

# **THE UPPER WENSLEYDALE NEWSLETTER**

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and Bishopdale,  
Swaledale from Keld to Gunnerside plus Cowgill in Upper Dentdale.

### Guest Editorial

When I first moved to Wensleydale, people asked me whether I was concerned that I might feel isolated. There are no cities nearby, some said, you have to drive an hour to get either to Oxenholme or Northallerton to take a train to London or Edinburgh, your nearest supermarket is in Catterick, the broadband connection is hardly wonderful and mobile phone service is patchy. One visitor, forced to stand in the rain at the bottom of the garden to get a phone signal from her provider went so far as to ask how on earth I would manage to get any proper work done when communication was so difficult.

The fact that my address is a house name but without a street name can also be a cause of occasional communication difficulties. I have had visitors and delivery van drivers unable to find the house because their satnavs send them up green lanes, and until I changed servers I too had to stand out in the rain to use the mobile.

But do I feel isolated? Not one bit. True, I recognise that there is no local hospital if I fall and break a leg, but the air ambulance is fantastic and so I lose no sleep fretting about what might or might never happen. For there are compensations to living up here, principal of which is the community of hard-working and supportive people. Shopping can take a while because there are so many people to chat to, and if I have trouble carrying things, the goods can be delivered by someone who knows where my house is and will not ring me to say he is lost somewhere up Ten End.

The family and friends who stayed over New Year all took full advantage of the location to do some good walks and to photograph the ever-changing patterns of light across the landscape. For the light here in Wensleydale is extraordinary and is no doubt why so many artists have chosen to move to the area. I once went out with the dogs very early one spring morning when it was still dark and saw the light come flooding back into the world, gradually tinging the fields with colour. We are all used to seeing the colour drain away at twilight, but the same thing happens in reverse early in the morning when colour comes back into the world. Then, as the sun rises, the whole pattern

of light changes again. Sitting in my study this afternoon I have watched all kinds of cloud patterns scud across the sky, the light endlessly changing. At night, if the sky is clear, I can stand in the garden and see the Milky Way bend right over the roof.

The visitors also spent a fair bit of time in the local pubs and on New Year's Eve we all trooped along to Simonstone Hall." Those visitors who come from big cities, whether in the UK or elsewhere are always impressed by the quality of the food and drink available in the area, and David Cockett's sausages along with Wensleydale, Swaledale and Coverdale cheeses have found their way on occasions to various exotic destinations.

I feel privileged to live here, but I am also aware that if I were younger I might think differently. Young people need affordable homes, decent jobs, proper facilities and natural beauty is no compensation if none of those are available. The risk we run here is of becoming a living museum, with an ageing population and young people driven away to the big cities to find homes, work and more opportunities.

Susan Bassnett

### Extraordinary General Meeting of Hawes and District Gala Committee

At the Fountain Hotel on **Wednesday, February 6th at 7.00pm**. The Purpose of the EGM - To Amend the Constitution.

As at **January 8th** there were only four active Committee Members of the Hawes and District Gala Committee. This is considered to be well short of the number needed to successfully organise and present a Gala. There will now be no Gala in 2019 unless at (or before) the above-mentioned EGM on **February 6th** three or more additional people join the Committee, each additional person committing themselves to serve until the AGM date (approximately August 31st), and between them these additional people fully take on the roles of Chair, Honorary Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer.

All interested parties are invited to and will be most welcome at the EGM.

## RSPB Volunteers Required

Around the UK and across the world, nature is in steady, desperate decline. Wildlife and wild places are disappearing at an alarming rate. 10% of all UK species are now under threat. We're determined to stop this happening, but we urgently need your help.



Our fundraising volunteers are the local face of the RSPB. Last year, in Northern England, the team raised an incredible £247K in donations from our

pin badge and collection boxes, and over £1.2 million nationally. Could you help us raise even more by joining our volunteer teams in North Yorkshire?

If you can spare a couple of hours per month to take on some pin badge boxes in your area, then we'd love to hear from you!

Please contact Kate Whitehead, Community Fundraiser : North East and Yorkshire, for more information on **07764 966836** or email [kate.whitehead@rspb.org.uk](mailto:kate.whitehead@rspb.org.uk).

## Church Coffee Club

**10.30am - Noon**  
**Wednesday, February 6th**  
Rook Cottage, Redmire

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## Eunice the Ewe

Last month I was in the Foster's Coaches advert on page 20 and the winner of the £10 prize is Helen Wilson of Newport. Where am I now? To enter for the £10 prize, please include your postal address if replying by email.

## The Crown Inn, Askrigg

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## February Competition

A geographic quiz for this month. Below are anagrams of ten of the biggest 100 islands in the world.

1. No pet brace
2. Win a clean doe
3. One Orb
4. Ram at us
5. I hop a snail
6. Big pen rests
7. Troup or ice
8. Is a drain
9. Grin at a tribe
10. I sat a man

Send in your answers to arrive by **Tuesday, February 19th** for a chance to win the £40 rollover prize (see next column) which will be sent to your nominated charity.

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## Wednesday Club Afternoon Tea

2.00pm

**Wednesday, February 20th**  
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### Drop-off points and contacts

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

<b>Hawes:</b>	Community Office	667400
<b>Gayle:</b>	Sarah Champion	
	23, Little Ings	667006
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	3, Bainside	650525
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<b>West Burton:</b>	Nadine Bell,	
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	Westholme	
<b>Thoralby:</b>	Sandra Foley, Shop	663205

## Answers to the Christmas Competition

1. A pagan midwinter festival.
2. Saturnalia
3. January 6th
4. Thomas Nast
5. 1920's
6. Odin
7. " Do You Hear What I Hear?"
8. Goose feathers painted green
9. Kissing under the Mistletoe
10. Maine
11. KFC (fried chicken)
12. HOLLY
13. Red
14. Marley, Christmas Past / Present/Yet to Come.
15. James
16. Football ( 4, 3, 2, 1 )
17. Turkey
18. Cheese
19. Egypt
20. "TO" and "FROM"

It must have been a tough one. No correct entries this month so the committee decided to rollover the £20 prize to this month. Hence a £40 prize for this month's competition.

## Samba Drumming

If you fancy trying something different this new year, why not try Samba Drumming. We have a small core group of drummers but would really welcome a few more regular attenders so that we can utilise the full range of percussion instruments. No previous musical skill or experience is necessary, just a willingness to have a go and have fun. Suitable for all age groups from about 8 years to 80 years plus.

If you would like to come along to try it, we meet on alternate **Wednesday evenings from 7.00pm until 8.30pm**, at Yorebridge Sports and Fitness Centre, Askrigg. Adults £5, Children £3 per session. The February and March sessions will take place as follows: **February 6th and 20th and March 6th and 20th**. Just turn up or contact either **Amanda on 01969 650984 or 07804 725987 or Olwyn on 01969 663531 or 07769 917583** if you have any questions.

## Police Report

Happy 2019 everyone! It's been a busy start to the year and whilst we didn't manage a white Christmas it appears that the 'Beast from the East' may be making a return at the end of January. Here are some of the incidences of note from the end of 2018 to present:-

On December 6th a quantity of cannabis was seized by police at an address in Middleham. The female occupant has been dealt with for possession of Class B controlled drugs. Drug use and the sale of drugs can affect whole communities so if you have any information you would like to tell us – you can either talk to one of us 'locals', phone '101' or call Crime Stoppers. All information received is treated in the strictest of confidence.

Overnight on December 7th a red and black Polaris Sportsman quad bike was stolen from an address on Park Lane at Middleham. It has yet to be returned or found.

In the early hours of December 12th an occupied house was burgled in Leyburn. This is an unusual and infrequent offence in the Dales, so please do not dwell on this for too long but do always take a few minutes to check your home security when going out or to bed.

Two incidents of sheep worrying by out of control dogs have occurred in Middleham and Hawes over the Christmas period. A number of sheep in both incidents were killed/ injured and two dogs were subsequently shot (in Middleham only). This is hugely upsetting for all involved and the sad thing is, it is wholly preventable. Dogs naturally want to chase sheep, even if they have not displayed such behaviour before. ALWAYS keep your dog on a lead when near livestock, regardless of previous form/breed/training/nature etc. This is especially important as we approach lambing time. Farmers/landowners; if you would like some warning posters about sheep worrying, please contact me and I'll get some to you. If you're a member of NFU or subscribe to Farmers Guardian, you can contact them and they will also send you some of the plastic signs for free.

