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Alan S. Watkinson

Alan Watkinson, the editor of this Newsletter from 1995 to 2017, died on Friday, July 14th shortly before publication of the last issue of the Newsletter and we promised to say more about the man and his contribution to Wensleydale life in this issue.

We are including two articles by members of the Newsletter committee who worked with him for many years and some information extracted from the text of the eulogy by Revd. Dave Clark at Alan's funeral on July 19th.

Alan's greatest wish was that the Newsletter would continue to provide a service to both locals and visitors to Upper Wensleydale and that the high standards of presentation and content that he established would be maintained. The new editors and committee members are determined to uphold that wish.

Alan was born on October 8th 1935 in Eccleshill, Bradford and lived there with his parents until aged 9 when the family moved across the border and settled in Manchester. Despite his years in 'foreign parts', Alan was a very proud Yorkshireman, born and bred, and he was never happier than when he was out walking on the hills he loved so dearly.

He loved long distance walking and completed the Pennine Way twice as well as completing the Coast to Coast, the Cambrian Way, the Cleveland Way, the Wolds Way, the South Downs, Isle of Wight Coast path, Offa's Dyke, Glyndwr's Way and many others of his own creation.

As well as creating and editing the Newsletter Alan was a National Park Voluntary Ranger, a member of the Friends committee of the Dales Countryside Museum and a long-standing member of CND.

Born into a Methodist family he maintained that connection throughout his life serving in many capacities such as church organist, accredited local preacher and choir leader, to share his deep faith and to enthuse and support others in theirs. Sadly, the Methodist Church in Hawes closed 3 years ago but he and his wife, Shirley, found a warm welcome and a spiritual home at Hardraw Church, where, particularly in

the past 3 difficult years of Alan's illness, they both found and were given so much support. He had always worked for church unity and the breaking down of barriers between the denominations.

Alan will be missed by many people whose lives he has touched and Shirley has much appreciated the support given by family and friends who helped to keep Alan involved and enthused until the last week or two of his long and busy life.

Editor Extraordinaire

Alan took a great pride in producing a community newsletter that not only provided an essential calendar for local events but also informative articles and fun items. He was a stickler for accuracy and so the volunteer proof-readers were an important part of the production team to him each month. However, his eagle eyes didn't miss much anyway.

Apart from his professionalism in, and commitment to, producing the Newsletter each month, I admired his ability to chair our monthly committee meetings with alacrity and a sense of humour. Although he moved through the agenda swiftly, there was always time for minor diversions (some hilarious) and he was always ready to listen to other people's views. I have never sat on a committee where there was so much laughter during the proceedings and yet we always achieved what had to be done.

Life goes on but I am sad that I shall neither see nor speak to Alan again: Hawes and the Upper Dale will seem an emptier place without him.

J.W.T

Memories of the Apprentice

It was in 2001 that I was approached by Alan to join the select group of printers, consisting of himself and Derek Nevill. The Newsletter started in 1995 for a trial of three issues, proved a success. Alan was passionate about words, writing, reading and everything related to the Dales. His attention to detail was proved through his setting of those not so easy competitions. The Newsletter became invaluable

to locals, visitors and those who had moved away. It became his brainchild and he remained editor and driving force to the present day.

Situated at the top of the shop in Askrigg, printing the Newsletter was a serious occasion for the three of us. Not big enough to swing a cat, the steps not wide enough to carry the printer up, which we eventually left, being impossible to carry down - too steep to comply with health and safety. Black hands from the ink which always seem to require filling. Paper up Newsletter down.

Then to printing in the school house (nice, could watch television over lunch, not for long, Alan keeps us on the move). "What colour should the front cover be this month?" "What was it last month", was the usual reply. Next we move into the main building (now down to two of us) bigger space, better for the collators. Alan as usual "Can you remember the door code?" Eventually new printers were ordered after several evaluation trips. On the first of these trips, at the flooded road under Kilnsey Crag, I opened the car window to speak to the driver of an oncoming white van, not realising that the bow wave would reach the top of the door, resulting in soaked passengers, silly me.

The time came when the two of us, after setting out the room with heavy tables, moving the pool table and clubs art work, getting old and weak, the new printer giving grief, thought - "should we ask Liz to help?" We'll manage this time, but not for long! Eventually, because of these recurring printer problems, the carrying of large amounts of paper and the stress, it was agreed that the Newsletter should be produced commercially and it is now printed by the Wensleydale Press in Hawes.

Days spent in idle chat, if heard above the printer noise. Walks to do, walks completed. Fred always mentioned. Fred, his long time walking partner, the only person who could keep up with his pace. Sorting out the world of course!

Alan enjoyed walking all his life and during these chats I became aware that many people influenced this passion. One was the books of A. J. Brown, walker, writer and passionate Yorkshireman. An extract - sound familiar?

"My first love was and is to tramp about the dales and moor especially 'ower t'ops' in wild weather. Tramping is an active delight that only those who practise it can rightly apprehend. I had been tramping roughshod about Yorkshire for years, trespassing if you like, ignoring footpaths and tracks."

(John A. White, 'A.J. Brown, Walker, Writer, and Passionate Yorkshireman.' Printed by Smith Settle 2016.)

P.S. Don't forget the tea rooms, he and Shirley always on the move. Different ones every time, a tale to tell from each and every one. If only I could remember where they all are. Always time to sit and chat especially after lunch.

Alan Watkinson - the Newsletter was his life and his life was the Newsletter.

P.C.W.

The last outing for Alan's boots with the funeral flowers.



Alan was cremated on July 19th and he requested that the final words on the service sheet should be:-

"Here are the ashes of A.S.W. That's a relief - he'll no longer trouble you."



Eunice the Ewe

Last month I was hiding in the Laburnum House advert on page 16 and the winner of the £10 prize was Christine Tetley of High Peak, Derbyshire. Where am I now? To enter for the £10 prize, please include your postal address if replying by email.

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Wensleydale Concert Series

On **Saturday, September 16th** we are very pleased and privileged to welcome two truly amazing pianists at Aysgarth Church at **7.30pm** in a concert of music for piano duet - including works by Mozart, Schubert, Hindemith, Ravel and Brahms.

Allan Schiller and John Humphreys are both elder statesmen of the British piano scene with sterling reputations as solo performers. They have both performed in the most prestigious venues and John used to teach at the Birmingham Conservatoire.

This is a special year for them because as well as their solo careers they have built a very impressive reputation as a piano duo partnership through concert and performance and this year they celebrate their 40th anniversary.

Time has not diminished their skill, passion or enthusiasm for performing and this will be a truly memorable concert.

Full details and tickets are available at www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk

Carol Haynes

Richmond Walking and Book Festival

During the week of **September 22nd to October 1st**, authors at the Walking & Book Festival include Joanne Harris, Val McDermid, Clare Short, Jo Baker, Jill Dawson & Lonely Planet .

Contact Castle Hill Bookshop **01748 824243** or www.booksandboots.org for information and tickets.

