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

Stage Four of this year's Tour of Britain Cycle Race includes sections in Wharfedale, Wensleydale and Swaledale. On **Saturday, September 5th** the stage starts in Helmsley and then heads through Easingwold, Boroughbridge, and the cathedral city of Ripon before entering the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

Passing through Grassington the race weaves its way up Wharfedale towards Buckden and Cray. The riders climb Kidstones, with a maximum 12.6% gradient, before heading to Aysgarth Falls. After passing through Carperby and Redmire the stage climbs over Greet's Moss to Grinton and then back to the Tank Road.

The route then turns right to cross the A684 near Patrick Brompton. Passing through Newton-le-Willows it then turns right to eventually join the A684 at Harmby. The race reaches a thrilling conclusion in Leyburn which is hosting a finish to the Tour of Britain for the first time.

During each stage we operate a 'rolling road closure' system rather than a full road closure to minimise disruption as much as possible. Therefore, the roads will only be closed for a short window - approximately 30 - 40 minutes - while the race passes through.

The rolling road closure entails closing roads along the route, and junctions with access roads to the route, ahead of when the race is expected to pass and while the race moves through.

The length of closure of the rolling road block depends upon how spread out the riders are. Typically, the lead motorcycle instigating the closure is 15 minutes ahead of the lead rider. The closure then remains in place until all riders and race cars have passed through. There will be police cars and National Escort Group (NEG) motorbikes that will safely hold and restart traffic before and after the race moves through areas of a town, city or village.

There will be a small number of road closures involving the surrounding areas of each start and finish location to allow for necessary barriers and infrastructure to be built, for example the race start or finish gantry. These closures will be longer than the rolling road closure, and only on the day of the race. Leyburn Market Place will be closed from **6.00am**.

Details of road closures can be found at https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/zuvvi/media/tourofbritain/tob_men/2026/road_closures/Stage_4_Helmsley_-_Leyburn ETA_v1.pdf

Signed diversion routes will be in place for traffic in and around Leyburn. Visitor parking will be available at The Wensleydale Show parking field on Bellerby Road, the fields next to and opposite Tennants on Harmby Road, and at Wensleydale Rugby Club on Wensley Road.

Wensleydale Railway has announced that it will operate a special park and ride train service on **Saturday, September 5th** to transport cycling fans to the finish of Stage 4 of the Lloyds Tour of Britain Men's Cycle Race. Local bus services may be disrupted during the day.

Newsletter Higher Education Grant

Once again this Autumn, the Newsletter will be offering a grant of £400 to students living in the Newsletter area (as indicated on the front cover), who are about to commence higher education, following completion of their compulsory education - either the first year of a university course or practical higher education training (eg, HNC, HND, BTEC Level 4 and above, Foundation and Bachelor Degrees). Please note that this grant is only available to those in their **first year of study**.

This grant is not restricted purely to academic studies, but also includes practical courses and learning/instruction in skills which will improve opportunities for employment (such as cookery, hairdressing, beauty etc). In the past, this grant has been used by successful applicants to purchase not only text books but also laptops, sewing machines, cookery knives and beauty kit.

Applicants should apply in writing, or by email, including name, address and contact details. Please give details of the university, college or specialist training facility where studies will take place, together with details of the course/training being followed. If an application is successful, receipts will be required for the purchase of books or equipment and, once these have been received the grant will be made.

Please forward your application to the Newsletter (see address and email details on the back of the Newsletter), to be received before or during the first year of study.

Hawes Silver Band in September



Hawes Silver Band will be playing at the following events.

Moorcock Show. **Sunday, September 6th.** The band plays between **1.00pm and 2.30pm** at this friendly local show.

Churches Together Harvest Celebration. The band plays to accompany the hymns at this traditional service at the Market House, Hawes on **Sunday, September 20th at 6.30pm.**

The band plays for local events and celebrations and enquiries are welcome, see hawessilverband.org.uk. New players with any level of skill on a brass instrument are welcome at our regular practice sessions, **7.30pm** at the Market House, Hawes most **Sunday evenings**. We can also help complete beginners to maintain the great tradition of brass banding in the Dales. Instruments can be loaned. Contact Sue Woof at bandswoof@gmail.com.

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TUESDAY SEP 22nd

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Eunice the Ewe

In August I was hiding in the Moore and Blackhurst advert on page 21. And the lucky winner of the £10 prize is Brodie Calvert of Gayle.

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

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September Competition

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

1. Morocco's largest city. (1)
2. Very quick meeting. (2)
3. Male mentor guiding child's religious development (2)
4. Academic degree holder (2)
5. Australian man has magical powers (4)
6. Certain people prefer high temperatures (4)
7. A long, wandering and eventful journey outside the Earth's atmosphere not long after the start of the 21st century (4)
8. Upper maxillas and lower mandibles (1)
9. Tertiary near misses (6)
10. Vanished accompanied by flatulence (4)
11. Person travelled quickly above Cuculidae's home (6)
12. False sensation that surroundings are spinning or moving (1)
13. Bird of prey living on an island in the Central Mediterranean (3)
14. Definitely a charmed existence (4)
15. Warbling during precipitation (4)

Please send in your answers to arrive by **Tuesday, August 25th**. Remember to include the details of your nominated charity which will receive the £50 prize should you win.

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August Competition Answers

1. Down in the dumps
2. Back in Time
3. Magnifying glass
4. Long division
5. Scrambled eggs
6. Teardrop
7. Middle of the night
8. Robin Hood
9. Double time
10. Late afternoon
11. Mixed Messages
12. Back of Beyond
13. In the end

Only one correct entry was received, and the winner this month is Mary Elphick from Burtsett. Her chosen charity to receive the £50 prize is McMillan Cancer Support.

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West Burton:	Nadine Bell, Margarets Cottage	663559
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Redmire:	Kevin Davis West Cottage	624165
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Children's Writing Competition 2026

The Newsletter team invites local primary school children to enter our 2026 writing competition. There are two categories in the competition; those in years 3 and 4 and those in years 5 and 6.

We have decided this year to challenge the younger children to write a poem about a bird or birds. The poem can be any style and any length. The bird can be real e.g. a robin or an imaginary bird.

The older children are invited to submit a story that must be under 500 words long and can be about anything that captures your imagination. The only rule this year is that you must start your story with the words:

“Dear/Hi [insert person's name], you will never guess what happened this Summer”.

The story can be written as an email to a friend/family member/imaginary person, or it can be written in the form of a letter or postcard. The story can be fictional or factual, so about something that is imaginary or real. Have fun!

The competition was set up 7 years ago in memory of our late editor Alan Watkinson who always encouraged young people to explore their creative writing skills. Our Judge Alyson works in children's publishing and on audio books. “I really enjoyed judging last year's competition and am looking forward to reading this year's entries. For the poem, I'm excited to know which bird or birds you will write about and wonder who might choose to do an acrostic or a shape poem, or even a limerick.

For the story, we want you to imagine writing your story to someone so you need to include a person's name (imaginary or real) and your story could be based on real-life events or totally made up. If you are not keen on writing, maybe start with the postcard length which could then turn into a letter or an email. The main thing is to get writing and see where your story ends up!”

There are wonderful prizes to be won and winning stories and poems will appear in the February edition of the newsletter. So let your imagination run wild and email your story/poem to uwnlinput@gmail.com by **Friday, November 13th**.

Children at Hawes, Askrigg or Bainbridge Primary Schools can submit their entries via school.

Prizes:

The winner in each age group will receive a £50 book voucher and a trophy to keep.

The runners up in each age group will receive a £25 book voucher

The winning stories and poems will be published in the February edition of the UWNL.

The winning children's Primary School will hold the Alan Watkinson Memorial Shield for one year and will also receive a book voucher for encouraging and collating entries.

How To Enter:

- Write your story/poem – it must be type written and stories must be between 300 and 500 words long (your school can help you with access to computers and emailing entries).
- Email your entry to uwnlinput@gmail.com or enter via your school.
- Ensure your name, year group, and the name of your school is sent in with your entry.
- Entries need to reach us by **midnight on Friday 13th November**.

Rules:

- Your story must be no more than 500 words long. Your poem can be any length.
- Only one entry per person. The story/poem must be your own original work and you must have your parent/guardian's permission to enter.
- Entrants must be in years 3 - 6 at the time of entering and resident in the UWNL area.
- The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- The winners and runners-up will be notified by email/via their school by **December 11th 2026**. Prizes will be awarded in local Schools in January 2027.

The UWNL reserves the right to publish any story/poem entered into the competition.

Good Luck!

BOSC Kitchen

When Roger Iveson closed his business in the summer of 2022 there was much speculation about who would buy the premises and what would they turn it into. The answer has come this summer with the opening of BOSC Kitchen - a café and wine bar serving the very best simple homemade food, coffee and drinks as well as interesting wines in a unique inviting atmosphere.

Bosc was founded and is run by two couples who have moved to live in the Dales after lives spent in many locations doing wildly different things. So who are the new owners?

David and Jules Colley will be well known to many people in the area. They have lived in Cotterdale for about eight years following a good few years living in Spain. David was instrumental in the creation of Dales Head Community Ltd and securing the petrol station at Dales Head on behalf of the community. David also negotiated the introduction of the fibre network that connects the properties in Cotterdale to the internet.

The joint owners are Jonathan Reed and Graeme Black who live at Wood End in Raydale. Jonathan is a designer who, for over 30 years, has worked with private clients around the world to create houses and interiors, their furnishings and landscapes. Graeme is an acclaimed international fashion designer who is now a burgeoning artist nestled in the Yorkshire Dales. Jonathan and Graeme opened the Thorns Gallery in Raydale in 2025.



So how did BOSC Kitchen come into being. Well it started after a social lunch that the four of them had in Cotterdale at which Jonathan, Graeme and David said that Roger's premises would make a great venue for Jules to showcase her talents as a baker and cook. Over a long lunch Jules was persuaded and they embarked on putting together a plan. They knew that

Roger was planning to sell his premises so they decided to buy it. The name BOSC is an old Yorkshire word for a small wood which developed into 'Busk' as in Stalling Busk.

