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Guest Editorial

When we go for a walk round this beautiful dale it is only too easy to chat and miss what is under our feet, what you've passed and what's over your head looking down at you.

When I started to make a list of the wonderful things I've seen, I was stunned by the diversity here. I'm sure that there are other people who have seen more than I but, well I'm the one who's writing!

One of the first things we saw was a furry rear end disappearing into the undergrowth on the way up to Mill Gill in Askrigg. As it went it turned its head slightly and we saw it was an otter. One of the older residents here, an acknowledged wildlife expert, later confirmed this.

Later in the year I was swimming in the Ure, casually floating downstream towards the rocks a couple of feet away from a group of oyster catchers. Because only my head was visible they didn't seem scared and I was treated to a close-up of these beautiful birds. The same year I heard the oscillating boom of snipe diving down from above me. If you've never heard it, it's an unnerving sound made by its wings as it dives. They also came for shelter into my garden when we had a bad winter. Huddled together sheltering under a large bush opposite our front door, they looked very sorry for themselves.

Swaledale provided a lovely scene of two baby owls stood in the middle of the road at night time. We stopped the car until they moved away in case another car came and hadn't noticed. Thinking of owls, we actually saw a barn owl framed in the window of a barn looking for all the world like it had been put there. We also had a barn owl settle on our roof near the chimney. When he started to hoot it was amplified down the chimney and very loud. We went outside and he looked at us as if to say "alright, I'll move on", flapped his huge wings and disappeared into the night.

Another encounter with an owl was with a little owl which had somehow managed to go down the chimney of an elderly lady and flap soot everywhere. She had put it into a box and come down to the shop where I was working to relate her tale of woe. A lovely man cleaned up the mess for her and my good friend took the boxed owl to the vet who cleaned it up and released it back into the wild after a week.

I've been spat at by a baby weasel, caught a polecat in a humane trap in my field, seen deer vault over walls as easily as breathing and altogether seen and heard far too much mating of hedgehogs I've got a pair of red-legged partridges pecking at my spring flowers and occasionally a hummingbird moth comes into my garden. These are really incredible creatures. Very large and easily recognisable, they could be mistaken for hummingbirds. We've come to like beeflies which are flies but resemble bees in their buzz, proboscis and furry body and totally harmless.

One of our trips to the 'Wensleydale Lido' caught us looking down into the water by the rocks only to see a crayfish! Only this crayfish was munching the skeleton of another crayfish benefitting no doubt from an intake of calcium from the body.

I have recently acquired a microscope and this has opened a whole new world. On the first effort I captured a Tardigrade which Wikipedia describes as 'a phylum of eight-legged segmented micro-animals.' They can survive in space, radiation and extreme temperatures - and my microscope. Pond water stirred a bit and captured in a jam-jar provides numerable exciting action shots. Even without looking through a microscope it provides a fascinating soap opera of water lice, leeches and phantom midge larvae. When magnified these creatures take on a grotesque persona. From being terrified of spiders I now welcome them as gifts from friends, the bigger the better. Flies are more welcome than before and the carpet moths that ate large swathes of the lounge carpet look rather cute.

Once we've seen all the crayfish, polecats, snipe we go and look at the scenery at different times of the year.

In the wintertime with a hard frost you can see not only the huge icicles that form on porches and garages but turn waterfalls into static scenes to marvel at. Great sheets of ice cover the river through which the moving water might be seen. Spiders' webs are of exquisite beauty when covered in a thick rimy frost decorating the trees and gates. Sloping fields suddenly hold potential to become the scene of fun providing hours of sledging and snowboarding, so long as it's the right kind of snow. Then in a long dry summer all the water evaporates and it's sometimes possible to walk up the dry riverbed that

just a few months ago gave you ice and freezing water.

Not forgetting to look up every now and then. Look out for shooting stars which are quite numerous and, more reliably, the International Space Station comes over regularly. There are Apps available that show what date, what time and what direction the ISS will travel in, which makes it worthwhile to look up and watch it travelling from one side of the horizon to the next. The Station is easy to spot as it is a constant light and travels faster than any aeroplane. See it and wonder what the astronauts are all doing. This world is full of wonder, which brings me to my final wondering.

'Ants are found almost everywhere on Earth, with the exception of Antarctica, the high Arctic and a few islands' according to Wikipedia so why are there none in my garden or my field? I'm not complaining, I don't want any but maybe it would be a good idea to know! Maybe Wikipedia hasn't come across Askrigg and Wensleydale yet.

Rachel Dechezeaux

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Eunice the Ewe

Last month I was hiding in the Precious Pals advert on page 16. Only two correct entries and the lucky winner of the £10 prize is Leyton Parish of Hawes.

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

Exhibition of the Talents

We would like to invite you to take part in an Exhibition of the Talents in Bainbridge Friends Meeting House on **June 14th and 15th** which is Father's Day and the Beamish Heritage Car Rally in Bainbridge.

We are excited to have you showcasing your talents between **11.30am and 4.30pm** on both days, along with local school children's exhibits.

Please bring contributions on **Wednesday, June 12th and Thursday 13th**, between **noon and 4.00pm** or phone **Gwen Clark** on **01969 667411** to try to arrange collection.

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June Competition

Rollover £100 prize!

Below are clues to the names of capital cities around the world.

1. It's just more muddled (4)
2. The post got mixed up (4)
3. A cutting tool for armed conflict (6)
4. Royal weight (8)
5. A recent delicatessen? (3,5)
6. A result in a campanologist exam? (8)
7. Increasin' by 100% (6)
8. Not a woman (5)
9. Sounds like the place where old vehicles are buried (8)
10. Is this the way to a coastal inlet? (6)
11. Put father in a paper receptacle (7)
12. Reserve a peaceful break (9)
13. Sounds like asking if Mary's animal is not good (9)
14. A badly behaved child is before molten rock (10)
15. Do you know the way to here? (3,4)
16. A male became more sick (7, can be 6)
17. Sounds like an annoying person was jeered (8)
18. Goa saint unravels the answer (8)
19. The most commonly used letter in English - 3 times and it has none! (7)
20. Mr Laurel is in the roadside assistance company (6)

Please send in your answers to arrive by **Tuesday, June 24th**. Remember to include the details of your nominated charity which will receive the £100 prize should you win.