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Please note the new earlier
deadline date.**

Notes From Thorney Mire

Summer

I have to report two “firsts” at Thorney Mire. For twenty one years I have been telling anyone (who would listen), that we didn’t have house sparrows at Thorney Mire. In July a family of four appeared on the bird feeders. Where they had come from I do not know, but the word has been spread on bird social media that there are rich pickings in this area as the numbers are increasing and now we can count seven or eight. I wasn’t sure whether I was happy about these uninvited guests arriving. They came in a gang, seemed to intimidate the resident birds and they were always last to leave the feeders, eating every remaining scrap. The number of house sparrows has diminished these last few years, falling by nearly a half in the countryside and by sixty per cent in towns and cities. They are now a species of high conservation concern, being red listed. So I suppose the resident birds and I will have to tolerate them.

A second “first” was the sighting of a grey wagtail in the courtyard. I have seen one down



by the beck but not so close to home before. Pied wagtails used to appear in the summer but I’ve not seen any around the house this year. A few years ago a pair of pied wagtails built their nest in the courtyard on a pile of stones designated for building work. Heavy rainfall washed the nest and the young away. Undaunted the pair went round to the front of the house and started again. This time they were successful in rearing their young.

There was frantic activity at the feeders in June. Amongst others we had a family of four siskins, greenfinches and greater spotted woodpeckers. The young woodpeckers, looking like the great unwashed with their off white chest feathers, are comical until they learn to balance properly. In recent years, baby chaffinches and blue tits have been numerous. This year the chaffinches seem to have had a good breeding season, but there have been very

few blue tits. Normally there are six or seven around the feeders but, in the last few weeks we have been lucky to see one, also there have been fewer great tits.

Swallows have been nesting in the eaves in the same place as last year. Same birds as last year? No way of knowing. A second pair of swallows has nested in the barn and flycatchers have nested under the front eaves. The eaves are high and dark and you don’t seem to notice them nest building until the twittering starts and the plain, green leaves of the plants below the nest, take on a variegated appearance - then you know they are there.

Orchids have appeared on the verges again, but I have not seen any ragged robin this year. The meadow sweet doesn’t seem as high and lush as last year but the wild angelica has been prominent. Different flower species will respond and flourish better in the varying weather conditions. It’s been wet but I have to report that I haven’t seen any rice growing on the verges yet.

Sylvia Turner

Spend It or Bank It!

The deadline for spending old round £1 coins is getting closer! There are already more of the new 12-sided £1 coin in circulation than the old round pounds – which should be banked or spent **BEFORE Sunday, October 15th**. Why not mark the date in your diary now? Also, piggy banks, purses, money boxes, household and holiday savings in bottles, jars, tins etc. should all be checked this month, to identify any ‘round’ pounds that have been squirrelled away. Shops, pubs and other retail outlets will continue to accept them until - but not after - the deadline date. (After that, it is expected that most high street banks and post offices will accept old coins).

Ruth Annison

New Leader Wanted for Beaver Scouts

Monday nights term time only in Hawes Market House. Training will be provided. Please contact Kathy Haygarth on **667879** or Emma Blades if you are interested?

New-Look Methodism: Come and See...

One Sunday in July, not a little mystified on looking up in the Methodist Plan the name of the preacher at Gayle for that day and reading 'Emerson Camp', I decided to go along to satisfy my curiosity. As the wind-chill factor was rather high, it was decided to hold the service inside the chapel rather than outside, as was the custom. The Hawes Silver Band already occupied the central part of the chapel, and the remaining pews were soon filling up, though not exactly packing us tight, which was rather a shame, for the service was an occasion of joy and celebration from start to finish.

Reverend David Emerson, an eminent Minister from the district, lost no time in reminding us that the 'camp meeting' in times gone by was at the origin of the split of the Wesleyans from what became the Primitive Methodists, which might have been the beginning of the unenviable reputation of Methodists for being over-serious. Reverend Emerson lost no time in dissociating himself from the aspiration of some, recorded on their epitaphs, of being 'staunch Methodists'.

Nothing could have been less staunch than the

image he conveyed in... let us not call it a sermon, or even a meditation, but rather a causerie which included anecdotes pointing to the creative opportunities awaiting us, sometimes in the most unlikely places, for engaging with 'others' outside the church. Nothing prudish, or over-serious about this; no Bible thumping or baring of the soul. Yet it spoke to the heart, as any service worthy of the memory of John Wesley should do - as did the old favourite hymns to which the band did full justice. Only towards the end did the minister underline his main theme: The Dance of the Gospel. So it should have been no surprise when, to the swinging accompaniment of the band, he opened his arms to a lady sitting on the front row and the couple were soon followed by others dancing down the aisle; unfortunately rather limited in space. At this juncture, it has to be said, one or two female members of the congregation turned their eyes to the floor (the 'staunch' variety, perhaps - gosh, was I one of these?) The service ended happily for all before a great Methodist spread, which must have kept the people of Gayle going for a day or two afterwards.

Let us hope it will not be long before the Revd. Emerson is invited to preach in Gayle again. It was one of the most refreshing, stimulating and thought-provoking services I have attended for a long time. And it was fun, as any true 'camp' should be.

Margaret Parry

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The Wensleydale Camera Club's new season starts on **Monday, September 11th at The Old School House, Leyburn**. The Club's aim is to create a forum for occasional, aspiring and advanced photographers of all ages to learn, practise and socialise. In addition to practical workshops on such topics as portraits and still life, there are a number of competitions where feedback is given by expert judges. We will be also hosting presentations by guest speakers, including Jed Wee, on subjects such as the Falklands, Norway and a special viewing of the Club's glass lantern slides.

Interested? Why not visit our website – wensleydalecameraclub.co.uk – where you will find more details about our programme for the coming season. Membership starts at £25 p.a., or for the occasional visitor to our presentations, £3 per evening. Free tea is included with every membership!

The Camera Club's Annual Exhibition runs from **September 1st to the 11th, also at The Old School House**, and will feature local landscapes and a wide range of other subjects – street photography, portrait, natural history and travel. Among the images will be local and regional prize winners taken by Club members.

Michael Kentish



July saw the end of term when we said goodbye to some of our funded 3 and 4 year olds who are moving on to nursery/school. We wish them well and are sure they will soon settle in.

Over the summer holidays we have been busy with lots of indoor activities as the weather has been a little wet, but we did manage to get out playing on the field on some of the better days.

The children really enjoyed making their own tie dye t-shirts and showing off the end result by wearing them. They also made knights' shields and helmets, decorating them with lots of different media and then using them to play knights and princesses games.

At Dalesplay we offer a range of different packages to fit in with parents' working patterns.

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September Competition

Common wild flowers (Easy - no Latin or botanical names!)

