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Covering Upper Wensleydale from Wensley to Garsdale Head plus Walden and Bishopdale,
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Wensleydale Railway – Return to Redmire

Wensleydale Railway is working to restore passenger services between Leyburn and Redmire, reopening approximately five miles of historic railway that have been closed to passengers since 2020. Volunteers and specialist contractors have been working to restore it, with the work including drainage improvements, earthworks, cutting and embankment stabilisation, vegetation clearance, sleeper replacement and major track renewal.

In 2024, specialist rail contractor Lampitt Rail Services completed a major track slew near Wensley. Further track renewal is now underway. There is still a long way to go, but the target is to return passenger trains to Redmire by 2028.

Why Redmire Matters:

Redmire is a short walk or cycle ride from Bolton Castle, the spectacular medieval castle built in the late 14th century. The surrounding area is the gateway to the Yorkshire Dales National Park and offers some of the finest scenery and walking country in England.

Redmire also has ample car parking, making it potentially attractive for visitors arriving by car as well as by rail. A reopened railway could help keep cars off the roads while bringing visitors directly into the area. Visitors arriving by train could explore the surrounding countryside, visit attractions, eat and shop locally spending more time in the area.

Redmire has the potential to become much more than a railway terminus. The vision is to develop the whole Redmire site into a major regional travel and tourism destination and community hub, creating new opportunities for visitors, local businesses and the wider Wensleydale economy.

A reopened railway could:

- provide a longer and more rewarding scenic heritage railway journey;
- connect Leyburn with Redmire by rail;
- reduce road traffic, congestion and pollution by encouraging visitors to explore the area without relying entirely on their cars;
- support local shops, cafés, attractions and other businesses;

- encourage walking and cycling;
- provide opportunities for coach and group tourism;
- strengthen links with attractions such as Bolton Castle and Aysgarth Falls; and
- create opportunities for new visitor and community facilities at Redmire.

Wensleydale Railway doesn't just want to reopen this section of railway. They want to unlock Redmire's potential. Future opportunities could include:

- **Heritage Steam Train Services:** - The five-mile scenic train journey from Leyburn to Redmire takes around 20 minutes. This is an ideal length for a dedicated heritage steam train service during the summer months, giving visitors an opportunity to enjoy the unique scenery and experience a heritage railway journey without spending all day on a train.
- **Multi-purpose Visitor Centre:** - Developing the former dairy building into a multi-purpose venue incorporating:
 - visitor information centre;
 - café, restaurant or pub facilities;
 - museum, shop and heritage exhibition space; and space for local community groups, clubs, meetings and events.

The building could also provide opportunities to showcase and sell local food, drink and other products, creating partnerships with local businesses and producers.

- **Coach and Group Travel Tourism:-** Redmire is well placed for coach tours and organised groups visiting the Yorkshire Dales, including visitors travelling to and from attractions such as Aysgarth Falls, Hawes, Grassington and the Lake District in Cumbria.

It has the potential to provide a convenient destination for group visits, combining heritage railway travel with local attractions, food and drink and wider tourism experiences.

Donations to help Return to Redmire, either one-off or regular, no matter the size, are greatly appreciated. For more information about the project and how to donate, please visit <https://wensleydale-railway.co.uk/return-to-redmire/>

Hawes Town Investment Plan Launch Event

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

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.



Eunice the Ewe

In September I was hiding in the Quiz Night poster on page 26. And the lucky winner of the £10 prize is Rita Brockbank of Wrexham.

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

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October Competition

Below is a list of UK places along with one of its twinned locations. However, the vowels have been removed and all the letters pushed together. The country of the twinned location is in brackets. E.g. DVRNDCLS (Fr) = Dover and Calais.

1. BRMNGHMNDCHCG (US)
2. BRSTLNDBRD (Fr)
3. CVNTRYNDDRSDN (Ger)
4. NWCSTLPNTYNNDTLNT (US)
5. LDSNDDRBN (SA)
6. SNDRLNDNDWSHNGTND (US)
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15. HRRGTNDWLLNGTN (NZ)
16. LCSTRNDSTRSBRG (Fr)
17. GLSGWNDHVN (Cu)
18. DRCHSTRNDBYX (Fr)

Please send in your answers to arrive by **Tuesday, October 20th**. Remember to include the details of your nominated charity which will receive the £50 prize should you win.

September Competition Answers

1. Casablanca
2. Brief Encounter
3. The Godfather
4. The Graduate
5. The Wizard of Oz
6. Some Like It Hot
7. 2001 A Space Odyssey
8. Jaws
9. Close Encounters of the Third Kind
10. Gone With the Wind
11. One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest
12. Vertigo
13. The Maltese Falcon
14. It's a Wonderful Life
15. Singin' in the Rain

Only a few entries this month and the winner is David Liddell of Askrigg whose chosen charity to receive the £50 prize is 'The Samaritans', in memory of James Hodgson.

Drop-off points and contacts

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

Hawes:	Community Office	667400
Bainbridge:	Sylvia Crookes, 3, Bainside	07483 828272
Askrigg:	Sykes Shop,	650535
Carperby:	Anthony Abraham Hall Garth	663243
West Burton:	Nadine Bell, Margarets Cottage	663559
Aysgarth:	Hamilton's Tearoom	663423
Redmire:	Kevin Davis West Cottage	624165
Thoraby:	Neil Piper Fernlea	663747
West Witton	Christine Barker, Chestnut Garth	624934
Preston and Castle Bolton	Alastair McLachlan	07817 709167

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Strim, Strim, Strim

Those two grassy banks won't cut themselves, so time to tackle up and get stuck in. Chock full of hawkweed, cornflowers, clover and the like, it's now early August and time to fell the lot. I'll keep an eye out for insect nests in amongst the tussocks; last year I clocked 100 metres in what felt like 8.2 seconds after disturbing wasp HQ, not an easy feat with a beast of a Huskie strimmer clamped firmly to my chest, what a sight it must have been, how I laughed. Also to watch out for are slow worms; no startling threat here, they're quite common in this garden, lying peacefully in amongst the growth and hugging the ground in an attempt to dodge me and their nightmare on stilts, the resident, pitiless cold-eyed heron. I've found that the trick is to not shave the surface too close whilst asking them nicely to keep their little slow worm heads down.

There are clumps of Spanish gorse near the top of the slope; for a couple of years, we've burnt them off, happy in the knowledge that after a couple of weeks, new shoots will soon start bursting through - fire's a no-no nowadays in these droughty times, so it's just a hard prune to ground level from now on. Another impediment is a yew tree (who put that there?), set near the middle of the site which I've 'topiarised' to resemble a cone; in quite a wilder area, it looks a tad formal, but at least it behaves itself, unlike the huge viburnum tinus at the lower end of the patch, which is forever sending out runners, sneaky little stems along the ground, which cunningly root and invade the lower bank. No short cuts here, worst luck - I'm down on my protesting knees, ouch, periodically clipping and digging out these intruders, otherwise, it would take over.

