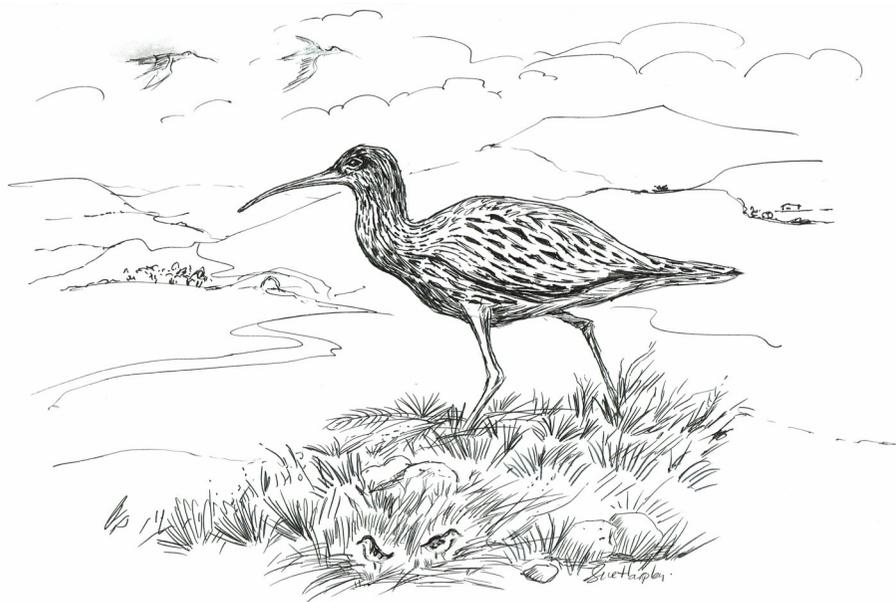


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Swaledale from Keld to Gunnerside plus Cowgill in Upper Dentdale.

Guest Editorial

Friends who were unlucky enough not to live in the dales, often used to refer to Hawes as a village. "Oh no, it's a Market Town!" I'd say. But now that I have moved about thirty miles away from Hawes, and actually DO live in a village, I can see why they might have got that impression.

'Village: falls between hamlet and town, a collection of houses, (hence Villa) and other buildings.' according to the SOED, but what else is it?

This village where I now live on the outskirts of Northallerton, is quite a busy place. Busy because many of those of working age 'commute' into nearby towns or further afield by train; busy because of all the events that are organised here by various committees and groups. Here's a flavour. We've just finished a year of WW1 commemorations, (concerts, plays, exhibitions, charity walks, coach trips...). There's the annual fete, the monthly film show in the village hall (also the venue for various meetings and classes), the cricket matches, the open gardens, the fund-raising coffee mornings etc. not to mention the activities around pub and church! To keep us all in touch with these goings on, we can sign up to an on-line 'Network' which will also tell us if there has been suspicious activity spotted in the neighbourhood, or if someone's cat has gone missing, and what the next film will be in the Village Hall where, every two years, there is a 'welcome evening', to meet any newcomers to the village; refreshments are laid on and many people turn out. You get the picture, and we do know how lucky we are.

Whether your home is in a hamlet, village, or town, surely, what counts the most are the people you live amongst. Many years ago I lived next door to a lady who had been rehoused from an over-crowded run-down building in London to a new development in the Home Counties. My doorbell would ring at about 8am and she would be sitting in my kitchen before I even had time to say, "Come in".

She, having done all her housework, was

settling in for a good gossip in my kitchen. I soon learnt that where she had moved from everyone was in and out of their neighbours' flats all day with hardly a front door ever closed. Now, in a brand new house with all mod-cons she couldn't settle, it wasn't what she was used to. And of course she missed all her friends and neighbours. Unfortunately, her 'popping in' habit wasn't what I was used to! And I never could get my housework done by 8.00am!

What, we are sometimes asked by our neighbours here, if anything, do you miss about the dales and Hawes? Well I don't miss the spectacular scenery because it's still there and I can go and enjoy it whenever I like, but do I miss the people? They are still vividly alive in twenty six years of great memories; the very dry humour, the unbelievable 'moments' and hilarious happenings, the no-nonsense straight-talking common to Yorkshire men and women, understated acts of kindness and generosity and dozens of instances of genuine concern for others. It kind of wraps itself around you.

There is a line from the musical 'Brigadoon,' staged by Hawes Amateur Operatic Society back in the day, in Hawes Market House and spoken by a female lead when she, gazing about her whispers, "This is a blessed place", And so it is.

Sue Harpley

We are delighted to include this Guest Editorial from Sue who was for many years a valued member of the Newsletter Committee until she moved out of the Dale. Sue was also very much our "artist in residence", supplying front covers and other artwork whenever requested. This month's front cover picture of the Curlew is one of Sue's unmistakable works.

A.M.

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Eunice the Ewe

Last month I was hiding in the Old School House logo on the back page of the Newsletter and the winner of the £10 prize is **Eunice** Malkinson from Cleethorpes!!

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John and Brenda Fothergill

would like to thank family and friends for their cards, flowers and gifts on their Golden Wedding Anniversary

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Apologies

A golden wedding greeting in the last issue should have been for

John and Brenda Fothergill and not for "Mum and Dad"

We apologise for the mistake and hope that no offence was given

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U3A

Leyburn and District AGM and monthly meeting is on **Thursday, May 16th** at **Leyburn Arts and Community Centre, 10.00am for 10.30am** start. Information about all the interest groups will be available. New members welcome.

LASS, Leyburn Arts and Social Society, will meet on **Tuesday, May 28th at 7.15pm** in the Oak Room at **Thornborough Hall**. This friendly social group usually watch a classic film. Contact **Anne on 01969 624635**.

As part of the **Silent Film Yorkshire programme**, Buster Keaton's 'The General' will be screened on **Saturday, May 4th at 7.30pm**, with the fantastic Jonathan Best on piano at **Leyburn Arts and Community Centre**.

National Theatre Live – Tuesday, May 14th, 'All My Sons' and **Saturday, June 8th**, a special screening of a concert given by 'Take That' followed by 'Small Island' on **Thursday, June 27th**.

See the website leyburnartscentre.com for more information and other events at the Centre, which include a Fashion Show and 'Tommy Cooper.'

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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Leyburn Bowling Club

Leyburn Bowling Club invite you to join them for coffee, cakes, tombola and fun bowling on **Saturday, June 1st at 10.00am at the club, Moor Rd, Leyburn DL8 5DH**. Everyone welcome.

Peter Johnson

St Margaret's Church, Hawes

There will be a **concert** by the **East Witton Male Voice Choir and Askrigg Ladies** at St Margaret's Church, Hawes on **Friday, May 10th at 7.30pm**. Tickets are £8 on the door.

There will be a **Sung Evensong** on **Sunday, May 19th at 6.00 pm** by the 'Rectory Chorale' with their Musical Director, Janet Hall. All are welcome.

Theatre by Bus

You can step back in time and experience Shakespeare as it was in his day. 'The Rose' Theatre is back in York – a stunning 13-sided pop-up playhouse with 3 tiers of covered seating, set in a bustling Elizabethan village.

Enjoy a matinee performance of '**Twelfth Night**', one of Shakespeare's most popular comedies on **Tuesday, July 30th**. It's a tale of mistaken identity, romantic confusion, cross-dressing and the pleasures and torments of love.

The coach will leave Middleham and pick up at Leyburn, Crakehall and Bedale, the cost is £42.95, £47.36 or £56.71 for theatre seat and coach. To book ring **01969 663259**.