1. She was asked for an answer
2. Litter mon
3. Terrier with liquid metal
4. Cost of buying heavy lifting gear
5. Surrounds cattle's mouth
6. Laces rev
7. Spray we col
8. Wore down the older person
9. Take it easy, school
10. Ceder vole
11. Layer passed water!
12. So corker

Please send your answers to the Newsletter before the deadline date and don't forget to nominate your charity in case you win.

August Competition Answers

1. Aldi
2. Waterstones
3. Primark
4. River Island
5. Next
6. Costa
7. Holland and Barratt
8. Boots
9. Hotter
10. Wickes
11. Homebase
12. Morrisons
13. W.H. Smith
14. Starbucks

The winner was Stuart Pringle of Sedbusk and his chosen charity was Guide Dogs.

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Learning the Ropes

The bellringers of St Oswald's Askrigg are exceptionally grateful for the kind donation made by Professor Cuchlaine King to pay for new bell ropes.

Purchased from Ellis Ropes, one of the few bell rope makers in the country, the new ropes are made from polyester and hemp, more durable to the weather conditions in a belfry, so we should have many years' service from them.

You may not be familiar with church bell ringing or campanology as it is termed though you may have seen ringers (a band) on the TV. The myths or dangers, of a half-ton piece of metal swinging above are often exaggerated for indeed bell ringing is a social gathering, a hobby or pastime, a service to the community and above all great fun.

It is said there are about 40,000 ringers in the country today from ages of about 8 to 80. It does not require great strength, just concentration and a mind for logical patterns. During the past few years, between St Oswald's Askrigg and St Andrew's Aysgarth, we have been fortunate to have new members to our bands, mostly new ringers all learning from



scratch. Practising each week for about an hour or so, and at everyone's own pace means we can ring together to the delight, or so we hope, of those in hearing distance of the bells.

Rounds and Call Changes are the first step, followed by Plain Hunt, then methods, that is the logical pattern bit. Beyond that ringing at other churches, outings and yes, perhaps even competitions.

If this has not interested you, then perhaps watching us ring or having a go yourself just may. We would be delighted to welcome you to the tower - to become a bell ringer and join in a friendly team. We are starting a joint practice at Askrigg and Aysgarth on a **Wednesday starting at 5:30pm**. Interested or want to find out more? **Call Kevin Sorsby, Tower Captain, Askrigg on 650396** or email sorsbys@btinternet.com.

K.J.

Gayle Mill Events

Throughout September Gayle Mill will be open for one hour tours, Sunday to Friday at **1.00pm and 3.00pm**. £6 per person; children, 16 and under, free

Introduction to Ceramics – Textures, Tiles and Wall Hangings

Saturday, August 19th 10.00am – 4.30pm
£50 per person. Under the expert tuition of our ceramic artist, this course will introduce you to textures, tiles and wall hangings. You will design your own tiles from scratch. Bring anything you would like to use for textures from lace, buttons, wood to a box of nails! Bring along an old apron, towel and knife. All tuition, clay and lunch is included in this full day course.

Demonstration Tours

Sunday, September 3rd 11.00am and 2.30pm
£12 per person; children, 16 and under, free

Come and join our Demonstration Tours first Sunday of each month. A two hour tour where you get to see the original 1879 machinery working! Includes light refreshments.

Hands-on Heritage Introduction to and Further Blacksmithing

Sunday, September 24th 10.00am – 4.30pm
£95 per person. Adrian Wood explains the process of hot forging and shaping steel to produce some beautiful items. Also take Blacksmithing to the next level and work on more advanced techniques. Return for another full day with our experts Adrian and Andy, here at Gayle Mill. All tuition, materials and lunch included.

Prunings

I watched Monty Don a couple of weeks ago sitting in a quiet corner waxing lyrical about the scent of his roses and wondered how often it is warm enough, or suitably peaceful to do that around here. Then Sam Taylor (editor – The Lady) remarked “What a glorious summer this is turning into.....the weather seems to be onside this year.” I begin to wonder if I live on the same planet, never mind the same country. However, as Monty often points out, most of our summer weather is sufficiently varied to ensure that we seldom have a serious drought and we should accept the conditions for what they are and work with them.

Visiting a relative in the balmy warmth of the South Downs I was impressed by a clump of tall yellow plants with scabious-like flowers. The site catches the wind and these flowers swayed and dipped as the breeze caught them. I assumed that they were *Scabiosa columbaria* subspecies *ochroleuca*, but now, after a little ferreting, I’m sure they were much too tall and must have been *Cephalaria gigantea* or the Giant Yellow Scabious. Whatever they were I must see if I can grow them up here.



Scabious in its various forms is very forgiving. The smallest variety *Scabiosa Alpina*, is tiny and forms a cushion from which the diminutive flowers emerge: little blue

pincushions just like their larger cousins, it barely reaches six inches tall and so is ideal for rockeries. At the other end of the spectrum is the Giant Yellow which can top six feet. In between comes a range of cultivars at different heights and a range of colours from blues through to pinks. Some of the *Scabiosa Caucasia* specimens have flowers almost four inches across. The wild cousin, Field Scabious (*Knautia Arvensis*) is tall and graceful and will make a welcome addition to the back of a border. They are all beautiful, I’m particularly fond of “Clive Greaves” and all types are very popular with butterflies.

If you haven’t got round to it yet, now is the time for seed collecting. You don’t need much equipment. A pair of scissors and a pile of envelopes will do. Normally you leave the seeds on the plant to mature, but be warned, a windy day can remove them before you get to them, so cutting a little earlier and leaving the stems head down in the envelope to dry is probably safer. Having failed to capture the seeds of the Nettle Leaved Bellflower several seasons in succession, this year I have cut them whilst still green. Perhaps this time they won’t disappear through the tiny hole which appears magically at the back of the seed case. Always keep them in paper so they don’t go mouldy, and when you have separated them from the dried cases keep them cool and dark, and of course labelled! As so many garden plants will naturally hybridise (*Aquilegia* are notorious) you may get some pleasant surprises.

Good luck! And whatever you grow, take time to enjoy it.

Rose Rambler

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**Notes from a Cycling Offcumden
Part Two**

I had been in Hawes a few months when I heard of a stretch of water called Semerwater. It sounded interesting, especially when I realised that my favourite raspberry jam was made nearby! So I set off along the A684 towards Bainbridge, turned right up the hill to Burtsett. I managed the hill this time! Then on through this fascinating small village, then left towards Countersett. On the right you pass the remnants of ancient quarries. Then there is a long climb towards the summit, where the old Roman Road meets the road from Bainbridge. You are greeted at this point with two great views. To the north you can see the meandering Ure in the valley below and also a stunning view of Semerwater and the pastures of Raydale to the south. From then on you experience a swift and easy glide down to the edge of the lake. You need firm brakes and not pedals at this point. It is a lovely quiet spot. Before me stood an enormous rock, perhaps an

errant boulder from the glacial period. But I had another point of call, I wanted to see where my jam was made in Stalling Busk.

