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Guest Editorial

If I never see the inside of another bank I will not care. I'm one of the 75 per cent who bank online instead of tapping my foot in a dreary, germ-laden queue.

Much as I love the look and feel of a good book, if I never smell another "real" book (what do books smell like, you radio hacks who bang on about it please tell me), it will not be the end of the world. I can carry a whole library in my handbag to read or listen to, or both, with the magic of audio-visual synchronisation.

Train, cinema and theatre tickets are consigned to the dustbin of my past as I scan the bar codes that have so neatly and efficiently replaced them. When did you last see a bar code littering the streets?

And yes, I take my mobile phone to bed: not being a teenager there's nobody to stop me. Then, in the middle of the night when I can't sleep, I read or listen to the radio, catch up with a TV programme or play a game of sudoku, all activities practically guaranteed to lull me to the land of nod.

I follow Facebook friends from far and near. Some I never see from one end of a year to the next, some I've re-discovered after years of estrangement - renewed friendships, shared memories. Some are, literally, my next door neighbours, sharing their holiday pics; but not in the living room for three hours with a projector and slides.

On Twitter I chat to people I don't know and never will, but whose views and insights fascinate, entertain and occasionally infuriate me.

I've mastered the (not very complicated) art of group chats on WhatsApp, from where I can also make 'phone or video calls in the middle of the night to friends; I in a Yorkshire village, a granddaughter in Thailand, a friend in New Zealand. Time zones work a treat.

For those who, like me, thought Listen with Mother and Journey Into Space on the Light Programme, and a wind-up cinematograph dragged out of the wardrobe to show Walt

Disney cartoons, were the height of technical sophistication, this level of communication is truly miraculous. And to anybody under 50 I'm doubtless already sounding like a dinosaur.

But one thing is for sure: when I can no longer get out of the house, the chair, and finally the bed, because I'm too old and frail and my legs don't work, I won't be lonely. I will still hold the world in my hand. With a gadget no bigger than a playing card I will read, write, communicate, explore the vast array of films, TV box sets and radio plays I've previously never had time for. Then, as the window cleaner finishes his leathering and polishing, I will not have to Zimmer my way to the door and scrabble around for change. I will, as now, give him a cheery wave and several clicks later the money will have gone from my bank to his.

We hear so much of the dangers of social media, of internet scams and hacking. There are horrors - none of which, touch wood, I have so far experienced - but so much to explore and experiment with.

We (I'm 71) will be the last generation to fear technology, rather than embrace it. Already, most five year olds have a head start on us. It's time to end not just the negativity and suspicion, but worse, the intellectual snobbery that says, as someone on Radio 4 did just the other day: "If you've only listened to a book, you can't say you've read it."

Tell that to my nearly blind husband with his iPad and earphones. What nonsense people talk.

Betsy Everett

Cautionary Tale!

An enthusiastic user of such technology, this month's editor recently managed to lose his iPhone on day one of a two week holiday around the Caribbean. As we were never in one location for more than one day at a time it was not feasible to replace my treasure trove of dates, phone numbers and everything else of vital importance—until we returned to the UK. My wife's hand written address books and notes came to the rescue. Belt and Braces can be useful!

A.M.

Marie Curie Wensleydale Fundraising Group

The group recently celebrated its 10th birthday. In that time Wensleydale supporters have helped to raise £90,775, through coming to coffee mornings, buying bric-a-brac at the 1940s Weekend, and dancing at The Barn that Rocks. Middleham Quilters have donated quilts, Kris and the team at Saffron have cooked numerous curries, choirs have sung, bands have played – the list is endless.

As a result of all these efforts, people with a terminal illness, their families and friends have been helped as that money equates to 504 nights of nursing care. The service is invaluable in rural areas such as this.

Coming Up - A Quiz Night

Friday, March 22nd from 7.30 pm in the Oak Room at Thornborough Hall, Leyburn. Tickets £8 per person, includes a hearty bowl of soup, BYOB – phone: (01969) 623533/622410 to book a place (teams of 4, please).

Great Daffodil Appeal

This year, Hawes Street Collection is on **Tuesday, April 23rd**, and Leyburn's on **Friday, April 26th**. If you're able to spare an hour to help with either of these, please book online via: https://t.campaign.mariecurie.org.uk/webApp/mcc_supporterRegistration or phone: 01904 755260.



Eunice the Ewe

Last month I was being dripped on by Steve Raw in his ad on page 18 and the winner of the £10 prize is Kevin Young from Skidby.

Where am I now (other than in this box)? To enter for the £10 prize, please include your postal address if replying by email.

History Wardrobe and Afternoon Tea

The ever popular Lucy Adlington brings her new show, 'All Writers Great and Small' - a lively literary look at many distinguished Yorkshire writers, poets and dramatists to Leyburn Arts & Community Centre, on **Saturday, March 2nd at 2.00pm**. Tickets are £15 which includes afternoon tea. Book on 01969 624510.

Jeannie Bishop

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March Competition

This competition has a theme. Identify the theme (in addition to getting all the answers right) as a tie breaker.

1. Roman God and hero
2. Baked in a dish with a filling and pastry
3. Official language of Bamar people
4. Battle fought on 14th June 1800
5. Dry and brittle and firm
6. They assume lives of random people perceived as “nomads”
7. Wear this warm coat available in 46 stores across the UK
8. Home to Amalienborg Palace
9. A man who cannot attract any girls—a chump
10. I am left after churning butter
11. A Spanish devil?
12. I can be drawn on Wednesday or Saturday. I take several forms
13. I was in the battle of Little Big Horn and survived
14. A hard protective lightweight shell or bed cover
15. A major city in Ohio. Settled in 1788

Send in your answers, not forgetting to answer the tie breaker, to arrive by **Tuesday, March 19th** for a chance to win the £20 prize which will be sent to your nominated charity.

Drop-off points and contacts		
for news, articles, reports, letters, What's On dates, competition entries, suggestions and comments:- All 01969 numbers.		
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Answers to the February Competition

Below are anagrams of ten of the biggest 100 islands in the world.

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|----|-----------------|---------------|
| 1 | No pet brace | Cape Breton |
| 2 | Win a clean doe | New Caledonia |
| 3 | One Orb | Borneo |
| 4 | Ram at us | Sumatra |
| 5 | I hop a snail | Hispaniola |
| 6 | Big pen rests | Spitsbergen |
| 7 | Troup or ice | Puerto Rico |
| 8 | Is a drain | Sardinia |
| 9 | Grin at a tribe | Great Britain |
| 10 | I sat a man | Tasmania |

The winner of the February Rollover competition is Elaine Ewbank of Marsett and a cheque for £40 is winging its way to the Great North Air Ambulance.

Thoralby Brunch

Village Hall

Saturday, March 16th

10.00am—1.00pm

Delicious food and good company

D of E leaders invited to Yorkshire Dales

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority is to run its first ever training day for Duke of Edinburgh and Scout leaders.

The free event will take place from **10.30am to 2.30pm** on **Saturday, March 2nd** at Clapham Village Hall. It is open to all involved in running, supervising or assessing expeditions for the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme or the Scouts Expedition Award.

