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Guest Editorial

When Alan Watkinson first asked me to write an occasional guest editorial he told me to avoid religion and politics. That was and, I think, remains the Newsletter's sensible policy. I hope that no-one will think that I am breaching that policy by writing about politicians.

Politicians in general come in for a lot of stick. Unsurprisingly many of us are critical of politicians who don't share our own views. Often our fiercest criticism is reserved for politicians on our own side who disappoint us or with whom we disagree about a specific detail.

The successful expose of the abuse of expenses by MPs didn't help. Social media seem to have made matters worse. Death threats have become common and we remember that it went beyond threats in the case of Jo Cox. The unmentionable issue that has dominated our public life in the last few years has provoked a flood of strongly expressed criticism.

The purpose of this leader is not to suggest that politicians are flawless saints. Like lawyers, journalists, clergy, civil servants and every other occupational group they are a mixed bag. My argument is that we need them and that most of them do their best in what they see as the national interest. Democracy has its limitations but every alternative way of taking decisions about the affairs of a nation or smaller community has proved much worse. Without politicians a democracy couldn't work.

Imagine living in a country where everything was decided by "experts" who couldn't be thrown out via the ballot box. They would know that they are best placed to decide what should happen and needn't take any notice of what other people think. The strength of our system is that "experts" can be available to advise and inform the politicians but in the end the decisions are taken by those politicians who must explain and defend themselves in Parliament and the media and, after a few years, can be held to account by the voters.

Life as a politician is not for the thin-skinned or for those who want a five day week with a clearly defined number of hours. There is a lot to be said for ambition in a politician. Without it

why would anyone put up with the less attractive features of the life?

Similarly it has always seemed odd and unfair to criticise politicians for wanting to win elections. I have come across politicians who may just have tossed a coin to decide which party to join but generally they are in the party that comes closest to representing their values and convictions. In practice on most issues for most of the time, it therefore follows naturally that securing a majority for their party at the next election is for them the same as serving the national interest. Just occasionally there are moments when it seems right to a responsible politician that the national interest and the party's prospects are in conflict. If it happened more than very occasionally our system of government would be in permanent disarray.

Some professional and amateur observers of our public life are critical of politicians who seem to be willing to compromise. In fact we can only make progress in a complicated democracy if we are represented by people who are willing to give and take and to put up with the pain that it causes them.

I hope that readers will join me in being grateful to people of all shades of opinion who offer themselves for election locally and nationally and will join me in moderating their criticism by reflecting that they are not offering to replace those who have been elected.

Joe Pilling

News from the Vets

Lambing time is pretty much over now for this year. The next set of challenges are approaching now though. Coccidiosis seems to have been more prevalent this year than normal and Nematodirus seems to be causing problems again at present. Worm egg counts remain a useful tool in determining what the disease present on a farm actually is and this allows us to best advise as to the correct parasite treatment appropriate to the farm at that time. We can usually do the worm egg counts while you wait, but for further information please contact us at the surgery **01969 5650263**.

Davinia Hinde, Bainbridge Vets

Middleham and the Dales Local History Group

The Wyvill family and Constable Burton
Hall, by D'Arcy Wyvill

Middleham Key Centre, **Tuesday, June 18th at 2.00pm**

The Wyvill family, one of the oldest families currently still living in Wensleydale, can trace its ancestry back to the Norman Conquest and were principal Knights at the Battle of Hastings.

D'Arcy Wyvill, the current successor of Constable Burton, will be giving an informative talk on the family's fascinating history and its relationship with the local area from Masham through to Constable Burton and some of the main protagonists of interest, finishing with the Hall's present day activities.

D'Arcy had a long career in the television industry, working in children's television where he was partly responsible for the arrival of Bob the Builder on our screens and latterly in documentaries working with both the National Geographic and Discovery channels. He now lives at Constable Burton with his wife Imogen and their young family and runs the family business.

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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Eunice the Ewe

Last month I was in the Castle Timber buildings advert on page 30. Lots of entries this time and the winner of the £10 prize is Robert Facer of Kirkby Stephen.

Where am I now? To enter for the £10 prize, please include your postal address if replying by email (several people forget to do this!)

Open Gardens and Allotments in Middleham

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June Competition

Here are some natural features in the area in anagram form.

Example: Some lefts (5,4) = Fleet Moss

- 1 Al cad murder (11)
- 2 Hurry bog (8)
- 3 String ate pure law (5,4,7)
- 4 Kettles slant oma (5,10)
- 5 Had bluer dog (11)
- 6 Run bee croft (6,5)
- 7 Leck nap bap (6,4)
- 8 Supper stare not (7,7)
- 9 Brew graces (6,4)
- 10 Hoe parent (6,3)
- 11 Lace red tot (10)
- 12 Chalk or gig (6,4)

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May Competition Answers

Here are the answers to the Written Word Round of last month

1. Energy
2. Enigma
3. Enrol
4. Envelope
5. Encyclopaedia
6. Enthusiast
7. Ensign
8. Endive
9. Enclave
10. Envoy
11. Ensnore
12. Enervate
13. Ennui
14. Entozoon

The winner this month is Jane Sowerby from Marsett who matched 13 of the above answers. Her nominated charity is a Personalised Learning Pathway Bursary, Northdale Horticulture. who will receive the prize of £20.

2019 North Yorkshire Open Studios

A Creative Treasure Trail - Discover art in inspirational locations.

Over one hundred artists across North Yorkshire will be inviting visitors to take a peek into their studios on **Saturday and Sunday June 1st and 2nd**, and **Saturday and Sunday June 8th and 9th**. Studios open from **10.00am to 5.00pm** and entry is free.

Discover art in truly inspirational locations, whilst enjoying a creative treasure trail of studios stretching from the beautiful North Yorkshire coastline to the Moors and Dales. Explore workspaces of all shapes and sizes, from fishermen's cottages to railway waiting rooms, rural barns and even a Victorian workhouse.

Included are Caroline Dunn at Emma Sedman Gallery, High Street, Leyburn; Michael Kusz at Gracalus Sculptures, Dales Centre, Silver Street, Reeth and Angela Keeble at Baincote, in Bainbridge. For full details visit www.nyos.org.uk

Raydale Preserves Expands in All Directions

New premises, new products, new staff and a new member of the family! In April Raydale Preserves moved their full production and distribution from the family farm at Stalling Busk to Brunt Acres Industrial Estate in Hawes. When I visited them they were getting ready for the grand launch of the new site and I had a tour around the smart new facilities with Andrew



(‘Drew’) Kettlewell.

He told me they are just awaiting new story boards that track the growth of the business from its humble beginnings in his parents’ kitchen. The boards will be housed in the new tasting room and shop that greets visitors on arrival and from where the production process can be viewed.

Drew explained they had been looking for new premises for over a year, when the space in Hawes became vacant. They desperately needed to expand to keep up with the new orders. Raydale are now making preserves for other companies as well as expanding their own range. Some products are used in the making of Vale of Mowbray pork pies with others marketed as Wensleydale Condiments by Bothams of Whitby. Drew’s wife Rachel takes great pride in the fact that the Fearn and Rosie brand (named after their children) now offers a full range of reduced sugar jams and no added sugar sauces for children which are now being sold in Booths, Waitrose and shortly in Morrisons.

