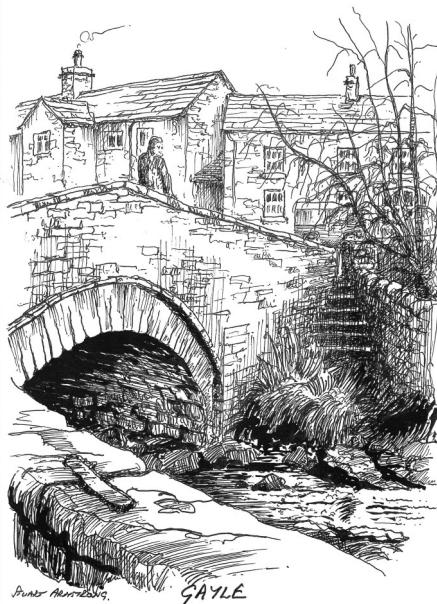


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Guest Editorial

“Lawyers should be aware of a bad habit among journalists: nothing intrigues us more than reticence. The more tightly shut the shell, the greater the motive to winkle it open.”

So wrote David Jessel, a former television journalist best known for his Rough Justice series on BBC Television in the 1980s.

You don’t have to be a high-flying national broadcaster to feel his words instinctively to be true: being a retired newspaper reporter in rural North Yorkshire, when the highlight of your working month is the local parish council meeting, will do.

It’s a measure of the impact of Jessel’s words that I first quoted them in a talk nearly 40 years ago to British Gas on attitudes to the press.

“If you want to kill a story, put out a press release,” was my own take on the matter, believing then, as now, that transparency was the key to good press relations.

I was reminded again of the Jessel quote in of all places Gayle Institute, where I’d gone to report a meeting of Hawes and High Abbottside parish council in November.

Just before the meeting got underway and having already suggested the idea to the clerk in an email, I asked if I could photograph the members.

“No thank you,” came the instant response of the chair, Jill McMullon, and a murmur of support for the decision went round the table.

It wasn’t shyness (though I know people don’t generally like to be photographed) but defensiveness.

In the run-up to the meeting I had ventured some questions about the council’s policy on co-opting new members (they didn’t have one, or if they did they were not about to share it) so why should they comply with my seemingly simple request for a picture, was the unspoken message.

No point in arguing and creating a fuss, especially as I was only 90 per cent sure of my ground: I knew you could video council procedures and audio-record, so surely you could photograph members? I checked later (I should have checked before) and it turned out the answer was yes, indeed you could. In fact any member of the public can do any of these things. You don’t need a press card, you don’t need to be anything other than an interested

person, otherwise known as a citizen.

Indeed if technology allows, you can, by law, broadcast live from any council meeting (if you can bear the excitement) direct to Facebook or Twitter or any other social media outlet, including your own blog or website.

Most of my time in this tiny corner of England is not spent battling bureaucracy for the sake of a nation’s rights and freedoms, but on occasionally reporting the struggles and triumphs of people’s everyday lives: their business ventures, crumbling church towers, coffee mornings and gym sessions, fundraising, school fêtes and fences (oh yes - that’s another story) and all the day-to-day stuff that keeps a community going.

But every so often that community, or its representatives, do need taking to task and in however small a way we can all do it with questioning, challenging, and demanding answers to awkward questions.

It’s no accident that the BBC, conscious of the extreme pressure that local and regional newspapers are under from the social media and other digital news outlets, are funding 150 “local democracy reporters” to supply local news outlets with copy, and have ambitious plans to recruit more.

They report on councils, NHS trusts, police commissioners and other public bodies and, in the BBC’s own words, “hold them to account.”

Tony Blair once said his biggest mistake in government (apart from Iraq, possibly, though he didn’t admit to that) was the Freedom of Information Act, because of the overwhelming number of requests it engendered. In my view it was one of his better decisions, in that it has helped us winkle open a lot of those previously tightly-shut shells.

Betsy Everett

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Christmas Lights Update

The Christmas and New Year celebrations are truly over for another year. Children's party and carol singing went well, Santa arrived with a bang and the lights switched on. Only a few drops of rain fell but more snow than was forecast!

I hope you agree with me that the Town looked splendid during the grey days of December. This would not have been possible without the excellent work carried out repairing and renewing displays this year. We were able to renew the Market House rope lights and St Margaret's Church walk. We also replaced several Christmas trees and rope lights on older displays, using in excess of 300 metres of rope light.

