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## Guest Editorial

### 'Lucky in Many Ways'

March is a month in which many people tend to feel optimistic. Longer daylight hours, crocuses giving way to daffodils, buds on trees beginning to burst, plans for Easter (early this year, 5th April), lambs-a-plenty in the fields, and perhaps a chance to leave the windows open for more fresh air. Whilst we are all a little older than when the clocks went back in Autumn, and many perhaps a tad creakier, we have much to feel lucky for.

Personally, I always remember March as a lucky month although this anecdote may suggest otherwise. Driving to work one bright, frosty March morning in the late 1990's my car began to glide on black ice across the road and into the path of rapidly oncoming cars. I panicked, yanked the steering wheel and the tyres then found and gripped a patch of ice-free tarmac and shot me off the road at right angles, through a fence, down a bank towards a tree. It's amazing that in those three seconds I remember thinking 'this will hurt'....and when the car hit a tree it certainly did!

When I reflect upon or relate that episode to others some people think of it as bad luck. To me however my good fortune far outweighed any bad. Yes, the car was a write-off and a short stay in hospital was needed; however here I am nearly 30 years later, happy and lucky to be offered a chance to write this piece.

This perspective is possibly inherited from my Mother who often shared a saying, passed on from her own mother, "it's better to be born lucky than rich". On that frosty morning no amount of money could have guaranteed my safety, however I was blessed with enormous riches of good fortune.

But what does the word 'rich' actually mean? Many immediately associate it with financial wealth however the word is used in lots of other contexts too. Rich variety contrasts with limited or dull and stimulates the grey matter. Rich choices suggests that there are always options provided we take a moment to slow down our thinking and look carefully. Rich recipes full of fruity or spicy ingredients leave us with a feeling of tasty satisfaction if occasionally a need for the indigestion tablets. Rich colours in paintings or clothes can brighten our mood. Rich conversation often leaves us with things to ponder and share long afterwards and in that

sense has a lasting value which is not monetary. Being or feeling rich therefore can be considered as a frame of mind. In that sense we all have rich opportunities if only we take time to see them.

The Ides of March is a phrase which often comes to mind and trips off the tongue easily. Many people trace the phrase to Shakespeare's play 'Julius Caesar' during which the soothsayer warns Caesar to 'beware the Ides of March'. My limited research tells me that the word 'ides' simply derives from 'divides' and the mid-month 15<sup>th</sup> day in March was the date Caesar was killed. For many the day and phrase are often used to warn people of potential bad luck.

Another March event is St Patrick's Day which again prompts people to touch on the subject of luck, namely 'the luck of the Irish'. I was surprised to read that the saying didn't exactly originate in Ireland. According to Edward T. O'Donnell, an Associate Professor of History at Holy Cross College and author of "1001 Things Everyone Should Know About Irish American History," the term is not Irish in origin. During the gold and silver rush years in the second half of the 19th century, a number of the most famous and successful miners were of Irish and Irish American birth. Over time this association of the Irish with mining fortunes is what led to the expression 'luck of the Irish'. O'Donnell continued 'Of course, it carried with it a certain tone of derision, as if to say, only by sheer luck, as opposed to brains, could these fools succeed.'

This saying set me thinking - what about 'the luck of Upper Wensleydale Folk'? Lovely green landscapes with sunrises over Leyburn and sunsets over Garsdale. Not just one but a series of famous waterfalls. Two decent main roads running the length of the Dale whereas many other Dales only have one. An internationally renowned creamery. The Friday Fish van from Fleetwood. The Fish and Chip van. The Wensleydale Show. The Little White Bus service. International visitors boosting the economy with their fascination for all-things Dales. For example, my sister lives in Wellington, New Zealand and she and her in-laws make an annual pilgrimage which confirms that even having volcanoes on your doorstep, we all need rich variety. (Although I hope that visiting her brother is somewhere in the rationale).

Some of you might regard the list above as having nothing to do with luck however, that living in Wensleydale is the product of hard work and then good choice. I would argue though, that good planning is only part of the equation and that having *all* of the above on our doorsteps is something akin to the six numbers on a Lottery ticket.

I acknowledge that this preaching about 'how lucky we all are' can be irritating at times, and that many people have misfortunes or ill-health to contend with, either personal or those of close loved ones. At those times it can be hard to see where the riches of good fortune have disappeared to, and it is in those times that we have to hope that there are neighbours nearby that can engage, support and sustain us, and reassure us that the well of good fortune is not entirely dry.

I will conclude with what I regard as some wisdom from a source not normally associated with it. Terry Neill was a professional footballer and manager in the 1970s and 80's. I heard him interviewed on television once and something he said sticks with me to this day. When asked about whether he was troubled by his team's recent run of defeats he responded, 'If I can wake up and see the sun rise, and see it set at the end of the day, I feel lucky, so I will be alright.' Neill was from Northern Ireland, so perhaps there is something in that after all.

Chris Rigny



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### Eunice the Ewe

In February I was hiding in the photo in the Hawes School News article. And the lucky winner of the £10 prize is Andrew Sturdy of Middleham.

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

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## UWNL Children's Story Writing Competition 2025

And the runners-up are.....

As promised in last month's newsletter here is the runner-up's story in the annual story-writing competition. The runner up was Reuben Iveson (Y5 Hawes). There were also highly commended awards made to Eva Cockett (Hawes) and Patrick Keiley (Hawes).

### Reuben Iveson's Story



I knew it was going to be one of those days when Liverpool scored. The away crowd went wild and my heart sank. I knew I had to score to retain the lead. All of a sudden, I got subbed on! As soon as I got the ball the match well and truly got underway. The rest

of the 90 minutes was a very scrappy game, kicks flying in every direction fouls all over the pitch, which only meant one thing. We were going to EXTRA TIME.

At the start, nothing had changed from the last 15 minutes but then out of nowhere Liverpool ran through on goal. I was petrified! Amazingly the defender blocked the shot on the line. 119 minutes gone and still 1-1 in the dying moments, yet deep down I knew one team was going to win when the final whistle blew. As soon as we got the ball back it fell into my boots. I launched the ball forward. It fell at the striker's feet. All of our hearts were pumping. The striker took the shot... it hit the bar and went out for a throw in for Liverpool we were all devastated. Without wasting any time, Liverpool got forward we couldn't track back in time the Liverpool player 1vs1 with the goalkeeper the Liverpool player chipped him. was this the moment for Liverpool? It could've easily gone in but luckily it struck the post and went out for a goal kick. The referees board went up, there was 4 minutes of added time. 3 minutes later the Manchester United striker went through on goal the Liverpool goalkeeper brought him down. The referee's decision

would decide this whole match! Unexpectedly the captain gave the ball to me. My heart was pumping, 70,000 fans screamed my name as I stepped up and smashed it in! The referee had a look at his watch and blew for full time. Manchester United were the champions league winners. When I got back into the changing room I said to myself, "It really was one of those days."

And then all the celebrations began. Everyone was praising me for scoring the winning penalty especially the captain who said "I knew I could trust you young lad well done what an achievement."

And that just proves something reach for your goals and never give up. Even at such a young age you can do whatever you want to do. Persevere and be resilient.

**Reuben,**  
Year 5 Hawes Primary School

Judge's feedback: Reuben very successfully creates dramatic tension in his story about a football game. My attention was caught as I nervously read on wanting to find out who was going to win. I loved his use of drama created in descriptions like 'my heart was pumping' and his use of questions such as 'Was this the moment for Liverpool?' which all helped to build up the suspense.



In the poetry-writing competition a very close runner up was Ada Middleton (Y4 BAWB). Highly commended certificates were awarded to Fyfe Lancaster (BAWB), Noah Hugill (Hawes) and Zara Killgallon-Sharples (Hawes)

Judge's feedback: I loved the way Ada had used the title of her poem and started each line with a word that then spells out the title. The poem really made me think of Winter days and I liked all the different adjectives she used to describe things such as 'crackling', 'prickly' and 'yummy'.

## Ada Middleton's Poem

### Winter Days

When your feet crunch against the soft white,  
cold snow

Ice so slippery it is like an ice rink

Nestling next to the crackling, cosy fire

Teeny, tiny snowflakes, each one a beautiful,  
different pattern so delicate and small

Elves on the shelves welcoming children into  
the winter spirit

Robins eating dark red berries of the prickly  
green holly tree

Drizzling, freezing rain, turns the snow into  
slush

Advent calendars and chocolate for every day  
of December

Yummy Christmas dinner with all my family to  
celebrate this big day

Snowmen with thick woolly scarves and  
sledding down a steep, snowy hill

Ada Middleton (Year 4)

## Bellerby Study Group

Our programme continues on **Wednesday, March 4th** when the plot thickens in the tantalising 'Secrets of the Attic part 2' as Dr Tony Nicholson pursues the "Vile Woman" across the globe. An unwelcome guest turns up at Annie's wedding and a scandal looms. Gus suddenly disappears but we track him down and discover his unlikely fate.