'If music be the food of love, play on....'

The final date for booking a seat on this excursion is **Saturday, June 1st**.

Hawes Junction Chapel

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Police Report



With lighter evenings and (slightly) warmer weather, it's great to see the visitors arriving and everyone enjoying getting outside on an evening. Unfortunately, this seems to have led to an increase in the mindless and disappointing vandalism around the Dales Countryside Museum car park and platform area. Yet again, the toilets have been targeted with some rather unpleasant clean-up jobs having to be undertaken at additional cost to YDNPA. There is also evidence of fires being started (including that of planter tubs at the museum) and of numerous deodorant cans being set alight. Not only is this unsightly and a job for someone else to clear up but it is highly dangerous! If anyone witnesses any anti-social behaviour around this area, please let me know as we will be taking a tough stance on this behaviour now with increased patrols on an evening.

It is sad that in addition to the above, the primary school was broken into overnight on 6th April with an amount of cash being stolen. CCTV has identified two white males aged around 20 years old breaking in. Anyone with information, please call '101'.

Overnight on 4th April the honesty box in Askrigg was broken into and the contents stolen, then overnight on the 5th the honesty boxes at Aysgarth National Park car park were also broken into.

There have been two incidences of scrap being stolen (Leyburn area in the last month) where it appears the suspects have attended the same premises a week or two before asking openly for scrap – they have then returned at night at a later date to steal said scrap. In one of the incidences, the suspects were pursued following the theft and apprehended on the A1. So please be vigilant if you are approached by 'scrap dealers' as they must be registered with the local district council and give you a receipt should you sell them anything. If you request to see such documentation and they are unable to produce this please do let us know!

Sometime during the day on 19th March persons unknown attempted to break into a

house at Widdale Head above Hawes whilst the owners were out. Luckily no one gained entry to the house but damage was caused to the door.

On the 29th March police assisted officers from the RSPCA to seize and remove five ponies being kept in a field near Leyburn due to their poor condition. The owner has been identified and enquiries are continuing to investigate possible offences under the Animal Welfare Act.

As I write, I have just returned from an incident where a quad was reported as stolen from the Dent area, it was sighted just outside Hawes, then again at West Stonesdale. Myself and officers from Cumbria Police located the quad minus a rider just past Tan Hill. A police dog from Cumbria was quickly on scene and picked up a scent which led to a male being detained and being taken in for questioning by Cumbria Police (after quite a long walk back across the moors as he was heading for the A66 it seems...). Some great cross-border working with our fellow officers in Cumbria!

I popped in to the newly reopened youth club on Wednesday and it was great to see it so well attended and to meet some new faces. The young people I met there were all polite, helpful and inquisitive and a credit to Hawes. This is a nice contrast to my opening paragraph!

I hope you will all have had a nice Easter and enjoyed this lovely weather and long weekend.

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Coffee, Tea and Biscuits will be served.

S.D.

King's Club 2019

Good News. King's Club will take place from **Monday, August 5th** to **Friday, August 9th** at Askrigg School (6-10 year olds) and Low Mill Outdoor Centre (11-16 year old). Full details plus application forms will be sent out via all Primary schools in mid-May and for those at Secondary school these can be obtained from www.nvdalesmeth.org.uk (or from Heather). Any queries contact **Heather Sowerby** at heathersowerby77@gmail.com or telephone **01969 650412**.

Julie Pledge

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 **Thursday, May 16th** we will be visited by local author Susan Parry, who writes crime novels based in the Yorkshire Dales.

The WI are organising a trip to the Alhambra Theatre in Bradford for the matinee performance of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert on **September 21st**. The cost will be £35.50 plus coach fare. This is open to friends and family of WI members. If you are interested in coming along please contact Ann Harrison on **01969 663381** by **May 24th**.

The next Soup and Sweet lunch will be on the **May 20th** at Bainbridge Village Hall. All are welcome.

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Quakers and Radicals

Middleham and the Dales Local History Group present the 11th John Rettie Memorial Lecture—Quakers and Radicals: the Baynes family of Sedbergh, Middleham and Skipton by David Turner at the **Middleham Key Centre, Tuesday, May 21st at 2.00pm.**

David Turner is a local historian living in Skipton. The main focus of his research is social history and the impact of events, both local and national, on families and individuals.

This talk grew out of general research into religious movements in Yorkshire, and the Quaker movement in particular. It will unravel the story of the turmoil in the Baynes family living through a period of social, religious and political change.

It covers their involvement in the Quaker movement from its beginnings, and how this led them into radical politics in the later 18th century as part of the Yorkshire Association led by Christopher Wyvill of Constable Burton Hall.

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 Keates 01969 640436, dotandtonyk@btinternet.com.**

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Bainbridge Stocks

A small audience watched Tony Routh easing two new slabs of oak into the ancient stones on Bainbridge village green. A bystander remarked that the adzed wood looked as good as the handiwork of Mousy Thompson of Kilburn. Guess what? That is just where the oak was purchased—but the handiwork is that of Tony Routh.

The National Park has paid for the refurbishment. There was a bit of a chuckle at Bainbridge Garage when Peter Pop and Martin heard that the Park intended to take the ancient pieces of wood which had been replaced down to York, to exhibit in a museum. You see the ancient pieces had been there for all of 25 years, having been made by their father Harry Jammy Metcalfe.

More people sit in the stocks today than when they were used for punishment. Older villagers remember that the stone upon which miscreants sat used to be at the other side of the stocks, but for the benefit of all who wish to have a photo taken sitting in the stocks, the light is better the other way round! Thus does tourism affect our lives. Anyhow the stocks look good, as authentic as in days of Yore (ow!).

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May Competition Written Word Round

1. Could be kinetic, radiant or nuclear.
2. The machine used to crack the Nazi code.
3. To join the armed forces.
4. Come in C4, C5, C6 and C7 sizes.
5. The book where these definitions come from.
6. A fan of a particular subject or activity.
7. Lowest commissioned officer in US navy.
8. A leaf vegetable resembling chicory.
9. A country entirely or mostly surrounded by another.
10. A messenger on a diplomatic mission.
11. To settle firmly.
12. To deprive of strength.
13. Boredom from lack of activity.
14. A parasite that lives inside another animal.

All the above clues have answers beginning with the letters EN.

Send in your answers before the deadline to be in with a chance of winning £20 for your nominated charity. Don't forget to tell us what it is!

April Competition Answers

Each of the ten answers is a sporting term or expression. Ten answers – ten different sports.

- 1 Inflict correctly with a needle?
Right jab
- 2 Intimidator goes away
Bully-off
- 3 Snap the neckpiece in reverse
Tie-break
- 4 Fine attempt
Penalty try
- 5 Tall Barriers
High hurdles
- 6 Move slowly forward
Front crawl
- 7 Protect the car journey
Cover Drive
- 8 Sounds like a tea container
Caddie
- 9 Remain in the hole
Pit stop
- 10 Wet the pullover...er no!!
Water Jump

The winner this month is Mike Battrum who was first out of the hat with an all correct set of answer. His nominated charity is The Great North Air Ambulance who will receive the rollover prize of £40.

National Park Guided Walks

Wednesday, May 8th – “Wildflowers at Aysgarth” **2.00pm to 4.00pm**. Meet at Aysgarth Falls NPC to meet Tony from the YDNP wildlife team and experienced Dales Volunteers to explore the flowers of Freeholders Wood on a 1.5 mile walk. Booking advised, Adult £5.00 Child free age 18 and under. Assistance dogs welcome, other dogs not allowed on the walks.

