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Guest Editorial

If you walk down the hill in Hawes towards Town Foot, you will see an amazing 'installation' made entirely of knitting. This commemorates the first 150 years of the Settle - Carlisle Railway which carried its first passengers in April 1876. The knit work depicts the Ribbleshead viaduct, a steam train, various moorland birds and, of course, the names of the stations (and any contribution to the equally amazing Air Ambulance Service is welcomed). (See page 28).

Nobody travelling on this line on a fine day could fail to be impressed by the scenery through the windows as the little train rattles along. The great shoulders of Pen-y-Ghent and Ingleborough viewed across spreads of patchwork fields littered with ancient boulders, not to mention sheep, the valleys, the streams, and the waterfalls. Then there are the stations themselves, little rustic outposts mainly, with flowerbeds and old cast iron seats, painted in the traditional livery colours of dark red and cream. If your train stops for long enough you might spot, woven into a roof, the initials 'MR' for this line was built by the Midland Railway.

A complicated dispute had arisen between this company and its bigger rival, the London and North Western Railway (LNWR). Both wanted to get passengers up to Scotland. Both had trains going through Ingleton where there were in fact two stations. LNWR would not 'share' its terminus at Ingleton Viaduct so MR passengers had to walk a mile or so up a steep gradient to get on to their north-bound train at the other station. An agreement of a kind was reached eventually so that MR passengers were allowed to stay on their train and go through the LNWR station but out of spite, or so it seems, the LNWR attached heavy good waggons to the passenger trains, slowing them down considerably. No, you couldn't make it up. So, in a fit of grand 'pique', the Midland Railway decided to build its own independent line and work started on the Settle-Carlisle railway in November, 1869, 73 miles of track running through some of the most scenic (and potentially treacherous) terrain in England.

There are 14 tunnels along the line, and 22 viaducts, the most famous being the iconic Ribbleshead viaduct, a majestic piece of engineering which sweeps across the land from valley side to valley side on its 24 arches. Today, these beautiful, almost poetic structures

seem part of the natural landscape, their colours weathered, blending their bricks with earth and stone. But the creation of this line came at a cost, and not just to the Midland Railway whose initial budget of £2.6 million (£240 million today) was half the final cost (critics of the HS2 project, please note). There was considerable loss of life in building it. Over 6,000 'navvies', mainly Irish, camped out along the line in shanty towns with names like Inkerman, Sebastopol and Jericho. Today, tourists eat their sandwiches among the litter of stones by a stream at Ribbleshead, all that remains of one such settlement. Some perished by falling to their deaths from scaffolding and bridges, some by drowning, others, along with their wives and children, succumbed to smallpox and typhoid. There is no record of the number of deaths but just beyond Ribbleshead, in the graveyard at Chapel le Dale, over 200 of the 'navvies' and their families lie in unmarked graves. The graveyard had to be extended because so many died but the Midland Railway, unwilling to pay for stone markers, paid only for wooden ones which soon rotted away.

The line has been threatened with closure more than once. It escaped the notorious 'Beeching Cuts' of the 1960s which resulted in the permanent closure of many branch lines all over England, but its future remained precarious. By 1970 only two stations along the line remained open, there were just two trains a day, mainly freight, and the stations, the viaducts and the tunnels fell into disrepair. But when a death rattle was sounded by British Rail in the 1980s, with the threat of permanent closure, the troops rallied. A protest group was formed called the Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line which campaigned vigorously against closure. The group pointed out the importance of tourism in this remote part of England, not to mention the loss of a link to the main line to Scotland. And they revealed a 'closure by stealth campaign' on behalf of British Rail who had apparently greatly exaggerated the cost of repairing the main structures in order to get the line closed. This adverse publicity did wonders for the 'keep it open' campaign. Celebrities added their names to petitions. One was Yorkshire born Alan Bennett, another a border collie called Ruswarp ('Russup'). Michael Portillo, Minister of State for Transport in 1989, achieved the reprieve of the Settle - Carlisle railway and became Honorary President of the Friends of the Line.

There is a fine bronze statue of Ruswarp on Garsdale Station in a carefully tended flower bed. He went walking with his owner Graham Nuttall in the Welsh hills in January 1990. Graham was a founder member of the Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line group and Garsdale was his favourite station (Ruswarp had added his paw print to many thousands of signatures, urging against closing the line). They never returned from Wales and in April that year Graham's body was found by a stream. Ruswarp had stayed with his dead master for eleven weeks. He survived long enough to attend the funeral.

The romance of railways has always attracted poets and musicians. Probably the most famous railway poem is 'Adelstrop' by Edward Thomas who fell at Arras in 1916. It begins 'Yes I remember Adelstrop, the name.' Beeching closed it in the 60s but one of the station boards bearing the name is preserved on a seat, in the local bus shelter. In 1936 the poet W H Auden collaborated with the composer Benjamin Britten to produce the famous Post Office documentary 'Night Mail' which chronicles the journey from London to Scotland of the special 'post train' of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway (LMS) - "This is the night mail crossing the border/ Bringing the cheque and the postal order.." the rhythm of the poem perfectly catching the rhythm of the train.

And finally, my favourite railway song , the poignant 1960s lament by Flanders and Swann in their show 'At the drop of Another Hat', a song directly aimed at the 'Beeching Cuts' which closed so many little lines for ever. It is simply a litany of station names -

'No more will I go to Blandford Forum and Morteoh
On the slow train from Midsomer Norton and Mumby Road
No churns, no porter, no cat on a seat
At Chorlton- cum- Hardy or Chester-le-Street
We won't be meeting again on the slow train..'

I have been travelling regularly to London via Leeds on the Settle - Carlisle line for seventeen years. I love it in all weathers and I love the friendliness of those who run it, many of whom are volunteers. I love the trolley ladies especially in summer when there is ice-cream. Small is beautiful. May this thing of beauty, for such it is, 'never pass into nothingness.'

Ann Pilling.



Eunice the Ewe

In May I was hiding in the lunch box of the St Margaret's Festival poster on page 6. The lucky winner of the £10 prize is Sue Butterworth of Leyburn.

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

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June Competition

Can you work out the title of some popular songs from these rephrased or synonymous titles? The number of words in the actual title is shown in brackets.

1. Assistance Required. (1)
2. Anguish Inn. (2)
3. Result of a Blubbering Jester. (4)
4. French Emperor's Defeat Location. (1)
5. One is the Single Person That One Most Desires. (6)
6. (One is Unable to Achieve) The fulfilment of a Need. (5)
7. Remain Living (2)
8. Existing Adjacent to Wonderland Adventurer. (5)
9. Vital Organ Constructed From Transparent or Translucent Amorphous Solid. (3)
10. Unable to Extract One From One's Cranium No Matter How Hard One Tries. (7)
11. One Will Always Be Accompanied on One's Perambulation. (4)
12. Never Be Outraged When Reminiscing. (5)
13. South Korean Lavish Lifestyle. (2)
14. Sugary Era (1625-1649). (2)
15. The Free-flowing Musical Work For Unconventional Lifestyle. (2)

Please send in your answers to arrive by **Tuesday, June 23rd**. Remember to include the details of your nominated charity which will receive the £50 prize should you win.

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Submission of articles

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May Competition Answers

1. Beggarmans Road
2. Cam High Road
3. Cragside Road
4. Mire Bank Lane
5. Heads Bank
6. Thoresby Lane
7. Morpeth Gate
8. Langthwaite Lane
9. Witton Steeps
10. Blean Lane
11. Whiterow Road
12. Carpley Green Road.

