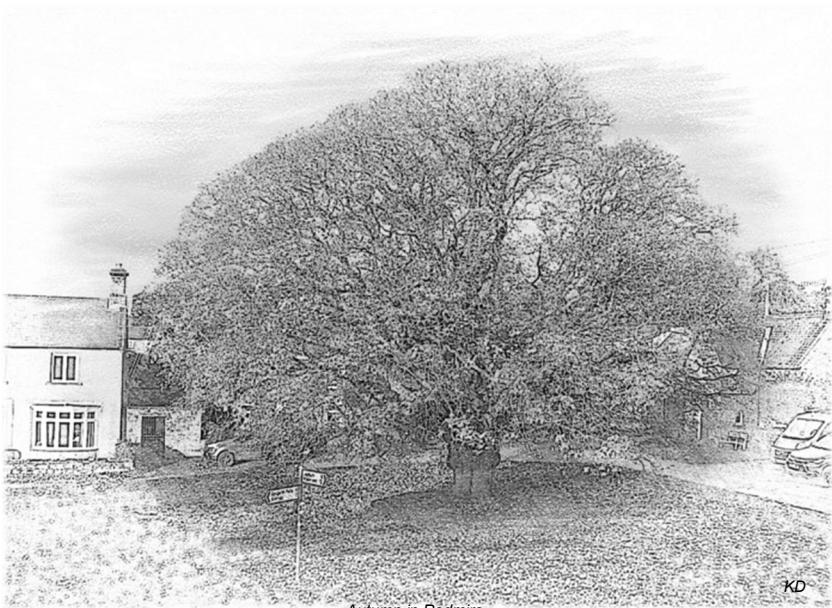


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Autumn in Redmire

Covering Upper Wensleydale from Wensley to Garsdale Head plus Walden
and Bishopdale,
Swaledale from Keld to Gunnerside plus Cowgill in Upper Dentdale.

Guest Editorial

'Who to remember?'

I had parked on the cobbles outside the church in Askrigg and wandered up towards our house next door to The King's Arms. "Oh heck, someone has run into the wall at The Greets" I thought, then immediately realised it was unlikely given the distance from the actual road. There was a body lying on the floor which was slightly worrying, however it all started to make sense - and in a very appropriate way for November.

The person on the floor was actually installing a beautiful carved stone memorial dedicated to the people of Wensleydale who had given and lost their lives in conflicts over the decades. The memorial was funded, worded and installed by TAPASS, the local Askrigg and Bainbridge fundraising group with permission from the Parish Council, and has a lovely inscription from the Askrigg and Low Abbotside Parish Council which concludes 'Thank you'.

November is 'that' time of year, in lots of ways. The clocks have gone back, the daylight hours are shorter and what sunlight there is comes in at a lower angle through trees losing their leaves. Reaching for a coat with a decent collar or for a scarf when stepping out becomes the norm. November also reminds us, in a slightly melancholy way, of the passing of the seasons and the march of time. There are few more poignant events in the calendar than Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday.

As a newcomer to Askrigg and to Wensleydale I realised that apart from the occasional glance at the inscriptions on stones in St Oswald's Church graveyard and the memorials inside, I have little real appreciation of the contribution of Wensleydale and its people to these conflicts. My initial foray onto a search engine turned out to be something of a tangent. It highlighted the existence of an HMS Wensleydale, a Type III Hunt Class Escort Destroyer. The ship's link to the valley appeared to be simply that it had been named after an English Foxhunt, as had the other 85. Regardless, the ship's ensign, a small explanatory board and a brass plaque were unveiled in St Margaret's Church, Hawes in the presence of former shipmates on the 50th anniversary of its commissioning on 24th October 1992; the ship's battle honours include Normandy 1944. This naval reference had

resonated because my father had served towards the end of World War II on HMS Killisport, however this research provided little to link back to the stone's installation and purpose.

Further delving brought me to lists of names of actual people whose lives had been lived in Askrigg and Wensleydale but had then been lost in one of the two World Wars in the twentieth century. Reading the 14 names on the memorial to those lost in World War I in St Oswald's, and then the seven names on a similar memorial to those lost in World War II, I realised, even from my brief tenure in the valley, that I recognised what I regard as distinctive 'Wensleydale/Askrigg' names. It also struck me that one or two particular names featured in both lists. I could not know the people whose lives were lost, and only in a rather superficial way do I know today the people whose ancestors were lost, however it gives me some additional people to turn my own thoughts to on Remembrance Sunday.

For those who have lost family members, focusing memories is somewhat easier yet always emotional. As years pass however, for younger generations without such family links, Remembrance Day can seem rather strange and hard to relate to. This situation frequently takes me back to a time earlier in my career when I was fortunate to teach at Bolton School (the Lancashire Bolton rather than the Wensleydale Bolton). When November 11th came around each year the whole-school Morning Assembly would be extended having been meticulously planned for weeks. We were always joined by a dwindling number of older ex-pupils who had served.

On one occasion, it may have been 1995, the Head of the Art Department was invited to speak. I had only known Derek as a talented, always-jovial Staff Room colleague so I was curious to hear why he had been invited and what he would say. He began by looking down from the stage at the young Year 7 and Year 8 boys at the front of the hall, acknowledging that Remembrance Day can sometimes seem sombre and difficult to relate to for some youngsters. He then shared a tale from his own service as a young pilot in the RAF in the Korean War, 1950-1953, a story which for many years he had not been allowed to tell, at least publicly.

One evening he had been a summoned with three colleagues to fly a night mission to disable

a bridge or some similar infrastructure facility. In torrential rain, the plane on the runway ahead with two of his colleagues began to accelerate for take-off when it skidded suddenly, careered off the runway and exploded. Moments later, Derek and his co-pilot received their instructions to continue and to take-off. They fulfilled their mission but, on their return, they came under fire and had to make an emergency landing in which his co-pilot was seriously injured and later died.

Derek paused whilst we absorbed the sobering arithmetic before looking to the back of the Assembly Hall to where, just in front of where I stood, the Upper Sixth boys were sat. He said “I was 18 years old.” Without prolonging the message unnecessarily, he quickened his delivery to lift the mood a little. He concluded his address by asking any of those present who might find it difficult during the forthcoming minute of silence to focus their thoughts on any particular person, to join him in his remembering and imagining where his three colleagues might have been had they not served.

Referring to that particular conflict reminds me that other conflicts have taken the lives of those who served and that even in 2024 rarely a day passes when our peaceful valley isn’t host to jets from RAF Leeming Bag preparing young pilots for whatever they might be called to do.

My mother has a saying ‘Count your blessings’, and I will always do so whenever I walk past the lovely memorial stone outside The Greets in Askrigg. Thank you indeed.

Chris Rigby

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Eunice the Ewe

Last month I was hiding near the foot of the curlew in the Designer Makers advert on page 27 and the lucky winner of the £10 prize is William Bell of Burtersett.

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

**Free
Christmas Greetings**

The next issue of the Newsletter will be the Christmas edition. As usual we will be including **free personal Christmas greetings**.

Please ensure that your greeting reaches us in plenty of time well before the deadline of **Tuesday, November 26th**.

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November Competition

It's Time for Cake

Below are clues to different types of cakes and pastries. How many can you name?

1. Helvetic somersault
2. Off the west coast of Africa
3. Cocoa-coloured young guide
4. Slang money joins with Hazel
5. Rogue with excess flesh
6. Copper coloured staff of life
7. Queensland Governor 1896 – 1901
8. Station car with no G
9. Heated and angry
10. Citrus precipitation
11. One in the oven in affluent West London
12. Nicely-cooked disreputable lady
13. Found 36 miles NNE of Edinburgh
14. German squares in Hesse Region
15. Queen Porifera
16. sæuery

Please send in your answers to arrive by **Tuesday, November 26th**. Don't forget to include details of your nominated charity which will receive the £50 prize should you win.

Metcalfe

James (Woody) and Jean would like to say a big thank you to Family and Friends for all the lovely messages, cards, flowers and presents we received on our Golden Wedding Anniversary.