In 'The Marske Estate' on **Wednesday, March 11th** Stephen Clark will describe the history of the Estate from the 1590s to the 1960s. The estate grew to a peak of over 10,000 acres in the 1800s, but then began a decline until its eventual sale in the 1960s. Discover what its fortunes had in common with other large estates in the area west of Richmond.

On **Wednesday, March 18th** Rev William Thackray will take us on an illustrated journey describing the 'Churches of Wensleydale.'

Join us on **Wednesday, March 25th** for our Annual General Meeting.

All our meetings are on Wednesday evenings and start at **7.30pm** in Bellerby Memorial Hall, Church Street DL8 5QL. The talks are followed by free refreshments and a chance to chat. Membership is £15 for 8 talks, visitors are welcome at £3 per meeting. For more information contact **Judy Asher 07968 596676**.

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## February Competition Answers

- 1 Luge
- 2 Ice hockey
- 3 Skeleton
- 4 Figure skating
- 5 Bobsleigh
- 6 Nordic combined
- 7 Cross-country skiing
- 8 Ski mountaineering
- 9 Giant slalom
- 10 Speed skating mass start
- 11 Short track speed skating
- 12 Freeski big air
- 13 Snowboard halfpipe
- 14 Biathlon
- 15 Alpine skiing

A number of correct entries this month. The winner was from Christine Sturdy from Middleham whose chosen charity to receive the £50 prize is Yorkshire Air Ambulance.



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## March Competition

Here are some common Dales surnames. Not all are anagrams.

1. FELT CAME FROM HERE
2. I NEARLY TAKE THE WATER UNDER THE TRACK
3. NOSE DIVE LESS ED
4. MIXED IN ADDLES
5. PROUD AS A ...
6. ONE-LEGGED?
7. COULD BE HAND-, DUMB-, DOOR-
8. I'M IN THE REAL LENGTH
9. CUTTERS
10. A TREMBLE SHAKES OFF THE E
11. WHAT TIE IS CRUMPLED UP
12. WAFT ETC.
13. OF THE GRILL
14. UNCOOKED
15. FOUND INSIDE A PLUMP RATTLESNAKE
16. DRINKS AT THE VALLEY

Please send in your answers to arrive by **Tuesday, March 17th**. Remember to include the details of your nominated charity which will receive the £50 prize should you win.

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## Rail News

Rail operator Avanti will divert long-distance through trains to and from Carlisle via the Settle -Carlisle line and Hellifield on the following dates in **April:4th/5th/10th/11th/12th-19th**. These non-stop diversions are in connection with Network Rail's major engineering works on the West Coast main line..

Northern's 7-days/week local stopping train services between Leeds-Garsdale (etc)-Carlisle are scheduled to run as per the usual timetable during the diversions, as is the 6-days/week LWB Hawes-Garsdale station shuttle bus.

### 150th Anniversary of the opening of the Settle -Carlisle Railway (1876)

150 years ago the Midland Railway opened the line that should never have been built because the government of the day would not allow the company to withdraw from the commitment to build once Parliament had given its formal consent.

Construction of the line between Settle Junction and Carlisle through the remote moorland terrain around Ribbleshead, high above Dentdale and Garsdale, and then across Mallerstang proved immensely demanding. The very highest standards of technical and craft skills were required, together with great physical strength, mental resilience to cope with unremitting heavy work and the harsh climate - but there was little in the way of home comforts for all those living in temporary huts in the rough navy encampments. Notwithstanding all these difficulties, the Midland Railway demanded quality workmanship, not only in the fine masonry of the viaducts visible to all but also inside the tunnels and other structures that are only seen during maintenance.

During the railway's construction in the 1870s, two enterprising local Hawes businesses took the opportunity to travel each week up to the navy encampment to deliver food ordered the previous week and collect new orders from their customers. Family descendants of Elijah Allen, grocer and provision merchant, and J.W .Cockett, butcher, still run these businesses in Hawes today! Congratulations! Perhaps you will tell us your stories? The Midland Railway even had an office in Hawes; does anyone know where it was?

Celebrations to mark the S&C's 150th anniversary are planned along the line and through the year, with some highlights (such as

a steam train) but also a welcome for local communities to celebrate and publicise historic and new travel opportunities, events and bus links. See [www.settle-carlisle.co.uk](http://www.settle-carlisle.co.uk) for information which will be updated as more event details are notified.

**Ruth Annison**

## News From Sycamore Hall

Some of our residents have been out and about recently thanks to some funding received by the Little White Bus/Car in Hawes. This funding is aimed at helping those who wouldn't otherwise be able to get out and about to do so. So far, two outings have taken residents out, both to Country Harvest near Ingleton, where they have been able to enjoy lunch as well as browsing the shop. What a marvellous opportunity! Thanks so much to the LWB for making this possible.

Lianna, our Beauty Therapist, is visiting us every five weeks or so. This service is available to everyone in the area (men and women), not just our residents and staff, so do get in touch with Lianna if you fancy a bit of pampering - or if you would like to buy a gift voucher. The next visits are on **Monday, March 2nd and April 13th**. Call **Lianna on 07792-086189** to make an appointment or discuss a gift voucher.

Meanwhile, all our regular activities continue as per the usual schedule. You are very welcome to join us for any of these activities. Our independent businesses are open, as usual. Sycamore Country Store info is on page 29.

Sonja's Hair Salon is open **Thursdays and Fridays 9.30am to 2.00pm and Saturdays 9.30am to 1.00pm**. If you wish to make an appointment please try to do so at least one week in advance to ensure you can get booked in.

Olive's Cafe is open to all from **8.30am to 4.00pm** daily for breakfast, lunch and tea as well as takeaway. Fish and chips are available as a takeaway on Fridays - check out Facebook for details and other options. If you want to go along for the delicious Sunday lunches, it is best to make a booking. . Contact **Emily on 629826**.

The Post Office is with us on **Mondays and Wednesdays between 9.00am and 11.00am**. and the library is open every day from **8.30am to 7.00pm**. If you have any queries or would like to discuss the availability of apartments, please contact the Manager, **Nicky Cooper, on 0370 192 4055**.

## Notes from Thorney Mire

### Winter

After we have had a heavy frost or, a small covering of snow, the white fields enhance the plumage of the male pheasants, especially if the sun is shining. They strut around the field, heads held high full of their own importance. It's at this time of year when they decide to have a "stand off". Why, I do not know. It's not to impress females as often there are no females around, but they rise up towards each other, chests extended, wings flapping making that raucous sound pheasants make. After a while when there seems to be no winner nor loser they get bored and continue eating in the same area, so it can't be for territory. What the purpose of this display is I've yet to discover. Who knows what goes on in the mind of a pheasant, from the size of its brain, probably very little.

Our bird feeders have been dominated by great tits this Winter. We have had blue and coal tits, a nuthatch, greater spotted woodpecker, blackbird and dunnoek. I have seen a tree creeper which never comes to the feeders, and on several days, a flock of long tailed tits. I'm not sure of the exact number as they are not easy to count. They won't stay still and mingle in with the other birds. I find the easiest way is to count how many long tails there are.

What has happened to the chaffinches? There was a time when they outnumbered any of the other species, but this Winter I have only seen one. When there is snow on the ground I would often see three or maybe four robins together, but this year I have only seen one. Probably because we've not had a lot of snow.

For several years we have had two semi-resident collared doves and because they were always together and their sedentary lifestyle, I called them Darby and Joan. This Winter only one returned and because there is no difference in the plumage between male and female I didn't know which one it was. Once a collared dove has found a partner they mate for life. The average age for these birds is three years and Darby and Joan have been visiting us for at least that long, so it's possible one may have died.

Now this could have been a sad story but, a few weeks ago, a second dove appeared at the feeders. It didn't stay for long and wasn't seen for a while, but is now making more frequent appearances. I suspect it is not one of the

original birds as Darby and Joan were the same size and identical colouring. This new bird is slighter smaller in size and has a slight colour variation. I don't think a marriage has taken place yet, because they are not inseparable, they seem to still be at the courting stage, but hopefully we'll have a happy ending.