Well that must have been a difficult one. Only two correct entries were received, and the winners this month are our regular quiz entrants Kelvin and Mary Young from Skidby, East Yorkshire. Their chosen charity to receive the £50 prize is Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Mid Dale Christian Fellowship

At Bainbridge Village Hall

Sunday June 21st at 2.30pm

Led by Rev. Dave and Sarah Clark

Refreshments to follow
Warm welcome to everyone

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
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Askrigg:	Sykes Shop,	650535
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West Burton:	Nadine Bell, Margarets Cottage	663559
Aysgarth:	Hamilton's Tearoom	663423
Redmire:	Kevin Davis West Cottage	624165
Thoralby:	Neil Piper Fernlea	663747
West Witton	Christine Barker, Chestnut Garth	624934
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Askrigg

& District Produce Show

ROLL UP! ROLL UP!! Let's get busy!

Sunday afternoon, August 30th,
at Askrigg Village Hall

Are you or your friends keen followers of television's Pottery Throwdown, The Sewing Bee, Bake Off or Gardeners' World? Well, if so, did you know that the Sunday afternoon of the August Bank Holiday weekend always marks an exciting and very important day in the Upper Wensleydale calendar?

Since 1948 The Askrigg and District Produce Show has been showcasing and rewarding the finest, and in some cases simply 'worthy', produce in an ever-expanding range of categories and classes. These categories attract talented growers, bakers, tippie-infused jam and marmalade makers, painters, artists, photographers, writers and crafts-folk from the length and breadth of the Dale, and even visitors can enter as guests.

This year's schedule of classes and categories is now available and will be delivered to all houses in the Askrigg Parish in early June. You can also find out more details by looking at previous entries and get inspired by going to our NEW social media which will be up and running very soon. In the meantime, we are happy to help in any way we can to enable you to enter and you can also find out how to

get answers to any questions about the show rules or class information at Askriggproduceshow.weebly.com or by ringing Karen or Malcolm on **01969 650100**.

As a small family show, we welcome entries from people of all abilities and the class titles are very general to encourage as many of you as possible to have a go. Parents of children in the BAWB schools may find that their children will have made something at school which can be entered in the show thanks to the support of our school network and our dedicated school's liaison team. Why not help your kids to get creative over the summer holidays and make something else to enter along with their piece from school?

Even in these technologically advanced years, with AI seemingly robbing people of their wits and creativity, there is still a huge buzz in making something, displaying it at the show and in some cases winning a prize. Furthermore, in these days of heightened awareness of the importance of mental health, the therapeutic benefits of engaging in creating something tangible are increasingly being researched and reported.

The Produce Show Committee expresses its sincere thanks for all the support and appreciation we continue to receive from friends near and far. We are also indebted to the many local businesses who have contributed to cover our costs over the years so that we can keep this lovely traditional show going. One particularly exciting prize for many is a voucher for the Ramsay's Fish and Chips van which visits Askrigg every Wednesday evening.

At this point, the Committee, friends and supporters of the Show want to extend an enormous thank you to Mike Dechezeaux for his efforts over the last decade and more as Chairman of the Produce Show Committee. Mike's enormous energy and infectious enthusiasm have ensured that this institution has continued in robust health as it approaches almost eight decades. Well done and many thanks again Mike!

We look forward to another creative and productive show. Email for show is askriggproduceshow@btinternet.com.

Chris Rigby
on behalf of the
Askrigg Produce Show Committee

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Hawes School News

Gardening Club: It was fantastic to start Gardening Club again this term. The children had a lovely first session with Ellie Bates, making and decorating their own plant pots from recycled containers. Some children chose rainbows, others chose garden scenes, whilst others drew faces and decorated their pots with googly eyes. They have filled them with compost and grass seeds. We look forward to seeing what sprouts in their 'gardens', rainbows or 'heads' in the next few weeks! The children also topped up the bird feeders.

We have big plans to develop our school grounds and would welcome any donations of spare plants, seeds or equipment from the community.

Mental Well-Being Week: In school the children have taken part in Mental Well-Being Week where they all enjoyed their well-being walks. The children across school from Nursery upwards all took part. They were able to walk with different children, explore the natural world around them and use their senses to appreciate their local environment.

As always this was a relaxing and enjoyable experience for all the children and adults involved. Thank you to Mrs Metcalfe for her continued work around well-being in school.



St Margaret's Church Visit: Class 1 visited St Margaret's Church as part of their learning in RE on places of worship. They explored the different parts of the church, the windows, the organ and the font. At the end of the visit they were all able to ring the church bells. Thanks to

Rev Dave for showing us around and talking to us about the Church.

STEM Day Settlebeck: All our Class 3 children took part in a STEM day at Settlebeck School. They completed a variety of activities including creating robots in Science, investigating aerodynamics in PE, creating shelters in DT, baking scones in Food Technology and even incorporating physics into castle designs in History. We also came away with a science pack for school to use. The children all represented school so well and had a fantastic time!

Nursery Open Afternoon: On **Wednesday, July 1st**, we will be holding our annual open afternoon for new Nursery children starting in September. This is an opportunity to see our EYFS area and speak to the staff about the provision and learning we provide at Hawes. If any parents are interested in visiting school to find out more please contact the school office to arrange a time.

For further information phone **01969 667308**, email hawes@ycatschools.co.uk or visit www.hawesprimary.co.uk, or see our Facebook page - www.facebook.com/hawesprimary.



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Heavens Above

We've a spectacular planetary conjunction this month when the two brightest planets, Venus and Jupiter, meet up in the evening sky. You'll find them low in the WNW soon after dark sitting only 1.5 degrees – a couple of moon-widths - apart. A really impressive sight especially viewed with a decent set of binoculars or small telescope which should also show you some of Jupiter's four biggest moons.

Just in case you're wondering, there's no chance of Venus and Jupiter ever colliding, as planetary conjunctions like this one are only a line-of-sight effect. Both planets stay in their own orbits millions of miles away from each other.

You'll also find the innermost planet, Mercury, on view on **June 9th** to the lower right of Venus and Jupiter, but a fair bit closer to the horizon. It's a rare opportunity to spot this elusive little world as it's only visible at certain times of the year due to its orbit being so close to the Sun.

On **June 17th** around **10.30pm**, we have another near encounter when Venus passes close to the crescent Moon. The pair will be less than a degree apart. Jupiter and Mercury are also on view, Jupiter to the Moon's lower right with Mercury much lower down towards the horizon.

This month also sees the start of the Noctilucent Cloud season. At eighty or so kilometres up, right on the edge of space, these ghostly silvery-blue clouds are the highest in the atmosphere. They get their name from the Latin for 'night-shining' as they stay lit by the Sun long after it has set when other clouds have disappeared into the darkness. NCLs as they're called for short, are probably formed by ice coated around minute particles of interplanetary or volcanic dust. Some scientists, however, feel they're the result of increased pollution in the high atmosphere by decades of industrial activity down at the Earth's surface.

If you want to have a go at spotting these intriguing cloud formations yourself, they're a great photographic project - try looking north-west late on a clear summer evening or to the north-east before dawn. Their eery bands and filaments are a lovely sight glowing softly in the deep blue summer twilight. Have clear skies!

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On Home Turf

Thumbing back through a tattered old diary, I see that an unthinkable number of years back I was sorting out a turfing job with a very pleasant couple; commendably, they were incredibly environmentally aware and concerned I might have to resort to some quite crude methods in preparing the site. I can recall the exchange almost word for word, me first:

“We’ll need well over forty turfs; it’d be a shame to have to trail down to the Skeeby supplier if we’re half a dozen short, and anyway, any spares can be used to patch up your lawn at the front – there are small burnt areas where next door’s little doggy has been leaving her mark, so we’d be best ordering plenty.”

“So, does our area need any preparation – it’s choked with docks and dandelions; is there a gentle way of getting rid?”