The building has been extensively renovated largely by Jules and David and its interior was designed and furnished by Jonathan and Graeme. A lot of the furniture in the café was supplied by Ian Iveson of Cellar Antiques in Hawes. The ceramics were made by David Colley himself in his studio in Cotterdale.

With all four owners being new to the café business they are essentially finding their feet and the café is currently only open on Thursday, **Friday and Saturday** lunch-times between **11.00am and 3.00pm** with Jules providing freshly baked food each day. They are currently seeking additional staff to work with them (see the advert on page 25) and plan to extend the opening hours when they find suitable staff.

In the meantime the café is doing very well with customers commenting favourably on the food as well as the atmosphere and décor. Bosc also has two newly created and furnished apartments above the cafe which are available for holiday lettings. See www.bosc.kitchen for more information.



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Wath Morris Tour of Upper Wensleydale

Wath Morris are touring Upper Wensleydale in **September on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th.**

You may have seen morris dancers around the dales at different times in the year. Most likely this will be one of a handful of Morris groups (sides) who visit either yearly or frequently. Have you ever asked, what is Morris Dancing and where does it come from?

The answer is that the word Morris has traditionally been used to describe many different styles of traditional English dance and traditional folk (mummers) plays. Often the thoughts of morris dancing conjures up a team waving handkerchiefs or clashing 30-inch staves and performing a number of distinct figures whilst hopping and stepping to a varying pattern. Whilst this image is certainly true of "Cotswold" morris dances, it is far from the whole story. Other distinct styles of dance come from the English and Welsh borders, from East Anglia, the East Midlands and even from East Yorkshire. Additionally, there are English sword dances found right across Yorkshire and as far away as the Shetland Isles; rapper (short bendy) sword dances found throughout the North East; clog dances found across the north of England and mummers plays which were collected in hundreds of English and Irish locations.



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Historically it could be that most villages and towns would have had their own distinct traditional dance. Here in the Yorkshire Dales, the dances which have been collected and recorded by folklorists in the past were longsword dances. There are dances recorded in Kirby Malzeard, Bellerby, Hulton, Arkengarthdale, Gayle, Redmire and probably Muker and West Witton.

Wath Morris will be performing a traditional sword dance as well as a traditional mummers play and morris dances from the Cotswold village of Bledington and from the English / Welsh borders on their annual tour of the dales which is this year on **September 5th – 6th.**

You can catch them in the following locations:

Saturday, September 5th:

10.00am - The Aysgarth Falls Hotel, Aysgarth;

11.15am - The Fox and Hounds, West Burton;

12.30pm - The Wheatsheaf, Carperby;

2.15pm - Redmire Village Pub, Redmire;

3.30pm - The Fox and Hounds, West Witton;

8.00pm – 11.00pm - Bainbridge Village Hall (Temperance Hall). Informal music and songs – FREE, open to anyone.

Sunday, September 6th:

10.30am - Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge;

11.30am - The Green Dragon, Hardraw;

1.00pm - Hawes town centre.

Wath Morris team are currently rehearsing the Arkengarthdale Sword Dance. They would be most interested in hearing from anyone who has information about the Redmire Sword Dance. It was recorded that prior to 1936, a local folklorist collected the dance, possibly from Christopher Paycock (born 1856) and the last survivor of the Redmire Sword Dance Team. This manuscript has been lost but if anyone has any relevant information, Wath Morris would love to hear about it with the possibility of rescuing the dance to be performed again in Redmire village.

Wath Morris can be contacted on wathmorris@aol.com or to the bagman on **07884 433324**. Further information on Wath Morris can be found at www.wath-morris.co.uk.

Leyburn Arts and Community Centre

Another Heat Wave! And Leyburn is part of it! As I write we have a beautiful blue sky and no breeze! Though I must confess the breeze we often complain about has been such a blessing as we try to do our usual work or tasks this summer. Compared to elsewhere, particularly in the South we are so fortunate here to have avoided most of the really hot uncomfortable days. Our recent screening of the People's Emergency Briefing on Climate Change and the consequences for all areas of our lives occurred at a very apt time and brought home to our audiences what we must really think about and try to resolve, from government action to individual initiatives we can take ourselves. It was refreshing to hear the comments after the screening when a short discussion was held.

The screening was part of our function as a Community Cinema and we were pleased to be able to participate and support this on-going challenge to our lives. It was rewarding to be thanked for showing it and the audience left with a different response to the other film which provoked a strong reaction - Wuthering Heights! Definitely a Marmite film, you either loved the modern approach to the novel or you hated it, but again good to hear people's thoughts.

We've had our Strawberry Tea and the Summer Draw winners notified and hampers collected. Andre Rieu has provided a treat to music lovers with his summer concert but mainly the Centre has been quieter recently with so many groups taking a break. The Community Shed members have however been busy, building an aqueduct from the Shed's guttering to feed the four new water collection containers. They are now waiting for some rain!

There is lots going on in September, when everyone returns. Please take a look at the website, www.leyburnartscentre.com or pick up a flyer.

Railway Jubilation: Celebrate how the North put the world on track.



'The First Five Miles: a Stockton and Darlington Railway Story' commemorates the railway's 200th anniversary by detailing the lesser known initial five mile journey from Witton Park to Shildon.

Starring Stephen Tompkinson as George Stephenson and Michael Hodgson as Edward

Pease the film features historical re-enactments and testaments from local historians, bringing this pioneering railway adventure to life.

The film will be preceded by an illustrated talk by Chris Lloyd (Northern Echo features editor) on the historic 26 mile journey between Shildon and Stockton via Darlington on September 27th 1825, which transformed how the world traded, travelled and communicated. It was the first to use steam locomotives and the opening drew 40,000 spectators and a day's holiday was declared in Darlington.

Join us at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre, Richmond Road, Leyburn DL8 5DL on **Thursday, September 17th at 7.00pm**, tickets are £8 which includes a special cake at the interval.

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Good Intentions

It's only through bone idleness and aching heels, and that's the last you'll hear of ailments, that I haven't tackled the raised border, a laborious task endlessly surfacing in my mind, to be immediately shooed away back into that cobwebbed 'to-do' brain area along with all things insurance and decorating the porch. Once started, it's one of those nagging jobs needing to be completed at breakneck speed before I lose heart. Planting up this gently tilting patch won't be a headache, but those enormous edging stones...gulp...may prove to be too much for my feeble frame. Often a mistake for me in a garden, they set up barriers and blocks when a gentle slope down to lawn level always looks loads better - anyway, more of that later.

The two dominating shrubs at the back can stay - I'm going nowhere near that huge buddleia until autumn, when, for the second time, I'll ruthlessly prune it in an attempt to finish it off. Textbooks recommend a spring clip, but I want total elimination, so it gets this treatment in an attempt to get rid. There are better specimens to go in - I fancy a giant mock orange; the towering 'Virginal' would work a treat, perfuming the area for weeks on end from a froth of pure white blooms, so when buddleia finally succumbs, that'll ascend the throne. Clumps of ox-eye daisies are also for the chop - over the last three years, they've become ungovernable, colonising the cracks in the patio area at the front of the house...time to be ruthless.

The other tenant's a giant, blowsy mallow. Stretching out six foot by six, this loafers around stifling yawns before finally waking in spring after I've shocked it with a vicious hacking back down to a lower bud. Recovering faster than any elderberry, it reaches the original height by late summer, draping itself along the way with huge, pink trumpet flowers - quite a star, so well worth keeping.

After the daisies are cleared, it's time to dig over and upgrade with rich compost - this is a farmer's garden so there's an unlimited supply of the good stuff nearby - ever had muck envy? Down to planting - I considered using clumps of lupins up against the big shrubs, but find they need staking (my pet hate) and also, oh dear, those huge greenflies they attract - no thanks. Instead, I'll opt for a couple of evergreen shrub pernyettas, the 'Bells seedling' variety, a

self-pollinator guaranteeing masses of mauve berries after the tiny white flowers; these are superb - get one ordered, well, several. Two to three feet's just the right size, as I want to slope down to the front towards that overpowering stone retainer. I say retainer however it's not holding back any weight, and as this dawns on me, the problem sorts itself and with a rush of relief I realise the edging stones have to go...talk about making it up as I go along, won't be the first time, but instinctively, this feels like the correct action and now all seems like it's falling into place.

In front of those fab pernyettas, I'm going for a mix of veronica teucium and helianthemum 'Wisley primrose' to provide a dreamy stew of blues and yellows. The latter will need a light prune after flowering whilst veronica simply dies back for winter. Down at the front after the magic wand's waved to shift the boulders, easy as that, I'll accommodate the usual bonny suspects: aubretia, candytuft, saxifrages etc. Worth mentioning is, deep breath, lysimachia nummularia 'aurea', the golden creeping jenny. This is my absolute fave, thriving in sun and shade, carpeting a treat, the bright yellow foliage enhancing dainty white flowers. Loving heavier soil, it'll prosper at the edge, although I'll have to watch it doesn't insinuate itself into the lawn.

So, we're left with a mound of giant rocks...how to get rid? Well, they're going nowhere; heaped up in a sunny corner with pockets of soil added, they'll be perfect for sedums and houseleeks, and what a habitat for those permanently grumpy toads - let's encourage these slug hoovers back into the garden, then I can think about planting hostas again.

Ed Gardener



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Volunteers Help Protect Iconic AA Call Box

A group of Yorkshire Dales National Park volunteers have teamed up to carry out conservation work around one of the country's rare surviving AA roadside call boxes.