I enjoyed the undulating ride along the southern shore. It is a tiny, quaint village at the end of the road. It is remote and must have been cut off during the winters of 1947 and 1963. I looked around the small factory and had some light refreshments in the local cafe and chatted with some American visitors. Then I peered at my OS map and saw that there was a lane marked linking Stalling Busk with Marsett. Good I thought, a short cut. When I asked the way I didn't get encouraging responses from the locals! I soon learned why. The path quickly degenerated into a sort of gulch seen in Westerns. It was made up of rocks and stones lying at all angles. I made painfully slow progress. Then a river appeared before me. Good I'll cross the bridge nearby. Alas it was too narrow. So now for the river crossing. A few feet in and my wheels slipped on the slippery stones and I tumbled into the river. Dripping with water I walked on till dry ground appeared. Was I glad when a few farm buildings appeared on my left and Marsett was there before me. Never again will I simply trust an OS map so naively!

Brian Davis

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The Not So Terrible Bookseller of Hawes

It was with some trepidation that, with my 50 pence piece in my hand, I went into the second hand bookshop in the entrance of Hawes Market House which I heard had changed hands. I didn't intend to buy anything so would I face a verbal tirade for time wasting? Far from it. As it turned out, I received a warm welcome from Meg Davis the new owner of what will be called "The Old Library Bookshop". (This was the location of the Public Library in Hawes before it moved to the Community Office in The Newkin.)

Meg and her husband Brian (Brian the bike) moved to Hawes a couple of years ago at the same time as next door neighbours and friends from the London Borough of Havering, Mike and Hilary Reeves, now of the Old Grammar School Gallery at Town Foot. A few of their other friends have subsequently joined them in the area and all will help with the bookshop when Meg is otherwise occupied – which she certainly will be until she stands down as a councillor in the London Borough of Havering in May next year.

What does she know about second hand books? "Very little at the moment" she said "but I like books and Brian likes books and I'll learn. Some day I'll manage to reorganise and tidy things up". Meg has taken over the huge stock from Stephen, the previous bookseller, and in the bookshop you can find a fascinating collection of books, maps, magazines, postcards, CDs and vinyl records of every description.

Meg hopes that everyone will feel welcome at the Old Library Bookshop and that it will become an asset to the town of Hawes. Go in and browse, you may find a hidden treasure. Certainly you will find a welcome from the friendly bookseller of Hawes! A.M.

West Burton Art Group Exhibition

West Burton Village Hall

Sunday and Monday, August 27th and 28th

10.00am. - 4.00pm.

Free entry

Refreshments

Gilbert and Sullivan Concert

Saturday, September 2nd, 7.30pm

St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth

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Dales Discovery

The last Dales Discovery talk of the summer is an illustrated talk on The Splendour of the Settle and Carlisle Line by David Alson. The talk begins at **8.00pm on Wednesday, August 30th** at St Margaret's Church, Hawes and costs only £3 at the door. All are welcome.

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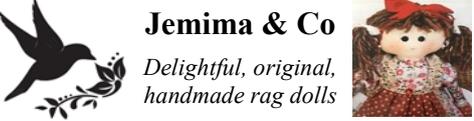
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Harvest Celebrations

The annual **Churches Together in Upper Wensleydale** Harvest Celebration will be held in The Market House, Hawes at **6.30pm Sunday, September 17th** led by Major Richard Cushing from The Salvation Army accompanied by Hawes Silver Band. The event will be followed by light refreshments. This is always a great community event. Everyone is welcome, so come along and enjoy the celebration.

Graham Di Duca

Gayle Harvest Service

You are all invited to the Gayle Chapel Harvest Service at **2.00pm Sunday, September 24th** with Reverend David Wood and followed by the traditional Dales tea refreshments.

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Wensleydale School Teacher Named North Yorkshire's Best

Deputy Headteacher Andrew Wilkinson, who teaches Physics and has taught at Wensleydale School since 2014, has been crowned North Yorkshire's Secondary Teacher of the Year.

The school's Headteacher, Julia Polley, said, "Andy is an outstanding practitioner who inspires and encourages his students. He gives his time freely and unconditionally to ensure they all reach their potential. He has engaged Year 5 and 6 pupils from our primary feeder schools with his unique and innovative science roadshows, and has mentored countless Year 11, 12 and 13 students by providing them with purposeful and inspiring revision sessions. He not only inspires the students, but he also inspires his colleagues. I am absolutely delighted that he has been named Secondary Teacher of the Year."

Mr Wilkinson, who was presented with the award by North Yorkshire County Council at a ceremony held in Harrogate, said, "No one goes into teaching for personal accolades like this, that is not what being a teacher is all about. It is, however, nice to know that your efforts are recognised and appreciated."

Mrs Polley added, "It is moments like this that make Wensleydale School and Sixth Form so special. We may not be the biggest school, but we continually show that we have a great deal to be proud of." Over the last 12 months the school has seen its exam results strengthen, so it is now in the top 10 non-selective schools in the county and Ofsted praise the progress students make.

Wensleydale Music & Theatre Group - Panto Reminder

Hello everyone – please remember the first read through for our next production 'Dick Whittington and The Caribbean Pirates' will be at **7.30pm Tuesday, September 5th** at GTEC on the Industrial Estate, Hawes with casting later that week. Thank you to Griff and Tracey Thomas for allowing us to use your premises.

If you are interested in a part whether on stage either in a main part or in the chorus; or being involved backstage, set building, painting or anything else you can offer, please come along. If you are interested but have no experience, that is no problem. New members are always welcome.

Graham Di Duca

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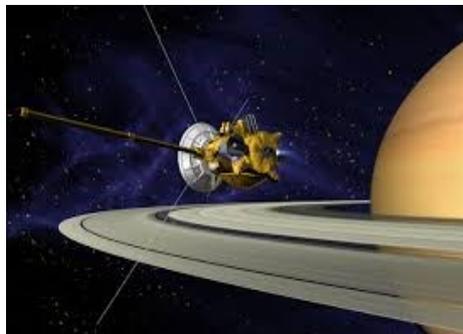
Heavens Above

Autumn's nearly here and after the Equinox on September 22nd the nights get longer than the days. Time to dust down those binoculars and polish up the old eyeballs ready for the new observing season!

By the middle of the month it's dark enough as early as 9.00pm for a spot of stargazing – the New Moon is on September 20th so the middle weeks of the month offer the darkest skies. If you do venture out you'll find many of the Summer constellations still on show, though they're beginning to slip westwards away from easy view. The three bright Summer Triangle stars are high in the south-west. Belying their name they'll be with us until well on into December. Autumn's main constellation, Pegasus the Winged Horse, is prominent in the south-east. See if you can pick out the four stars forming its famous Square. Cygnus the Swan, flies high overhead, beating along the pale band of the Milky Way which arches right across the sky at this time of the year. Cygnus is often called the Northern Cross because of its large cruciform outline. It's a great target for binoculars, rich in star clusters, variable stars, and gaseous nebulae.