Feeling like the villain of the piece, I get all defensive with, “Unfortunately, I’ll have to resort to a single weedkiller application. It’s not something I enjoy doing but will be the most effective way to prepare the site. It’ll brown everything off and then I’ll strim, clear, rotovate, pick out stones, add a dash of sharp sand then rake and level.” That sounds like the beginnings of a recipe for an epic Victoria sponge, however they ain’t mollified...

“Can’t you just rotovate, won’t that get rid of all the weedy stuff and if not, aren’t there alternatives to chemicals?”

Me as witness for the defence, “What happens then is that the weed roots are shredded and dispersed into the soil, hell bent on recovery and spreading their mischief. Untended, after a couple of weeks, they’ll be sprouting up between the joints of freshly laid turf, and it’ll look a right mess. As to alternatives, vinegar in boiling water’s ok for spot weeding between flags but not feasible on this scale. If we try with salt, then there’s a danger that it persists in the soil and can drip feed you damage long term.”

“Couldn’t you cover it with sheets, suppress the light – being in the dark for a couple of months would surely kill everything.”

Being negative about all their suggestions has me feeling like a real heel, but on I go, snuffing out all hope with, “It’d need more than a couple of months – right through summer and into the

next, you’d have to put up with a sea of black plastic, and even after that you can bet that those docks and dandelions will have appreciated their kip, eager to return nicely rested and ready for havoc.”

“Would seeding be an option?”

“It’d be cheaper, but I’d preferably have to wait until September when the undesirables aren’t as active, so that’s a delay; also I’d still have to clear and level as in turfing, and it may be a bit patchy for a year or two, whereas turfs are instant - you could be lightly mowing them in four or five weeks”. Straying into slick salesman’s patter territory is to be resisted, hope I succeeded.

They then withdraw to the kitchen for a muffled conversation, and I find myself groping round for a tune to hum, ANY tune, so’s to avoid any sneaky eavesdropping on my part. I’m feigning interest in a row of beige coffee mugs when they return with “We’ll go with the turfs – how much and when can you start?”

It’s refreshing when cost hasn’t been a primary concern and is just casually mentioned as an afterthought. Looking back now at what I charged then has made me aware of just how prices have rocketed...turfs for well under £2 a roll, and would you look at that hourly rate, pure comedy gold, just...wow.

So, with a bright forecast for the following week, I was in clearing first thing Monday morning, prior to getting the turf ordered for when heavy, growy rain threatened, save running around with insipid tap water. Delivery added to the cost but was preferable to half a dozen tedious trips, there and back, in my creaking van; those mountainous speed bumps through Skeeby would have had my fully loaded, prehistoric Citroen van shedding springs.

Turned out to be an absorbing job – what a top couple they were; never have I drunk as much astonishingly potent coffee, although the abiding memory is of a weird obsession I developed over not forgetting my trusty kneepads for when the turf was to be laid, as rolling out and tamping down would be what a canny old workmate used to call ‘savage amusement’.

Ed Gardener



Musicals for a Summer's Evening 2'

On **Saturday, June 27th at 7.00pm**, at St. Margaret's Church, Hawes, Amy Cockett (vocals) and Mal Carruthers (Keyboard), will present 'Musicals for a Summers Evening 2'.

As a follow-up to last year's hugely successful 'Musicals' evening, Amy and Mal return with a whole new host of classics from the world of Musical Theatre. In addition, Rev. Dave Clark, who has joined with Amy and Mal in several concerts over the last few years, will be performing with them for the last time before his retirement at the end of August when he will move away from the area. So, if you want to take the opportunity to hear Dave's wonderful Baritone vocals for the final time, then make sure you put this date in your diary.

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 'Phantom Of The Opera', 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. Audio-Visual support will once more be provided by 'Magic' Mike Hirst who will once again show Mal's trademark video introductions.

Entry to the concert is free with interval refreshments provided. Retiring donations towards the Organ Restoration Fund at St. Margaret's would be greatly appreciated. This year's event is kindly supported by Wensleydale Vets. So why not come and join us at St Margaret's Church for what we are sure will be an evening of musical excellence and entertainment. We look forward to seeing you there.

Bellerby Open Gardens

Sunday, July 5th

11.00am – 4.30pm

£5 per adult; children under 16 FREE

Come and see the finest gardens in Richmondshire's Best Kept Village of 2025, spot the scarecrows and sample Bellerby's legendary refreshments.

Hawes In Bloom

We will be taking delivery of our plant order on Thursday, May 28th. My volunteers and I will then hope to plant up all the containers and position them in all the usual places around the town in the following few days.

As usual, any spare plants will be on sale (on a first come first sold basis) on **Saturday, June 6th** in the Penny Garth car park at **2.00pm**. Hope to see some of you there!

There is a promise of some warmer weather as I write, so let's hope the plants will get off to a good start. Best wishes

Richard, your Resident Plant Pest

Reeth Memorial Hall Concerts

Saturday, June 27th – Dixon County

An all-live and kicking country band with not a backing track in sight, performing a broad mix of country songs spanning the decades and guaranteed to get you dancing. Tickets £14 (£16 door).

Friday, July 10th – Everlys and Friends Tribute Show

A spectacular two-hour show by the UK's Number One tribute to The Everly Brothers plus special guest tributes to Hank Marvin, Buddy Holly and Jerry Lee Lewis by Ivan Marvin, Buddy Walker and Pete Gill. Tickets £18 (£20 door).

Saturday, July 18th – Sherburn, Bartley, Sanders

Soul-stirring English and Celtic songs, exhilarating tunes and quick-witted banter from Chris Sherburn, Denny Bartley and Emily Sanders on concertina, guitar and strings. Tickets £17 (£19 door).

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

We want to say a special "Thank You" to Kathy Browne who has been our Booking Secretary for the last eight years. We rely totally on time given by volunteers. Her husband Chris has also provided much support with our AV systems. You will both be very missed !!

Glen Steward

Plans For a Branch Surgery in Reeth

The Reeth Medical Centre GP practice was due to close at the end of May 2026. Dr Mike Brookes retired and as a result, the General Medical Services (GMS) contract held by Dr Brookes and his wife, Marie – who is also a practice partner – was handed back.

The decision to close the practice was taken by the practice partners. The decision was not taken by NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB). The ICB had tried to secure another GP who could take on the practice contract, but despite extensive efforts, no alternative provider was able to come forward with a viable, sustainable model.

Around 1,600 patients are currently registered with the Reeth Medical Centre practice. The ICB has a responsibility to ensure patients continue to have access to GP services after the practice closes. Therefore, patients will be automatically registered with another GP practice. Patients will be allocated to a practice based on their home postcode.

The majority of patients will be registered with Central Dales Practice (approximately 1,500). A smaller cohort will be registered with the Friary Practice in Richmond. From **Monday, June 1st**, if a patient needs an appointment, they should contact their new registered practice.

The ICB has approved an application for Central Dales Practice to run a branch surgery

in Reeth, supported by the Richmondshire Primary Care Network (PCN). The intention is to maintain access to face-to-face GP practice appointments in Reeth for part of the week, while also ensuring patients can access care across the wider practice footprint (including telephone appointments and appointments at other sites).

We can now advise that the Reeth site will be opening as planned on **Tuesday, June 2nd**.

Central Dales Practice Sites:

Hawes - **Monday to Friday**

Aysgarth - **Monday to Friday**

Reeth - **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday**

(Please note we do not close at any point during the day at any site)

What does this mean for existing Central Dales Practice patients?

No changes to existing GP/ANP cover - we have added an additional day of GP cover per week from June 1st to provide extra routine appointments to improve current access. If you wish to have an appointment with a specific GP or ANP then you may wait a little longer as they are not all full time.