Tuesday, May 21st – “Hawes Town Trail” **2.00pm to 4.00pm**. Meet at the Dales Countryside Museum and join this easy 2 mile walk through Hawes and Gayle exploring the history of the area. Free event, donations welcome. Limited places, booking essential.

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Sonja's Hair Salon, Hawes

Sonja Metcalfe, from Sonja's salon in Hawes, would like to announce that as from **Saturday, May 4th** I will be stepping down from the salon after 21 years due to back problems. I am delighted to say that Edie Peacock is to take over the salon which has been trading in Hawes for over 40 years. I am sure some clients will remember Miss Franks and of course Lorraine Walker. Edie has been at the salon for 5 years and it is a good opportunity for her.

I will be renting a chair from Edie on Thursdays only (booking is advisable) and on Friday and Saturday I shall be at Sycamore Hair Salon, Bainbridge **01969 650158**. I would like to thank you all for your valued custom and hope to continue to see some of you in the future. Please note after **Saturday, May 4th** the Hawes phone number for Sonja's salon will change so please call in to the salon to check. Good luck to you Edie.

Sonja

Did you Know....

.... 28th May marks the anniversary of the birth of William Pitt the Younger. Born in 1759, he was elected MP for Appleby in 1781. Within two years he became Chancellor of the Exchequer and in 1783, at the tender age of 24, he was appointed Prime Minister - the youngest we have had. He it was who introduced Income Tax - but only as a temporary measure to finance the war against France. Unfortunately no-one has thought to tell subsequent governments that the war has finished and we are still paying it. However, in true tabloid style, we will not dwell on the political achievements of Pitt but consider the sleazier aspects of his career. It is alleged that in one year Pitt drank 2,400 bottles of port, 854 bottles of Madeira and 574 bottles of claret. Furthermore, he died so heavily in debt that the House of Commons raised £40,000 (perhaps £4 million or more at today's rate) to pay off his creditors. Now there's a man who could teach our MP's a thing or two about sleaze.

P.W.



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Best Foot Forward

This walk takes us into Swaledale. It begins in Gunnerside and is a walk which was devised for the Upper Dales Walking Group. It is beginning to get difficult to park in Gunnerside as there are more and more cars there, even off season. The walking group always tries to share transport but even so it was a bit of a squash fitting in the half dozen or so cars we had.

The basic walk is about nine miles, with an extension which takes the distance to twelve miles. It begins very steeply up what is really the village green. Squeezing between the houses it continues steeply up the hillside to join a tarmac road which climbs higher and higher. There are lots of excuses to stop, turn round and enjoy the view. Already the valley floor looks a long way away. We are now working our way up from house to house, every one of which is on the edge with breathtaking views.

A very striking feature of Swaledale is the contrast between the north and south facing slopes of the valley. There are almost no dwellings on the north facing side, which in winter might be in shadow throughout the day. The farmland suffers from this climatic disadvantage and the land has not been improved. On the sunny side there are many houses. Originally these were probably farming related (rather than being associated with lead mining) and were taking advantage of the upper pastures in summer. Access to some of them is poor and it is obvious that in the twentieth century a lot of them were deserted and started to become dilapidated. However, in more recent years there has been a growing demand for these houses, often from outsiders wanting to live in Swaledale. Admittedly many of them are holiday homes but at least it is preventing dereliction and it also provides a fair bit of work for local tradesmen.

Leaving the metalled road we head across to another house, marked on the map as Potting, although the name on the house wall is Pot Ing. Soon we reach a bridleway at Whin Hall and come to an area known as Winterings. Names can be intriguing. This one conjures up an image of hardy sheep and shepherds enduring the bitter storms of a dales winter two hundred

years ago. With our modern cosy facilities it is hard for us to imagine how tough it was to survive.

By this time our views are more down into Gunnerside Gill than over Swaledale. The valley is very narrow and steep sided and is beginning to show evidence of the mining industry for which it is famed. Gradually as we progress upwards the landscape becomes less agricultural and more mining in appearance. We pass a lime kiln which has been restored and work our way up to Melbecks Moor. Now on the plateau the moor appears like a moonscape with virtually no soil cover and remnants of lead mining spoil all over the place. Relics of old machinery lie here and there and the feeling is that when the mining ceased to be profitable (due to foreign imports in the nineteenth century) the miners were very quickly laid off and everything was just abandoned. In those days no attempt was made at restoration of the landscape so it now raises an interesting question of priorities. On the one hand it looks an unsightly industrial eyesore, the likes of which would never be permitted under present day legislation; on the other hand it is a relic of our industrial past, a historical record of what happened here and therefore part of our heritage. At the moment the latter opinion prevails so the dereliction remains. It happens also to be the cheapest option.

On the crest of the moor we have joined the Coast to Coast route. A good track goes through Old Gang mines with evidence of hushes where dammed water was released to uncover the lead



veins. There are shafts hereabouts, too and notices advising us not to stray from the footpaths. Not a place to get lost in the mist or the dark. After a mile or so of descent we come to a bridge over Hard Level Gill. This is Hard

Level Bridge. Much of the lead mining took place on different levels according to where the veins of lead were found. This area was one of the most intensively mined in the Dales and there must have been hundreds of miners working here two hundred years ago. Level House was just upstream from the bridge but there is no sign of it now. You could say it has been levelled. There is a track going up from the bridge which goes all the way round Reeth High Moor, with an opportunity to bag the summit of Great Pinseat at 585 metres. This is the twelve mile version of the walk mentioned earlier.

Downstream the track continues with much evidence of mining spoil near the beck and the odd ruin of a building. At Old Gang smelt mill there is a collection of ruins – buildings and loading bays – suggesting a lot of activity. Part of the smelt mill was removed in 1933, the stone being used in the construction of Muker Chapel. Luckily there is a more complete smelt mill at



Surrender Bridge, about a mile further on. It is slightly off our route but worth a visit.

From Surrender Bridge we go back across the moor to Gunnerside. It is a fairly easy path which takes us past field enclosures to the hamlet of Blades. This is a settlement of seven or eight houses perched above Low Row and is a delightful place. Originally it would have developed for farming purposes but it is hard to believe it wouldn't be caught up in the mining boom. Today a number of the houses are undergoing new developments and it would appear that at least some of them are permanently occupied. It has a tarmac road link to Low Row and this makes all the difference.

As we finally drop down to Gunnerside, we pass the ruins of a couple of houses whose history has been researched. There is an

information board detailing the various members of the different families who lived here. One of the houses dates from 1686, the other is mid eighteenth century. Both were unoccupied by 1891 and only parts of them now remain standing.

In Gunnerside we now have a choice of two cafes and a pub in which to quench our thirst, a fitting end to a good walk.

N.P.



Mystery Picture

Last Month's Mystery Picture was of Hardraw Church and was correctly spotted by a number of readers.

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Remembering the 60s

Reminiscing with my old friend Jim “Sprigs” Spensley the other day we soon got talking about music and the 60s (a sure sign of getting old). We wondered what the younger ones do today for entertainment. As far as I know some go to a club at Northallerton but a lot don’t bother going out.

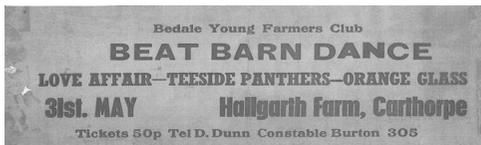
Every Saturday night in the 60s as well as sometimes on Friday nights and Bank Holiday there was a dance somewhere in the Dales where all the teenagers from far and near would meet.