Early spring presents a different picture; the whole area's spangled with miniature lemon hued daffodils so not reliant on just a midsummer wildflower show. The daffy leaves shrivel to nothing by early June, so those previously mentioned wildflowers shoot up unimpeded. That's when the butterflies occur; peacock, red admiral, meadow brown all appear, however tortoiseshells are my absolute favourite - modest lookers when those wings are primly clamped together, unfurled and what a miracle gem they become. No riot of colour this, more carefully assembled by expert hand, with one wing mirroring the other in a considered design. Cabbage whites also show

up - these I feel sorry for, dealt a bad hand with that clumsy mouthful of a name; my thinking cap's on now for a prettier tag.

I can manage cutting both banks in a morning then usually feel like taking to my bed, but it's easier this year, what with droughty conditions; growth is thin and all's as dry as snuff, so strimming's a cinch, actually enjoyable. Now indulge me here - there are lots of great sensations in gardening: heady scent from a frothy rose, seeing those first cosseted germinating seedlings peeping through, witnessing snowdrops nudging up in a barren January etc, but for me, nothing beats that split second when you're struggling to cut and then you give that labouring strimmer head a tap to pay out more line - cutting's instantly improved and it's just such a relief, a fab feeling for us nerdy types, as growth effortlessly falls away - hmm, you have to be there. Anyway, after giving the cuttings a week, it's then ready for raking up and disposal. To leave it as a compost would over nourish the area - the wild stuff needs it poor for best flowering and rich ground would mean lots of leaf and little bloom. If it's growy weather in late summer, then it might get another cut into September, however, other jobs will be queuing up by then - painting my thirsty shed can wait until spring but that unrelenting laurel hedge needs to be shown who's boss.

Back to butterflies and the cabbage white name problem and it's just come to me; how about 'Spry White' or 'Garden Pearl'...both massively twee - over to you; the campaign starts here.

Ed Gardener

Badminton at Thornton Rust

Looking for a sociable way to get active this season? Then why not join Thornton Rust Badminton Club, a welcoming and lively club in the heart of Wensleydale. Whether you are picking up a racket for the first time or returning to the game, you will find friendly players, supportive encouragement, and plenty of opportunities to enjoy the sport at your own pace.

The new season is the perfect time to get involved, meet like-minded people, and make Wednesday evenings something to look forward to. We meet every **Wednesday from 7.30pm**. To find out more contact **Martyn Donno at martyn@donno.co.uk call 01969 662649, or phone 07443 468767.**



WENSLEYDALE
SCHOOL
LEYBURN

Leyburn - August 20th, 2026. Students and staff at Wensleydale School are celebrating today after another strong set of GCSE results, sustaining the improvements in achievement made over recent years. This year's cohort was relatively small and included a high level of students with additional needs - 20% having Special Educational Needs (SEN) and 11% with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP). These achievements underline the school's belief that an inclusive approach can support students with very different starting points to reach their potential.

Headteacher Julia Polley said: "I'm incredibly proud of our Year 11 students. Every result represents a huge amount of work and resilience, not just from the students themselves but from the staff and families who have supported them. After several years of improving results, sustaining those levels with this particular cohort is something we are really pleased about. It demonstrates that being genuinely inclusive and having high expectations for every student can, and should, go hand in hand."

There were improvements in History, Sociology and the Sciences, with results showing a very similar picture to national outcomes. Students also achieved exceptional results in French, Art, Hospitality and Catering, and Design and Technology. The results come just months after a positive Ofsted inspection which recognised the school's inclusive approach and highlighted it as a 'key strength'. Using Ofsted's renewed inspection framework, inspectors rated inclusion at the Strong Standard, stating that it "threads through all aspects" of the school.

Julia continued: "Our students have different starting points, strengths and challenges. Our job is to know them well, give them the support they need and still be ambitious about what they can achieve. That was recognised by Ofsted, and I think these results are another reflection of the same approach."

The results also come amid a growing national debate about the future of secondary education and proposals championed by Prime Minister Andy Burnham to give technical and

vocational education greater parity with traditional academic routes. It is an approach which reflects much of the work already taking place at Wensleydale. Ofsted praised the school's careers programme and strong links with local employers, as well as highlighting the value pupils place on work experience.

Julia said: "Success after school doesn't look the same for every young person. For some it will mean A levels and university, for others an apprenticeship, college or a technical route into employment. Our links with local employers, work experience and careers programme are about helping young people understand all the opportunities open to them and finding the path that is right for them."

For this year's GCSE students, the focus now turns to those next steps.

"We're delighted with what this group has achieved, but even more importantly, we want them to leave Wensleydale feeling confident and excited about what comes next," Julia added.

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Don't Forget the Story Writing Competition!

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

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.

This year, for the older children, we have decided to have TWO opening lines to choose from instead of just one. This is a change from the details in last month's issue. Children are now invited to submit a story that must be under 500 words long and can be about anything that captures your imagination.

The only new rule this year is that you must start your story either with the words

"If I could talk to the animals..."

or with the words

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

How to enter:

Email your entry to uwnlinput@gmail.com or via your school to reach us by **midnight on Friday, November 13th**. Ensure your name, year group, and the name of your school is sent in with your entry.

The winner in each age group will receive a £50 book voucher and a trophy to keep. The runners up will receive a £25 book voucher. All entrants will receive a certificate. The winning stories will be published in the February and March 2027 editions of the UWNL. The winning children's Primary School in each age group will hold the Alan Watkinson Memorial Shield for a year and receive a book voucher for encouraging and collating entries.

Full rules can be found in the September issue of the Newsletter.



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

Friday, October 2nd

6.30pm Pet Harvest Service, (Supporting Church Conservation Trust)
Holy Trinity, Wensley.

Sunday, October 4th

9.30am Holy Communion Harvest Service, (Supporting Mary's Meals),
St. Margaret's, Preston under Scar.

11.00am Harvest Service, (Supporting Mission Aviation Fellowship - MAF),
St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.

11.00am Holy Communion Harvest Service, (Supporting The Addington Fund),
St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

3.00pm Harvest Service, (Supporting Mission Aviation Fellowship - MAF),
St. Mary's, Redmire. (Note time)

Sunday, October 11th

10.30am Holy Communion Penhill Together Service,
St. Margaret's Preston under Scar.

Sunday, October 18th

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

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

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

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

Sunday, October 25th

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

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

6.00pm Evening Prayer,
Thornton Rust Mission Room.

October Mid-Week Services:

Thursday, 1st, 15th and 29th at 9.30am.

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

Church Coffee Morning: **Wednesday, October 7th** from **10.30am to noon** at Redmire Village Hall.

Church Afternoon Tea: **Wednesday, October 21st** from **2.00pm to 4.00pm** at Redmire Village Hall.

Christmas Craft Workshop: Celebrating Penhill Benefice - 20th Anniversary Year: **Saturday, October 24th, 10.00am to 4.00pm** in West Witton Village Hall.

Morning craft: Make a Folded Patchwork Star Card, using Christmas fabrics. Minimal sewing, tacking stitches only. Everything provided, just bring your own sewing kit, needles, scissors and ruler/tape measure.

Afternoon craft: Make a Bead Angel for your Christmas Tree.

Everything provided. Do one, do two workshops - bring packed lunch if you are staying for both. Tea and coffee will be provided. For adults, unless you have a particularly "crafty" teenager. £5 for each craft session: Funds going to the Penhill Benefice. Contact: Anne Kinsman - **07800 510532**.

Music from the Movies 4: **Saturday, October 24th at 7.00pm** at St Andrew's, Aysgarth.