Production needed to increase rapidly in all areas to meet these new orders and this meant taking on more staff to help the current loyal workforce. Laura and Gemma have joined

Andrew in the marketing and sales team as they aim to make Raydale Preserves tasting room and shop a must-see tourist destination. They have their first coach party tour group arriving soon and hope to put on regular tasting events, they will also be opening throughout the weekends during the summer.

Amidst all this expansion, baby George was born in April so they may be naming the next Raydale Preserve after their new son. Andrew’s father Derek still helps with deliveries when needed and Rachel, I am sure, will soon be back helping in all areas, so despite all this growth, Raydale Preserves remains very much a family business.

Andrew talked passionately about developing new flavours and keeping abreast of the latest trends when chefs/tv shows make certain flavours more popular. He said the Bake-Off series last summer made Lemon Curd so popular that production couldn’t keep up with demand. Now with more space and staff Andrew is confident they can keep ahead of orders and ahead of new trends and really put Raydale Preserves on the Map. **K.J.**

Upper Dales Family History Group

This month’s meeting is at **2.00pm on Wednesday, June 26th** at Harmby village hall when Sylvia Valentine will be speaking about ‘The story of the Dawson Orphans’, a demonstration of how to think laterally and use a wide variety of sources in researching.



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Bainrigg Ladies

Bainrigg Ladies began 40 years ago when Rev. Malcolm Stonestreet encouraged a group of Askrigg and Bainbridge young wives to organise a meeting once a month and have a night out. The original meeting held in Edna Hammond's sitting room took place, the name was compiled and Bainrigg Ladies was born. Towards the end of the first programme a Mystery Trip was organised by Jean Abraham which took twenty-two ladies to Skipton and a boat ride on the canal. This event was recorded by Eleanor Scarr in verse as follows:

*Bainrigg Ladies Mystery Trip in the merry month of June,
Tuckers bus, half empty, we set off fairly soon,
Jean had done the booking, she had done it very well,
Where we'd go and what we'd do, she would not blooming tell.
Our destination still a mystery, we set off down the dale,
Aysgarth, Thorlby, Street Head, over't Kidstons we did trail,
Straight past Cray and Buckden on't B6160,
It soon became apparent that to Skipton we would go.
Even then we wondered, we hoped and prayed for something good,
But we had no need to worry 'cos we'd taken Margaret Wood. (piano player)
Then it came upon us, the reason for our trip,*

*Off the bus onto a barge all 22 did nip
And up the canal with no paddle, for quite a reasonable charge,
We set off out of Skipton on Cobbydale, a barge.
Four miles an hour we travelled, obviously we didn't get far,
But with one enormous advantage, this barge was equipped with a bar,
And a very little toilet, much to our relief,
Without it what a flood, well that is my belief.
Ducks and swans were playing along the murky water way,
A little lass called Helen, opened gates to earn her pay,
Whilst we sat there relaxing in happy jovial mood,
The night was slipping by and our thoughts would turn to food.
We nibbled crisps and nuts but no food was ever seen,
Would we get to eat, no one knew but Jean.
Back to Skipton after our cruise we all jumped onto the bus,
Once more setting forth, not knowing, making a minimum of fuss.
We arrived at a place called Long Ashes, with caravans all set in trees,
And a lovely tasty aroma wafted to us on the night breeze,
We were thirty long minutes late and the chips they weren't quite done,
So we sidled up to the bar, for a drink, I think, by gum.
Stomachs full and settled, we set off homeward bound,
All went well 'till Buckden where sheep and lambs we found,
They ran in front in the headlights for near a quarter of a mile,
Then Dot got off and turned them, in very athletic style.
The end of the tale isn't happy because in Skipton the very next day,
There was a terrible cloud burst washing allsorts away.
So next year, we'll go somewhere else, I don't want to get caught in a flood,
And we'll live with mysterious memories of that night out in June – it was good.*

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Few events could remain the same within a forty year span, but Phillipa Fawcett arranged the same trip to celebrate our anniversary. On



the brightest, clear, beautiful afternoon with seven original members, 32 ladies retraced their steps to repeat the journey. We sailed on the Dalesman but Cobbydale was still moored alongside. Helen no longer opens the gates, it was Tom. We had a wonderful afternoon tea on the boat and did not have to wonder when the food would arrive. After that the tranquillity and atmosphere was just the same, the ducks and swans with their young lined the canal, maybe a few more boats and probably more houses on the banks of the canal but on the whole our trip was very much the same.

Maybe we thought we would never grow old, what began as a 'young wives club' now thrives and welcomes members of all ages. Anyone interested, we meet on the second Tuesday of the month in Askrigg Village Hall.

Eleanor Scarr

Craven Accordion Orchestra

In concert at Castle Bolton Church on **Saturday, June 8th at 7.00pm** in aid of the Marie Curie Charity. Tickets £10 - available from Margaret Hall Tel 01969 623012 or 07837 922915

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At Dalesplay we have been busy learning to count using rhymes; our speckled frogs have been part of our sensory tray in the 'Cuddles' room whilst the older children in 'Kidszone' have been continuing to learn about spring and the environment around us. We have been learning about our feelings and how to be kind to others using the emotion eggs and reading stories.

Dalesplay has welcomed Sarah back to work following her maternity leave, and we have had lots of new children starting at the setting who have all settled in really well and made lots of new friends. We have lots of fun super hero activities planned for the May half term and are now taking bookings for the summer holidays.

If you need childcare over the summer please do not hesitate to get in touch. We cater for children from three months up to twelve years and have lots of fun activities for all ages, our theme will be 'seaside'. After the holidays we will be starting to help those moving up to Hawes Primary school nursery become familiar with their new environment and teachers by visiting the nursery and playing alongside those already there. We do this each year to help create a smooth transition for those moving up in September. If you need childcare, holiday care, breakfast club/ after school club or funded 2/3 or 4 year old provision Dalesplay is here to help; ring **01969 667789** for more information or email dalesplay1@btconnect.com

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Charity Comedy Night in Aysgarth

Another night of top-class comedy is coming to upper Wensleydale in June, following previous sell-out performances in Hawes and Askrigg. Comedy in the Dales is becoming a regular feature of the rural calendar and the next evening of stand-up will be on **Friday, June 14th at 7.00pm** at The Falls on Church Bank in Aysgarth, hosted by international funny-man, Bill Woolland.

Headliner is the multi-award winning Steve Shanyaski, with Nina Gilligan and Anthony J Brown, all popular comics on the international club circuit. The rural venues may be remote for comedians more used to playing to city pubs and theatres, but the warmth and intimacy of small town settings are proving popular with audiences and entertainers alike.

The first comedy evening last summer in the Market House, Hawes - more familiar as a venue for pantomimes and Hoppers' auctions - was something of a gamble for organiser Tippy Watson of Askrigg. The second event was just over a month ago in the Yorkshire Dales Brewery's new Abbey Works premises in Askrigg. It too was a sell-out and the unconventional setting itself proved a rich source of gentle humour for comper Jamie Sutherland.

"I simply had no idea how such shows would play in a rural setting," said Tippy, who with partner, Simon, runs the international events company, Incredible Artists. "In fact we sold out within a very short time which is why we're planning a third event so soon after the last one. This time the venue is more capacious: The Falls, once a popular venue for Friday nights out in the Dales, has been completely refurbished under new owners Liz and Matt Tooley, to provide a 200-seater events space, cafe and arts and crafts centre. There's also a large car park.