I suppose the most famous band was a Kirkby Stephen group called Ray and the Teenbeats who played most Saturday nights at such places as the Hawes Market House, Askrigg Village Hall, Carperby Institute and West Burton Village Hall. They had a big following, packing everyone in – well before the days of the Health and Safety!

Another band which appeared now and again was a fantastic group called The Kordz who were based at Barnard Castle as well as The New Wave Band, a soul band from Northallerton and Mother’s Lament from Darlington. Jim and I used to enjoy the Kordz as they were a note perfect covers band but Ray and the Teenbeats were the best at playing Stones, Who and Kinks covers.

I was taught to play the piano at an early age, first by Mrs Hynd of Askrigg then by Mrs Richards of West Witton managing to achieve Grade 5 in Playing and Grade 3 in Theory but I became fed up with playing Chopin and Mozart and bought an Electronic Organ when I was sixteen and I joined a band from Sedbergh called Little John and the Merry Men who gave a club type act. When that folded I was in a local band or two but we were getting nowhere.

Following a chance meeting at Bedale one day, I joined a Bedale band which was just starting off called Orange Glass. Soon we had bookings coming in and after a year or two we were out sometimes three or four nights a week playing locally quite a bit but also playing Working Men’s Clubs in such places as Newcastle, Sunderland, Middlesbrough and Leeds.



Our high spot was being asked to play at one of the largest events in the area, the Beat Barn Dance at Carthorpe on May Bank Holiday next to Chicory Tip who had just had a number 1 hit! I think that was all that they knew as they didn’t go down too well. We were asked to go back the following year with Love Affair having the top billing. They were a studio band and with the lead vocalist leaving they did not play any of their hits. Again, they didn’t go down very well!

We were on form that night and went down well with the organisers who gave us more money – like a week’s wage to most of us.

After a few years we called it a day and since then I have played keyboard with Jim and with Colin Bailey as well as a couple of years with Black Sheep.

Time rolls on – I don’t think I could stand the late nights now, so come on you young ones, start playing and get a band together. It’s good fun, very rewarding and gives something to do and somewhere to go and perhaps a reason to stay in the Dales instead of moving away.

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Dalesplay News

Dalesplay has had a fun Easter, we have been decorating eggs, and been on an egg hunt, made our own Easter eggs and lots more. The children have been busy exploring spring, taking notice of the environment around them and learning about how the seasons change. We had a very successful Hoppers sale and would like to thank all those who donated and helped out on the day. Unfortunately the day was saddened by two males breaking into the setting during the early hours of the morning, they left a great deal of damage to the entrance and office. If anyone witnessed these two males or saw anything suspicious **please let us know or call 101** with information.

We also had a very successful tombola at the table top sale, thank you Sharon Guy for organising it and we would like to thank Cyril the snail from The Fountain for his kind donation to the setting, we have a wonderful supportive community and feel very blessed.

We have May half term coming up soon and have lots of fun activities planned, our theme will be superheroes, if you would like to join in the fun and need care for your little ones during the half term please get in touch, places are limited. **Call 01969667789 or email dalesplay1@btconnect.com.**

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In the Picture!

Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) launches its annual photography competition this month – calling for stunning photos that capture the distinctive people, landscape and wildlife of the Yorkshire Dales. The charity has teamed up with Cottage in the Dales to offer a fantastic prize for the winning shot that portrays the essence of this special area. The winning photographer will receive a three-night weekend or four-night midweek break at one of the three multi-award winning ‘Cottage in the Dales’ luxury cottages in Wensleydale or Bishoptdale.

"Cottage in the Dales are delighted to offer the first prize for the photography competition 2019," Diane Howarth, Director, Cottage in the Dales, said. "As a long-standing business supporter of the Trust, especially through the tree planting scheme, we offer our guests the opportunity to leave their own green mark on the Yorkshire Dales for future generations to enjoy. We look forward to seeing the superb quality and quantity of entries to the competition of this beautiful area we are so lucky to call home that we share with our guests all year round."

As well as revealing the overall winner and runner-up, the judges will also select a set of images that will together showcase the Dales through the seasons for its popular 2020 Yorkshire Dales charity calendar.

Gargrave-based web, design and communications agency Fever Digital will again design the calendar free of charge for the eighth year as part of their commitment to help support the Yorkshire Dales. Jonny Priestley, Creative Director at Fever Digital, said: "We're proud to

have been supporting the work of YDMT for many years through donations, tree dedications, web development, and by designing their Yorkshire Dales calendar for free each year to help boost fundraising. We're fortunate enough to live and work in this beautiful part of the world ourselves, and we believe it's important to give a little back and support our local area and local organisations. It's great to be able to use our expertise to help YDMT and the Yorkshire Dales thrive."

The calendar will go on sale in August and all money raised will help to support YDMT's work in supporting the people, landscape and wildlife of the Yorkshire Dales and surrounding areas.

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Heavens Above

The nights get noticeably shorter now that May is here, and by the end of the month we won't get proper darkness until well after 10 o'clock. Even so if you're *really* keen and prepared to stay up just that little bit later, there's still plenty of scope for a spot of star-gazing on a clear, moonless night. By late evening you'll find Arcturus, the brightest star in the kite-shaped constellation of Bootes the Herdsman, high in the south. It's the closest giant star to our own solar system and has a distinct golden-orange colour which shows up well in binoculars. A little to the east lies a compact semi-circle of stars forming Corona Borealis, the Northern Crown. Not very bright but still fairly easy to pick out. Lower down, in the south-west, lies the Y-shaped pattern of Virgo the Virgin. In the old legends she is the Goddess of the Harvest. Her brightest star, Spica, is supposed to represent an ear of corn. Virgo's chief attraction lies in the 'bowl' of the Y – a gigantic clump of over 2000 galaxies lying roughly 55 million light years away. M87, the massive elliptical galaxy where the super-sized black-hole was recently photographed, forms part of this cluster.

Well over in the south-west you'll find the crouching form of Leo the Celestial Lion. Very easy to recognise with a distinct curve of stars shaped like a giant Sickle forming his head and shoulders. Hercules, who slew Leo as one of his

12 Labours, lies high in the south-east. His torso is formed by a wedge of 4 stars nick-named The Keystone, home to the famous globular cluster, M13, a dense ball of up to a million stars packed into a volume only 160 light-years across. A beautiful sight in a modest-sized telescope. Just after 11 o'clock brilliant Jupiter climbs into view low in the South East in the constellation of Ophiuchus the Serpent Bearer. The giant planet is at its closest to the Earth next month when it's visible all night long.

Later in the evening over in the north-east, the 3 Summer Triangle stars - Vega, Deneb and Altair – are well on show. The trio dominate the sky right through the summer and their re-appearance is taken as a sure sign that warmer weather is definitely on the way. Mmmmmmm.... Have clear skies!

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Toby, who was managing director for four years and remains on the Board, promises that his talk: “will be peppered with personal insight and anecdote” reflecting the intense pride he gains from his association with the last of the great independent publishing houses.

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The programme will consist of excerpts from 'The Mikado', 'The Pirates of Penzance', and 'Patience'. 'Patience' is less frequently performed than the other two, but contains some very attractive music. Devotees of G and S will not want to miss this concert; and those who think they might not like it should come along as they will be agreeably surprised!

The MC for the evening is John Humphreys, and the Musical Director is Duncan Bythell. Admission is £5 on the door, and tea, coffee and biscuits will be available in the interval. Proceeds will be split between the Leyburn Arts Centre and the Leyburn G and S Society.

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Secondly we have 10 Year 9 boys who have volunteered to be 'Transformers' in reading. Again, once a week Miss Hancock can be seen shepherding our students to Leyburn primary school, where the boys act as reading mentors for the younger primary students. The feedback from all parties has been tremendous.