Between January 9th – 10th, a car parked at a home address in Hawes was deliberately damaged whilst the owners were away. This is

not the first time that this vehicle appears to have been targeted and we will be continuing local enquiries and keeping a watchful eye on this. If anyone has any information, let me know. Vandalising cars is a cowardly act and will not be tolerated.

On the afternoon of January 10th there had been reports circulating on social media about two suspect vehicles in the Ingleton area – one van and one car. An eagle-eyed resident spotted the vehicles later that evening parked in Hawes. The car, thought to contain three males, made off once officers arrived in town, and was later abandoned near Chapel-le-Dale with the males unfortunately disappearing. Both vehicles were subsequently seized by police due to their suspected involvement in crime. PC Julian Sutcliffe and I would like to thank all those residents who relayed vital information to us as the evening unfolded and especially to the person who phoned the original report in. As we're always saying, if it looks wrong, "Call It In!" Whatever the outcome may be, the message that Hawes is not an easy target will not be forgotten in a hurry!

If you are reporting an incident or crime, please report this to the Force Control Room on '101'; always call '999' in an emergency.

PCSO 3744 Lucy Osborn

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## UWNL Children's Story Writing Competition

And the winners are.....

We had a great response to our new competition launched in the Autumn. We challenged children aged 7-11 to write a 300-500 word story about the environment. The competition was set up in memory of our founding editor Alan Watkinson who championed writing in the young. Ann Pilling, local children's author was our judge and was very impressed with the high standard of creative writing and really enjoyed reading the amazing variety of stories we received.

7-9 Category -The winner was George Adams (Hawes Primary) with his story "Hawes 2028" and the runner up was Edward Wood (Askrigg Primary) with his story "New Planet".

10-11 Category – The winner was Lilian Hardill (Leyburn Primary now at TWS) with her story "The Palm Oil Plantation Disaster" and the runner up was George Scarr (Hawes Primary) with his story "Sam the Salmon".

Ann gave some great feedback on why their stories stood out and Shirley Watkinson presented the winners with their book tokens and awards and also a cheque and Alan Watkinson Memorial Shield to the Head Teacher of their Primary Schools.



The picture shows Miss Vasey, Hawes Headteacher, Ann Pilling and Shirley Watkinson with the two winning Hawes children, George Adams and George Scarr.



The picture shows Lilian Hardhill with Mrs Beveridge, Leyburn Primary Headteacher,

The winning stories in each age group are published below and the stories from the runners-up will be in the March issue of the newsletter. We hope you enjoy reading them as much as we did.

### Hawes 2028

When I got off the train at Garsdale I saw that things had changed a lot. When I was a boy I remember that all the hills were green, now they are all brown and horrible. It was 20 years since I saw this view and it was not what I remembered.

It had been a long time since Jason and I had seen each other so I had got in touch with him and we agreed to meet up in Hawes for a reunion. We arranged to meet at the Creamery but when we got there we found that it had closed. A man that we saw said that the Creamery had shut years ago because the hot weather meant that the cows could no longer make milk. We were shocked, so we decided to investigate further.

We walked into town past rows of empty houses and saw that many of the pubs and shops had closed-down. The Chippy was still open, so we went inside to see if Tommy was there.

Tommy looked sad but when he saw us he smiled and said, "Hi guys, it's been a long time, what brings you back to Hawes?" "It's been 20 years, so we thought we would come and see how much things have changed" I replied. "What has happened to the town?!" Jason added.

Tommy looked sad again "Global warming has meant that the weather has been getting hotter and hotter every summer. It hasn't rained properly for years and the rivers have dried up. The last of the dairy farmers left last year and there aren't many sheep around either. After the last of the cows went the Creamery had to close and after that people had to start moving away to look for jobs. The only people that come here now are tourists but even they are stopping after all the talk about wildfires - they are getting scared. If you really want to see how bad things are, you should go over to Semerwater which now-a-days we just call Semer; you will see why when you get there!" We said goodbye to Tommy and made our way over to Semerwater.

Tommy was right! The lake was now a big bog of soggy mud. Suddenly Jason said, "I can smell smoke". We looked up onto the hills and saw a massive wild fire and it was heading towards Hawes! "FIRE!" I screamed. "RUN!" shouted Jason. We jumped into our car and drove as fast as we could back to town.

When we got to the market place I shouted to everybody "FIRE!". People started running. Everybody got in their cars and drove out of the town. Thankfully everyone escaped, but the fire could not be stopped, and it soon reached the town.

The Great Fire of Hawes meant that tourists no longer wanted to come to the town and without farming Hawes was forgotten forever...

**George Adams (Hawes) Aged 8**

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## **The Palm Oil Plantation Disaster**

My eyes opened only to see that my bed had been transported to the heart of the jungle. Two flaming red eyes in mid-air glaring at me. "You must rescue a family of orangutans or else you will be trapped here unprotected forever!" boomed the voice. Just at that moment, six orangutans appeared.

I quickly memorised  
a few essentials:

Food

Happiness

Safety



I followed the six orangutans deeper into the jungle to their home. I almost fainted when I spotted their home, it was literally just a pile of logs! First, I asked the locals for some tools and started hammering away. Meanwhile I left the apes munching on some bamboo leaves and playing with branches left lying around.

A year earlier their home was up in the canopy. Now it has been chopped down by clanking machinery. Up there they could see for miles on end, spotting their dinner in seconds. Now there is no dinner for days.

I hammer and hammer until I create my end-product, a wheelbarrow. I lift the alarmed creatures carefully inside. I know I need to find them a new habitat urgently. I walk for miles.

All I see are tree stumps. Eventually I spot a workman and ask him what is happening here. He replies that he is felling the forest to plant palm oil trees for all the goodies back in England.

My eyes widen with surprise as he tells me about the biscuits, cake, crisps and even soap that I use all the time back at home which contain this substance. I thank him and carry on my journey.

As I stagger along, pushing my load of orangutans, I start to think what I could do back at home. My thoughts are interrupted by the sound of a distant call. My orangutans start leaping up and down as though they remember something, a family member. Around 30 seconds later a small building comes into sight,



with a sign saying Borneo Orangutan Rescue Centre. My heart lifts with delight as I start racing towards it. I just about manage it through the front gates before they all jump out and go to meet their family and friends! I spend hours chatting to the orangutan specialist about why they are so endangered.

After many hours, the same red eyes as at the beginning of this adventure appear and congratulate me in my quest. Then I am zapped back to the safe comfort of my bedroom. Immediately I grab my computer. I start thinking how I can help these poor animals. Then I see it. The story writing competition! The winner gets published! That is how I tell the people of the world (or upper Wensleydale, at least!).

**Lilian Hardill (Leyburn) Age 11**

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## **Folk Stars at Carperby Concerts to Support Yorkshire Air Ambulance.**

After a quiet 2018, Carperby Concerts will be playing host to a rare duo performance at Carperby Village Institute on **Saturday, February 2nd** for their first concert of 2019.

Kevin Dempsey & Joe Broughton are two virtuosi of guitar and fiddle who like to do their own thing occasionally, when they're not earning their crusts in big bands, jazz-rock, pop and soul gigs and the likes of Whippersnapper and the Albion Band. Joe has been playing since he was in the pram and has a PhD in circus skills and mad banter. Kevin has been around a bit longer and has played a few more notes. Musically they're tighter than two coats of paint. They have recorded four albums and toured extensively in over twenty countries round the world. Combining emotive songs, unrivalled instrumental capability and a spectacular high energy show, they never fail to create a spellbinding atmosphere. The list of musicians they have played with is impressive... Whippersnapper, Mary Black, Joss Stone, Dando Shaft, The Urban Folk Quartet, Fairport Convention, The Albion Band, Dave Swarbrick, Percy Sledge, Bellowhead.... but it can't prepare you for this unique partnership. To pigeon hole their style of music would be to do them a disservice. They draw on Folk music from all corners of the world, but their experience in Jazz, Soul, Classical, Pop and Rock music takes the result into original and uncharted territory.

Their shows are lively and entertaining, taking you from beautiful songs to mind blowing tunes via a stream of hilarious banter.