There will be a raffle to raise funds for Breast Cancer Care, which benefits from every gig organised by Dales Events. The total so far raised stands at £55,000 in under two years. Coaches for the comedy evening will run from Leyburn (via Wensley and Redmire) and Hawes, (via Bainbridge, Askrigg and Carperby) for £5 return. Tickets are available online or from Sykes Shop, Askrigg or The Falls. If you are driving, your ticket includes free parking.

Dales Events aim to put on many events throughout the year, and have already planned a laid back Jazz and Blues Sunday afternoon on **June 9th at 2.00pm** at the Yorkshire Dales Brewery in Askrigg, featuring Kiki deVille (BBC 1's "The Voice") and an outdoor screening of Bohemian Rhapsody (TBC) on **June 29th**.

For more details on these and other events follow them on Facebook @dalesevents or tickets available on www.buytickets.at/dalesevents but be warned... the last three events sold out in advance!

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Thoralby Village Hall

Unfortunately the Library Theatre Company will not be able to perform at Thoralby on **June 1st**, as advertised in the last newsletter. This is due to the death of one of the leading players.

Instead the village hall is having a Treasure Hunt at **6.00pm** and a Soup and Sweet Supper at **7.00pm** on the same date, **June 1st**. Hot drinks included or bring your own bottle. Tickets £7.50 from **Phil 01969 663875** or **Liz 01969 663747**.

Below is a recipe submitted by our UWNL story-writing competition winner Lilian Hardill

Lilian's Palm Oil Free Recipes

After writing my palm oil story I have been trying to cut down on palm oil products. In case you didn't see my story for the UWNL competition, the production of palm oil is destroying the habitats of many creatures, especially orangutans. Their home in the rainforest is being replaced by huge plantations of palm oil trees. This deforestation is also contributing to climate change as the forest is not there to soak up carbon from the atmosphere. Palm oil is in hundreds of everyday products that we use in vast quantities without even thinking about where the ingredients come from. I have found that crisps are one of the guiltiest treats for having palm oil in, so I have looked into palm oil free crisp recipes and came across this...

Kale crisps

My family and I have found that, although they may not look or sound nice, they are delicious as well as healthy and palm oil free. In addition, kale is really easy to grow so you don't have to buy it in wasteful plastic bags, and you can save money. If you don't have room or time to plant it, why not get it from your local market where you can bring your own bags! This is great way to eat one of your 5 a day and the orangutans are happy too! So, here it is...

Ingredients:

Kale (around 200g)

1 teaspoon of rapeseed or olive oil

¼ teaspoon chilli powder (to taste)

½ teaspoon of curry powder

Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 150C.
2. Wash your kale.
3. Cut off the thick stems.
4. Put it into a large mixing bowl.
5. Add the oil and spices.
6. With clean hands, rub the oil and spices evenly over the kale.
7. Spread the kale over 1 or 2 large baking trays (so not too piled up!!).
8. Bake for 15 mins until kale is very crispy, but be careful not to burn it!

Lilian Hardill (age 11)

Leyburn and District U3A

Leyburn and District U3A's speaker for June is Andy Wilson on 'The History of Tobacco.' The meeting is on **Friday, June 21st** from **10.00am** at Leyburn Arts & Community Centre when the café is open. Non-members welcome for a small fee and the committee are available for information about all the interest groups currently running.

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Restoring the Amazon of the Yorkshire Dales

“It’s the Amazon on our doorstep,” says Jenny Sharman as we walk onto an area of peat moorland near Hawes in the Yorkshire Dales. “And it’s as if we’ve chopped it down.” Jenny is a restoration officer for Yorkshire Peat Partnership. She has spent a year surveying Fleet Moss, paving the way for major restoration works which started in March. “Fleet Moss can be seen from space,” says Jenny, pulling from her bag a laminated aerial image to prove it. “All that carbon we have lost is contributing to climate change in a big way. Peatlands are our rain forests.” At the Skipton offices of Yorkshire Peat Partnership they’ve nicknamed Fleet Moss the Somme, such is the devastation at the site

It’s dead land effectively. Degraded bog is no good to anyone, for farming, for shoots, for people, for anything,” says Jenny. Water from one side of the bog runs off into Barden Beck and then into Semerwater, one of only two natural lakes remaining in the Yorkshire Dales. Such has been the amount of peat washed down, Semerwater has partially silted up and its waters have become opaque and more acidic. During high rainfall, torrents also flow off Fleet Moss on to the other side of the watershed (into Oughtershaw) and ultimately into the River Wharfe, adding to flood risk downstream. It’s all gone wrong rather quickly. Until the late 1950s, the bog at Fleet Moss would have consisted of a layer (or ‘blanket’) of peat some four metres deep. About a metre of peat is thought to form every 1000 years. This was a significantly huge store of carbon, as well as a natural facility which held water on the moor. Today by contrast, mounds of peat known as hags stand proud of countless channels and gullies. Some of the gullies have a stone bottom with the peat entirely washed away. In others, only a few centimetres of peat remain. As with other degraded blanket bogs, the causes of erosion are thought to be over grazing, draining and atmospheric pollution. Wildfires, or managed burning, are also a typical cause. Little wonder that Fleet Moss was identified early on as a priority site for the Yorkshire Peat Partnership, which this year celebrates its tenth anniversary.

More than 400 hectares of Fleet Moss have been restored so far. Now funding from Pennine PeatLIFE, Defra and owners supported by agri-environment scheme payments, totalling £510,000, is in place to pay for the restoration of a further 100 hectares over the next three years. So, how do you restore peatland? To answer that question, Jenny took me to Stake Moss, another blanket bog a few miles away. It straddles the high point of the green lane running from Stalling Busk over to Cray and Buckden and has been subjected to intense restoration efforts this winter, 2018/19.

The first stage of restoration at Stake Moss, as elsewhere, was the survey work. It would be almost impossible to restore peatland without modern technology. Data collected by UAVs (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles) is used to create maps which show which way each channel and gully runs. Vegetation surveys, lab tests and old-fashioned depth rods are used to get a full picture of the bog’s condition. The next stage is to dam the channels and gullies. This requires digger work and skilled contractors. Local firm, Marsdens, carried out the work on Stake Moss.



Coir logs are placed across eroded channels at Stake Moss to stop the peat washing away.

Coir logs are staked across channels where the depth of peat remains between 1.2m to 3.6m. Coir is the outer husk of coconuts; all the logs must be imported, often from India or East Africa. Sediment soon builds up behind the logs and, after a year, Yorkshire Peat Partnership staff and volunteers come along to put in plug plants of blanket bog species such as crowberry. “As soon as we block the channels the

hydrology changes immediately. The aim is to keep the water on the moor, for the biodiversity as well as everything else. If we slow the flow, we create the ecology we want,” says Jenny. Where the erosion has been so bad that the bog has ‘gone down to mineral’, stone dams are created. Stone is lifted to site by helicopter and dropped in position. The stone dams, like the coir logs, stop peat being washed away and lead to the build-up of sediment

Jenny is clearly impressed by all the work that has taken place on Stake Moss. “It’s like magic to me. Five months ago you’d have seen hags everywhere. What I’m hoping to happen here is that it’ll become amazing spots for birds and insects. But long term funding will be needed to keep building up layer by layer. We’ll need to come back every five years,” she says. Healthy blanket bog supports a rich diversity of plant and animal life such as breeding waders and raptors. It will take thousands of years to restore what has been lost in just a few decades, but the work to repair the damage, at least, appears to be gathering pace.