To book a place or make an enquiry please contact the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's Learning and Engagement Officer, Cat Kilner, on Learning@yorkshiredales.org.uk or **01756751623**, or see [eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).

A lunch will be provided and there will also be an opportunity at the end of the event to visit the headquarters of the Cave Rescue Organisation in Clapham, and see how the service is run. This is a short walk away in the village, and will finish no later than **3.30pm**.

Police Report

Sadly, in this last month we have seen a spate of vehicle thefts, specifically agricultural type vehicles. In each of these cases it does seem that victims and their property have been targeted rather than these being opportunistic, as all the locations have been similar isolated properties and the thieves appear to be prepared i.e. cutting equipment, suitable transport vehicles etc. This brings me onto the increase in suspicious vehicles being reported to us – one in particular was spotted near the Worton area on February 6th and subsequently caught up with and stopped on the A66 less than an hour later. So thank you, keep up the good work, keep ringing in and stay vigilant!

Incidents of note in the last month include; overnight on January 20th, thieves broke off and stole a spare wheel attached to a Landrover Defender at High Fremington.

Overnight on January 21st, the Auction Mart was broken into through a secure window. Sensibly, no money is left in the till but a green tips jar from the canteen containing cash was taken.

During the weekend of January 27th and 28th, the public toilets at the Dales Countryside Museum have been extensively vandalised. Investigations are continuing and the scene has been forensically examined. Due to this, along with other recently reported anti-social behaviour including extensive littering around the platform area, the museum is considering installing CCTV. This is all very disappointing given that the toilets are free of charge and a great amenity to the town.

On the afternoon of January 29th, a Ford Ranger hard top was stolen from a farm at Angram.

Overnight on February 5th, two secure quad bikes were stolen from a farm at Cubeck near Aysgarth. The Polaris machines were chained together. Please take another look at your farm security each time you lock up at night (and during the day!) and contact me if you would like any further security advice or your property marking and registering (free service!).

Overnight on February 11th a John Deere gator was stolen from a farm at Lunds and overnight on the 13th a Polaris quad was stolen from Kilnsey.

Community messenger; if you are not signed up already, please do! It is a free instant messaging service (via a method of your choosing; text, voicemail or email) and lets you know about incidents such as the above as they happen, along with other event notifications/updates etc. If you are on Facebook, you can also follow the Richmondshire Police page.

As most of you know, I carry out regular drop-in sessions at the Community Office and Burtsett Institute but due to the nature of my job, sometimes I have been unable to make it or have had to change the times last minute. I am more than happy to make home visits in addition to the monthly surgeries, so please get in touch if you would like to make an appointment for a chat.

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

Lucy.Osborn@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

North Yorkshire Police

Wensleydale Society

March's meeting of the Society is **on Friday, March 1st at 7.30pm at West Burton Village Hall**. The speaker is Pip Pointon on 'Transitions in the Life of a Journalist: a look at how local journalism has changed in the past 50 years.'

Unfortunately February's meeting had to be cancelled because of the snow but it is hoped that David Spashett will be re-booked for a future talk 'An Overview of Nepal and Trekking to Everest.'

Membership of the Society is £5 per year and includes a monthly walks programme, details of which are given out at the meeting. Talks and meetings are free to members but visitors are welcome for a small fee. Contact the Secretary on **01969 624246** for further information.

No Gala in 2019

Despite significant publicity including posters, the Newsletter, and the School sending an email to parents, only one person from the community other than the committee attended the EGM on 7th February.

With the requested minimum of three volunteers joining the committee not being met, the Hawes and District Gala Committee Constitution was (as advertised) modified by default to exclude a Gala in 2019. The four remaining active members of the committee (Di Dinsdale, Allison Wade, Cayla Kern, and Joyce Sunter) will call an AGM in September to see if there are enough people interested in committing to organising a Gala in 2020.

The Gala Committee take this opportunity to thank the businesses and individuals that have previously offered to demonstrate or help on Gala Day 2019 and hope that their respective goodwill will carry forward to any future Gala.

Finally, apologies are extended to anyone who has, following our advert in the December Newsletter, made a start on the Get Snapping and Stitching. These competitions will obviously now not take place.

Lewis Pannell

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Heavens Above

Due south, around 10 o'clock in the evening in early March, you'll see one of the oldest of all the constellations - Cancer the Crab. It lies in the Zodiac - the band of sky through which the Sun, Moon and planets seem to move during the course of the year - midway between Leo in the east and the twin stars Castor and Pollux in Gemini to the west. For a zodiacal constellation Cancer is pretty undistinguished, and it can be quite difficult to pick out especially if there are any street lights nearby. All of its stars are on the dim side and to be honest its pattern bears very little resemblance to a crab. Its main claim to fame is the dense swarm of stars lying right at its centre known as The Beehive Cluster or Praesepe (the Manger) to give it its official Latin name. With the naked eye the Beehive is just visible as a pale smudge of light, but viewed with binoculars or a wide-field telescope, it's revealed as one of the night-sky's finest open star clusters with dozens of stars spread over an area about three times the size of the full moon. A beautiful sight on a clear moonless night.

In the old Greek myths Cancer was the crab sent by the goddess Hera to attack the hero, Hercules, as he fought the fearsome many-headed sea monster, Hydra. Not unexpectedly the creature got trodden on and squashed. Hera took pity on the poor crustacean and pleaded with Zeus the king of the Gods to place it in the heavens as a reward for its efforts. Better than being boiled alive I suppose!

This year's Vernal Equinox, marking the official start of Spring in the northern hemisphere, falls on **March 20th**. The Sun crosses back over the celestial Equator and the nights get shorter than the days. The day after on **March 21st**, we have another so-called Supermoon, the last of 3 scheduled for 2019. It won't be as spectacular as the one in January but you should still notice quite a difference in the Moon's size and brightness weather permitting. On **March 31st**, British Summer Time (not to be confused with the Equinox) begins at 1 o'clock in the morning. Don't forget to put your clocks forward an hour. Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

The Farmer Network AGM

The Cumbria Farmer Network was formed over 13 years ago with its roots deeply embedded in the dark days following the foot and mouth epidemic of 2001. The aim of the new Network was to provide support and services to the farming community, often in areas where there was little or no other help. In 2010 a new Yorkshire Dales Network joined the fold to create the Farmer Network Ltd. Last week the company held its Annual General Meetings at Penrith and Hawes. Members learned that two more Networks may soon be added with farmers in Northumberland and The North York Moors keen to seek start-up funding in future.

Adam Day, Managing Director, reported that the original aims of the Network remained as relevant as ever and membership levels continue to grow with over 1,100 farmer members, 49 corporate members and 15 Network sponsors. Membership fees go a long way towards covering the company's core costs, making the business sustainable for the future.

During the last year turnover increased to £371.7K, creating a trading surplus of £65.5K,

which included a legacy payment of over £42K from Cumbria Rural Enterprise Agency. This has been most beneficial to The Farmer Network allowing a number of new projects to be funded and financed.

Company Chairman, Randal Raine, praised the Network team all of whom work on a part-time basis, for their commitment and dedication. He also thanked former Chairman Will Rawling and Paul Harper, who is retiring this year, reminding members that it was they who created the original Farmer Network. Mr Raine said he was looking forward to working with directors and management councils to ensure that the Network is well placed to continue delivering relevant services and support to all members, whatever the challenges of the future.