Amy Cockett – Vocals. Mal Carruthers - Keyboard/Organ. With Special Guests Hannah Chaplin – Guitar. Miriam Cloughton – Oboe.

Free Entry. Interval Refreshments. Raffle. Retiring donations to be shared between St Andrew's Church Fabrics Fund and 'Flying For Life' (Mission Aviation Fellowship). No need to book.



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News From Sycamore Hall

It looks like our time sitting outside in the sun has come to an end, with autumn definitely upon us. Nevertheless, we get out as often as we can, either to sit and watch the world go by, or to go for a walk or a potter around the garden.

We were a bit disappointed to learn that we came third in this year's Olympics but I guess we can't always win! We had fun, nevertheless.

We had a brilliant afternoon when Jane came along from the Dales Countryside Museum with some exhibits that jogged our memories of times gone by. This led to a great afternoon of reminiscing on our earlier lives. We are now looking forward to another session on **October 14th**. Do come along.

We were also fortunate to have a fascinating talk and slide show by Rob Marshall on the red squirrels of Snaizholme. What lovely little creatures they are! We have seen the occasional red squirrel in our gardens and hope that more can be encouraged to head our way.

We have had some busy coffee mornings which is lovely. We are really pleased to see members of the local community join us for these weekly events. We have had the chance at some of these gatherings to celebrate the birthdays of several of our residents, with some delicious cake!

Several of our residents have enjoyed some nice evenings getting together to sample the various street food that has been coming to Bainbridge. Aside from the delicious food, it has been lovely to sit and chat over an evening meal.

Lianna, our Beauty Therapist will be with us on **Monday, October 26th**. If you would like to enjoy some pampering, get in touch with Lianna to make an appointment on **07792 086189**. 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 and we are delighted that we will also be having Communion and other services with covering clergy and volunteers from the Benefice until such time as a new vicar is appointed. 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, as follows:-

Sycamore Country Store: **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 9.00am to 1.00pm; Tuesdays: 9.30am to 11.00am**. For all your grocery needs including regular deliveries of milk, eggs, bread, cakes and pasties/pies.

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Music From The Movies 4

Following their hugely popular 'Musicals, Movies and more.....' concert back in April at St. Andrews Church, Aysgarth, Amy Cockett (Vocals) and Mal Carruthers (Keyboard and Organ), return there to present the fourth concert in their series of events specifically from the world of Cinema. 'Music From The Movies 4' will showcase an eclectic mix of main themes and other featured music from the big screen, and as with their previous 'Movies' shows, the evening will feature a variety of film genres and will include many well-known items.

Mike Hirst will be on hand once again to provide his superb audio-visual support which always helps to make these events that extra bit special. The musical line-up is enhanced by the inclusion of Amy's sister Hannah Chaplin who will perform on the guitar and the trombone, together with Hannah's son Milo, also on the guitar. In addition, they are delighted to welcome to their ranks, local lass Miriam Cloughton who will perform on the Oboe.

'Music From The Movies 4' will be performed at St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth on **Saturday, October 24th at 7.00pm**. Interval refreshments will be available and there will also be a raffle. Entry to the event is free, however retiring donations would be greatly appreciated and will be divided between St. Andrew's Church Fabrics Fund and 'Flying For Life' (Mission Aviation Fellowship), a wonderful charity that uses light aircraft to provide medical care, emergency relief, school supplies and Christian Mission to remote communities.

Thank you to The Aysgarth Falls Hotel and The George at Thoraby for supporting this event. Amy, Mal and all the team look forward to welcoming you to St. Andrew's for what we are sure will be another superb evening of musical excellence. See you there.

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Do you have one or more winter themed photos taken somewhere in Wensleydale that you would like to share with our readership.

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By Tim Forman

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Join Tim on **Friday, October 16th**, at this Leyburn and District u3a meeting. Doors open at **10.00am for 10.30am** at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre, Richmond Road, Leyburn DL8 5DL.

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Dales Laundry Opens

When the launderette in Hawes closed some months ago, it left a hole in the town. Where would the hikers on the Pennine Way go to dry their clothes when they arrived cold and wet? Where would the visitors go to do a midway wash? Not all holiday cottages have a washer and dryer. And of course, there are residents who have always relied on the launderette rather than doing the washing at home, especially in winter weather.

So it's great news that Sharon Killgallon of Bainbridge has opened Dales Laundry at Unit 1C on the Bruntacres Industrial Estate in Hawes.



Sharon already manages holiday cottages so she knows all about the problems with having enough linen, quick changeovers and the importance of having immaculate beds and fluffy towels.

She is offering services including simply drying a bag of domestic washing, laundering and ironing bed sets and also linen hire.

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Bellerby Study Group

Autumn Programme 2026

The Bellerby Study Group has a series of eight talks this autumn, held on **Wednesdays** at Bellerby Memorial Hall, Bellerby, DL8 5QL.

Talks cost £3 per talk, or £15 for all eight. Tea and cakes afterwards included in the price. Further information can be found at:

website: bellerbystudygroup.wordpress.com.

email: bellerbystudygroup@gmail.com.

October 7th, 7.30pm: 'An insight into the National Parks', by Dave Butterworth.

David recently retired as Chief Executive (CEO) of the Yorkshire Dales National Park. He promises a lively insight into his time as CEO. He ends with sharing his personal views on the future of National Parks.

October 14th, 7.30pm: 'A History of Askrigg', by Helen Guy.

Helen is the leading light of the Keld Heritage Centre over in Swaledale. In October she ventures into Wensleydale to delve into the history of Askrigg. Askrigg was mentioned in the Domesday book. Its prosperity probably peaked in the 18th century when trade in textiles and knitting was most lucrative, and the village became a centre of clockmaking. Nearby Nappa Hall is one of the finest fortified manor houses in the North.

October 21st, 7.30pm: '150 Years of the Settle and Carlisle Railway', by Anna Jackson.

Anna from the Settle and Carlisle Railway Trust tells us about the 150-year history of the railway in its 150th Anniversary Year. The Railway Trust was set up in 1990 to save, restore and maintain the historic buildings along the railway.

October 28th, 7.30pm: 'Some Skeletons in and out of my Cupboards: fascinating stories about the past', by Professor Charlotte Roberts.

Having had a 40-year career analysing skeletons from archaeological sites, Charlotte intends to dwell on some of the skeleton highlights of her career. Charlotte's background is in nursing and archaeology. As a professor emeritus at Durham she returns to Bellerby this autumn with more intriguing tales from her research.



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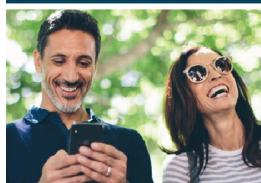
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Bluetongue

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The Symptoms in sheep: Sheep are more likely to show obvious clinical signs of bluetongue than cattle if they become infected with bluetongue virus. Signs of bluetongue in sheep include:

- Ulcers or sores in the mouth and nose;
- Discharge from the eyes or nose and drooling from mouth;
- Swelling of the lips, tongue, head and neck and the coronary band (where the skin of the leg meets the horn of the foot);

Other clinical signs include:

- Red skin as a result of blood collecting beneath the surface;
- Fever;
- Lameness;
- Breathing problems;
- Abortion, foetal deformities and stillbirths;
- Death.