The Grade II listed AA Box 442, located on the A684 between Swinithwaite and Aysgarth, is an iconic landmark for residents and visitors travelling through Wensleydale. Dating from around 1956, the distinctive black and yellow timber structure is one of only a handful of surviving AA call boxes still standing in Britain. A reminder of a time when stranded motorists relied on roadside telephones to call for help before the days of mobile phones.

Although responsibility for the wider setting of the call box does not fall to the National Park Authority, volunteers have stepped in to help ensure the site remains in good condition. The AA continue to maintain the box itself.



Work carried out included repairs to sections of drystone walling, the removal of ivy that was beginning to damage the historic structure, and maintenance of the retaining walls around the flower beds that frame the box. Local resident Sheila Simms, who has devoted many years to caring for the call box and its surroundings on behalf of the AA, joined the volunteers on site. The project was also supported by the AA Heritage Team, which contributed £400 towards the cost of the work.

David Noland, Member Champion for Cultural Heritage at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, said: "This is a small but much-loved feature of the Dales landscape and an important part of the country's motoring heritage. It's one of those places where, if local people and volunteers don't lend a hand, the site could easily deteriorate, but our volunteers have

stepped up and made a real difference, helping ensure this unique landmark can continue to be enjoyed by residents and visitors alike."

Duncan Webb, a spokesperson for the AA Heritage Team, said: "We are grateful to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and its volunteers for helping care for the surroundings of AA Box 442. These historic call boxes represent an important chapter in the history of motoring in Britain, and we are pleased to support work that helps preserve them for future generations."

The Aysgarth Box is one of only 19 that remain in their original position. A similar number have been moved or are located in museums.

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Little White Bus

The Little White Bus (LWB) is a community bus service which helps local residents and visitors staying in our towns and villages to get around Wensleydale and Swaledale without the need to use or own a car. This could be a trip to the local shops or the market once a week for groceries or getting someone to an important appointment. We are always looking for volunteer minibus drivers in Wensleydale. All we ask is that drivers have the D1 category on their driving licence and have at least one day a month they could spare us. We are also looking for volunteers to carry out admin and customer service duties in our LWB office in Hawes. If interested, please email littlewhitebus.co.uk and we will call you back.

The LWB runs day trips from Wensleydale. Please see details of the remaining trips for 2026 below. You can book on one of these trips online: <https://littlewhitebus.co.uk/day-trips/> or

by calling **01969 667400** or by calling into the Post Office in Hawes in person.

Tuesday, September 8th – Trip to Ilkley (only 1 seat left). Picking up from: Reeth, Askrigg, Bainbridge, Hawes. £17.

Saturday, September 26th – Trip to Skipton (including dropping off at the Auction Market for anyone who wants to go to the Yarndale show). Picking up from: Thornton Rust, Askrigg, Bainbridge, Hawes, Gayle. £15.

Thursday, October 8th – Trip to the Metro Centre (Gateshead). Picking up from: Hawes, Aysgarth, West Witton, Wensley, Leyburn, Colburn (opposite the library). £23.

Thursday, October 29th – Trip to Blackpool (afternoon and evening). Picking up from: Carperby, Askrigg, Bainbridge, Hawes, Chapel le Dale. £25.

Thursday, November 12th – Trip to Kendal. Picking up from: Redmire, Carperby, Askrigg, Bainbridge, Hawes. £14.

Thursday, November 26th – Trip to York city centre. Picking up from: Hawes, Bainbridge, Worton, Aysgarth, West Witton, Wensley, Leyburn. £23.

Thursday, December 3rd – Trip to Ambleside (Hays Garden Centre). Pick up from: Redmire, Carperby, Aysgarth, Worton, Askrigg, Bainbridge, Sedbusk, Hawes. £18.

Thursday, December 10th – Trip to Harrogate (only 1 seat left). Picking up from: Leyburn, Bellerby, Catterick Garrison (Tesco), Richmond Market Place, Catterick Village. £20.

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Hawes Town Investment Plan Launch Event

Monday, October 5th – Noon to 4.00pm
at Hawes Market House

York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority and North Yorkshire Council are 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 – www.northyorks.gov.uk.

We began our community engagement for the Hawes Town Investment Plan in September 2025 with a survey, drop-in event at Hawes Market House and one-to-one conversations with stakeholders. We then held a follow-up session in March 2026. Together these sessions and the survey provided us with a wealth of useful insight and data about your town and your community.

We have used the information we captured to develop the draft Plan which identifies investment opportunities and suggestions for improving Hawes in line with the programme priorities.

We would like to invite you to our drop in launch event at the Market House in Hawes on **Monday, October 5th** between **noon and 4.00pm** where you can view the draft plan and share your feedback on it.

We will also be joined by North Yorkshire Council's Rural Housing Team, the Upper Dales Community Partnership, the Upper Wensleydale Sports and Recreation Association and the newly established Hawes Business Association.

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, Locality Lead - Lisa.wilson1@northyorks.gov.uk, or Virginia Arrowsmith, Communities Development Officer - Virginia.arrowsmith1@northyorks.gov.uk.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Upper Wensleydale Ladies Lunch Club

The first meeting of the Ladies Lunch Club of the 2026-27 season will be held on **Wednesday, September 23rd** when our speaker will be Rhoda Fraser with more of her funny stories told in her unique way.

We meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month from September through to May at the Street Head Inn in Bishopdale, for lunch at **12.30 pm**. Doors open at **12.00 noon**.

Why not come along and join us. We are a small, friendly group who would make you very welcome. For further details, and to book in for lunch, please contact: **Ray Wilkinson on 01969 663613 or Sue Ryding on 01969 663551.**

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Penhill Ladies

Penhill Ladies marked a major milestone recently, raising a glass to their 10th anniversary with a celebration at the Carperby Village Institute. The evening began with a look back at the group's history, presented by Joan Hodgson, before testing everyone's knowledge with a lively music quiz. Members pulled out all the stops with a wonderful shared buffet, and the champagne corks popped to toast a fantastic decade.



Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, September 16th at 7.30pm** in Carperby Village Institute. It is an open meeting and non-members are welcome.

My Life as a Funeral Director - A talk by our guest speaker, Richard Sanderson, which lifts

the veil on the funeral profession. Discover how the business is run, what actually happens when arranging a service, and the many options available to families. Richard will also share fascinating insights into the work of coroners, how the industry adapted during COVID, and what it takes to support grieving families.

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Bainbridge Street Food

The Place to Be! Well, that was in Bainbridge on August 8th when the first of our street food events took place.

The Little Indian Company came along with their selection of authentic home-style Indian food.

The queue formed before they were even open and was still there when they sadly had to close at 8.00pm because they had sold out of everything!

It was a glorious evening (a relief for those in the queue!) and many were able to enjoy their delicious food on the village green. Others enjoyed the Indian-themed comfort of the Village Hall, whilst some took their food home.

We were all delighted by the support for this new venture and just hope that there is similar support for the other traders visiting over the coming weeks.

This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a range of freshly prepared food on our doorsteps, so please come along and give it a try! If these events prove successful we will be hoping to make them a regular feature in the village.

Dates for your Diary (for a night off cooking!):

Friday, September 4th - 'What a Pizza' - Fresh, stone-baked pizzas.

Friday, September 18th - G.O.A.T. - Greatest of All Toasties.

Saturday, September 26th - 'The Suckling Pig' - Pulled pork dishes.

The vans will park up outside the village hall in Bainbridge, generally between **4.30pm/5.00pm and 7.00pm** (or until they sell out).

Please come along and give it a try! You won't be disappointed!

David Clarke

The family of the late David Clarke would like to thank all relatives and friends for their kind messages of sympathy and generous donations. These will be divided between Dementia UK and Cancer Research UK.

Yorebridge Educational Foundation

Yorebridge Educational Foundation are looking for up to two individuals to join them as Trustees. There are four meetings per year, and the priority is managing the Trust that largely comprises the Yorebridge site at Askrigg (School site) and also the YSDA gym. The Trustees would especially welcome someone with financial / bookkeeping experience although this is not essential.

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Riding For Violet and Cystic Fibrosis

I've got a birthday coming up in September (This seems to happen around the same time each year) and this year I had the daft idea of cycling my age, Then I thought: Why not do this and raise some money for a good cause at the same time?

So, on my birthday (Or very soon thereafter depending on the weather) I am planning to cycle for 70 miles – even though I am still 21. This will be further than I have ridden on one ride and, for me, will mean 6 - 7 hours in the saddle. Tour de France riders only do about 4 - 5 hours in a day – Lightweights!

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I will be raising money for the Teesside Cystic Fibrosis Centre at James Cook Hospital which does a fantastic job of helping granddaughter Violet and numerous other children and young people with CF. Not to mention the advice and support they give to her Mum and Dad.

Like me, you may have heard of CF but did not really appreciate how it affected people. Put quite simply, it's a genetic condition that primarily affects the lungs and digestive system. There is no cure for CF and it requires lifelong specialist treatment. That's where the CF Centre at James Cook Hospital comes in.

Violet and I have set up a JustGiving page: www.justgiving.com. If you put – Cluderay – into the search box, you will see our page listed. Alternatively, donations can be made at Reeth Post Office, if you happen to be in the area.

Even though she is only 14 months old, Violet might join me for part of the ride (if you live in or visit Swaledale, you may well have seen the two of us on training rides round and about Reeth) and we will both be chuffed to bits with any support you can give.

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Arts Society Wensleydale

Impressions on Gardens

The 2026–27 Arts Society Wensleydale season begins at Tennants on **Tuesday, September 22nd** with a talk on 'Monet and the Impressionists as Gardeners and Painters of Gardens'. Monet once said that his only two interests in life were painting and gardening. In cultivating his garden at Giverny in Normandy (famous for the water lilies series of paintings) from the mid 1880s, he felt he had created 'his most beautiful work of art'.

Monet's love for gardening began much earlier in the 1860s and was shared by his artist friends and fellow Impressionists, Frédéric Bazille, Auguste Renoir, Camille Pissarro, and, in particular, Gustave Caillebotte.