Bainbridge WI

Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday 9th November 10 am - 4 pm
Bainbridge Village Hall

Local hand made crafts, decorations and cakes

Free entry and free glass of mulled wine
Refreshments will be on sale



bainbridgewi.com bainbridgewi@gmail.com tel: 07490 656007
Facebook: Bainbridge WI - Inspiring Women

October Competition Answers

1. Walden
2. Thwaite Bridge
3. Bear Park
4. Carpley Green
5. Bolton Hall or Bellow Hill
6. Throstle Nest
7. Lovely Seat
8. Melmerby Moor
9. Newbiggin
10. Angram
11. Abbotside Common
12. Low Thoresby

Firstly an apology due to a 'typo' error an extra space was included in the clue for question one.

The winning entry came from Mary Elphick of Burtsett. Her chosen charity to receive the £50 prize is the Friary Hospital in Richmond.

Child's Piano - Free

Salk, 6 Octave Child's Piano – Free to a good home. It resides in Woodhall and could be delivered locally.

It is a steel framed piano in light Sapele wood. Photos available by WhatsApp.

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Ian Burnett

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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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

News From Sycamore Hall

Autumn has arrived with a vengeance - and far too much rain! One particular dose of the wet stuff resulted in our lounge being flooded which is particularly distressing after it had all been refurbished. This has meant some re-arrangement to our activities whilst the room dries out, so we hope that doesn't take too long.

We enjoyed an afternoon watching a DVD about life in the Dales in the 1930s and 40s. We then had great fun during an afternoon with Jane from the Dales Countryside Museum focused on Yorkshire dialect. What a great time we had discussing what we call things! It was really interesting to discover the differences between people from other parts of Yorkshire and their names for things. There is plenty more to discuss and argue about on this subject!

We unfortunately had to postpone our MacMillan Coffee Morning but hopefully by the time you read this, it will have gone ahead and we hope to have raised a good amount for this wonderful charity.

We welcomed members of the Alderson family to a special coffee morning where we were able to dedicate our new bench to the memory of Val, who was a regular visitor to our events. She will be sorely missed but we can now sit on the new bench and enjoy our memories of times spent with her.

We didn't let Brian get away without celebrating his 80th birthday, despite his best efforts to keep it a secret from us! Not a chance! All birthdays are worth celebrating, but particularly the 'big ones'!

Our keen dominoes players are still enjoying their games and welcome anyone to join them. In the main, they play at **2.00pm on Mondays** but sometimes they have several afternoons each week! Do come and join them.

We had to cancel our Quiz and Supper Night planned for October but intend to hold another in November - look out for details of the date. Everyone is welcome to join us for a fun evening of quizzing and eating!

Our small businesses are preparing for Christmas. Mabel and Maisy's Mini Emporium is now stocking Christmas gift ideas, so come along and see what there is on offer. Sycamore Country Store will be offering some treats for Christmas, along with festive essentials. Pay us a visit!

Meanwhile, don't forget our regular events:-

Weekly Events

Mondays, 2.00pm	Knit and Natter
Tuesdays, 10.30am	Ron's Quiz or Karen's Bingo
Tuesdays, 2.00pm	Dominoes
Thursdays, 10.30am	Coffee Morning
Fridays, 11.00am	Gentle Seated Exercise

Monthly Events

2nd Monday	Gents Club / Dominoes
1st Friday, 10.00am	Short Holy Communion service with Revd Dave Clarke

Fourth Sunday, 10.45am Methodist Service

You are very welcome to join us at any of these events.

Our small businesses (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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Askrigg Hair Studio Blows From Strength to Strength

JV Hair studios in Askrigg opened on May 1st this year and I caught up with the 22-year-old owner Jade Walker to find out how she was finding running a new business six months on.

As a 16 year old, Jade didn't really know what she wanted to do for a career, but at an open evening at Darlington College, she was approached by the staff and told she looked like a hairdresser so why not try the course. She secured an apprenticeship with a salon in Leyburn and she has never looked back. She went on to win apprenticeship of the year at Darlington College together with her level 2 and 3 qualifications. Jade wanted to particularly thank her tutor Carol Cooke for all her support and encouragement over the last six years that gave her the confidence to set up on her own.

When she discovered the small unit in Askrigg was available, she grabbed the opportunity. Her dad (Eric the postman) took two weeks off work to help her transform the empty space into a lovely welcoming hair studio. Jade said her parents had to take over completely once they realised she was a hopeless decorator and should stick to colouring hair not walls. She really appreciates the amazing support of her family in getting the business set up and running.

Jade has a passion for colouring and loves transforming hair with high and low lights to give clients a fresh new look. She researched and tested various colour products and is very happy with the Goldwell range that she uses.



Jade is always exploring new styles and techniques and is currently taking advance training in Remi Cachet hair extensions so will be able to offer this service in the New Year. She is really pleased with how the business is growing steadily and has particularly enjoyed the increase in bridal hair bookings.

She has not really had to advertise much outside of social media. Through word of mouth recommendations she has been nearly fully booked since she opened. Jade wanted to thank the local community in Askrigg who have been very supportive of her new venture. Appointments are booking up for Christmas so why not give her a call on **01969 629397**.

K.J.

The Magic of Christmas

Featuring Malcolm Carruthers (Organ)
Amy Cockett (Vocals) Dave Clark (Vocals) and
The Askrigg Handbell Ringers

Saturday, December 7th at 2.00pm
at St. Margaret's Church, Hawes

Free entry (Donations to the Salvation Army
Christmas Appeal).

St. Margaret's Church, Hawes is proud to present 'The Magic of Christmas', an afternoon of festive and seasonal music. 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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Grand Concert

Askrigg Village Hall would like to convey thanks to Diana Hartley for organising the event on Friday October 11th, as without Diana this Concert would not have taken place. Many thanks to all who took part. We had wonderful singing from East Witton Male Voice Choir and Askrigg Ladies Sing for Pleasure also 'For one night only' poems from Eleanor.

The star performances had to be the young talent, Jonty and Jeremy with their saxophone, violin and rocking guitar finish. Our Ukrainian friends Dmytro and Volodymyr with their guitars and last but not least, Lara singing with her friend Kai on the guitar. Superb entertainment from each talented person.

Many thanks to the tea ladies and all who ran to the cellar for extra chairs, we had standing room only. The audience inspired us all to do our best, thank you for coming.

We raised a fantastic £852 from the raffle and donations which will help with our refurbishments at Askrigg Village Hall.

Leyburn Arts and Community Centre

Welcome to November. So, what's going on.....

Our Digital Champions project begins in earnest, but there is still time to sign up or enquire if you think you might be interested. Have you got 2 - 3 hours per week to spare helping people with their online enquiries? Email admin@leyburnartscentre.com if you would like more information.

The new accessible toilets are almost completed, after some unexpected and slightly frustrating delays, and we have decided to complete the area by having new flooring in the cafe. It all looks wonderful, and we are very pleased.

The Community Shed is having the last bits finished, the volunteers have worked so hard and now can see the results of all their work. The first Repair Cafe is on **Saturday, November 16th, from 10.00am to noon**. More news later of workshops being planned and an Open Day.

The French Film Festival continues into December. We also have live theatre with 'Behold Ye Ramblers' on **Saturday, November 9th at 7.30pm**, and a talk from Rosie Page on **Tuesday, November 19th**.

Two wonderful live cinema musicals, the 'The Phantom of the Opera' a lavish production from the sumptuous Victorian splendour of London's Royal Albert Hall on **Sunday, November 3rd at 2.00pm** and 'Kiss me Kate' starring Adrian Dunbar from 'Line of Duty' on **Sunday, November 17th at 2.00pm**.

There is a new Exhibition on Screen on **Thursday, November 7th at 7.00pm**, Van Gogh: Poets and Lovers.

Live Event Cinema offers 'Girl from the North Country', **Thursday, November 21st at 7.00pm** and Live Music, with Keith James, Every Human Heart, on **Saturday, November 23rd at 7.30pm**.

The Staying Healthy Independent and Connected and the Carer's Plus coffee morning sessions continue, with experts there to help and advise. Includes free tea/coffee and biscuits.

As always, please see the website, contact **01969 624510** or come into the Centre, if you wish to know more about what's on offer - or fancy being a volunteer.



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Report About the Battlefields Trip



Belgium was an eye-opening experience for us all on the trip. It really put the deaths of World War I into perspective and helped us understand the hardships all the men and women endured during those times.