Signs of bluetongue in cattle include:

- Lethargy;
- Crusty erosions around the nostrils and muzzle;
- Redness of the mouth, eyes, nose;
- Reddening of the skin above the hoof;
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- Fever;
- Milk drop;
- Not eating;
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October 2nd	Communion at Sycamore Hall 10.00am			
October 3rd	Coffee Morning at St Oswald's 10.00am - noon			
October 4th	The Gathering – Benefice Family Communion, St Oswald's Church 10.30am			
October 11th	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Café Style	12.30pm Soup followed by Harvest Pathfinders and Explorers
October 18th	Harvest Celebration 3.00pm		Morning Prayer	
October 25th	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Afternoon Prayer
Evening Prayer by telephone is held at 4.00pm every Sunday. For details see the website www.upperwensleydalechurch.org/services				

Heather & Grouse Art & Crafts, Askrigg

We invite you to our Christmas shopping events taking place on

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On the nights of **Friday 13th & 20th** we are open until **8.00pm**. Mulled wine & mince pies will be served throughout this period.

In addition, the Bakewell in Askrigg, will be holding their Christmas weekend on the **20th & 21st November**, where you can see their display of tempting goodies & place your Christmas orders!

Pop along to Askrigg, we would love to see you.

Dales Charity



**Wednesday 14th October
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Wensleydale Rotary

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Bainbridge WI

Just because the days are shortening does not mean that we are losing our enthusiasm to get out and about. We are still looking forward to lots of activities before the end of the year and our diaries are as full as usual.

In September we saw the 'Grand Depart' for our Coast to Coast challenge. A group of eager members set off from St Bees on the west coast of Cumbria on September 14th. On the first day, they covered seven miles of Wainwright's famous route, enjoying good weather until later in the day when they got decidedly wet! In the evening, they were guests of St Bees WI which they thoroughly enjoyed before a restful night in their hotel. The next day, they set forth on another section of the route in good weather. They are now busy planning the next stage to walk, making a good dent into the entire route, for which they have allowed ten years to complete!

Our September meeting saw Peter Lewis from the National Trust come along to talk to us about the Cistercian monks and what they did for Britain. It was a fascinating talk, giving us a real insight into just how busy these monks were. Thanks to them, we have the remains of eight amazing abbeys in Yorkshire alone.

The Lunch Club ladies had a delicious meal in the lovely surroundings of The Friars Head at Akebar in August and followed that with a trip to The Punch Bowl in Low Row in September. They do get around in the name of food!

Thanks to an apparent conspiracy by the Highways Department, our September garden club outing had to be cancelled as we couldn't get out of the area! Instead, members headed to the gardens at Bolton Castle which was somewhat easier to get to!

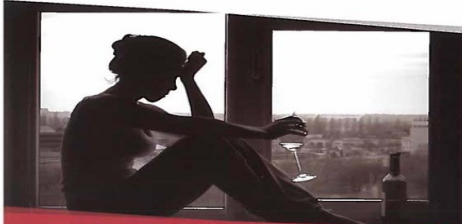
We have another crafting session at the pottery in October when we hope to make Christmas decorations (yes, that is fast approaching!).

Our October meeting will take place on **Thursday, October 15th at 7.30pm**, at Bainbridge Village Hall when we are going to have a winter bulb planting session. Everyone needs to bring along a flower pot, (no bigger than 9" diameter) and we will be guided through making a 'lasagne' (layers) of bulbs for a lovely spring display.

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 Arts and Community Centre

October and Autumn days and nights are upon us, time to stay in and think about hibernating but at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre we want to entice you with a variety of activities and events for all ages! So many, I don't know where to start!

So let's begin at the beginning of the month, a Harvest Hike for those who enjoy walking in our beautiful autumn countryside. With kind permission we begin at **11.00am on Saturday, October 3rd** at Jervaulx Abbey carpark for an eight mile circular walk with a lunch stop at Thornton Stewart Institute for a home-made soup and bread lunch.

All ages welcome and also dogs on leads. Book online at www.leyburnartscentre.com for £8 or pay £12 on the day. All proceeds go to continue the work of Leyburn Arts and Community Centre (LACC).

By request, we have a repeat free screening of the People's Emergency Briefing, (see below).

For the quizzers we have another Quiz Night on **Saturday, October 10th** and for the artistic ones another fabulous Exhibition on Screen.

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This is Tate Britain's major James McNeill Whistler retrospective. For those doing early Christmas shopping you might like to attend our Craft Fair, with items inspired by the Dales, **Saturday, October 24th** followed in the evening by 'The Music of John Denver' performed by Chris Bannister. For the family we have another Beetle Drive and afternoon tea on **Tuesday, October 27th 4.00pm - 6.30pm**. Plus of course our regular Friday films which also this month include films from the 2026 French film Festival.

People's Emergency Briefing – A Second Chance To See.

Melting glaciers and terrifying wildfires in England, Scotland, France and Spain, which we have all seen on TV are evidence of global warming.

Here's your second chance to see the People's Emergency Briefing at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre (LACC) on **Thursday, October 1st at 7.00pm**, which is part of a UK-wide campaign to raise awareness of the climate and nature emergency.

This free screening will be followed by a short open discussion about the local impacts and practical community action which can be taken to address the urgent climate and nature crisis

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Nowadays Saturn is famous for its spectacular system of rings - a beautiful sight in even a modest sized telescope. Jupiter, Uranus, and Neptune also have rings but they're not a patch on Saturn's which stretch 175,000 miles across. They're made up of billions of lumps of ice and rock ranging in size from tiny grains of dust up to chunks as big as a house. Astronomers think they're fairly 'new' (around a few hundred million years old!) and that they were probably formed by an asteroid, comet or moon being torn apart by gravity after straying too close to Saturn.

As well as its famous rings Saturn also has a family of much larger Moons - well over 200 at the last count. Most of them are tiny objects only a few miles across but the largest, Titan, is bigger than the planet Mercury and is the only moon in the Solar System to have a reasonably dense atmosphere.

After Jupiter, Saturn is the Solar System's second largest planet, roughly 75,000 miles in diameter. Like Jupiter, it's mainly formed from Helium and Hydrogen surrounding a solid core

of rock and metal. There's no solid surface so if you tried to walk on it you'd just plunge down and burn up in its turbulent atmosphere. Saturn might be big but its surprisingly light as its average density is less than water. If you could find a swimming pool big enough to drop it in, it would actually float!

For such a huge object Saturn spins round on its axis at the incredible speed of 22,000 miles mph taking just ten and a half hours to complete a full rotation. As a result, it bulges out at the equator like a gigantic satsuma and causes winds at the top of its atmosphere to be whipped up to speeds of over 1,000 m.p.h.

Saturn is well placed for viewing this month as its visible nearly all night long. It's at its nearest and brightest around **October 4th** at opposition - when the Sun, Earth and Saturn lie in an almost dead straight line - and its face is fully illuminated by the Sun. If you'd like to catch a glimpse of it, look due south around the middle of the evening. It's the fairly bright 'star' just to the lower left of the Great Square of Pegasus. You can't really miss it as it stands out well in this fairly barren part of the sky.