Wensleydale Arts Society

The Princes in the Tower – The Missing Princes Project
Tuesday, June 24, - 2.00pm.
The Garden Rooms, Leyburn

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May Competition Answers

1. Dent
2. Reeth
3. Gunnerside
4. Newbiggin
5. Cray
6. Oughtershaw
7. Gearstones
8. Thornton Rust
9. Castle Bolton
10. Kettlewell
11. Cam End
12. Clapham
13. Deepdale
14. Blea Moor
15. Marsett

Last month's competition must have proved particularly difficult as there were no correct entries received so the prize for the June Competition is raised to £100.

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North Yorkshire Open Studios

June 7th, 8th, 14th and 15th,
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An annual event enabling artists and makers to open their studios, meet, promote and sell their work direct to the public. With studios located across the county, visitors have the opportunity to visit unique and varied artist venues. Open studios in the local area are:

Hannah Scully - Duerley Farm, Gayle, Hawes, DL8 3SG. Hannah is an artist based in the North of England. Her practice explores printmaking and sculpture. She is passionate about working with low impact and recycled materials as well as found objects.

Rachel Morrell - Whitfield, Helm, Askrigg, DL8 3JF. Rachel is inspired by the scars, desolate moorland, coastline, ruins and industrial remains of North Yorkshire. She uses oil, acrylics and textiles to suggest an impression of the landscape and the many layers in her work are representative of the strata of its history.

Julie Edwardson - Yore Mill Craft Shop and Gallery, Church Bank Aysgarth, DL8 3SR. Julie is fascinated by the effects of light through the trees and reflecting off water. She records memories and experiences of being immersed in the landscape.

For further details, see NYOS.org.uk.

Drop-off points and contacts

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

Hawes:	Community Office	667400
Bainbridge:	Sylvia Crookes, 3, Bainside	650525
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West Witton	Christine Barker, Chestnut Garth	624934
Preston and Castle Bolton	Alastair McLachlan	07817 709167

Events at Hawes Junction Chapel

Mount Zion, Garsdale Head, LA10 5PT

Sunday, June 8th

Walk in Upper Swaledale. Meet at Hoggarth's Bridge (above Keld) at **1.30pm**.

Walking up to Smithy Holme, then passing Anty John's and up to Ravenseat, return via Harker's House. All welcome.

Sunday June 22nd

East Witton Male Voice Choir. **6.30pm**.

Light refreshments will be served at the close.



We have had a very busy half term after the Easter holidays. We have had some new children settling in and some of our 2-year-olds have made the transition from our Ducklings room into the Sunshines room. All of this has gone well and it hasn't taken long for everyone to settle in.

Our theme this month has been based around dinosaurs. The role play area was transformed into a swamp dinosaur area with costumes and masks for the children to wear. There was also a volcano in there for the dinosaurs to wander around hoping it was not going to erupt.

We have played our dinosaur dominoes and our new dinosaur shape game. The children also enjoyed trying to break our dinosaur eggs to hatch out the baby dinosaur and then they watched them melt outside in the sunshine.

Due to the wonderful weather we have been enjoying, we have been able to get outside a lot to play. The children have loved water play and have been paying special attention to watering our flowers and strawberries and watching them grow.

We will be holding an open morning at Dalesplay on **Saturday, July 5th from 10.00am to noon**. Everyone is welcome to drop by to have a look around and see what we have to offer and the things that we do at Dalesplay.

If you are looking for childcare, funded or non-funded, please call Dalesplay on **01969 667789** or email dalesplay1@btconnect.com.

Penhill Benefice

Church Services: In case of bad weather, please check our website for updates at penhillbenefice.co.uk/services.

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

Sunday, June 1st

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

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.

Sunday, June 8th Pentecost

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

Sunday, June 15th Trinity Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion,
Holy Trinity, Wensley.

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

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

11.00am Morning Prayer, St. Bartholomew's,
West Witton.

Sunday, June 22nd

9.30am Holy Communion,
St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

11.00am Morning Prayer with a baptism,
St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.

4.00pm Evening Prayer,
Thornton Rust Mission Room.

Sunday, June 29th

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

June Mid-Week Services:

Thursday, 5th and 19th at 9.30am.
Holy Communion, at St. Bartholomew's,
West Witton.

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

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

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Bainbridge WI

So, here we are - half way through another year, but not worn out yet!

As always, we have been very busy! The 'Lunch Clubbers' got a late pass to enjoy dinner rather than lunch at The Bay Horse in Ravensworth. It was a glorious evening for a drive and we all thought the village looked lovely in the evening sun. We settled into the restaurant and then enjoyed a delicious meal, which we actually struggled to fault! Some ladies managed to squeeze in three courses, but most of us only managed two, with those 'in the know' saving space for the amazing puddings!

The keen gardeners have been to Marsett to look around the gardens of some of our members. They are now looking forward to visits to Birstwith Hall Gardens near Harrogate and 'Just the Job' community gardens in Richmond. It is always good to get ideas for our own gardens!

The Theatre Group are off to see 'Switcheroo' and 'The Housewife at War' at The Georgian Theatre Royal in Richmond in June and will be planning further visits for the next few months.

Our intrepid walkers have been out and about too but, just for a change, the problem this year isn't too much rain, but not enough! The ground is very hard and cracked in many places and a bit of rain wouldn't go amiss! Still, at least they can enjoy walking without loads of layers and waterproofs!

We had 35 guests at the last Soup and Sweet lunch of the season who all enjoyed catching up with friends over a delicious homemade soup and pudding. It was actually a 'sell-out' with everything consumed!

Hopefully, we will have a programme of dates for lunches during the autumn/winter months but this is very much dependent on having sufficient volunteers to help. Look out for further information in due course.

Our May meeting was linked to the WI Resolution this year which is to try and encourage people to learn how to do CPR in the hope that lives can be saved by bystanders in our communities. Consequently, we had a visit from Phil of the Yorkshire Ambulance Service who came to talk to us about CPR and provide some training. It was scary to hear the statistics of how many cardiac arrests happen each year and just how low the survival rates are for those

who have one outside of a hospital. So many more lives could be saved if everyone knew how to carry out vital CPR until an ambulance can arrive. So, we found ourselves on our knees practising CPR on some dummies and realised just how physically draining this is! Amazingly, most of us managed some sort of effort which we were reassured would be much better than doing nothing!

As usual, we will be catering for the lunch stop of the Beamish Reliability Rally on Bainbridge Village Green on **Sunday, June 15th**. Again, we would like some good weather please!! Do come and visit us for delicious sandwiches and cakes whilst you check out the fascinating old cars. We are usually there between about **11.30am and 2.00pm**.