Our favourite places we visited as a group were the Passchendaele Museum and Tyne Cot Cemetery where we got to see the memorials of multiple Dalesmen.

Tyne Cot was the first place we visited so it had one of the biggest impacts on us all, because we think nobody expected to see the number of graves and names commemorated there. The amount of respect people showed by being silent around the graves was moving because everybody understood that these men had lost their lives protecting us.

The Passchendaele Museum showed us how bad the conditions were in the trenches for the soldiers and really put us in their shoes to see how living in a trench would have been so difficult. When we went further underground in the museum, we got to see a reconstructed dug



out, very similar to one that a soldier in 1914-18 would have slept and eaten in whilst they weren't firing at the enemy lines.

Eva - I really enjoyed listening to the different perspectives that Mr Ellis and Mr Barnett had on the layout of one of the German graveyards. They showed opposite views of the cemetery and how each country treated their fallen.

Mr Barnett's view was that he would personally prefer to be at the cemetery because of its large canopy of trees and because of the size of the grounds, it had a peaceful atmosphere. Whereas Mr Ellis felt like the trees were there as a barrier to hide the graves and by having their headstones laid down, it treated them as if they weren't humans and were seen as losses, instead of people who had given their lives during the war.

Alice - My favourite part of the trip was being allowed to visit an extra cemetery where one of my ancestors was remembered. For me it was surreal to think about somebody who I was related to losing their life and the consequences family members I had known had to deal with. Because my 3 x great grandad had given up his life in the war and protecting our country, my Great Nana, who I was very close to, never got to meet him. It felt very poignant laying down a poppy from all of his descendants, remembering and thanking him for his service.

**By Eva Sleightholm and Alice Metcalfe-
Yr 9 students**



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Going For Gold

Nothing like gardening for dividing opinion: pansies or petunias, soft on the eye borders or hard decking, when to prune, how to plant etc. Surely, whatever satisfies personally must be the right way forward. I got flak a couple of years ago for planting a golden privet hedge, namely *ligustrum ovalifolium* 'Aureum', down the side of the house. Privet, eh? Common as muck I was told, and if unpruned, sprays of flowers with such an overpowering scent, the whole garden would be contaminated, a no-go area. Well, forgive me, I love the perfume but then I'm more than a shade basic. Now, I'll give you truly overpowering - try indoor, flowering gardenias with all windows sealed, or maybe a flourishing mock orange shrub in all its blooming glory; THAT'S overpowering, but like I say, whatever satisfies.

Now why a privet hedge? It's tough and dependable, needs to be. Come with me down the side of our house and encounter the mother of all wind tunnels: experience, on rounding the corner, a playful bareknuckle force 10 gale out for revenge – mortal combat 24/7. I planted in one of the wilder days of autumn, grateful for part shelter from a nearby 3-foot wall, perfect protection for young plants. 10 specimens planted a foot apart, job done, scuttled back to the reward of telly and a pint of industrial strength coffee.

Worth keeping in mind when buying certain hedging is not to go for the tallest and most expensive. When supplied with 'mature', particularly privet, you'll probably take delivery of pot bound victims which have 'shot' and look half-starved and gangly. Better to go for 18 inch maximum and after planting, to give them a good all over 20% prune to encourage stability, next year bushiness, and eventually to produce a stout, impenetrable barrier. Why not be brave, tear up the rule book and use a single specimen golden privet either as a focal point or, even more effective, planted contrastingly alongside perhaps the 'must have' wine-red smoke bush, *cotinus* 'Grace' or any of the purple *berberis*.

Either *lonicera nitida* 'Baggesen's Gold' or 'Yunnan' are also good choices for a golden hedge. Box leaved honeysuckles are poles apart from their twining, scented cousins and are capable of forming a dense, semi- evergreen 4ft plus barrier in no time at all. Thankfully box blight free, when mature they respond well to the hardest pruning. Simmering over bank

charges / Strictly / car trouble / life in general? Easy peasy, take those frustrations out on that darned hedge, it will recover.

What the newly planted dislike is competition for space and moisture. I planted a row of *lonicera* in tropical Leyburn and they were fine.... until the little darlin' grandkids, don't you just love 'em, smuggled a dozen sunflowers in between. These are big, thirsty plants, not ideal bedfellows for an establishing hedge but, growled out through fixed smile and gritted teeth, 'it'll be fine.'

Plenty of other 'goldies' to choose from; holly 'Golden King', ever dependable but a bit pricey, *euonymus fortunei* 'Emerald and Gold' is hedging royalty, the spotted laurel, *aucuba*, is good in shade, even a row of *physocarpus* 'Dart's Gold' would do the trick, although it sheds in autumn.

You can't do it afterwards so, before planting a hedge, prepare the soil by digging deep and incorporating lots of organic material. Well-rotted manure is good, or your own compost, anything for those fresh little roots to rejoice in.

All of the above hate badly drained soil, and will soon let you know. Boggy conditions? Why not try an alder or willow barrier for that vast, bayou style swamp out the back, but don't forget your insect repellent. Oh, and leave a note....

Ed Gardener



HAWES CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

2024

Art Competition

This year's theme is Christmas or Winter.

Any medium- paint, crayon, pencil, felt tip ...

There will be a prize for the winner of each class and the overall winner wins The Regg Fagg Trophy and will also be the cover of December's Upper Wensleydale Newsletter.

All entries need to be A4 size and have your name and age on the back of the picture and sent into **Hawes Primary School before Wednesday 20th November.**



Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services in November

	St Mary & St John's, Hardraw 9.00am	St Margaret's, Hawes 10.30am	St Oswald's, Askrigg 10.30am	St Matthew's, Stalling Busk 2.30pm
November 1st	Communion at Sycamore Hall			
November 3rd	The Gathering – St Oswald's Church 10.30am Family Communion			
November 10th		Remembrance Service 10.30am followed by a procession to the war memorial	Remembrance Service	Soup Lunch from 12.30pm followed by Remembrance Service
November 17th	Holy Communion	Family Service	Morning Prayer	
November 24th	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Afternoon Prayer and Pathfinders
Evening Prayer by telephone is held at 4.00pm every Sunday. For details see the website www.upperwensleydalechurch.org/services				

Bainbridge Women's Institute News

Autumn is definitely upon us now so we are looking for things that can keep us busy when the weather is bad and the evenings are long. As always, there is plenty of choice!

In October we had a very entertaining meeting with Andrew Thwaite coming along to cook and chat to us. He produced a hearty stew and some fishcakes which was a change from his usual chocolate making.

Unfortunately, we had to re-arrange our crafting Dabble Day at short notice but some of our members still managed to get their 'fix' at Stone House Hotel. The Christmas Crafting Dabble Day will hopefully now take place on **Saturday, November 23rd** but if you would like to come along, please check with one of our members first.

Our Clubs continue to meet each month. The walkers had a shorter walk from Richmond to Easby Abbey where they had time to explore the Abbey. The Book Club are hunkering down for the winter with their latest read over nibbles - there is now quite a gathering. Lunch Club members are planning for the winter, looking for venues closer to home, and also hope to have a festive afternoon tea before the chaos begins!

In November, we have our AGM when we will be appointing our President and Committee for the next year. We also have our new Theatre Club trip to The Georgian Theatre Royal to look forward to. We are going to have a tour of the Theatre before dinner and then watch 'Blue Stockings'. It should be good fun!

Don't forget our Christmas Fair which is being held on **Saturday, November 9th** from **10.00am to 4.00pm** at Bainbridge Village Hall. **FREE ENTRY!** There will be lots of locally made items for you to purchase and, of course, refreshments to enjoy!

Our last Soup and Sweet of 2024 will be held at Bainbridge Village Hall on **Monday, November 25th**, with lunch being served from **noon**. Everyone is welcome and the cost is just £5 for homemade soup and pudding, followed by tea/coffee. Do come along and join us for this lovely social event.

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 and can assure you of a warm welcome, lots of fun and plenty of opportunities.

Swale Singers' Winter Concert

This year our traditional winter concert is being held in the somewhat untraditional setting of Wensleydale... to be more precise, St John's Church in East Witton.

It is in aid of raising funds for the repair and restoration of the church organ, which is a particular fine example made by James J Binns and was installed in 1913. With the passage of time, it is in need of some TLC and Swale Singers has volunteered its services to raise some much-needed cash.