To feed or not to feed, that is the question. For as long as I can remember we have been told to feed the garden birds. Years ago it would have been scraps of bread, bacon rind and the odd bit of cheese. Then came the revolution – commercial bird food. This is big business. According to the BTO, as a nation we spend £200 to £300 million a year on bird food. It is estimated that 75% of all households feed the birds. The list of what you can buy seems endless. There is a choice of sunflower seeds, nyger seeds, no grow no waste seeds, no mess seeds, wheat free no grow seeds, high energy autumn/winter seeds, songbird summer seed mix, peanuts, fat balls, suet cakes in various flavours and meal worms.

Now there is concern from some quarters that feeding the garden birds is harmful to them as disease could be spread by too many birds feeding together in the same place. We are told that it is not necessary to feed the birds in the Summer as there is enough natural food around and it's better for the chicks. On the other hand, we are told, if we feed the birds then don't stop as it can take the birds some time to find another food source. Some argue that it's also not necessary to feed them in the Winter, but in the Winter the birds have to replace a percentage of their body weight each night in order to survive.

There are a lot of schools of thought on why we should not feed garden birds, one is that it encourages one species to survive to the detriment of another. The more you read into it the more complicated it gets. Imagine what would happen if we stopped buying commercial bird food? A whole industry is at stake and jobs depend on it. There are other factors why bird numbers are decreasing, but I'm not going to mention them here as I don't want to be controversial. It's a bit of a dilemma when we are bombarded with conflicting information. We have to make up our own minds about what to do. Until I have evidence to the contrary, I shall be like Mary Poppins and "Feed the Birds" but I doubt that I will find anything for tuppence a bag.

Sylvia Turner

## Penhill Benefice

**Church Services:** In case of bad weather, please check our website for updates at [penhillbenefice.co.uk/services](http://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, March 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, March 8th

**10.30am** Holy Communion Penhill Together Service, St Andrew's, Aysgarth with The Rev'd Dominic Holroyd, Chaplain to the Forces at Catterick Garrison.

### Sunday, March 15th Mothering Sunday

**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,  
St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

### Sunday, March 22nd

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

**11.00am** Morning Prayer,  
St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.

**3.00pm** Evening Prayer,  
Thornton Rust Mission Room.

### Sunday, March 29th Palm Sunday

**10.30am** Penhill Together Family Service for all ages. Breakfast in the village hall at **9.00am**.

After breakfast in Redmire Village Hall the church congregation will set off with palms

aloft to St Mary's church remembering Jesus' triumphant journey into Jerusalem. Do come and join us! See website and Facebook page for further updates.

### March Mid-Week Services:

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

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

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

Lent Lunches for Christian Aid: Soup and Cheese Lunch with Coffee and Tea. **Fridays from noon until 1.30pm** No fixed charge, donations to Christian Aid.

**March 6th** -West Witton Village Hall

**March 13th** -Thornton Rust Village Hall

**March 20th** -Preston under Scar Village Hall

**March 27th** -Thoralby Village Hall

Lenten Evening Meetings

Discussion title: "Christ has no body now but yours" Every **Tuesday in Lent from 7.30pm – 8.45pm**

**March 3rd** Redmire Village Hall. **March 10th** Thoralby Village Hall.

**March 17th** West Witton Village Hall and **March 24th** Aysgarth Institute.

Everyone welcome!

Holy Week Lent Reflections in Church **7.00pm**

**Monday, March 30th**, St Margaret's, Preston under Scar

**Tuesday, March 31st**, St Bartholomew's, West Witton

**Wednesday, April 1st**, St Mary's, Redmire.

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## Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services in March

	St Mary and 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
<b>March 1st</b>	The Gathering – Benefice Family Communion, St Oswald's Church <b>10.30am</b>			
<b>March 6th</b>	Communion in the TV Lounge at Sycamore Hall. <b>10.00am</b>			
<b>March 8th</b>	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Café Style	Soup followed by Communion <b>12.30pm</b>
<b>March 15th</b>	Holy Communion	Family Service	Morning Prayer	
<b>March 22nd</b>	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Afternoon Prayer Pathfinders and Explorers
<b>March 29th</b>	The Gathering – Benefice Family Communion for Palm Sunday in St Oswald's Church <b>10.30am</b>			
Evening Prayer by telephone is held at <b>4.00pm</b> every Sunday. For details see the website <a href="http://www.upperwensleydalechurch.org/services">www.upperwensleydalechurch.org/services</a>				

It's really quite amazing to read of all the different international days of recognition there are within any one year. March has its fair share with World Wildlife day, Fairtrade Fortnight, Zero Discrimination Day, International Women's Day, International Day of Happiness, World Empathy Day, and World Book Day to name but a few!

World Book Day was being discussed on Radio 4 recently in the light of the statistic that the sale of non-fiction was experiencing a significant decline. That caught my attention because one non-fiction book in particular continues to be the World's best seller and over the last five years alone in the UK its sales have increased by over 106% ... I refer to The Bible. I wonder why it wasn't mentioned in the discussion?

It's a book of many parts dealing with our relationship with creation, our relationship with others and crucially our relationship with God. It describes God's character and passion for fairness and empathy, for the protection of the vulnerable (particularly women) and how our own behaviour need not discriminate us from knowing and receiving His love. It's a book that

explains why we are here, why we behave as we do and, most importantly, *what* we can do to change that. The increased sales are being linked to a desire to discover stability and meaning in a changing and confusing world. God never changes. <sup>Malachi 3:6</sup>

2026 marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first translation of the Bible into English by William Tyndale; an historic achievement that will be marked by the Church in Upper Wensleydale (more info later). The rich and powerful of the day did not want the truth of its contents revealed to everyone and so they had him executed. Sadly, the rich and the powerful continue to suppress its truth in many nations today.

Fundamentally it's a book of Love and it's a book of Hope and we all need more of both. Why not mark World Book Day by opening its pages for yourself? I suggest one of the Gospels .. perhaps Mark (it's the shortest) and discover for yourself what it's *really* all about and why it continues to change people's lives in the UK, Wensleydale and all over the world. God bless your reading!



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## Hawes Auction Mart Cafe

Margaret Iveson and husband Dennis farmed for many years near Semerwater in Upper Wensleydale. Like most local farmers, they've enjoyed eating on sale days at the Auction Mart café in Hawes. Recently Margaret nominated the café for the Farmers Guardian Auction Mart Cafe of the year, and this is what she wrote:

'It's a haven of warmth, delicious home-made treats and friendly faces, a place where farmers, locals and visitors alike can gather for a full English breakfast, a hearty meal or a quick bite. Lunchtime brings a daily special, showcasing seasonal delights alongside timeless classics like hearty stews, cottage pie, quiche, fish and chips, lasagne, afternoon teas, scones and cakes and a cuppa. The Mart café is not just for farmers; many tourists visit. What truly elevates the auction café experience is the staff. They are the heart and soul of the place, radiating warmth and genuine hospitality. Whether you are a regular or a first time visitor they greet you with a smile.'

Margaret's nomination meant that Hawes was one of the five shortlisted cafes, and judges went round and sampled them all. The winner was Hawes Auction Mart Cafe, and seven of the ladies who provide all that lovely food attended the presentation night at the headquarters of the Farmers Guardian.

When I read about this award I was tempted to go and try for myself, and it is indeed a friendly place. On a cold day it was good to sit near the roaring fire, and admire the many Piers Browne drawings of local farming characters on the walls. Looking at the chaps tucking into their beef and dumplings, I could see a few similar faces in the room. I talked to Alison Champion the manager, and she told me they begin doing full breakfasts at 7.30 am on sale days. They serve up to 50 full breakfasts as well as many a bacon butty. Then when people have finished buying and selling they can go and have a slap up lunch. It was all very tempting and good size portions for hungry men (and a few women). Farming can be a lonely life, and market day is a good time for farmers just to sit down to a hot meal and catch up with all the news of sheep and more.

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## Dales Charity Bingo Report



A little excitement for our February bingo night with a last-minute change of venue. A big thank you to Angus and Mandy at The Fountain who very kindly let us hold our evening in the back room due to the refurbishment of the floor in the Market Hall not being completed. We enjoyed a good night of bingo and got to meet a few new players and welcome back a visiting couple who had joined us previously and happily took away our Chicken Dinner prize.

Pip Pointon gave a factual, to the point update on the work and achievements of Stop Ure Pollution (SUP) in the past year and an outline of their focus and ongoing testing for 2026. The night raised £280 for SUP which will help with the cost of their planned water tests.

Our next bingo night will be held in Hawes on **March 11th** for the Market Hall Band Room Ceiling Fund – please see our advertisement below, If you would like to know more, please email us at [dalescharitybingo@gmail.com](mailto:dalescharitybingo@gmail.com).