Our June meeting will be held at Bainbridge Village Hall on **Thursday, June 19th**, when we will be doing something a bit different. We are hosting our 'twin' WI - Killinghall, near Harrogate. The meeting will start at Bainbridge Village Hall at **1.00pm** with light refreshments and a talk by botanical expert and RHSS Gold Medal winner Martin Allen. This is followed by a guided walk in the meadows around Askrigg before returning to Bainbridge for Afternoon Tea. Fingers crossed for good weather!

If you would like more information about our busy and friendly WI or any of our events and activities, please contact our President, **Sue Stokes** on **07816 955723**. We would be delighted to welcome you and can assure you of a warm welcome, lots of fun and plenty of opportunities.



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Out West

What an amazing discovery we made last week; out for a ride in beautiful rural Lancashire, just north of Blackburn and Burrenley (local pronunciation), we came across the most incredibly progressive garden centre. The omens were good as we pulled into an immaculate car park, with spick and span flower beds softening and separating parking bays, all set against a background of taller shrubs and white bark birch trees. How tragic that I get enthused by parking space, I really ought to ditch the 'net and get out more.

Right, on through reception, heroically resisting the pull of coffee and cake at the bright, cheerful cafe (later, later!) and into an absolutely stuffed shrub and perennial area, all SO healthy and, very importantly, clearly priced – this was heaven. I was sorely tempted, first off, by vast banks of scented azaleas, gleaming camellias and wow, the most show stopping viburnum 'farreri', all billowing white and scented. 'Let's not get carried away' I muttered to myself – they're all a bit soft for where I live and some hate limey soil, so we'll keep tight hold of that wallet for now and, phew, would you look at that – aren't the larger conifers getting fantastically expensive? Either that or I'm becoming my dad, who wouldn't have it that we'd pay over '10 bob' for a mug of coffee; £85 for a potted silver fir would have him chuntering. Finally, success as I come across a very appealing golden yew, taxus baccata 'semperparva', pot bound so reduced, and what a cheapskate I am, but after its roots are liberated into open ground, it should flourish in a shady corner, reach 10ft and see me out, gulp.

Next up are rows of perennials and annuals colourfully rioting – spend begets spend so I'll gather up a few fancy leaved geraniums for the borders; 'Henry Cox', gold on brown and a real sweetie, and 'Happy Thought', emerald green with a white splash. Back home they will oversee a rabble of wild thyme, lobelia and carpeting campanula and then gracefully retire to a cosy bedroom window for a welcome winter break.

Best of all, and top marks for innovation, was the next section, where separately themed borders i.e. dry, damp, shade loving were laid out and priced..by the square yard – short of pure merlot coming out of my cold-water tap, that's the best development ever; I was goggle

eyed with admiration. So, what you did was make your choice on what would suit your location and then order – simple. The garden centre would then come out with the spec. and just lay out your chosen scheme – a true 'off the peg' garden.

Thankfully my garden's established so on to the checkout. They are savvy though, aren't they? Just like a supermarket, at the tills you'll find the reductions, odds and ends, the usual impulse buy stuff. Well, moth to flame I'm afraid – victim here couldn't resist a couple of tiny hollies on the cheap: 'Blue Maid' and 'White Cream' will both eventually reach 6 ft so good choices, although maybe I will have to watch for wild shoots at the base if they are grafts (must check) and cut them out before any reversion.

Well-run garden centres are a pleasure to walk round – I'm surprised there isn't an entrance fee... you plunder ideas, splurge and reward yourself with a tasty treat from the cafe. My special diet demands regular coffee and bun intake but that's something I'm prepared to bravely endure.

Fatefully, we encountered a small houseplant section on the way out, where I rather overhastily picked up a showy 'sunny star' croton. I'm a sucker for the Codiaeum's gold/green foliage so couldn't resist this charmer. Back to that adorable carpark and loading up where I took a closer look at the label... 'Essential to mist regularly, moisten compost with warm water, wash leaves occasionally and avoid temperatures below 13 degrees C, toxic' etc, etc. Hmm, this is not a plant, it's a spoiled brat.

Ed Gardener

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Heavens Above

If you're out and about late on in the evening on **June 10th** take a look at the Moon. It's the lowest Full Moon for nearly 19 years and won't be as low as this again until 2034. Astronomers call this rare event a Major Lunar Standstill as the positions of moonrise and moonset are also at their closest together for some days around **June 10th**. You might also find the Moon appears to look a good deal larger than usual due to the well known optical illusion which makes it appear much bigger when it's close to the horizon than when it's higher up in the sky. As far as I know nobody has come up with a really satisfactory explanation for this effect. Can you?

Unlike the Moon, the Sun reaches its highest point in the sky this month, at the summer solstice on **June 21st** when we get the most daylight hours and the shortest night. Not the best time of the year for a spot of stargazing unless you're prepared to stay out that little bit later. If you do venture out, you'll find the southern sky is now dominated by golden-orange Arcturus, the main star in the kite-shaped constellation of Bootes the Herdsman who was said to have invented the plough according to the old Greek myths. Arcturus is the fourth brightest star in the sky, a Red Giant much bigger and about 200 times more luminous than our own Sun. Its name comes from the Greek for 'The Guardian of the Bears' as it follows the constellations Ursa Major and Minor – The Greater and Lesser Bears around the sky.

High in the north-east you'll find the famous Summer Triangle, a large asterism or star-pattern formed by Vega, Deneb, and Altair, the three brightest stars in the constellations of Lyra (The Lyre), Cygnus (The Swan) and Aquila the

Eagle. The Summer Milky Way runs through this part of the sky so it's well worth exploring with binoculars. You'll get some spectacular views if you slowly sweep up from the southern horizon to where the Milky Way splits in the constellation of Cygnus the Swan (often called the Northern Cross due to its large cruciform shape).

There's a scarcity of bright planets once again in the evening sky this month apart from Mars which is travelling through the constellation of Leo at present. On **June 17th** it lies extremely close to Leo's brightest star, Regulus. A striking sight in binoculars as the redness of Mars contrasts strongly with Regulus' blue-white hue.

Have clear skies though we've had plenty of these recently.

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Hawes Primary School News

EYFS: Our EYFS children have been enjoying their outdoor learning area since Easter after the scaffolding was removed. All the children are talking excitedly about what they experience in the world around them. They are sharing their ideas and playing happily with others. At Hawes Primary School we have both Reception and Nursery children in EYFS developing their learning successfully together.