There is no loss or reduction in existing services. No reduction in opening hours at Hawes or Aysgarth. The hours being delivered at Reeth are additional hours, over and above what we currently provide, to support the additional patients and workload.

We recognise these changes may feel unsettling. Over recent weeks, we have listened carefully to concerns raised by patients and the local community, and we are working with NHS partners to protect access to care in Reeth while putting a more sustainable model in place for the future.

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Dales Countryside Museum**

Rivers4Life is the new exhibition opening at the Dales Countryside Museum (DCM), Hawes on **Saturday, June 6th running to September 27th**. This family-friendly exhibition, packed with information about the work of the Trust, promises to engage and inspire everyone to support its mission to create wild, natural rivers, valued by all.

Highlights include art works and creative projects produced in the Rivers4Life workshops run with Yorkshire Dales schools and community groups, including a Richmond care home and two refugee groups in Catterick and Ripon. Additionally, the exhibition will also include the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust photography competition winners whose work showcases Yorkshire Dales rivers, catchments and their wildlife through the seasons.

There will also be an exciting bespoke community theatre performance – ‘Tributaries’ - about the River Ure at the DCM on **June 27th and 28th** and at the Ripon Workhouse Museum during the Ripon Theatre Festival on **July 4th**.

The Rivers4Life exhibition and the theatrical production are part of the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust’s National Lottery Heritage Funded Rivers4Life project, which is a three-year project combining the arts and science, to enable the Trust’s work to reach a wider audience.

Details of all dates, venues and how to book can be found at <https://www.ydrt.org.uk/rivers4life>.

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The meeting on **Friday, June 19th at 10.00am for 10.30am**, is at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre, Richmond Road, Leyburn.

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Well, here we are - half way through another year! How on earth did that happen? May has been another busy month for us - as usual!

Some members from Bainbridge and Thoraby WIs went along to a Pickleball Taster Session at Askrigg Village Hall, organised by the High Dales Group of WIs. What a great night that was! Those who play the game regularly were able to demonstrate a game or two before everyone else had the opportunity to have a go themselves. It was a really relaxed and enjoyable evening and perhaps there are now a few more people keen to join the local Pickleball Groups.

Whilst that was going on, six of our members made their escape, heading off to Nice for what we hope might become an annual WI holiday. Goodness knows what Nice thought of our intrepid travellers but no doubt a great time was had by all!

The lunching ladies have visited The Sandpiper Inn at Leyburn and are heading off to The Queens Head at Finghall in June. They do get around!

Our May meeting saw David Banks come along to talk to us about the 'Origins of Yorkshire'. It was a really interesting talk and we learned a lot about the many tribes that have lived here and left their mark on the surroundings and communities.

Our June meeting will be held at Bainbridge Village Hall on **Thursday, June 18th**, starting at **7.30pm**. Our speaker will be Andy Swinscoe who will hopefully make it along to talk to us about the Courtyard Dairy near Settle where they produce a range of local cheeses.

Some of our crafty ladies are looking forward to another Lino printing workshop in June

which should be fun. Meanwhile, the keen gardeners are hoping to get some nice weather to enjoy their gardens although, they have just enjoyed a lovely visit to Parcevall Hall Gardens with glorious weather. The walking group has had some lovely walks and amazingly some lovely weather to accompany them, including one along the river near Bolton Hall.

On **Sunday, June 21st**, we will be having our usual refreshment stall on Bainbridge Village Green for the annual Beamish Reliability Rally lunch stop. We will be selling a range of homemade sandwiches and cakes as well as serving hot and cold drinks. Do come along and see us. Fingers crossed for good weather!

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 **07816-955-723**. We would be delighted to see you and offer a warm welcome and lots of opportunities. Do come along!

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Dales Charity Bingo Report

We enjoyed a good night of bingo in May with a good crowd coming along to enjoy the night, win some prizes and support Hawes in Bloom. A highlight of the evening was when Elena broke her non-winning drought with some good calling out and took home two bingo prizes. There were many other winners on the night with a few of the lucky players all seated at the same table.

Mark Murphy, our caller for the night, was delighted to discover a new word that is pronounced entirely differently in Hawes than

where he grew up. Thank you Mark for taking up these language challenges.

The night raised £541 for the Hawes in Bloom, which will be used to purchase and maintain this year's flowers and plants in the town.

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the night, and thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the night a success.

Our next bingo night will be held in Hawes on **June 10th** for Hawes Christmas Lights – please see our advertisement on page 31.

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Day Trips

June 8th - Skipton: £15 a ticket. Pick up - Askrigg, Bainbridge, Hawes and Gayle.

June 18th - Windermere: Only two tickets left. Pick up - Leyburn, West Witton, Bainbridge and Hawes.

June 25th - Grange over Sands: £16 a ticket. Pick up - Bellerby, Leyburn, Wensley, Bainbridge and Hawes.

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If you have our printed brochure please note this is a change of concert - sadly we agree that it made little sense for Yasmin Rowe to fly to the UK from Australia via the Middle East with the ongoing conflict. We hope Yasmin can play for us again next year.

We are really pleased Rose will be joining us again for a full recital. She played for us a number of years ago and gave a brilliant performance of Beethoven and has only continued to grow and mature through her subsequent studies at the Royal Northern College of Music, graduating in 2023, and is currently at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama for an Artists Masters Degree.

Rose has given performances as a solo recitalist, concerto soloist and chamber musician in many prestigious venues and at internationally renowned festivals. She also inspired 22 composers to write 22 new nocturnes after Chopin which she premiered and got published.



Details and tickets are available at our website www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk. Tickets are £18 in advance (£20 at the door) and season tickets are still available until the June concert (even if you missed the May concert at £72, they represent a huge saving over 5 concerts).



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Tony has an interesting background. He was born in Richmond but his family moved to Lincoln when he was 4 ½ years old. His parents, however, loved the Dales and kept returning on holiday to Hardraw and the surrounding area for many years. Tony's Dad was a keen fisherman and walker.

After his father died (over 20 years ago), Tony and his mother moved to Bainbridge and he opened an outlet on the Hawes Industrial Park called Wynfordia Games, selling Board Games, Collectible Card Games, Role Playing and Wargames both directly and over the internet. However his mother's ill-health forced them to return to Lincoln about 7 years ago.

When his mother died two years ago Tony arranged for her ashes to be scattered alongside his father's at the side of the Pennine Way above Hardraw. Now Tony has returned to Hawes and has opened up 'The Alchemist's Cottage' again.

The shop sells takeaway tea, coffee and soft drinks but has an eclectic range of other goods for sale. This includes souvenirs, gifts, greeting cards, home décor and a fascinating range of herbal goods and remedies in the Apothecary section. To all of this, Tony has added his stock of Boardgames and Wargames from his previous premises.

It is a fascinating shop and a welcome addition to the Hawes shopping experience for both locals and tourists alike. The Newsletter wishes Tony the best of luck with his new venture.