Reading is a skill and needs to be nurtured. Wittgenstein said "The limits of my language mean the limits of my world." This advice might be useful for all of us to improve our reading skills.

Finally, as our Year 11 students nervously

await the start of their external examinations, we have been doing some work on 'command words'. Command words instruct students what to do in an examination question and it is vital that students have a clear understanding of their meaning. However students might be expected to understand over 30 different command words across the subjects of the curriculum including words like 'Explain', 'Discuss', 'Evaluate', 'Illustrate' and 'Contrast'. Mrs Polley and Mr Wilkinson led a whole year training session in which they taught students the meanings of these words. When we remind our students before an exam; "make sure you read the question", it's sometimes not as easy as it sounds - reading the question is usually the easy bit - understanding the question is often a bit more tricky!

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May

- 1 Registration and first rehearsal for The Wensleydale Chorus 2019- Elijah by Mendelssohn. See page 24
- 4 Buster Keaton's 'The General' will be screened at 7.30pm. See page 4
- 4 Wensleydale Concert Series- Passamezzo-7.30pm at Carperby Village Institute. See page 27
- 4 Table Top Sale for Yorkshire Air Ambulance at the Youth Hostel, Hawes 10.30am-2.30pm. See page 3
- 5 "The Gathering" at St Margaret's Church, Hawes. See page 31
- 8 National Park Guided Walk "Wildflowers at Aysgarth", 2.00pm to 4.00pm. See page 8
- 10 East Witton Male Voice Choir and Askrigg Ladies at St Margaret's Church, Hawes at 7.30pm. See page 4
- 11 The Bottomless Prosecco Cocktail Train. See page 33
- 11 'An Evening of Gilbert and Sullivan' at the Methodist School Room in Leyburn starting at 7.30pm, See page 17
- 12 Songs of Praise at Hawes Junction Chapel at 3.00pm. See page 4
- 13 First Aid and Defibrillator Refresher Evening at Thornton Rust Institute. See page 6
- 14 Toby Faber-Excellence in Book Cover Design. 2.00pm in Middleham Key Centre. See page 16
- 15 Penhill Ladies. Elizabeth Edwards '3 Stories Mystery Tour'. Carperby Institute. 7.30pm
- 16 U3A AGM at TOSH. See page 4
- 16 Bainbridge WI meeting. See page 6
- 18 The Upper Dales Mobile Skip Service at Banks of Askrigg: 11.15am 'til 1.00pm
- 19 Sung Evensong at St Margaret's Church at 6.00pm by the 'Rectory Chorale'. See page 4
- 19 Teddy Bear Afternoon Tea on Tornado See page 33
- 20 Bainbridge WI Soup and Sweet lunch. See page 6
- 21 National Park Guided Walk "Hawes Town Trail" 2.00 to 4.00pm. See page 8
- 21 Quakers and Radicals at Middleham Key Centre at 2.00pm. See page 7
- 22 Family History Group at Fremington Sunday school at 2.00pm. See p 36.
- 24 Last date to book Bainbridge WI theatre trip to Bradford. See page 6
- 24-26 WensleyAle 2019. See page 33
- 25-8 June Swaledale Festival. For events in the Newsletter area see page 22
- 27 West Burton May Fair at 1.00pm. Stalls, Children's Assault Course, Teas
- 27 Plant Sale at Castle Bolton Church from 10.00am to 1.00pm. See page 28
- 28 LASS meet at Thornborough Hall at 7.15pm. See page 4
- 31 Whirlwind Express on Tornado. See page 33

June

- 1 Leyburn Bowling Club. Coffee, cakes, tombola and fun bowling. See page 4
- 1 Last date to book for bus trip to see a matinee performance of 'Twelfth Night' in York. See page 4
- 1 "Happy Jack" at Thoralby Village Hall. 7.00pm for 7.30pm. See page 5
- 16 Penhill Ladies Skipton/Canal Coach Trip. See page 28



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Shepherdess - One Woman Farm

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May Events

17 **Fortunes made from Dales to London**
7.30pm. An illustrated talk based on 18th century records by historian Marion Moverley. Part of the Friends of the Museum annual lecture programme. Free-Donations welcome

18 **Richmondshire Youth Theatre Presents-Last Dance of a Dalesman**
by Nobby Dimon: 7.00pm. 'Last Dance of a Dalesman' is the Richmondshire community play written by local playwright Nobby Dimon of North Country Theatre. The cast are from Richmondshire Youth Theatre, This production is funded by the YDNPA Sustainable Development Fund and supported by the museum. £5

19 **Rag Rug Making Workshop**, 11.00am 'til 4.00pm. Learn about the traditional craft of rag-rug making. Tutored by rug maker Heather Ritchie to create your own rug or wall hanging. Materials including lunch £50

25 **Shepherdess One Woman Farm**:
11.00am to 12.30 and 2.30 to 4.00pm. Meet Alison O'Neill with her sheep, lambs and sheepdog. Hear about her life as a hill-shepherd, wool grower in the landscape of the Yorkshire Dales

28 **Drystone Walling Demonstration**:
11.00am to 3.00pm. Join Dales Volunteers as they showcase the traditional craft of drystone walling, from the foundations to the top stones. In 4 short drop-in sessions they will take you through turning a pile of stones into something that will last for centuries

28 **Traditional Toys and games**: 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Activity with traditional toys and games such as wallops, skittles and more

29 **Textiles Techniques**: 2.00pm to 4.00pm. In the museums textile gallery there will be volunteers working on their own textile projects

31 **In the Kitchen - Dairying**: 11.00am to 3.00pm. Join us in our traditional farmhouse kitchen where Mrs H will explain dairying processes, such as butter and cheese making.

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Adult £10, Under 25 £3

Mary-Jane Holmes Poetry Reading

Monday, May 27th, 11.00am—noon at The NASH, Hawes

We celebrate the mellow sonority of the bassoon in this concert by the gifted Yorkshire-born Catriona McDermid and her pianist. Their delightful programme comprises works by Elgar, Nino Rota, Moeran, Gurney, Brahms, Debussy and Dutilleux.

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Bottle Bank Band

Thursday, June 6th, 4.00pm—5.00pm at St. Oswald's Church, Askrigg

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The 2019 Festival will also contain world cinema, workshops, a master class, poetry readings, free concerts in care homes, a fell run, and guided walks in the stunning Dales landscape. For further information and the full programme please visit: www.swalefest.org.



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They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude,
And then my heart with pleasure fills
And dances with the daffodils.

William Wordsworth

There's not much more to say. They will be over by the time this is in print, but this year the daffodils have been spectacular in all their shapes and sizes and colours. What's more, they'll do it all again next year as long as you leave the foliage to feed the bulbs for as long as possible. The only extra help worth giving them is to take off the dead heads



so they don't waste energy forming seeds, feed them and split up any congested clumps.

I had an enquiry about a small tree that I had given away years ago because it is looking especially pretty at the moment. It has to be Amelanchier Lamarckii. I got it because Joe Swift recommended it, and I notice that in the April edition of the RHS magazine "The Garden" Anna Pavord has it in her list of the best Spring trees. It is worth looking for as it will survive in a pot for years, (mine have), it does not grow huge and doesn't seem to mind being cut back. The Spring blossom is small and dainty, and it has wonderful Autumn colour.