For the Impressionists, gardens with new and unusual varieties of flowers and shrubs provided the artists with exciting juxtapositions of colour combined with the variations of outdoor light effects. The paintings often give us an intimate view of how their private and working lives interacted.

This is also a fitting lecture as 2026 commemorates 100 years since the death of Monet. So why not join us as non-members/guests are always welcome at Arts Society Wensleydale lectures, or become a member? For more information on Arts Society Wensleydale, visit <https://theartsociety.org/wensleydale>.

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Sunday, September 6th

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, September 13th

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

Sunday, September 20th

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

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

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

3.00pm Songs of Praise,
Redmire Village Hall.

Sunday, September 27th

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

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

6.00pm Evening Prayer Harvest Service,
Thornton Rust Mission Room.

September Mid-Week Services:

Thursday, 3rd and 17th at 9.30am.

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

Church Coffee Morning: Wednesday,

September 2nd from 10.30am to noon at Redmire Village Hall.

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Wensleydale September Saunter

Following the success of the James Herriot Trail Race at the end of July Wensleydale Rotary is gearing up for its next event – the Wensleydale September Saunter that takes place on **Saturday, September 19th**. This is a circular walk of 13.6 miles, starting and finishing in Leyburn. There will also be an optional alternative route of 5.7 miles, suitable for families with younger children.

There are liquid refreshments at various checkpoints, and all walkers receive tea/coffee, sandwiches and cake at the finish in Wensleydale School from **noon to 4.00pm**. Showers are also available.

The routes are well sign-posted and marshalled, so no-one should get lost.

More details and how to enter can be found at www.wensleydalerotary.org. The closing date for online entries is **September 17th** but entries can be made on the day.

Each year the club sponsors a student to take part in a leadership development programme – this year Nathan Rowbotham is spending a week on a Rotary Youth Under Sail Course which is run in partnership with Ocean Youth Trust North. Rotary Youth under Sail is a programme aimed at changing lives and inspiring the futures of young people aged 14-17. Nathan will be speaking about his adventures on **September 21st** – if you know of someone who you think would benefit from taking part in 2027 do come along to the meeting to find out more or email secretary@wensleydalerotary.org.

Wensleydale Rotary is active in working in the Dales supporting local communities. For more information about what we do visit our website www.wensleydalerotary.org. Visitors to our meetings are welcome.



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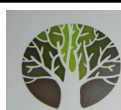
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This summer has been filled with lots of fun, laughter and games. Lots of the school children rejoined us for the holidays and we have enjoyed a trip to Hawes Chippie, walks out in the community, a circus day, a sports day and a fun day with the bouncy castle. The children have enjoyed learning lots of new skills including plate spinning, juggling and walking the high beam.

We have done some science experiments, learnt about nature, baked up some delicious dishes and treats, and we have been very crafty. Lots of dens have been built outside and we have thoroughly enjoyed lots of dry sunny days. Our role play area in the Sunshine's room was transformed into a circus, and the role play area in the ducklings room was transformed into a campsite in the woods.



We have our Bingo night planned for **Wednesday, September 9th** in Hawes Market Hall. Doors open at **7.00pm** ready to start playing at **7.30pm**. It would be great to see lots of you there, everyone is welcome.

We are now taking bookings for January. Places are limited as we are very busy, so we do advise you get in touch early to get a place. We do have a waiting list for some days. Children are eligible for the working funding entitlement the term after they turn nine months, not the date they turn nine months. We also offer paid sessions and wrap around care. Please email admin@dalesplay.co.uk for more information.

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Sadly, the season was tinged with sadness at the loss of League Chairman Roger Howis, the captain of West Witton A. His team-mates are fundraising for a memorial bench by the quits pitches at The Fox.

Middleham came first at the top of Division 1 and retained the Knock Out Cup for the third successive year. Foresters Arms, Carlton, came out at the top of Division 2.

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- 4 Dominoes. Carperby Institute. 7.30pm.
- 4 Bainbridge Street Food. Bainbridge Village Hall. 4.30pm. See p.14.
- 5 Concert at Reeth Memorial Hall. 7.30pm. See p.35.
- 5 Wensleydale Concert. St. Andrew's, Aysgarth. 7.30pm. See p.26.
- 5 Reeth Arts Festival. See p39.
- 5 Tour of Britain Cycle Race Stage 4. See p.2.
- 5&6 Wath Morris Tour. See p.7.
- 6 Moorcock Show. Mossdale Farm. 10.30am. See p.21.
- 8 Little White Bus trip to Ilkley. See p.11.
- 9 Charity Bingo. Hawes Market Hall. 7.00pm. See p.25.
- 12&13 Hunton Steam Gathering. See p.19.
- 16 Penhill Ladies Meeting. Carperby Village Institute. 7.30pm. See p.13.
- 16 Local History Group Meeting. LA&CC. 2.00pm See p.19.
- 17 Talk & Film. LA&CC. 7.00pm. See p.8.
- 17 Bainbridge WI Meeting. Bainbridge Village Hall. 7.30pm. See p.31.
- 18 u3a Meeting. LA&CC. 10.00am. See p.32.
- 18 Bainbridge Street Food. Bainbridge Village Hall. 4.30pm. See p.14.
- 18-27 Richmond Walking and Book Festival. See p.36.
- 19 Rotary Club September Saunter. See p.17.
- 19 Quiz Night. Thoraby Village Hall. 6.30pm. See p.26.
- 20 Jazz Festival Concert. St. Matthew's, Leyburn See p.43.
- 22 Art Society Talk. Tennants. See p.16.
- 23 Upper Wensleydale Ladies Lunch Club. Street Head Inn. Noon. See p.12.
- 25 Harvest Supper. Stalling Busk Schoolroom. 7.30pm. See p.14.
- 26 Little White Bus trip to Skipton. See p.11.
- 26 Bainbridge Street Food. Bainbridge Village Hall. 4.30pm. See p.14.

Photography Exhibition

Please join us as Carperby Village Hall continues its Centenary Year celebrations with an Art, Photography and Craft ~ Exhibition and sale.

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This year, we will see the return of Action Ants, fun for all the family with their archery and obstacle courses which will be free for all to enjoy. There will be a showcase from Woolkeepers, who work with farmers, giving them a fair price for their wool and using it in a sustainable way including projects on local moorland.

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Exhibition: June 6th to September 27th:
Rivers4Life

Visitors of all ages are loving our latest family friendly exhibition, Rivers4Life. As part of the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust, Rivers4Life project, it shares everything to do with rivers and wildlife, featuring work from pupils at Hawes school as well as amazing film, art, and music. The exhibition explores 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:

The Green Spaces, Shared Places exhibition, co-curated by our Young Creatives group was recently launched at the National Memorial Arboretum. Members of the group attended the opening and were thrilled to see the items they had chosen from the DCM collection, on tour.

The exhibition will tour to DCM in the autumn and be enhanced with artworks designed, printed and crafted by our Young Creatives. 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 about why green spaces are important to you, 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 socially engaged artist and photographer, Jo Coates on both research and a new commission. We are finding interesting stories to share, if you have stories 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:

The club meets once a month on a **Saturday morning, 10.00am - noon**. After our summer break we will be back this month. If your child is interested in joining us for a trial session, please call **01969 666210** or email dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk.

Learning:- Check out this website [Home - Out Of The Box Learning](#) that features objects and stories from the Dales and can be used alongside our loan boxes. These can be loaned for a half term to enrich learning in your school or as part of a free led session. Please 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 coming up in September:

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 go to www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk.

Rivers and wildlife walk for young people
18 - 30 – free event!

Sunday, September 9th, 10.00am – 4.00pm.

Join us for a relaxing walk, chatting about rivers and spotting wildlife while soaking up some fresh air and meeting new friends.

For 18 to 30s. A 7.5 mile walk from the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes. Booking required via events page of DCM website.

Recipes and Remedies from the museum archives:

Tuesday, September 8th, 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.

Traditional North Country Quilting Workshop:

Saturday, September 12th, 10.30am – 4.00pm.

Spend the morning looking at examples of typical North Country quilts to explore the various designs and styles of the quilting patterns. Then in the afternoon design and mark out a cushion cover, learn the easy stitching required and begin to sew it. You will finish this at home.

Instructions will be given on making up your panel into a finished cushion cover and all materials are provided. Lunch light is included. £50 Booking via events page of DCM website.

Cutting it fine – Bespoke historically accurate costumes through the ages:

Friday, September 18th, 7.30pm – 9.00pm.

With Jane Sammells and Rebecca Atkinson.

Followed by the Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum AGM. No booking required. Donations from non-members welcomed.

Basket Weaving Workshop:

Friday, October 9th, 9.15am – 4.30pm.

In this one day beginners adult workshop you will create a beautiful berry basket, or foraging basket, while learning how to weave a round 3x3 base, upstake and weave up the sides of your basket using various weaving techniques, turn down the uprights to make a border and attach a handle. Tools and all materials provided. Examples of baskets will be available. £55 Booking via events page of DCM website.

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- Our ticket includes entry to the Research Room where you can access Ancestry if you're looking into your family history and receive research support from our volunteer team on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- 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 but we have picnic benches in our garden, on the platform and along the outdoor trail for museum visitors and have created an indoor picnic area where you can also bring your own food and drink. We have water and flapjack for sale in our shop.

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September 20th	Holy Communion	Family Service	Morning Prayer	
September 27th	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Afternoon Prayer
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Dales Charity Bingo Report

It was great to welcome some new faces including families with children joining us at our August bingo night in support of the Upper Dales Bonfire and Fireworks. And it was exciting to see some of our new players take home some of our bingo prizes.

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the night, thank you to all the helpers who helped us pack up and put away the tables and chairs and thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the night a success.

The night raised £307 for the Upper Dales Bonfire and Fireworks which will help cover some of their overhead costs this season. We just need a bit of rain to keep this tradition and evening on track for early November.