The Yorkshire Dales meeting concluded with a presentation from Nuffield Scholar, Aaron Naik, who has studied Farmer Health and Welfare Projects world-wide, giving members much food for thought.

The Farmer Network is based at Newton Rigg College. For further information please contact **Adam Day** on **01768 868615**, email adam@thefarmernetwork.co.uk.

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Middleham and The Dales Local History Group

“Sister Dora” by Suzanne Stirke at the Middleham Key Centre, on **Tuesday, March 19th at 2.00pm.**

Dorothy Pattison was born in Hauxwell in 1832. In her twenties she formed a relationship with James Tate, 2nd Master of Richmond School whilst continuing another liaison with local farmer Purchas Stirke. In 1864 she joined an Anglican religious community near Redcar and became known as Sister Dora. She would devote the rest of her life to nursing.

Moving to Walsall in 1865 she worked amongst the miners and steel workers as a nurse and developed an especially close bond with the local people. Her nursing skills, self-sacrifice and personal devotion to her patients became a legend. After her early death in 1878 her statue was unveiled in Walsall in 1886, reputedly the UK’s first statue to a non-royal woman.

Because of her husband’s family connections with the Pattisons, Suzanne Stirke has concentrated her research on Dora’s life in Hauxwell. It is a dark tale of mental and physical abuse, the children and their mother, lived in constant fear of their father Rev. Mark Pattison.

Annual membership of Middleham and the Dales Local History Group is still only £10, visitors are welcome at £3 per meeting. For more information contact **Tony Keats** on **01969 640436**, dotandtonyk@btinternet.com.

Elaine Frances

Gayle Mill Trust - Christmas Fayre Update

At the end of November Gayle Mill Trust held their annual Christmas Fayre, with a difference. It was held in Gayle Institute as Gayle Mill continues to be closed and out of bounds to the local community. The attendance at the Fayre was encouraging and many of the wooden Christmas trees were sold, along with the unique reindeer, wood products and a variety of seasonal handmade gifts. By the end of the day, a good amount of mince pies and mulled wine had been consumed and everyone who attended had, we hoped, enjoyed their visit. Gayle Mill Trust continues to be indebted to their loyal volunteers who work behind the scenes making



wood products and selling them on the day.

Whilst Gayle Mill Trust is no longer a tenant in Gayle Mill, they have decided to give the proceeds, after their costs, from the Christmas Fayre to local causes and they presented some cheques in late January. Our pictures shows the GMT Trustees, Mike Thomson, William Lambert, Tony Routh and Ian Fraser (not in photo) with their manager, Claire Lambert, presenting cheques to Richard Noble, on behalf of Hawes in Bloom; Daniel Cockett, on behalf of Dalesplay; Barbara and Stan Roocroft, on behalf of Gayle Institute and Suzanne Excell and Peter Wood, on behalf of the Hawes Christmas Lights. GMT is delighted to support these local organisations who do tremendous good for the local community.

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Upper Dales Family History Group

Our December meeting took place over a very sociable lunch at the Three Horseshoes in Wensley where we came along prepared to discuss how the 1918 Representation of the People Act had affected our ancestors. Several of us had 'brought along' an ancestor who would have been able to vote for the first time on 14th December 1918, when all men over 21 and some women over 30 were given the vote, following the lifting of the residential and property qualification.

The conversation covered a wide variety of social backgrounds and sources of information – some of us turned out to have fascinating grandparents or great grandparents! Amongst others we had ag labs, a butcher, an ardent trade unionist and a gamekeeper who was such a character that the then landlord of the Wensleydale Heifer at West Witton was inspired to sit down in the evening after his funeral and write a truly stunning eulogy which summed up his life superbly. In many cases several generations of a family (plus their wives) voted for the first time on the same day.

We had a very entertaining time and covered a lot of ground, not all of it strictly to do with the 1918 election (there was a fascinating diversion into an 18th century murder story) but we did all pick up some useful knowledge as well, such as discovering that the very useful Absent Voters Lists for the period are available on Ancestry and Find My Past, so soldiers away from home were still able to vote. It's also worth remembering that, although the Act gave the vote to men over 21, that included younger men who had turned 19 during their military service, so you may find an unexpected ancestor in these lists.

This month's meeting is on **Wednesday, March 27th at 2.00pm** in Fremington Sunday School, when the speaker is Val Slater on 'The Walls Clan of Coverdale – from The Foresters' Arms to The Somme'.

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

Tracy Little

National Theatre Live

The Best of British Theatre broadcast LIVE to cinemas around the world and it now comes to Leyburn! First class shows from the Best of London's theatres screened to our own Leyburn cinema. No need for expensive journeys to London, or expensive theatre tickets - NTL brings the best to us in our own town. Next to be shown is 'All About Eve' on **Thursday, April 11th**, starring Gillian Anderson and Lily James. Tickets £12. See the website, www.leyburnartscentre.com for future NTL theatre productions. To book please tel. **01969 624510**. Leyburn Arts & Community Centre are very grateful to the Co-op Community Fund for supporting this expansion of our music, cinema, theatre and social activities.

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UWNL Children's Story Writing Competition

And the runners-up are.....

As promised in last month's newsletter here are the two runners-up in the annual story-writing competition

7-9 Category - the runner up was Edward Wood (Askrigg Primary) with his story "New Planet".

10-11 Category - the runner up was George Scarr (Hawes Primary) with his story "Sam the Salmon".

The awards were presented by our judge Ann Pilling in January.

New Planet



Edward Wood

There was a boy and his name was Jack. He loved space and he also loved the environment. He wondered if he could go to space.

Jack was in the living room and he was watching TV. He didn't really like it but he did not mind. He was only four years old.

1 year later

Jack is at school. He is playing with his friend Charlie. Charlie is very nice, they like playing rockets. Jack likes to be the alien and scare Charlie. "It is time to learn now," says Charlie. Jack stands up and they walk to their seats. Jack sits next to Pinkle, a small girl, she is very funny and often makes the class laugh. There is a teacher called Mr Toot.

6 years later

Now Jack has lots of friends at Secondary. They are Root, Honf, Ter, Kickby, Giggie, Monge and Sponge. His teacher is Mr Tom and they all love him, he is very exciting. Jack studies space and the environment, his favourite subjects.

7 years later

Now Jack is out and about collecting berries

and sloes for the pot at home. He is also learning to drive. He has just done his SATs, they were very good and he was top of the year. Lots of his friends haven't seen him for a long time, but he still sees Ter and Honf.

3 years later

Now this is the time where the story begins as now Jack is studying at university. Now it starts!

6 years later

Now Jack is 26 and his job is an engineer and has been making a big, big, big, big, big surprise...

It is a rocket! It can carry 5000 people and it can go 5,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 light years a day!

10 years later

It took 10 years to build. 5000 people get in and so the journey begins...

... soon they are blasting out to space, zooming past Venus, Mars and Jupiter, past Pluto and Saturn...

Soon they are there, the new planet...

They explore and explore until they come to a lake. It is fresh, cool water and they find some weird trees that overhang the lake which they trim to make small houses and eventually they create a small colony of people.