I have been amazed at how many tulips are already full of colour, and the peony flowered specimens that I bought from the Raven nursery have promising buds. As I put them into a bulb "lasagne" using a recommended mix it is fascinating to see what is actually coming up. It started with Irises and at the moment I have narcissi. As long as the "mix" turns out alright I shall simply lift out the big black pots when they are over, leave them somewhere out of sight to die down and replace them with a summer mix. That way I won't need to dig the bulbs out and they can repeat the performance. I shall just have to be careful to make sure they don't dry out over the summer and I had better give them a bit of extra nutrition.

Talking of nutrition, I have quite a number of box trees in pots. Originally I took cuttings from our ancient box hedge which I know has been growing each side of the front path for more than 100 years. Therefore it would not have been imported, which may explain why it has never suffered from blight. Unfortunately over the last few years the pots have been neglected and have lost their healthy green colour. This is a result of lack of TLC and I plan to re-pot them. Fresh compost and some appropriate feed will do them a world of good as long as I do it before the season is too advanced. By the time you read this we will surely have warmer temperatures to enjoy.

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

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The Wensleydale Chorus 2019 Elijah by Mendelssohn

The committee of The Wensleydale Chorus are busy getting ready for our first rehearsal which is in The Methodist Schoolroom, Leyburn on **Wednesday, May 1st** and we welcome everyone to join us – no audition – just a love of music. We are a very friendly bunch. All voices welcome and all ages welcome! Please contact Gilda Foster for further information on **01969 622942** or gilda@fosnet.co.uk.

Soloists for the 2019 season are:-

Jolyon Dodgson - Bass
Tracie Penwarden - Soprano,
Adam Crewe - Tenor
Barbara Roorcroft/Emma Wardell - Alto
Myles Hartley - Organist for Askrigg
Tim Harper - Organist for East Witton

Registration:

Registration and distribution of music will be in Leyburn Methodist Hall from **7.15 pm** on May 1st, followed by refreshments and a getting to know you session until **8.00pm** when the first rehearsal will start.

The subscription for existing members is **£25** if paid before the **1st May** or **£28** if paid on or after

May 1st. The subscription for new members will be **£25** whenever paid.

Students pay no subscription but we ask for a **£5.00** refundable deposit for music hire.

Rehearsals:

Rehearsals are in the Leyburn Methodist Schoolrooms starting at **7.15pm on Wednesday May 1st**. The rehearsals will end at **9.30pm**. After the 1st week rehearsals are from **7.30pm until 9.30pm each Wednesday**

There will be two Saturday workshops:

Hawes Market House on May 18th from 10am until approximately 3.00pm

West Burton Village Hall on June 22nd also from 10.00am until approximately 3.00pm.

Bring a packed lunch or use local facilities.

Coffee and tea available (a contribution would be appreciated).

Performances:

Saturday July 13th at St Oswald's in Askrigg

Saturday July 20th at St John's in East Witton

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Community Bus Reaches Out

A Swaledale based charity which has been transporting local people for everything from shopping trips to hospital appointments, and days out at the seaside to Mystery Tours, for the last 17 years is planning to broaden its reach into the wider area. Reeth and District Community Transport with its distinctive 'Little Yellow Bus' was set up in 2002 and provides a lifeline for many Dales residents, with a team of volunteer drivers picking them up from as near to their front door as possible for regular shopping trips to various local markets and the popular luncheon clubs and other social occasions, as well as delivering prescriptions and taking patients to hospital appointments.

On days when no organised trips are planned, the bus is available for hire, with or without a driver; particularly popular with walking groups who like to be dropped off and picked up at different points.

RDCT is a not-for-profit company which receives no funding but covers its expenses through fares, fund raising, donations and hiring out the vehicle. For those who don't yet feel

they're ready to use the bus but want to make sure it's still there for when they do, there are still several ways to help. From as little as £5 per month you could nominate RDCT as your chosen charity; if you are a tax payer they can also claim a further 25% through gift aid. Every penny from these donations helps keep the bus on the road and more members of the community moving and staying independent. Social media users can join the RDCT Facebook Group and help to share details of events and outings to a wider audience. Volunteer drivers are welcome, particularly on Saturdays, to help support more trips.

Until recently most users have been from Upper Swaledale but the charity would now like to extend its services to residents of Richmond and Leyburn who would appreciate an occasional day out or some company for a shopping trip. Coming up in May are shopping days out to Darlington on **May 8th and 29th**, Northallerton on **May 15th** and to Ripon on **May 22nd**, plus one of the ever popular Mystery Tours on **Saturday, May 18th**. Trips are also planned to Whitby on **June 3rd** and to York on **July 1st**. For a full list or to enquire about hiring the bus, contact **01748 880021** or **01748 880130** to request a programme or see the website at: <https://reethbus.weebly.com>.

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Ingleborough's Story In Stones

Clapham-based charity Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) is aiming to produce a children's illustrated book that tells the story of Ingleborough through stone features and objects found in the area. The book is part of Stories in Stone, a programme of community and heritage projects developed by the Ingleborough Dales Landscape Partnership, which is led by YDMT and mainly funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Debbie Boswell, YDMT's interpretation officer, said: "Ingleborough's fantastic geology is the foundation of thousands of years of human settlement, and the interaction between people and place is particularly rich in this area. This means that there's a wealth of interesting stone features, places and objects to discover which, piece by piece, build up a picture of the local geography, history, people and architecture. The book will be aimed at 8 to 11-year-olds and will be a local version of 'Horrible Histories'!"

YDMT is inviting people to send in their suggestions of stone features that have some historical, cultural or natural significance. This could be a connection with a historical event or person, a link with a local legend or folktale, or because the site shows how the landscape was

formed. Examples could be datestones, clapper bridges or unusual boulders. Each feature needs to be publicly accessible, as the book will include a number of circular trails that take in several features along the way. The book will enable families to explore the Ingleborough area, and find and tick off the places and objects described in it.

Debbie added: "We'd love to hear from anyone with a suggestion for the book, especially children and young people. We expect there'll be a long list of suggestions so the problem will be deciding on which should go in the book. The area includes a lot of well-known features that could be included but we'd also like the book to have a few surprises by including some that aren't as well known. The common thread in all the stories needs to be the basic ingredient of rock or stone."

If you have a suggestion please contact Debbie on **015242 51002** or email debbie.boswell@ydmtd.org. The closing date for suggestions is **April 30th**. There's no limit on the number of suggestions that can be made, and contributors of suggestions that are included in the book will have the option of being credited with it.

Stories in Stone is enabling people from all backgrounds and of all ages to learn about, enjoy and help manage the stunning limestone landscape around Ingleborough, both above and below ground. The programme is delivering a huge number of projects including restoring field barns and wildlife habitats, involving people in archaeological digs, digitising archives, providing a range of training opportunities, offering new learning opportunities for local school children, improving physical and intellectual access, and delivering events and activities.

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Wensleydale Concert Series

Passamezzo – Saturday, May 4th 7.30pm at Carperby Village Institute

Our 2019 concert series launched on 13th April with a wonderful piano duet concert at Aysgarth Church. We were really pleased it was so well attended and encouraged by the enthusiastic and appreciative feedback afterwards.

Our second concert is on **4th May** and features the group Passamezzo who specialise in performing Elizabethan and Jacobean music - including a mixture of music which is popular and some which is rarely performed and has been rediscovered by meticulous research. The

concert will consist of instrumental music, songs, part songs and readings about the coming of Spring and will be performed in costume and on period instruments - think of an Elizabethan Variety Show.



Passamezzo regularly appear on national radio and have performed all over the UK.

This is an exciting opportunity to witness an Elizabethan entertainment. Tickets and details available at www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk.