Our next bingo night will be held in Hawes on **September 9th** for DalesPlay – please see our advertisement on page 36.

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Wensleydale Concert Series

Saturday, September 5th marks the end of this year's concert series and features a brilliant young cellist Inez Karlsson and pianist Ayaka Shigeno. As well as the two musicians the concert features two world premieres. The first is a short piece for solo cello from the composer Cheryl Frances Hoad, an upcoming composer we have featured before in the series, who has also been commissioned to write music for, amongst many other events, the BBC Proms and even Stephen Hawking's 70th birthday!



The second new work is for cello and piano by the composer David Blake who celebrates his 90th birthday on September 2nd and lives in Askrigg. David has written the work specifically for Wensleydale Concert Series and for Inez. Notably David was a founding member of the music department of the University of York when the university was established in 1963 and became the department professor in 1976. As a composer David's first important commission came in 1966, from the York Festival, for his Chamber Symphony. Subsequent commissions included Lumina (soloists, chorus and large orchestra) for the 1970 Leeds Festival; the Violin Concerto for the 1976 BBC Proms; Toussaint, an opera in three acts for the English National Opera, first

produced in 1977 (and revived 1983); Rise Dove (solo bass and orchestra) for the BBC; The Plumber's Gift, an opera in two acts for the English National Opera, first produced in 1989 with libretto by John Birtwhistle; and the Cello Concerto, commissioned by the BBC for the 1993 Cheltenham Festival.

Other music featured in the concert are the ever popular Brahms Sonata in F and Debussy's Sonata along with shorter works by Frank Bridge and Luigi Boccherini.

This is a fitting celebratory end to our 11th series. We will be back in **May 2027** for our 12th series!

Tickets are £20 at the door (£18 in advance) and £1 for under 18s and full time students. Full details are at our website www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk.

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The Old Grammar School Gallery

Those of our readers who have visited the indoor market in Hawes Market Hall in the last few months may have come across the stalls of Allerton House Studios and Neelz Expressionz and their owners Susan and Neil Walker who have now taken over the lease on the Old Grammar School Gallery in Hawes (formerly Hawes Post Office).

So who are Susan and Neil? Well they are both mixed media artists who live in Brough. They moved there in 2019 from Kent after Susan retired as a Primary School teacher. They had stayed in Brough for holidays for many years and felt it was an ideal location to develop their interest in numerous artistic areas. They converted a barn into a workshop and began exhibiting and selling their wares in various markets in the north of England.

It was whilst they were attending the market in Hawes that during a stroll through the town they spotted that the Old Grammar School building was empty and thought it would make an excellent permanent base to house their products.

They have virtually divided the floor space into two halves with Neil's work on one side and Susan's on the other. The shop essentially only sells things that they themselves have made and quite an interesting and unique set of items they are.

Neil's items include beautiful hand-made journals and scrolls plus hand-made sets of watercolour paints and can be seen at his web-site <https://www.neelzexpressionz.com>.

Susan's work consists of a range of cards, purses, wooden decorations, coasters and numerous other items – all hand-made, which can be viewed at <https://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/AllertonHouseStudios>. You really need to visit the shop and see this amazing range of products yourself. The Newsletter welcomes Neil and Susan to Hawes and wishes them every success with their new venture.

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Churchill Fellowships

Applications for Churchill Fellowships open, from **September 1st**. The closing date is **noon on October 20th** and no late entries are accepted. See www.churchillfellowship.org.

Around 100 Fellowships are awarded to individuals each year, to fund several weeks of overseas travel and/or online research that will be of clear benefit to a Fellow's community, specialist or professional interest. Upper Wensleydale residents known to have had Churchill Fellowships over the years have studied agriculture, affordable housing and rural transport. Perhaps you know others?

A Churchill Fellowship is described as 'the chance of a lifetime'. Each year, there is a wide-ranging and changing list of subject categories under which applications are invited. However, there is also an Open category every year, to accommodate applications on subjects that are outwith that year's list.

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Letters from Our Readership

The arrival of new recycling bins has resulted in many discussions, especially about the size of the bins, where to store them and what happens if you don't need them. Here are the views of two readers who aren't fans of the new arrivals!

1. The Invasion has Begun

Well, it has happened! I guess we were warned but when I was awoken last week by a lot of banging and crashing outside the house, it wasn't a bin invasion I was expecting to see!

However, they were landing - the brigade of red and blue lidded wheelie bins! What's more, they were making a lot of noise about it and, when I later went outside, they were leaving a trail of chaos too!

Needless to say, the 'operatives' employed to deliver these bins were not going to hang around to place them neatly at each property. No, I am sure they were trying to get in and out as quickly as possible before they were the victims of a lot of verbal abuse!

Can you blame us though? Where on earth do the Council think we are going to put these things? We are fortunate in that we have a reasonably good sized garden but that is what it is - a garden - and not an enormous bin store! We already have a huge black bin, an equally huge green bin and a sad, redundant green bin that was abandoned here in favour of its bigger relative. Now, we have to try and find a home for two more huge bins!

If you find yourself with these additional bins and yet have no garden, yard or anywhere else you could contemplate putting them, I have to feel really sorry for you. What on earth will happen to the poor things? Will more 'operatives' be sent out to round up these unwanted bins and re-home them?! If that doesn't happen, I already have a scene in my mind, after the first really windy autumn day, when all the new bins that are still abandoned on footpaths or outside properties (where they are clearly not wanted, or where there is nowhere to put them), hurtle down the street, across roads, into fields, ponds and indeed cars!! I hope the Council are ready for all the insurance claims from the wayward bins!

I have heard that it is not possible to return the new bins until a 'consultation' is complete (and that will take three months!). I am not aware that one has even started yet! Most people do a

consultation before starting something so it seems NYC have 'jumped the gun' here! The new collection scheme isn't due to start until October but what will happen if the alleged consultation demonstrates no-one wants these bins? Is someone going to round them all up or will we be left minding the bins?!?!

Even worse, if we ask for our bin to be removed, or downsized, and then later change our minds, we will be charged £37.50 (per bin!) for the privilege!! I am sure we can now already start to compute the cost of this little exercise! Is this good use of our Council Tax?!

So, come on North Yorkshire Council - come clean with us (sorry for the pun!) and explain the justification for depositing these bins at every home in the area! Are there not more important things to spend that money on? Did anyone do a study before coming up with this idea to consider where all these new bins would be housed? I rather doubt it! The glorious views around our wonderful villages are now spoiled by this outbreak of really ugly, industrial looking bins! If we needed planning approval for these, do we think we would get it? I rather doubt it!! Not your finest moment NYC!

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2. New Bins!

While I was away for the weekend two large bins were left outside my house in Bainbridge.



One has a bright tomato red lid, and the other a bright blue lid. They are very visible, and very ugly.

Dales villages have some cottages with no space behind them, or tiny yards with several steps, impossible with large wheelie bins. I now have to find a place for three large

bins. I only fill the present recycling bag about once a month, if that. It would take the best part of a year for me to fill the new large bin..... and I only put my recycling box out about every six weeks or so. I doubt if I will fill the huge red bin twice in a year.

I feel angry that somebody, somewhere, with no thought about the beauty of our villages, has imposed this system on us.

A friend in another village phoned the council to say she didn't want the bins. An email came telling her that it was impossible at present for them to prevent bins being delivered to properties. They said this....

We would encourage you to use the bins for a trial period of a few months. If, after this time, you feel that the bins do not meet your needs, or you would prefer a smaller-sized bin, please contact us and we will be happy to review the options available.

Should you wish to request the removal of the bins in the future, we can assess your request at that time and advise you accordingly. Please note that if bins are removed at your request and are subsequently required again, a charge of £37.50 per bin will apply for their replacement.

I wonder if it is economically wise to distribute the bins to all, and then suggest people try them out before asking for them to be returned, used, to the council premises. And I wonder what 'reviewing the options available' will cost, per household?

When asked if the council were collecting in the old recycling boxes, the reply was no and a suggestion that they could be used for planters in the garden or even for growing vegetables. Or taken to the tip. Not easy for an old lady without a car.

Sylvia Crookes

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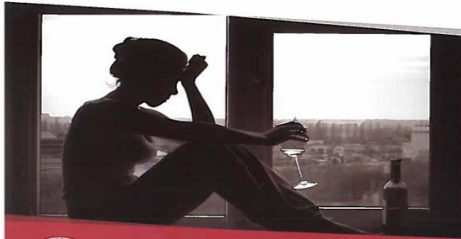
West Burton has suffered a number of losses in recent years. First the chapel, then the school and recently the butcher, have all closed and now even the village hall is temporarily out of use because of flooding earlier this year. Fortunately the pub is still going strong, and the village shop, which looked as if it, too, might close, has been rescued by new proprietors.

Martin and Amanda re-opened the shop on May 1st and have been building up the business all summer. Local people have been supportive and they are delighted that the shop is open again. It is well stocked, with an emphasis on quality local products. Not only that, the café is open as well and Amanda's wonderful baking has been well received by visitors and locals alike. The café is light and airy with lovely views across the village green, a great place to sit and relax, maybe looking at Ruth Grindrod's pictures which are for sale, along with cards by local artists.

The shop is open from **10.00am to 4.00pm every day except Monday and Thursday (11.30am to 4.00pm on Sundays)**, although it will probably just be open at weekends during the winter. Martin and Amanda don't live in the village but are not far away. Running a shop is a new venture for them and so far it is going well. We wish them every success.

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Heavens Above

Pegasus, the Winged Horse, gallops high in the southern sky during the next few months. It's the main constellation of Autumn and represents the winged steed of Perseus, the hero in the old Greek myths, who rescued the beautiful princess, Andromeda from the clutches of the dreadful sea monster, Cetus. To be honest its outline doesn't look anything like a horse as it's viewed upside down from our location and only the equine's front half is depicted in the sky.

