places to attend as part of the FEAST programme. Vouchers are available from the school that your child attends and places need to be booked at www.holidayactivities.com. Full cost places are £24 per person, per session which can be booked at www.wensleydale.org. We are here to help - please contact us for support.



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Our summer lunch menu is served between 12-2.30pm.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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Mystery Picture



Last Month's Mystery Picture was taken on the footpath towards Redmire, just south of Castle Bolton. Here is the gravestone of a lady who died in 1812 aged 105 years!! Where would you find it?



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BAWB Schools News



As you read this we will be out and about on all our educational and end of term trips!

Between our Y5 and Y6 heading for a cultural trip to Bradford, and our Y3 and Y4 heading up onto the Moors, and our Nursery, Reception and Y1 enjoying their annual cycle trip from Wensley to Bolton Hall, we are certainly covering a wide range of topics!

We took a chance and held our sports day in June this year, it paid off and we had a dry afternoon with fantastic sportsmanship for our friends and families to watch.

Huge thanks to everyone who came along to watch, and to our pupils who cheered on their peers and celebrated taking part in this tradition.

We were extremely impressed with the quality of participants in the adult egg and spoon race! Excellent job everyone!

In design and technology, we have been looking at food and trying different tastes together. Our Y5 and Y6 designed new soup recipes and they then had the chance to make and taste their recipes! It was a great success with some pupils even taking their recipes home to make another batch!

If you have a rising 3-year-old, it is not too late to sign up for our School Nursery, based at Bainbridge Primary School. Please get in touch to arrange a visit bawbadmin@b-a-wb.co.uk.

Celebrate National Meadows Day with YDMT.

There will be a buzz for National Meadows Day this year as Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) sets out a day of special activities that celebrate the Dales's beautiful meadows.

Taking place on **Saturday, July 6th**, a series of free activities will be taking place at Lower Winskill near Settle (full details below).

Families will be able to try their hand at art activities, wildflower and insect identification sessions and meadow creation workshops. Staff and volunteers will also be leading guided walks through the meadows, in which people will be able to learn all about these precious habitats.

The Yorkshire Dales are home to some of the last remaining traditional wildflower meadows in England. Preserving and restoring wildflower meadows is crucial in order to support a huge range of wildlife. Over the last year, YDMT has worked hard to restore 55 hectares of wildflower meadows.

National Meadows Day Event Details – no booking necessary.

Date: July 6th 11.00am – 3.00pm

Location: Lower Winskill, Langcliffe, Settle, BD24 9PZ (please note sat nav may take you to Higher Winskill).

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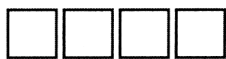
Local author Suzanne Stirke will discuss her recently published novels which uses this area as their backdrop on **Friday, July 19th** at Leyburn Arts Centre. The historical novel No Man's Moor is set in 1816, the year with no Summer. Fordy Robson naively believes that the nation's problems won't affect him here in Yorkshire, but destiny cares for no man...

The sequel is called Worlds End and is set in 2016. Julia, who lives on No Man's Moor has a hectic life juggling the demands of being a farmer's wife, with two teenage daughters and a new interior design business. When their neighbouring property is sold she quickly gets involved in its renovation. Over the summer centuries old secrets are uncovered and Julia discovers what lay behind her years of fascination with this property.

Suzanne will answer questions about her books and her life as a writer and there will be an opportunity to buy a copy.

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 susiemellish@g.mail.com.

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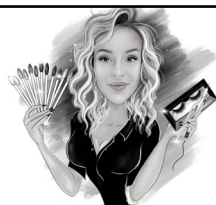
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Wensleydale School News

Every now and again the Government talks about how schools should take a firm line with mobile phones, encouraging tough policies to ensure that phones are not a distraction to learning and are not used negatively during social times. Whilst part of me wishes the Government would issue a blanket nation-wide ban on student use of phones in school (as is the case in some countries), I do 100% agree that schools need to be firm on this issue and allow no grey areas.

I've visited many other secondary schools and every time I go out, I am even more convinced that our mobile phone rules at Wensleydale are absolutely right. Students are welcome to have mobile phones in their possession at our school, and we don't ask them to be locked away in special lockers each morning like some schools, but they must not be seen or heard at all when a student is inside our school gates. If a phone is seen or heard then it is confiscated, a policy enforced by every member of staff.