Andrew Fagg

Dinara Klinton In Concert



Wensleydale Concert Series continues its fourth season on **Saturday, June 22nd** in St. Andrew’s Church, Aysgarth at **7.30pm**. We are very pleased to be welcoming Dinara Klinton, an international prize winning pianist who was born in Ukraine. Her programme consists of works by Scarlatti and Scriabin. Full details and tickets are available online at our website <http://www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk>.

Tickets are £15 (£1 for under 18 and full time students). You can also order tickets by phone on **0333 666 3366** (a fee applies for delivery of tickets) or by post at Wensleydale Concert Series, c/o Carol Haynes, Lairdswood Cottage, Carperby, Leyburn, DL8 4DB (no fees - cheques payable to 'Wensleydale Concert Series' - please include name, address, phone number and if possible an email address and the concert dates you are buying tickets for).

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Police Report

Relatively quiet this month which is always great to hear.

There has been a number of telephone fraud incidents reported to the police this month. Scam attempts include the following – request by caller to remotely access victim’s computer, request by caller for victim’s personal details relating to bank accounts, and a request by the caller for the victim to download software onto their computer. Beware, don’t fall for it! Just to clarify, unless there is an identified local suspect, we pass on such reports to Action Fraud. They are the UK national fraud and cybercrime reporting centre. They will be able to analyse the information you have provided and identify links with other reports. They assess for viable lines of enquiry and decide on the most appropriate police service to pursue further investigation.

A drink driver from the Middleham area has recently been handed a 40 month driving ban along with a hefty fine.... just don’t do it.

On April 27th there were two lambs attacked in separate incidences; one near Muker which sustained injuries and the other at Swinithwaite which sadly was killed. In both cases, there was no owner to be seen and the dogs were chased away by witnesses. It really is very simple – if you are around sheep, your dog should be on a lead. It doesn’t matter what your opinion or previous experience of your dog around sheep is – PUT IT ON A LEAD! Advice to anyone witnessing such an offence; if the dog is actually attacking sheep and there is no owner around and no one is unable to stop/catch the dog, call ‘999’. If the dog is not actively attacking but running loose near livestock, please call ‘101’. Sheep worrying is an offence and the owner of the sheep has the right to shoot any dog seen in the act.

In a similar thread to the above, please be aware that dogs should also be kept on leads when in certain areas (especially moorland) that contain ground nesting birds at this time of year. There are many warning notices about this all over the dales so please adhere to them.

Sometime between January and April about 1,300 litres of heating oil was stolen from

outdoor tanks at two addresses in the Church Lane area of Aysgarth.

A continued request for information relating to anti-social behaviour around the YDNPA toilets/museum/platform areas – anyone who witnesses such behaviour please let me know.

As you may be aware, we had a recent spate of quadbike thefts in the area between January to March, whilst our concentrated efforts do seem to have stemmed the tide, there are regular reports in the Sedbergh/Ingleton/Wharfedale areas of continued farm thefts including barn/building break-ins. It is not a stretch to imagine that this could spread into our area again. Please remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity and vehicles via ‘101’.

Please do sign up to our free community messaging service, if you haven’t already, to receive up to date local crime bulletins, event notifications and other useful information relevant to our area. Go to www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.org or contact me and I will get a paper form to you.

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Sunday, June 9th at 4.00pm - 'Feel the Power!' at St Matthew's Church, Stalling Busk To celebrate Pentecost Sunday, Sunday School will be meeting to make and fly some special kites.

Sunday, June 16th at 4.00pm - 'The Dad' at St Oswald's, Askrigg. A Father's Day Sunday School Special.

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back over Kisdon Hill. Part of Swaledale
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880018 to book.

Tuesday 18th – ‘Hawes Town Trail’.
2.00pm to 4.00pm. Meet at the DCM and
join this easy 2 mile walk through Hawes and
Gayle exploring the history of the area. Free
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The Alchemist's Cottage - Brewing up Something New in Hawes

The Alchemist's Cottage opened with a grand launch at Easter. Former Burnley striker Andy Payton and Gary Davis - Dame of the Dales, added a touch of glamour to Hawes High Street for the day. The new shop owner Cath Eastham is from Burnley and is a lifetime fan of the football club. Andy joined the team just before Cath gave birth to her first child, so as a fitting tribute, she named her daughter Payton. She was obviously over the moon when Andy said he could help her launch her new business.



Cath came up with the idea for the Alchemist's Cottage with her business partner Lee Philips who, after travelling the world and studying alternative medicine, wanted to set up a business that was as environmentally friendly as possible to share his enthusiasm for herbal teas. Cath had a passion for coffee and shared Lee's commitment to the environment, so they combined forces to set up the Alchemist's Cottage which offers artisan hand roasted coffee beans and loose teas all in compostable packaging. They soon expanded their business to include a "no more plastics" line of products ranging from soaps that people can safely use in rivers if wild camping, to the world's first re-useable cup made from recycled coffee cups. The company started online last September (www.thealchemistscottage.com) and they worked hard sourcing quality products from reliable and responsible suppliers before finally opening the shop in April.

Cath lives in Hawes and many may know her

as Mrs McCake. She wanted to open a local store offering products not available anywhere else in the area to compliment, rather than compete with, other Hawes businesses. She wanted to thank all the local traders who have been very supportive and welcoming. She is very pleased that Bear Cottage are now serving Alchemist's Cottage teas and coffees in their store and Cath will soon be stocking Wensleydale Pottery teapots.

The shop has a very inviting aroma as they brew a different coffee or tea every day for customers to sample. All the coffee beans are hand roasted in Yorkshire and can be freshly ground in-store. Cath says her best sellers currently are black tea with passionfruit and Yorkshire expresso. More shelving will be going up soon to display the ever increasing range of products, so why not pop in to see what's new.

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Wensleydale School pupil, Lucy Lightowler from Bainbridge, and family pet dog ‘Ziggy Stardust’, have been selected to represent the Young Kennel Club (YKC) Agility Team GB at the European Open Junior Championships 2019, taking place in Switzerland on July 12th-14th.

Lucy and Ziggy were selected to represent Great Britain after competing in front of the Team GB Management, on two squad days held at Nottingham Trent University in December and February, and also at Crufts 2019.

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The European Open Junior Championships take place at The Bodensee Arena, Kreuzlingen, Switzerland. Lucy and Ziggy will be travelling there at the beginning of July, where they will compete with the rest of the GB team against juniors from European countries and the USA.

Competition fees and team clothing are provided by the Kennel Club, but the rest of the trip is self-funded. If you would like to make a donation towards Lucy and Ziggy’s travel to the event please visit their crowdfunding page at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/lucylightowlerswitzerlandeoj2019

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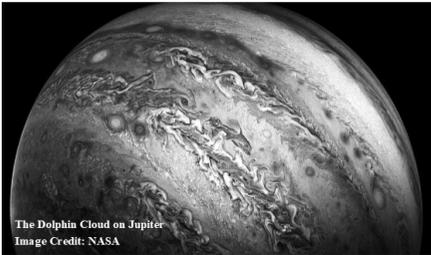
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Heavens Above

It's been a pretty quiet period recently for planet spotting but happily things pick up again this month. Jupiter puts on its best show of the year, and there's a striking planetary conjunction between Mercury and the Red Planet, Mars.