All this has been achieved by the generous donations from Personal & Business Friends of Hawes Christmas Lights; Hawes Tolls Trustees; Richmondshire District Council Area Partnership Fund; Hawes & High Abbotside Parish Council; Wensleydale Creamery; Gayle Mill Trust; Hawes Market House Trustees. Over £6000 was raised and spent this year.

A big thank you too everyone involved with erecting and dismantling the lights and supporting the lights group with fundraising and events. We are very welcoming to new volunteers, especially those younger members of the community to continue efforts for years to come.

Peter Wood, Chairman

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Eunice the Ewe

Last month I was hiding in Sheila Kearton's sewing on page 14 and the lucky winner of the £10 prize is Amanda Corps from Woodhall.

Where am I now? To enter for the £10 prize, please include your postal address if replying by email.

Bus Timetable Changes

North Yorkshire County Council have retimed several journeys on their service 155 between Leyburn and Bedale. One result of this is that the bus from Bedale which was previously scheduled to arrive in Leyburn at 2.21pm is now scheduled to arrive at 2.30pm.

The Little White Bus departing at 2.30pm to Aysgarth and Hawes will, where possible, wait for any connecting passengers from Bedale. Please also be aware there is a later bus at 3.55pm departing for Hawes.

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February Quiz

Below are 10 questions all linked to February.

1. What is your star sign if you are born on February 29th?
2. What date in February is Groundhog Day?
3. Which English author, considered by some to be the greatest novelist of the Victorian era, was born on February 7th 1812?
4. Which song has the line ‘but February made me shiver with every paper I’d deliver’?
5. Who was beheaded for high treason at the Tower of London on February 13th 1542?
6. Taking her seat in parliament after being elected in 1919, Lady Nancy Astor was the first woman to do what in parliament on February 24th 1920?
7. James Watson and Francis Crick found the ‘secret of life’ on February 28th 1953. What had they discovered?
8. Whose grave was located under platform 8 of King’s Cross Station on February 21st 1988?
9. Who set a new land speed record of 174.883 mph in Bluebird on February 4th 1927?
10. Facebook was founded on February 4th of what year?

Send your answers to arrive no later than **Tuesday, February 18th** for a chance to win the £20 prize which will be sent to your nominated charity.

Drop-off points and contacts

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

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Answers to the Christmas Competition

1. Nutcracker
2. Fruitcake
3. Macy's
4. Claus Marks
5. 8 (NO Rudolph)
6. Michael Caine
7. Teddy Ruxpin
8. Hermey
9. Jingle Bells
10. Home Alone 2
11. Turkey
12. Coca Cola
13. Pope Julius 1
14. Franklin Pierce
15. Flying Fish Cove
16. 1843
17. Germany
18. Union Jack
19. Christmas Stamp
20. Tennyson

Nobody managed to get all the answers correct. The winners this month with 19 correct answers are Roger and Maureen Emmins formerly from Appersett. Their nominated charity is the RNLI.

Contacting the Newsletter

Can we just reiterate that the best and safest way to contact the Newsletter is to send us an email to our address at uwnlinput@gmail.com. If this is impossible, please drop off your written submission to the Community Office in Hawes where it will be collected by one of the editorial team. If you post things through the letter-box of one of the committee you run the risk of them being away and hence missing the deadline.

An Apology

Unfortunately, the greeting from Margaret Dinsdale of Hawes wishing all her friends and family a very merry Christmas and all the best for 2020, was missing from the last edition of the newsletter. Apologies for the inconvenience this may have caused.

Prayers Answered!

The churches of Penhill Benefice have a new vicar. The Revd Tom Ringland was inducted into the benefice on November 4th 2019. This was after nearly a year of being without a full time vicar – the dreaded “Interregnum” – and there is a huge feeling of relief among the parishioners of the four parishes which make up the benefice. The Revd Canon Penny Yeadon has shouldered the ministerial burden during that time, despite having a full time job elsewhere.

The induction service was a splendid occasion to brighten up a dark November evening. There was an element of pageantry about it but above all a sense of joy as Tom was welcomed into Wensleydale. The service was led by the Bishop of Leeds (we are in Leeds Diocese) and there were many other clergy and local dignitaries present. Even some of Tom’s previous parish friends turned up.

Tom was born and raised near Canterbury and still has family down there. He is a scientist by nature, having worked in agricultural research before leaving home to study chemistry and then graduating in geology at Durham University. His call to Christian ministry took him to the East End of London, Sudan and Kenya before beginning ordination training at Trinity College, Bristol. From there he had two early curacies in Sussex before moving to Leicestershire, firstly spending ten years in the former mining town of Coalville and then thirteen years in a couple of large villages near the city of Leicester.