Come and see them live and help us to raise money for Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Doors open at **7.00pm**, the concert starts at **8.00pm** and there is a licensed bar. Call **01969 663808** to book, or for further details. Tickets are £13 in advance or £15 on the door. Don't miss out on what promises to be a great night. **Steve Sheldon**

## **Aysgarth Drop in for Coffee**

**10.00am - Noon**  
**Tuesday, February 5th**  
 Fernlea, Thoraby



## Yorebridge Sport and Leisure, Wensleydale Centre, Askrigg.

New website.

We have a brand new website! This showcases the Centre and all the activities we provide and includes a photo gallery and live feed to our facebook page. You will also see that you can now pay for membership and fitness classes online and book and pay for Learning Curve courses and events as they become available. Have a look at [www.yorebridgesportandleisure.co.uk](http://www.yorebridgesportandleisure.co.uk). We are very grateful to the National Park Authority Sustainable Development Fund for financing the website.

New Year New You!

Come and get fit and feel better! We have a fully equipped gym and are open from **7.00am to 10.00pm** seven days a week. Choose the type of membership which suits you. A fantastic benefit of gym membership is that it now also includes free swimming at Richmond Pool!

We also have a number of fitness classes including:

Fit for Life – a tailored, instructor led strength session using the up to date cardiovascular and resistance equipment in the gym and fitness room. Feel stronger, fitter and re-energised for life! This session is suitable for the 50 plus age group. **Mondays from 10.00am - 11.00am.**



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Walking Circuit - a gentle circuit exercise concentrating on strength and conditioning work around joints as well as some core work to help keep fit and active. **Alternate Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 12.30pm– 1.30pm.**

Gentle Exercise - for over 50s, gentle aerobic and strength exercises to maintain muscle for everyday life and to prevent falls. **Fridays** in term time from **10.00am - 11.00am.**

Our Learning Curve programme of learning for leisure classes is also continuing. Our first course this term is a Jewellery Workshop to enable you to make your own necklace and earrings. This is **on Saturday, February 2nd from 10.00am to 3.00pm** and costs £25 which includes all materials. To book a place contact us or visit our website to book and pay online.

For enquires about any of the above or for bookings contact **Jan on 650060**; website [www.yorebridgesportandleisure.co.uk](http://www.yorebridgesportandleisure.co.uk); email [admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk](mailto:admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk); Facebook Yorebridge Leisure; or Twitter @yc.leisure.

## Country and Western Evening

With Paul Sowden and Howard Firth, singing all the old favourites from Johnny Cash, Jim Reeves, The Eagles and many more. On **Saturday, February 23rd at 7.30pm.** Includes light supper and a mini themed quiz to test your knowledge. At Leyburn Arts & Community Centre, phone **01969 624510** to book a ticket, £10, or see the website [leyburnartscentre.com](http://leyburnartscentre.com).



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*For one issue only we are exchanging Al Bireo with the astronomer writer from the Reeth Gazette. Here is his input for February:-*

### **Astronomy In the Two Dales**

We are doomed! The seas are rising, the temperature will cook us in our skin like sausages, there is no redemption! Well, if you actually watched or listened to the past few months' worth of news, this is all you will have heard. In fact for the past 10 years all we have heard is 'Global Warming' or as it is now called 'Climate Change'. So what is going on and what on this dear earth does it have to do with astronomy?

Some of us forget that our small ball of rock, the Earth, orbits a star, the sun, at a distance of 94 million miles, and that the sun is itself moving through space, taking with it all the thousands of orbiting bodies, of which our earth is but one.

Every 200 years the sun takes a nap and calms its activity for a few decades, every 400 years the sun's rest period is longer, about 70-100 years. The last such recorded period is known as the Maunder minimum. We have records, from tree ring growth and ice core data, going back 400,000 years and we can see how the sun influenced the civilisations of humanity.

The major effects on humanity of these periods of solar inactivity are long periods of cold, dry weather, crop failures, famine, disease and war. See, nothing to worry about. Low solar activity reduces the strength of the earth's magnetosphere, our planet's electromagnetic shield, and leaves us very vulnerable to cosmic rays which can cause mutations in living tissue, as well as set off geological events. Just look at the amount of volcanoes erupting, all pumping

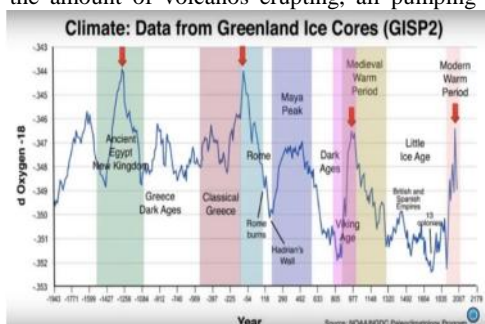
out sulphur dioxide, which is a major cause of global cooling and acid rain. It is during these solar minimums that major volcanic eruptions occur, 90 major eruptions occurred during the little ice age, 55 in the dark ages, 35 in the cold period of the Grecian empire and all of these added to the temperature drop.

NASA has already reported that the upper layers of our atmosphere are cooling fast, as well as a recorded drop in solar radiance - the heat output of the sun. As the upper atmosphere cools it will pull the heat from the surface. During the Maunder minimum, Britain, suffered temperature drops between 3.5 and 7 degrees centigrade below normal. Imagine Tan Hill at -27C, the top of Fleet Moss at -20C, not including wind chill.

So, what role in all of this does our old friend Carbon Dioxide play? Well, during the last ice age CO2 dropped to 118 parts per million and our ancestors were reduced to eating shellfish as crops would not grow. Levels of CO2 rose as temperatures returned to more tolerable levels and we could grow crops again and so began the creation of our global civilization. CO2 is a life giving gas. Without it the dinosaurs could not have grown to such size and diversity, and we talk of it being toxic!

We have to understand our relationship with the universe. We are not in an isolated bubble: rocks, gas, radiation and chunks of ice fly by our planet every second. We are one TINY speck in a vast ocean of space - and space changes. We are not in control; there is no one flying this space ship earth; and we are just passengers. The problem is simple: some of the passengers want to open the airlock and kill us all!

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The speaker for February's meeting is Gordon Norris from the Dog's Trust. Come along on **Friday 21st February at 10.30am**. If you wish to join or find about all the interest groups currently running, and have a coffee, the committee will be available from **10.00am**, at Leyburn Arts & Community Centre.

### Poetry: Writers' Block

with acclaimed Yorkshire poet Kate Wakeling. An evening for readers and writers, bring along your own work to share with her and the audience. **Tuesday, February 12th** at Leyburn Arts & Community Centre, **7.30pm**, tickets £10, U16s £6. **Tel 01969 624510**.



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## Prunings

Health and Happiness to all. By the time of publication we are a month into the New Year, and things could have changed, but at the time of writing (January 12th) the weather has been extraordinarily kind. Some of the late offers in the bulb line had included freebies and I found myself with a bag of mixed Daffs and nowhere to put them. In the glorious sunshine of January 8th I capitulated and put them into big blue pots which I had earmarked for something else in the spring. Plenty of grit and Rootgrow, and at least they won't be wasted.

Peter Beales' Roses remain at the bottom of my list when it comes to delivery. I had ordered a bare root rose on October 22nd. It finally arrived on around December 12th. Instructions were clear: do not leave in the bag for more than a few days. If conditions are too bad to plant, heel the rose into a sheltered frost free place in the garden! What planet do they live on? I finished up putting it into a large pot, wrapping it in bubble wrap and then putting the whole thing into an even bigger pot. I just hope it survives. I was particularly keen to find it as it is called "Absolutely Fabulous" and is supposed to be one of the longest flowering available. If anyone has it I would love to know how well it does up here in the north.

It's a time for optimism: the primulas are coming into their own, the violas are colourful and snowdrops are pushing their way through all over the place. In Garden News last week they showed a snowdrop with yellow heads and markings, available, amongst others from Avon Bulbs. Might try some for next year, although I am always wary of particular varieties as, unless they can be kept on their own, they will tend to hybridise. I keep inspecting the pots for signs of theft, but so far so good. What is most amazing is how much movement there has been in the ones I potted first. Some of the irises have spikes more than 6 inches tall, and every pot but the very latest is showing signs of life. I just hope that when the real winter comes it won't do too much damage.

Catalogues are appearing – Sarah Raven has sent hers and there are such wonderful temptations in it. However it is far too soon to

think about such exotic colour as dahlias just yet. Even sowing seed might be a waste of time, but it is a good time to take cuttings, especially evergreens. I have a rather straggly Escallonia with some good strong shoots from last year which will be perfect. They may take longer this time of year but they will be something else to anticipate. I might just have a go at Weigelia Florida as it was so beautiful last summer. Doing them will remind me of the bottles of "Fizzy" we enjoyed in its shade!