It's a very simple rule and an effective one, and one that I know has had an impact on learning, behaviour, student wellbeing and in a reduction of online bullying. I am aware that the policy can be annoying to some parents and carers at times, but I stand by it as being one of the most transformative things we have done in the 10 years I have been Headteacher. I will always remain very grateful for the support of families with this policy, as together it is making a difference.

However, no matter what safeguards we put in place at school or at home, we as adults need to be mindful that the camera-phone can be a danger to the teenager who uses it. The BBC reported recently that the authorities had taken the unusual step of asking schools to warn students about the dangers of voluntarily sharing explicit images of themselves. It is a timely reminder that we need to keep

impressing on young people that they should never share such images of themselves online. Once the images are out there, they can never be deleted. So often young people believe in or trust the person that they are sending pictures to, only to have that trust broken with serious consequences. More and more, criminals are now deliberately targeting teenagers and young adults in the hopes of exploiting their shame and embarrassment for money. For that reason, we as a school, will carry on making our students aware of the dangers of voluntarily sharing images online, and I'm sure that parents and carers will do the same.

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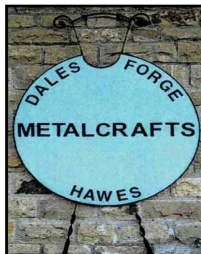
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Music for a Summer Afternoon



Hannah (16) and Alice (14) are both enthusiastic young musicians, studying at Royal Academy of Music Junior programme on Saturdays. Hannah learns harpsichord with Masumi Yamamoto and cello with Sue Dorey. She has recently performed harpsichord at the London International Festival of Early Music and was a soloist for a Handel concerto grosso at St John's, Smith Square and Cadogan Hall. She is currently principal cellist of the Royal Academy of Music Sinfonia and was the recipient of the cello prize this year at Richmond festival.

Alice learns violin with Lorraine McAslan and enjoys orchestral playing, most recently leading the National Children's Main Orchestra. As a soloist and chamber music player she has won prizes at many festivals, including Bromsgrove, North London and Richmond. In 2023 she was awarded the Junior Violin Prize at the Royal Academy and she has recently won Kingston Young Musician of the Year. As music scholars at JAGS and Alleyn's respectively, they both enjoy a wide variety of ensemble playing and performing.

Olivia enjoys a varied career as a teacher and pianist for singers, choirs, chamber groups and instrumental soloists. Together they formed the family trio, as a means of entertainment for them and their neighbours during lockdown. They have since invited friends to perform in annual street concerts, enjoying genres ranging from baroque to pop.

The trio will be performing at St Oswald's Church, Askrigg on **Thursday 25th July at 4.00pm**. They will be playing a wide range of music from classical to popular. During the interval, refreshments will be available. The concert is free but a retiring collection will be taken for church fabric funds.

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Thank You from Swaledale Festival

Over a packed fortnight in late May and early

June, Swaledale Festival burst over the northern Dales, filling its chapels, churches and halls with exquisite classical, folk, world and jazz music, as well as film, theatre, comedy, talks and participatory workshops.

Festival-goers were transported by canonical masterpieces, surprising re-inventions, globe-trotting grooves and skilful improvisations. Walkers explored the area's unique landscape, and workshop participants tried their hand at walling 'ink and stick' art, poetry-writing, foraging and folk singing.

Behind the scenes, the Festival took outstanding musicians into four schools and four care homes to perform for pupils and residents, and arranged a concert in a prison that was deeply moving and memorable for inmates and staff.

A huge thank you to our artists, volunteers, sponsors and to you – the audience - who make Swaledale Festival the collective cultural celebration that it is.

Do you have feedback for the Festival team? Visit www.swalefest.org to fill out the 2024 survey or request a paper copy from our office on 01748 880018.

Swaledale Festival will return in 2025, from **May 27th to June 7th**. We hope to see you next year!

Philip Mason

Sara and all Philip's family would like to thank everyone for the kindness and sympathy shown and the many cards, flowers, messages and support received following the very sad loss of Philip. Many thanks for the kind donations for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Thank you everyone.

Quaker Celebrations

Quakers celebrate 400th birthday of co-founder who had a vision of a great people in Wensleydale.

Four hundred years after the birth of their founder, George Fox, Quakers are celebrating with events across the world. Born in July 1624 into times of religious and political upheaval, Fox gathered people interested in a more egalitarian form of faith. With time they became known as the Quakers, or Friends. Today there are more than 400,000 worldwide.