Below Cygnus, filling a large expanse of the southern sky lie the dim 'watery' constellations of Aquarius, Capricornus the Sea-goat, Delphinus the Dolphin, and Pisces the Fishes, with the Sea Monster Cetus lumbering low on the horizon. The fourth largest constellation, Cetus, or The Whale as its sometimes called, is home to one of the most famous variable stars in the sky - Mira 'the Wonderful'.

There's a dearth of bright naked-eye planets in the evening sky this month - Mars, Mercury and Venus are all in the morning sky, but brilliant Jupiter is still with us, low in the WSW for an hour or so before sunset. By the month's end it's lost to view in the evening twilight. Distant Neptune, now the outermost planet, is at its nearest and brightest for the year, but it's so far away you'll need good binoculars or a telescope to glimpse it amongst the stars of Aquarius. Saturn, much dimmer than Jupiter at magnitude +0.5, stands low in the SSW setting around 10.30 pm. Look out for news of Saturn in the



media around the middle of September. Nasa's Cassini probe which has been orbiting Saturn since 2004 is due to end its mission on September 15th by diving through the planet's ring system and burning up in the atmosphere. With a bit of luck we should get some really spectacular images of the plucky spacecraft's fiery demise.

Al Bireo

Ride and Stride

Saturday, September 9th

Every September a few of us ride, on bicycles, or stride, on foot, round the churches of the Penhill Benefice and further down the Dale, to raise funds for the YHCT – and we thank, in advance, all our generous supporters. For further local information please contact **Dr. Kristin Whalley 663885**.

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What Was Found in Bainbridge?

The We Dig Community is running a Finds Processing and Identification Workshop now that the archaeology test pits in Bainbridge are all complete. This workshop will take place in the Temperance Hall at Bainbridge on **Saturday, 2nd and Sunday, September 3rd, 9.00am till 12.30pm and 1.00pm till 4.30pm**. Everybody is welcome, however spaces available for each timeslot are limited so booking is essential. To book a place please contact Hannah Kingsbury at Hannah.Kingsbury@yorkshiredales.org.uk or 652343

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Habitat 'Highways' to Connect Hazel Dormice

Funding has been secured for the planting of more than 1,700 metres of hedgerows in mid-Wensleydale to help one of the UK's most endangered mammals, the Hazel Dormouse.

Grants of £75,000 from the People's Trust for Endangered Species and nearly £48,000 from Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) will enable the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) to carry out further conservation work during the next three years.

There will be a chance for landowners and local residents to find out more at an evening talk at Carperby Village Institute at **7.00pm on Tuesday, September 12th.**

"The two hazel woodlands which have seen successful dormice reintroduction – Freeholders Wood near Aysgarth and a site nearby – will become linked with dormouse-friendly hedgerows, so that populations can spread out." said Phill Hibbs, seconded from the YDNPA's Trees and Woodlands team to the new role of Wensleydale Dormouse Project Officer. "I'll be contacting landowners in the coming weeks to see how we might work together to plant new woodland and hedgerows in the project area, which runs on the north side of the River Ure from the west of Carperby to Castle Bolton. Grants for landowners will be available."

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Askrigg Foundation Events

Bank Holiday in Raydale

The August Bank Holiday weekend will be a busy one in Raydale with the annual Flower Festival taking place at St Matthew's Church, Stalling Busk. The Festival will launch with a Preview Concert on **Friday, August 25th at 7.00pm** when the Askrigg Ladies Who Sing will perform in the church. The Festival will then open on **Saturday, Sunday and Monday between 10.30am and 4.30pm** when delicious home-made refreshments will be available. The theme of this year's Festival is Wind in the Willows so it should be wonderful for all ages to see.

On **Sunday, August 27th** there will be the usual Lakeside Service on the shore of Semerwater, starting at 3.00pm. This is a short service with music accompanied by Hawes Silver Band who will be travelling there following their performance on Bainbridge Village Green between **1.30pm and 2.30pm**. Everyone is welcome!

Upper Wensleydale Sunday School

The Sunday School is 'out for the summer' and will resume again in the autumn. However, a special trip has been planned to Saltburn on **Tuesday, September 29th**, leaving Askrigg at about **9.30am**. If you are interested in taking part (all children must be accompanied by an adult), please contact **Gemma Anderson**

(650821) or **Elizabeth Fawcett (650671)** for more information and to book a place.

Chanting the Gregorian Way

Saturday, September 9th will see our very popular Gregorian Chant Workshop return to St Oswald's Church in Askrigg for the fifth year. This will be a full day's workshop with tutoring from the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge. There will be a break for lunch and the day will culminate in a service of Vespers at **4.00pm** to which anyone can join us. If you wish to take part, please contact **MaryRose Kearney (650880)**. No experience is required.

Askrigg Harvest

On **Sunday, September 24th**, we will be celebrating Harvest with a special service held at Lowlands Farm, Askrigg amidst the straw bales and animals. Please join us for this event, starting at **10.30am**.

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A.M.

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AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER WHAT'S ON LISTING;
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August

- 26, 27 West Witton Feast. See p.23
- 26 Wensleydale Ale and Gin train. Leaves Leeming Bar station at 6.30pm.
- 27 Hawes Fire Station Open Day. Noon to 4.00pm. See p.31
- 27 Askrigg Produce Show.
- 27, 28 West Burton Art Group Exhibition. See p.12
- 28 Robert Dent Quoits Competition at the Fox and Hounds, West Witton at 2.00pm. See p.23.
- 28 Settle Book Fair 10.00am to 4.00pm
- 28 Cake Stall, Hardraw Church Lych Gate. 10am–noon. In aid of church funds.
- 28, 29 Tea and scones in St Margaret's, Hawes 1.00pm 'till 3.00pm for restoration funds.
- 30 Dales Discovery Talk, St. Margaret's Hawes. 8.00pm. See p.12

September

- 1 Cinema Memories from the 1960s. Talk at 10.30am at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. See p.26
- 2 Gilbert and Sullivan Concert. 7.30pm. St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth. See p.12
- 2,3 Bainbridge Archaeological Finds Workshops. See p.16
- 3 Moorcock Show at Mossdale Head.
- 5 Wensleydale Panto first read through. See p.14
- 5 Coffee Morning, 10.00am to noon. The Conifers, Carperby.
- 5,19,26 Local History Group Talks. 2.00pm. See p.21
- 5,12,19,26 Tea and Scones in St Margaret's, Hawes; 1.00 'till 3.00pm for restoration funds.
- 6 Church Coffee Club, 10.30am 'till noon. Dale View, Castle Bolton
- 6 Muker Show. Adults £7; Children (5-15 years) £1; Under 5 free.
- 8,9,10 Medieval Music Workshops. St Oswald's, Castle Bolton. See p.21