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June

- 5 - 20 Wensleydale Community Arts Festival. See p.26.
- 5 Dominoes. Carperby Institute. 7.30pm.
- 5 Live Theatre. Askrigg Village Hall. 7.30pm. See p.26.
- 6 Afternoon Tea. Thornton Rust Institute. 2.00pm. See p.36.
- 6 Live Theatre. LA&CC. 7.30pm. See p.26.
- 6 Art Workshop. Leyburn Methodist Church Hall. 10.00am. See p.26.
- 6 Hawes in Bloom Plant Sale. Penny Garth Car Park. 2.00pm See p.9.
- 6 Open Day. Dalesplay, Hawes. 10.00am. See p.36
- 7 Live Theatre. Reeth memorial Hall. 7.00pm. See p.26.
- 8 Little White Bus Day Trip. See p.16.
- 10 Charity Bingo. 7.00pm. Hawes Market Hall. See p.31.
- 11 Coffee Morning. Gayle Institute. 10.00am. See p.11.
- 12 Concert. St Matthew's, Leyburn 7.00pm. See p.26.
- 13 Choral Concert. Methodist Church, Leyburn. 3.00pm. See p.26.
- 13 Variety Show. St Matthew's, Leyburn. 7.00pm. See p.26.
- 17 Penhill Ladies Meeting. Carperby Institute. 7.30pm. See p.35.
- 17 Fashion Show. West Burton Village Hall. 7.00pm. See p.26.
- 17 Local History group Talk. LA&CC. 2.00pm. See p.33.
- 18 Bainbridge WI Meeting. Bainbridge Village Hall. 7.30pm. See p.14.
- 18 Little White Bus Day Trip. See p.16.
- 19 u3a Meeting. LA&CC. 10.00am. See p.12.
- 19 Concert. St Matthew's, Leyburn. 7.00pm. See p.26.
- 20 Wensleydale Concert. St. Andrew's, Aysgarth. 7.30pm. See p.17.

- 20 Mobile Recycling Collection. Hawes Business Park. 9.00am. See p.12.
- 20 Coffee Morning. Thornton Rust Institute. 10.30am. See p.36.
- 20 Art Workshop. Leyburn Methodist Church Hall. 10.00am. See p.26.
- 20 Music and Spoken Word. St Matthew's, Leyburn. 1.30pm. See p.26.
- 21 'Beamish Run' Lunch Stop. Bainbridge Village Green. See p.29.
- 20 Concert LA&CC 7.30pm. See p.26.
- 23 Art Society Meeting. Tennants Auction House. 2.00pm. See p.25.
- 25 Little White Bus Day Trip. See p.16.
- 26-29 Flower Festival. St Andrew's, Aysgarth. See p.36.
- 27 Concert. Reeth Memorial Hall. 7.30pm. See p.9.
- 27 Musicals Concert. St Margaret's, Hawes. 7.00pm. See p.9.
- 27 Take That Tribute. Hawes Market House. 7.00pm. Se p.16.
- 27&28 Community Theatre Performance. DCM. 5.00pm. See p.11 and 23.
- 30 Swift Aware Talk. Askrigg Village Hall. 6.15pm. See p.32.

July

- 1 Guided Walk. Garsdale Station. 11.00am. See p.28.
- 4 Quiz Night. Thornton Rust Institute. 7.00pm. See p.36.

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We are pleased to welcome Middleham Quilters who are now having their regular sessions every Monday in the Centre and also Middleham and the Dales Local History group who will have their monthly talks in the Auditorium. The Keep Moving sessions for older adults have resumed and Adult Tap are welcoming new people too. Digital Support and Community and Specialist help continue to be available. So, lots going on! Makes me feel tired thinking about it all!

The gardens are looking at their best thanks to the volunteers and even after the successful Plant Fayre some spare plants are still available. The Community Shed members were pleased to show off their efforts at the Fayre too and now have some more funds for more projects. The Little Shop is fully stocked with a new selection of books and jigsaws, home-made jams and marmalade. As always see the flyer or website for more information or just pop in to see us.

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- We're supported by our volunteer team and the charitable organisation, Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum. If you'd like to get involved, please get in touch.
- Our cafe is temporarily closed so look out for Dave and his Coffee Truck if you need a snack and a drink or pop over to Ellie at the Chapel Gallery. We also have picnic benches in our garden and along the outdoor trail if you bring your own picnic.

Exhibition: **June 6th to September 27th:**

Rivers4Life:

Through its Rivers4Life project the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust is inspiring children and communities about everything to do with rivers and wildlife. This exhibition features the amazing artwork, film and music created

through collaborations with artists, filmmakers and animators. Exploring what it takes for rivers to be healthy, it highlights the challenges faced today and shows the steps we can take to help support these special environments and the wildlife found around and within them.

Rivers4Life is made possible through the National Lottery Heritage Fund, thanks to National Lottery players.

Young Creatives:

Our Young Creatives group have been exploring the collections and themes for their exhibition being created for display in the autumn. Going Places is an Art Fund programme made possible with major support from The National Lottery Heritage Fund and The Julia Rausing Trust, with additional support from a generous group of trusts, foundations and individuals. 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.

Daughters of the Dales:

We are continuing our research into women in the Dales for our Daughters of the Dales project. Our exciting news is that the exhibition is being supported through the Weston Loan Programme with Art Fund, enabling us to work with Jo Coates on both research and a new commission. If you have stories to share of women in your family, from your village, or any other sources of information, please do get in touch at dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk.

Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists' Club:

In May we visited Thornborough prehistoric henges near West Tanfield. Thanks to the English Heritage volunteers who guided our group round the site we had a fascinating trip to this sacred landscape. If your child is aged between 8 and 16 and they're interested in joining us for a trial session, please email dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk.

Learning:

We're thrilled to say that the Out of the Box learning partnership won Partnership of the Year at the Museums and Heritage Show. Our loan boxes which feature items on the Out of

the Box website 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. Check this website [Home - Out Of The Box Learning](#).

Home educators:

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

DCM events coming up in June and July:

Events are included in the Museum admission unless otherwise stated. Bookings can be made online and via hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk. For the full listing, please see www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk.

Flora and Fauna:

Tuesday, June 2nd, 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.

Recipes and Remedies from the museum archives:

Tuesday, June 9th, 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.

Dales knitting study day:

Friday, June 12th, 10.30am - 3.30pm.

This workshop gives participants the chance to experience hand knitting in the Dales way using traditional tools and materials. There are two options:

Sock knitting using a sheath or knitting stick, double pointed needles and thick wool yarn OR Glove knitting using a sheath or knitting stick, double pointed needles or circular needles (and no sheath) and 2 colours of finer wool yarn. £50 Booking essential.

FDCM walk – Bainbridge:

Wednesday, June 17th, 2.00pm - 3.30pm.

A Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum guided walk around Bainbridge led by Martin Garside assisted by long term Bainbridge residents. The walk will cover historical buildings and incidents around the village green.

Arrangements for refreshments at the local cafe will be available.

Meet by the stocks. No booking required. We look forward to seeing you there!

River Lines Linocut Workshop:

Tuesday, June 23rd, 10.30am - 3.30pm.

A lino workshop using rivers and their natural history as inspiration. This workshop is suitable for beginners or anyone who enjoys the beautiful process of mark making and wishes to have a lovely morning playing with textures and making a small lino print in the afternoon. Bring along any locally foraged treasures or images that you want to work with. This will form the basis of your artwork which will form a postcard sized print. All materials provided. Wear suitable clothes in case you get inky!

This workshop is linked to the Rivers4Life exhibition with Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust. £50 Lunch included.

Tributaries – Ripon and Wensleydale Community Play:

Saturday, June 27th and Sunday, June 28th, 5.00pm.

Ripon and Wensleydale Community Play 2026 will discover the spirit of our very own River Ure, exploring its history, folklore and importance to communities who have lived along its banks through the ages, to the current challenges facing the health of our rivers. Tributaries promises to be a rich theatrical event, with music, poetry, Greek choruses, a giant and a kelpie! To be told by Fell-Foss Theatre. £5 Book via events page of DCM website.

Recipes and Remedies from the museum archives:

Tuesday, July 7th, 11.30am - 12.30pm.

See June 9th for details.

How the Dales were made:

Tuesday, July 14th, 11.00am - 4.00pm.

Join our experienced Dales Volunteers on this 5 mile (8 km) walk to discover the geological forces which formed the Yorkshire Dales. Walk through the site of the former stone mines, Shaw Ghyll and visit the spectacular Hardraw Force, the highest waterfall in England. Starts at the Dales Countryside Museum. £10 plus a payment to enter Hardraw force. No dogs allowed.



Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services in June

	St Mary & St John's, Hardrow 9.00am	St Margaret's, Hawes 10.30am	St Oswald's, Askrigg 10.30am	St Matthew's, Stalling Busk 2.30pm
June 5th	Communion at Sycamore Hall 10.00am			
June 7th	The Gathering – Benefice Family Communion, St Oswald's Church 10.30am			
June 14th	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Café Style	12.30pm Soup followed by Communion
June 21st	Holy Communion	Family Service	Morning Prayer	
June 28th	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Afternoon Prayer Pathfinders and Explorers
Evening Prayer by telephone is held at 4.00pm every Sunday. For details see the website www.upperwensleydalechurch.org/services				

Father's Day Every Day?

I'm always surprised by the range of different events and causes that warrant having their own very special day in the calendar. June is no exception – here are but a tiny few of them. A global day for celebrating 'grouchingness', parents, bicycles, juggling, 'Upsy-Daisy' Day, 'Sauntering' or 'Slow Down' day, Father's Day and ... 'CAPS LOCK DAY' – AN INVITATION TO WRITE EVERYTHING IN BLOCK CAPITALS – Tired of that one already!

For most of these days, someone, somewhere has devised a greetings card that we're encouraged to purchase and post on to mark the occasion. The UK leads the world in buying and sending greetings cards (I hope that piece of information can help you sleep at night in these troubled economic times) and this Father's Day – **June 21st** – we will send over 21 million of them!

As far as we are aware there were no stone greeting slabs in first century Israel but even without them, Jesus was always remembering and celebrating his Heavenly Father. He loved to spend time with Him and modelled a way of us doing so by finding a quiet space to talk to Him and to listen to His voice.^{Matthew 6:6} There are lots of different ways to pray and the Bible promises that those who spend time with God in this way will find that they have their strength renewed.^{Isaiah 40:31}

Millions of Dads will receive a card and perhaps take advantage of a lie in on that Sunday (certain professions excluded!) but the invitation is for us to make every day a Heavenly 'Father's Day'. Why not take time out from 'juggling' your daily demands, 'slow down' and 'Try Praying'. Call into any of the church buildings in the Upper Dale and pick up a booklet to help you do just that. You'll not be disappointed.

Ref Dave.

Arts Society Wensleydale

Gaudí: The Master Builder of Barcelona

Before Arts Society Wensleydale takes a break for the summer, the last lecture in June is by Vivienne Lawes who is talking about 'Antoni Gaudí i Cornet (1852–1926): Master Builder of Barcelona'. June 2026 marks 100 years after the death of Gaudí so it's a perfect time to examine the work and legacy of this extraordinary Spanish architect and designer.

So why not join us on **Tuesday, June 23rd at 2.00pm** at Tennants Auction House, Leyburn to find out more about this key figure in Catalan

Modernism, and discover why his most famous building, the Barcelona Church of the Sagrada Família, one of Spain's most-visited monuments and a UNESCO World Heritage site, started in 1882, is still being built today.

Non-members/guests are always welcome at Arts Society Wensleydale lectures. A donation of £10 is suggested or why not become a member? For more information on Arts Society Wensleydale, visit <https://theartsociety.org/wensleydale> We'll be back in September for our next season of talks. We do hope you'll join us.

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Bluebox June Update

Wensleydale Community Arts Festival:

It's here! The fourth Community Arts Festival runs from **June 5th to 20th** and features performances by participants from across Wensleydale and Swaledale. Full information and tickets are available at www.wensleydale.org or pick up an information leaflet from community information points to find out more. All events are 'Pay What You Can Afford' unless stated otherwise. Refreshments available. The programme features:

Live Theatre: Twice Nightly - A celebration of the glory days of Variety. Dominic Goodwin is back for 'another titter' as Freddie Francis in his hilarious one man show, 'Twice Nightly'. Freddie recalls his life as a second spot comic touring the country for 30 years on every variety bill going. The show also includes routines from Max Miller, Rob Wilton, Jimmy James and Norman Evans and renditions of many of the popular songs of the time. Performances take place: **Friday, June 5th** (Askrigg Village Hall, **7.30pm**), **Saturday, 6th** (Leyburn Arts Centre, **7.30pm**) and **Sunday, 7th** (Reeth Memorial Hall, **7.00pm**). Tickets £15; Under 18s £7.50 – Bar and refreshments available.

Art Workshops with Lynn Ward (**Saturday, 6th**) and Maxine Ahmed (**Saturday, 20th**) **10.00am - 2.00pm** at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall. Places cost £25 including materials and refreshments.

Evening Concert with Bee Darcey, The Pearls and A Rockin' Little Duo (Rod Baxter and Thomas Linckh) – **Friday, 12th, 7.00pm** at St. Matthew's Church, Leyburn.

Afternoon Choral Concert with The Wesley Singers – **Saturday, 13th, 3.00pm** at Leyburn Methodist Church. Donations in aid of the upkeep of the building.

Dales Variety Show with Dales Dance and BlueBoxt Young Performers – **Saturday, 13th, 7.00pm** at St. Matthew's Church, Leyburn.

Tea and Cake with Leyburn Band – **Sunday, 14th, 2.00pm** at St. Matthew's Church, Leyburn.

Colours Fashion Show: **Wednesday, June 17th at 7.00pm**, at West Burton Village Hall. Back by popular demand so book your tickets early! 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 Darcey. Ticket: £8.00 including a welcome drink.

Evening Concert with local bands, The 684s (Jazz Standards and Great American Songbook) and Somewhere Road (Stories, Songs and Tunes) – **Friday, 19th, 7.00pm** at St. Matthew's Church, Leyburn.

An Afternoon of Music and Spoken Word with Lili Bako (1.30pm), The Stanley Duo (**2.00pm**), Donovan Leaman, Light My Choir!, Colin Bailey, Gail Barlow and The Rodneys – **Saturday, June 20th, from 1.30pm** at St. Matthew's Church, Leyburn.

Evening Concert with Jason Isaacs, winner of Britain's Crooner Favourite – **Saturday, June 20th, 7.30pm** at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. Tickets £15.

Summer Photographic Exhibition with Wensleydale Camera Club at the CO-OP, Leyburn, runs **Monday, June 8th to Saturday, June 20th**.

Leyburn Jazz Festival: The sixth Festival takes place in October. The full programme is now on sale – visit www.leyburnjazz.org or pick up a programme from community information points.

Fund Raising:

Grand Prize Draw: Tickets for our Grand Prize Draw are now available. Tickets £1 each - proceeds support our core activities. Prizes include SMART TV, Bluetooth Headphone, Air Fryer and vouchers for various local retailers and eateries. The full list of prizes is available on our website or by request. Draw date: **Wednesday, October 28th, 2026**.

Coffee Mornings at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall - **Fridays: July 24th, August 21st, October 30th and November 27th, from 9.30am**. Pop along and enjoy a cuppa and a chat. There will also be a Cake Stall and Raffle.

Quiz night with Simon Eastwood – **Friday, October 9th** at West Burton Village Hall, DL8 4JY; **7.00pm** for a prompt **7.30pm** start. Teams of six, or come along and make a team on the night. Tickets £15 includes a two-course supper. Our annual quiz is always a fun event – book early to avoid disappointment!

Cultural Passport for Young People in North Yorkshire:

A brand-new initiative is launching aimed at 11-18 year olds who would like to access arts-based opportunities. Details of the wider scheme are still being confirmed but we can share BlueBoxt's offer:

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- Chance to perform in the Dales Variety Show on **Saturday, June 13th** – GET IN TOUCH!