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

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### Letter from Santa

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For as long as I can remember I have been visiting Hawes to celebrate the Christmas Lights celebrations. During this visit I have met hundreds of lovely children and presented them with gifts.

This could not have happened without the support of Brian McGregor an excellent driver who safely transported me around Hawes in a magnificent sledge decorated by Sylvia and others. I have heard from my elves that Brian and Sylvia are taking a well deserved rest from this role. I thank them for all their friendship and help during these many years.

I must also thank Stuart and Mavis Armstrong. Stuart has been the master mind behind the design, building, maintenance and construction of the transport. I can remember arriving in a space rocket one year, well done Stuart.

Looking forward to seeing you all again in December 2019.

**Father Christmas Ho Ho Ho.**

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## Farm grant updates

The new term has got off to a flying start, with our new starters settling in well and enjoying all the different activities the setting has to offer.

Our role play area has been turned into a jungle and we have been busy basing lots of our arts and crafts activities around this. We have made a lovely display using the childrens' art work. They have made monkeys, snakes, lions and many more crafty animals.

Our small world tray has turned into a dinosaur world and the children are enjoying playing with this and setting it up just the way they like it.

Dalesplay will be open during the February half term and as usual will be offering the **9.00am – 3.00pm** special offer package for children aged 3 and above. The price for this package is £23 and children can register temporarily for £1. The temporary registration fee can be used for up to 6 times per year.

For more information about registering your child or for more information please contact Dalesplay on **01969 667789**.

### Bainbridge Women's Institute

Bainbridge W.I. meet on the third Thursday of the month in Bainbridge Village Hall at **7.30pm**.

At the next meeting on **February 21st** there will be a talk by a representative from Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

We look forward to seeing you then.

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The next application window for Countryside Stewardship Schemes is likely to open in **February 2019**. The Farm Conservation Team is inviting farmers to an evening meeting, including a free supper at

- Wensleydale Pantry, Hawes, **Thursday, January 31st.**
- Royal Oak, Settle, **Tuesday, February 5th.**
- Sedbergh Peoples Hall, **Wednesday, February 6th.**
- Orton Market Hall on **Monday, February 11th.**
- Buck Inn, Reeth, **Thursday, February 14th.**

Come along to find out what further support is available for you from the Farm Conservation and Trees and Woodlands Teams.

If you would like to attend please contact the farm team on **01756 751654** or email [sally.howorth@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:sally.howorth@yorkshiredales.org.uk).

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### **Middleham and the Dales Local History Group**

The Wensleydale Dairy Days project by Dr Karen Griffiths at Middleham Key Centre, **Tuesday, February 19th at 2.00pm.**

Ownership of cows and processing their milk has been at the core of the Wensleydale economy for at least a thousand years, probably longer. It has shaped the landscape and left evidence for its presence in the historical and archaeological record.

Dr Karen Griffiths is currently running a Heritage Lottery/Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority funded project researching and sharing the story of dairying in Wensleydale. 'Dairy Days' is wide-ranging covering the very earliest archaeological evidence for dairying in the dale through to oral history recordings of local people involved in the industry.

Karen will be sharing some of the research that she and her team of volunteers has done so far and also discussing the ways that these fascinating stories will be shared with the wider public in the coming year.

Members, new members and visitors are always welcome, annual membership is still only £10 for 8 meetings and visitors can attend for £3 per meeting.

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On behalf of Bainbridge Badminton Club, I would like to thank The Crown Inn, Askrigg for hosting our Pie and Pea Fundraiser last November. I would also like to thank all club members and local businesses who kindly donated raffle prizes and sold tickets. Above all, I would like to give a very big 'Thank You' to all who attended for making it a successful evening.

Finally, the Club would like to welcome any new members from Junior to Adult, as an increase in membership will hopefully enable the club to reach its centenary season in 2020. If you are interested in joining, or just want more information, please contact me on **01969 667909.**

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## The Dairy Days Archaeological Dig

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The excavation targeted two stack stands. These are platforms, enclosed by a bank and ditch, probably used as stances for haystacks. A large number of these features are present in the area immediately north of Hawes. Few of them have been investigated, and no dating evidence

is associated with them. It has been previously suggested that they might predate the stone built field barns that are such a distinctive feature of the dales landscape today (White 1997: 77).

A single evaluation trench was excavated and it became clear that the features were quite disturbed by animal burrows. One stack stand was poorly preserved, with little clear evidence of a bank surviving. Whilst the excavation did not prove which was built first, the most likely interpretation is that the smaller stack stand was replaced by the larger one.

The second larger stack stand had a substantial surviving bank, although it was disturbed by animal burrows. This bank was made up of multiple layers, underneath which was a primary bank constructed from clay. Underneath this was a cobbled surface, probably created to aid drainage. No dating evidence was recovered.

I would like to thank the volunteers for their efforts, who bravely worked through some very poor weather conditions. Thanks must also go to the landowners for their support and kindly allowing the project to take place.

If you would like more information about the project please contact Dr Karen Griffiths ([Karen.Griffiths@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:Karen.Griffiths@yorkshiredales.org.uk)), and please visit the Dairy Days project blog. If you are interested in volunteering in future archaeological projects run by the YDNPA then please contact myself ([Douglas.Mitcham@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:Douglas.Mitcham@yorkshiredales.org.uk)).

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We are also looking for a Beaver Leader. Beavers are our youngest section, providing Scouting for 6 to 8 year olds. The role of a Beaver Leader is to ensure the section has a fun and varied programme that provides the members with skills for life. There is no requirement to have been in scouting before, and support will be available.

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garden as a single living space. Gardens echoed the geometric forms of the house, while planting was economical and low maintenance with an emphasis on grasses, specimen plants and contrasting materials.

In the UK, Gertrude Jekyll's partnership with architect Edwin Lutyens resulted in the Arts and Crafts movement remaining a strong tradition in the relationship of house to garden. Some Modernist designs appeared in the 1930's but it was the 1951 Festival of Britain that heralded its emergence. This talk explores the catalysts for the Modernist style that has found expression in garden making ever since.

New members will receive a very warm welcome. Visitors pay £8 a lecture, refunded if they join. Contact **Ros Higson** on **01765 635244** [wensleydale@theartsociety.org](mailto:wensleydale@theartsociety.org) for more details.

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**January 2019**

- 31 Farm Grant Meeting, Wensleydale  
Pantry. See p.14

**February**

- 1 Wensleydale Society talk. West Burton.  
7.30pm. See p.33  
1 'Symbio' at Reeth Memorial Hall.  
7.30pm.  
2 West Burton Village Hall Quiz Night.  
See p.37  
2 Jewellery Workshop. YDSA 10.00am  
to 3.00pm. See p.9  
2 Men's Breakfast. Sycamore Hall.  
8.30am.  
2 Carperby Folk Concert. 7.00pm.  
See p.8  
3 Swale Singers Rehearsal. Reeth  
Memorial Hall. See p.32  
4,11,18, 25 Wensleydale Camera Club.  
Bolton Arms, Leyburn 7.00pm.  
See p.28  
5 Coffee Morning, Thoraby 10.00am  
until noon. See p.8  
5 Hawes Primary School. Rotary Club  
Challenge. 3.15pm. See p.23  
6 Church Coffee Club, Redmire. 10.30am  
See p.3  
6 EGM of Hawes Gala Committee.  
7.00pm. The Fountain. See p.2  
6,20 Samba Drumming at Yorebridge.  
7.00pm. See p.4  
10 Penhill Holy Communion Service.  
Redmire.10.30am.  
12 Poetry Talk. Kate Wakeling 7.30pm  
Leyburn. See p.11  
12 Arts Society talk. 2.00pm. Middleham  
Key Centre. See p.18  
19 Local History Group talk. Middleham  
Key Centre. 2.00pm. See p.15  
20 Penhill Ladies. Veterans Woodworking  
Workshop. Carperby Institute.  
7.30pm  
20 Afternoon Tea, Redmire Village Hall.  
2.00pm. See p.4  
21 Leyburn U3A meeting. Leyburn Arts  
Centre, 10.30am. See p.11  
21 'Other Roads' at Reeth Memorial Hall  
7.30pm.  
21 Bainbridge W.I. 7.30pm. See p.14