Although the largest groups of Quakers today are in East Africa and South America, the movement's founder had an early vision of "a great people in white raiment by a river side, coming to the Lord; and the place that I saw them in was about Wensleydale and Sedburgh."

Fox believed that rather than needing to worship in "temples made with hands", people could simply "wait to receive the Spirit of the Lord, that they might know themselves to be the temples of God." A group meeting according to these principles settled following Fox's visit.

Quakers today are present in more than 100 countries, with events to mark Fox's birthday in many of them. Quakers continue to meet locally at Bainbridge, Kirkby Stephen and Brigflatts.



The children in the Sunshine group have been busy learning all about the solar system. They were fascinated by what is above the clouds in the sky and we have had fun playing in our spaceship role play area. The children in Ducklings have based their learning around Summer. They have been developing their motor skills scooping up ice cream, making star fish, playing in the sand making sandcastles and counting the octopus legs.

The children who will be moving up to Hawes primary school have started the transition process by reading stories about starting school, meeting their new teachers and going to visit and have a little play in the new environment.

We have a couple of fundraisers coming up to help fund a new shed for our ride-on toys. The first will be held on **Saturday, July 6th** at

Hawes Market Hall where we will have a tombola and lots of fabulous trade stands and homemade refreshments. It is free entry and donations are welcome on the door towards the sheds. We will also have Bingo in the Market Hall on **Wednesday, September 4th at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start**. We hope lots of you can come along.

We currently have places available for children aged nine months upwards from September, please get in touch early to prevent disappointment at www.dalesplay.co.uk. We have paid sessions and the government funded places available for working families and those in receipt of benefits. To find out more if you are eligible for a funded place just visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.

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We are always pleased to welcome new members. We welcome all abilities, whether you are a junior or an adult, a beginner on the court or returning to tennis after a long break. If you don't have a tennis racket or balls then we have spares which you can use free of charge.

There is coaching available from our LTA Level 4 coach, Mark Hamilton. Mark offers one to one as well as small group coaching sessions and why not come and enjoy Social Tennis, Monday from **6.00pm to 8.00pm**, all welcome.

The courts can be booked here: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/YorebridgeTennisClub>.

To get more information you can email yorebridgetennis@gmail.com.

Gym facility and membership – now available through Clubbright gym management system.

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Heavens Above

If you look high in the south-east on a clear night this month you can't possibly miss brilliant blue-white Vega, the 5th brightest star in the sky. It's easy to recognise as there aren't any other bright stars nearby.

Together with Deneb in The Swan and Altair in the Eagle, it forms the famous asterism or star pattern called The Summer Triangle which dominates the night sky right through Summer and well on into Autumn. The Triangle isn't an official constellation – the term was invented by the late Sir Patrick Moore some years ago – but it seems to have caught on and everybody uses it.

Vega itself is a young, hot star much bigger than the Sun, lying a mere 25 light years away – a gnat's whisker as cosmic distances go. One of its many claims to fame is that it was the very first star to be photographed way back in 1850. More recent photographs show that it's surrounded by a ring of dust and rocky debris where astronomers think planets are in the process of being formed.

Vega is the main star in the small constellation of Lyra (the Harp) which is meant to represent the instrument played by Orpheus, the famed musician and poet of the Ancient Greek myths, when he attempted to bring back his young wife, Eurydice, from the Underworld - she'd died from a snake-bite shortly after they were married leaving Orpheus inconsolable. Hades the King of the Underworld was so entranced by Orpheus' musicianship that he

agreed to Eurydice being allowed to return to the Upper World but on one condition – that Orpheus must lead the way and not look round to see Eurydice until they were both through the gates of Hell and back into the sunlight. The couple had nearly reached the gates when Orpheus panicked, glanced back for a split-second to see if Eurydice was really following only to find her sliding back into the gloominess of Hades never to be seen by him again.

Most of the planetary action this month is still in the very late evening and early morning sky apart from Venus, which is lost in the Sun's glare, and tiny Mercury, the innermost planet, which puts on a good show in the early part of the month. You should be able to catch sight of it very low in the north-west straight after sunset. The best time to look out for it is on July 7th when it forms a striking tableau with the slim crescent Moon. Mercury's pinkish- gold dot lies immediately below the lunar crescent. A lovely sight seen with a good set of binoculars. Have clear skies!