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Volunteers meet on Fridays and enjoy making wood products for home, kitchen, garden and general use. These goods are sold on their stall at Muker Show in Swaledale and at the Christmas Shopping weekends held annually at Raygill House Farm, near Hawes. The events this year are on **Saturday and Sunday, November 14th and 15th and November 28th and 29th from 10.30am to 4.00pm.**

Donations were made earlier this year to Bainbridge Christmas Lights, Great North Air Ambulance Service, Hawes Christmas Lights, Hawes in Bloom, Swaledale Agricultural Society, Swaledale Mountain Rescue and Yorkshire Air Ambulance.



The Woodcraft team are most grateful for the continued support of their volunteers and the wonderful public who come and shop at these events. Please come along and support our shopping days, refreshments are served, the fire is on and a warm welcome awaits.

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- 2 Dominoes. Carperby Institute. 7.30pm.
- 3 LA&CC Harvest Hike. 11.00am. See p.17.
- 3 Concert at Reeth Memorial Hall. 7.30pm. See p.21.
- 3 Bainbridge Street Food. Bainbridge Village Hall. 6.00pm. See p.26.
- 5 Hawes Town Investment Plan Launch. Hawes Market House. Noon. See p.3.
- 7 Bellerby Study Group Talk. Bellerby Memorial Hall. 7.30pm. See p.12.
- 9 Quiz Night. West Burton Village Hall. 7.00pm. See p.36.
- 10 Quiz Night. LA&CC. See p.17.
- 10 & 11 Photography and Carft Exhibition. Carperby Village Hall. 10.00am. See p.27.
- 14 Wensleydale Rotary Talk. Wensleydale School. 6.30pm. See p.15.
- 14 Bellerby Study Group Talk. Bellerby Memorial Hall. 7.30pm. See p.12.
- 14 Charity Bingo. Hawes Market hall. 7.00pm. See p.25.
- 15 Bainbridge WI Meeting. Bainbridge Village Hall. 7.30pm. See p.16.
- 15 - 18 Leyburn Jazz Festival. See p.36.
- 16 u3a Meeting. LA&CC. 10.00am. See p.11.
- 16 & 17 Designer Makers Market. Garden Rooms, Tennants. 10.00am. See p.35.
- 17 Latin Music Workshop. 10.30am. See p.36.
- 17 Mobile Recycling Collection. Upper Wensleydale Business Park. 9.00am. See p.35.
- 17 Bainbridge Street Food. Bainbridge Village Hall. 5.00pm. See p.26.
- 20 Arts Society Wensleydale Lecture. Tennants, Leyburn. 2.00pm See p. 31.
- 21 Penhill Ladies AGM. Carperby Village Institute. 7.30pm. See p.19.
- 21 Local History Group Meeting. LA&CC. 2.00pm. See p.27.

- 21 Bellerby Study Group Talk. Bellerby Memorial Hall. 7.30pm. See p.12.
- 23 Concert at Reeth Memorial Hall. 7.30pm. See p.21.
- 24 Music From the Movies Concert. St Andrew's Aysgarth. 7.00pm. See p.10.
- 27 Domino Drive. Stalling Busk Schoolroom. 7.00pm.
- 27 Beetle Drive and Afternoon Tea. LA&CC. 4.00pm.
- 28 Bellerby Study Group Talk. Bellerby Memorial Hall. 7.30pm. See p.12.
- 30 Coffee Morning. Leyburn Methodist Church Hall. See p.36.
- 30 Bainbridge Street Food. Bainbridge Village Hall. 5.00pm. See p.26.
- 31 Concert at Reeth Memorial Hall. 7.30pm. See p.21.
- 31 & Nov.1st MND Sale. Manor House, Askrigg. 10.00am. See p.27.

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We are delighted that Dales Countryside Museum has been rated as one of the Best Small Museums (under 100k visitors) for families in the UK. Charity Kids in Museums has run a prestigious annual award since 2004, recognising the most family friendly heritage sites in the UK. It is the only museum award to be judged by families and it's so special that our nominations have come from our visitors who have enjoyed our family friendly galleries, activities, events and SEND backpacks. The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony this month.

Follow the Family Friendly Museum Award on social media by following @kidsinmuseums and #FamilyFriendlyMuseum. The Family Friendly Museum Award has been made possible by funding from Arts Council England.

Exhibition:

The Green Spaces, Shared Places exhibition, co-curated by our Young Creatives group, will open on **October 3rd**. Members of the group will be attending the opening with their family and friends. The exhibition will feature artworks designed, printed and crafted by our Young Creatives. Visitors will also be able to explore the outdoor trail using our new AR App, the visuals and content for which were created by the Young Creatives. The exhibition and activity programme that has led to this, is part of Going Places, 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!

Daughters of the Dales – who inspires you?

Which women in your life do you think are inspiring? We would still love to hear stories of women, both past and present, so do please get in touch if you have images or stories to share. dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk The Daughters of the Dales project 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.

Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists' Club:

The club meets once a month on a **Saturday morning, 10.00 - noon**. If your child is interested in joining us for a trial session, please call **01969 666210** or email dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk.

Learning:

Charity Just the Job supports people to develop a wide variety of skills and social experiences. The performing Arts Team runs a weekly session where participants can develop their confidence, performance, skills in a fun supportive environment. Last month the group borrowed our lead mining handling boxes and explored the industrial past of the Yorkshire Dales.

Objects and stories linked to our displays and handling boxes feature on the website Home - Out Of The Box Learning. Our boxes 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 October:

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.

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. A choice of buff and brown willow will be available for the various parts of the basket. Tools and all materials will be provided and we will be there to assist you at every stage. Examples of baskets will be available. £55 Booking via events page of DCM website.

Recipes and Remedies from the museum archives:

Tuesday, October 13th, 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.

A Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum afternoon talk: Martin Garside: Railways bring romance to Askrigg and Low Abbotside.

Friday, October 16th, 2.00pm – 3.30pm.

No booking required. Donations from non-members welcomed.

Family Activity – Alien Creation

Wednesday, October 28th, 1.00pm – 4.00pm.

Create your own pompom aliens to explore the Dark skies with this half term.



At Dalesplay we have welcomed new families into the setting this month and all the children have settled in well. We have waved some of the older children off to school as they start their next chapter and we are excited to hear all about their adventures when they return in the October half-term for holiday club.

The children in the Ducklings room have been learning about people who help us. They have enjoyed playing in the fire engine role play area and we have been very grateful to Hawes fire station who kindly invited us down to visit the station and take a look around. Also, a very big thank you to Davinia at Bainbridge Vets for coming in and talking to the children, showing them how they help the animals when they are poorly.

The children in the Sunshine room have enjoyed a house role play area and been learning all about themselves, their likes, dislikes, similarities and differences to their peers.

A big thank you to everyone who came out to the community bingo in the market hall, we had a great turn out and raised lots of money for the setting. Thank you ladies for organising it for us.



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Wills: The War Against Intestacy

People consider, more commonly than you might think, that Wills are a document that only wealthy people must have. That view couldn't be further from the truth, everybody needs a Will.