Stem Day - Settlebeck: Our Year 4 and 5 children travelled to Settlebeck School for a STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) day. The children were split into groups and worked well with children from four other schools that were attending the day. They all worked hard and enjoyed finding fingerprints as clues, an escape room experience, exploring the planets and they also made cars.

Gardening Club: Our successful gardening club is well under way this term with nearly half of the school joining in every Monday after school. They aim to work on improving the school grounds at the same time as learning new

knowledge about gardening, plants, and wildlife. They have been looking at birds and setting up a bird station in school. We would like to thank Mick Rhodes and Ellie Bates for volunteering to run this club for the children.

Retirement News: At half-term we said goodbye to Dawn Alderson our school administrator as she retired from school. Dawn has worked at Hawes for over 25 years and has been a crucial part of our team supporting children, parents, staff, governors and the wider school community. We are all really going to miss her but want to wish her well in her retirement, spending precious time with her family and travelling.

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

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George's Garden Hawes - An Update

There is good news sprinkled with bad news! Our D-Day was the April 23rd when Richard Noble arrived with 104 plants with a value of £785. Richard has a gold star with his plant wholesaler so they were excellent value! Shannon at Fern and Feathers kindly donated a tray of lavender. The George's Garden team comprising Gwen, Lily, Ian, Maureen, Lyn, Robin and a press ganged Bob went to work planting with Richard setting the plants out. Three hours of very hard work later the pub called and we left four to plant another day. The next day we only had three to plant as one went AWOL. Over the course of the next week another two were dug up.

These thefts were very disappointing. They were reported to the police and we would like to thank our PCSO's Tracie and Don for taking this seriously. We posted on Facebook and we would like to thank everyone for their positive

responses. We became rising contributors on Facebook which we otherwise barely use! We even raised a further £60 in kind donations and thoughtful Shannon at Fern and Feathers provided a further three plants to make up for our losses.

A final heart felt thank you to the Chippy at Hawes. Absolutely no rain since we planted and we would be looking at very limp and dead plants if it wasn't for them. They have let us tap into their water supply and we have been watering three times a week!!

Overall, our faith in humanity has been restored! A big thank you!

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News From Sycamore Hall

How on earth have we got half way through the year so quickly? Time just flies when you are having fun!

We have been busy again, filling our days with all sorts of opportunities. We had a wonderful afternoon of 'Songs From the Musicals' when Amy Cockett and Malcolm Carruthers came along to give us a preview of their summer show taking place in Hawes. What a wonderful treat that was for us! They are both very talented and we enjoyed the chance to singalong! Get your tickets soon as we can highly recommend this show!

We were also able to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day when Poppy and Debs organised a film and food afternoon, marking this big day in our history. Poppy even dressed for the occasion!

As this Newsletter goes to print, we are having a Coffee Morning to raise money for the Bainbridge Christmas Lights Appeal. Hopefully, there will be a good crowd there to enjoy the refreshments and raise money to ensure that Bainbridge is once again a wonderful twinkly sight for the festive period.

We are hoping that the wonderful weather we have been enjoying doesn't turn out to be our summer! It has been great to be able to sit outside and soak up the rays, enjoying the fresh air and the birdsong. However, we would really like to think that there will be another good long spell of glorious weather over the summer months - we have everything crossed!

Plans are being put together for future events and activities but we haven't yet managed to firm up dates and details, so please check out local posters and our Facebook page so that you don't miss anything!

Our regular weekly events are as follows:-

Mondays at 2.00pm - 'Knit & Natter' and Dominoes

Tuesdays at 10.30am - Bingo or Quiz

Thursdays at 10.30am - Coffee Morning

Fridays at 11.00am - Gentle Seated Exercise with Janet Seymour

Monthly services take place with Revd Dave Clark and the local Methodist Preachers. Please check for dates each month.

You are very welcome to join us for any of these events and activities. We love to meet new

faces as well as familiar ones and can offer a warm welcome.

Don't forget to put your name on our mailing list for the new Community Cinema - forms available from Karen or Sonja or email sycamorecountrystore1@outlook.com.

Our independent businesses are open, as usual. Sycamore Country Store is open **Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 1.00pm** for your everyday shopping needs with regular deliveries of fresh milk, eggs, bread, pasties, pies and cakes. Come and visit us to see our range!

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The Post Office is with us on **Mondays and Wednesdays** between **9.00am and 11.00am** for your posting and banking needs, and the library is open every day from **8.30am to 7.00pm**. Come and pay us a visit - you don't know what you are missing!

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Friday, July 4th – O’Hooley and Tidow

Much loved Yorkshire folk duo, famed for their close harmonies and moving, dramatic songwriting including the theme tune to hit BBC1 drama ‘Gentleman Jack’. Tickets £20 (£22 door).

Saturday, July 5th – Baldy Holly Band

Rock and Roll comes to Swaledale when YouTube sensations The Baldy Holly Band return with 1950s classics from the likes of Buddy Holly, Elvis Presley, Chuck Berry, Gene Vincent and Eddie Cochran. Tickets £16 (£18 door).

On **July 18th** a chance to dust off the flares and 70’s dresses - The Abba Girls 4 piece Band (the original Abba tribute band).

Tickets for concerts are available from Reeth PO or phone **Glen Steward 01748 884989** or visit www.reethmemorialhall.weebly.com – tickets half price under16s. **All concerts 8.00pm** unless otherwise stated.



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Putting Villages on the Map

I ordered a new wheelbarrow from Hawes. When it came I helped the driver lower it from his truck. "Are you familiar with my maps?" I asked him. "No", was the reply. "The maps that show where all the houses are in each village?" "No", he insisted. "I use the 'colinday' maps. Use them every day." Then he discovered who had ordered the wheelbarrow!

It all began in 2004. The National Park had circulated their local plan. In the folder there were maps of each village with the houses and their names shown. I realised what a help it could be if we had such a map of Thornton Rust, so I copied theirs. I went on to copy all those maps. They were derived from the Ordnance Survey who gave me permission to produce such maps without payment. I put the maps on my web site and added others to them when people requested more. When I had done the maps of Wensleydale and Swaledale, an oil delivery driver asked me to do the same for his area, Wharfedale.

He told me that at one time he had been asked to deliver oil to a village near York which was quite unknown to him. There were no names on the houses and not a soul around. He had to resort to phoning, then going round all the houses finding where the phone was ringing. He rooted through all the dustbins looking for letters addressed to them. He explained that if

you delivered a package to the wrong door, neighbours would pass it on. If you filled the wrong tank with oil, boy, you were in trouble! When I had supplied maps of Wharfedale he told me I was saving him several hours per day.