Jupiter, the solar system's largest planet, is a brilliant object low in the south in the constellation of Ophiuchus the Serpent Bearer.



On **June 10th** it's directly opposite the Sun so it's visible all night long shining brighter than anything else in the evening sky, bar the Moon. With a decent set of binoculars you should be able to spot the giant planet's four biggest moons as tiny beads of light either side of its noticeably flattened disc.

Mercury, the tiny innermost planet, is on view over in the north-west around 10 o'clock in the evening towards the middle of June. It's very low down so you'll need to have a clear horizon to give yourself a decent chance of spotting this

elusive little world. On **June 18th** about 10.30 pm it meets up with Mars when the two planets will lie a mere 14 arc minutes apart – a gnat's whisker astronomically speaking. The pair aren't really close together, however, as planetary conjunctions like this are only a line of sight effect. Once again good binoculars will give you the best view.

Rising around 11.00pm in the south-east the ringed planet, Saturn, is also visible on **June 18th**. At magnitude +0.3 it's much dimmer than Jupiter. It's poorly placed for viewing this year staying low down in the constellation of Sagittarius. If you're an early riser you might just catch Venus low on the north-eastern horizon just before dawn. It blazes away like a miniature beacon right through the month.

For a few weeks either side of the Summer Solstice on **June 21st** you've a good chance of spotting a display of rare noctilucent clouds. At altitudes of 80-85 km, they're the highest clouds of all and are formed from tiny particles of interplanetary dust coated with ice. Look out for them low in the north after midnight when the Sun is well below the horizon. Their ghostly milky-blue filaments catch the Sun's rays long after ordinary clouds have faded into the darkness – a beautiful sight and well worth photographing especially if you can find an interesting horizon and can get hold of a tripod to steady your camera. Have clear skies!

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It has been a busy time for the BAWB Federation. Below are just a few of the activities and events that we have been involved in, with more to come before the end of the summer term.

The Wensleydale Tournament of Song

The Robins and Owls classes of KS1 represented their classes, schools, and our Federation impeccably at this year's Tournament. We are proud to say that our children were awarded the 'President's Plate' for such enthusiasm on the stage; always smiling during their performance; for their patience (as there were some unexpected issues on the day); and for all of this as such young competitors. The President noticed that our children were incredibly polite and respectful. She couldn't praise them enough for their behaviour, especially in light of their age compared to most other entrants.

School Lunch Clubs

Children at Askrigg have set up various lunch time clubs. They run these entirely independently, although they are all supervised by an adult. These clubs have proved very popular and include Computing Club, Lego Club and Match Attax Club. The child who runs Lego Club even brought in some biscuits for the attendees - Club Biscuits!

One of the teachers also set up a club - Homework Club! However, this has (surprisingly!) also proved to be a very busy club as children are keen to get their homework finished before the weekend. It also means their teacher is available to help if needed. It is great to see such hard work and responsibility among such young children.

Charity Fund Raising

One of our parents is taking part in a Himalayan Trek in aid of the Coppafeel Charity (Breast cancer). Pupils of BAWB came to school to support this worthwhile cause dressed in bright colours to represent the Nepalese prayer flags and donated money on the day. There was also an Easter bake sale to boost

funds, which was enjoyed enormously. We wish Mrs Quinton the best of luck with her trek in September and look forward to hearing all about it on her return.

Tadpoles and Guinea Pigs

Children at Bainbridge have been busy nurturing some tadpoles over the Spring and are eagerly waiting for them to morph into frogs. We are also awaiting the arrival of some Guinea Pigs into school for the children to learn about and to look after. All that and a new greenhouse (kindly funded by the Askrigg & Bainbridge PTFA) in which to grow plants.

Visit to Wigton Moor

In March Children from West Burton visited Wigton Moor Primary School in Leeds and look forward to welcoming their pupils for a return visit in June. This is an annual, reciprocal arrangement so that our pupils have experience of an inner city school with different cultures and religions, and theirs of a country village school. Our children joined in with normal classes of at least 30+ children, doing science work on electricity and some history research about the Romans. Some classes also did PE in their large hall or outside on the large tarmac playground - very different to West Burton!

Joseph and The Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

We are looking forward to going to the Darlington Hippodrome on 22 May to see the matinee performance of Joseph. Children have been busy regaling us with songs from the show! A big thank you to the Askrigg and Bainbridge PTFA and the West Burton 50's Club for funding the trip.

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June

- 1 Thoraby Village Hall. Treasure Hunt and supper. 6.00pm. See p.8.
- 1 Children's Art Workshop. DCM Hawes. See p.22.
- 1,2,8,9 Open Arts Studios.10.00am. See p.4.
- 2 Family Service. St Margaret's, Hawes. 10.30am. See p.13.
- 4 Afternoon Tea, 2.00pm.The Rambles, Thornton Rust.
- 5 Coffee Club, Redmire Village Hall. 10.30am to noon.
- 6 Bottle Bank Band. 4.00pm. St.Oswald's,Askrigg. See p.24.
- 8 'Take That' live screening at Leyburn Community Centre. See p.23.
- 8 'The Darkening' concert, Tenants, Leyburn. See p.24.
- 8 Table-Top Sale, Aysgarth Village Inst..1.00pm to 4.00pm. See p.27
- 8 Craven Accordion Orchestra. Castle Bolton Church. 7.00pm. See p.7.
- 8 Bainbridge W.I. Coffee Morning. See p.31.
- 9 Jazz and Blues event. Yorkshire Dales Brewery, Askrigg. See p.8.
- 9 Sunday School making Kites at Stalling Busk. 4.00pm. See p.13.
- 11 Arts Society Lecture. Middleham. 2.00pm. See p.33.
- 14 Last booking date for Theatre by Bus. See p.23.
- 14 Charity Comedy Night, Aysgarth. See p.8.
- 15 Moorcock Inn Summer Fayre. Craft Stalls. 10.30am – 4.30pm. See p.30.
- 16 Penhill Ladies Skipton Canal/Coach Trip. See p.33.
- 16 Wensleydale Railway Father's Day Tea. 2.15pm. Leyburn. See p.21.
- 16 'The Dad'. St. Oswald's, Askrigg. See p.13.
- 16 Beamish Rally. Bainbridge Green.
- 18 Local History Group talk. 2.00pm. Middleham Key Centre. See p.3
- 19 Penhill Ladies. Robin Wilson 'Women Prisoners in History'. Carperby Institute. 7.30pm.
- 19 Afternoon Tea, Redmire Village Hall, 2.00pm.
- 20 Bainbridge W.I. Meeting. 7.30pm. See p.31.
- 21 Concert, Askrigg Village Hall. 7.30pm. See p.26.
- 21 Leyburn U3A talk. See p.9.
- 22 Wensleydale Chorus workshop. West Burton Village Hall. 10.00am. See p.33
- 22 Dinara Klinton Concert. St Andrew's Aysgarth. 7.30pm. See p.11.
- 22 Table-top sale. Redmire Village Hall. See p.35.
- 23 Family Service. 10.30am. St Oswald's, Askrigg. See p.13.
- 24 Soup and Sweet Lunch. Askrigg Village Hall.
- 24 Prayer Fellowship. 7.30pm. Thornton Rust Mission Room.
- 26 Demonstration of glass fusion. 7.00pm. Redmire. See p.35.
- 26 Family History Society talk. 2.00pm. Harmby Village Hall. See p.5.
- 27 National Theatre Live 'Small Island'. Leyburn Community Centre . 7.00pm. See p.23.
- 28 Concert. Martin Simpson at Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm.
- 29 George Collins at Leyburn Arts Centre. 7.30pm. See p.17.
- 30 Middleham Open Gardens, 11.00am to 5.00pm. See p.3.