Pegasus is the seventh largest constellation but it's not particularly distinctive. Its main feature is its famous 'Great Square' - a large quadrilateral formed by four medium-bright stars which is very easy to pick out as it lies in a pretty sparsely populated part of the sky. Look for it in the south about halfway up the sky during the next few months but bear in mind that star maps tend to make it appear smaller and brighter than it really is. If you're feeling a bit nerdy you can use the Square's interior to test your eyesight. If you can see 13 or 14 stars using just your naked-eyes, you're exceptionally keen-sighted as most people can only manage to spot 6 or 7.

Trailing away from the top left-hand corner star are two chains of stars forming Andromeda's own constellation. Just above the mid-point of the upper chain you'll find a fuzzy patch of light about four moon-widths across. It's M31, the Great Andromeda galaxy, very similar to our own Milky Way galaxy but a good deal bigger. It lies over 2 million light years away - a mere

14,000,000,000,000,000,000 miles - and is reckoned to be one of the most distant objects visible to the unaided human eye. M31 and the Milky Way are due to collide with each other in a few billion years time to form an even bigger Giant Elliptical galaxy. It's a pity none of us will be around to witness it!!!

Venus has put on a great show in the evening sky for the last few months, outshining anything else but the Moon. It reaches its maximum brightness for the year - a magnificent magnitude minus 4.8 - low in the west on **September 22nd**, the day before this year's Autumn Equinox. Catch it if you can as it disappears into the Sun's glare soon afterwards. Finally this month look out for the Full Moon on **September 28th**. It's the Harvest Moon, the Full Moon that occurs nearest to the Autumn Equinox each year. Always a beautiful sight as it hangs low in the east directly after sunset. Have clear skies!

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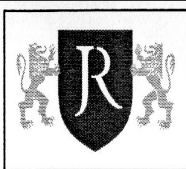
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Bainbridge WI News

Summer has been truly glorious this year which has meant we have enjoyed a lot of time outside with our various clubs and activities. However, with September now upon us we are heading into autumn and the darker evenings. It's a bit more difficult to drag ourselves out on a dark, miserable evening, but no doubt the many opportunities available to us will help motivate us to enjoy time with friends.

August saw our enthusiastic walkers take a circular walk from Bainbridge, via Worton to Askrigg and back. Some lovely weather and great scenery and, of course, delicious refreshments along the way!

The walkers are now planning a major project to undertake the 'Coast to Coast' walk! Don't panic though - they do not intend to do the walk in one go! No, instead they are allowing themselves ten years to complete all the various sections!!!! They are currently planning their 'Grand Depart' in September when hopefully we can go and wave them off with enthusiasm! One of our members is going to record this venture on a tapestry (similar to the Bayeux Tapestry!) and a journal will also be created with photographs and tales from each section to preserve a record of this exciting venture.

The garden group went to visit the garden of one of our members in Askrigg but by that stage the weather had broken so fingers were crossed to avoid the showers. They are now looking forward to a visit to Holehird Gardens.

Our crafting ladies had a great day learning felting with local artist, Elli Sarri-Neate. Amazingly, there were not too many injuries during our time 'stabbing' the wool with sharp, barbed needles, although the box of plasters was very handy! Even more amazingly, we all managed to turn out some very cute (and recognisable) Highland Cows! Thanks to Elli for her guidance and patience!

The Lunch Club has just descended upon The Friars Head at Akebar where they had a delicious meal in lovely surroundings. Next month's outing is to The Punch Bowl in Swaledale to see what they have on offer.

Our August meeting was a crafting 'dabble' session when we had the chance to try a variety of crafting projects, planned by some of our talented members which included paper flowers, painted coasters and beaded bracelets. We had good fun!

September will see us relaunch our popular 'Soup and Sweet lunches'. The first will take place on **Wednesday, September 16th** from **noon** at Bainbridge Village Hall. Come along to enjoy a delicious homemade soup and pudding for an amazingly low price, and enjoy the company of friends. Everyone is welcome, including visitors

Our September meeting will take place on **Thursday, September 17th** at **7.30pm** in Bainbridge Village Hall. We will be welcoming Peter Lewis who will be talking to us about 'Monks, Harrying and Cheese' - sounds fascinating!

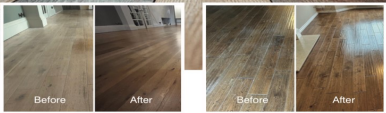
If you are interested in joining our busy and friendly group you will be very welcome to come along to any of our monthly meetings and see what we get up to. There is no commitment to join on the day, so give us a try! You can get further details from our President, Sue Stokes on **07816-955-723**. We would be delighted to see you and offer a warm welcome and lots of opportunities. Do come along.



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Leyburn and District u3a

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by Alan Hunter, The Woodland Trust

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Preserving and protecting our ancient woodland and individual ancient and veteran trees is vitally important for wildlife, and fighting climate change. Tree planting initiatives will also be briefly covered. Alan Hunton is a volunteer and verifier for the Ancient Tree Inventory.

Please join us at this Leyburn & District u3a meeting. 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.u3aite.uk.

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MotorFest 26 - Anything With an Engine!

That was the requirement for participation in this year's MotorFest, held on Bainbridge Village Green on August 23rd. I had thought I might go along with my lawnmower but, quite frankly, I am not sure there would have been room for it!

The village green was packed with all manner of vehicles, including motorcycles, military vehicles, tractors, sporty cars, vintage vehicles and even a lorry and a traction engine! It was an amazing selection of 'things with an engine' for enthusiasts to have a good look around, admire, reminisce over or even aspire to.

The event is organised every year by the Bainbridge and District Motor Club but even they were surprised by the number of vehicles that turned up!



A charity refreshment stall was run by a small group of local residents who did a roaring trade with their delicious homemade sandwiches, savouries and cakes. This enabled them to raise just over £300 which is to be shared between the local Swift Group (who are working to encourage the return of swifts to our villages) and the local Air Ambulances. Thanks to all who supported this effort.

So, another successful event (and blessed with lovely weather - again!). Well done to everyone involved. You now have a year to find yourself something with an engine to take along to next year's event!



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Blueboxt September Update

Opportunities to take part...

As autumn approaches, why not join one of our music-making sessions?

Get Musical (6-11 years) - We are excited to be offering another series of bite-sized music tasters for 6 to 11 years old. As always, we are happy to talk about accommodating your child if they are not quite within the age range. Sessions include singing, bookwhackers, bucket drumming and exploring different instruments. Dates and session times to be confirmed (likely to be **Fridays, 4.30pm to 6.00pm** at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall). Registration now open.

Get Musical Jam Band (11-19 years) - Come and experience playing in a band. Participants choose songs and currently include Coldplay, Bastille, Imagine Dragons and Journey. Instruments can be provided and there are opportunities to perform at live events. Sessions run **Wednesdays, 4.30pm to 6.00pm during term-time** at Leyburn Guide and Scout Hall.

Raising Creative Aspirations - We are continuing to welcome applications from young people aged 16 - 26 years 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 young people with coaching and business advice in the music and creative industries. See website or contact us to find out more details.

Light My Choir! - Our mixed voice community choir sings uplifting spiritual and popular songs and is welcoming new members 16 years and over. No prior experience required - come and meet our friendly group and give it a try. We meet on **Monday evenings, 7.00pm - 9.00pm** at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall. Contact us to register your interest or pop along.

Events:

Come and chat with our volunteers and enjoy performances by BlueBoxt at Reeth Arts Festival and in Leyburn Market Place as part of the Tour of Britain Cycle Race celebrations. Both events take place throughout the day on **Saturday, September 5th**.

Leyburn Jazz Festival presents Darlington Big Band on **Sunday, September 20th, 2.00pm** at

St. Matthew's Church, Leyburn. The event is 'Pay What You Can Afford' (Suggested donation £10). Tea and Cake and a bar serving Beer and Wine will be available. Places can be reserved at www.leyburnjazz.org or contact **01969 745810**.

Latin Music Workshop (FREE) - Discover the infectious rhythms of Latin America at our free, family-friendly workshop with Orchestra Mambo International. Taking place on **Saturday, October 17th at 10.30am**, this fun and interactive session is open to people of all ages and abilities, whether you play an instrument, love music, or simply want to try something new. Booking is advisable.

The main Festival weekend runs from **Thursday, October 15th to Sunday, October 18th**. This sixth jazz festival offers another varied selection of performances, including Orchestra Mambo International, Steely Jazz, Alexia Gardner and The Roaring Twenties band, to name a few. Download the full programme at www.leyburnjazz.org or pick up a copy from community information points around the area.

Grand Prize Draw - Tickets are now available at £1 each - proceeds support our core activities. Prizes include SMART TV, Bluetooth Headphones, 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 - **September 11th, October 30th and November 27th, from 9.30am**. There will also be a Cake Stall and Raffle.

Quiz night with Simon Eastwood - **Friday, October 9th** at West Burton Village Hall. **7.00pm for a prompt 7.30pm start**. Teams of six or come along and make a team on the night. Tickets £15 including a two-course supper. Book early to avoid disappointment!

Music themed Quiz Night - **Saturday December 5th**, West Witton Village Hall. Angela and Bee invite you to another evening of music-related quiz rounds from across the decades. Expect history, geography, fashion and general knowledge too. Teams of six or make a team on the night. Tickets £10 including hot supper. **7.00pm for a 7.30pm prompt start**.

To find out more or book places for our events and activities, visit www.blueboxt.org or contact **Colin Bailey** on: **01969 745810/ 07711 211169** or email: info@blueboxt.org.

Reeth Memorial Hall Concerts

Saturday, September 5th – Bob Fox and Stu Luckley

Iconic 70s duo Bob Fox and Stu Luckley with an unmissable show including songs and tunes from their first two albums, on guitars, acoustic bass, dulcimer, and bouzouki. Tickets £20 (£22 door).