The concert will take place on **Saturday, December 7th at 3.00pm.**

The theme will be reflection and remembrance and will feature Edward Elgar's 'The Spirit of England' and 'Towards the Unknown Region' by Vaughan Williams. The conductor will be

Peter Stallworthy, with organist Tim Harper who is the assistant director of music at Ripon Cathedral. Louise Wayman will be the soloist.

Entry will be free but there will be a collection during the recital in support of the fund raising.

"We usually have our winter concert closer to home in Swaledale but we hope our supporters will join us in East Witton for what we think is a worthy cause", said the Swale Singers chairman Richard Wells. "One of the features of 2024 has been the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings and we think the programme offers a fitting end to the year."

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Autumn Events

The Yorkshire Dales environmental charity Friends of Dales programme of monthly online talks runs throughout the winter with the following now available to book via www.friendsofthedales.org.uk/events.

Online talk: The Yorkshire Dales National Park – 70 years on:

Wednesday, November 20th, 5.00pm.

In celebration of the 75th anniversary of the National Park movement and 70th anniversary of the establishment of the Yorkshire Dales National Park, Mark Corner, former Chair of Trustees and current member champion for the natural environment for the National Park Authority, will review the achievements of the National Park and consider the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead - especially in relation to nature recovery and community sustainability.

Online Talk: The Flora and Fauna of Malham Tarn National Nature Reserve:

Wednesday, December 4th, 5.00pm.

National Trust Property Ecologist Dr. Elizabeth Sullivan will talk about Malham Tarn National Nature Reserve and its habitats, in particular those at the Tarn – England's highest lime-rich lake and the moss, its wetland areas. She will also introduce some of the key flora and fauna at the site, providing insight into how they are monitored and managed.

Online Talk: A Nature-based Approach to Flood Management:

Wednesday, January 22nd, 5.00pm

Ousewem is an innovative flood resilience project identifying and delivering nature-based solutions (NbS) and natural flood management (NFM) to reduce flood risk in vulnerable North Yorkshire communities, spanning Yorkshire's Swale, Ure, Nidd and Ouse (SUNO) catchments. The project, funded by Defra is part of the £200 million Flood and Coastal Innovation Programmes managed by the Environment Agency. The programmes will drive innovation in flood and coastal resilience and adaptation to a changing climate.

Amanda Crossfield from Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust – one of Ousewem's delivery

partners – will provide insights into its ongoing work using NbS and NFM techniques which aim to strengthen flood resilience in at-risk North Yorkshire communities whilst enhancing the local environment and supporting a sustainable, adaptive agriculture landscape.

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Dales Charity Bingo Report

In October we played a night of bingo in the Hawes Market Hall, for the Upper Dales Bonfire and Fireworks Display. We enjoyed another good turnout with the support of some regular faces and welcomed new players joining us from Hawes and surrounding areas as well as some visitors to the town.

Our caller was Stephen Reynolds who injected fun with local facts into some of the night's calls. And we have to give a special mention to Dillon Pickard who stepped in and called the Raffle prize draws. Perfectly done. Thank you Dillon.

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the night. We raised £271 for the Upper Dales Bonfire and Fireworks Display, which is going toward the bonfire and firework spectacular on **Sunday, November 3rd**, (see the advert on page 26 for details).

Our next bingo night will be held on **Wednesday, November 6th** – please see our advert on page 22.

We have started planning our 2025 season, so if your group would like to receive the profits from a future Bingo Night, please email us at dalescharitybingo@gmail.com or call Jan, 07736 017459.



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Your story can be about anything that captures your imagination but it must start with the words **“The noise was louder now”**.

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

How to enter: Your story must be type written and between 300 and 500 words long. The winner in each age group will receive a £50 book voucher and a trophy to keep. The runners up will receive a £25 book voucher. All entrants will receive a certificate.

The winning stories will be published in the February 2025 edition of the UWNL. The winning children's Primary School in each age group will hold the Alan Watkinson Memorial Shield for a year and receive a book voucher for encouraging and collating entries.

Full rules can be found in the September issue of the Newsletter at <http://www.upperwensleydalenewsletter.co.uk/news/2024/issue312.pdf>.

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Steve is one of the most celebrated singer/songwriters in the UK, and widely recognised as a talented wordsmith and guitar virtuoso. The story of Steve's 'lost' letter from John Lennon



thrust Steve into the worldwide media spotlight and was the inspiration for a Hollywood movie 'Danny Collins', starring Al Pacino.

Steve made his recording debut in 1971 with the classic 'An Acoustic Confusion' and has

been turning out quality albums ever since. His 2011 album 'The Reckoning' gained four-star reviews in the Guardian, the Observer and the Scotsman, guest appearances on 'Later with Jools Holland' and the BBC Four Songwriters' Circle series, plus a BBC Folk Award win for best original song. His songs have been widely covered by other artists including Fairport Convention, Ralph McTell, Bob Fox, John Kirkpatrick and Robin Williamson.

He will be featuring material from his latest album, 'Last Call', as well as songs from his extensive back catalogue. He will be accompanied by Hugh Bradley on double bass and all concert profits will go to Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Doors open at **7.00pm** and the concert begins at **8.00pm**. There will be a licensed, cash bar and a raffle. Tickets are £15 each in advance or £17 on the door. Telephone the Box Office **01969 663808** or email carperbyconcerts@gmail.com.



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Heavens Above

Venus puts on a grand show in the coming months. Our nearest planetary neighbour has been barely visible since its return in August, low down in the bright evening twilight, but gains height rapidly throughout November and by the end of December, we get to see it in a properly dark sky - a dazzling 'Evening Star' on a sparkling winter's night.

The largest planet, Jupiter, is another striking object this winter though it can't match Venus in brightness. You'll find it high in the south-east around **10.00pm** by the middle of November in the constellation of Taurus the Bull. Mars is also on view, low in the east in the constellation of Cancer the Crab. It steadily brightens as it heads towards opposition - when Mars, Earth and the Sun lie in a dead straight line - in January 2025.

This month's Full Moon on **November 15th** is the last of the three so-called 'Supermoons' which occur in 2024, so it should look a bit brighter and bigger than normal. If you miss this one, you'll have to wait until next October to catch the first of 3 we're treated to in 2025. Sadly, the Moon badly affects this year's annual Leonids meteor shower which comes to a peak on the night of

November 17th/18th. Strong moonlight will block out most of these swift shooting stars caused by dust and debris left behind by Comet Temple-Tuttle burning up high in the Earth's atmosphere.

November's a great time of the year to try and glimpse M31, the famous Andromeda galaxy. It's a spiral galaxy containing over 400 billion stars, very similar to our own Milky Way though a good deal bigger. Lying roughly 2.5 million light years away it's the most remote object easily visible to the naked eye. To catch a glimpse of it you'll need to find a dark location well away from artificial lights and look high in the south-west around **8.00pm**, preferably on a moonless night. You'll see M31 as a small hazy patch of light lying just above the mid-point of the upper chain of stars trailing away from the top left-hand corner of the Square of Pegasus. It's a terrific sight in binoculars or a small telescope.

Last month's comet, Tsuchinshan-ATLAS, didn't quite live up to its billing as the 'Comet of the Century' but with a tail many millions of miles long, it was still a marvellous sight as it headed back towards the outer regions of the Solar System. Did anyone round here manage to catch a glimpse of it?

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Thank you too to the generous people who have made donations large and small and sponsored concerts, our enthusiastic and supportive audience and special thanks to members of St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth who have supported us at every concert and made us so welcome. Without you all we could not continue.

With that in mind here are next year's programme dates for your diaries. Full details and tickets will be available on our website (www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk) from **November 1st**. They make great Christmas presents! As usual heavily discounted season tickets will also be on sale.

May 17th - New London Chamber Ensemble (wind quintet) - our first wind ensemble.

June 14th - Iyad Sughayer (piano).

June 28th - Fenella Humphreys (violin) & Emma Abbate (piano). Fenella is a friend of the series and has performed for us a number of times; since her last visit her career has really blossomed and she is now highly in-demand.

July 12th - Ben Cruchley (piano) - all the way from Berlin!