July

- 6 Marie Curie Collection. Midsummer Bash, Hawes. See p.26.
- 7 Carperby Open Gardens. See p.34.

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June Events

4. Wensleydale, an industrial Landscape? **2.00pm**
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- 11 Mining Mystery - Buckden Bill **2.00pm.**
An illustrated talk by Richard Mathews on the mystery surrounding Buckden Bill - the body in the mine. Part of our Dales industrial heritage talk series.
- 14 In the Kitchen. **11.00am to 3.00pm**
Join us in our traditional farmhouse kitchen where Mrs H will explain the methods of preserving foods, such as pickling and salting.
- 18 Trees and Woods **2.00pm.**
An illustrated talk by author David Joy as part of the launch for his new book "Discover your woods: Trees in the Dales".
- 25 Men of Lead. **2.00pm.**
An illustrated talk by author David Joy on the history of lead mining in the Dales. Part of our Dales industrial heritage talk series.

- 25 Discovering Wholecloth Quilts.

1.00pm to 4.00pm. Discover what can be learnt about a quilt, even if not much is known about its history, by looking at the fabrics, quilting patterns and stitching. Join quilter Liz Nally in the textile gallery where she will have some of her quilts on display to study and will show the different things to look out for. There will also be a chance to have a go at quilting yourself!

Wensleydale Railway

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Mystery Picture

Last month's Mystery Picture was a real mystery as our photographer can't remember where she took it! and no sharp eyed reader could illuminate us. Anyway, where was this taken?

'Special Talent' Exhibits at Yoredale

Young artist Nel Hume is to have her first solo show at the home of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, as part of the Swaledale Festival. The collection of high-energy expressionist paintings has been inspired by landscapes of the Yorkshire Dales and the Northumberland coast.

'Nel Hume - Lighter than Thought' runs until **June 28th** at Yoredale in Bainbridge, and will be open on weekdays from **8.30am to 4.30pm** Admission is free.

Nel Hume will be running an art workshop for 7-to-11 year olds at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes on **Saturday, June 1st**. Tickets for 'Little Abstractions - Children's Art Workshop' are available for £5 at www.swalefest.org.



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Theatre by Bus

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Stones in His Pockets, by Marie Jones is set in a small village in rural Ireland which is turned upside down when a major Hollywood film studio descends to make a historical blockbuster on location. The story is told through the eyes of Charlie and Jake, employed as extras along with numerous other locals.

Often hysterically funny, thought-provoking and witty, this wonderful comedy has won numerous awards, ran for four years in the West End and has delighted audiences around the world.

This production is directed by one of the UK's greatest directors of comedy, Lindsay Posner. See this matinee performance on **Thursday, July 18th**, cost £30.50 for ticket and coach. Booking closes on **June 14th**.

When married hairdresser Rita enrolls on a university course to expand her horizons, little does she realise where the journey will take her. Her tutor Frank is a frustrated poet, brilliant academic and dedicated drinker. The two soon realise how much they have to teach each other. This hilarious and heart-warming comedy, **Educating Rita** by Willy Russell won the Olivier award when it was produced in London's West End and was adapted into the multi award winning film.

This matinee performance on **Thursday, August 15th** stars one of our best loved actors Stephen Tompkinson as Frank and introduces Jessica Johnson as Rita. Cost for ticket and coach is £30.50. Booking closes on **July 12th**.

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Swaledale Festival

The Bottle Bank Band will perform on **Thursday, June 6th, 4.00pm to 5.00pm** at St. Oswald's Church, Askrigg.

Infectious jigs, reels and hornpipes brilliantly played by a quartet from the North-East of England - a region which enjoys a centuries old tradition of fiddle playing. The glorious sound of the four fiddles, rich in harmony and captivating arrangements, is underpinned by an instinctive understanding of traditional playing. Adult £10, Under 25 £3.

In another unmissable event, Kathryn Tickell and her supergroup 'The Darkening' will perform at the Garden Rooms at Tennants on **June 8th**. This dynamic and beautiful set, led by the fiddle and Northumbrian pipes legend, will feature musicians from Scotland, Ireland and England - invoking the dark and powerful sounds of ancient Northumbria.

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.

Hawes School News

'Dream a difference' project.

The Y4/5 pupils have been working with Harriet Fraser, who is a poet on the Dream a Difference project. <https://dreamadifference.art/>. The aim of the project was to connect our pupils with children from the other side of the world and to learn about each others 'worlds' through poetry. The children have read poems by the children from South Africa and then wrote their own poems. They have also learnt about South Africa and what life is like here. The Y4/5 pupils are hoping to be skyping South Africa and share some of their poems and see the children who sent their poems. I am sure it's going to be an amazing experience.

Gardening Project – Volunteers Needed.

We are looking for volunteers to come into school and help us with our gardening project. This will involve working with children to make garden beds, grow plants etc.

If you can spare a couple of hours a week or ad hoc, please ring school on **667308** and let us know when you could help.

Alan's Tree

The Newsletter, Shirley Watkinson plus considerable help from the YDNP have planted a tree in memory of Alan Watkinson the founding editor of the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter.



On Thursday, May 9th a group of Alan's friends and members of the Committee completed the planting by attaching a plaque to the fence surrounding the Mountain Ash. The tree is situated 300 yards alongside the Pennine Way heading north out of Hardraw.

P.C.W.

The Wensleydale School and Sixth Form

Would you like to make a difference to the young people of Wensleydale? The Governors of the Wensleydale School and Sixth Form are forming a new charitable association called 'Friends of Wensleydale School and Sixth Form'. The project is in the planning stages but will officially launch in September 2019.

The group hopes to be a committee of volunteers, fundraisers and people from the local community who would like to make a difference to the education of children in Wensleydale. As we all know school budgets are tight, but there are ways in which specific projects can be funded and supported through goodwill, time and fund raising activities.

Funds have already been raised for a 'Peer Mentoring' scheme, involving training 30 students to become buddies and listeners to other students in times of worry or stress. This money has been donated from NHS England. Further bids are in place to support ICT equipment and improving outdoor and social spaces. If we work together, we can improve the all-round wellbeing and lives of all students in Wensleydale. If you are interested in finding out more please contact Julia Polley, Headteacher at headteacher@wensleydaleschool.net

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Marie Curie Collection

The Marie Curie street collection raised £352.69 so a big thank you to all our volunteers. Also on **July 6th** Di (Sparshop) has invited Marie Curie to collect at the 'Bash' on the community field. So anyone wishing to shake a bucket for an hour or so please ring **01969 667235** for what could be a fun (although quite noisy!) evening. Thank you.