- 9 Wensleydale Society Walks. 10.00am Hawes. See p.21
- 12 Dormice Habitat Hedgerow Talk. Carperby 7.00pm. See p.17
- 15 Clothes Collection, Askrigg 10.30am in aid of Air Ambulance. See p.27
- 15 U3A meeting, 10.00am Leyburn Arts & Community Centre. See p.26
- 16 Piano Concert, Aysgarth Church 7.30pm. See p.4
- 17 United Harvest thanksgiving in Hawes Market House. See p.13
- 20 Wednesday Club Afternoon Tea. 2.00pm, Redmire Village Hall
- 20 Penhill Ladies. Period Dressing - Curriculum Kitchens. Carperby Institute. 7.30pm.
- 20 Sedbergh Brass Band 7.30pm St Margaret's Church Hawes See p.27
- 21 Bainbridge W.I. See p.28
- 21 Leyburn Bowls Club Quiz Night. See p.19
- 22 Lucy Ward Concert, Reeth Memorial Hall. 01748 884759
- 22-1 Oct Richmond Walking and Book Festival. See p.4
- 23 New London Chamber Ensemble Concert. 7.30pm. Influence Church, Richmond. See p.24
- 23 St Matthew's Church, Stalling Busk will provide refreshments at Semerwater lakeside from 8.00am to 11.00am for the DT 40 Marathon.
- 23, 24 Cheese Festival at the Wensleydale Creamery, 10.00am. See p.33
- 24 Gayle Chapel Harvest Festival Service, 2.00pm. See p.13
- 24 Penhill Benefice Harvest Festival Services. See p.27
- 25 Prayer Fellowship, 7.30pm. Thornton Rust Mission Room.
- 26 LASS Meeting: 7.15pm, Thornborough Hall. See p.13
- 29 Sedbergh Band at St Margaret's Church, Hawes. See p.27

October

- 3 North Country Theatre, DCM, Hawes. See p.36

Middleham and the Dales Local History Group

Aspects of Archaeology A short course of 3 sessions

This short course which covers three contrasting aspects of archaeology, takes place at the Middleham Key Centre on **Tuesday, September 5th, 19th and 26th at 2.00pm.**

On **September 5th** Senior Historic Environment Officer, Miles Johnson will discuss 'Managing the physical cultural heritage of the National Park'.

'What the study of human remains from archaeological sites can tell us about our ancestors' lives' is Professor Charlotte Roberts' subject on **September 19th**. This illustrated talk will explore why skeletons are excavated and studied and will use examples of Professor Roberts' research.

The discovery of an unrecognised long cairn on the Ingleborough Massif in 2008 triggered new field work and research which has led to the identification of a growing number of potential Neolithic long mounds all over the Dales. In 'The Neolithic era in the Dales', on **September 26th**, Yvonne Luke will discuss what their distribution patterns can tell us about the history and belief systems of communities in this part of the Pennines.

Course fees are £5 per session for members and £7 per session for non-members. For more information contact **Tony Keates** on **640436** or email dotandtonyk@btinternet.com.

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Wensleydale Society

The walks programme continues on **Saturday, September 9th** with both longer and shorter walks beginning from Hawes at **10.00am**. For more information phone **663609**. These walks are for members only, membership is £5 per year and the contact is Carolyn on **624246**.

The Winter Meetings & Talks Programme begins on **Friday, October 6th** when members will be celebrating the society's 65th Anniversary with a dinner at West Burton Village Hall at **7.30pm**. This is for members only but visitors will be welcome to all talks in the following months. The first is **Friday, November 3rd** when the speaker is Jon Sibley talking about 100 Squadron RAF Leeming.

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August

- 25 Nature Printing: 10.30am to 4.00pm.
Try mono printing using natural materials with artist Margaret Murphy. £3 per child.
- 25 In the Kitchen-Preserves: 11.00am to 3.00pm. Join costumed Friends of the Museum explaining the methods of preserving food.
- 27 Traditional Rugmaking Demonstration: 10.30am to 4.00pm. Watch local rugmakers Jane Cook and Elaine Foster as they demonstrate making proddy and hooked rugs. Have a go or buy a rug or kit to take home.
- 29 Drystone Walling Demonstration. 11:00am to 3:00pm. Join our Dales Volunteers as they showcase the traditional craft of drystone walling - one of the most iconic features of the National Park landscape.

September

- 3 Let's get Knitting. 1:00pm to 4:00pm
Learn a simple knitting pattern and watch a spinning demonstration as fleece is spun into wool.
- 15 'A Thousand Years in the Pleasure Ground'. 7:30pm. A talk by Eric Matthews about the recent work at Hornby Castle. Part of the Friends of the Museum annual lecture programme. Free - donations welcome.
- 20 'Men of Lead'. 2.00-3.00pm. An Illustrated talk by author David Joy on the history of lead mining in the Yorkshire Dales.

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West Witton Fell Race

Parking, registration and changing at the village playing fields at the eastern (Leyburn) end of the village from **5.00pm**, then the start at **6.00pm** at Kagram Lane at the western end.

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Sunday, August 27th

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Richmondshire Concerts

The 70th season of the Richmondshire Concerts starts on **Saturday, September 23rd**, when the New London Chamber Ensemble plays works from the wind quintet repertoire. The concert is at the Influence Church in Richmond starting at **7:30pm**.

Tickets, mostly at £15, can be bought online, or at Castle Hill Bookshop in Richmond, or at the door, subject to availability. Season Tickets cost from just £42. Details are on the website: www.rsconcerts.org.

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Photographers map out the Dales

A unique photographic exhibition – capturing every corner of the Yorkshire Dales – has opened at the National Park Authority’s Yoredale offices in Bainbridge.

The Yorkshire Dales Photographic Grid Project is a ‘mass public venture’ designed by Leeds-based artist and tutor, Tom Marsh, aka the ‘Flat Capped Photographer’. He split the National Park into 130 areas and asked volunteers to take photographs at each point at which OS Map grid lines intersected. The result is a beautiful photographic document of every kilometre of the Dales.

Tom Marsh said: “When I first conceived the idea for the project, my aim was to produce a body of work that not only showed the Dales at its best but also showed off areas that were rarely visited. Obtaining many of the photographs has been no mean feat, as the 60 project contributors battled with unforgiving, boggy moorland and steep escarpments. In the project’s finished form, I feel the aim has been met and more.”

The free exhibition will be open during August and September, from **9.00am to 5.00pm**. All the photographs will be published in an online archive:

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Mystery Picture

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Meetings recommence on **Wednesday, September 27th, at 2.00pm** in Harmby village hall near Leyburn, when the speaker is social historian David Scrimgeour on *Early Asylum Life*, a look at the lives of some of those who passed through the doors of the West Riding Pauper Lunatic Asylum in Wakefield during the first 50 years of its existence, telling their stories in their own words. Non-members are very welcome at £2.

For further details **phone 0743 2677783** or email moverley.yorkshire@outlook.com or see the website www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk for details of all events and the worldwide email discussion group.