July 26th - James Gilchrist (tenor) and Anna Tilbrook (piano). A wonderful evening of English song featuring the songs of Butterworth who was a pupil at Aysgarth School.

August 16th - Mark Bebbington (piano). A welcome return from Mark after his brilliant recital in 2023.

Sept 6th - Fitzwilliam String Quartet. In Memoriam - marking the 50th anniversary of the death of Shostakovich who was such a huge inspiration to 'the Fitz' in their early days.

Sept 20th - Callum McLachlan (piano) and Jeremias Friedl (cello). Callum returns with Jeremias, who is flying over from Austria for this concert.

We are particularly excited about next year's programme as we celebrate our 10th anniversary! Where did the time go?

I look forward to seeing you next year - is it too early to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year?

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November

- 1 Dominoes. Carperby Institute. 7.30pm.
- 2 Thornton Rust Village Institute Displays. Morning. See p.39.
- 2 Dales Archaeology Day. See p.37.
- 3 Fireworks Display. Hawes Community Field. 6.00pm. See p.26.
- 4 Thornton Rust Village Institute Displays. Morning. See p.39.
- 6 Charity Bingo. Hawes Market Hall. 7.00pm for 7.30pm. See p.22.
- 8 Thornton Rust Village Institute Displays. Afternoon. See p.39
- 8 Deadline for entries to Newsletter Story Writing Competition. See p.14.
- 9 Christmas Craft Fair. Bainbridge Village Hall. 10.00am - 4.00pm. See p.10.
- 9 Afternoon Talk. St. Matthew's, Leyburn. 2.30pm. See p.24.
- 9 Concert. St. Matthew's, Leyburn. 7.30pm. See p.24.
- 10 Dalesplay Christmas Fayre. Hawes Market Hall. 10.00am. See p.32.
- 11 Whist Drive. Gayle Club. 7.30pm. See p.31.
- 11 Dark Skies Awareness Event. YDNP Centre, Bainbridge. 5.30pm. See p.29.
- 12 Closing date for applications for Churchill Fellowship. See p.31.
- 13 Hawes Xmas Lights putting up displays
- 14 Gayle Institute. Charity Coffee Morning, 10.00am - noon.
- 15 Concert at Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm. See p.30.
- 15 Soup and Sweet at Stalling Busk Schoolroom. 7.30pm.
- 16 Redmire Craft Market. Redmire Village Hall. 10.00am - 2.00pm. See p.23.
- 16 Repair Café. LA&CC. 10.00 - Noon. See p.7.
- 16 Concert. Carperby Village Institute. 7.00pm. See p.15.
- 18 Closing date for entries for Wensleydale Young Musician of the Year. See p.24.
- 20 Deadline for Hawes Christmas Lights Art Competition. See p.9.
- 20 Local History Group Talk. Harmby Village Hall. 2.00pm. See p.14.

- 20 Friends of the Dales online talk. 5.00pm. See p.12.
- 21 Penhill Ladies Coach Trip to Boundary Mill, Colne. See p.19.
- 22 Heather & Grouse, Askrigg. Late night shopping. See p.23.
- 23 Ayrton Family perform at Hardraw Church. 7.00pm.
- 23 Hawes Primary School PTA Christmas Fair. Market Hall, Hawes. 10.00am - 4.00pm. See p.17.
- 23 Flower Demonstration. Crakehall Village hall. 2.00pm. See p.30.
- 24 Wensleydale Young Musician of the Year. St Matthew's, Leyburn. 2.00pm. See p.24.
- 25 Whist Drive. Gayle Club. 7.30pm. See p.31.
- 25 Soup and Sweet Lunch. Bainbridge Village Hall. Noon. See p.10.
- 27 Upper Wensleydale Ladies Luncheon Club. Street Head Inn. Noon. See p.17.
- 29 Concert at Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm. See p.30.
- 30 St Andrew's, Aysgarth Open Day. 10.00am - 4.00pm. See p.22.

December

- 1 Churches Together Toy Service. St Margaret's, Hawes. 10.30am. See p.29.
- 4 Friends of the Dales online talk. 5.00pm. See p.12.

News from Dales Countryside Museum

Opening times: Daily **10.00am to 4.00pm** November and December. Closed **Christmas Eve to Boxing Day and January 1st and 6th to 31st**. Last entry one hour before closing.

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Penny is running two workshops this month, sharing her knowledge and skills in two art workshops, one for adults and one for families. Check out the museum website for more information.

Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists' Club:

The club meets once a month on a Saturday morning, **10.00am – noon**. Our meeting in October was off site at Bolton Castle. The group had a great time trying on armour and exploring the castle and maze. Young people age 8 – 17 years are welcome to come along for a free trial session and the next opportunity to do this will be our next meeting on **November 9th**. Please call **01969 666210** or email dcn@yorkshiredales.org.uk, if your child might be interested in joining us.

Education and community engagement: We have received lovely feedback from Dent school who visited the Museum for a Pre-history workshop and also from Gledhow school in Leeds whose children took part in two Anglo Saxon sessions.

Our loan boxes are all out in schools enabling children to get hands on with their activities. If you'd like your class to be able to explore real objects in the classroom, or to take part in one of our free learning sessions either here at the museum or in school, do get in touch.

Volunteers: Our volunteer team has been busy supporting events, cataloguing, scanning archives, helping with visitor surveys and working on practical tasks. If you'd like to get involved, do get in touch via dcn@yorkshiredales.org.uk.

Cards for Good Causes: Christmas cards are now on sale in our shop, helping generate funding for the many charities involved. Pop in to have a browse!

Dark Skies: The Yorkshire Dales National Park is a place where you can find the most wondrous star-filled skies, free from light pollution. You can come and explore our planet trail which is part of the Yorkshire Dales Dark Skies Festival running until **March 3rd**.

Our outdoor trail is looking very autumnal and inside we have an Autumn trail for families to spot the odd one out and discover some seasonal traditions with Cyril the Squirrel.

Here are the DCM events coming up in November and December.

Hands on History - Festivals and light

Friday, November 1st, 1.00pm - 4.00pm.

The history of lights in festivals - from bonfires to Jack O' Lanterns and make your own paper lantern. Time slot allocated on arrival.

FDCM lecture

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

Andrew Fagg: 'Voices of the Dales' and the treasures of the museum's oral history archive. Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum lecture. Non members welcome, donations appreciated.

Meet Mother Christmas

Saturday, November 30th, 10.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm.

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

Accessible Mother Christmas

Sunday, December 1st, 10.30am - 12.30pm and 1.30pm - 3.30pm.

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Wreath Making

Sunday, December 1st, Noon - 4.00pm and Monday December 2nd, 10.00am - 2.00pm.

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Event at Hardraw Church

The Ayrton Family are coming to sing and play in Hardraw Church on **Saturday, November 23rd at 7.00pm.**

Hawes in Bloom

As you may have already noticed, we have cleared the troughs and containers containing the last dying blooms of the summer display.

Considering the 'mixed' weather we have had over the past few months I was pleasantly surprised at the continuing show of colour right up until now. After each battering of wind and rain, not to mention successive days of dull grey skies, most of the varieties recovered enough to give a cheerful show.

As always I am so grateful for the continuing support of the various organisations and individuals (many of whom I mentioned back in June, when we had just planted up in this our tenth year). Also of course, I must again thank my lovely band of helpers who unfailingly turn up to help with the various tasks involved, whatever the weather!

I have already received the catalogue from the wholesale growers and I will shortly start compiling my order for plants to be supplied next spring.

Let's hope for a bit more sunshine and a little less wind, although I for one won't hold my breath for that!

Best wishes to all.

Richard, your resident Plant Pest



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A call has gone out to Redmire and Castle Bolton to "Make and Bake" for the cake stall. All proceeds will go to the Alzheimer Society.



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

Late Night Shopping

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Blueboxt November Update

October has been a whirlwind of activity. As well as making the final preparations for Leyburn Jazz Festival it has been full steam ahead planning for a busy end of year! Scenery makers, painters and costume makers have been busy preparing to transform Leyburn Methodist Church Hall into Santa's Spectacular at the North Pole in December. Script readings and dance auditions for Enchantica, our new family production, are underway for performances in February. Participants of all ages have been busy rehearsing for their various events which include Wensleydale's Got Talent, The Jazz Festival, Rotary's Young Musician of the Year, Leyburn Lights Switch-on and our festive concerts.