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Greg Russell and Ciaran Algar in Concert

Askrigg Friday, June 21st

Greg Russell and Ciaran Algar are playing a concert in Askrigg Village Hall for the third time in four years! Following on from their fantastic concert at the Beer and Beef Festival last year they have confirmed their availability for the Summer Solstice. The proceeds from the concert will be split between the Askrigg Village Hall repairs fund and the Yorebridge Sports and Leisure Gym in Askrigg.

For anyone that has not seen Greg & Ciaran before I strongly recommend you come and see them. Greg Russell and Ciaran Algar joined forces in 2011. Combining Russell's powerful vocals and driving guitar style with Algar's All-Ireland winning fiddle playing, the duo have become one of the most sought after acts on the British folk scene. In 2013 the pair won the BBC Radio 2 Young Folk Award before going on to win the Horizon Award for best breakthrough act from the same source in 2014. In 2015, they were nominated in the BBC Radio 2 Folk Award Best Duo category.

Not only are they very talented musicians they are also hugely entertaining with their ready wit and rapport with the audience and with each other!

Tickets are only £12.00 and are available from Sykes House, Askrigg; Yorebridge Sports Gym or from Andy & Kirsten Civil. You can also e-mail ticket requests to askriggfolkconcerts@btinternet.com; or by contacting **Andy and Kirsten on 01969-650803**.

It will be a fantastic evening - doors open at **7:30pm** and there will be licenced bar with beer supplied by Askrigg's own Yorkshire Dales Brewery. Please come along!

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We charge an entry fee to cover the cost of hiring village halls, provision of food and drink, transportation for anyone dropping out through injury or fatigue and first aid at the finish. As last year, after the event our intention is to use any surplus funds to make a donation to St Gemma's Hospice in Leeds. We anticipate around 200 people entering the event and over 100 have already signed up.

The event is held with kind permission of the walk's originator Jill King, & the Cleveland LDWA Group, and is available as an 'Anytime Challenge' walk that could be completed over two to three days.

Further details can be found on the webpage www.ldwa.org.uk/TheIrregulars



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Dormouse Habitat Connected in Wensleydale

Nearly half a mile of hedgerows has been planted in Wensleydale to help expand the territory of one of the UK's most endangered mammals, the hazel dormouse. The new hedgerows create a 'highway' for dormice to move between areas of woodland. Dormice had become extinct in Yorkshire and much of the country, but after reintroductions in 2008 and 2016 have regained a foothold in mid-Wensleydale.

The hedgerow planting (a total of 750 metres) was part of a three-year project – now entering its last year – supported by grants of £75,000 from the People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) and nearly £48,000 from Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust.

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Member Champion for the Natural Environment, Ian McPherson, said: "Dormice are adorable, as well as highly endangered, and their reintroduction in Wensleydale has been one of the Yorkshire Dales National Park's biggest conservation success stories. It would be impossible to create these dormice 'highways' between areas of woodland without the full support of several landowners in mid-Wensleydale. I would like to thank them for supporting and enhancing wildlife in the National Park."



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UCI Road World Cycling Championship Event Fund

The Purpose of the Scheme

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The Richmondshire based races

Thursday 26th September - The Men's

Junior Road Race will start in Richmond Market Place and follow the same route as for the Tour de Yorkshire through Catterick Garrison until it reaches Leyburn where it will turn up to Redmire and Carperby before departing the District via Aysgarth and West Burton along the B6160. The total distance of the race is 147km and the finish will be held in Harrogate.

Sunday 29th September - The Men's Elite race will follow the same route as for the Tour de France and will enter the District from Craven. At Aysgarth the race will head east towards Bainbridge, Hawes and the 'Buttertubs' before dropping down through Leyburn and exiting the District via East Witton. The total distance of the race is 285 km with the start being held in Leeds and the finish in Harrogate.

Grant Scheme Details

A total amount of £20,000 will be allocated to community events outside of Richmond with priority given to events taking place on the route of either day, should the scheme be oversubscribed. The maximum grant per application is £2,000 with no match funding required.

There is an initial deadline of **noon on June 17th** for applications with bids being considered w/c **June 24th**. If there are any further funds available following this deadline, the scheme will re-open to bids for a short period of time. Applications will be considered at the same time to ensure the funds are allocated in line with the criteria, therefore no bids will be considered before the deadline.

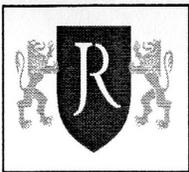
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There is a coffee morning in aid of Associated Country Women of the World on **June 8th** in Bainbridge WI. Coffee and cake will be £3 and there will be more information about ACWW from Rosie Slumper.

A further fundraiser will be the Beamish Rally on **June 16th**, on the green at Bainbridge where the WI will provide refreshments.

Forthcoming visits are Heck Sausages on **July 15th** and Dunham Massey Gardens on **July 31st**. Further information from **Margaret Thompstone 01969 650755**.

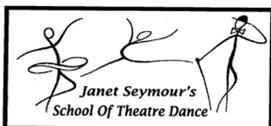
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Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) is offering grants to help create new native broadleaf woodland in the Yorkshire Dales and Nidderdale. The initiative comes at a time when government climate advisers are saying almost three billion trees must be planted by 2050 in this country to end Britain's contribution to global warming. They are open to anyone who owns or manages land and will help the creation of new native broadleaf woodland of any size including the costs of fencing and access.

Carol Douglas, Woodland Officer at YDMT, said: "We're really pleased to be offering support to those individuals and groups who want to create beautiful woodlands that everyone can enjoy. That is a key part of our Together for Trees campaign as well as providing an opportunity for people to get actively involved with trees and woodlands and the social benefits they have to offer. If you have a desire to create woodlands for the future then please get in touch for an initial conversation about the process. The deadline for final applications is **July 31st.**"

For further details contact **Carol Douglas**, carol.douglas@ydmtd.org or call **015242 51002**. Forms and guidance will be available on the YDMT website.

National Park Guided Walks in June

Tuesday 4th – "Kisdon Classic" Meet at Farmers Arms, Muker at **10.30am to 3.00pm.** for a 6.5 mile walk along the River Swale and back over Kisdon Hill. Part of Swaledale Festival. Adults £7, under 25s £3. Phone **01748 880018** to book.

Tuesday 18th – "Hawes Town Trail". **2.00pm to 4.00pm.** Meet at the DCM 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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Gavin examines the work of artists such as Max Beckman and Otto Dix alongside German Expressionist cinema, the phenomenon of Marlene Dietrich, and the emergence of Modernist styles of music. He also considers the work emanating from the Bauhaus, with its lasting influence on architecture and interior design. His talk coincides with a major series of videos that he is presenting for the Philharmonia Orchestra which can be viewed online at: www.philharmonia.co.uk/concerts/series/82/weimar_berlin_bittersweet_metropolis.

The videos coincide with Weimar Berlin: Bittersweet Metropolis, a linked set of events and performances at London's South Bank Centre from June to September 2019.

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A report on SDF activity in 2018/19 shows that £156,124 was granted to a total of 27 projects. Each project not only supported local communities or businesses but also helped to either improve the environment of the National Park or provide opportunities for people to enjoy it.

In Richmondshire, projects included the refurbishment of Hawes Market House kitchen plus new fire doors and decoration (£9,560); installation of a new energy efficient heating boiler for Thornton Rust Institute (£3,086); and new solar panels and low energy lighting to Raydale Camping Barn (£1,980).