50 years later

They are very happy and this time they have taken care of their environment in their new planet, which they have called Jack.

The End



Edward Wood, Askrigg, 9 years old

Sam the Silver Salmon

Sam was a silver salmon, who loved to swim around in the sea. He played with his friends every day and enjoyed exploring the coral.

However, one day Sam's mum said that they had to move up river. Sam had heard about going up river before and didn't like the sound of it. His friends had told him about giant rocks and racing currents. That night Sam barely slept. He was very afraid of what tomorrow would bring. That next morning Sam and his mum started to swim up river. When they reached the estuary it felt like they'd been swimming for an eternity, when actually it had only been ten minutes.

"Can we stop for a rest?" asked Sam impatiently.

"No!" replied Sam's mum and they carried on. It was a long journey for young Sam and they stopped behind a rock. After five minutes of travelling, again some extremely strong currents whipped Sam off balance and he drifted away until he hit a rock. His mum went to check on him and he was ok. They kept on travelling until they got to a white blur.

The white blur was a ginormous heap of plastic. There were milk bottles, water bottles and egg cartons, Sam tried to swim round it but he couldn't. He couldn't swim under it and couldn't go over it. As he jumped he saw a man chucking bin bags into the river. Sam was furious with him but he didn't know what he could do.

In the sky he saw a swooping barn owl. The barn owl saw what the man was doing and tried to stop him but he couldn't. He flew away and Sam was very afraid. Ten minutes later the barn owl came back and behind him were hundreds if not thousands of owls. They all started to pick up bits of plastic in their talons and put it on the bank of the river. Once all of the plastic waste was out of the river, Sam and his mum could swim past. "Thank you," shouted Sam to the owl.

"No problem," replied the owl.

"One, two, three," chanted owl. All of the owls raised their tail feathers.

"Aim," said owl.

"Fire," he screeched. In an instant the man was covered in white owl poo.

"Arggh," screamed the man and got in his car and drove off.

"We did it!" said Owl in excitement and all of the owls flew off.

Sam made it up river and back again but he will never forget all of those owls. Two days later the man was arrested and Sam thought to himself, next year I'll have to do it again.

George Scarr KS2 (Hawes)

Thank You

Philip and Sara would like to thank everyone for all the cards, gifts and kind wishes on our retirement from the shop.

Thanks to Anne, Trish, Gwen and all previous staff. Thank you to all our customers for all the support over the years.

We wish Rachel all the best in her new business.

Philip and Sara Mason

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The Upper Dales Health Watch

The Patient Participation Group for the Central Dales GP Practice

Synopsis of the meeting held on January 28th 2019.

Central Dales Practice is taking part in an on-line consultation trial. To get a GP response on the same day, the consultation must be sent in before 2pm. Details on Practice's website.

Central Dales are planning a patient survey during February. This can be accessed via the Practice website or after a surgery visit.

Evening appointments can be made at the Aysgarth Surgery on **Tuesdays 6.30 – 8.00pm**. Appointments can be made to see a GP at the Harewood Surgery, Catterick Camp on a Saturday and Sunday. Appointments to be made via the Hawes or Aysgarth Surgeries.

As from **February 1st** Central Dales will no longer offer non-NHS Travel vaccinations. Help and advice will be given, but only NHS Travel vaccinations will be available at the Hawes and Aysgarth Surgeries.

Discharge from hospital: if at all possible hospital patients will be discharged to their own home, and their GP will be notified. If a patient isn't able to go home safely, and does not need further nursing care, their GP could be asked to take responsibility for the patient in a Step up-Step down accommodation if this is available. If not, a bed in a community hospital e.g. The Friary may be another option. Family members need to understand the discharge process so that the Discharge Officer is made aware of any factors that a patient may forget, or gloss over, during their discharge interview. Some patients will need to be discharged into a Community Hospital or a Nursing Home if they need ongoing nursing care. Others may need to move into a Care Home on a permanent basis. Social Services could then become involved.

Proposed medical hub in Catterick Camp. A GP surgery will still be present in Richmond town and no services will be lost to the community, although some might move from the Friary to the new centre.

The Volunteer Community Car Scheme costs

for medical purposes i.e. visits to hospital or to see a GP, are capped at £20 per trip for patients. NYCC currently pay any cost over and above this. Phil Henderson, the Manager of the Richmondshire Community Care Association can be contacted on **01642 710085** by anyone interested in volunteering or needing a lift.

Staying in the Premier Inn (round the corner from James Cook), could be more economic than travelling daily for on-going treatment. The recent announcement that free NHS Wi-Fi is available at both James Cook and the Friarage Hospitals should help family and friends communicate with patients. For more details contact STHsNHSFT on **01642 854343**.

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Friday, March 8th- Redmire Village Hall

Friday, March 22nd – Carperby Sports Pavillion

Friday, March 29th – West Burton Village Hall

Friday, April 5th - Thoraby Village Hall

Friday, April 12th - Aysgarth Institute

No fixed charge, donations to Christian Aid

Food for Thought in Lent 2019

Berry's, Swinithwaite. **Time: 6.30 for 7.00 pm**

Monday, 11th March: Chicken Breast stuffed with smoked Applewood,

bacon & mushroom sauce. (Vegetarian option on request)

Speaker - Very Rev. John Dobson, Dean of Ripon

Monday, 25th March: Beef Bourguignon, red wine, mushrooms, shallots,

pancetta & pomme puree, (Vegetarian option on request)

Speaker - Rt. Revd. Dr. Helen-Ann Hartley, Bishop of Ripon

Cost: £15 (to include main course, tea/coffee). Drinks available over the counter. Home-made desserts will be available on a donation basis, as previously, to be given to the Charity chosen by the speaker. Tickets from Anthony Day after **26th January**. (Tel: **01969 624171** or email: days.gordonlodge@btinternet.com). Please

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Refreshing our volunteer pages and developing new resources to assist you to recruit, develop and retain your volunteers.

Creating an online learning platform allowing you/your workforce to be upskilled at a time and place to suit them.

Increasing our mentor workforce and deploying more into your settings.

To ensure we are continuing to meet your needs, we have updated the survey and are asking contexts to complete it again or for the first time if they missed out last year. The survey should only take a maximum of 15 minutes to complete, and once completed your context will have the chance to win a prize from the following:

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To complete this survey which closes on **March 4th**, please use the following link: www.northyorkshiresport.co.uk/context-survey.

Robin Lavin, Workforce Development Manager
North Yorkshire Sport

Pancakes at St. Matthews, Stalling Busk

As we move slowly out of winter and look forward to spring and Easter, come and join us at St Matthews in Stalling Busk for Pancakes.

We will be flipping pancakes on **Shrove Tuesday, March 5th between noon and 2.00pm.**

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 **March 21st** there will be a cookery demonstration by Tristan Prudden, Head Chef at Constable Burton Hall.

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Leyburn & District U3A

The speaker for March's meeting is David Morris, a world champion whistler. For a fascinating talk with a difference come along on **Friday, March 15th at 10.30am**. If you wish to join or find out about all the interest groups currently running, and have a coffee, the committee will be available from 10am, at Leyburn Arts & Community Centre.

Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham

This event on **Saturday, March 30th at 7.30pm** at Masham Town Hall can be booked via Leyburn Arts & Community Centre, **01969 624510**. Tickets are £17 with under 18s £9. A coach may be available from Leyburn, please book at the Centre. Humorous banter sits alongside tunes that tug at the heartstrings, and joyous jigs and reels that have the feet tapping along.

LASS - Leyburn Arts & Social Society

This friendly group meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month in the Oak Room at Thornborough Hall at **7.15pm**. There is usually a classic film, quiz or some other social activity and refreshments. For more information, please tel Brian on **01969 623257** or just come on **Tuesday, March 26th** when you will receive a friendly welcome.



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The Richmondshire Concerts Society continues its record-breaking season on **March 2nd** when it welcomes **Trio Goya** to Richmond.

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Full programme details and tickets (£15) are at www.rsconcerts.org. Tickets will also be sold at the door on the night, subject to availability.

Family Penhill Praise
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Tornado arrived on the line via its main line connection at Northallerton on February 9th and after running on three days in February, leaves in March. Tornado will then return on **Saturday, May 11th**, and will stay until

Friday, June 7th. It is scheduled to run trips on the line on **May 18th, 19th, 21st, 24th -28th and 31st**, and **June 1st - 4th**. This high-profile visit will highlight many of the significant improvements that have been made to the line in recent months and a line inspection by the A1A Trust confirmed that only a few repairs were necessary for them to feel confident in our infrastructure. This is an amazing step forward for our railway and a credit to all our teams. These trains are all available to the public and tickets are available to be purchased in advance at: www.wensleydalerail.com/Tornado.

The end of January saw a strange visitor to the branch – a double headed freight train which ran down to Redmire where a number of military vehicles were loaded, leaving the same day for a trip to Warminster in Wiltshire. This was the first MOD train since March 2015 .

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Community-led Housing in Askrigg

Askrigg is to see its first community-led housing scheme, after the Askrigg Foundation charity was today granted planning permission to convert its village centre property into three affordable homes for rent in perpetuity for local people.

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Friday, March 15th - Rag Mama Rag – one of Europe’s finest Country Blues acts – vocals, acoustic lap steel, bottleneck, acoustic guitar, ukulele, harmonica, percussion, washboard. Tickets £13 (door £15).

Friday, April 12th - Chris Bannister performs the music of John Denver – Much more than just a ‘lookalike’ tribute band. Tickets £12 (door £14).

Friday, April 26th - The Baldy Holly Band are a gutsy Rock ‘n Roll outfit playing a selection of 50s favourites, Buddy Holly, Elvis Presley, Chuck Berry, Gene Vincent and Eddie Cochran mixed with great ballads such as Paul Anka’s Diana and Neil Sedaka’s Oh! Carol. Tickets £12 (door £14).

Tickets available from Reeth PO or phone John Little on **01748 884759** or visit www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk – tickets half price for under 16s. All events **8.00pm**.

Tracy Little

Thank you

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Andrew Fagg

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***MARCH WHAT'S ON LISTING;
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March

- 1 Wensleydale Society meet at 7.30pm
At West Burton Village Hall. See p.5
- 1 World Day of Prayer at 2.00pm at St.
Margaret's Church, Hawes. See
page 30
- 2 History Wardrobe with Lucy Adlington.
Leyburn 2.00pm. See p. 3
- 2 Richmondshire Concerts, Trio Goya in
Richmond. See p.15
- 2 D of E free leader training. See page 4
- 4,11,18,25 Wensleydale Camera Club
Meets. See p. 24
- 5 Pancakes at St. Matthew's, Stalling
Busk. Noon. See p.14
- 8-29 Penhill Benefice Lent Lunches. P13
- 9 Bladder Cancer Coffee Morning,
Bainbridge Village Hall. See page 33
- 9 Peter Knight and John Spiers at Reeth
Memorial Hall. See page 18
- 11 Penhill Benefice Food for Thought in
Lent. See page 13
- 12 The Arts Society Wensleydale lecture
at the Middleham Key Centre.
See page 37
- 14 Charity Clothes Collection last day at
St. Margaret's Church, Hawes.
See page 29
- 15 Leyburn & District U3A meet at
10.30am. See page 15
- 15 Rag Mama Rag at Reeth Memorial
Hall. See page 18
- 16 Thoraby Brunch. See page 4
- 16 Askrigg Pop-Up Craft Shop. See p 30
- 19,26 Upper Wensleydale Lent Lunches.
See page 30
- 19 Middleham and The Dales Local
History Group meet at 2.00pm at the
Key Centre. See page 8
- 20 Theatre by Bus trip to Bradford
Alhambra. See p. 31
- 20 Newsletter AGM at Sycamore Hall at
7.30 pm. See page 15
- 21 Bainbridge W.I. meeting, 7.30pm.
See page 14
- 21 Leyburn Bowling Club Quiz Night.
See page 19
- 22 Marie Curie Quiz Night from 7.30pm in

- The Oak Room at Thornborough
Hall, Leyburn. See page 3
- 25 Soup and Sweet lunch. Bainbridge
W.I. See page 14
- 25 Penhill Benefice Food for Thought in
Lent. See page 13
- 25 Swaledale Festival tickets go on
general sale. See page 28
- 26 Leyburn Arts & Social Society meet.
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- 27 Upper Dales Family History Group
meet at 2.00pm in Fremmington
Sunday School. See page 9
- 30 Aly Bain & Phil Cunningham perform
at 7.30pm at Masham Town Hall.
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- 30 Dales Archaeology Day. See page 22
- 31 Wensleydale Railway's NEW tea
service Mother's Day Afternoon Tea.
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April

- 1 Rotary Club Recruitment Meeting.
7.00pm Bolton Arms, Leyburn.
See page 24
- 5, 12 Penhill Benefice Lent Lunches.
See page 13
- 11 National Theatre Live, 'All About Eve'
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February

15–3 March **Dark Skies Festival**

23–24 10.00am to 5.00pm. Our Dark Skies craft room is open for children to come along and create Dark Skies crafts and art work. Included in museum admission.

25 Dark Skies events at Malham Visitors Centre.

26 10.00am to 3.00pm. Drop in to the Dales Museum and our Visitors Centres and join in our arts and crafts. Activities will be taking place throughout the day. Make your own working telescope, create Pom Pom Planets, Draw swirling galaxies and sparkling stars and craft shadow planets and animals.

27 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Glow in the Dark Crafts. This event will give children an opportunity to make different woven crafts using reflective and dark glow materials. They will weave a space mat and create a galaxy to take home. Included in museum admission.

March

2,3 10.00am to 5.00pm. Our Dark Skies craft room will be open for children to come along and create Dark Skies crafts and art work. Included in museum admission.

5, 17, 26 Noon to 4.00pm. Printmaker at Work: Watch artist Hester Cox making prints from the woodblocks created to illustrate her many books, by historian and founder of the museum, Marie Hartley. The prints

created will be placed in the Museum archive and Hester, inspired by her experience and on-going research into the career of Marie Hartley as an artist, printmaker and historian, will create a new body of work to be exhibited at the Museum in 2020. Included in museum admission.

15 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Stories of Aysgarth Church in Stone and Glass. An illustrated talk by Pip Pointon on the stories of Aysgarth Church in stones and glass. Part of the Friends of the Museum annual lecture programme. Admission free-donations welcome.