Note until 4th May we are also offering season tickets for £75 (£60 if you attended the concert on April 13th). See the website for details and order form (please bring the completed form with a cheque to the May 4th concert).

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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 April 8th 2019

The Resusci Annie is now kept at the Aysgarth surgery. Any Parish Council or other group wishing to borrow it should contact Reception.

Minor Injury Unit status has been maintained for Central Dales and Reeth Practices. Leyburn Practice has the services of a paramedic the Practice does not have to pay for. Across the whole HRWCCG area very few patients accessed their GP for minor injuries.

Joanne Hammond is the new phlebotomist for the Central Dales Practice.

The recent patient survey had been good with a high level of patient satisfaction.

Delivery of medication to patients at Sycamore Hall now has to be made direct to patients and not left in the NYCC office.

Young peoples' mental health is as real an issue in the Dales as elsewhere.

Central Dales is now part of the Richmondshire Primary Care Network and would be sharing some services with other Richmondshire GP practices.

The planning of the proposed Catterick Garrison Health Hub is being done collaboratively by all those involved. It is understood that no services will be lost to Richmondshire, although some services might move to the Hub site opposite Aldi.

The future of the Friarage meeting, convened by Rishi Sunak MP, had helped clarify the situation. It is now a question of making sure the rhetoric became reality especially regarding repatriation of patients to the Friarage; or if they went to Darlington Memorial Hospital to the Friarage, the Friary or a Step up Step down bed and not sent to Bishop Auckland or Barnard Castle.

A system for equipment return was welcomed.

All patients classified as 'frail' had been given a red bag for their documentation, so that in the

event of a trip to hospital all relevant paper work went with them.

Dying Matters week is May 13-19.

Jane Ritchie, Hon. Secretary

Plant Sale

Monday, May 27th

Plants will be on sale outside Castle Bolton church from **10.00am** to **1.00pm**, in aid of our mission partners St George's Crypt, Leeds, and Mission Aviation Fellowship linked missionaries Mark and Sarah Newnham in Liberia. Cakes and refreshments are also available in the church in aid of church funds.

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Oral History Recording John Amsden

Sally Stone went along to interview farmer John Amsden late last year at his home in Carperby and they had a wide ranging discussion about dairying on a large estate and the state of dairy farming in general.

John comes from a family of farmers, with his grandfather starting out in a small way at Westfields, near Wensley, then, wanting to expand, moving to West Bolton Farm between Castle Bolton and Carperby. This was some time after the First World War – his grandfather was apparently helped to secure the tenancy by Metcalfe Spensley.

John's father Oliver took over at West Bolton just after the Second World War. He was apparently rather an inventive man: "...he had a dairy herd of 48 cows then which was a lot...in double-sided byre, in which cows were face-to-face not back-to-back, with what we called a gangway in between, which was very handy at times, but it was blummin' hard work trying t'get loose hay down. And he devised the method of bringing it by making a rail track, a single rail track round the byre and down the passage. It was quite ingenious really. Blacksmith from Preston-under-Scar developed it for him. And it also had a muck cart, where's you used t'wind it up and it was full and then it used t'go out into the yard, but eventually he got a muck spreader and it went straight into the muck spreader, which made it a lot easier."

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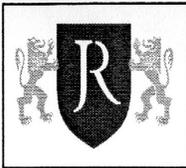
The Benefice of Upper Wensleydale Revised Service Pattern

'The Lord Bless you and keep you.' Num.6:24



Date	Hardraw 9:00am	Hawes 10:30am	Askrigg 10:30am	Stalling Busk 2:30pm
FIRST SUNDAY	'The Gathering' Benefice Family Communion Service at St Margaret's: Hawes 10:30am			
SECOND SUNDAY	Holy Communion	United Service <small>Anglican/ Methodist</small>	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
THIRD SUNDAY	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Café Style <small>BCP Holy Communion 2pm</small>	No Service
FOURTH SUNDAY	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	'FAMILY TOGETHER'	Evening Prayer
FIFTH SUNDAY	Morning Prayer	MPr / Café Style	United Service <small>Anglican / Methodist</small>	No Service

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The full revised pattern of services for the Benefice of Upper Wensleydale is shown opposite.

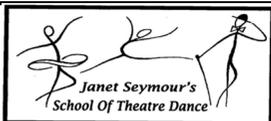
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Quoits News

As the winter seems to be over and the lighter evenings are here, this leads to us start playing Quoits on Monday evenings again. This (I believe) is the 27th season for the Dales Quoits League. As we start the season on **Monday, April 29th** there are a few changes regarding the participating teams which may be of interest.

Harmby Sports and Social Team had to disband, however those playing members who wished to continue have formed a second team at the Dalesman Club in Leyburn. Bolton Arms, Redmire, who had an active team some years ago, have gathered together sufficient interested people to re-start with a new team, some I believe who have little experience in playing the game but can see the enjoyment of participating on a summer's evening in beautiful locations. The Bridge, Grinton, another pub who had a team some years ago, have entered a new team for the 2019 season. From experience I just hope the midges keep away when we are playing!

We wish all new teams luck during the season and hope this will be the start of successful teams for years to come. Although not a new team, Carlton Quoits Club has now re-named itself as The Foresters Arms, Carlton. Also Hawes Quoits Club will be known as The Fountain Quoits Team.

Unfortunately the Riverdale (Bainbridge) Team were not able to encourage sufficient people to keep the team going so for this season have had to drop out. Should anybody be interested in starting up the team again in Bainbridge for the 2020 season please let us know. I do know several teams have had new members join which is encouraging as to keep an old traditional Dales game alive is something which should be encouraged.

During the quoits season, from the end of April through to mid-August, not only will we have the league matches but again we will be holding the League Cup Knockout and there will be a series of events in differing locations throughout the season. We will keep you informed of these as the season progresses.

I would, on behalf of all the teams, like to thank those organisations that have given us sponsorship for the forthcoming season, it is much appreciated and does help us cover costs of keeping the league afloat and alive. With all these changes to look forward to we all hope for a fine dry summer season where pleasant evenings can be enjoyed listening to the "clank" of the Quoits whilst trying to get those elusive "Ringers".

For further information on forming a team or joining a club contact me on **01969 662 743** or **07826 716 146**

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Wensleydale Railway News

Teddy Bear Afternoon Tea on Tornado - To celebrate a certain bear's favourite locomotive we are hosting on **19th May** a teddy bear themed afternoon tea on Tornado complete with marmalade sandwiches! Teddy Bears travel free, so don't forget to bring yours and please note this event is suitable for children and adults alike!

We will set off at **2.15pm** from Leeming Bar Station and travel west up to Redmire with glorious views of Penhill before returning to Leeming Bar at **5.00pm** approximately. Tickets are: Adult £32.50 and Child (14 years and under) £17.50.



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Photo Shoot Of Tornado At Scruton Station - A rare photo opportunity is occurring on **May 21st** at our award-winning heritage Scruton Station. The iconic steam locomotive Tornado will be pulling into the station at **7.00pm** where it will remain for 2 hours allowing visitors to get some terrific shots of the engine at our picturesque station at sunset and into the early evening. The station will be open from **6.30pm** and refreshments will be available. Photo pass tickets are £5 per person.

The Bottomless Prosecco Cocktail Train is back by popular demand! Join us on **May 11th** for an evening of fun, laughter and bottomless bubbles on a Wensleydale Railway event train into The Yorkshire Dales! A selection of bottomless prosecco and cava cocktails will be served throughout the journey for £32.00, which includes return train travel from Leeming Bar station. If prosecco cocktails are not to your taste, instead you can receive three beer/cider tokens with train travel for £25.00. Extra real ale will be available to purchase from our bar. We also have a train ride only ticket available for £15.