Saturday, October 3rd – Leveret

Leveret is a unique collaboration between three of England's finest folk musicians. Andy Cutting, Sam Sweeney and Rob Harbron are each regarded as exceptional performers and masters of their instruments. Tickets £20 (£22 door).

Friday, October 23rd – Honey and The Bear

Live music full of variation, from emotive and dramatic full-bodied ballads, to rip-roaring tales of adventure on the seas, with a strong focus on their Suffolk roots, community and family. Tickets £16 (£18 door).

Saturday, October 31st – Bard Edrington and The Blackbirds

Songs and tunes inspired by the old time music of the Appalachian mountains and delta blues on guitar, banjo, fiddle, drums and bass. Tickets £16 (£18 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** unless otherwise stated – doors open **7.30pm**.

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Three walks take place each day to suit different abilities led by experienced volunteers. Harder walks take you up onto the moors, special interest walks down in the valleys and walks to places to visit such as the Stockton and Darlington Railway and Teesdale waterfalls.

Friday 18th, 7.30pm: '165 Days – Prisoner of the Taliban'. Filmmaker and writer Asad Qureshi set out to interview Taliban commanders but found himself with a gun to his head then held to ransom.

Saturday 19th: 'Fiesta - Journey through human festivity' told through colourful travel narratives at **4.00pm**, followed by an evening in the Georgian Theatre – 'What are Prisons For?'

Sunday 20th: 'Women in the Outdoors' at **4.00pm** followed by 'Human Nature - Walking in Nepal'.

Monday 21st: While researching the local countryside the author examines the influence it has had on her life in 'The Land Beneath the Waves'.

Tuesday 22nd: 'Windhover'. Naturalist and author Laurence Rose examines nature in the Yorkshire Countryside at **11.00am** in The Station followed by a walk round Scorton Lakes.

At **7.30pm**, 'Good, Occasionally Rhyming' is a collection of poetry and prose celebrating the Shipping Forecast, with Kathy Clugston (Gardener's Question Time) and poet Rob Stepney.

Wednesday 23rd, 7.30pm: 'Pilgrim Cello- 42 Cathedrals on a bike' with writer and cellist Kenneth Wilson.

Thursday 24th: 'Diplomatic Adventures'. **11.00am** at The Station. Followed at **7.30pm** by 'Lone Wolf', the remarkable journey of a wolf from Slovenia through the Alps to Northern Italy and the consequences of meeting a female wolf in a region that has been without wolves for a century.

Friday 25th, 7.30pm: Baroness Hale talks with Chris Lloyd about her book 'With the Law on Our Side'.

Saturday 26th features two writers with a love of trees at **4.00pm** followed by a panel of crime fiction writers discussing this popular genre at **7.30pm**.

Sunday 27th, 4.00pm: 'Across Mountains and Sea' tells the journey of a young boy out of Afghanistan to Britain, while 'Determination' is a novel about an immigration solicitor. At **7.30pm** Terry Deary, talks about his funny but gripping murder mystery 'Actually I'm a Corpse'.

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News From Sycamore Hall

Once again, we have been able to spend a lot of time sitting outside in the glorious weather, making good use of the large sunshade that we were given. Some of us have made the most of the lovely weather to venture a bit further afield, taking a walk in the village.

Some of our residents really enjoyed the chance to try the delicious curries from the Little Indian Company at the recent street food evening.

We have welcomed more new residents and are delighted that one is another keen domino player! We now have quite a crowd playing regularly which is lovely. Why not come and join them?

We had a fun afternoon with an Abba themed music and dance session. Some of our enthusiastic residents dressed in Abba-style clothing and wigs and looked brilliant!

We have also had a lot of fun at our annual 'Olympics' event where we were able to participate in a variety of challenges. We will now wait to hear how our overall score compares with those at Kirkwood and Greyfriars. We are not really competitive, but we hope we have the highest score!!!

Revd Dave came along for his last service with us before he retires. We will be sorry to see him go but wish him and his wife a happy retirement.

Lianna, our Beauty Therapist will be with us on **Monday, September 21st**. If you would like to enjoy some pampering, get in touch on **07792 086189** to make an appointment.. There is a list of the services she provides on display in Sycamore Hall which include facials, nail treatments, massage etc. Go on - spoil yourself (or someone else, with a gift voucher)!

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 will continue with the Methodist preachers but we will have to wait to see what happens when Revd Dave leaves and whether there is anyone who could visit us to

lead a short service each month. Please check for details.

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.

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Olive's Cafe is open seven days a week from **8.30am to 4.00pm**. Serving breakfast, lunch afternoon tea, Sunday lunch and takeaway. Check out Facebook for details of takeaway evenings and other special events. Contact Emily on **01969 629826**.

The Post Office is with us on **Mondays and Wednesdays between 9.00am and 11.00am** for all posting and banking needs.

The library is open every day from **8.30am to 7.00pm** with a limited selection of books and internet access.

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Pedal to the Pad

Yorkshire Air Ambulance (YAA) invites cyclists to be among the first to visit new Northern Air Support Unit.

Cyclists are invited to gather at Yorkshire Air Ambulance's new Northern Air Support Unit before setting off on Pedal to the Pad, a brand-new fundraising challenge taking place on **Saturday, October 3rd**. Pedal to the Pad will see around 50 riders, including YAA crew members, cycle between the Charity's two airbases while raising vital funds to help keep its life-saving service flying.

The ride will begin at Yorkshire Air Ambulance's new Northern Air Support Unit near Skipton-on-Swale. From there, riders will travel across Yorkshire before crossing the finish line at the Charity's Nostell Air Support Unit near Wakefield, linking its future home with its established base. A shorter 30-mile route will also be available, finishing in Malton.

The new Northern Air Support Unit, which is still under construction, replaces the Charity's long-standing rented base at RAF Topcliffe, providing YAA with a permanent home in North Yorkshire helping to secure the future of its life-saving operations.

Along the route, participants will ride alongside members of YAA's medical and aviation teams, giving them a unique opportunity to meet the people behind the Charity's life-saving service. Riders receive an exclusive YAA cycling jersey and water bottle, alongside a fully supported event featuring signed routes, staffed checkpoints, refreshments, mechanical assistance and first aid cover. Those completing the 102-mile route will also have the opportunity to celebrate at Nostell Air Support Unit and, subject to operational availability, have their photograph taken alongside one of the Charity's helicopters.

Every rider is asked to raise a minimum of £200, with every pound helping to keep YAA's helicopters and its expert crews responding to life-threatening emergencies across the region. As an independent charity receiving no direct government funding, the service relies entirely on the generosity of its supporters to continue delivering life-saving critical care.

Kate James, Events Coordinator at Yorkshire Air Ambulance, said: "Pedal to the Pad is a fantastic new addition to our events calendar and we're incredibly excited to welcome riders

to the very first event. Whether you're an experienced cyclist looking for your next big challenge or someone wanting to take on our shorter route, every mile you ride and every pound you raise will help us continue delivering life-saving care to people across Yorkshire."

YAA hopes around 50 cyclists will take part in the new event, with plans for Pedal to the Pad to become an annual fixture in the region's cycling calendar. Registration for Pedal to the Pad is now open, with entries closing on **Thursday, September 10th**. Entry costs £65 for the 102 mile route and £30 for the 30 mile route. To find out more or book your place, visit www.yaa.org.uk/pedaltothepad.

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Reeth Arts Festival

Reeth Arts Festival is a Festival for the Artists, by the Artists. It's become a loved and well attended festival over the past 3 years, and now in its 4th year organisers are so pleased to be able to confirm that it will go ahead again. The festival is heavily reliant on funding because of its somewhat unique ethos of how a festival should be run for those exhibiting and those attending.. in that it is a FREE event, therefore being accessible to everyone.

This means that organisers have over the past 3 years sought and obtained grants and funding from various sources. However, this year has proved even more challenging because of the increased squeeze on resources and support for the arts on the ground - no grants have been provided for the festival, so the festival turned to a sponsorship search and are so grateful for The Buck at Reeth, Avant Gardeners (can be found at the Dales Bike Centre), Stay in Swaledale, Moments Cafe and Landmarc, as well as other local businesses and individuals for sponsoring the festival and / or making generous donations.

Recognising the value of the festival has become clearer now than ever for our local artists, creatives and small arts business owners - and thankfully in alignment with that local businesses have come to the rescue. The gratitude for this is immense, and we want to take the time now to say a huge thank you to them.



The Festival is a Swaledale and Arkengarthdale based 'unincorporated not for profit charitable association' that gives North Yorkshire based artists a creative space to showcase their work completely free of charge. The local Artists don't pay for their pitch and are therefore able to retain 100% of the money they make on the day, this approach is the ethos of the festival - to fully support the artists on their endeavours to make and sustain a living from their art.

'Accessibility to art' is the key, inclusivity no matter someone's financial situation, enabling new upcoming artists to come and exhibit, including young artists who are testing the water for their work in order to gain confidence and

exposure. The festival serves as a platform to shine a spotlight on and celebrate truly local art within North Yorkshire. Of which there are vast amounts of wonderfully talented people! Right on our doorstep!

The festival is a one day event held outdoors overlooking Fremington Edge, and creates the perfect space for self-expression and showcasing art. Many artists create on the day so that the visitors can see them at work. This brings the art to life, and can be very inspirational, especially for children.

A great deal of the art produced is inspired by the beautiful surroundings in which they live, which only echoes the physical space that the Festival is held in. Importantly, there is no admission charge to come into the Festival so that it's accessible to all visitors to enjoy perusing the stalls, listen to the music performed and immerse themselves in the entertainment and activities throughout the day.

At last year's Festival the 45 Artists who exhibited raised over £8,000 for their work collectively which was fantastic for them, and we were so grateful for that!

It's always a wonderful sight for the local artists and volunteers to see busy stalls, happy faces and lots of colour! Being able to give and support artists without taking anything from them is what the festival is passionate about - it's a rarity.