Bee Together For Pollinators!

Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust is calling on community groups to Bee Together and join an exciting new project to create wildflower meadows.

The programme, supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund thanks to National Lottery players, aims to connect communities and landscapes to reverse the decline of wild pollinators such as bees.

Declining pollinator populations don't just mean bad news for wildlife – with a third of the food we eat dependent on pollinating insects, if bees are in trouble, so are we.

Bee Together seeks to create a 'B-Line' corridor of linked habitats suitable for pollinators between Leeds and Lancaster, contributing to the national B-Lines network mapped by Buglife.

This crosses the Yorkshire Dales and will help pollinators expand into new locations and move from area to area across a network of new habitats.

To find out more, please contact Catherine Mercer at Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust on **015242 51002** or email catherine.mercer@ydmmt.org.uk

Dales Archaeology Day

Saturday, March 30th

10.00am - 4.00pm

The 2019 day school will be based at the Richard Whiteley Theatre, Giggleswick School, (BD24 0DE). As with previous day schools, there will be book stalls, poster displays and refreshments. The day's talks will all reference themes or materials from around the Dales. Titles include:

"At the Cutting Edge: new work on the archaeology of the Giggleswick Scar Caves": Tom Lord O.G.

"What does the YDNPA Historic Environment team do?": Miles Johnson.

"A brief introduction to archaeological pottery": Eniko Hudak.

"Southerscales, Chapel-le-Dale: Romano-British, monastic ... or neither?": Dr David Johnson.

"Floshe Hill — recent archaeological survey work": Dr Douglas Mitcham.

Title TBC: James Innerdale .

The day school fee is £15 (£12.50 for full-time students/full Yorkshire Archaeological Society members) and includes refreshments but not lunch. Online debit/credit card bookings are available via secure website at: retail.yorkshiredales.org.uk/products/archaeology-day-school .

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Hawes Pizzas

You may have noticed that the empty Jumbo's Chinese Restaurant site at Town Foot, Hawes (next door to Philip Holden's) has been cleaned up considerably in the last few weeks and has a smart new sign announcing "Hawes Pizzas". I looked in to meet the new owners and to find out a bit about them.

I first went in early in the afternoon, before opening time and found the inside and the staff, as smart as the sign outside. The inside looks a little bare but they are waiting for imminent delivery of new furniture (it's already started to arrive). They were hard at work preparing for



the evening with balls of fresh dough proving, ready to be made into pizzas and garlic bread later in the day. I returned later in the day to meet Amir who heads up the business with his brothers Iraj and Mohammed. They are Kurdish Iranians and Amir has now lived in the UK for over 10 years.

They are no newcomers to the Pizza business as they also have a successful establishment in Settle. From his home in Ingleton, Amir has

developed a love of the Dales, both driving through the region and walking in the hills. He also likes Dales market towns and decided that Hawes looked like to sort of place into which he would like to expand – thus Hawes Pizza.

I asked what made his offer special. He said the freshness of all that they serve – all the dough is made on the premises – and all food is made freshly to order, so expect a short wait as your pizza is prepared. It's not just pizzas of every variety that they serve but have a wide range of kebabs and donners, burger and chicken with all the usual accompaniments. They are also open 6 days a week (closed on Mondays) from 4.00pm 'till 11.00pm (Midnight on Friday and Saturday), so extend the availability of takeaway food in Hawes significantly.

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The Wensleydale Camera Club represents the interests of local photographers and welcomes new members. Our meetings are held on Monday evenings at **7.30pm** in the Leyburn Bolton Arms. Guests are invited, but we ask for £3 each to help cover costs. March brings us to the end of our formal winter programme, but we shall be working towards the annual exhibition in August.

Monday, March 4th. Amanda Hodgson – Acclaimed art-photographer on the beauty of the natural world seen through a lens.

Monday, March 11th. Formal “Emotion” Competition results – The judge’s verdict!

Monday, March 18th. Mike Wood, an Historian from the Richmondshire Museum, presents a history of photography concentrating on stereo photography, complete with the chance to try out stereo viewers and slides from his collection.

Monday, March 25th Annual Competitions results – The judge’s verdict!

Wensleydale Rotary Club is recruiting.

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Although we are mainly known for raising funds for international, national and local community projects, we also have lots of fun and a great social life. Susan Rogers, president elect said “although everyone is welcome to the event, we are specifically looking to attract more women and those living away further afield such as Bedale and Hawes.”

Date **Monday, April 1st, 7.00pm**, The Bolton Arms, Leyburn.

To reserve your place, please contact **Susan** on **07776 145529** or email susan@susanrogers.me.uk.

Charities Sign Up to Help the Dales

Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) and Friends of the Dales (FOTD) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding which will see the two charities continue to work closely together to benefit the Yorkshire Dales. Both organisations share similar aims - to protect, conserve and enhance the unique landscape, built and natural environment, and cultural heritage of this special place.

The agreement was signed by Chair of Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, Karen Cowley and Mark Corner, Chair of Friends of the Dales, and will see how YDMT and FOTD can support each other's practical work and promotional activities which, in turn, will strengthen their reach and impact.

David Sharrod, Chief Executive at YDMT, said: "At a time when people, landscape and wildlife of the Yorkshire Dales face real challenges it is really important that all those who care and work for this wonderful area are able to work together. YDMT prides itself on being a practical organisation that makes real things happen to benefit local communities. This complements the great campaigning work of the

Friends of the Dales to keep the issues that affect everyone in the headlines."

Mark Corner, Chair of FOTD, added: "Friends of the Dales is a campaigning charity, raising the flag for important causes such as affordable housing,



sustainable transport and conservation of the amazing landscape, wildlife and cultural heritage of the Dales. We've had a long and supportive relationship with Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, and we know many people who love the Dales support both charities. This new Memorandum of Understanding enables us to promote and support each other's charitable work to protect the Yorkshire Dales. We intend to develop projects to which each charity can contribute its unique strengths, for the overall benefit of this special area."

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Notes from a Cycling Offcumden

I have done very little cycling recently. My right knee has been causing me trouble. Old football and rugby injuries have come home to roost, making the joint painful and unstable. Before Christmas I went in the Friarage Hospital for a total knee replacement. Three months later the surgeon has assured me that the operation was very successful and I can resume my normal activities.

Yesterday I cycled past Appersett and took the right turn to Hardraw and up the hill and down back to Hawes. It was tiring but exhilarating!

In my travels during the past three years I have realised the rich history of the area between Leyburn and Sedbergh. I have mentioned before about the large number of redundant Methodist chapels dating from the nineteenth century. I suppose this is due to the huge demographic changes seen in the dales. Railway construction and lead and coal mining have long disappeared, as well as the need for agricultural labourers, the sort of folk that favoured Methodism.

But another historic phenomenon continues to fascinate me. This is the rich history of the Quakers in the area. Although I had a fair knowledge of the subject, I had no idea that the world-wide Quaker movement started in Sedbergh in 1652.