- 22 Kiki Dee at Reeth Memorial Hall.  
7.30pm.  
23 C. and W. evening 7.30pm. Leyburn  
Arts Centre. See p.9  
24 Antiques Fair. Middleham Key Centre  
10.00am to 4.00pm.  
24 Penhill Children's Church. Wensley  
Village Hall. 9.30am.  
24,25,26 'Freya' Workshops. Leyburn Arts  
Centre. See p.34  
26 LASS Meeting, Thornborough Hall,  
Leyburn. 7.15pm. See p.39  
27 Askrigg Foundation AGM. See p.37  
27 Family History Group. Harmby  
2.00pm See p.33

**March**

- 2 History Wardrobe with Lucy Adlington.  
Leyburn 2.00pm. See p.27

**Why is it Called That?**

Here are the original meanings of some of the  
place names found in the Dales:-

Beck	a stream
Bing	a bridge
Booth	a shelter
By	(added to name) farmstead or village
Ergh	(as in Sedbergh) hill, pasture
Gate	a way, street, road
Gris	(as in Grisedale) the pig dale
Ham	(as in Middleham) a homestead, then a village
Haugh, Haw	(as in Hawes, Hawbank) enclosure
How	a hill, mound
Keld	a spring
Kirk	a church
Lund	a grove or copse
Rigg	a ridge
Scale	a temporary dwelling
Skew	(as in Litherskew) a wood
Sett	a hill pasture with a hut for animal and shepherd
Shaw	a copse
Side	(as in Sledaleside) a district in a manor
Slack	a shallow valley
Stain	(as in Stainmore) a stone
Thwaite	a meadow, clearing (from the forest)
Thorpe	(as in Addlethorpe) a settlement
Toft	a homestead
Wath	(as in Wainwath) a ford
With	a wood



## DCM What's On

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### Exhibition

#### February 1st to May 8th

Colour and Comfort - a collaborative exhibition with the Quilters Guild exploring rural quilts and quilting.

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### Events in February.

#### 15 A Life in Music.

##### 7.30pm

A talk with distinguished conductor Stan Roocroft MBE about his life in music. Stan is the conductor of the Wensleydale Chorus, Aysgarth Singers, as well as Hawes Silver Band. Part of the Friends of the Museum annual lecture programme. Free - donations welcome.

#### 22, 23 Dark Skies - Open room for Dark Skies Crafts.

##### 10.00am to 5.00pm

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#### 27 Dark Skies 2019 - Glow in the Dark

Crafts.

##### 1.00pm to 4.00pm

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#### 2 & 3 March. Dark Skies - Open room for Dark Skies Crafts.

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Our craft room will be open for the children to come along and create beautiful Dark Skies crafts, art work and master pieces.

### Notice about Hawes Youth Club

Hawes Youth Club will be closed until future notice. This decision has not been taken lightly, however due to a number of factors, including staffing and a decline in attendance, we feel a re-launch of the club is needed to re-evaluate and improve our youth offer.

If you are 11 – 16 years old in the local area, it would be brilliant to hear your thoughts on how to improve the youth club and any new ideas you may have.

Furthermore, the club would really benefit from local adults who would be interested in volunteering with young people and help to staff sessions and run activities. Any help would be greatly received.

To get in touch please contact Richie – Youth Development Worker on [richie@nyy.org.uk](mailto:richie@nyy.org.uk) or call **07584 263978**.

**Richie Bastow**

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### Thank You

We would like to thank the kind people of Hawes for all their help on **Tuesday, November 27th** following the accident in the town centre. Thank you so much, our gratitude to all who were involved, especially John the fishmonger, but also those who supplied bedding to keep me warm and comfortable, to the medical staff on hand and many more. I made it home for Christmas and am now on the slow road to recovery.

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### News from the Vets

Recently we have seen a higher liver fluke presence particularly in sheep than perhaps would have been expected with the dry summer we have just had. One explanation seems to be that the sheep have been congregating in wetter areas (around water troughs etc.) which have been where the mud snails have been using as habitat. Please contact us at the surgery about the correct product to use and timing of treatment.

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## Promoting Good Attendance at The Wensleydale School and Sixth Form

Last year we took the decision to become a 'Fast Track' school for attendance monitoring which means we are able to follow up poor attendance issues swiftly and robustly. At times there are very valid medical or personal reasons for attendance at school to drop and we acknowledge that hospital, orthodontist or other appointments are not always within our control, but where possible appointments out of school hours are more time-effective for students.

In an assembly to Year 10 and 11, Mrs Wade, our Attendance Officer, demonstrated how just a few minutes late to lessons and the 'odd' day off has a huge impact on school life and learning. She also suggested some useful organisational routines that make the process of getting up and getting into school more achievable. For example:

**Routine:** Stick to a regular bedtime and morning routine.

**Bedtime:** Have a set bedtime so that you get 8.5 to 9.5 hours of sleep a night. Make sure that when the lights go out, mobile phones and computers go off too.

**Be prepared:** Have a homework or revision timetable. Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before, checking timetables so you are prepared for the day ahead.

**Morning:** Have a good breakfast and get up with plenty of time to spare so there's no last-minute panic.

Finally, a post on YouTube demonstrates the importance of being organised and how the simple task of making your bed each morning will focus the mind ready for the day ahead. We have challenged all of our students to try it!

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=KgZLzbd-zT4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KgZLzbd-zT4)

**Julia Polley, Headteacher**

## Prayer Fellowship

**2.30pm**  
**Monday, February 25th**  
Gordon Lodge, Redmire

## Hawes School News

### Class 4 Residential to Peak Venture near Sheffield

We are taking Years 5 and 6 to Peak Venture near Sheffield in March for two nights. We are very grateful to Hawes Market Tolls Trustees who have very kindly given £1500 to offset the cost of the residential and the PTFA who have very kindly paid £823.67 for the coach for the residential to reduce the cost to parents. We are now able to confirm the total cost per child for the residential trip is £47.00.

### Christingle Collection

Thank you to everyone who contributed money to the Christingle collection for The Children's Society – Rev. Dave let us know that Hawes Primary School raised a grand total of £118. Thank you everyone!

### Outdoor Education at Low Mill

Outdoor Education will begin on **Friday, March 22nd** for children in years 5 and 6, and will run for twelve weeks. The dates are: - **March 22nd, April 5th, May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, June 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, July 5th, 12th.** The children will be picked up from school at approximately **1.00pm** by Low Mill staff and they will be back at school for **3.15pm**. As there are too many children to be split into two groups, we will have three groups which will alternate from week to week, so each group of children will get eight sessions. There won't be any cost to parents, as it will be funded from the Government Sports Grant. We will need two helpers each week to accompany the children on their activities. If you can help for any or all of these dates please let Dawn know as soon as possible as we will need to get you DBS checked beforehand. You do not have to be a parent of the children attending. Thank you.

### Rotary Club Challenge

For this year's Rotary Club Challenge Class 3 are holding a Chinese New Year event on **Tuesday, February 5th** after school at **3.15pm**. They will be selling cakes and making games etc. to celebrate Chinese New Year and to raise money for the Rotary Club Challenge. Children can bring £1.00 to school to spend at the event.

### Doctors' Rotas as Supplied by the Health Centre

These may change at short-notice due to meetings/illness etc. so please check with the surgery if you wish to see a particular G.P.

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Wb	Feb 4th	Feb 11th	Feb 18th	Feb 25th	
Day					
Mon	S/B(am)	S/B(am)	S/B(am)	S/B(am)	
Tues	P(am)	P(am)	P(am)	P(am)	
Wed	P	P	P	P	
Thurs	M	M	M	M	
Fri	B	B	B	B	
<b>Doctors:</b> B- Brown, S- Scott, P- Pain, M-Morrison (ANP), C - Closed <b>Morning Surgery:</b> 8.45-10.15am no appointments <b>Afternoon Surgery:</b> 5.00- 6.00pm Tues 4.00- 6.00pm appointments only <i>For appointments and all enquiries ring 667200</i>					

AYSGARTH SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning					
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Day					
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Tues	M/B	M/B	M/B	M/B	
Wed	S	S	S	S	
Thurs	P	P	P	P	
Fri	S/M	S/M	S/M	S/M	
<b>Doctors:</b> B- Brown, S- Scott, P- Pain , M-Morrison (ANP) C - Closed <b>Morning Surgery:</b> 9.00-10.30am ; no appointments <b>Afternoon Surgery:</b> 4.00- 5.30pm appointments only <i>For appointments and all enquiries ring 663222</i>					

### Stones

Upon this land so lovely, and plain for us to see, are walls that have been built by man, over many a century. Not only do they do a job to hold the farmers stock, but I find a natural beauty in every single rock.