We have had a fun filled packed month at Dalesplay celebrating Valentines, Pancake day and Chinese New year! Take a look at some of the activities on our Facebook page, 'Dalesplay'. The children in the ducklings room have enjoyed their farm role play area; feeding the animals, bouncing on the cow and collecting the eggs from the chickens. The sunshine's room have been cooking up a treat for their peers in the role play café and they have been busy writing shopping lists and making up new recipes. Our after school club and holiday club have been decorating heart trinket boxes to give to a loved one. They have enjoyed lots of outdoor play painting on the large Perspex, playing on the outdoor gym equipment, building dens and playing ball games. We have had lots of crafts and games for all to enjoy.

Dalesplay would like to say a very big thank you to Hawes Hare and Hounds walking group for their fabulous donation of £525 they have raised through donations. The money has been put towards some more wooden cabin chairs for the ducklings children to sit up to the tables safely at snack and lunch time. The Group is run by volunteers who plan walks in and around the area for all to enjoy, take a look at their Facebook page.

Dalesplay is filling up fast so if you need childcare funded places please get in touch as soon as possible. We already have children booking in for September and we want to meet everyone's childcare needs. We care for children from three months up to the end of Primary. We provide breakfast and after school clubs, daycare and holiday clubs, funded and paid sessions. We are here to provide a much needed service at a high quality with all our staff trained to at least level 3. Our prices may be cheaper than others but that is because we aren't here to make a profit. We are a registered charity and run by a group of voluntary directors to meet the needs of our families in the dales. Rest assured your children will be well looked after, have lots of fun and make new friends.

We would also like to welcome Fiona Lambert to our Dalesplay family, Fiona will be helping during busier periods joining the bank staff team. Fiona runs sensory workshops under 'Lullababy' in Catterick and is a qualified teacher. For any enquiries please contact us at [dalesplay1@btconnect.com](mailto:dalesplay1@btconnect.com).

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Rossini String Symphony No.2;  
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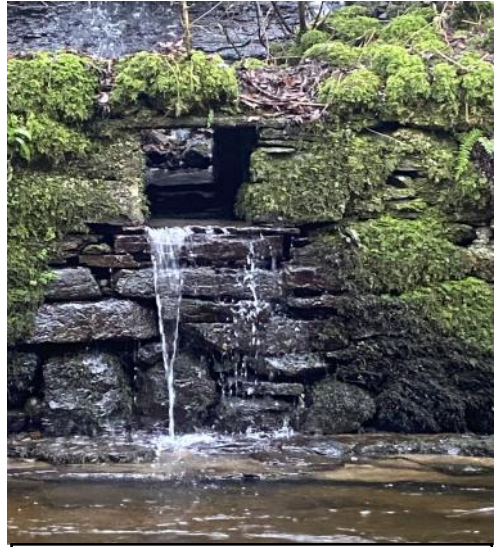
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### Internet Safety Day

Across school we experienced Internet Safety Day. All of KS2 took part in a live lesson. The theme for the day - 'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'. The children looked at AI and how it can help us in our daily lives. They also looked at how to prevent "unsafe" searches through AI. KS1 children also talked about staying safe online and how they accessed games and information safely on the internet.

### Money Talk

Our Class 3 children had a talk from Tim at Newcastle Building Society. He talked to them about money, what we spend our money on and ways to help save our money. The children also tried a "Build my Budget" task, thinking about needs and wants. This was a useful experience for our older children in school.

### National Storytelling Week

The children in school celebrated National Storytelling Week at the start of February. Class 1 enjoyed their poetry workshop with James Carter. The children love to read the poems in his books especially "Zim, Zam, Zoom!" and "Boing". We were able to join in with the poems and even carry out a little bit of dancing! The KS1 children then had the chance to write their own Happy Poems as a class and then independently.

The whole of school then took part in a shared reading session with the KS2 children reading to and sharing books with our KS1 and EYFS children. We will continue this special reading time each half-term.

If you would like further information around our school please contact the school office on **01969 667308** or through the school [e-mail hawes@ycatschools.co.uk](mailto:hawes@ycatschools.co.uk).

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### Churches Together in Upper Wensleydale

#### Good Friday Walk of Witness

The annual Churches Together in Upper Wensleydale Walk of Witness will start at **10.30am Good Friday, April 3rd** from Gayle Methodist Church. We will process into Hawes to conclude with an **11.30am** service at St Margaret's Church. If you can't make the walk you are still welcome at the service. We hope you will join us.



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**May 28th** - School Holidays Day trip to Thorpe Farm (for 1.5 hours) then onto Barnard Castle (for 1.5 hours). £15 per person. Picks ups from Redmire, Askrigg, Bainbridge, Hawes, Hardraw, Thwaite and Keld.

If you have friends in Richmond, Brompton on Swale or Hudswell, we are bringing visitors into Hawes on the Hawes Hopper excursion

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- 4 Bellerby Study Group Talk. 7.30pm. Bellerby Memorial Hall. See p.5.
- 6 Dominoes. 7.30pm. Carperby Institute.
- 7 Blueboxt Music Quiz. 7.00pm. LACC. See p.39.
- 8 Concert. Richmond Chamber Orchestra 3.00pm. Richmond Georgian Theatre. See p.14.
- 9-20 Wensleydale Tournament, See p.31.
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- 25 Bellerby Study Group. AGM. 7.30pm. Bellerby Memorial Hall. See p.5.

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**Leyburn u3a**

What Inspires Art? (and just about everything else!)

by Dr Kevin Byron on **Friday, March 20th**

There's something for everyone in this talk which explores creativity in broad terms, laced with a light touch of neuroscience and a large dose of down-to-Earth practicality. It will demonstrate some commonly occurring patterns of creative ideas which appear across a broad spectrum of activity including art, science, engineering and advertising. Awareness of these common patterns can enhance our own creativity and help with finding novel ideas to solve virtually any human problem or challenge.

Dr Kevin Byron is a retired research physicist who later developed a passion for education. He recently undertook research in creative thinking skills in art and science, and has published and lectured widely on these subjects.

Visitors and new members are always welcome. Doors open at **10.00am for 10.30am** at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre, Richmond Road, Leyburn DL8 5DL. For details contact Membership secretary [www.leyburn.u3asite.uk](http://www.leyburn.u3asite.uk).

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## 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](mailto:hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk)  
or call **01969 666210**.

Exhibition: **February 1st to May 31st:**

Middle of Somewhere:

Joanne Coates is a working-class visual artist who lives and works in the Yorkshire Dales. She uses photography to question the concepts of power, identity, wealth, and poverty. By exploring the social histories of land, gender, and class,

Joanne narrates stories that have either long been forgotten or simply never told. In the creation of this exhibition, Joanne has collaborated with participants to explore parallels between people and places. She has delved into questions around climate change, the cost-of-living crisis, disparities of wealth and the impact on low-income communities.

Young Creatives:

Our Young Creatives group have been exploring photography, collagraph printing and the collections here at DCM. They have worked with creative practitioners and over the coming months will be learning about oral history recording and the creative use of sound for interpretation.

Supported by The National Lottery Heritage Fund and the Julia Rausing Trust with Art Fund, this UK-wide programme is engaging new and underrepresented audiences with museum collections across the country through the creation of collaborative touring exhibitions. If you're aged 18-30 and are interested in getting involved, just get in touch - we'd love to hear from you!

We're also looking to meet with groups of young people so that their voices can be shared through the project. If you're in a group or lead a group and would be interested in having a chat, please just get in touch.

Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists' Club:

2026 is the 20th Anniversary of the club and we will be exploring the theme of celebrations beginning with traditions and ceremonies linked to the early part of the year. Please email [dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk) if your child is

interested in joining us for a trial session.

Learning:

Our loan boxes can be booked for a half term to enrich learning in your school or as part of a free led session. Give us a call to chat through your needs.

Home educators:

If you're interested in bringing your children to explore the museum and our collections, please get in touch.

DCM events in March:

Events are included in the Museum admission unless otherwise stated. Bookings can be made online and via [hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk). For the full listing, please see [www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk](http://www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk).

**Recipes and Remedies from the museum archives**

**Tuesday, March 10th, 11.30am – 12.30pm.**

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

**FDCM talk - Lead Mining by Gerard Marsh**

**Friday, March 20th, 2.00pm – 3.30pm.**

Donations welcome from non-members

**Stonewall Soap - Melt and Pour**

**Monday, March 30th, 10.30am – 1.30pm**

Family friendly activity. Replicate the distinctive Yorkshire Dales drystone wall in soap, using a non-chemical melt and pour soap base. Fun for all ages to enjoy. Children to be accompanied by an adult. Suitable for ages 5 and above. £35 (per child) Booking essential.