The festival takes place on **Saturday, September 5th**, (as usual the Saturday after Reeth Show) in the field next to Reeth Show field. As well as 50+ artists with stalls - this year there will be music throughout the day on the trailer stage with a fantastic lineup planned! In addition lots of activities to join in with for both adults and children, and two horse boxes with a good provision of food and alcohol by Moments and The Buck respectively. There is free parking over the bridge for anyone travelling from further afield, and toilet facilities provided in the festival field.

More specific details about what you can expect at the festival this year will be shown in the lead up on social media (@reethartsfestival on Facebook and instagram). Finally, if you're an artist and you could use a free spot at the festival this year send an email to reethartsfestival@yahoo.com asap.

Arts Festivals Founder / Organiser

A fun Day Out in the Dales

For the 7th time we have welcomed refugees from Darlington for a fun day out in the Dales. A joint effort from residents of Carperby, local families and children, and many local volunteers - all Church Denominations - contributed. A special thanks to Richard Heaton for organising the popular farm visit. Also, thanks for the Ice Cream Parlour for supplying the ice-creams.

One of the younger volunteers who looked after the football proved what a two-way process it is "I'm glad to have been able to experience meeting refugees and hearing their stories too. There are so many views and storylines that are corrupted by the media for political alignment, I feel fortunate to have been able to hear from them first hand and form my own opinions. I'd be more than happy to help at any similar events"

Our visitors had a wonderful day out and these are some of their reflections:

"I really enjoyed especially when they first welcomed us when we came out of the bus. Having tea, biscuits and coffee was awesome."

"Seeing calves (which remembered me at my young age) and touching them. I even learned a lesson about milking ways. Seeing the cows was brilliant"

"Enjoying the lunch time with the local people was good."

"Going to the river was also good and understanding why it's dry."

"Enjoying ice cream down the river was brilliant."

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"My daughter and I had an amazing time and enjoyed every moment"

"Everyone was so friendly, welcoming, and kind. From the very beginning, we felt comfortable and truly cared for"

"My daughter especially loved visiting the farm. It was the first time she had the chance to see calves and cows up close, pet them, and even feed them. It brought her so much joy, and she is still talking about the experience"

"We also had a wonderful time outdoors. My daughter really enjoyed playing in the playground, and later we played darts together. She also loved the archery session, as shooting a bow is one of her favourite activities"

We invite you to volunteer next year and will make sure the details of date and location are publicised.

The 'Famous Three' Dales Pubs.

Tan Hill owner Andrew Hields having acquired the Green Dragon at Hardraw has now added the Station Inn at Ribbleshead to his portfolio and intends to promote the three pubs under a 'Famous Three' brand

Although each pub will retain its own identity, the new umbrella brand aims to inspire visitors to travel between the three venues, broadening their appeal to walkers, cyclists and tourists exploring the National Park.

To coincide with the launch, Mr Hields has introduced 'The Famous Three' minibus service, allowing customers to travel between the pubs. He also plans to develop visitor packages covering one or more of the venues, as well as a rewards scheme for people who complete visits to all three.

Mr Hields said: "Each of these pubs are distinctive in their own right but they also have much in common – they are perfect gateways from which to explore the Yorkshire Dales. It makes sense for us as the operator of all three to bring them together under one umbrella title, but at the same time ensure that their individual and unique features are also celebrated."

The initiative is intended to encourage visitors to spend more time exploring different parts of the Yorkshire Dales while showcasing three of the region's most historic and well-known inns.



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Exciting new classes coming in September!

Ladies only Couch to Kilo's strength class with Kirsten, **Mondays, 7.00pm – 8.00pm**, starting on **September 14th** for 6 weeks.

Workout Wednesday Circuits with Matthew, **Wednesdays, 6.00pm – 7.00pm**, starting on **September 16th** for 6 weeks. £35 for the block, bookable on our ClubRight diary.

Our fully kitted out gym - a welcoming space for locals and visitors:

Open 6.00am – 10.00pm, 7 days a week including Bank Holidays. We pride ourselves on being welcoming and accessible for our local community, and for visitors to the area. Pay-as-you-go vouchers, and all our Memberships, are available through our ClubRight system. <https://yorebridgesportandleisure.clubright.co.uk/Account/Login>.

Class Timetable: Pay-as-you-go and class membership options available.

High Intensity Bootcamp - **Monday and Thursday (live) 6.00am – 7.00am** - get that morning metabolism boost.

Fit for Life - **Mondays (live and zoom) 9.00am – 10.00am**. Building and maintaining strength to live life your way. Weights, resistance bands and equipment available to borrow from the gym.

Warm and Well - **Mondays (live) 11.00am – noon**. Enjoy a social, active class building core strength. Chair-based and standing exercises.

Adult Tennis Club - **Mondays (live) 5.00pm – 8.00pm**. Social tennis, weather permitting. Get in touch with the tennis club to join this group yorebridgetennis@gmail.com.

Ladies only Couch to Kilo's strength Class - **Mondays (live) 7.00pm – 8.00pm**. Build strength, boost energy and feel amazing.

Circuits - **Wednesdays (live and zoom) 9.00am – 10.00am**. Exercises to keep active people active. Work at your level through a mix of cardio and strengthening exercises. Weights,

resistance bands and equipment available to borrow from the gym.

Workout Wednesday Circuits - **Wednesdays (live) 6.00pm – 7.00pm**, with Matthew, a mix of exercises using various weights / resistance bands to build strength and cardio.

Yogafusion - **Thursdays (live) 9.00am – 10.00am** - with Janesse. To book please email yogafusionbyj@gmail.com.

Strong and Able - **Fridays (live) 11.00am – noon**. Maintain your ability to get out and enjoy life, build muscle tone, stability around movement and keep flexible and mobile joints. Chair-based and standing exercises.

Walking Football - **Fridays (live) 6.00pm – 7.00pm**. Contact yorebridgetennis@gmail.com.

Mystery Picture

Last month's picture was of Bow Bridge, Askrigg.

Where can you find this stonework?



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The 'Not Cool' Reset : Our Journey to a Kinder School Community

At Wensleydale we are incredibly proud of our students. Daily, we see them demonstrating brilliant manners, hard work, and genuine ambition. However, as any parent or educator knows, the digital age and modern pressures mean that low-level 'banter' and unkind comments can sometimes creep into school life, chipping away at young people's confidence. This is particularly challenging for our neurodivergent pupils, who often take comments very literally, and our high-achieving students, who sometimes fear speaking out due to outdated peer pressures about 'snitching'.

Recently, I sat down with our student focus groups to tackle this head-on. I asked them who was best placed to stamp out unkind name-calling. Their first answer was simple: "You, Headteacher."

But we turned that question around. What if, instead of relying solely on staff interventions, the students themselves stood up to unkindness? What if they took collective ownership of their environment with a positive, unified mindset? The students agreed completely: the power to change school culture lies in their hands.

In September we are launching a simple but powerful 21-day campaign called "The 'Not Cool' Reset." Inspired by the famous leadership principle, that our culture is defined by the worst behaviour we are willing to ignore, we are equipping students with a simple tool: when they hear an unpleasant comment, we are empowering them to look the person in the eye and calmly say: "Not cool, mate" or "That's unnecessary." For our students with Autism, we are practicing concrete responses like a simple, confident "Thank you for your opinion" before walking away, closing down the interaction completely. This isn't about conflict or arguments; it is about creating a positive social norm where kindness is high-status and thoughtless remarks are simply left with no audience. We want to



rebrand 'speaking up' from something negative into an act of genuine leadership and support.

We are incredibly excited about this rollout. As a vital part of our local community, we would love your support. If you have children or grandchildren at our school, please ask them about the campaign, practice the 'Short Stop' scripts at home, and help us reinforce the message that we all have a role to play in building a supportive, respectful community.

Julia Polley, Headteacher



Leyburn Jazz Festival

We started distribution of printed brochures and posters for Leyburn Jazz Festival in July continuing through the summer up to the Festival in October. It's a big job. Volunteers to help with this are very much appreciated.

We distribute in Wensleydale, Coverdale, Swaledale, Wharfedale, Leyburn, Richmond, Bedale, Hawes, Harrogate, Masham, Northallerton, Darlington. If you would like to take on responsibility for a particular town or area we'd love to hear from you.

The task entails visiting shops, cafes, restaurants, libraries, Tourist Information Centres, pubs, tourist attractions, hotels, B&Bs, theatres, music venues... anywhere people may see a poster or pick up a brochure... to see if they are willing to display a poster and/or have brochures for people to take away.

We start distributing now so that visitors to the area in the summer months can find out about the Festival and make plans to come back in October. Because we start early, and most places have limited space for brochures, we need to revisit the businesses who are kind enough to take brochures several times during the summer and early Autumn to refill their stocks.

Our customer survey consistently shows, that picking up a brochure is one of the main ways that audience members find out about the Festival. Distribution of brochures and posters is, therefore, a key to the success of the Festival. If you would like to help, please get in touch by emailing claire@leyburnjazz.org.

Thank you!

Claire Cameron
Leyburn Jazz Festival



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Friday 4 September 6pm
The Shepherd and the Bear (15) 1hr41m

Friday 11 September 6pm
The Christophers (15) 1hr 40m
Michaela Coel, Ian McKellen, James Corden,
Jessica Gunning

Friday 18 September 6pm
Dangerous Liaisons (1988) (15) 1hr 59m
Glenn Close, John Malkovich, Michelle Pfeiffer

Friday 25 September 6pm
Tuner (15) 1hr 47m
Leo Woodall, Dustin Hoffman, Havana Rose Liu

Saturday 5 September 7.30pm £12/£6
Anne Boleyn's Mother by Gleowit Productions

Thursday 10 September 7pm £12/£6
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Thursday 17 September 7pm £8/£4
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Thursday 24 September 7pm £10
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Saturday 26 September 7.30pm £15/£7.50
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