Broad bottoms with a narrow top and "Capping Stones " to boot, and some with stiles within their length, to help walkers on their route. They are a thing of natural forms, put together just by man, working at one with nature in every way he can.

I think that's why they look so good, they are from where they came, they've just been moved about a bit, to make an enclosure or a lane.

I wish I'd been a Waller when I left those days of school, with work a plenty everywhere, and you don't need many tools! I've always wanted to have a go, at building dry stone walls, and not to work within constraints, but just where nature calls.

I've built a wall in my garden and built a large pond too, I have to say they don't look bad, because I didn't have a clue. A friend once said " just bang 'em on " but for me that

just won't do, there's a place for every single stone, especially the "Through."

Without that stone so nicely placed you'll come to realise, it won't look as good or last as long, and meet with its demise. Don't forget your "Grundlers" the most important stones, the base for you to build upon, and yes they'll make you groan!

To get them just in the right place, is really quite a task, but will they hold your wall up. You need not really ask! Oh! Don't forget those "Fillers" that hold the wall within, get rid of all those "Dogheads", whether fat or thin.

Those stones that have no clear shape, the really awkward bits, they'll all go in there somewhere and everyone will fit. "Risers" are above the base, the ones you build up on, to gain some height and keep it tight help moving things along.

And don't forget each stone of course, yes it has a "Face", you must use this for a pleasing look, which can slow down your pace. But when you're finished and you stand back and see what you've just done, you can take a sense of pride in it, "When it's done, it's DONE!"

**Malcolm Corps, Woodhall.**

## 2019 Dark Skies Festival

Visitors to the Yorkshire Dales will be able to enjoy a host of new moon-themed activities during February's Dark Skies Festival to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first lunar landing by astronauts Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong.

The Festival which is organised jointly by the Yorkshire Dales and North York Moors National Park Authorities will take place from **February 15th to March 3rd** and will also coincide with the appearance of one of only three supermoons in the sky during 2019.

To make the most of this cosmic event businesses and attractions across the Yorkshire Dales and Nidderdale are lining up innovative ways for visitors to enjoy and learn more about the moon at a time when it will be at its closest to earth.

For instance, How Stean Gorge is organising evening canoeing sessions at Scar House Reservoir in Upper Nidderdale while Brymor ice cream at Jervaulx near Masham will be hosting a star party on the night of the supermoon (**February 19th**).

Over in Hawes, Stage1 Cycles is organising an after-dark Big Moon mountain bike challenge ride in aid of the Swaledale Mountain Rescue team. Youngsters will be able to tackle a five-mile course while older mountain bikers can challenge themselves with either a 10 or 15-mile route.

Meanwhile visitors looking for a more sedately-paced evening can head to the terrace at Simonstone Hall for a spot of supermoon gazing with a glass of wine in-hand in the company of expert astronomer Richard Darn.

For youngsters there's a Forest Schools Moonbeam evening on the shores of Semerwater where activities will include making a moon raft and decorating moon rocks.

Auctioneers, Tennants of Leyburn are also getting involved for the first time and will be hosting a pop-up planetarium that will send festival-goers on a virtual tour of the universe where they can imagine life as an astronaut on a space station or go on an expedition in search of aliens.

Britain's highest public house Tan Hill will also be making the most of its moorland location near Keld to hold moon and stargazing sessions.

Further programme information and booking details will be available over the coming weeks on [www.darksbiesnationalparks.org.uk](http://www.darksbiesnationalparks.org.uk). A number of events will be free while others will have a small charge attached.

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Bainbridge	165	83	123	75	31	26	81	40	92	86	97	144	1042
Brecon Bar	132	64	102	64	33	31	81	76	88	86	103	136	996
Carperby	147	53	113	83	39	31	61	70	72	70	92	139	967
Askrigg	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	28	33	73	74	69	65	69	111	n/a
Thornton Rust	178	68	101	91	42	26	80	84	96	88	114	168	1136

### What Was the Weather Like in 2018?

Set out below is a summary of the weather last year at Thorney Mire west of Hawes.

January started wet, but soon turned cold and dry with some snow for a time before turning mild and wet. There were some frosty nights with a minimum of -2.7C on the 21st.

This cold spell extended into February, but it was a mainly dry month by Hawes standards although there was some light rain and snow at times and one or two brief milder interludes. However, by the end of the month and into March severe weather from Siberia set in. The Media soon got in on the act and we all got to know it as "The Beast from the East" There was 8" to 10" of snow with considerable drifting and strong gusty winds. For several days the daytime temperature failed to reach 0C and the overnight minimum fell to -6C on 1st March. It then turned milder with a slow thaw through the middle of March, but then became colder again with snow showers. This became known as the second "Beast from the East"!

At last, into April the weather turned milder but changeable with spells of rain. It became drier by the middle of the month and warmer with a high of 19C on the 20th. Cooler weather returned later in the month and into May, but then there began a trend to much drier conditions.

By mid May it was becoming very warm with temperatures exceeding 20C. The wind turned easterly but was generally light. The "Beast from the East" had returned but this time he had his sun glasses and sun cream!

June began dry but rather cloudy and there

were some brief wet spells. It then became very warm with virtually no rain and temperatures reached 25.5C on the 29th.

We all know what July was like. It can be summarized as hot, dry and sunny with maximum temperatures over 20C on most days with a high of 25.3C on the 28th. There were one or two days when approaching weak weather fronts brought cloud and a few light showers. As often happens in this country after a hot spell, there is a breakdown when cooler air tries to move in. This occurred on 28th - 29th when thunderstorms deposited 40mm of rain with accompanying hail. As is the nature of thunderstorms some places would have escaped altogether.

Dry weather returned in August, but with not such high temperatures and more cloudy conditions, but also some fine sunny periods. It became more changeable mid-month with rain at times, occasionally heavy. This continued to the end of the month when it became cooler.

September also began changeable, however, there were some drier interludes. With increasing darkness the nights became quite cold with a minimum of 2C on the 29th.

Cool, cloudy weather with light rain at times persisted into October. Rainfall increased as depressions with their associated fronts crossed the country. The second half of the month was drier and brighter but rather cool. On sunny days with clear skies there were ground frosts overnight especially when the wind turned north towards the end of the month. A minimum night temperature of -1.8C was recorded on the 29th.

Mild weather returned in November with

changeable conditions, but rainfall was light. Towards the second half of the month easterly winds returned with cold but mainly dry weather.

December began changeable and mild with the occasional stormy interlude. Cold dry weather followed but was interrupted on the 15th by a very unusual spell of freezing rain which covered surfaces, which were below 0C, in glazed ice, making roads and pavements treacherous. Milder but cloudy weather followed over the Christmas period up to New Year.

Now it is January again, we can only wait and see what weather the year brings. However what we do know is, that it will be varied and full of surprises in the Yorkshire Dales!

**John Turner**

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### **A Decade of Support for the Dales From Charity Lottery**

Players of People's Postcode Lottery have raised £2,076,332 over the last ten years for Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT), a charity supporting people, landscape and wildlife in and around the Yorkshire Dales.

A recent award of £450,000 to YDMT will support long-running conservation projects such as tree planting and wildflower hay meadow restoration. It will also enable the charity to create more outreach, education and training opportunities for young people and disadvantaged groups, as well as providing community grants that benefit local people.

David Sharrod, Chief Executive of YDMT, said: "We are extremely grateful to players of People's Postcode Lottery for this incredible contribution. Player support has transformed us as a charity. It allows us to invest in ongoing projects but crucially also helps us to respond to changing needs in our area through a number of new schemes."

£50,000 has already been invested in tree planting as part of YDMT's Together for Trees appeal, helping to plant around 13,000 native broadleaf trees and hedgerow plants to improve woodland connectivity and biodiversity. The new trees will cover almost nine hectares, including sites on the Grinton Estate in Swaledale which will support black grouse, and riparian woodland at Castle Bolton in Wensleydale designed to benefit dormice.