On my website, colinday.co.uk, I now have (free of charge) 2762 maps showing the names of 103,069 properties. They cover the area from coast to coast, from the Scottish border to Lincolnshire. You can view the villages in Wensleydale at <https://www.colinday.co.uk/maps/Wensleydale.shtml>. They are used not only by delivery drivers, but also by GPs, clergy, district nurses, estate agents, First Responders, some ambulances etc. I have even provided maps on request to a local Fire Service. My biggest problem is getting them known by those who need them.

From time to time I am contacted by village residents requesting me to update their map, which I am always glad to do. The changes needed may range from one house changing its name to a new housing estate being built. Sometimes I am asked why I have carried out this service and not made a penny from it. My reply is that God has been so good to me I wanted to do something in return.

A young man emailed me. He had been a delivery driver for just a few months. "The first three weeks", he said, "were hell! Then I discovered your maps"

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YDRT Rivers4Life Photography Competition

Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust (YDRT) is running a competition to find the best photographs of Yorkshire Dales rivers and wildlife, to be included in its Rivers4Life exhibition - the name given to its new education and engagement project, funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund, thanks to players of the National Lottery.

It is inviting you to submit your favourite photos of our beautiful rivers, streams and their wildlife taken in the catchments of the Trust which includes the rivers Swale, Ure, Nidd, Wharfe and Ouse and associated tributaries. (NB. Please do not include people in your images).



All entrants will have the chance to feature in the Rivers4Life summer exhibition taking place at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes from late June to early September 2026, and in a future Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust calendar!

There are four stages to the competition, covering all the seasons. The spring season covers March to May and the deadline for entries is **June 5th, 2025**.

Please submit your competition entries at link: www.ydrt.org.uk/photography-competition/.

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Tchaikovsky	Andante Cantabile for solo cello
Janacek	Idyll Suite
Percy Grainger	Molly on the Shore.

Three soloists are led by the orchestra's director, international solo violinist Philippa Mo, and there is an additional mystery piece. After four sell-out concerts, they are very much looking forward to playing in perhaps the loveliest of the Dales churches. Refreshments available in the interval.



Tickets £15.00, U18 £7.50 from www.ticketsource.co.uk, by phone on 0333 666 3366, or at the door. More information at www.richmondchamberorchestra.co.uk.

Dales Charity Bingo Report

Our May bingo night was for Hawes Xmas Lights and the hall was full of players and supporters, including a group of yarn bombers from Doncaster who did their best to clean up all the prizes. Our caller for the night was Stephen Reynolds who cleverly managed to incorporate a few facts about the Xmas lights, such as it has been running 28 years and takes 26 volunteers to make it happen each year.

Hawes Xmas Lights would like to thank everyone who came out in support of the night and for their generous donations also. A total of £500 was raised.

Our next Bingo night will be in Hawes on **Wednesday, June 11th** for Hawes in Bloom and we have a second Bingo night on **Friday, June 13th** in Askrigg Village Hall for Yorebridge Sports and Leisure. – please see our adverts on pages 6 and 10.

We hope you can come and support these causes. If you would like to know more, please email us at dalescharitybingo@gmail.com.

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Chosen as 'One to Watch' by International Piano Magazine, Iyad's debut album of music by Khachaturian was described by Gramophone as "exhilarating and delivered with perfect clarity" and "an outstanding debut" by BBC Music Magazine. Nominated as a 2022 'Rising Star' by Classic FM, Iyad was a prize-winner at the Young Classical Artists Trust international auditions in 2021.



Iyad is visiting Wensleydale after his debut recital in Bogota in Colombia, as well as a successful tour of North America, including recitals in Toronto, Vermont, Florida, California and Washington DC.

For further details and tickets online and by post, please check out our website www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk. Tickets can also be bought by phone on **0333 666 3366**. If you have any questions, please call **Carol Haynes on 01969 663026**.

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Twangtown Paramours, the Soulful Duo from Nashville, were excellent and the Plant Fayre also a great success. For a younger audience, we screened a brand new 'Peppa Meets the Baby' Cinema Experience. Lovely to see younger cinema goers enjoying themselves!

June continues with a war themed Exploring Film about an Italian soldier escaping the war; a National Theatre Live screening of the Tennessee William's masterpiece, 'A Streetcar Named Desire' starring Gillian Anderson; regular Friday films including the acclaimed 'Mr Burton', the story of a young Richard Burton, starring Toby Jones and Lesley Manville. For good music lovers we have Edwina Hayes, back by popular demand on **June 28th**.

Our informal Digital Support continues for those with questions and topics they wish to ask about. Also the Carer's Plus coffee morning, the monthly support sessions from Citizen's Advice, Wednesday Walking sessions and Book Club. Some volunteer holiday relief is available if you have a few hours to spare. And the Community Shed is open if you wish to see what goes on there, Phone **01969 624510** for more information, see our website or sign up for our flyer.

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The Quirks and Pitfalls of Great War Family History Research by Steve Erskine

Friday, June 20th

at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre

This month we have a different view of family history. Steve Erskine has been involved with Richmond's Green Howards' Museum for over 20 years, initially as a volunteer, then as Assistant Curator and currently the Museum Researcher.

In 'The Quirks and Pitfalls of Great War Family History Research' – anonymised to protect the innocent – he will describe unexpected and interesting stories which have come to light during his researches.

Seemingly 'run of the mill' enquiries led to helping in identifying remains found on the Somme in 2017; questions about parentage, and the legacy of dubious medical conditions.

Steve is also an experienced battlefield guide after conducting tours of the Dunkirk, Normandy, the Somme and Ypres battlefields. He is currently working on a regimental perspective of the Sicily landings and how they influenced the later Green Howard landings on Gold Beach on June 6th, 1944.

Doors open at **10.00am for 10.30am** at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre, Leyburn. Visitors and new members are always welcome. For details contact the membership secretary at www.leyburn.u3asite.uk.

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Walk: Peregrine Watch at Malham Cove - Thursday, June 12th.

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Accessible Walk around Aysgarth Falls - Thursday, July 17th.

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the Dales will lead a four mile circular walk exploring a short stretch of the River Ure and its waterfalls. This leisurely paced, stile free route is suitable for most electric wheelchairs as well as being suitable for those who want to walk over less arduous terrain with time to chat and socialise. Two Trampler wheelchairs are also available to hire from the Yorkshire Dales National Park Centre at Aysgarth Falls.