November Events:

Wensleydale Young Musician of the Year: The competition is open to young people aged from 7 to 18 years old. There are classes for soloists, ensembles and groups featuring acoustic and electric instruments including voice. The closing date for entries is **Monday, November 18th**. The competition is hosted by the Wensleydale Rotary Club and BlueBoxt and will be held at St. Matthew's Church, Leyburn on **Sunday, November 24th from 2.00pm**. Full details at www.wensleydale.org.

Visions in Blue takes place at St. Matthew's Church in Leyburn on **Saturday, November 9th**. Lucy Addlington from the History Wardrobe presents an afternoon talk at **2.30pm** celebrating Blue fashion in all its brilliance. The talk will be followed by an evening concert at **7.30pm** with Colin Bailey and special guest Amy Fudali.

Christmas Events:

A Magical Christmas Concert takes place on **Saturday, December 7th, at 7.00pm** at Thorlby Village Hall and **Sunday, December 15th, at 2.00pm** at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. Colin Bailey will be joined by Gail Barlow, Mick Yare and young performers from the Play>Record>Perform project.

Christmas Together Concert with Light My Choir and Leyburn Jazz Collective takes place on **Saturday, December 14th, at 2.00pm** at St. Matthew's Church, Leyburn.

Santa's Spectacular - BlueBoxt Productions present a magical Christmas adventure for all ages. Tinsel McJolly will be your host. There will be festive crafts to make and take home. Write a letter and post it to the North Pole. Make a wish to hang on the magic wish tree. Mother Christmas always has time to share a festive story. It's a busy time for Father Christmas helping in the toy-making workshop and getting the sleigh ready for the big night. He loves to hear everyone's Christmas wishes and have his picture taken. Sessions run **Saturdays, December 7th, 14th and 21st, Sunday 22nd, Monday 23rd and Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th**. Full details and booking at www.santaspectacular.org, **01969 745810** or info@santaspectacular.org.

Christmas Holiday Activity Afternoons: Join us for three afternoons of creative fun at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall in **January on Thursday, 2nd, Friday 3rd and Monday 6th from 1.00pm to 5.00pm**. We'll be letting our imaginations take centre stage as we magically bring puppets to life! There will be opportunities to make puppets, be part of a puppet show and even take your puppets to our cinema for a New Year Party. Sessions will be free for FEAST Voucher holders, subject to availability. (Vouchers are issued by schools or North Yorkshire Together). Places cost £20 per child which includes healthy snacks and tea-time meal.

Fundraising – Thank you to everyone who attended our Murder Mystery and Quiz Night with Simon Eastwood. You can still donate and support Jennifer Sagger's Run for Charity, please contact us. So far, we've raised over £600 in support of our community activities.

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Update from 'The Bag Lady'!

After my piece a few months ago about the delights of picking up other people's litter, I have been collecting around 5 kilos of rubbish from Askrigg to Nappa roughly once a month. Still lots of takeaway cups, drink bottles and cans but today an empty black bottle of Black Mamba MK677 which turns out to be body building pills which cost around £45, legal or not, I don't know.

I haven't discovered any more major bits of car crashes I'm pleased to report but have reported a few things to the council, which are too big for me to carry. Today that was a 6 foot long piece of white guttering. A few weeks ago I asked them to relieve us of 3 yellow road signs warning of future roadworks, one at the top of Howgate, one at the bottom of Howgate and one at the entrance to Parkins Garth. As they had been there for so long the grass was beginning to obscure them I thought it was

about time they went. If you ever see fly-tipping there is a very easy page on the North Yorks Council website, just follow the links to Fly-tipping. Shame I didn't mention the sandbags holding the signs down that remain uncollected! Sadly when I went out today some irresponsible person had thrown a Spa Tuna sandwich box onto the road at the junction of Howgate and Beck Bits before I'd even finished!

Finally a big thanks to all the kind people who swerve to avoid me and say nice things about what I'm doing, it means a lot. (Well it means I don't get run over too!).

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There were three incidents between September 8th and October 7th.

Incident 44: September 17th: Called by the Police this evening to help with a developing search for two young missing children. Fortunately, as our search manager arrived on scene so did the two children, all safe and well.

Incident 45: September 28th: Called by the Police to rescue a walker who had become stuck on some very nasty steep ground below the crags on Leyburn Shawl. Team members scrambled and abseiled to the walker and then recovered them with ropes to safety.

Incident 46: October 5th: Called by the Ambulance Service to rescue an injured walker who had taken a tumble near the Pennine Way at Hawes. Treated on scene by the team and Ambulance Service. Then stretchered to the road.



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After the passing of our former Chairman, John Blackie, in 2019, Joe took on the mantle of Chair and helped us navigate not only the huge changes following John's death, but also the chaos of the Covid-19 pandemic that followed soon after. Joe has also spent a lot of time putting together the strong Board that now serves UDCP Ltd.

Moving forwards, our new Chairman is Cllr. Peter Metcalfe, and our new Vice Chair is Michael McGarry. They are supported by fellow Directors David Cockett, David Colley and Cllr. Yvonne Peacock.

We are incredibly grateful for all of Joe's hard work, patience and sage, steady guidance over the years and would like to wish Joe and Ann all the very best for the future.

Abbie Rhodes,
 General Manager, UDCP Ltd

Paragliding Dinner

On Saturday, October 12th, the Dales Hang gliding and Paragliding Club hosted twenty-nine Dales farmers to dinner at the Knights Table in Stainforth. We do this every year by way of thanks to those landowners, farmers and gamekeepers who support us by allowing us to fly from their land. Many of our flying sites are around Upper Wensleydale but we hold the dinner further south to cater for our members, and for the farmers in the southern Dales. We lay on a minibus for those in and around Upper Wensleydale.

The Fawcetts, Lamberts and Cloughtons were all well represented, drinks flowed freely, and everybody agreed that the three-course dinner had been excellent. Even the club chairman, Martin Baxter, played his part by keeping his speech (relatively) short. David Airey responded on behalf of the farmers with an even shorter speech, commending club members for their good behaviour over the year.

Due to unseasonably strong winds in the Dales the club slipped from first place in the National League to 6th place (out of 41). Out best day

was probably September 13th when several pilots flew from Dodd Fell (just South of Hawes) to Hull. Chris



Kay was top of the Dales League for amassing a total flying distance of 560km (350 miles) in 6 flights. Richard Meek, who is willing to travel far and wide for the best flying conditions, retained his top position in the National League flying 1300km (800 miles) in 6 flights.

Our pilots try to respect the environment and local population. We are aware of the sensitivities surrounding lambing time, ground nesting birds, haymaking, horses and car parking. Despite our best efforts we do occasionally get it wrong. If we do then please let us know so that we can do our best to avoid repetition. You can get in touch via our website: www.dhpc.org.uk.

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Sunday, November 3rd:

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9.30am Morning Prayer, St. Mary's,
Redmire.

11.00am Holy Communion,
St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.

11.00am Holy Communion,
St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

3.00pm Memorial Service for all who are
bereaved, Aysgarth.

Sunday, November 10th:
NO Telephone Service today.

10.45am Remembrance Service
St Mary's, Redmire.

10.45am Remembrance Service at
St Andrew's, Aysgarth.

10.45am Remembrance Service at
St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

Sunday, November 17th:

9.30am Holy Communion,
St. Margaret's, Preston under Scar.

9.30am Holy Communion,
St. Mary's, Redmire.

11.00am Holy Communion,
St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.

11.00am Morning Prayer,
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9.30am Holy Communion,
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11.00am Morning Prayer,
St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.

3.00pm Evening Prayer,
Thornton Rust Mission Room.

November Mid-Week Services:

Thursday, 7th and 21st at 9.30am.

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

Messy Advent Christingle.

Saturday, November 30th at 2.00pm at
Redmire Village Hall. All welcome!

Richmond Castle: Prison of Conscience.

St. Bartholomew's church is having a talk by Mr Steve Erskine, researcher from the Green Howard's Museum, Richmond, on the stories behind the men imprisoned in Richmond Castle during World War I for being a 'Conscientious Objector'. Followed by a light supper; bring your own drink. **Saturday, November 9th, at 7.00pm** in the village hall, West Witton. Tickets £10 from **Anne Kinsman, 07800 510532**.