WensleyAle 2019 - We are proud to announce that WensleyAle 2019 will take place at Redmire station from **Friday 24th to Sunday 26th May**. Including 40+ Ales, Gin, Prosecco, Live Music, Street food and of course Tornado.

For more details of all of these events and to book, see:

www.wensleydalerrail.com/future-events/ or ring the office on **01677 425 805**.

Computer Corner

Last month there was an article on the BBC technology site that caught my eye about Microsoft closing its e-book store. This appears to be a commercial decision as it has not been able to compete with Kindle, etc. The striking thing about this is the fact that this will render any previously purchased e-books unreadable. It is all about Digital Rights Management and when the web server is shut down customers lose the right to access the content.

In fairness to Microsoft they have also offered to refund the cost of any e-book that customers have bought via the e-book store. If you have been using a Windows 10 mobile device as a book reader you will lose your library. However, you should be able to claim your money back.

It highlights much wider implications for downloaded content. When you 'buy' content on-line, generally what you actually purchase is the right to view or listen to the material and the 'Digital Rights Management' system embedded in it checks to ensure it is a valid copy. If a service is closed down then that Digital Rights Management System prevents the content being transferred to any new device and may even prevent it from being used on an existing device. The terms and conditions of most suppliers give them the right to revoke the access to material or services at any time, hence protecting them from possible liabilities caused by changing the business model or ceasing to offer a service.

This obviously applies to purchases such as e-books, music, films and games, but as phones and tablets take over the role of computers, we are becoming more dependent on cloud based storage, applications and services. These all have similar risks for the user but possibly with greater impact.

For example, earlier this year I had an e-mail from Google about the Google+ service, and I quote

"On April 2nd, your Google+ account and any Google+ pages you created will be shut down and we will begin deleting content from consumer Google+ accounts. Photos and videos

from Google+ in your Album Archive and your Google+ pages will also be deleted. You can download and save your content, just make sure to do so before April. Note that photos and videos backed up in Google Photos will not be deleted."

While this did not have a direct impact on me as I do not use the service, it has made me more aware of the issues and the need to keep copies of my own content.

The reality of Apple and Android devices mean that the use of cloud storage is no longer optional but currently a limited capacity is included when you purchase a phone and register the required account. To ensure that copies of documents and photos etc. are kept safe in the future and you manage the content of the cloud storage it is probably best to access the service from a computer and periodically copy the content to a local hard disk.

The Apple iCloud software and Google Drive software can be downloaded from the appropriate website and installed on a computer. These allow you to access the information held on your cloud account. If you have a g-mail account then the Google Drive system can be used on Apple phones as well as Android ones.

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Upper Dales Family History Group

In March one of our own members, Val Slater, told us about her research into her own ancestors, the Walls of Coverdale, some of whom had kept a well known pub there for several generations while other family members moved away to run businesses elsewhere.

With her interest sparked as a child by a stained glass window in the now closed Church of the Good Shepherd in Carlton in Coverdale in memory of William and Mary Walls, Val had discovered that this referred to William Walls and Mary Metcalfe who married in 1791. Using registers and deeds she had traced the baptisms

of their children and discovered that from an early date they were keeping the inn which is now known as the Foresters Arms, then one of two pubs in the village.

Drawing together information from the parish registers, newspaper reports and even a memoir written many years later by a classmate, Val had traced the movements of the next generations as some of William's descendants spread out across the country while others took over the inn, eventually renaming it in recognition of The Foresters Friendly Society which still plays an important role in local life. In later years she was also able to draw on many fascinating photographs as well as family memories to tell their stories, culminating in the varied fortunes of the five Walls brothers who enlisted in the Great War and, astonishingly, all came home to tell the tale.

This month's meeting is at **2.00pm on Wednesday, May 22nd, at Fremington Sunday School near Reeth** when the speaker is Carol Dougherty on 'Barnard Castle Market Place, the stories behind the shops'. Carol has had a lifelong interest in local history and archaeology and created the historic town trail guided walk for Barnard Castle.

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Dairy Days

The Magic of Milk



The photograph reminds us of the days when children in the UK were given free milk at school. How many of us remember those little bottles? The photo shows one of our oral history contributors Eleanor Scarr doling out milk into glasses straight from a milk kit.

Another one of our most recent oral history contributors, John Amsden, lamented the end of free milk in schools: "And I think that's been basically the start of the downfall of the milk production in this country, because we were virtually self-sufficient." To read more about John's discussion about dairying on a large estate and the state of dairy farming in general, go to <https://blog.yorkshiredales.org.uk/oral-history-recording-john-amsden/> and see page 29.

Milk Vending Machine Returns

Of all the stories that came out of our Dairy Days project launch event last year, one of the most interesting was from Mary Dinsdale who told us that her husband, Wilson Dinsdale, had a milk vending machine in Hawes in the early 1960s. The machine had already been installed between the chip shop and the car park on the High Street and Wilson bought it as a going concern. We know nothing more about it as

Mary wasn't able to take part in the Oral History side of the project – but if anyone has any memories or photographs of the machine we'd be delighted to hear from you.

The Hawes vending machine is long gone, but with the wholesale price of milk being so low, there is a growing trend for today's dairy farmers to retail their own milk direct to the customer, and modern vending machines are one of the ways for them to do this. We were delighted to hear that Wensleydale has its very own milk vending machine once again. We've been following the progress of Ben Spence of Thorngarth Home Farm, Aysgarth since the beginning of the Dairy Days project. He's one of the new generation of dairy farmers who see diversification and adding value to his milk as crucial to his business model. The farm is developing its own raw milk cheese, which we're pleased to say benefited from one of our Sustainable Development Fund grants. They have also invested in a milk vending machine which has been out and about since March in an adapted horsebox. We can't wait to try some farm fresh milk from it – with the cream on top, just like we remember from our childhood!





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Notes from a Cycling Offcumden

One of my favourite trips from Hawes is the route to Semerwater via Burtersett. I avoid the first turning on the right to Burtersett because the hill is a bit steep. I enjoy the second turning, which is more gentle and has a fine view of the meandering Ure in the valley. You take a sharp left turn and climb steadily till you pass an attractive waterfall and a grand view of Upper Wensleydale to your rear. Then there is a speedy drop down to Countersett and Semerwater. This glacial lake is a beautiful site whatever the season.

My wife and I visited Countersett Hall to visit some relatives who were holidaying there. It is a fine building built in 1650 for Richard Robinson, an early convert to the Quakers. Services were held there until a purpose built meeting house was built in the early eighteenth century.

This brings me back to the subject of Quakerism. From about 1660 a series of Acts were passed, the Clarendon Code, making life very difficult for any non-anglican Christian. One of Robinson's family spent 10 years in prison. The faith that they held was a mystical one that said that everyone had a divine spark within them. For the next thirty years they were looked upon as a strange sect that needed to be suppressed.

But strangely enough the next two hundred years saw this despised sect have an enormous influence for good on our nation. Their wisdom and utter integrity caused them to prosper massively. There were no banks in those days and the first bank was set up by the Barclays in London in 1590. Businessmen learned that these strange Christians could be trusted with their money.

At the same time Quaker businessmen built factories specialising in the production of chocolate. Joseph Fry of Bristol, John Cadbury of Birmingham and Joseph Rowntree of York, all still well-known names in the commercial history of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. These men treated their workers well, building houses and schools for the families of their workers. Other Quakers set up businesses and social enterprises. A list will

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