Al Birio

Wellness Walks to Upper Wensleydale

The July Wensleydale Wander will be on **Thursday, July 18th**, leaving Bainbridge around **10.00am**. This month's walk, led by Jo Lade of ReFlex Orthopaedic Massage, will be a gentle amble from Bainbridge, heading on to the old railway line which forms a lovely flat path for our first couple of miles. We turn north to cross the road and head east on an easy undulating path through grassy pastures winding our way towards the hamlet of Skell Gill, with stunning views of Wensleydale ahead of us - Whitfield Scar to our left and Addleborough to our right. At Skell Gill we turn south to follow the beck before heading back towards Bainbridge. The walk is just short of 5.5 miles, taking around 2.5 hours.

Book on the walk on the Wellness Walks website – www.wellnesswalks.org.uk. The walk is free - donations are very welcome as they help us bring Wellness Walks to more communities across the UK.

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Notes from Sycamore Hall

July already and barely a day spent sitting out in the sun! What is going on? Perhaps it was because we were given some lovely new garden umbrellas to protect us from the sun - which we have barely seen since getting them!!

Our gardeners have been busy planting vegetables and tending to the little plants. We are hoping for a good crop but with the weather so unpredictable, who knows? We also have keen gardeners who are tending to various beds around the garden and are making a real difference. If you fancy joining them, please get in touch as all help is much appreciated. We had a packed cinema for our showing of Hannah Hauxwell's life which was enhanced by tales from some of our residents of their visits to Hannah. She was clearly quite a character!

Our D-Day commemoration provided the opportunity to reflect on those who were there, fighting for our freedom. It was a relief to be inside to light the 'Lamp Light of Peace' whilst those on Brough Hill were getting soaked at the beacon!

We have welcomed more new residents in recent weeks who we hope will settle quickly and become part of our friendly community. It is lovely to see residents catching up with old friends and neighbours who are now right on their doorstep.

At the end of June, we had a visit from Sarah of the Dales Countryside Museum who came along to talk to us about the history of the Museum and brought some artefacts with her. In July, we are looking forward to a visit from Jane who is going to demonstrate butter-making for us and talk about dairying in the Dales. That should be fun!

July sees us launch a new activity - the Gents Afternoon Club. This will meet at **2.00 pm on the first Monday of the month** - unless demand is such that we need to hold it more often! We are inviting the men who live at Sycamore Hall along with men from our wider community to come along for an hour or so to enjoy each other's company. They can play cards or dominoes, watch a film or just chat and reminisce. There are bound to be familiar faces to welcome you! Refreshments will be available and the cost is only £3.00 to non-residents. This activity is at the same time as the 'Knit and Natter' where our ladies get together to knit

and/or natter over a cuppa. If you have 'a better half' why not both come along and join the respective session? We look forward to welcoming you - no age restrictions.

Do come along and join some of our regular activities which include:- **Mondays at 2.00pm** Knit and Natter **Tuesdays at 10.30am** Ron's Quiz or Karen's Bingo **Thursdays at 10.30am** Coffee Morning **Fridays at 11.00am** Gentle Seated Exercise. Our small business (Sycamore Restaurant, Sonja's Hair Salon with Mabel and Maisy's Mini Emporium and Sycamore Country Store) are ready to welcome you and offer some wonderful facilities right on our doorstep. The Post Office is also here on **Mondays and Wednesdays between 9.00am and 11.00am** for your postal and banking needs and the Library is available all day and has internet access. Pay us a visit.

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Dales Quoits League

The Upper Wensleydale teams of the Dales Quoits League are slow to find form this season. After promotion last year the renamed 'Middle House, Askrigg', formerly the White Rose, are at fifth place in Division 1 as they adjust to the more exacting standards of the top flight.

Also sporting a new name while retaining their old position are 'Village Pub, Redmire', formerly The Bolton Arms, who are propping up Division 2. Meanwhile, 'The Fountain, Hawes' are currently in fourth place in Division 2 after a sluggish start. Hawes did pitch well enough to move through to the second stage of the League KO Cup, beating old rivals Askrigg in a nail-biting clash in grim weather conditions at the Middle House.

Hawes have moved their pitches out of The Fountain car park to a new spot 'down the slope'. It's further from the Fountain bar but allows them a place to practice without closing the pub car park. The Hawes quoits team would like to thank Angus and Mandy McCarthy for their support and aid in creating the new pitches as well as North Yorkshire Council, especially Councillor Yvonne Peacock, for community grants.



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