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June

- 5 Closing date for photography competition. See p.15.
- 6 Concert. Grinton Church. See p.27.
- 7 & 8 Open Studios. 10.00am. See p.5.
- 7 - 22 Wensleydale Community Arts Festival. Numerous events. See p.21.
- 8 Upper Swaledale walk. 1.30pm. See p.5.
- 10 Creative Hub Feasibility Study results. Askrigg Village Hall. 7.00pm. See p.21.
- 11 Bingo. Hawes Market Hall, 7.00pm. See p.16.
- 13 Bingo. Askrigg Village Hall, 7.00pm. See p.16.
- 14 Concert. St Andrew's Church Aysgarth. 7.30pm. See p.17.
- 14 & 15 Exhibition of the Talents. Bainbridge Friends Meeting House. 11.30am. See p.3.
- 14 & 15 Open Studios. 10.00am. See p.5.
- 15 Beamish Reliability Rally lunch stop. Bainbridge, 11.30am. See p.7.
- 18 Lecture. Harmby Village Hall. 2.00pm. See p.26.
- 18 Fashion Show. West Burton Village Hall. 7.00pm. See p.21.
- 19 Bainbridge WI Meeting. Bainbridge Village Hall. 1.00pm. See p.7.
- 20 Concert. Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm. See p.13.
- 20 U3a Meeting. LA&CC. 10.00am. See p.18.
- 20 Ladies only Talk. West Witton Village Hall. 7.30pm. See p.30.
- 21 Musicals Concert. St Margaret's, Hawes. 7.00pm. See p.24.
- 22 Choir Concert. Hawes Junction Chapel. 6.30pm. See p.5.
- 24 Wensleydale Arts Society Talk. Garden Rooms, Tennants. 2.00pm.
- 28 Concert. LA&CC. See p.18.
- 29 Afternoon Tea. Keld Public Hall. 2.00pm. See p.24.

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Wensleydale Community Arts Festival

From **Saturday, June 7th to Sunday, June 22nd**. Wensleydale will be host to a series of events around the Dale celebrating the arts in our local communities. Now in its third year, it is another packed programme – see the website for the full programme or pick up a leaflet. Unless stated, all events are offered on a ‘pay as you can afford’ basis (suggested donation £5).

Highlights for St. Matthew’s Church include: **Friday, June 13th** - an evening concert from **7.00pm** with Simon Lister, The Pearls (Margaret Forward, Sarah Allinson and Jill Lundberg) and Somewhere Road (Paul Greenwood).

Saturday, June 14th - from **2.00pm** including Easy Listening with Angela Horner (Trumpet) and Steve Wright (Saxophone). At **2.30pm**, songs from the movies with Gail Barlow and Colin Bailey. Organ recital by Geoff Hirst (**4.00pm**) and Poetry, Prose and Readings with Donovan Leaman (**5.00pm**). All Time Favourites with the Colin Bailey Band (**7.30pm**).

Sunday, June 15th - Tea and Cake with the Leyburn Band (**2.00pm**).

Tuesday, June 17th from 7.00pm, ‘Music for a Summer’s Evening’ with The Yoredale Strummers and Liffy.



Sunday, June 22nd - The Dales Community Pop Choir (**2.00pm**).

At Leyburn Methodist Church Hall: **Friday, June 20th, from 7.00pm** - Friends of Dave (Elizabeth Carter) and Light My Choir! Wensleydale’s mixed voice community choir.

Saturday, June 21st from 7.00pm, The Dales Variety Show with Young People from Dales Dance and BlueBoxt.



There will also be workshops from local artists and makers from **10.00am to 1.00pm**. Places cost £20 including refreshments and materials.

Saturday, June 7th - ‘Flowers and Fancies’ cake decorations with Joanne.

Saturday, June 14th - ‘Inspired by the Dales’ with Lynn Ward.

Saturday, June 21st - ‘Exploring Watercolours’ with Maxine Ahmed.

Switcheroo - Theatre performance by Clap Trap Theatre in association with York Theatre Royal. We are thrilled to welcome back popular actors Dominic Goodwin, Thomas Frere and Cal Stockbridge with their latest touring production. Switcheroo, written by Tom Needham and directed by Paul Birch, is a story told twice! “It’s not what you say, it’s how you say it.” Witness this emotional rollercoaster of live theatre as a family’s secrets are revealed and presented as both a drama and a comedy on **Wednesday, June 11th at 7.30pm** in Askrigg Village Hall. Tickets £15 | U18s £7.50.

Sharing the results of our Enterprise and Creative Hub Feasibility Study - On **Tuesday, June 10th at 7.00pm** at Askrigg Village Hall we will be sharing the results of the study and consulting on the options for developing an enterprise and creative hub to support rural arts provision and career pathways for employment across Wensleydale and Swaledale. Is there a future use for Uredale Mill - the Carrs Billington food mill site? Everyone welcome to come along, find out more about our plans and how you could be part of it too. Thanks to everyone who has taken part so far and to Ryedale Creative who were commissioned to undertake the research funded by the UK Strategic Prosperity Fund..

Colours [Fun]draising Fashion Show – **Wednesday, June 18th at 7.00pm** at West Burton Village Hall. We have teamed up with Colours, a nationwide retail organisation that specialises in supporting charities to raise funds. “Our ladies fashion show and shopping events are uniquely designed to offer a fun and entertaining experience. We bring premium high street brands to you at great prices!” There will be a Bar and Refreshments, Raffle, local makers stalls and entertainment with vocalist Bee Darceey. Ticket: £5.00 including a welcome drink.

To find out more or book places for our events and activities visit www.wensleydale.org or contact **Colin Bailey** on: **01969 745810/ 07711 21169** or email: info@wensleydale.org.

Dales Countryside Museum News

Opening times: Daily **10.00am to 5.00pm**
February to October, Last entry one hour before closing.

Contact: hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk or call **01969 666210**.

Exhibition: Inspiration – From Past to Present. **Until June 13th.**

Don't miss this stunning exhibition of textiles inspired by the Museum collection. Members of The Small Group came along for several research visits, investigating the museum's archive and artefact collections to find things that sparked their imaginations. 'Inspiration-from past to present' is their response. It showcases vintage garments repurposed to illustrate facets of the collection alongside contemporary textile and mixed media pieces.

Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists' Club:

The club meets once a month on a **Saturday morning, 10.00am - noon**. At our meeting in May, Steve Collison, Archaeologist for North York Moors, led the group at a dig at Sutton Bank. It was fascinating to see the trenches made in World War 2 to protect the airfield and everyone had the chance to get down to some digging, helping reveal features within the trenches. Please call **01969 666210** or email dc@yorkshiredales.org.uk if your child might be interested in joining us.