**Wednesday, April 1st, 1.00pm – 4.00pm**

**Easter Badges**

Come along to our family activity, embrace spring and design your own easter badges.

**Thursday, April 2nd, 1.00pm – 4.00pm**

**Viking Cord**

Have a go at making Viking cord, perfect for key chains and friendship bracelets.

**Tuesday, April 7th, 11.00am – 4.30pm**

**Walling Demo**

**Hawes Amateur Operatic Society  
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A huge thank you to all our wonderful cast and crew for your talent, dedication, and hard work—you truly brought this pantomime to life. Thank you as well to our fabulous audiences for your enthusiasm, laughter, and continued support; you are the heart of everything we do. We are also incredibly grateful to the local businesses and individuals who supported our group so generously and helped make this year’s panto such a great success. We couldn’t have done it without you.

And finally, our lucky programme winner is Number 154! If that’s you, please contact **Suzanne Excell on 07896 806501** to claim your prize.



Thank you all for being part of such a fantastic voyage! Photo courtesy of Scenic View in Reeth.

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**Dales Archaeology Day 2026 -  
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We are pleased to announce that the Dales Archaeology Day will be held on **Saturday, March 21st** at the Key Centre in Middleham (Park Lane, Middleham, Leyburn, DL8 4RA). As usual there will be stalls, information displays and talks on a range of topics relating to the historic environment of the Yorkshire Dales National Park. There will also be refreshments in the form of and tea and coffee.

Closing date for booking tickets via our website <https://retail.yorkshiredales.org.uk/products/dales-archaeology-day-2025> will be **March 18th.**

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## Aysgarth Garage Shop

The shop at Aysgarth Garage changed hands in September 2025. Previously run by Steve Jack for several years, it is now in the hands of Penny Petroleum, a company based in Powburn, Northumberland. It has over ninety outlets, mostly garages but also shops and other enterprises, largely in the north of England and Scotland. It is important to note that the garage next door, known as Edgley Garage, is not part of Penny Petroleum, being independently run by Rob Labro, as it has been for a number of years.

After a couple of weeks closure the shop was opened on October 2nd. It had been much missed by the residents of Aysgarth, Thorlby, Carperby, West Burton and Thornton Rust. The initial impression was that the stock was more geared to passing trade than to local inhabitants, but that has begun to change now as the staff are taking note of what people want. For example, there is a wider range of fruit and vegetables than we have ever had, often at quite reasonable prices. There are still gaps, such as the lack of local fresh bread, but most people say it is getting better.

The two things that were most missed were the newspapers and the Post Office. Eventually in January this year the newspapers returned. This was a huge relief because collecting the daily paper had meant travelling quite a distance. Regrettably the Post Office has not yet come back. Despite constant pestering by the staff, all they get is promises that it will return. We all know, of course, just how slow the Post Office works, so we may have a long wait.

All the previous staff have left, so there are new faces. The manager is now Marcus, who lives in Richmond. He has been with Penny Petroleum for nearly two years but he has a background in retail management going back further than that. The assistant manager, Simone, and a couple of other staff members all live locally in Wensleydale. It is expected that more staff will be taken on in the summer months when the tourist trade picks up. At present, trade is steady but not really busy. The summer traffic will change that because there are not many shops on the main A684 between Leyburn and Hawes to compete with Aysgarth: only West Witton, where parking is difficult, and the garage, with a few bits and pieces in Bainbridge. Aysgarth has a large car park and is

very prominent. It also has fuel pumps which is another draw.

There are some future changes planned for the shop. Marcus wants to install a drinks machine sometime soon and later in the year there are plans to redesign the layout, with wider aisles and probably making more use of the extensive space to the right of the shop. He also wants to reduce the range of some commodities, such as some of the car related products. Not the vapes though! Apparently all Penny Petroleum shops have them, however low the turnover.

For the locals it is good to have the shop up and running again. A lot of people do support it and we would encourage everyone to pop in for a bit of shopping. The opening hours are very convenient and easy to remember: 7.00am to 7.00pm every day. The more people use it the more likely it is to survive, so give it a go, you might be surprised what you can buy there.

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## Sweet Clementine

For those of you who felt that the Mulberry Bush was the most interesting shop in Hawes the good news is that its replacement 'Sweet Clementine' could well prove to be a worthy successor.

First of all who are the new leaseholders;- they are Jessica Sorice and her partner Stefan Stadnyk. Jessica's father came from Italy and Stefan's grandfather from Ukraine but they were both born and raised in Halifax, West Yorkshire.

They moved to Cornwall in 2020 seeking a more idyllic way of life. But then to be closer to their families they decided to come back to Yorkshire but still be rural. So they found a good solution – a house in Cotterdale.

They have lived in Cotterdale for the last two years with their 10 year old daughter Sofia. Stefan still owns a construction company in Cornwall and Jessica worked on-line in sales and marketing for a fragrance company. So neither of them has run a shop before but when they saw the premises in Hawes up for lease they fancied 'giving it a go'.

The shop is really Jessica's responsibility as Stefan is still remotely running his construction business in Cornwall and travels to Cornwall to supervise the operation down there when larger projects are being undertaken.

So what does 'Sweet Clementine' sell. It is probably best described as homeware, gifts and cards. You can see tableware on display and a

range of cushions and candles. There is a good selection of 'Mon Ami' and other soft toys and an extensive choice of greeting and birthday cards. Where possible the items all come from the UK and Jessica is really keen on being as eco-friendly as possible in terms of packaging etc. Jessica says "I have put a lot of careful thought into which items would be stocked in store. I wanted to stock items that were handmade by small businesses and whose ethos stood out. A lot of the chosen items are from women owned businesses and brands that consider their footprint."

Stefan and Jessica also make a unique range of wooden 'grazing-boards' on-site which have proved very popular and are on-sale in the shop. Jessica says "We started from the bottom and worked our way towards what we now have, we have had no handouts, and we have invested our own savings into hopefully making the shop a success. Which we are very proud to have done ourselves."

They have an interesting web-site at [www.sweet-clementine.co.uk](http://www.sweet-clementine.co.uk) where some of their products can be seen and they hopefully plan to build up the on-line side of the business in the future.

The Newsletter welcomes Jessica and Stefan to Hawes and wishes them every success with their new venture.

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## Preston Under Scar Wooped By Tarmac

Preston under Scar's Residents Group's dispute with Tarmac and NYCC over their plans to prolong the life of Wensley Quarry continues. Having successfully obliged Tarmac to withdraw their planning application, they were treated on January 28th to a visit from the firm's Public Relations department (WQ Communications). A consultation exercise in the village hall included seven representatives of the company, display boards declaring their commitment to the standards and conditions they have failed to adhere to during the last 10 years, including good relations with neighbours.

The residents do not see Tarmac as good neighbours, and have made clear their failure to log and act on hundreds of complaints, to adhere to planning conditions, particularly concerning water and dust pollution, and to adhere to the truth in their withdrawn planning application. A spokesperson for the PuS group said: "Tarmac's PR company have clearly put a lot of effort into this exhibition. It was full of glossy images and reassuring promises of how they will act if they get planning permission. But how can we possibly trust their word after the way they have acted over the past ten years. They previously used numerous untrue statements to falsely justify their claim that 'no amendments are deemed necessary to the existing site controls'."


Campaign group Stop Ure Pollution (SUP) has also raised concerns about breaches regarding the treatment of foul water. A

spokesperson said: "With regular testing throughout 2025, Stop Ure Pollution showed that the River Ure is polluted and often not safe to bathe in. Despite repeated requests from local planners, Tarmac has been flagrantly in breach of conditions regarding the discharge of foul and surface water for the past ten years. North Yorkshire Council should not consider any further applications from Tarmac until this is rectified."

After the exhibition at the village hall, SUP called for a hydrological drainage study to be conducted to understand the complex flow of foul and surface water from the quarry sites. Tarmac have consistently claimed that the water "just drains away" and no action is needed.

Tiffany Cox, strategic planning manager at Tarmac, said: "We pride ourselves in being a responsible business and working closely with our neighbours. We accept that our previous handling of complaints fell short, and we have put more robust processes in place to ensure this does not happen again."

It remains to be seen whether the consultation exercise and Tarmac's response to it and to their initial failure have done enough to ensure the new application is acceptable. Interestingly, there are currently at least six ongoing disputes nationwide between Tarmac and communities living near their quarries. Disputes concern pollution, noise, the effects of blasting, foul water. Familiar words to those in Wensleydale. For more details visit [wensleyquarry.tarmac.com](http://wensleyquarry.tarmac.com).