Since 2005, players of People's Postcode Lottery have supported more than 5,500 good causes, including YDMT. A minimum of 32% of the price of a People's Postcode Lottery ticket is awarded to charities and good causes, raising £116 million in 2018 alone.

### **History Wardrobe**

On **Saturday, March 2nd at 2.00pm** The History Wardrobe will be appearing at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. Presenting her new talk 'All Writers Great and Small' the ever popular Lucy Adlington will, in her own inimitable style, tell us about and celebrate Northern Writers. Tickets £15 to include afternoon tea.

## Ranger Completes Pennine Way 'Ultra-marathon'

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority ranger Matt Neale has run the length of the Pennine Way over six days to finish thirteenth overall in the [Montane Spine Race](#). Matt, 47, started at



**8.00am on Sunday, January 13th** in Edale in Derbyshire and reached home territory – the Yorkshire Dales National Park – the following morning, being clocked in Malham at **11.23am**. It

took him about 24 hours to go south-to-north through the National Park; he had a six hour rest in Hawes, where he serves as a retained fire fighter.

Speaking moments after finishing at Kirk Yetholm in the Scottish Borders at **11.12am (Friday, January 18th)**, Matt Neale said: "There's too much emotion to try and describe it. It's quite overwhelming. What a great use of five days annual leave! It was minus ten degrees last night and it was a spectacular morning to finish."

Britain's Jasmin Paris became the first woman to win the 268-mile race, setting a new record time. Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Director of Park Services Kathryn Beardmore said: "Congratulations to Jasmin Paris for a truly awesome achievement and also to Matt for once again pulling off an inspirational feat of endurance."

"The Montane Spine Race is helping to bring international attention to National Park landscapes and our National Trails. We've got a fantastic array of long distance routes through the Yorkshire Dales National Park to suite all abilities. One of the National Park Management Plan objectives is to promote the Pennine Trails and other long distance routes, where the journey really is the experience whether walking, running, cycling or riding – whatever the pace."

"The videos of this year's race were very atmospheric, with episode 4 catching my eye as it shows competitors – including Matt – running through the stunning scenery of the Dales."

## Wensleydale Camera Club

The club represents interest in photography throughout Wensleydale and adjacent dales. We meet weekly on **Monday evenings at 7.30pm** at the Leyburn Bolton Arms. We have a full and interesting programme for February:

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**18th** Village Life competition

**25th** Images from Japan

All are welcome. There is a £3 charge for visitors or a £25 joining fee the first season for new members. The atmosphere is informal and friendly, so please come along. All levels of experience welcome. Further details at [www.wensleydalecameraclub.co.uk](http://www.wensleydalecameraclub.co.uk).

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### In Search of Mr. Woodiwiss.....

There was a surprise outcome following a railway-related talk in Hawes last summer about the successful project to restore The Book of Bridges. Several descendants of the Midland Railway's contractor who built the six mile line in Upper Wensleydale between Garsdale and Hawes made themselves known at the meeting.

The Book of Bridges is the book of original working drawings for the railway structures on the branch line, which opened in 1878, two years after the Settle-Carlisle line. Contractors for the branch were Benton and Woodiwiss, who had previously built sections of the Settle-Carlisle, the Methodist chapel near Garsdale station and railways elsewhere.

Since the talk in Hawes, contacts between Woodiwiss descendants (often not previously known to each other) have multiplied and it is now planned to hold a Woodiwiss Reunion in Hawes in summer 2019. A week-end programme of public events and an exhibition is being planned; officially confirmed dates and details will be published in the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter.

Stephen Allen's talk on the specialist conservation and restoration of The Book of Bridges will be repeated at **7.30pm on Friday, April 12th** at the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes.

### Ruth Annison



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## Bolton Castle – a Home, a Prison, a Ruin

Mary Queen of Scots is the focus of a new film. But did you know about her connection to the Yorkshire Dales? She was briefly imprisoned at Bolton Castle. Bolton Castle was built between 1378 to 1399 for Richard le Scrope. (Richard le Scrope was an English soldier and courtier who held a number of positions in the service of Richard II.) It is a rectangular fortified house with square angle towers which enclose a courtyard. Nikolaus Pevsner described it as the climax of English military architecture. It



represents a state of balance between the claims of defence, of domestic complexity and

comfort, and of an aesthetically considered orderliness.

Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned there between 1568 and 1569. After her defeat in Scotland in 1568 she fled to England, posing a threat to Queen Elizabeth I. She was initially held at Carlisle Castle and was then moved to Bolton. She was kept there briefly for 6 months before being taken to Tutbury in Staffordshire.

The master-mason on the build was John Lewyn. A contract dated 1378 survives for construction of the east range. However, the licence for the crenellation was granted in 1379. The Castle is constructed from rubble with ashlar dressings. There are four 3-storey ranges about a rectangular courtyard, with 4-storey corner towers. The entrance was by the gatehouse in the east range. The original windows were lancets with cinque-cusped heads and labels. However, some in the south-west tower were altered to form 3-light mullion and transom windows.

The main chamber is on the first floor of the north range. The chapel (dedicated in 1399) is on the second floor of the south range. The interior can essentially be broken down into eight major household units and some twelve

lesser lodgings all integrated into one unified conception.

The walls of the castle were consolidated between 1992 and 1994. This was a four-phase conservation project undertaken by English Heritage to address the serious threat to the castle. This resulted from freshly-fallen stone both inside and outside the walls. During the project the walls were almost entirely repointed and all the wall tops consolidated. The castle was also further recorded using mainly digital techniques. Through survey work including fabric analysis and investigations into the buildings history, six Historic periods of construction, occupation, alterations, dereliction and conservation have been identified.

The reinstatement of the gardens followed an archaeological survey in 1994. In rebuilding and reinstating the gardens they tried to adhere to Albertus Magnus' principles which he laid out in 1260. This places emphasis on the variety of flowers 'to delight the sight and smell'. There are two walled gardens immediately in front of the Castle. These were laid out along medieval lines, but reduced somewhat in size and scale.

The original garden covered an area of nearly 20 acres. The exact layout and features are not completely known. However, it seems unlikely that there was ever a moat. The siting of the castle in 1379 would have meant views of the ancient Forest of Wensleydale. By 1535 there were a series of deer parks – the surrounding high walls still survive today. Deer parks were a symbol of high status in this time.

In the Domesday Book the areas valuation suggests that the village was quite large. A feature of the surrounding area is the extensive medieval field system with prehistoric settlement close to the village. The present village may have been planned after the castle was built, replacing East Bolton, though it may have existed earlier in its present form. In later years the village was closely associated with quarrying, lead and coal mining of which there are extensive remains on the adjoining moors.

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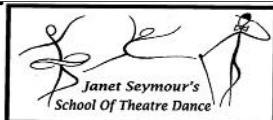
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Well, no one can accuse the Swale Singers of being stuck in a rut. In the last year, we've welcomed a new musical director, benefitted from having a new regular accompanist and now - we are moving to a new home for our rehearsals.

Our first rehearsal of 2019 on **Sunday, February 3rd** will be in Reeth Memorial Hall. And every Sunday after that we'll meet there **from 3.00-5.00pm** until our concert for the Swaledale Festival at the end of May. We'll be singing Brahms' German Requiem (in English, which will be welcome news to many).

On a less positive note (if you'll forgive the pun) our new accompanist isn't able to continue playing for our rehearsals this year. We'd love to hear from you if you might be able to take on this role, for which there is a (modest) fee. Just get in touch with Jackie Pope at the email address below to find out more.

But if singing is your forte (rather than the pianoforte) why not come and sing with us? Everyone over 18 is very welcome, and we don't have scary auditions (or any auditions at all!).

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### **From Desert To Dales - New Owners of the Bolton Arms**

In November, after almost eight years, Bill and Janet handed over the keys of the Bolton Arms in Redmire to the new owners, Martin and Stef Bellerby.

Martin and Stef have been living and working in Abu Dhabi with their four children, Maisie 10, Izak 4, Enzo 2, Blossom Roma 3 month. Until the family return in February, the pub has been managed by parents Dennis and Moira. The family has decided to return to England as a lifestyle choice, especially for the children. Martin and Stef are familiar with the Dales from frequent holidays and have been looking for a suitable business venture in the area.