Its leader, George Fox was born in the Midlands and was a pious but troubled soul. He went from place to place looking for someone who 'could speak to his condition'. The established priests gave him no help. One said he was mad, another told him to take snuff and another got very angry when he accidentally trod on one of his flowers. Later he heard an inner voice saying, "There is one, Jesus Christ, who can talk to your condition" He soon formed in his mind a revolutionary form of Christianity. He had no time for priests or churches, which he called 'steeple houses'; his followers would have no form of liturgy and no complicated form of theological speculation. He believed that all humans had an inner light that would call them to radical

Christian discipleship. Starting from Sedbergh his message spread rapidly in the north.

In Hawes we can trace this move, in 1668 a Quaker temperance hotel was opened, opposite the Market House. Now known as Cockett's, and down the Holme there is a house that provided sanctuary for itinerant preachers. And in Town Foot there is an old Quaker graveyard first used in 1680.

His boldness and his refusal to compromise got him and his followers into plenty of trouble. He was imprisoned eight times, sometimes in degrading conditions. It is historically interesting to read that John Bunyan, a man of similar age, suffered similarly long periods in prison. Yet in spite of ridicule and persecution the Quakers flourished here and in America. They prospered and gained the respect of many because of their inflexible honesty and financial integrity.

During the next two centuries they had a profound influence on the life of our nation. I shall explain this in my next piece.

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The children in Dalesplay have been busy celebrating Chinese New Year. They have been listening and dancing to traditional Chinese music, sampling Chinese foods and making lots of wonderful Chinese themed ornaments. We shared our love during Valentines week by making heart shaped pizzas and biscuits, planting colourful flowers outside to make people smile and created some wonderful cards for all the Daddy's and Mummy's.

We have welcomed some new children into

the setting who have all settled in really well and made lots of new friends. The nicer weather has allowed us to get outside more and we have noticed the birds have started singing to us again. If you are looking for childcare or government funded 2, 3 or 4 year old places we are here to help. We provide a high standard of care and a warm and welcoming environment. You are more than welcome to come and have a look around and see what we have to offer all the families in the dales. Call us on **01969 667789** or email **dalesplay1@btconnect.com**.

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The 2019 Swaledale Festival

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As well as stars from around the world, there is a strong Yorkshire focus: the 2019 Young Artists Platform features baritone Miles Taylor, bass trombonist Simon Chorley, bassoonist Catriona McDermid, saxophonist Alexander Bone and visual artist Nel Hume, all of whom are Yorkshire-born and destined for glittering careers. Continuing the Yorkshire theme, Ripon Cathedral organist Andrew Bryden will give a recital in Richmond's parish church, Trouvère Medieval Minstrels will perform their family show Reynard the Fox, and a local trio will celebrate two old-time squeeze-box players from Swaledale in It's a Very Old Dance. As always, local brass bands, folk groups, choirs and visual artists will add flavours which can only come from this beautiful place.

The Weaver Ensemble, which performed the stunning Loves of Mars and Venus a couple of years ago, will unveil their new production 'The Fairest Lady' in Richmond's Georgian Theatre Royal, and the 2019 Reeth Lecture will be given by language expert Professor David Crystal on the subject of English accents.

World cinema makes a significant appearance: independent films from Palestine and Chile will be accompanied by expert talks, there'll be a screening of an iconic Flamenco dance film, and an early French art film will be accompanied by a live score for two pianists by Eric Satie.

Too few youngsters these days are taking up the likes of the bassoon, bass trombone, tuba, oboe and harp, and there is a real fear that professional orchestras in the future will

struggle to find enough players of these instruments. So the Festival is launching a special 'Endangered Instruments' focus in which expert players will perform concerts and visit local schools to showcase their instruments and encourage children to try them out. The Festival will also help youngsters to access live performances, hire or buy instruments, and receive good quality tuition.

The Festival has commissioned a major new work from the influential composer Alexander Goehr - his 5th String Quartet. Professor Goehr will attend the world premiere which will be performed by the Villiers Quartet.

The 2019 Festival will also contain family events, workshops, a masterclass, poetry readings, free concerts in care homes, a fell run, and guided walks in the stunning Dales landscape.

The award-winning Swaledale Festival takes place in a variety of venues in the beautiful Yorkshire Dales and **tickets go on general sale on Monday, March 25th**. For further information please visit: www.swalefest.org.

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Our annual Lent lunch series will again be held in Gayle Chapel Schoolroom on **Tuesdays**,

March 19th and 26th and **April 2nd and 9th** at **12.00 noon**, consisting of a soup and bread lunch followed by a short reflection. Everyone is invited to attend one or all the events. A wonderful way to prepare for Easter, do join us. Again, everything is ready!

Graham Di Duca

Askrigg Pop-Up Craft Shop Opens With A Special Event

On **Saturday, March 16th** at **10am to 4pm**, a special Spring Stash Sale will kick off the season for the Pop-up Craft Shop which is centrally situated opposite to Humble Pie in Askrigg.

We have been having a spring clean and will be offering much loved stashes of yarns and fabrics. We all love buying tempting yarns and fabrics like kids in a sweetie shop, but the time has come to pass some of them on to someone who will do something with them. Our stash sale will include all types of yarn and fabric remnants. Come and enjoy a rummage, a cup of coffee, a cake and a chat!

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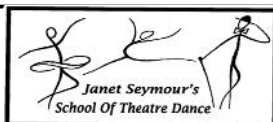
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Enforcement against Hawes Caravan Site

Bainbridge Ings Caravan and Campsite just outside of Hawes is to be served an enforcement notice, after new owners installed "wholly alien features within the landscape".

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However, pods of a larger size and with a completely different design, style and form have been installed.

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We celebrated Chinese New Year in school. All the classes learnt about the festival which is also known as The Spring Festival. Becky made yummy noodles for our special lunch and the children had an opportunity to try eating with real chop sticks. Some of them

were very good.

Class 3 held their fund raising event on Tuesday. They made and decorated cakes, designed and made book marks and games, they even had a game or two of Bingo. Class 3 learnt some really interesting facts about the festival which they made into a quiz. Everyone seemed to have a brilliant time - especially Gemma, Jackson's Mum who won the chop stick game. The class raised £94.10 for Cancer research - Well done everyone a fantastic team effort. The children will present their event to the Rotary club.



The Rotary Club hosted the Rotary Fundraising presentation afternoon. Primary schools in the Wensleydale cluster came to Hawes and gave their presentation on their



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school's project. This year the presentations and projects were judged by David Spashett - President, Wensleydale Rotary Club, Susan Rogers - President Elect, Wensleydale Rotary Club, Howard Binks - Community, Wensleydale Rotary Club. There was also a representative from Cancer Research UK which is the charity to which the proceeds of all the projects will be donated.



Dawn Alderson

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Prunings

When I notice the lengthening of the day I begin to feel the promise of Spring. The bulb pots are certainly feeling it and lots are poking through with their customary urgency. It's all going on under the surface, and I am pleased that I topped them off with gravel, it finishes them nicely. The birds too seem to be more active and they are emptying the feeders everyday. I have had to find a space for big bags of seed. It seems that keeping them topped up distracts them from the bulbs? Time will tell.