The National Park Authority's Member Champion for Sustainable Development, Chris Clark, said: "We have had a very good start to 2019-20, with eight projects already under consideration. I would urge individuals, businesses or community groups to get in touch soon if they have a project idea that may need a helping hand. The SDF is one of the very practical ways the National Park Authority is supporting local communities."

Enquirers can get in touch by phone on **01969 652337**, or by using the SDF email address, SDF@yorkshiredales.org.uk. An application form, a set of guidance notes and case studies can be found at <http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/living-and-working/sdf>.

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Peregrine Chicks Hatch at Malham

At the time of writing no one has seen them, but it's certain that peregrine falcon chicks have hatched high up on [Malham Cove](#). In the past few days adult birds have been carrying food to a nest site. Peregrines have a history of being persecuted in the Dales, but this marks at least the 22nd time that a pair has hatched chicks at Malham since the birds returned there in 1993 with at least 61 young raised.



Peregrine bringing in a kill at Malham on Sunday, May 19th. Credit Dave Dimmock.

People can witness the world's fastest animal in action by visiting a free public viewpoint located at the base of the Cove. Staff and volunteers from the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) and the RSPB are on hand to assist with telescopes and information from 10.30am to 4.30pm five days a week from Thursday to Monday.

RSPB Area Manager Anthony Hills said: "We're excited to have seen behaviour that suggests the peregrines are feeding chicks. The next few weeks are going to bring lots of exciting activity as the parents catch food for their hungry young ones, and of course it won't be long before these chicks are ready to take their first tentative flights. I'd highly recommend a trip up to the Cove viewpoint to see these birds in action and to get the latest updates from the staff and volunteers."

You can follow the project on Twitter for regular updates: www.twitter.com/malhamperegrine or join the new Malham Peregrine Project Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/malhamperegrines/>

Cliff Allen

Debbie and the Family of the late Cliff Allen wish to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kindness and sympathy shown and for the very many letters and cards of condolence received following their recent sad loss.

Special thanks to those in the community who visited Cliff through his illness. Finally, grateful thanks to all those who attended the funeral service and gave generous donations in memory of Cliff for St Margaret's church, Herriot Hospice Homecare and The Motor Neurone Disease Association.



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Prunings - "Flaming June!"

My Gran, who was born around 1872, used the description above. Perhaps "flaming" hadn't turned into a derogatory word in her youth. Well I hope it will be flaming as I am heartily sick of cold and wet. Forecasts of better to come are not very comforting when on days like today (9th May) the temperature is around 5°C, not normal for this time of year. If there is no improvement the woolly vest and extra layer of duvet will be back!

Despite the inclement weather the tulips have been super and the large peony-flowered types are lovely, so I am now deciding what to replace them with. The tiny plugs which arrived from Thompson and Morgan will be some weeks before they create a show, so Sara Raven will get my attention. In any event her sweet peas were excellent last year so I shall get some more. I just want it to warm up a bit first.

One of my neighbours has an absolutely beautiful yellow rose in flower. It is "Canary Bird" and it's covered in blooms with a slightly peppery scent. I did some research on-line: plenty of nurseries listed it but some would only sell it

as a bare root. - too late for that. One of them had it container grown at £25.00 plus carriage - but out of stock. I couldn't find it at a reasonable price anywhere. We called at Braithwaite's in Leeming, and there it was, good, strong, container-grown and in flower for under a tenner. I have bought one. I then discovered that they had it at Winstanley's in Leyburn. You never know.

Gardener Margery Fish reputedly said about the secrets of gardening, "If in doubt, plant a geranium." - one assumes a hardy variety. Hay-loft Plants in Garden News are advertising some very pretty double geraniums. They are not cheap, but if they are truly hardy they will be good value. If they are as floriferous as claimed they will be eye-catching. However, the advert suggests that they will attract bees and butterflies. This is a moot point - most double flowers are of little use to pollinators as they are too elaborate. Some are bred without male and/or female parts and some have so many petals that the bees can't access the nectar. If you really want to help the bees and butterflies go for single flowers where you can see the stamens and stigma. Colour counts! Bees can see purple more easily than any other colour and they love anything tubular such as penstemons and snapdragons. Above all, keep dead-heading to get more flowers.

Strange how it always seems that we are waiting for the next magical event to happen. The hawthorn will be spectacular by the beginning of June and the rowans are nearly there. The Cornus Kousa which I planted on my new gravelled area in the autumn has put on an amazing spurt of growth and I keep looking out for the bracts turning white so that I will know it is happy in its new home.

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

Rose Rambler



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Notes from Thorney Mire

Late Spring

I have no evidence to back my theory, but I'm convinced that lapwings return to the same breeding grounds each year. Each spring I see flocks of them, not stopping here, but flying in a south-westerly direction and for many years, four birds have returned to nest in the same fields along the lane. Last year there were only three of them so I don't know how that worked out. However, six lapwings have taken up residence this year which is good news. They can be aggressive birds as one curlew found out when it was walking across the field, minding its own business, when a lapwing flew down and launched an attack on its back. Walking along the lane during the nesting season can be intimidating as the lapwings rise from their nests and fly above your head, making their warning cries. I also saw four or five lapwings making an aerial attack on a pheasant in a field, but the pheasant, a bird not known for its intelligence, stood there completely oblivious and walked away in its own good time.

Sometimes the bird feeders can be battle fields. Five goldfinches, (that's another bird with an attitude problem), challenged a similar number of siskins over the sunflower seeds. That is, until the woodpecker came and took no prisoners. The nuthatch doesn't stand any nonsense either. If ever a bird was not designed to eat from bird feeders, it's the woodpecker, they are so ungainly. A visitor to our house, jumped up from the breakfast table, ran to the window and in great excitement said, "It's a woodpecker". The visitor worked in a nature reserve on the Isle of Man and said that there were no woodpeckers on the island, hence her delight in seeing one.

Some of the best things in life are the simplest, like looking through the window into a field bathed in evening sunlight and watching over sixty fieldfares feeding, their light feathers also highlighted by the sun. They would be refuelling before their migration home. Some people might think I should get out more, but one couple who were out and driving down our lane, stopped their car and watched this lovely sight until the birds flew away.



Lying in bed one morning thinking that I had not seen any long tailed tits for a while, two were seen in the garden later that day. If I have got psychic powers and can make birds appear when I think about them, then I had better not think about vultures. Two swallows were seen on April 18th but none were seen again until May 10th when they were looking for some real estate under the eaves of our house. A flock of swifts was also seen in April.

A new squirrel box has been added to the collection. It took about two days before a baby squirrel found it and enjoyed its contents. It took so long feeding, the jackdaws which were waiting on the fence ready for their turn, got bored and flew away.

Flowers seen on the verges in April and May are, butterburr, dandelions, blue and white forget-me-nots, violets, saxifrage, water avens, jack by the hedge, marsh marigolds, lady's smock, lady's mantle, crosswort, wild garlic, vetch, red campion, common mouse ear, pig nut and sweet cicily. Horse tail, which is not a flower as it reproduces by spores and not seeds, is also found on the verge. It is an ancient plant as fossil records show these plants were around at the same time as the dinosaurs. Given that they are resilient enough to survive for several million years without evolving to adapt to different conditions and their root system can go down as far as seven feet, there doesn't seem much chance of me removing the few specimens which grow in our garden. I will have to live with them, like the dinosaurs did. (No comments please).

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