- FREE Tickets to local events.
- Support to develop your creative and enterprise ideas such as organising and running your own events; includes Mentoring support, Micro-Grants and access to our Community Equipment Bank.
- Access to gain Arts Award, Volunteering and/or Leadership qualifications.

We are delighted to be a delivery partner for the 'Cultural Passport' thanks the support of North Yorkshire Council, York City Council and the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority.

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Hawes Yarnbombers

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Garsdale: Focus on 40

Throughout the 1980s (this may seem difficult to imagine if you were not living here at the time), the Settle-Carlisle railway was under a long-running threat of complete closure. The line had opened in 1876, hence the 150th Anniversary celebrations along the line throughout 2026. However, Garsdale (6 miles from Hawes) and most other stations on the line had been closed by British Rail (BR) in 1970 - all except Appleby and Settle, which remained open for express trains to stop there.

The 1980s campaign to save a main line railway through the Yorkshire Dales National Park to the border city of Carlisle quickly gathered strength. It became a matter of widespread public interest and concern and a

vigorous ongoing news story in the regional and national media over six long years. Importantly, it was chronicled throughout in the quarterly magazine of the Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line (FoSCL), which was formed in 1981 in anticipation of BR's formal line closure notice. Eventually - but not until 1989 - Paul Channon, then Secretary of State for Transport, announced on behalf of the government that he had decided to refuse consent to British Rail to close the Settle-Carlisle line (and the associated Blackburn - Hellifield line).

However, mid-way (as it turned out) through the campaign - and whilst more and more objectors to closure were making themselves known - BR unexpectedly announced in 1986 that 8 small stations on the Settle-Carlisle (including Garsdale) would re-open with the return, after 16 years, of local stopping train services. The Friends of Garsdale station will be marking this important 40th anniversary on the actual date: **Tuesday, July 14th**; (details in the July newsletter).

Footsteps in Time: Garsdale Remembered

The organiser of the Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line (FoSCL)'s "Footsteps in Time" programme has chosen Garsdale station as the starting point for a guided walking day on **Wednesday, July 1st**. Anyone is welcome to join this free event (see www.foscl.org.uk for details and, importantly, conditions of participating in FoSCL guided walks). Note that you do not need to come on the train to join this event. The Little White Bus (No 113) departs Gayle bus shelter at **10.20am**, Hawes Board Inn **10.22am**, Hardraw (opp. Green Dragon) **10.28am**, The Moorcock **10.38am**, arriving Garsdale station at **10.40am**. Car parking is free at the further side of the station from the A684 (i.e. under the railway bridge; please do not park outside the houses).

This event will start at **11.00am** (train from Leeds arrives **10.54am**). Meet at Garsdale station yard (it was formerly called Hawes Junction station) for a station tour (Who was Ruswarp?); a walk downhill to Dandry Mire Viaduct and Hawes Junction chapel (1876), where there will be an illustrated talk by Pete Shaw on Garsdale, including the station's restoration. 2.5 mile walk to the chapel or 6 miles on to Grisedale, to visit the remote Quaker burial ground at Scale.

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The Beamish Run

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The vehicles set off from Beamish Museum between **8.30am and 10.30am**. They then make their way through County Durham countryside to Barnard Castle before entering the Yorkshire Dales into Arkengarthdale. From here, the vehicles make their way to Low Row, Gunnerside and Muker before traversing the Buttertubs Pass.

Once in Wensleydale, the route runs through Hawes and on to Bainbridge which is the scheduled lunch stop. Between **11.30am and 1.30pm**, all vehicles stop for one hour resulting up to 170 vehicles assembled on the village green.

After lunch, the vehicles drive to Askrigg and then complete an observed hill climb over Askrigg Common and back down into Muker once again. From here they head to Thwaite, Keld and Tan Hill. Leaving Tan Hill the

vehicles head towards Brough, Romalldkirk, Stanhope and back to Beamish arriving from around **4.00pm** onwards.

Along the route there are up to 10 checkpoints where as well as checking on progress, drivers can be questioned on the Highway Code and should have knowledge of vehicle maintenance and motoring history. There are also secret checkpoints where driving ability and behaviour are observed.

The course is meant to test the reliability of a vehicle but should a vehicle break down, it is up to the entrant to have rescue in place. Whilst some help can be given, it is limited and where possible, stranded vehicles will be moved to places where professional help can be arranged.

The 'Beamish Run' is not a race. Each entrant receives a score with the overall winner receiving the Beamish Enthusiast's Trophy.



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Sunday, June 7th

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

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

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

Sunday, June 14th

10.30am Holy Communion Penhill Together
Service, St Mary's Redmire.

Sunday, June 21st

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

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

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

Sunday, June 28th

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

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

6.00pm Evening Prayer,
Thornton Rust Mission Room.

June Mid-Week Services:

Thursday, 11th and 25th at 9.30am.
Holy Communion, at St. Bartholomew's,
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Church Coffee Morning: **Wednesday,
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£50,000 Up For Grabs For Wildlife and Nature Recovery Projects

Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) has launched the latest round of its successful grants scheme for projects and organisations that benefit the people, landscape and wildlife in and around the Yorkshire Dales and Nidderdale. Since the programme was relaunched in 2023, YDMT grants have funded community-based conservation and social impact projects worth more than £500,000.

In 2026, the Trust is prioritising wildlife and small-scale nature recovery projects and is especially keen to hear from young people wanting to make a difference in their communities. Priority will also be given to grants from the more northerly areas of the National Park, including Sedbergh, Hawes, Kirkby Stephen and the Westmorland Dales.

Grants of £1,000 to £5,000 are available. As well as funding specific projects, grants can also contribute to an organisation's core costs such as rent, insurance and volunteer travel expenses. The grants can also be used to unlock wider match funding bids.

Chair of YDMT Grants Panel Rowena Herbert said: "This year's grants scheme aims to improve access to nature and wildlife, reduce the impacts of climate change and biodiversity

loss, and encourage young people to manage their own conservation projects. We've designed the application process to be simple and straightforward while ensuring that we get enough information to make quick decisions for projects that will make a real difference. Alongside grants, we can also provide advice and support to strengthen applications and to enable projects to have the maximum impact."

To start the application process, or to find out more, email a brief outline of your project to: grants@ydmtd.org.

Dales Charity



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In this lecture Will Wyeth will outline some of the recent work that has been undertaken by English Heritage on the history and archaeology of the medieval castles in the charity's care. It will share new discoveries, outline some interesting avenues of research, and talk about some upcoming work.

Will has been a Curator of History at English Heritage for over eight years and is a specialist in medieval castles. He has researched several castles in Yorkshire in advance of new information boards and museum refits in Yorkshire, including Middleham and Richmond castles. His research interests centre on the communities of castles and the archaeology of castle buildings.

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News From Sycamore Hall

So, presumably we are now into summertime! At the time of writing, we could do with a bit more warmth, but I guess we shouldn't complain. Let's hope the wait pays off and we have a lovely long, hot summer!

May seems to have flown by quickly but it has been quite busy as we have welcomed several new residents to our lovely community.

One of our residents 'bumped' into HRH Prince William on one of her daily walks!! What an unexpected surprise that was! They had a chat and some lovely photographs were taken which will no doubt be treasured by her family in years to come.

We had an absolutely fascinating talk by Gerard Marsh about the local mining and caving group. We had no idea just how many of these historic places there are under our feet. Mind you, it is not for the faint-hearted! There seemed to be a lot of 'squeezing' through impossibly small gaps and wading through waist-deep water involved!

We hope that things will warm up as we are currently watching our gardener create a new patio area for us outside the summerhouse. It would be lovely to think that we will get plenty of opportunities to sit out there this year.

We enjoyed a visit by Prof. Susan Basnett who talked to us about the origin of place names, including many local ones. It was really interesting and we now have a much better idea of what some of our village names mean.