It was while he was at Bristol that he met his wife Bev. She grew up in Ilkley so we have a Yorkshire connection. They were married while Tom was a curate in Sussex. Bev trained as a primary school teacher, although she did not actually begin teaching until all the children had started school. They now have four children: Ellie (28) is a clinical biochemist living in Sheffield; Charis (26) is in Florida doing research work on Alzheimer’s for a PHD; Tim (23) has studied computer science at Cambridge and is the only one of the four living at the vicarage in Carperby while he contemplates his future career direction; Peter (19) is studying engineering at Bristol, although currently he is gaining experience as a chef, which may be an alternative career path. That’s quite a lot of offspring to keep track of.

Bev and Tom’s two Labradors are called Islay

and Skye so you might guess that they are fond of visiting Scotland. They are keen walkers, having completed the West Highland Way among other long walks, so they are looking forward to exploring our local hills. They like to study birds so in the summer they will be able to watch the influx of all our wonderful moorland species. They also enjoy cycling but they are well aware that an eight mile trip to Muker is a tad more demanding than riding around in Leicestershire. All these are difficult activities to pursue in these dark winter months but there is much to anticipate when spring approaches.

Now that the busy Christmas period is over Tom has time to reflect on his first few months. I asked him if there had been any unwelcome surprises but he seems to have taken everything in his stride and has clearly come to terms with the geographical challenges of having such a scattered area stretching from Thornton Rust to Wensley. Learning who everyone is takes time but all the churches have gone out of their way to make him and Bev welcome. We hope they enjoy life here in Wensleydale and wish Tom well in his Christian ministry.

N.P.

Agnes Nuttall

Wishes to thank everyone for the lovely cards, flowers and gifts she received for her 90th birthday.

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UWNL Children's Story Writing Competition 2019

And the winners are.....

We had a great response to our competition which is now in its second year. We challenged children aged 7 to 11 to write a 300 to 500 word story with the Title "A Night to Remember." The competition was set up in memory of our founding editor Alan Watkinson who championed writing in the young. Ann Pilling, local children's author was our judge again and was very impressed with the high standard of creative writing and really enjoyed reading the amazing variety of stories we received.

7-9 Category - The winner was Benjamin Quinton-Bottley (BAWB Federation) and the runner up was George Adams (Hawes Primary).

10-11 Category - The winner was Charlie Dinsdale and the runner up was Mary Cooper both from BAWB Federation).

Ann presented the prizes to the winning children giving some wonderful feedback on why their stories stood out. She said that this year she had found it extremely difficult to pick the winners and shared great insight on what makes a good story. She highlighted passages from over 10 of the children's stories, praising their imaginative use of language, great opening lines and funny or scary endings. Karen Jones and Alastair MacIntosh presented Book Tokens and the Alan Watkinson Memorial Shields to Vicky Collins of the BAWB Federation of Primary Schools and thanked her for her enthusiastic support of the competition.

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

Here is Benjamin's winning entry:-

A Night to Remember!

The nights were closing in, snow was floating carefully down, and rain was battering on the rooftops. Winter was a bad season. One particularly cold night, a 9-year-old boy called Alfie suddenly woke up. Something was wrong. His dad was snoring away and the rain was battering on the roof of their little cottage but, in amongst that, there was a bang on the door. Could it be the postman? Not this late. Could it be his friend? He would be in bed. He had to find out. He tip-toed downstairs and opened the

door. There he saw the zombie's ugly face...

He slammed the door shut just as a clawed hand swished at him. He dashed upstairs into bed. From now on he would never wake up at night again. In the morning, he woke up, his head still full of the nightmare that had happened the night before. He set off for school after breakfast. He went through the front gates and into the playground. All his friends came to greet him. Just then the bell rang.

The first lesson was maths and he didn't do very well with his head clouded with that face - that ugly, ugly face. The next lesson was English, and he never got a single word down. It was lunch next and barely ate a single crumb. In the afternoon was history and he was learning about the Black Death but all he thought about was the zombie. And then it was finally home time. His dad was at the door to welcome him.

"Ahh, my young Alfie," said Dad cheerfully.

"Um... hi dad," replied Alfie.

"Is everything OK?" asked his dad. Alfie told his dad about the zombie.

The night came and they both stayed up and waited, frying pans at the ready. Then came a knock, and the door opened... BANG!!!

"Ow!!!!" screamed the newsagent.

"Oh I am so sorry!" replied his dad.

"It's OK," he said. "Your Alfie told me all about that zombie. I came to see if you were all right."

So they found him a sofa cushion and waited. Then came another knock. Knock! Knock! Knock! They opened the door...