A Will in simple terms is a document that sets out where your individual estate goes upon your death, hence the need for everyone to have their affairs in order with a Will because very few people actually know when they are going to die. If you do not have a valid Will at the date of your death your estate will be distributed in accordance with the Law of Intestacy which in simple terms means it will be distributed to your closest living next of kin, this could be your spouse (if you have one), your children if you don't or this could mean your parents or siblings if you are unmarried and childless. The Law of Intestacy will distribute your estate following your bloodline so if you wish to leave specific gifts such as jewellery or watches to someone who is not the next in line (i.e. a grandchild or a godchild) then this may not happen after your death unless it is specified within a Will as there is no legal obligation for your next of kin to follow this wish or they may not be aware of your intentions.

There are three main points to consider when making a Will, those being; Who your executors are going to be (the people who deal with your estate after your death), who the beneficiaries of your Will are going to be and the inheritance tax position of your estate.

These are things that are often overlooked by those individuals who have done their own Wills. I recently had a client who came to see me with a Will and asked me to check it for him. I read it over and it gave no reference to any executors, so I asked who would administer his estate upon his death and I got no response. He later told me that this was an AI generated Will and we set about creating a new one for him that would not be questioned by the Court. There are DIY Will kits available to buy in stores and online but these do not give you any of the advice that a Legal Practitioner would and more often than not cause greater issues when an individual dies without a Will.

For example, if you do a DIY Will leaving everything to your spouse, what happens if you and your spouse die together in a car accident – where does your estate go? Or rather, where

would you want your estate to go in that eventuality? Children? Grandchildren? Close friends?

When drafting your Will considering all possibilities is of paramount importance, this is why having specialist advice is key. Going to see a Legal Practitioner who has the expertise of both advising and drafting but also administering estates (Probate) post death is the best course of action. Not least because it gives you as the Testator (the person whose Will it actually is) piece of mind that the Will is correct and that upon your death your loved ones are not left out in the dark as to how you wanted your estate to be distributed.

Whilst Wills protect your interests after your death there are also steps that you can take to protect your interest whilst you are still living by putting in place Lasting Powers of Attorney.

There are two types of Lasting Power of Attorney – one deals with property and finance and one deals with health and care decisions. Lasting Powers of Attorney allow you to appoint 'attorneys' to act on your behalf if you lose mental capacity (and before if you think appropriate) to assist in managing your financial affairs and matters relating to your health and wellbeing (this could be in relation to medical treatment received or even which care home you may reside in) when you are no longer able to manage this yourself.

From a purely practical point of view having a specialist to draft and advise on the execution of your Lasting Powers of Attorney can help provide you with not only peace of mind that the document is correct but also give examples as to when and how a Lasting Power of Attorney document can be used, this in turn can assist both yourself and your attorney's in the actual management of your affairs. For further detailed advice about your Will and Lasting Powers of Attorney please feel free to contact one of our offices across the North East.

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Charity Bike Ride

On Saturday, August 29th, battling the wet British weather, Ellie Peacock along with some family and friends joining her along the way, rode 46 miles up, down and round Wensleydale raising money for Yorkshire Ambulance.

Through donations on the Just Giving Page, Raffle and Bake Sale the total raised so far is £3,883. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to reaching this total, it wouldn't have been possible without everyone's generosity.

Dales Charity Bingo Report

Another good night of bingo was enjoyed by all who came along on September 9th in support of DalesPlay. We enjoyed some masterful number calling from Steve Reynolds and the bountiful raffle table ensured every table went home with one or more raffle prizes.

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the evening and to the volunteers who helped on the night. The night raised £426 for DalesPlay which they will be putting to good use over the next few months.

Our next bingo night will be held in Hawes on **Wednesday, October 14th** for Hawes PFTA – please see our advertisement on page 14.

If you would like to know more, please email us at dalescharitybingo@gmail.com.

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The Street Food Revolution

It is apparently happening across the country and now Bainbridge has joined in! Street Food is a rising trend and many places now benefit from visits by a range of street food vendors offering all sorts of cuisines from across the world.

The recent events held in Bainbridge have proved very successful with some people travelling quite a distance to sample the delicious offerings. We have so far enjoyed some amazing authentic Indian food, traditional fish and chips, delicious stone-baked pizzas and scrummy toasties. As the newsletter goes to print, we are eagerly anticipating some pulled pork dishes.

We have trialled these events in an attempt to bring our communities together to enjoy something different and are pleased with the support we have had. We open Bainbridge

Village Hall and invite everyone to come in to enjoy their food with friends and visitors, bringing their own drink along to make a really nice social evening.

There is often a wait for the food as it is all cooked fresh and to order. Some of the vendors operate a 'paging' system where you can place your order and receive a 'pager' which will ring when your order is ready. Others take a phone number and text when your food can be collected. For some, this means that they can go home and await their food whilst, for others, they can enjoy a drink, chat and sit in the Village Hall.

So, having assessed the support and discussed the way forward with the vendors, we have decided to make additional bookings for them to return, as follows: -

Ramsay's Fish and Chips – Saturday, October 3rd - 6.00pm to 8.00pm:

'What a Pizza' – Saturday, October 17th - 5.00pm to 8.00pm:

The Little Indian Company -TBC:

G.O.A.T Toasties – Friday, October 30th - 5.00pm to 7.00pm.

Look out for further details on the Bainbridge Facebook page - or the vendors' own pages.

It is worth saying that if you want to guarantee getting food, you need to be there in good time. Most of our vendors have sold out within a couple of hours, leaving late-comers disappointed. Don't let that be you!

We really hope you will come along to support this initiative and try the food, which is all delicious! Bring along your own drinks and you can join us in the Village Hall to catch up with friends.

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Motor Neurone Disease Association Fundraising Sale

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**Saturday, October 31st and
Sunday, November 1st**

10.00am - 3.00pm

Our close friend Jennifer has been living with MND for 2½ years since her diagnosis, supported by her husband Mick and the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA).

To raise funds for MNDA we will be holding a sale of vintage items and furniture at the end of the month.

In addition, Jennifer and her husband Mick were both cartographers, running Ashworth Maps before having to retire. One of their popular product lines was 'Contour Coasters', packs of 3, sometimes 4 placemats which depict the precise contour pattern and name of many well-known peaks; these include sets depicting each of the Yorkshire Three Peaks. Jennifer and Mick have asked if their remaining stock of these might also be sold to raise funds for the MNDA charity.

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Middleham and the Dales Local History Group

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Three Archbishops from Marske in Swaledale
by Stephen Clark

The village of Marske in Swaledale is unusual, it was bought by an Archbishop in 1597, and then became the birthplace of two more Archbishops.

Their lives illustrate some of the religious history of England, from the turbulence following the Reformation, to the re-establishment of the Catholic church in the Nineteenth century.

Stephen Clark moved to Marske six years ago. His career was in railways and transport infrastructure. Over the last three years he has taken an interest in finding out what he can about the village, and set up a website to share that information (marskeswaledale.com).