Church Coffee Morning: **Wednesday November 6th, 10.30am to noon** at Redmire Village Hall. This is also Bolton cum Redmire Gift Day.

Church Afternoon Tea: **Wednesday, November 20th, from 2.00pm to 4.00pm** at Redmire Village Hall.

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All donations of new toys will be gratefully received and help make the Christmas of children who might not otherwise receive a present. Please leave the toys unwrapped so the distributors can choose the appropriate age and sex of the children who will receive them but you may wish to donate wrapping paper with the toys.

Churches Together Advent Taizé Service

As part of our journey through Lent, Churches Together in Upper Wensleydale are holding a Taizé Service at Gayle Chapel on **Tuesday, December 10th**. The event will start at **noon** with a hearty soup and bread lunch followed by the service itself at **1.00pm**. So as we journey through advent towards Christmas do join us for this occasion. All are most welcome to attend.

Dark Skies Awareness Event

**Monday, November 11th,
5.30pm – 7.00pm**

at the Yorkshire Dales National Park
Centre at Bainbridge.

The event is free and focuses on best practices for minimizing light pollution, particularly aimed at local businesses, tradespeople, landowners and holiday accommodation providers within the Yorkshire Dales National Park. The presentation will focus on the importance of proper lighting practices to minimize light pollution in the Yorkshire Dales National Park and the benefits this has on our Dark Skies, Wildlife, Ecosystems and Human Health. This training is crucial for preserving our designation as a Dark Sky Reserve and enhancing the visitor experience in our region.

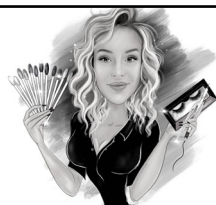
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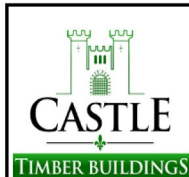
Friday, November 29th – Martin Harley:

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Friday, December 6th – Jackie Oates and John Spiers – Christmas Show:

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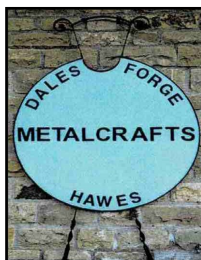
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The children in Dalesplay have been learning all about Autumn. We have been exploring the children's treasures they found on their Autumn scavenger hunt, the role play area transformed into a woodland with lots of exciting creatures to learn about and we have been counting conkers and exploring how they can travel down tubes.



We have welcomed Lauren Hall to Dalesplay who will be spending time with us up until Christmas as she trains to become an early years educator. The children and staff have made her feel very welcome and she has settled in well.

We have lots of fun Halloween crafts and games planned for the Autumn half term week. We also hold our Annual Christmas Fayre on **Sunday, November 10th** in Hawes Market Hall, **10.00am to 4.00pm**. There will be some delicious homemade refreshments to enjoy, trade stands, wine or water game and tombola, we hope to see you all there.

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Monday Art Group at Carperby: New Members Invited

On Monday mornings throughout the year, the group meets in the warm and well-lit Carperby Village Hall. It is a friendly, informal and relaxed group, each member following their own choice of art or craft but happy to give mutual support if requested.

Whether you are an absolute beginner or experienced and whatever your choice of art/craft, new members would be welcome so why not come along and join us. You may even like to follow up with lunch at the village pub.

If you are interested, please contact **John** on **01969 629708** or **Angela** on **07939 811220** for more details.

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Mystery Picture

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The Concept of Tabby's Table

My passion for cooking and all things food related started years ago when I applied for culinary arts school in 2007. I had quit my day job as a special needs teacher in Singapore and got myself onto a four-year course in the world of food and hospitality. I gave it up as I was pregnant with my eldest daughter who is now 15. After four kids, here I am making a dream into a reality. Although I didn't cook professionally to begin with, I cooked almost every day for the past 17 years of my life while taking care of my family and loved ones. We would always have big gatherings during festive seasons and birthday celebrations and I would cook for 20-30 people at a time. I have always been passionate about food, both eating and cooking them.

I was born in Singapore, grew up as a teen in Western Australia, and moved to Indonesia and North America after I met my husband. Due to our constant relocations around the world, I had been exposed to many cuisines and ingredients. There had been a lot of moving and transitions in my life but the one thing that is always my constant is cooking. Whenever I go through a tough time or a crisis, I find myself going back to my roots. The need for familiar smells and flavours overwhelms me and I would go, arm myself with whatever I have in the kitchen, and cook away. While I am cooking, I would remember fond memories of my family, places, my parents, especially my mother, as we bonded through cooking. I found out a few years ago my grandfather was a well-known Chinese chef in Malaysia, but his success was short lived, as he died young and left my mum and her family in destitution. From the years when she was growing up, I inherited some really cool 'poverty' recipes from my mother, such as a rice version of what Italy calls 'Carbonara'.

My husband is English, our children are from a mixed heritage, and coming back to live in the UK is extremely valuable to our family. They get the opportunity to be closer to extended family members and are immersed in their English roots, with the people, the way of life and of course, the food culture here. They enjoy such a variety of 'scran' as the kids call it, from the humble beans on toast, to the full English breakfast, fish and chips, steak and ale pie and of course, nothing beats home cooked food. They also crave for spices, childhood flavours

and Singaporean dishes from time to time, and this cooking has been a very sacred and special part of motherhood for me.

My take on food is that a time to eat together around the table is precious. Whilst eating delicious and nourishing food is vital, more importantly is who you eat it with. After a long and hectic day, a gathering for a few moments to slow down at the dining table is a welcomed respite from the daily grind. The idea of Tabby's Table stemmed from a combination of my passion for cooking and a desire to connect with others. In my years of moving around the continents, I found a common ground with people very quickly through food, regardless of language, race or religion. We can learn so much about each other through something as simple as food.

I am especially proud of my Singaporean heritage and there is so much connection between the UK and Singapore. Much of the food I grew up with and eat today had its roots in the colonial times. Although there were some minor European influences such as the Dutch and Portuguese, modern Singapore had her roots in the British India Company founded by Sir Stamford Raffles, who marked Singapore as a trading post in 1826. Her food history and landscape are very much shaped by the mass migration from the Malay Archipelago and who came to Singapore after the British colonised it. As I child, I remember listening to Rediffusion, eating tubular pound cake (a Chinese and British joint invention), cold prawn cocktail salad, slices of thick spam surrounded by hot fluffy Chinese pastry (another mixed invention), ham steak in pineapple slices, sago pudding, coconut jam slathered on buttered toast and I can go on and on.

The culture that came out of this British/Singapore connection is simply fascinating and I am proud to be part of it. It is something I treasure in my family and my roots. My menu reflects a lot of such connections and stories, and I am keen to share them with people. There is a misconception that Asian food means spice, being burnt in the mouth by hot chillies and not being able to taste anything else. This isn't a true reflection of my culture at all, the idea here is flavour, textures and adventures. That's what I have been trying to share, but ultimately, I can't try to break people's mindset, I can only do my best and share my stories through food. It will be up to others to dip their toes in the water by me providing something a little bit different.

The pop-up Bistro concept started with the previous owners of the Keartons Hotel in Thwaite, Paul and Wendy Lyons, wanting to do something together and use their beautiful kitchen that overlooks Kisdon. It was a neighbourly chat that was idealised into this collaboration and we had been blessed to have enjoyed a very successful season this year. There is a huge support from the local community, and I am so encouraged by them and, of course, we had also fed many holiday makers and hikers.

In August this year, the Lyons sold the Keartons to Adam and Caz Edwards. They and their children had come to live in Upper Swaledale as they had previous connections to this area, and they have many wonderful ideas and plans for the Keartons Hotel. It will be an exciting space to watch. The collaboration between Tabby's Table will continue, but in 2025, I will also explore private chef services, culinary courses and cooking demos around the Dales. My passion is food and people, it will always be and I take great delight in being able to do so through culinary.

I can be found at Keartons Hotel on **November 1st, 2nd, 8th, 9th, 15th and 16th, from 5.30pm to 7.30pm.** For the month of December, I will only have one service on **December 14th.** It will be a special Celebration dinner for Christmas. It will be a set tasting menu with limited bookings. Contact me at **07535 050678** for more information.