Tracey Little

Leyburn & District U3A

On **Friday, September 1st** there is a special talk and discussion entitled 'Cinema Memories from the 1960's - Do you Remember Standing for the Queen?' in Leyburn Arts & Community Centre at **10.30am**. There are free refreshments and non-members are welcome. The regular monthly meeting is on **Friday, September 15th** from **10.00am**. The speaker is Pat Osbourne and her subject is Lewis Carroll.

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The brains of people who have neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's contain more of some of these waste products and it's understood that these products interrupt the chemical and electrical functioning of the brain - leading to the cognitive decline associated with these diseases. Many people with these diseases also suffer from disrupted sleep patterns; now it is thought that disrupted sleep is not just a symptom but a contributor to the disease process.

When you go to bed tonight take a moment to reflect upon how hard your brain will be working while you rest - sweeping out that debris and clearing out the rubbish so you can start tomorrow with a fresh clean mind!

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St Margaret's, Hawes News

A very, very big thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Fayre at The Market House on Saturday, July 29th and in particular the local shops and businesses that donated prizes for our tombola and raffle. We raised £1,400 for the general church funds and restoration. We could not have done this without you.

Graham Di Duca

News from the Vets

We have been seeing an increase in the number of animals presenting to the surgery with ticks recently. There has even been a case of a puppy that had to be hospitalised following an infection from a tick bite, luckily it is doing well and has been sent home. It is crucial that as well as using a tick prevention product, if you see a tick on your animal it must be removed correctly and if you are at all unsure about how to remove we can remove it for you at the surgery.

It is very important to keep up with tick treatments in your pets Please contact us at the surgery for more information.

Davinia Hinde

Bainbridge Women's Institute

Bainbridge WI will meet on **Thursday, September 21st** at **7.30pm** in Bainbridge village hall. The subject is a cookery demonstration by Sue Fairhurst. There will be a supper afterwards and visitors are welcome (£4)

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Gayle Village Institute.

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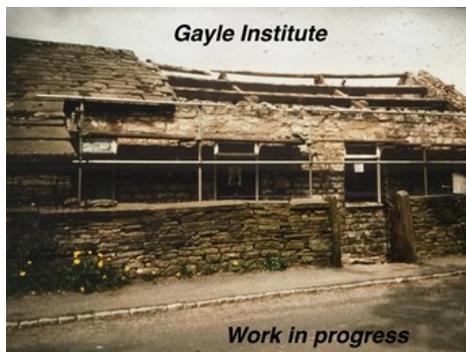
This building was built as an Inghamite Chapel by the Batty brothers and James Allen of Gayle in circa 1755. Shortly afterwards it becomes a Sandemanian chapel for followers of Robert Sandeman, who had seceded from the Scottish Church. The building is listed Grade II and illustrates the socially important changes that were brought about by the popularity of non-conformist religious movements during the 18th and 19th centuries. Services ceased toward the end of the 19th century and in 1929 the building became Gayle Village Institute.

Unfortunately by the middle of the 1980's concerns were being expressed about the state of the building. Meetings were held in the October of 1989 to consider what should be done. Time was spent considering the actual state of the building and whether expenditure was warranted, who legally owned the site and what could it be turned into. Following this a steering committee of volunteers was formed to look into the restoration of the Chapel for use as a community centre for Gayle with Stan Roocroft as chairman.

The technical department of Richmondshire D.C. inspected the structure and gave a brief outline of essential repairs, but a full estimate for creating a kitchen, storage area, toilet facilities and installing a heating system was sought. The total project cost was £24,000.

In July 1990 an application to the North Yorkshire Rural Development Programme and the Richmondshire District Council Capital Scheme for Voluntary Organisations was successful, raising £19,000. The Steering Committee then raised the balance through local fund-raising events and donations.

In November 1994 as the project was completed, an application was made to the Charity Commission to become a Registered



Charity. This was completed on the 8th September 1995. Today the Institute is used regularly by local clubs, societies and the Hawes and High Abbotside parish council. I would like to thank Stan Roocroft, MBE, Chairman of the Trustees for the invaluable information that helped towards the completion of this article.

P.C.W.

Celebrate at Gayle Institute!

Gayle Institute is available for parties and other private functions. The costs are very reasonable at £15 for a half day or £30 for a full day.

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King's Club 2017

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Seventy children and young people followed the theme of 'The Journey' at Askrigg for a week in August. Lively, exciting, wacky, challenging these are just some of the words you might use to describe it. The two presenters at Askrigg school – Donna Wanderoff and Ida Gonthatway entered to the children clapping along to '500 miles' and were confronted with a camping scene and a signpost.

Each day they tried to work out who had been camping there and then make the decision which path to follow – the Broad way or the Narrow way? Morning and afternoons were packed with lots of crafts and games, most focusing on the journeys with Jesus. There was hardly a moment to spare during the day when the children could catch their breath – apart from lunch time when they were sitting in small groups talking and eating.

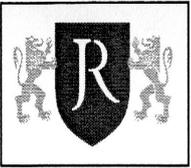
Stones and Pebbles presented a similar programme at Low Mill Activity Centre for the young people. Their wacky approach included jokes that I'm not sure even they understood! A similar journey seeing how Jesus related to his disciples gave good opportunity for the young people to express their interest and doubts, talk openly about their personal convictions and ask questions of their group leaders. All took part in an activity programme run by the Low Mill instructors and this included the opportunity to canoe, abseil and gorge scramble. All this alongside team challenges and games. The Friday afternoon included the, now famous, waterslide and 'how to avoid getting wet by the leaders', extravaganza.

Many people came to the BBQ on the Friday – had some good food and conversation as well as seeing a little of what the week had involved. As Jess Holland, alias Ida Gonthatway, said, it was a privilege to work with the children and young people of Wensleydale.

We are very grateful to the school and Low Mill Centre for the use of their facilities, and to all the leaders who gave their time to work on the King's Club team.

Next year is the 30th year of King's Club. Watch out for celebrations. **The 2018 week will be Monday, 6th to Friday, August 10th** with the BBQ on the **Friday at 6.00pm**

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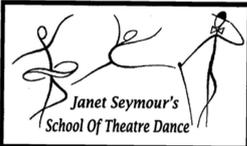
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Whey Hey – New Cheese Festival Pays Homage to Yorkshire Fromage

**First Yorkshire Dales National Park
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Saturday and Sunday, September 23rd and
24th**

A new weekend festival will celebrate the rich cheese-making heritage of the Yorkshire Dales as well as shine the spotlight on the array of local cheeses that visitors can now enjoy. The festival also marks a week-long celebration of the great food to be discovered across the National Park.

The Cheese Festival will be held at The Wensleydale Creamery in Hawes and will see numerous producers and connoisseurs from across the Yorkshire Dales National Park and the Nidderdale Area Of Outstanding Natural Beauty offering product tastings as well as staging cookery, cheese-making, grading and drink-pairing demonstrations.