Education and community engagement:

We're thrilled to be part of The HERDS. This is an international creative initiative on an unprecedented scale – an ambitious coming together of culture and climate action.

Children from Drumrane school had a great time exploring the history of the area with Jane. Dairying was a main focus and they had fun making butter. Lots of our object loan boxes are out with local schools, but if you're interested in borrowing one for your class or community group, just get in touch.

We're also over the moon to be part of the Going Places project, an ambitious, UK-wide programme that will engage new and underrepresented audiences with museum collections across the country through collaborative touring exhibitions. DCM is part of the Green Spaces Shared Places network and will co-create 2 touring exhibitions with young people in a celebration of our collections. We

will be working with Sunderland Culture, Arlington Court and the National Trust Carriage Museum, Exmoor, and The National Memorial Arboretum, Staffordshire. The positive impact that nature and the outdoors can have on mental and physical health, and the ways in which our interactions with outdoor spaces can be transformed and enriched by our social, industrial and agricultural heritage will be a key focus, as well as exploring new ways to use collections, exhibitions and outside spaces to engage with young audiences. The project is supported by The National Lottery Heritage Fund and the Julia Rausing Trust with Art Fund.

Here are the DCM events coming up in June and early July. Events are included in the Museum admission unless otherwise stated and bookings can be made via hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk unless otherwise stated.

Flora and Fauna Walk:

Tuesday, June 3rd, 11.30am – 3.00pm.

Join Dales Volunteers for a 4 mile walk from the Museum exploring plants, waterfalls and possibly red squirrels. £6. No dogs allowed.

Quilt Workshop:

Saturday, June 7th, 10.00am – 4.00pm.

Traditional North Country Quilting Workshop - Practice all the techniques used to design and make a quilted cushion, which you will start on the day and finish at home. All fabrics and materials provided. £50 Lunch included. Booking essential.

Recipes and Remedies from the museum archives:

Tuesday, June 10th, from 10.00am (popping up through the day).

Join Jane at a pop-up session in the museum to talk about some weird and wonderful recipes from our archives including those for tasty traditional favourites, writing ink or poisons and remedies for aches, pains, coughs and colds for humans and animals.

Hawes Town Trail:

Tuesday, June 17th, 2.00pm – 4.00pm.

Join our experienced Dales Volunteers on this short 2.5 mile (3.5km) guided walk and explore the history of Hawes and the village of Gayle.

Walking through this lovely market town,

discover the origins of Wensleydale cheese, see where the railway once went and follow a section of the Pennine Way. Starts at the Dales Countryside Museum. £5. No dogs allowed.

FDCM talk and walk around Gaile:

Wednesday, June 18th, 2.00pm – 3.30pm.

An afternoon event with the Friends of the DCM. Rob Ward will lead a walk around Gaile. Meet on the green at **2.00pm**. Donations welcome from non-members.

Recipes and Remedies from the museum archives:

Tuesday, July 8th, From 10.00am and throughout the day.

Once again, join Jane for a pop-up session in the museum to talk about some weird and wonderful recipes from our archives including those for tasty traditional favourites, writing ink or poisons and remedies for aches, pains, coughs and colds for humans and animals.

Geology walk:

Tuesday, July 15th, 11.00am – 4.00pm.

Please note the change of time – this walk will finish at **4.00pm** and not 3.00pm as stated on the leaflet. Starts at the Dales Countryside Museum. £10 plus a payment to enter Harddraw force. No dogs allowed.

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Gayle Methodist Church – Camp Meeting

Please come and join us, everyone is welcome
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Methodist Church for our annual outdoor Camp
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accompanied by Hawes Silver Band.

For those visiting or new to the area, this is a
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present "Musicals for a Midsummers Evening".

Whatever your tastes, whether it be the music
of Lloyd-Webber or Sondheim, or iconic solo's
from hit shows such as Les Miserables and My
Fair Lady, there will be something for everyone
to enjoy. Amy's soaring yet sensitive vocals
paired with Mal's powerful but passionate
keyboard accompaniments are sure to enhance
the selection of songs performed. As an
additional bonus, Rev. Dave Clark will also lend
his vocal talents to a couple of classic songs as
well as singing a duet with Amy.

Entry to the concert is free, with retiring
donations towards the Organ Restoration Fund at
St. Margaret's. This event is kindly supported by
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The Isobel Jenkins Lecture: Lady Isobel Chaytor – Pioneering Aviatrix by Georgie Sale

Whilst living in Croft-on-Tees, Georgie Sale helped with an oral history project recording memories of Croft by older members of the community. The local landowners there are the Chaytor family and through an eBay 'hit' she came across a postcard of Lady Isobel Chaytor, 'Aviatrix'.

The book on Croft is now written and published, but the research into this fascinating woman, born 1890, who started life as a baker's daughter in Darlington and married into the titled Chaytor family continues. She took full advantage of all the life a titled lady could offer; she threw herself into all the current trends for 'bright young things', which included flying. At the age of 42, she and a young pilot flew in an open topped Gypsy Moth to Australia.

This was her greatest adventure but there were lots of others.

She died in Madeira in 1968 and only the undertaker and a hotel manager attended her funeral. This is the story of a woman who lived life to the full.

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Amjad Ali Khan - An Opportunity Not to be Missed

Let's face it: the Dales aren't noted for their diversity. I'll admit it's one of the things that I miss most as an 'incomer'. So the imminent arrival of Amjad Ali Khan, one of the greatest living musicians from India may either pass unnoticed, or create a stir. I hope it's a stir, because a 70-year-old grand master who comes from a family that has produced superb musicians over the last 200 years has to be seen. You'd go and see the Kanneh-Masons, the UK's most famous musical family: they're beginners by comparison!

Amjad Ali Khan gave his first recital aged 6; 64 years later he has played in New York's Carnegie Hall, London's Festival Hall and Wigmore Hall, and virtually every major venue across the world. He has played for UNESCO, the United Nations, countless major world events, Princess Diana... It's pretty extraordinary that he will be in the Dales on **June 6th**.

His instrument is the Sarod, a sweeter and smaller instrument than the sitar that is what identifies Indian music for many people. Less jangly, more melodic; Sarod means 'melody'. It has 19 strings, some sympathetic (they reverberate in response to what is played), and looks something like a very large mandolin and a cello played on your lap, with a plectrum. But different. Anyone who plays the instrument now was taught by one of Amjad's ancestors, including his two sons who will also be in Grinton Church on **June 6th**.