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, we had to cancel our Quiz and Supper night which was a real disappointment. We hope to re-arrange this shortly so do look out for information in due course.

Lianna, our Beauty Therapist will be with us on **Monday, June 15th**. If you would like to enjoy some pampering, get in touch with Lianna to make an appointment (**07792-086189**). There is a list of the services she provides on display in Sycamore Hall which include facials, nail treatments, massage etc.

If you would like to join our residents in any of their activities, or if you would like to start a new activity, please get in touch as we are always looking for something to keep us busy. The dominoes has really taken off and we love to see visitors joining in the daily games.

Meanwhile, our regular activities continue as follows:-

Tuesdays at 10.30am - Bingo or Quiz

Thursdays at 10.30am - Coffee Morning

Fridays at 11.00am - Gentle Seated Exercise with Janet Seymour

Every Weekday at 2.00pm – Dominoes

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 activities. We love to see new faces as well as familiar ones and can offer a warm welcome.

Our independent businesses are open to everyone. Sycamore Country Store is adjusting opening hours from **June 1st** and will then be open **9.00am to 1.00pm on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and 9.30am to 11.00am on Tuesdays**.

Come along to see our wide range of stock with regular deliveries of fresh milk, eggs, bread, pasties, pies and cakes.

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. Maisey's Little Gift Shop will be open the same hours. Call in to see the range of toiletries, make-up, jewellery, candles, scarves, cushions and other gifts available. There is an extensive range of greetings cards, including some with local scenes.

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 as it gets very busy. Contact Emily on **01969 629826**.

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!

If you have any queries or would like to discuss the availability of apartments, please contact the Manager, Nicky Cooper, on **0370-192-4055**.

Leyburn Arts and Community Centre Request for Help

Have you got a favourite film you would like to see on the big screen?

The Film Selection Panel at the Centre would love to hear from you to enable us to build into our programming this year a selection of Audience Choices.

So do let us know what film(s) you would particularly like us to screen in the coming months. We can then compile a short list of your suggestions and incorporate them into our future programming. So long as we are able to obtain the necessary screening licence it matters not whether they are foreign language titles, older classic films or documentaries. The choice is entirely yours.

Penhill Ladies June Meeting

Our next meeting in Carperby Village Institute is on **Wednesday, June 17th at 7.30pm**. It is an open meeting and non-members are very welcome.

Guide Dogs for the Blind - Have you ever wondered about guide dogs and how the charity works? Have you thought about the cost of a guide dog from birth to retirement? Come and find out the answers to these and a host of other questions, with some funny and educational stories of real life examples. There will also be chance to meet guide dog puppy, Hattie, who is 8 months old.

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The children in Sunshine's room have been busy taking care of their vegetable plants. They have enjoyed playing in the role play flower shop and have continued helping recycle materials to help the environment.

We had a very special delivery of caterpillar eggs which we have watched grow into caterpillars. They have just cocooned themselves and we can't wait to see them transform into butterflies. The Duckling's room have been exploring nursery rhymes, texture stories and bubbles. The new bubble guns have gone down a treat and they love popping them and reaching out to catch them.

We have an open day planned for **Saturday, June 6th, 10.00am - noon**, we are celebrating being open to families in the Dales for 20 years. We welcome past, present and future families to join in the fun. We are hoping the weather will be kind so we can erect the bouncy castle and outdoor ball pool this year.

Flower Festival

Two important local anniversaries are being celebrated this summer. Thirty-five years ago, a group of keen flower arrangers set up the Wensleydale Flower Club to host demonstrations and workshops by visiting floral experts. The club still meets monthly in Carperby Village Institute and enjoys a flourishing membership - including a few of its original founders! And twenty years ago, the four parishes of Aysgarth, Bolton cum Redmire, Preston with Wensley and West Witton came together to form the Penhill Benefice and keep an active Christian presence in the heart of the Dales. Our churches are open daily and regular services, welcoming locals and visitors alike, are held every week.

To celebrate these two milestone anniversaries Wensleydale Flower club and Penhill Benefice are jointly holding a Flower Festival at St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth, on the theme of 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'. The four-day long festival will be open to the public from **10.00am to 5.00pm** from **Friday, June 26th until Monday, June 29th inclusive**. Entrance is free so please do join us and encourage your family, friends and visitors to come along too.

What's On in Thornton Rust

Saturday, June 6th :

Afternoon Tea from **2.00pm - 4.00pm**. With cakes, sandwiches, scones. Entrance fee is £7.50 which includes tea and coffee.

Saturday, June 20th:

Coffee Morning from **10.30am - noon**. With a raffle, tea/coffee cakes. Entrance Fee £5.00.

Saturday, July 4th:

Our very popular QUIZ NIGHT. Starts at **7.00pm**. Refreshments. All are welcome. Make up a team on the night - Wonderful prizes. Entrance £5.00.

Saturday, August 1st: YORKSHIRE DAY!

From **noon to 3.00pm** with a BBQ from **1.00pm**. With stalls selling homemade products including cakes, jam, marmalade and biscuits etc. Games to suit all ages. £10.00 entrance fee to include BBQ. Tea, coffee and soft drinks. Come and join us for all the fun.

All the events take place at the Thornton Rust Village Institute. All proceeds will go to charity.

Mystery Picture

Last month's picture was taken outside St Oswald's Church, Castle Bolton.

Where can you find this set of stepping stones?



Wensleydale Cadets Shine at National Military Skills Competition

The Wensleydale School Combined Cadet Force (CCF) recently marked a significant milestone in its history by participating in its first-ever national military skills competition: Exercise Ubique Hunter.

Held at Larkhill in Wiltshire and hosted by the 14 Regiment Royal Artillery, this prestigious event brought together seventeen teams from across the country. While fifteen Army Cadet Force (ACF) contingents were present, Wensleydale School held the unique distinction of being the only CCF represented at the event.

Despite being newcomers to the national stage, our cadets performed with exceptional skill, securing a Bronze award. Beyond the scores, the contingent was widely praised by organizers and fellow competitors for their professionalism, courtesy, and exemplary behaviour throughout the weekend.

A Test of Grit and Skill:

The competition was a gruelling test of the cadets' training, featuring seventeen teams of 10–12 cadets. The events spanned a wide range of military disciplines, including:

- Battlefield casualty drills and navigation;
- Survival skills taught by the Gurkhas;
- Abseiling and training in built-up areas;
- A technical presentation on the L118 Light gun;
- High-intensity room clearance paintballing.

The team stayed at Copehill Down, a specialised MOD urban warfare training facility



on Salisbury Plain. Living in one of the facility's 'houses' meant a weekend with no electricity or home comforts, providing a true taste of life in the field.



Leading from the Front:

Senior Cadet WO2 Lucas Whitehead reflected on the intensity of the weekend, noting that the section attacks were a personal highlight. This demanding task required the team to navigate physical and mental exhaustion while using teamwork and clear communication to suppress 'enemy' fire from multiple locations.

What makes the team's Bronze success even more impressive is the limited training time available to them. While some competing schools benefit from up to four hours of training a week, the Wensleydale CCF operates on just two fifty-minute sessions. However, the dedication of the 11 cadets - ranging from senior leaders to one-star recruits - and the guidance of one CFAV and three serving soldiers ensured they were ready for the challenge.

Looking Ahead:

Exercise Ubique Hunter has been described by the cadets as the most enjoyable experience in their CCF careers. The school is incredibly proud of their achievements and the manner in which they represented Leyburn on a national level.

With the experience of a Bronze medal under their belts and a reputation for excellence already established, the contingent is already looking toward next year. The goal is clear: to build on this year's success and secure a top-three podium finish. Based on the grit and professionalism shown this May, the future of the Wensleydale CCF looks brighter than ever.

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