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"Farm For the Future Can Help Farmers This Winter"

For the last three years, The Farmer Network has worked with the Royal Countryside Fund to deliver a farm support programme known as "Farm for the Future" which is funded by Defra.

The programme brings together groups of farmers for a series of workshops and one-to-one advice to help them understand the changes to support payments and consider their options for the future. The Network has supported more than 200 farm businesses across the North of England during this time.

We are now recruiting farmers for groups meeting this autumn and winter at Sedbergh. In August and September we held a series of well attended meetings for farmers interested in finding out more about the programme, but there is still time to sign up before the next set of workshops.

Senior Project Manager Veronica Waller says, "This will be the last chance for farmers to take advantage of this free series of workshops and one to one advice. We will be covering the most up to date information we have on grants and new schemes such as the Sustainable Farming Incentive and the next steps with Stewardship. We help farmers to think about the future of their businesses both with the help of speakers at the meetings, but also through talking to other farmers in their area. The one-to-one advice is a very important part of the programme as it helps farmers think about what the changes mean for their individual circumstances".

Farmers living and working in the areas where the meetings are to be delivered are asked to make contact with the Farmer Network as soon as possible, by contacting **Veronica Waller on 01768 868615** or email: veronica@thefarmernetwork.co.uk.



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Ousewem Announces New Focus Catchments Following Initial Success

Ousewem is excited to launch the next phase of its natural flood management (NFM) initiatives in North Yorkshire, targeting new focus catchments in Appersett, Hawes, Gayle, and Hunton. Building on the success of [previous projects](#), this phase is enabled by collaborative partnerships and advanced analysis across the SUNO catchment.

Identification of focus catchments:

Ousewem uses advanced hydrological and hydraulic [modelling](#), economic assessments, and its proprietary NFM Calculator and NFM Max scenarios to identify areas with significant flood risks and potential for environmental enhancement. This ensures that efforts are concentrated where they will have the greatest impact on flood resilience.

NFM objectives and impact:- In partnership with farmers, landowners, and communities, Ousewem's NFM efforts aim to reduce flood risks, enhance biodiversity, and improve soil health using nature-based solutions (NbS). These efforts not only mitigate flood risk but also support a healthier ecosystem, benefiting both the environment and local communities.



Opportunities for farmers and landowners:

[Farmers and landowners](#) in the focus catchments are invited to collaborate with Ousewem. NFM delivery is assessed individually, and if eligible, Ousewem's team will design and implement NFM projects, guiding participants through the funding process. Natural England and CSF Officers play a key role, offering [additional funding opportunities](#) for environmental initiatives.

Benefits for participants:

- Access to expert advice and resources;
- Tools for effective NFM practices;

- Funding support for sustainable land management.

To get involved, contact Ousewem at ousewemdelivery@ydrf.co.uk.

Community impact:

For local communities, the project offers flood protection, habitat enhancement, and a sustainable, resilient environment. Ousewem's work will help create safer communities across Yorkshire.

Future plans:

Phase three, planned for summer 2025 to winter 2026/27, will expand NFM efforts across new locations as part of Ousewem's long-term strategy for flood resilience in Yorkshire beyond 2027. Ousewem is committed to building a resilient future through innovative NFM practices. Farmers, community members, and other stakeholders are encouraged to join the mission. Contact Ousewem at ousewem@york.gov.uk to learn how to contribute to a safer, more sustainable Yorkshire.

CTA/Synopsis:

Are you located in the Gayle Beck and Widdale Beck catchments? Ousewem is [expanding its NFM efforts](#) in these areas and looking to partner with farmers and landowners interested in reducing flood risk and enhancing the biodiversity and soil health across the region. Contact Ousewem on ousewemdelivery@ydrf.co.uk to learn more.

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BAWB Schools News

What a lovely first half-term we have had at BAWB! We had a beautiful Harvest service at St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth – our pupils performed poems, readings, and of course displayed their fantastic singing skills! As always, we are very proud.

Our pupils got involved with World Mental Health Day this month, and discussed how doodling can help us to express how we feel and remember all the positive things in our lives - it was a very therapeutic afternoon, which may have also included a fairy cake just to put an extra spring in everyone's step!

We are already very much looking forward to Christmas this year, and have our plans well under way – including our annual trip to the Pantomime at Richmond Georgian Theatre. Our wonderful PTFA fund many of our trips, and we are so grateful for all of the hard work they put in to make sure our pupils get to have such fabulous opportunities! This year the annual BAWB PTFA Christmas Fair is taking place on the **December 8th from 10.00am** at Askrigg Village Hall – please join us for what is always a lovely, festive event - the perfect excuse to help us raise some funds, whilst getting your pressies from local stallholders.

Yorebridge Education Foundation Financial Assistance for Students

Grants are being offered to students under the age of 25, who live in Upper Wensleydale, and are moving into, or are already within, higher education for the academic year 2024/25. The grants are awarded to provide financial assistance in meeting educational costs, including transport costs.

Applicants should provide details of their age, the educational establishment that they are to attend, their chosen course, how they would use the grant if awarded one, plus any additional information they consider relevant. Students are welcome to apply this year even if they have been awarded a grant in previous years.

All applications must be received by **December 31st 2024** and should be sent electronically to The Clerk: clerkvuf@outlook.com or by post to: The Trustees Yorebridge Education Foundation c/o The Haven, Askrigg, Leyburn, North Yorkshire DL8 3HN.

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Railway Bicentenary 1825-2025

On September 27th 1825, George Stephenson's Locomotion No 1 carried 400+ passengers along the Stockton and Darlington Railway in the north of England. This was the world's first passenger train! Two centuries of rail development followed, with railway tracks now carrying trains on land, through tunnels, over bridges and viaducts and under water. It is also finding new and urgent purpose in an age of growing public awareness of climate change.

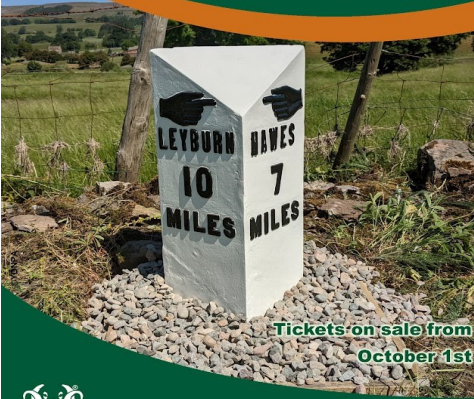
To mark the Bicentenary, a year-long national programme of celebrations is planned, starting with a traditional Whistle-Off at **noon** on New Year's Day, **January 1st**. Many rail industry partners and others are collaborating in planning events great and small across the UK. Key websites are: (a) www.Railway.200.co.uk for the national programme of events; and (b) www.sdr200.co.uk for the nine-month long international Bicentenary Festival in the north of England - home of the historic Stockton and Darlington railway.

Ruth Annison


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Thornton Rust Institute is 100 years old and to mark this occasion we have planned several displays which may be of interest. A number of old photographs and an old newspaper will be on display in the hall as well as the traditional cures and remedies of the day.

We also intend to serve refreshments from old recipes from 1924! Opening times are **Saturday, November 2nd morning; Monday, November 4th morning and Friday, November 8th, afternoon.**

During the years since 1924 a lot has changed in the village. At one time we had two public houses and a shop. Unfortunately these have all disappeared. Now our only meeting place is the village hall. We have a committee of village people who by their efforts and hard work ensure we still have a village hall. During Covid (like other places) we suffered with no

bookings and at one time we thought the hall might have to be closed. Thanks to various grants we not only kept it open but improved the hall with new curtains, repainting and new chairs and tables.

Going back to 1924, the Institute was opened as a reading room where men could come and read a variety of papers. There were strict rules - no smoking, no swearing, no spitting, and probably no women were allowed! If requested the paper could only be read until someone else wanted to read it.

In 2024 we have a thriving social calendar, including Pickle Ball, Badminton, Whist and Circle Dancing and numerous coffee mornings. Although 100 years have passed, the village still has a good sense of community although the rules are not so severe, we still don't allow spitting, swearing or smoking although women are not only allowed but welcomed.

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