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Leyburn Arts Centre, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am - 12.30pm

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## Reeth Memorial Hall

We start again with concerts at the hall in March. Details and dates for 2026 concerts on our website.

**Saturday, March 14th** – Gaz Brookfield.  
Tickets direct from Gaz - £15.00  
[gazbrookfield.com](http://gazbrookfield.com)

**Friday, March 20th** – Blackbeard's Tea Party:

Drums, electric guitars, fiddle, melodeon and 4-part vocal harmonies combine to create music that is drenched in tradition, but filtered through a kaleidoscope of modern rock and pop. Tickets £17 (£19 door).

Tickets for concerts are available from Reeth PO or phone **Glen Steward 01748 884989** or visit [www.reethmemorialhall.weebly.com](http://www.reethmemorialhall.weebly.com). Tickets are half price for under 16s. All concerts start at **8.00pm** – doors open 7.30pm.

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We look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday, March 24th at 2.00pm** at Tennants Auction House, Leyburn. Non-members/guests are always welcome at all Arts Society Wensleydale lectures. A donation of £10 is suggested or why not become a member? For more information on Wensleydale Arts Society, visit <https://theartsociety.org/wensleydale>.

## Tuesday Hawes Fish Market

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## What a Day

On January 15th a group from St Oswald's Church, Askrigg, travelled to London on what turned out to be an auspicious day.

Last year, I wrote an article for the Newsletter on the restoration of the Tower and the reasons for which the work had to be undertaken. In April last year we held a celebration to commemorate the completion of the work and to have the Tower rededicated by the Right Reverend Anna Eltringham, Bishop of Ripon. Andrew Boyce, our Church Architect, mentioned that it had been suggested to him that he entered the project for an award, but after that all was silent.

Imagine our joy when we heard that Andrew had submitted the project to the Ecclesiastical Architects and Surveyors Association (EASA) for the 'King of Prussia's Gold Medal Award' and that out of 169 applicants, we were in the final six.

The King of Prussia's Gold Medal is a prestigious award, little known except among architects, for innovative, high-quality conservation. We felt that being in the final six was like being short-listed for the Booker Prize, which is used for PR purposes, an accolade in itself.

The team which travelled to St Mellitus College, South Kensington, for the awards ceremony consisted of Architect, Andrew Boyce, Will Hague, Stone Mason and Foreman from Matthias Garn and Partners and from the Church, Reverend Dave Clark, Stephanie Durrant and MaryRose Kearney.

We arrived at the venue to have a buffet lunch and then to see panels of the work of all six finalists. There was wonderful work from across the country and each project made us feel that we had incredibly strong competition. Prince Nicholas von Preussen, the Patron of the EASA, visited each panel and discussed the project with the applicants. He is very knowledgeable and interested in Church conservation, so the interviews took some time. We then took our seats in the auditorium, and each project was illustrated on a large screen and information about its history was given.

As I stated in my last article, our project was undertaken to resolve the long-standing issue of damp in the Church and the Tower, causing mould and decay. The proposed solution was to

use the traditional construction technique of lime coating. The judging panel commended Askrigg on a strong solution to a long-standing problem and for its use of traditional lime render.

By this time, we were on the edge of our seats. The runner-up was announced as 'Highly Commended' and finally, the Winners; St Oswald's Church, Askrigg had won the distinguished award for innovative, high-quality conservation.

We were invited to the front to receive the gold medal from Prince Nicholas and £500 for the Church. As you can imagine, we could not stop smiling. This result was above our expectations and made the fifteen years of hard work worthwhile. Nothing can now take away the fact that our work on the Tower has received National recognition. Our journey back to Askrigg was not made on the train, but on Cloud 9.

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## Pick of the Bunch

Anyone looking inside our garden shed will find lots of non-gardening stuff; engine oil, fishing nets, bits of furniture all conspire to keep at bay anything remotely useful like a spade or trowel. It's my own fault for refusing to chuck anything away...would you look at that – three, yes, THREE plastic dustbins skulking in a corner thinking I haven't noticed them. Well two can go, although you never know when extras might come in handy so let's not be too hasty and there you go, that's the problem in a nutshell – everything may 'come in handy' at some point and so is squirreled away to become the ideal host for a decade's worth of cobwebs.

Anyway, I'm not venturing in there today, too depressing; just beyond mundane shed world lies a little sun trap heaven of a corner which I've been intending to develop 'sometime... never' and now's the time to act – an unseasonably mild, winter day has coaxed me into planting a giant shrub rose so time to get weaving, but which to choose?

There are three in the frame; let's begin with *Rosa glauca* – so, a tarted-up dog rose? How dare you - no, look closer at this vigorous six-footer with her slate grey/ purple leaves, dainty scentless single pink flowers in spring followed by striking red hips in Autumn – what a stunner. Like most shrubbies, it's relatively disease free, thumbing its nose at black spot, mildew and like the other two I'll mention, happy if left unchecked, although I'd prefer to thin out in February by removing any dead wood and half a dozen older shoots so's to avoid congestion.

Unlike *glauca*, Canary Bird does have a pleasing musky perfume. The single, cupped yellow blooms appear in late Spring and occasionally Autumn on this 8 ft specimen, and are perfectly framed by masses of feathery foliage, much loved by flower arrangers. Fetching maroon hips also develop later, so all good then and a clear vote winner? Well, no; during harsher winters I've found it's prone to die back and if not pruned carefully, can become top heavy and suffer from wind-rock. To rectify that, you're into all-over hard pruning and replanting and nowadays, my brain or body, don't know which weakens first, shies away from that level of slog.

What a grouch I sound; despite the drawbacks, either of these two would be fabulous additions to the garden and good luck if you choose them,

but I'm going for *rosa moyesii* 'Geranium', a twelve-foot giant with attitude, boasting scented, single, flat flowers of the deepest scarlet, two inches across which are borne on stout, upright branches fairly bristling with thorns – no grandkids about much these days, boohoo, so the spikey stuff's not a problem, well, not until I have to paint the shed i.e. once in a blue moon, but I'll worry about that next century. So, apart from that, all good, especially later into the year when you'll find that this fellow's been keeping his powder dry as, in the space of a few weeks, enormous orange hips are produced in abundance, the whole plant lit up like an early Christmas tree.

I'll underplant with humble fleabane; confession time – I first noticed this purple/ yellow flowering beauty last summer, tumbling wildly over walls in Leyburn. A few seed heads miraculously found their way into my pocket, ahem, and four weeks later, I had a seed tray full of sprouting erigeron - dotting them around at the foot of my beast of a rose should provide a happy clash of colours worthy of 'Homes and Gardens'...hmm, I can but dream. If you're a control freak, (who, me?) best avoid fleabane as IT decides where to colonise - I'm planting loads and hoping that 50% might take and thrive.

How great to use all three roses, but that would be just plain greedy and akin to stockpiling plastic dustbins – yes, there are strange folk out there who do that. Also, I'm convinced a big sin in gardening is overplanting – I can bore for England rambling on about how it's what you take OUT of a garden that improves it but fortunately for you, time's up.

**Ed Gardener**

## Penhill Ladies

Cheese Making in Wensleydale

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, March 18th at 7.30pm** in Carperby Village Institute.

A talk by our guest speakers, Ben and Sam Spence, on the founding of the famous Curlew Dairy. There will also be an opportunity to sample some of the dairy's delicious artisan cheeses. Their Yoredale Wensleydale recently won gold at the British Cheese Awards!

It is an open meeting and non members are welcome. There is a charge of £5 for non members. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Thorlby and District WI

We've had a busy start to the 2026 New Year with a very informative talk from Rob Marshall about his trip to Iceland at the January meeting.

On February 17th Alan and Claire Flack gave a very interesting talk about their Book Shop called the "Wonky Tree" in Leyburn. It was a new venture for them after moving up from Devon. This is a lovely independent book shop where there is always a warm welcome and a fantastic range of books. If you are a regular customer you can have a loyalty card and children have a special loyalty card and when they buy and read eight books, they get their ninth free with a value up to £9. They work very hard to support the community, running three book clubs and supporting local schools with authors visits, work experience and book fairs in schools for events like World Book Day.

For the months ahead we have lots to look forward to including cookery demonstrations, a craft evening, learning about the defibrillator and first aid and finding out about Bishopdale through the ages.

Our "Soup and Sweet" is on every third Thursday of the month from September to April and is very popular. Come and join us for a delicious lunch for only £5 and meet some lovely people.