Amjad's virtuosity is extraordinary, though he doesn't use it only for effect, and has some wise words about the music he plays. "I want to communicate with the listener who finds Indian classical music remote. There is no essential

difference between classical and popular music. Music is music." The music he and his sons play casts a spell, often building gradually from a slow, contemplative, exploratory beginning to something fast and driving. It has a sense of humour; it's essentially improvised. It will certainly make you see and hear the familiar surroundings of Swaledale in a new light when you emerge into the night air.

You can buy tickets on the www.swalefest.org website, by calling **01748 880019**, or by email at enquiries@swalefest.org. **Friday, June 6th** at Grinton Church: something completely different.

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June 1st	The Gathering – Benefice Family Communion, St Oswald's Church 10.30am			
June 6th	Communion at Sycamore Hall TV Lounge 10.00am			
June 8th	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Soup followed by Communion 12.30pm
June 15th	Holy Communion	Family Service	Morning Prayer	
June 22nd	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Afternoon Prayer Pathfinders and Explorers
June 29th	Songs of Praise	Morning Prayer	Forest Church	
Evening Prayer by telephone is held at 4.00pm every Sunday. For details see the website www.upperwensleydalechurch.org/services				

Hope

I've been thinking about Hope. We all need it. We all have it. What's yours I wonder? Back in February there was hope for helpful weather during the lambing season. Now in June after one of the driest Spring's in living memory there is hope for rain! On the morning of the Eurovision Song Contest Final, the Band of the Irish Guards played a joyful rendition of our entry outside Buckingham Palace just hours before the public jury handed us the infamous 'Nil Point'. Supporters of Crystal Palace football team however, are revelling in a different experience of hope. For the first time in their history they have won the coveted FA Cup and pictures of their celebrations filled the media.

The writer of the book of proverbs in the Bible records these well used words: 'Hope deferred makes the heart grow sick but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.'

For the 1.4 billion Catholics on the planet, the recent announcement of Pope Leo XIV as their spiritual head rekindles a hope in time honoured

tradition as well as a new future. Amongst his first words to the media comes this statement: "Brothers, sisters, I speak to you, especially to those who no longer believe, no longer pray, no longer hope because they think God has left them I'm asking you not to close the door. Give a chance to the God who waits for you, without judgement.'

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If anyone else who hasn't helped before, but would like to join in the fun, either planting or distributing the troughs, just give me a call. Don't worry if you haven't got green fingers, I will set the plants out as usual.

We will again hold a Bingo Night in aid of funds for Hawes in Bloom on **Wednesday, June 11th**. Doors open at **7.00pm** and play starts at **7.30pm** prompt. There will be (amongst other things), plants and a lovely planted trough as a star prize. Hope to see you there!

We will be holding our 'Sale of Surplus Plants' on **Saturday, May 31st** at the Penny Garth car park in the High Street from **4.00pm** onwards. There will also be bags of compost (we can deliver) and a few different sized empty and planted troughs as well.

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Over the next month or two, the fundraising group has a few events planned:

June 20th - the duo 'Cutting It Fine' are talking and demonstrating from the inside out, how a Victorian lady would dress for Afternoon Tea. This is a ladies only evening, starting at **7.30pm** at West Witton Village Hall. Tickets - £7.50 - light refreshments included. Contact: Mary Sadler – **01969 623813**.

June 28th - Car Boot Sale at Leyburn Auction Mart. This is to raise money for Marie Curie, and will be supported by Leyburn Arts & Community Centre, just across the road. Sellers - £10 per vehicle. Buyers - bucket donation. If wet, the stalls can be undercover in the livestock area. The fundraising group is very grateful to both the auction mart and LACC for the use of the facilities.

Moving to July, there are street collections in Hawes and Leyburn:

July 22nd - Hawes Market Day, **10.00am** and finishing at **2.00pm** and **July 25th** - Leyburn Market Day, **9.00am** and finishing at **3.00pm**.

If you're able to spare an hour to help at either of these, either sign up via

www.mariecurie.org.uk/get-involved/fundraise/collect or contact: Gemma Hewitt at gemma.hewitt@mariecurie.org.uk.

The money raised from these events will be used locally to help those who are living with any terminal illness. The Marie Curie Nursing Service will give Hospice Care at Home to those in need.

If you are interested in helping Wensleydale Fundraising Group to raise more money for Marie Curie, can help with any of the above, or are interested in bringing things to sell at the car boot, please email: wensleydale.mariecurie@gmail.com.

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Upper Dales Health Watch

The Patient Participation Group for the
Central Dales Practice

Synopsis of the minutes of the meeting
held on April 29th

- The Central Dales Practice is planning an annual community event to which a wide range of agencies would be asked. The first one looking at support for carers will hopefully be on **Monday, September 22nd** in the West Burton Village Hall **11.00am to 2.00pm**. Venue to be confirmed.
- Collective Action has not needed to start. The GP settlement seems to have taken with one hand and given with another. The actual situation will be clearer after Q1 when the situation will be reviewed.

- Three members of staff will be undertaking a nutrition course to enable them to advise patients on exercise and diet.
- Weight loss medication is only funded privately. Patients with some conditions could be adversely affected. If patients give permission for the CDP to be informed that they are taking this medication, patients at risk will be contacted. .
- The uptake for 2025 'Flu jabs was less than hoped, and some vaccine had to be returned. The Covid jabs were Moderna this year and again the uptake was somewhat disappointing. It is felt that job fatigue was the main reason.

Jane Ritchie,

Hon Secretary, Upper Dales Health Watch

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On the first return journey to Lancaster, departing from Hawes NP Centre and museum at **11.05am** (Market Hall **11.08am**), the No 80 bus reaches White Scar Cave, near Ingleton, at **11.40am**. The cave was discovered in 1923 and in 2025 is celebrating its Centenary Year of being open as a Show Cave. Return bus for Hawes departs White Scar Cave **4.30pm** (it's essential to put your hand out in good time so the driver knows you want to board the bus) and for Ingleton/Lancaster at **5.30pm**; this bus service ends **Saturday October 18th**.

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The Wensleydale Centre, Askrigg.
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Gym membership – purchased through ClubRight gym management system <https://www.yorebridgesportandleisure.co.uk/>.

We have a variety of gym memberships including monthly, couples, student, and junior memberships, as well as pay as you go vouchers. These allow you to use the gym in a way that suits you and have a great workout to meet your needs.

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