There were THREE zombies at the door. Alfie took the first BANG!!!! Square on its head. It reared back and growled. The newsagent charged another zombie using his sofa cushion like a battering ram Whack!!! It sent the zombie flying and it hit a tree.

"Ha!" shouted the newsagent. "That showed you!!"

Just then Alfie's dad shouted, "I think you look better now!" He had squished the third zombie's nose so it looked like a pig.

Then, through the early spring trees, came the sun. The newsagent went home and the morning light came through the trees. The father and son held hands. The town was safe, for now ...

Benjamin (age 9)

And here is Charlie's winning entry.

A Night to Remember!

Sir Lancelot's brain was spinning with thoughts of what had happened and why ...

It all started one New Year's Eve at Camelot and they were celebrating and feasting and Arthur was giving speeches until a dark cloaked figure walked into the banquet hall. He was wearing a green broach, an emerald staff and a blue cloak.

He spoke: "Having fun? Why not play a little game? Do I have any volunteers?"

"You can't just barge in you cursed wizard!" said the high king, Arthur. "The game is that your knights have to come to the diamond dragon cave and try and kill me next New Year's Eve," said the wizard before suddenly dissolving into dust.

That was why Sir Lancelot was thinking so hard. What is the diamond dragon cave and who was that wizard? But, as you know a year does not pass as quickly as a cake rising. It was a long, slow year full of laughter and feasts until the time when they had to head off.

Finally, the time came when the knights had to head to the diamond cave. They left Camelot, riding on horses galloping past the forest. They trotted through the putrid bog slowly, luckily everybody got past. When they arrived at the enchanted forest, it was night. They were cautious and worried. Then, suddenly, a colossal serpent-like creature jumped out from the trees. His immense claws scratched knights just by gently tapping them. He roared, spraying smelly odour all over. He sprang at the king but spears were thrown wildly and they stopped him. Then Sir Lancelot grasped his sword and threw it at the serpent. It shook and the serpent stopped: it was under a spell and Lancelot had freed him. Then one of its fangs fell from its mouth and fell into Lancelot's hands - it was a gift.

"Well done Lancelot," said Merlin the wizard out of nowhere. "I will help you on your mission."

They walked with their horses then and a few days later they arrived at the diamond dragon cave. There were giant crystal doors and evil looking guards.

The knights walked up and said, "We are

looking for a cloaked figure."

"He is in here," said the guards. The crystal doors opened and the dark cloaked figure was there.

"Come in, come in brave knights," he said.

They walked in and there was a massive battle arena.

"Here is where we are going to fight," the wizard said.

"Do you mean we fight you?" said Sir Gawain.

"Yes," he said. "The fighting begins now."

They started fighting. The wizard blasted the knights easily and then Arthur came to fight and they saw sparks flying and magic and iron clashing but then Arthur got blasted.

Lancelot started to fight and he almost won but then merlin – for he was the wizard - blasted him and said, "What a knight to remember!"

THE END

Charlie (age 10)



Winners -Benjamin and Charlie

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French Conversation – Alternate Wednesdays 10.30am to noon.

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Circuit Training – Wednesdays 7.30pm to 8.30pm

This is a high intensity circuit based class building strength and cardio vascular fitness. The cost is £5. Just turn up or contact us on the details below for more information. This course is supported by North Yorkshire Council Stronger Communities Fund.

Step Class – Thursdays 7.00pm to 8.00pm

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Gym and Swim!

Remember we have a fully equipped gym. Gym membership also includes free swimming at Richmond Pool! We have a number of other fitness classes and activities available including Fit for Life, Walking Circuit, Gentle Exercise, Bootcamp, as well as Children’s Soft Play.

For enquires about any of the above or for bookings contact Jan on 01969 650060 or email admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk; website www.yorebridgesportandleisure.co.uk; facebook Yorebridge Leisure; or twitter @yc_leisure.

Yorebridge Diaries

Fitness For All - We are proud of the help we're able to give to people who are recovering from health conditions and are assisted in rebuilding their strength through careful exercise programmes with our support. We are going to feature people who have benefitted from this. This month Rachel tells her story:

Rachel's Story

Soon after I was diagnosed with Parkinson's I realised that there were certain things I had taken for granted that would from now on be difficult or impossible.

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Worst of all I couldn't dance anymore as my arm was rigid and I couldn't keep rhythm. Bit by bit I found things to help overcome these and other problems and started on medication which helped.