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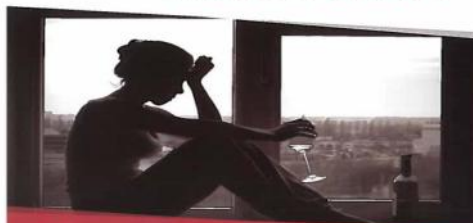
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## Upper Dales Health Watch

Synopsis of the minutes of the meeting held on  
**February 5th 2026**

Proposed meeting for Carers – the Central Dales Practice is now thinking of having an Annual Practice Health Day, probably to take place in West Burton Village Hall in early July 2026. Elizabeth Fawcett would be a key organiser of this event. Anyone willing to help (putting out tables and chairs, making tea / coffee, welcoming visitors etc.) should email Elizabeth on [elizabeth.fawcett1@nhs.net](mailto:elizabeth.fawcett1@nhs.net) putting Volunteer for Health Day as the subject. Volunteers will get the standard reply saying their email will not be responded to, but Elizabeth will be keeping an eye out for these emails and will respond.

The Practice is sending out a survey to 200 randomly selected patients.

Jess's Rule - information on this has now been received. When a patient has been seen 3 times for the same issue, they must now be reviewed and referred on to a specialist if that is appropriate. Patients should not give up if symptoms continue. If they don't go back to the surgery, it will be assumed they are OK.

The uptake of 'flu jabs has been good this year, and nearly all the vaccine has been used.

Central Dales Practice is going to be the national Systm1 pilot in England for Proscript.

Staffing – Dr Lowe is leaving the at the end of March to further her career. She has been replaced by Dr Kathryn Morton. Dr Morton is from Southampton and is looking forward to working in a rural practice. Dr Morton is in the process of changing her name to Dr Kathryn Carey-Jones. This may initially cause some confusion. She is working in Hawes Tuesday – Friday and Dr Pain is now looking after Aysgarth. The search goes on for another GP or Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP).

Social media – Lynn would welcome any feedback on the CDP's Facebook page. Any suggestions from those that use this communication method should be sent to [Lynn.Irwin@nhs.net](mailto:Lynn.Irwin@nhs.net). Reference to Parish Reps was suggested.

**Jane Ritchie**

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**Monday, March 9th from 6.00pm** at LACC

**Tuesday, March 10th from 6.00pm** at LACC

**Wednesday March 11th from 6.00pm** at LACC

Junior Speech Classes:

**Tuesday, March 10th from 9.30pm** at LACC

Junior Music Classes:

**Thursday, March 19th from 12.50pm** at LACC

**Friday, March 20th from 10.00am** at Tennants

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## Hawes Town Investment Plan

### Progress Update

York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority and North Yorkshire Council are currently working with communities across the county to produce a series of bespoke Town Investment Plans. These Plans are being delivered in consultation with local communities to identify projects and initiatives that will meet their future needs and aspirations. More information on the Town Investment Plan programme can be found on our website:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/community-and-volunteering/community-projects/town-investment-plans>

We began consultation for the Hawes Town Investment Plan in September 2025 with a series of public consultations in the Market Hall with local residents and business owners. Thank you to all those who either attended these sessions or completed our survey, sharing your views on the issues and challenges presenting locally, and your ideas and suggestions on opportunities for the future. Together the sessions and survey responses provided us with a wealth of useful insight and data on your town and community. We have used this information to draft initial ideas for projects which respond to your needs as a community.

In the next phase of the project, we would like to invite you to join us at the Market Hall in Hawes on **Tuesday, March 24th, 2.00pm-5.00pm** so we can feed back on the strengths and challenges that you have identified and share details of the projects we are proposing to address some of the challenges before we issue the draft Hawes Town Investment Plan for consultation. We are keen to get your views on the projects and initiatives proposed for the Plan and to explore these ideas and their viability with you. We look forward to seeing you if you are able to join us.

If you are unable to join us for this event, but would like to find out more, please get in touch with us directly: Lisa Wilson, Communities Locality Lead (Richmond and Northallerton). [Lisa.wilson1@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:Lisa.wilson1@northyorks.gov.uk).

Virginia Arrowsmith, Communities Development Officer (Richmond and Northallerton)  
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Thank you for your support and feedback.

## Bainbridge Women's Institute

Our Garden Club ladies have been to check out the snowdrops at Kipling Hall and are making plans for their future outings. The bookworms are still reading and the lunching ladies are about to go to Hamiltons for another delicious meal - and free entertainment from Steve. Unfortunately, the walkers had to cancel their February walk due to the weather. Everywhere is just too water-logged to make it enjoyable and safe.

Our crafting ladies have been busy, not just with their monthly Saturday morning gathering at Sycamore Hall, but also with two workshops. The first was a session of paper crafting with Diana where we made greetings cards and scrapbooks. It was amazing to see the different designs made by everyone.

Our next experiment was at the potters wheel. Oh yes, we were hoping for a Patrick Swayze moment but sadly it didn't happen. Despite that, we all managed to take note of the guidance from potter, Liz Carlisle, before throwing our own creations. Most made bowls but there were a few random jugs created when some of the bowls went a bit awry. It was great fun and we were all pleased with the result. We hope to have another workshop later in the year.

As I write this, our February meeting has not taken place but we are looking forward to welcoming Ruth Lindsey, who is talking to us about how the plentiful, and cheap, natural wool we have in abundance here is helping to manage the local peat bogs.

Our next meeting will also take place at Sycamore Hall in Bainbridge from **7.30pm on Thursday, March 19th**. Our speakers will be Bob Coombes and Christine Butterworth who will be talking to us about The Wensleydale Railway. If you are interested, you can come along as a visitor for the evening so do join us. As always, we will be serving refreshments after the talk.

If you are interested in joining our busy and friendly group you will be very welcome to come along to any of our monthly meetings and see what we get up to. There is no commitment to join on the day, so give us a try. You can get further details from our President, **Sue Stokes on 07816 955723**. We would be delighted to see you and offer a warm welcome and lots of opportunities.



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## Blueboxt - March Update

Firstly, well done to everyone who took part in making Hawes Amateur Operatic Society's production of Robinson Crusoe another top notch and memorable pantomime. Packed performances at Hawes Market House is testament to how much this event is part of the community events calendar.

February started with a musical workshop led by Sheffield based professional musician Sarah Henegen. Nine young people aged 7-16 years brought their instruments and explored improvisation with Sarah and community musicians Bee Darcey (Vocals), Michael Yare (Guitar) and, John Keeler (Bass). The session was made possible thanks to funding from AMP, Youth Music and Arts Council England.

This month sees us supporting participants taking part in the Wensleydale Tournament of Song at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre – good luck to all competitors. Members of Light My Choir! are busy preparing too. Our largest ensemble yet are getting ready to take to the stage as part of the Choir Day held at The Garden Rooms at Tennants.

Fundraiser for The Friends of Marrick Priory - Friday, March 27th at Reeth Memorial Hall.

Vocalists Gail Barlow and Colin Bailey present a programme entitled "Mediterranean Medley" raising funds for Marrick Priory Outdoor Education and Residential Centre. There will also be a bar and raffle. Doors open **6.00pm for 6.30pm start**. Tickets cost £15 including two course meal - available from Reeth Post Office or on the door.

Volunteering – We welcome enquiries from potential volunteers – from stewarding events, mentoring or helping in the office, there is a role to suit everyone.

Like all charities, it's tough going at the moment – We are seeking people interested in helping to fundraise and secure funding. Please contact us for an informal chat and to find out how you could help.

Raising Creative Aspirations – Now welcoming applications from young people aged 16-26 year olds who are interested in working in

the Creative Industries Sector.

Supported by Youth Music and using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England we will be able to support twenty young people with coaching and business advice and three paid Freelance Creative placements designed to build careers in the music and creative industries. See website for more details or contact us to find out more.

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## West Witton Auction of Promises

West Witton is coming together this spring to support UNICEF's vital humanitarian work responding to the ongoing crises in Gaza and Ukraine, and we're inviting local residents and businesses to be part of it.

On **Saturday, March 28th**, the West Witton Auction of Promises will take place in the Village Hall, starting at **7.00pm**. The evening promises to be a sociable and entertaining event, with all proceeds going directly to UNICEF to help provide emergency aid, healthcare, clean water, education, and protection for children and families affected by conflict.

To make the auction truly special, we are looking for promises — donations of items, experiences, or services. These can be big or small, practical or playful. Past auctions have featured everything from homemade cakes, gardening help, and lifts to the airport, to professional services, vouchers, meals, lessons, and unique local experiences. If you have a skill, a talent, a business, or simply a bit of time to offer, your contribution can make a real difference. Local businesses are especially encouraged to get involved. Donating a promise is a wonderful way to support an important cause while showcasing what you do to the community.