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Synopsis of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Upper Dales Health Watch

Held on **Tuesday, September 15th, 2026**

- The Little White Car project now has 2 vehicles and 9 volunteer drivers. Upper Wensleydale and Swaledale patients needing to use the Little White Car to go to a medical appointment need to book in good time. Bookings are on a first come first served basis. Patients can take a carer / relative / friend with them if this is made clear when the booking is taken. There is a schedule of charges e.g. £40 for a return trip to James Cook Hospital. Costs can be reduced for those on benefits. For information contact the Upper Dales Community Partnership at www.hawescommunityoffice.co.uk.
- The Goodlife Project now covers Swaledale. It is hoped that a Men's Shed can be started in the Auction Mart at Hawes.
- The Sycamore Hall Step-up Step-down flat is being closed at the end of October due to NHS cuts in funding.
- Arrangements for the seasonal jabs (Flu, Covid, Shingles etc.) are in hand. Clinics will be run in all 3 surgeries from **October 1st**. Appointments can be made by phone, but patients are asked to phone in the afternoon.

• Staff:

Sharon Johnston is the Practice Nurse at Reeth. She is a trained prescriber.

Debbie Scott is one of the 3 GP Assistants (also known as Medical Secretaries).

Glen Ryder is providing admin support at Reeth and will be taking incoming phone calls Monday -Thursday.

Chloë Hargreaves is the dispenser at Reeth.

- Reeth patients need to order medication AT LEAST a week in advance. It is expected that in the not-too-distant future the main pharmaceutical suppliers will deliver direct to Reeth Health Centre which should improve the situation.
- Recruitment for a salaried GP is ongoing.
- Consideration for the Hawes and Aysgarth Surgery buildings to become Community Assets will be researched.
- Patients with minor, non-urgent illnesses can seek help from local pharmacies – they receive NHS funding for this.
- Crisis and Resilience Fund to operate **April 1st 2026 - March 31st 2029**. Contact North Yorkshire Council for details.
- Warm Homes Local Grant see www.northyorks.gov.uk.

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Lost Property

I live near the play park in Bainbridge, and often as I walk by I see things left behind on the bench beside the slide. Sometimes it's a child's anorak or a sweatshirt, a man's cap or a sun hat. I leave them there for a day or two in case someone remembers and comes back for them. Then I take them home and wash them and take them to the Oxfam shop. I find gloves but only single ones. There was a very nice set of felt pens, which I also took along to the charity shop.

Once I was shocked to find a bum bag containing a lipstick.... and five ten-pound notes. I phoned the police to report it stolen, and they said if no one reported it missing I was to keep it after three months. No one did so I gave it to charity. But I wonder about the lady who lost it.

Recently, I found a good quality walking stick which fortunately had the name of the owner on it on a sticker. A sticker on a stick! I presume he loses it frequently. I phoned the number it gave and he said he'd get his son to collect it. The son phoned and asked me to keep it as it wasn't worth the trip from York.



Today I spotted this dear little creature hiding under the seat. Does anybody recognise him? He's still there but getting rather wet... do come and rescue him.

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Former Hawes Utd Striker Swops Studs For Spokes For Cystic Fibrosis

In my playing days for Hawes Utd I was known as Grandad, simply because I was the oldest player on the team. (Very imaginative, Nick P.) Now I am a proper one three times over.

In last month's Newsletter, you may have read about my middle grandchild Violet, who was born with Cystic Fibrosis and how I was planning a sponsored cycle ride of seventy miles on my birthday to raise money for the Teesside CF Centre at James Cook Hospital.

The good news is: Mission accomplished!

Violet, who is only 14 months old, and I, set off at 7.30am and did the first five miles together. Then she went home for breakfast, leaving me to battle through some very strong winds on my own. About six hours later, Violet was back on the bike with me and together we rolled over the seventy miles mark. (That's almost the same as her doing the whole ride.)

The even better news is that together, and with your help, we have raised approximately £5,500.00 for the CF Centre. I was almost blown away by the wind on the ride: We are completely blown away by how generous people have been. Violet and I cannot thank you enough for the support you have given. Not just Violet, but all those attending The CF Centre will benefit from your generosity.

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Last buses mid-October!

Please note that the last week-end of the 2026 season for most DalesBus services in this area is **Saturday and Sunday, October 17th and 18th**, including Saturday No 80 from Lancaster to Hawes via Ingleton and Ribbleshead and Sunday No 157 from Garsdale station to Hawes, Bainbridge, Askrigg, Carperby and Castle Bolton.

However, Sunday DalesBus no 856 (Northallerton to Bedale, Leyburn, Aysgarth, Bainbridge and Hawes/Gayle) and Northern's Saturday Yorkshire Dales Explorer rail service from Lancashire to Ribbleshead are still both year-round services.

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Painting With a Needle

The Arts Society Wensleydale lecture on **Tuesday, October 20th** is on 'Embroidery from Opus Anglicanum to the 18th Century gentleman's suit'. We'll explore the concept of 'Opus Anglicanum' (literally meaning 'English work') which was sought out by Popes and considered the best embroidery in the Western world at the time, through to the new influences from the East which affected 17th Century embroidery and on to the 18th Century when Botanic Art was the height of fashion and could be rendered in water colours or silk threads. We end with the launch of the man's three-piece suit complete with silk shading embroidery.

This talk coincides with an Arts Society trip to Durham Cathedral on **Wednesday, November 4th** which includes a specialist talk on the embroidery at the Cathedral.

Do join us at Tennants Auction House, Leyburn on **Tuesday, October 20th at 2.00pm**. Non-members/guests are always welcome. For more information on Arts Society Wensleydale, visit <https://theartsociety.org/wensleydale>.

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Singers Invited to Join New Swaledale Festival Chorus

Singers from across the region are being invited to apply to join a brand-new Swaledale Festival Chorus for the 2027 Festival.

The specially formed chorus will come together to perform Karl Jenkins' *The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace* at St Mary's Church, Richmond, in June 2027. Described as a work of extraordinary drama, beauty and colour, *The Armed Man* explores themes of peace, unity and reconciliation. The piece currently sits at No.1 in the Classic FM Hall of Fame.

Chorusmaster Benjamin Noble is inviting singers across all four voice parts – soprano, alto, tenor and bass – to take part.

"We're bringing together singers from across the region to create a strong, balanced chorus for this exciting project," says Benjamin. "Choral experience is welcome, but it's not essential. If you're a capable singer, comfortable preparing music independently and able to commit to the full rehearsal and performance schedule, we'd love to hear from you."

There will be three dedicated Sunday rehearsals ahead of the Festival performance. Places will be limited, with singers selected to create a good balance across the different voice parts. Those interested are asked to share a short audio recording as part of the application process. Full details of the rehearsal and performance dates, and how to apply, are available on the Swaledale Festival website: swalefest.org/stories/details/the-armed-man-forming-a-festival-chorus.

Applications close at **10.00pm on Thursday, October 22nd**.

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Redmire's annual Christmas Craft Market is scheduled for **Saturday, November 21st**. Stalls will be stocked with unique items, created by local artists and crafters; including handmade Christmas decorations, textiles and artwork, jams and honey, pottery, fused glass art and paintings; unique gifts ideal for Christmas.

Additionally there will be a mouth-watering selection on the home-made cake stall. All proceeds will go to Alzheimer Society.

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Class success!

All our classes are bookable on our ClubRight system (link below).

Our first ever ladies Couch2Kilo's course has been so well received that we were over subscribed! The feedback has been fantastic and the positive word of mouth has nearly filled our waiting list for the next block! Our next block of 6 weeks begins on **Monday, November 2nd**, please get in touch if you would like to be added to this waiting list or for future classes.