Today's burgeoning cheese scene across the Dales is thanks in part to the Cistercian monks who brought their fromage-making skills over from Normandy when they settled at abbeys such as Jervaulx and Fountains back in the 11th century and started making Wensleydale cheese. Now the iconic Wensleydale has been joined by a range of Yorkshire Dales delights such as Coverdale, Swaledale, Ribblesdale, Yorkshire Blue and Fine Fettle cheeses, and the food's success has spawned a whole side-industry with

preserves, chutneys and accessories all being created within the National Park.

In honour of this, the Festival will also stage several guided walking and cycling tours enabling visitors to explore the picturesque countryside, trace the importance of the monks' contribution and the evolution of cheese-making and dairying across the region, tasting local specialities as they go. The Festival will then lead into a further five days of events right across the Yorkshire Dales with restaurants, cafés, farms and attractions championing the fantastic range of food that is produced on the doorstep.

The Festival will run from **10.00am to 5.00pm** on both days. It will be free to attend but a small charge will be made to participate in certain activities which will be bookable in advance. Further information and booking details will be available in due course on www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/visit-the-dales/cheese-festival-17

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Burtersett Show 2017

We were delighted that Baroness Lister of Burtersett kindly agreed to open this year's show and say a few words about her links with the village. Baroness Lister of Burtersett is a University academic and she was appointed to The House of Lords as a Life Peer in 2011.

Baroness Lister started the afternoon by explaining that when she was a child she would spend her summers with her grandparents who lived at a cottage in Burtersett. Her grandfather was particularly interested in Yorkshire dialect and he wrote a number of papers and publications on the subject. The family also knew Kit Calvert who was born in Burtersett.

The Baroness had very happy memories of her summers in Burtersett so when she was invited to choose her title she decided to include the place name of her grandparent's home. Although Baroness Lister now spends most of her time in London she visits this area every year.

After officially opening the show, the Baroness spent the afternoon listening to the Hawes Prize Silver Band and enjoying the stalls and competitions. She particularly enjoyed chatting to locals – some of whom knew her grandmother and were able to tell her more of her life and times in Burtersett.

This year's show was a great success and the

Baroness stayed to judge the classes and present the prizes.

There were a particularly high number of entries in the Children's Classes and Fell Race – A big thank you to all who took part and put in such a lot of effort. Special thanks also go to The Hawes Prize Silver Band who played magnificently and to Mick from the pet shop for kindly donating the prizes for the dog how.

The local winning dog was Maisy from Bainbridge. The Children's Cup was awarded to Jack Baldwin for the second year running and The Adult Cup went to Edwin Pratt. A special presentation was made to Tony Harrison who has recently stepped down as Chair of The Burtersett Institute Committee after 9 years of dedicated hard work.

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More information will be advertised in the coming weeks or have a chat with **Liz, Wensleydale Press, 667575**.

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July

14th Door to Door sellers saying that they are ex-offenders and claiming to be gainfully employed in and around the Aysgarth area.

16th RTC Serious, B6255 Hawes.

23rd Un taxed vehicle seized A684 Hawes.

25th Theft of a wooden "Dedication Bench" from Askrigg Church grounds.

26th Theft of a mobile phone in Aysgarth.

August

5th RTC serious Motorbike v Wall Widdale Foot.

9th RTC serious A684 Burtersett.

13th Sect 59 warning issued to a Motorcyclist re manner of driving.

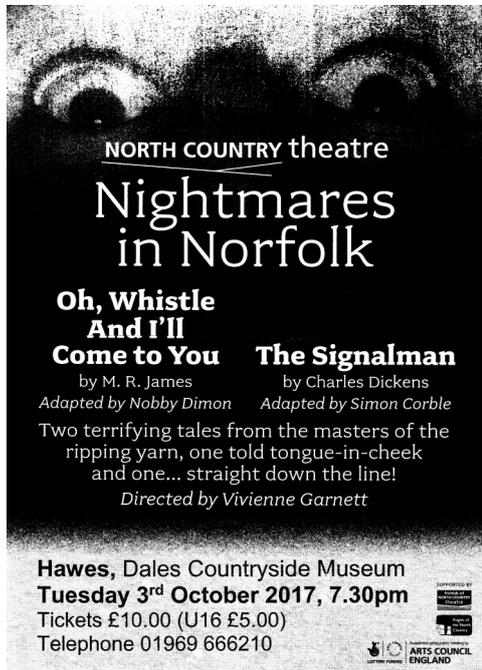
In addition another nine accidents with damage only occurred over the same period. The roads are particularly busy at the moment with visitors, unused to the road conditions and large farm vehicles on the roads, so please take extra care.

A series of burglaries have occurred around the surrounding area, so please be aware of your security. Make sure your doors are locked; use good window locks; security lighting is a good idea and timers for internal lights. If you are off on your holiday, ask a neighbour to keep an eye on the house.

To contact North Yorkshire Police ring **101 (Non-emergency), 999 (Emergency only)**. If you have any community issues you would like to address or discuss, contact me via the Force Control room or email: donald.watson@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk.

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August

27th "Barbon – Casterton Round"

10.30am – 3.00pm Meet Barbon Village Hall
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September

5th "Hawes Town Trail" **2.00pm to 4.00pm.**

Meet at the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes and join this easy 2 mile walk through Hawes and Gayle exploring the history of the area. **Free event but places are limited so booking is essential. Phone 666210**

10th "Barns, Walls and Bridges" **1.30pm to 4.00pm.**

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Lucy Pittaway exhibition at DCM

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Lucy, a former teacher who lives in Richmond is the official artist of the Tour de Yorkshire and her official race piece, titled 'Pedals, Passion and Glory', is on show as are paintings from Lucy's collection 'The Sheep' featuring iconic Dales landmarks such as Penhill, Bolton Castle and Richmond Castle.

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A doctor will always try to make a decision involving those who know the patient best and one that is in the patient's best interests but sometimes this is not very clear and we need some Advanced Care Planning to help guide us.

Advanced Directives or Living Wills

Advanced Directives or Living Wills are one way of doing this. They can include anything you think may be important regarding your health if you are unable to speak for yourself. This often covers whether or not you may want to stay at home rather than be admitted to hospital if you become seriously ill. There is no specific form to complete for this but the website below has some you could use and ideas for what you may wish to include. The website was originally designed for care of cancer patients but it could be used for any illness or condition. www.necn.nhs.uk/common-themes/deciding-right

If you decide to make a Living Will then please let us have a copy to put in your medical records so we can follow your wishes as closely as possible if we need to refer to it.

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Fri 8 Sept (5pm & 7:30pm) **The Sense of an Ending** (15) 1hr 48m
Fri 15 Sept (5pm & 7:30pm) **The Hatton Garden Job** (15) 1hr 33m
Fri 22 Sept (4:30pm & 7:30pm) **The Zoo Keeper's Wife** (12A) 2hrs 07m
Fri 29 Sept (5pm & 7:30pm) **A Dog's Purpose** (PG) 1hr 40m

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Fri 1 Sept (10:30am - Free) **Cinema Memories from the 60's** (Talk & Discussion)
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