If you are able to donate a promise, or would like more information, please contact **Joy Baggaley before Monday, March 23rd 8.00pm**: Text: **07919 426015** Email: [joy.baggaley59@googlemail.com](mailto:joy.baggaley59@googlemail.com). Thank you for helping West Witton show its generosity and solidarity with those who need it most. Together, we can turn simple promises into meaningful support.

Wensleydale School in Leyburn has recently trialled the use of new artificial intelligence (AI) technology to help mark GCSE mock exam papers, making it one of the first state schools in the country to explore this approach in a real exam setting.

The trial took place earlier this half term and was led by Deputy Head Charlie Barnett. It focused on English and History, subjects where pupils write longer answers and teachers spend many hours carefully marking work.

In English, the technology was used with the whole of Year 11 for both English Language and English Literature. In History, it was trialled with two classes for one exam paper. Geography teachers have also explored the system using some Key Stage 4 assessments.

The AI system was used to give marks and

written feedback, but teachers remained fully involved throughout. Staff have carefully reviewed what the technology produced and compared it with their own marking to check accuracy and fairness.

Mr Barnett explained: “Teachers are still very much in control. This was about seeing whether technology could support our work and help us give pupils even better feedback, not about replacing teachers.”

The school will be studying the results of the trial with staff over the coming weeks before deciding whether to use the technology again in the future.

Wensleydale School continues to look carefully at new ways to support pupils as they prepare for their exams, while making sure that changes are thoughtful, measured and always in the best interests of students.



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## Heavens Above

Venus, the brightest of all the planets and our nearest planetary neighbour, dominates the early evening sky this month. You can't possibly miss it shining brilliantly low in the west soon after sunset. It stays with us as a beautiful 'Evening Star' right through Spring and Summer before disappearing into the Sun's glare in late September. It's at its most impressive in May when it's high enough to be seen in a properly dark sky.

On June 9th Venus meets up with the second brightest planet, Jupiter, in a rare planetary conjunction. The pair pass each other just a few Moon-widths apart around 10.30pm. A really impressive sight especially if you can get hold of some binoculars or a small telescope. Keep an eye out too for the innermost planet, Mercury, which will also be on show to the lower right of the planetary duo.

The ancient Romans named Venus after their Goddess of Love and Beauty probably because it was the brightest of the five naked eye planets known back then. But what a misnomer. They should really have called it after Hades, the God of the Underworld, as conditions there are pretty diabolical.

The whole planet is entirely covered by a thick blanket of clouds formed out of drops of highly concentrated sulphuric acid with wind speeds at the cloudtops often reaching 220 miles an hour. These deadly clouds hang in Venus's immensely dense atmosphere made up of unbreathable carbon dioxide. Millions of tons of this were pumped out sometime in Venus's past by the hundreds and hundreds of volcanoes that dot its arid, waterless surface. Not surprisingly this created a runaway greenhouse-effect, turning Venus into the hottest planet in the Solar System with temperatures reaching 460°C. That's hot enough to melt lead! And we moan on about the heat if we happen to get a few days when it's in the 90s. (that's the 30s centigrade for the younger ones!)

Speaking of warmer weather Spring officially begins this month at the Equinox on **March 20th** when the Sun moves up to shine over the northern hemisphere once again. Don't confuse this with British Summer Time which starts on **March 29th** when you'll need to put your clocks - if you've still got them! - *forward*. Have clear skies.

Al Bireo

## An Abattoir No More

It's all change down at Borrwins, just outside Bainbridge, with a new venture launching. Many of you may recall that for over twenty years, Borrwins has been the site of our local abattoir, run by Martin and Lindsey McIntyre. The abattoir opened in 2001, following the dreadful Foot and Mouth outbreak, when Martin's services were called upon in the worst possible circumstances.

Since then, the abattoir has allowed local farmers to have their stock killed without having to endure long and unpleasant journeys. The abattoir not only offered this service to our local farmers, but also had links with some of the major supermarkets and large food suppliers to provide fresh, traceable meat to the market.

Unfortunately, following Brexit, and with increasingly challenging bureaucratic requirements and increasing running costs, the decision was reluctantly taken to close the abattoir in 2024. Since that time, the buildings have undergone some re-purposing and refurbishment with office spaces created alongside self-storage units. These spaces are available to rent and a new venture has recently opened called Coco Beauty and Design, operated by Chloe Teasdale. To make enquiries or an appointment, call **07494 916686** or check out on Facebook.

Feather and Fern Florist closed the shop in Hawes at the end of February and has re-located to East Borrwins Farm. Shannon Acton (Martin and Lindsey's youngest daughter) will continue to run her business from this new base, focussing on gift bouquets, weddings, funerals and events. Shannon can be contacted on **07807 912985**, via the website [www.featherandfernflorist.co.uk](http://www.featherandfernflorist.co.uk) or by email at [eatherandfern@outlook.com](mailto:eatherandfern@outlook.com) to order bouquets or discuss wedding, funeral or event flowers.



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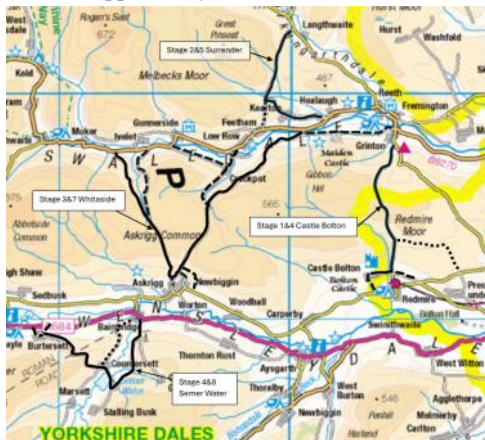
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We have a full entry of 100 competing cars, including many local crews as well as visitors from across the country, all of whom will bring valuable income into the Dales. The rally is based at Tennant's Auction House in Leyburn, with the official start taking

place in the Market Square. Competitors will complete a loop of four closed-road stages in the morning before returning to Leyburn for service, then repeat the same loop again in the afternoon.

Although residents living directly on the closed-road sections have already been contacted, we also want to ensure that anyone

else who may be affected is aware of the planned road closures. The map provided shows the full route and highlights the roads that will be closed for the competition. We have created designated spectator areas to help minimise disruption for those living nearby.

We hope the event causes as little inconvenience as possible. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact our Residents' Helpline: **07377 371565**. Further information is available on our website: [www.northallertonautoclub.co.uk/yorkshiresdalesrally](http://www.northallertonautoclub.co.uk/yorkshiresdalesrally).

You can also follow our Facebook Page for live updates on road closures and reopening times throughout the day. Thank you for your patience and support as we bring this exciting new event to the area.

Please Note;- When the roads used by the stages are closed it is an offence to traverse, use, walk or cross unless approval from the senior event officials has been given.

## Old Local Photographs Shows

Geoff Philips from Bainbridge will be showing some old photographs at Gayle Methodist Chapel on three **Tuesdays in March from 7.00pm to 8.00pm**. There will be no admission charge but donations towards repairs at the chapel would be appreciated.

**March 10th** – The last Hawes Gala (2014), 45 mins plus Hawes Chapel 150th Anniversary, 15mins.

**March 17th** – How Hawes church got its 'new' bell but lost its clock, 45 mins plus the Hawes Ruby Gala (2007), 15 mins.

**March 24th** – A very wide mixture including Coronation Jubilee, Hawes Sunday School.



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Gym membership – purchased through ClubRight gym management system [www.yorebridgesportandleisure.co.uk/](http://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.

Our fully equipped gym and studio space is open 7 days a week. A live Membership / Voucher, set up through ClubRight, is required to access the electronic door. The gym is open 6am – 10pm 365 days a year.

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Friday 13 March 6pm  
The Golden Spurtle (PG) 1hr 15m

Friday 20 March 6pm  
The Odd Couple (1968) (PG) 1hr 45m

Friday 27 March 6pm  
The Choral (12A) 1 hr 53m

### Coming Soon

- Song Sung Blue
- Hamnet
- H for Hawk

Thursday 5 March 7pm £12/£6  
Trafalgar Releasing: Othello

Saturday 7 March 7pm for 7.30pm start £10  
Music Quiz Night with Pie and Peas supper.

Saturday 21 March 7.30pm £12/£6  
Fakespeare – A Merely Players Production

Thursday 26 March 7pm £12/£6  
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- Thursday 9 April - Cinema Live: MUSIK
- Thursday 16 April - National Theatre Live: All My Sons
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