Thank you to the reader from Leyburn who updated me on the excellent performance of the rose "Absolutely Fabulous". Nice to know it has done well in the Dales. This reader remarks that the mild weather has brought plants on early. Hasn't it been wonderful? I too have this experience and I have some gorgeous tiny purple Irises already in flower in a stone trough. The Aconites which were planted at the same time are just appearing. The old wooden tubs already have plenty of shoots poking through the violas but no flowers as yet (12th Feb). Just as the white Hellebores are beginning to look scruffy a beautiful dark pink hybrid is starting its display.

I was intrigued by yellow snowdrops but concerned about precious plants hybridising. Well, in this week's Garden News they suggest that as well as keeping them in a defined area, cutting off the deadheads will prevent cross-pollination. How simple is that?

An article last year in The Telegraph by Ken Thompson described research highlighting the fact that, if you collect water in a water butt it is very likely to carry Legionnaires Disease! He suggests, however that it is almost impossible to be infected by it unless you pump the water through a fine spray and then breathe it in – no great risk then. However it is a reminder that we should all observe general hygiene rules, especially hand-washing, because there are lots of other nasty bugs in the soil that can be very unpleasant if they get into your system. A late friend who had been a health visitor once told me that the two real killers that can be found in soil are Weils's Disease (Leptospirosis), which is carried by rats and other rodents, and

Toxoplasmosis which can cause miscarriage or still-births if you happen to be pregnant. Although the risk of this one is considered very low it still scared me enough to wear thin rubber gloves when gardening, and I still do, forty years on. If you remember growing Hyacinth bulbs in odd shaped glass vessels so that the roots were visible, you may also remember putting a piece of charcoal in the water to keep it clear. I keep a piece tied up in a "pop sock" hanging in my water butt to keep it from going smelly. It seems to work.

It is such an exciting time when you're waiting for the bulbs to fully emerge. I just hope that some of the combinations I put together in the Autumn live up to their promise and will rival what I have seen in the magazines and brochures.

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A small charity in the Yorkshire Dales has been recognised for its commitment to its staff by Investors in People.

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“We are a small charity that does big things in the Yorkshire Dales with focus on people, landscape and wildlife,” Chief Executive David Sharrod said. “We are passionate about ensuring everyone is appreciated, valued and are able to develop. We have been recognised by Investors in People for more than 10 years now and continue to work within their framework and enhance what we do based on their feedback. It is important as it not only demonstrates best practice in investing in staff and developing the culture of the charity but shows we do things in the right way to our partners and supporters.”

Investors in People recognised YDMT after interviews with trustees and managers as well as new and existing staff.

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As a musician myself, I remember the way in which being involved in music at school helped me to come out of my shell. I remember, at the tender age of 13, playing the opening notes of 'Mars' from 'The Planets' on the timpani at the Royal Albert Hall – an experience which certainly taught me how to deal with nerves!

In this month's article, I would like to showcase the work of two of our GCSE Art & Design students. Both students are in the process of completing their final art portfolio and they have kindly shared with me some of their sketches along with a short explanation of the rationale behind their work.

Millie Riley, Year 11

"I have been using a wide range of art materials within my coursework and really love capturing detail with pencil and graphite. To challenge myself in the mock Art exam I wanted to produce a piece of work that celebrated my Grandad. I did some blending and tone experiments before I started.



To help get the proportions accurate I used an enlargement grid to help me. I have been inspired by the work of Anna Mason who captures natural objects with incredible realism".

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Rebecca Kilker, Year 11

“My artwork has been predominantly inspired by the rich natural world of the Yorkshire Dales. I find every season, and every animal to be full of inspiration, and I love taking the natural world and capturing it on paper. My favourite media to work in would be graphite, because I find that I can include a wide range of tonal details, although watercolour also provides a wonderful effect for certain species. I also try to link some of my pieces to the outside world, and for one of my pieces, I decided to create a link to the World Wars. The subject was an elephant, and I thought it could be particularly poignant to create the connection with the cruelty of the ivory trade and the First World War”.



I am sure you will agree that both students have excelled themselves and I wish them both well as they prepare for their final exams. However, they are just the tip of the iceberg – our school is full of hugely talented artists, musicians and actors and it is a real privilege to work with them.

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The Anglo-Saxons introduced Celtic design when they arrived in the 5th century, instigating an English love affair with line that persisted beyond the Late Middle Ages. Sally, a specialist in medieval art and manuscript illumination, explores its various manifestations. From the zoomorphic interlace patterns of 8th-century Gospels to the exquisite coloured drawings in 10th and 11th-century monastic manuscripts. From the plastic linear ornament in Romanesque Durham Cathedral to the highly sophisticated Perpendicular fan vaults of Bath Abbey.

New members receive a very warm welcome. Visitors pay £8 a lecture, refunded if they join. Contact **Ros Higson** on **01765 635244** wensleydale@theartsociety.org for more detail.

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Dairy Days

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's Dairy Days Project is progressing – researching and sharing the archaeology, history and memories of dairying in Wensleydale.

Northern Archaeological Associates (NAA) have now completed their survey work with the help of various Dairy Days volunteers. Winter is never a good time for outdoor archaeology so at least one day had to be rescheduled! Along with the archaeological survey work, NAA also worked with some volunteers to record a small dairy farm complex in Thornton Rust. To find out more visit the Only in the Dales website at <https://blog.yorkshiredales.org.uk/cows-and-pigs-and-chickens-oh-my/>.

We continue the painstaking process of transcribing our oral history archive. A recent one was Ian Millward who is in the unique position of having managed the Wensleydale Creamery from 1983 up to the point when it was sold by Dairy Crest in 1992. His collection of photographs showing work on the factory floor in the 1980s really brings to life his memories. To find out more, visit <https://blog.yorkshiredales.org.uk/oral-history-recording-ian-millward/>.

As our research continues, we discover more and more interlinking between stories. This photograph sent to us a while ago by Janet Rawlins-Leyburn, shows Leyland's grocery in Bainbridge early last century. Recently, while following a link supplied by one of our blog subscribers Robert Mason, we came across Annie Mason's memories of her mother making



cheese as recorded by Bill Mitchell. It turns out the cheese she made went to Leyland's who were cheese factors and sold it far and wide.

<https://blog.yorkshiredales.org.uk/annie-mason-nee-pratt-of-chapel-farm-burtersett/>.

One of the innovative ways that we'll use to share the Dairy Days stories is partnering with local businesses. Get in touch if you run a visitor-facing business and would like to take part. We can offer all sorts of interesting ways of sharing stuff, from beer mats through to outdoor interpretation panels.

If you'd like to know more about the project or want to share your dairying stories with us, please get in touch. Tel. **01756 751619** or email karen.griffiths@yorkshiredales.org.uk.

Karen Griffiths
Dairy Days Project Officer

Detailed Maps of Wensleydale Villages

Maps on my website show the location of houses in villages. They are freely available, and are used by delivery men, medics, clergy, in fact anyone who wants to find a particular house in a village. Recently First Responders (whose job it is to provide help before the ambulance arrives) had great difficulty finding one house in a village in central Wensleydale, wasting valuable time. They were using my maps, but the occupants had changed the house name some time back, and no one had told me.

Would you please look at the map of your village and see whether your house is correctly shown? This could make a big difference, not only to getting orders delivered, but also to getting the emergency care you need in good time. I will gladly make the changes needed. I just need to be informed. My website is

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