Eventually, they have plans to extend the pub's kitchen area, cellar and add two or three bedrooms, with existing rooms being given a makeover. Meanwhile, there are plans to introduce more seasonal menus with as much produce as possible being sourced within 20 miles of the pub. Also planned are one-off specials such as a Valentine's Day menu and the ever popular Steak Night. A new chef with 24 years experience, Scott Brookes, has recently joined the team.

Martin and Stef want the pub to be a key part of the village community with events and links to activities in Redmire Village Hall. They are looking forward to returning to greener scenery and cooler weather and have begun searching for a suitable home locally.

**K.D.**

### **Air Ambulance Clothes Collection**

from St. Margaret's Church, Hawes on **Thursday, March 14th, 10.00am** deadline.

Bags of Clothes etc. maybe left in Church at any time.

### **Gilbert and Margaret Haygarth**

would like to thank everyone who sent cards, flowers and gifts on the occasion of their Golden Wedding. Special thanks to the Stone House Hotel for a lovely meal.

### **Upper Dales Family History Group**

Meetings recommence on **Wednesday, February 27th at 2.00pm** in Harmby Village Hall with a discussion meeting: "Meet the ancestors - Was your ancestor a butcher, baker or candlestick maker?" Bring along any information you have about an ancestor's occupation and tell us how you found out about it or just come along and listen to other people's stories.

Non-members very welcome; £2. For more details contact: **07432 677783** or see the website: <https://upperdales.weebly.com/>.

### **Wensleydale Society**

February's meeting of the Society is on **Friday 1st at 7.30pm** at West Burton Village Hall. The speaker is Leyburn resident David Spashett and his talk is 'An Overview of Nepal and Trekking to Everest' when he will tell us of his recent visit. Membership of the Society is £5 per year and also includes a monthly walks programme. Talks are free to members but visitors are welcome for a small fee.



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### Freya Invites Young People to Take Part in a New Youth Pop Musical!

BlueBoxt Productions, the voluntary-run performing arts organisation based in Wensleydale, has teamed up with local artist, Piers Browne, to stage an exciting new youth adaptation of his evocative musical, Freya.

The new stage adaptation, by Colin Bailey, Mark Cronfield and Alastair McLachlan, will create the mystical story of romance and heartache set in wartime Wensleydale during the 1940s. With the performances planned for this summer, the creative team is now looking for talented cast and crew members!

On **Sunday, February 24th**, young people aged from 11 upwards are invited to attend a taster session at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre (DL8 5DL). The session runs from **2.00pm to 5.00pm** and will reveal more about the production, including all the opportunities for taking part. Participants will meet the creative team and other young people they'll be working with in a fun and informative setting.

"We want to hear from young people who have an interest in all aspects of music and theatre production," says production coordinator Colin Bailey. "We need actors, singers, dancers, musicians, costume, makeup artists, sound and lighting technicians and stage crew to make Freya The Musical happen."

The taster session on **February 24th** will be followed by two informal and friendly full-day

workshops on **Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th February**. Participants will work with industry professionals to explore themes and devise scenes, music and movement for the musical. These free workshops will form part of the audition process and give everyone the chance to present solo items. Participants can also access mentoring and support to gain an Arts Award – a nationally recognised qualification, which can give UCAS points for university applicants.

"We've chosen the school holidays as our main rehearsal and performance time because we know just how busy creative young people are in the area," explains Freya's creator Piers Browne. "There are lots of talented young people in the region who study or take part in music and drama. Freya will enable them to come together with other like-minded individuals and professionals to create high quality and entertaining musical theatre. I'm really excited and look forward seeing the finished results this summer."

Anyone interested in attending the taster session should register in advance.

For more information and registration details, visit [www.blueboxt.co.uk](http://www.blueboxt.co.uk) or **contact Colin Bailey on 07711 211169** or by email at [info@blueboxt.co.uk](mailto:info@blueboxt.co.uk).



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The final projects approved by the Yorkshire Dales LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) have now been allocated their funding, helping to improve prosperity and quality of life in the rural area.

One recent successful applicant is The Ribblesdale Cheese Company in Hawes, an award winning artisan cheese maker specialising

in goat's cheese. They received a grant towards a second-hand vacuum packing machine which has enabled the company to launch a new range of flavoured goat curd pots which are already proving to be very popular.

Iona Hill, owner and cheesemaker at The Ribblesdale Cheese Company, said: "We are very grateful to the LEADER project for helping us fund a new machine that lets us make gas flushed pots of flavoured goat curd. It is a very new thing to the market and we would not be able to do this without their help."

Rima Berry, the Yorkshire Dales LEADER Co-ordinator at Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, said: "The demand for grants has been huge over the past two years, a great indication of the business vitality in the rural area. It is a privilege to be able to boost the legacy of businesses, help them start-up, prosper or expand."

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### Little White Bus and Hawes Post Office Update

As many readers may already know, Walter Head left the Upper Dales Community Partnership/Little White Bus (LWB) in early January. Having supported the project from its inception he will be sadly missed. Walter has moved to Cumbria and he is looking forward to embarking upon a new adventure. Picking up the reins from him are Josie O'Dowd and Ian Wattle from Burtsett who are undertaking the role on a job share basis.

Post Office - please also note the closing times change from **Monday, February 11th: Monday to Friday the closing time will now be 5.00 pm and noon on a Saturday.**

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The plans have been supported by the parish council and go before the National Park planners on **February 13th**. You can see details at [www.yorkshiredales.org.uk](http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk), reference R/50/5G.

We've had a grant of £25,000 from Richmondshire District Council through the community-led housing scheme to pay for set-up costs and a further grant has been applied for. There's a long way to go before building work can even start, let alone finish, but if you're interested in renting contact Richmondshire council's **Amanda Madden on 01748 901117** for an application form. The properties will be let at affordable (below market value) rents, a condition that remains in perpetuity.

Because the Foundation's financial year runs from January to December, trustees have decided to hold the annual meeting, which is open to all, nearer to the year end. Consequently, although the last AGM was in October, the next one will be held on **Wednesday, February 27th, at 7.00pm**, venue to be confirmed.

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## Notes from Thorney Mire Winter

For our first Christmas at Thorney Mire in 1996, we bought a four foot rooted pine tree. The tree was decorated in the traditional way and graced our living room over the Christmas period. After Twelfth Night, it was dragged outside, leaving a pile of needles in its wake and put in the greenhouse to acclimatise. It was duly planted in the field and it must have liked it there as it has grown to be as high as the house. Now, two decades later, instead of looking at colourful decorations and lights on the tree, I watch red squirrels running up and down the branches.

I have made one New Year's resolution and that is to make a note of the flowering plants, month by month which grow on the verges along our lane. So, starting in January, there are snowdrops in bud. For the first time at Thorney Mire I have seen a fox running through the wood. I was trying to get an escaped chicken back into the hen house at the time, so, no pressure then. I have not seen the lonely deer for a while. The bird life is much the same as normal, a treecreeper was seen near the barn. Does anyone else notice that bird food disappears at an alarming rate from the bird feeders?

One morning, for the want of something better to do, I counted the rooks and jackdaws in the field next to the house. It wasn't easy. I would count to around thirty, then some of them would fly upwards and change their positions. Should I do this scientifically? Work out how many square yards there were in the field, count how many birds to a square yard, then multiply up. No – too complicated – keep counting. Eventually I managed to count one hundred and three, give or take one or two which could have been distant mole hills. There were another dozen or so birds in the trees. There is no wonder it gets so noisy in the spring when they are squabbling over the best nesting sites.


Speaking of moles, one has taken up residence in our field. I once watched a mole burrowing just below the surface of the ground. It made the grass ripple like waves in the sea. I don't think it could find anywhere to dig as it would

occasionally come up for air then disappear underground again. Moles have a way of using oxygen more efficiently by reusing exhaled air which enables them to live underground. They have an extra thumb for digging and can burrow for up to twenty metres in a day. They listen for a worm falling in their burrow then they kill and eat it or, as their saliva contains a toxin that can paralyse worms, they can save the still living worms for a later date and they build special larders for this purpose. Now for those of you who are squeamish don't read the next bit. Before eating the worms, the moles put the worms between their paws and squeeze the dirt and earth out of the worm's gut. The saying "Don't make a mountain out of a mole hill," was recorded as far back as Tudor times. So, if you have the January blues, think about the poor mole, it can't be much fun spending your life underground, living on a diet of worms and risking the prospect of being trapped, then tied to a fence.



Sylvia Turner

## LASS - Leyburn Arts & Social Society

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