Our new Workout Wednesday Circuits have also been a hit! Or should that be HIT (High Intensity Training!) Matthew has been putting us through our paces using a variety of equipment, machines and exercises giving participants a full body workout. Feedback has been brilliant with the consensus being that it was more enjoyable and welcoming than expected! We have spaces available for this class, please get in touch if you have any questions at all.

Running Club is BACK! Our ever popular running Club is back from **Friday, October 30th**, running through to spring 2027

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 building balance.

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**. - work with Kirsten to 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, high intensity circuits using a mix of exercises, equipment and machines 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 building balance.

Over 40's Walking Football - **Fridays** (live) **6.00pm – 7.00pm** - contact yorebridgetennis@gmail.com.

Running Club from **October 30th - Fridays** (live) **6.00pm – 7.00pm**, friendly club for runners or those wanting to begin their running journey. Session split between strengthening exercises for runners and techniques.

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The following household waste is accepted at all mobile centres:

- Furniture (including beds, mattresses, sofas and chairs), bric-a-brac.
- Paper, cardboard, telephone directories, books.
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Blueboxt October Update

What a way to welcome the start of the Autumn season. It was a real team effort for our volunteers and technicians supporting Reeth Arts Festival and the Tour of Britain Cycle Race Stage Four finish in Leyburn Market Place on Saturday, September 5th.

Entertainment was provided in Leyburn by Lili Bako, Dales Dance and Leyburn Band on the main stage with The Dales Community Pop Choir, Light My Choir, The Colin Bailey Band and 'The Untitled' - our youth band - in the Market Place. Community groups, local artists, Leyburn Town and North Yorkshire Councils joined together to showcase 'A Warm Welcome to Leyburn'. We did just that and more - a huge thank you to all who took part and gave their time to make it possible.

Events and Fundraising:

Quiz night with Simon Eastwood – **Friday, October 9th** at West Burton Village Hall, DL8 4JY. **7.00pm for a prompt 7.30pm start.** Teams of up to six, or come along and make a team on the night. Tickets £15 including a two-course supper. Our annual quiz is always a fun event – book early to avoid disappointment! [Note: If the village hall refurbishment is delayed, the event will relocate to Askrigg. Please check the website or social media for venue confirmation.]

Leyburn Jazz Festival returns **Thursday, October 15th to Sunday, October 18th** at St. Matthew's Church. The sixth jazz festival promises a varied selection of performances, including Orchestra Mambo International, Steely Jazz, Alexia Gardner and The Roaring Twenties band, to name a few. Bar and Refreshments available. Download the full programme at www.leyburnjazz.org or pick up a copy from community information points around the area.

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.

Grand Prize Draw – Our Grand Prize Draw takes place on **Wednesday, October 28th**. Tickets are £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. The winning numbers will be published online at www.blueboxt.org.

Coffee Mornings at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall – **Friday, October 30th** and **Friday, November 27th, from 9.30am**. Pop along and enjoy a cuppa and a chat. There will also be a Cake Stall and Raffle.

December Events:

Christmas Together – **Saturday, December 5th**, Leyburn Methodist Church Hall. Join Light My Choir! and special guests for an afternoon concert featuring festive favourites. All welcome. Pay What You Can Afford (suggested donation £10). Tea, Coffee and mince pies will be served during the interval.

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 up to six or make a team on the night. Always a fun evening. Bar available. Tickets £10 including a hot supper. **7.00pm for 7.30pm prompt start.**

A Christmas Cracker Concert – **Wednesday, December 16th**, Tennants Garden Rooms. BlueBoxt's young performers, Light My Choir, The Dales Community Pop Choir and Leyburn Band join the Service Children's Community Choir for an evening of Christmas-themed songs, dance and drama. Early booking is recommended for this popular event. Tickets: £10 available from reception or www.tennantsgardenrooms.com.

Opportunities to take part...

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

Get Musical (6-11 years) - Registration now open. We are excited to be offering another series of bite-sized music tasters for 6 to 11-year-olds. 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. Start date and session

times to be confirmed (likely to be **Fridays, 4.30pm to 6.00pm** at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall).

Get Musical Jam Band (11-19 years) - Come and experience playing in a band. Participants choose the songs to play, which currently include hits by 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 for more details or contact us to find out more.

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 fun and 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.

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.



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- Letters can be used more than once in a word.
- No obscenities, no foreign words unless regularly used (e.g. Entente).
- Words should be in general usage.
- There is at least one word which contains all the letters at least once

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Scoring:

15 Solid start
25 Going well
35 Good
40 Very good
45 Genius!

Answer next month.

Mystery Picture

Last month's picture showed part of the stone work on the bridge at Wensley.

Where can you find these river crossings?



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Homes for Dales House Birds Initiative

A nature recovery project to boost populations of some of the best-loved birds in the Yorkshire Dales has appealed for more volunteers to provide homes for house birds following a successful launch phase.



The Homes for Dales House Birds initiative has installed more than 300 new nesting boxes and carried out habitat improvement work to increase food availability in specific focal areas in Swaledale, the Westmorland Dales and villages along the southern edge of the National Park from Bentham to Grassington. It's hoped the extra nest boxes, along with targeted habitat improvement work, will boost populations of four familiar species: the swift, house sparrow, starling and house martin.

An appeal for home owners and other sites willing to host nest boxes attracted an enthusiastic response last year and some of the nest boxes installed over the winter were occupied during this year's breeding season.

The villages of Austwick and Askrigg have joined the project this year and while YDNP staff will be working with contractors installing additional nest boxes here, YDMT will be focusing on improving habitats to create additional food sources for nesting birds.

Swifts are now on their journey back to their wintering grounds in sub-Saharan Africa, with the house martins set to follow them over the coming weeks. Additional nest boxes are scheduled for installation this winter, meaning there should be plenty of new accommodation options when these birds return in the spring.

Working in tandem with the nest box installation programme, YCMT's meadows and woodlands teams have been busy enhancing habitats near the newly installed nesting boxes to increase the supply of insects and seeds: two staple food sources for the four target species. Increasing the availability of natural food in locations where additional nest boxes have been installed should ensure that their new occupants don't need to use precious energy finding food for themselves and their chicks.

The meadows team has focused on increasing species diversity in meadows near nest box schemes while the woodlands team has planted wildlife-friendly hedgerows in the same areas.

Mike Appleton, project lead for YDMT said: "It's really felt like the project has come together this year. We're making sure there's going to be plenty of natural food available for them when these birds return to the Dales next spring."

Richard Barnard, RSPB Yorkshire Area Manager, said: "Homes for House Birds in the Yorkshire Dales is a brilliant initiative to help ensure one of England's most beautiful National Parks holds onto something truly precious.

The Yorkshire Dales, unlike other areas in the UK, has healthy populations of these four iconic species, and it's crucial to do all we can to prevent any decline. Enhancing habitats to creating natural food sources is a big part of the Homes for House Birds project. By following the RSPB's new feeding guidance, we can all play our part in protecting our Swifts, House Martins, Starlings and House Sparrows."

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Friday 16 October 6pm

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Friday 23 October 6pm (2026 FRENCH FILM
FESTIVAL SCREENING)

A Judgement in Stone (NC 18) 1hr 51m

Friday 30 October 6pm 2026

Father, Mother, Sister, Brother (15) 1hr 50m

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