Then one day I attended a meeting where a neurosurgeon told us about his vacation in an African village which housed a much greater number of people with Parkinson's than average. He tried an experiment on some men who had a shuffling, slow walk. His method was to get them to walk to a metronome, keeping in beat with it. After two weeks they walked like you or I! Not having a metronome to walk with in my lunchtimes at work I tried counting 1,2,3,4,1,2.....It really helped but within a very short time other thoughts came into my head and I forgot to count and my walking deteriorated again.

My turning point was joining Yorebridge Sport and Leisure Centre and receiving excellent guidance and support in undertaking appropriate exercise to suit my capabilities. I set about starting a slow run on the treadmill and building up until I felt more confident and ran on the road too. In the gym I found if I held either the emergency stop clip or my phone with music playing it stopped my arm wandering around on its own accord and after a lot of practice, I challenge anyone who sees me run to say that I run any differently to anyone else! My muscles are in better condition and the combination of medication and exercise helps keep my walk nearly normal and my arm swings a bit now when I walk.

I know I will deteriorate as the years pass but I'm going to try to keep fit by using the gym (83 pence a day), cycling and walking round our beautiful Dale as much as I can.

Jan Hale



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Rainfall Figures in mm in 2019

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Hawes	48	112	269	56	92	104	93	238	176	187	111	161	1647
Breconbar	32	74	178	39	52	99	101	171	142	160	111	110	1269
Carperby	19	73	229	41	62	112	96	94	134	180	101	112	1163
Askrigg	28	48	151	35	49	86	92	128	138	129	83	92	1059
Thornton Rust	39	79	216	43	72	104	106	140	156	181	128	135	1399

What was the Weather Like in 2019?

I have set out below a short record of the weather for last year as observed from Thorne Mire west of Hawes. The weather up and down Wensleydale can vary considerably as can be seen from the rainfall figures.

As a general rule rainfall decreases as you go down Wensleydale. The Dale's east/west axis follows the prevailing westerly wind (compare the total figures for Hawes and other sites). This is due to the air being warmed as it descends from the Pennines, and becoming drier. Note that the summer figures do not vary from site to site to the same degree as the winter ones.

Summer temperatures down the Dale are higher and the air can hold more moisture, so showers and thunderstorms may be heavier and more frequent here than above Hawes. Down dale, rain clouds can develop rapidly in warm but unstable air.

January began fairly mild and dry due to high pressure nearby. It remained mild but became changeable with spells of rain. The wet weather persisted until mid-month but rainfall totals were quite low. There were a few night frosts under clear skies. Temperatures fell during the second half of the month but it was dry and sunny by day with night frosts. After a short mild spell it became much colder again towards the end of the month with snow showers and severe night frosts. A minimum temperature of -8°C was recorded on the 31st.

February continued very cold with severe night frosts and snow showers. By the 8th it turned milder with spells of rain and quite stormy at times. Much of the second half of the month remained changeable with mild westerly winds but by the 23rd it turned drier and became unseasonably mild with a maximum temperature of 14°C on the 27th.

It remained mild into March but storms brought frequent wind and rain although there were drier interludes. The second half of the month was quite mild, dry and sunnier but nights were cold with ground frosts.

April began cold with rain and sleet at times, and ground frosts at night. By the 8th an easterly wind became established, it remained cool but cloudy with occasional sunny spells. By the 16th the wind backed south easterly and temperatures rose slowly, although nights remained cold under clear skies. A daytime temperature of 21°C was reached on the 22nd. However by the 25th it became changeable with hail and thunder, heralding a return to cooler weather with rain at times.

This weather continued into May. The rain became more showery in nature with sunny periods but it remained rather cold. As high pressure became established, it turned drier and sunnier by mid-month. Unfortunately this did not last and was replaced by cloudier, more changeable weather with heavy rain towards the end of the month.

“Flaming June”, no not quite! The cloudy, cool, wet weather continued. There were occasional drier sunny days but these were in short supply! It was not until the 20th that high pressure returned and it became drier and warmer. There was some rain but this was short lived. Temperatures rose to a maximum for the month of 22°C on the 30th.

The dry weather continued into July but it was cloudy, however when the cloud cleared the temperature rose quickly in the strong sun reaching 22°C on the 13th. The exceptional dry spell ended on the 18th after 18 consecutive days with less than 1mm of rain. It then turned showery but very warm at times as tropical air pushed north which resulted in thunderstorms on 24th and 25th and a maximum temperature for

the month of 27°C also on 25th. It then turned a little cooler but remained unsettled with heavy thundery showers.

Now it is August and the school holidays, no guessing what the weather does! After a few dry days, thunderstorms with torrential rain on the 4th heralded a very wet and cool first half of the month with only a few dry spells. It became warmer and sunnier in the second half of the month for a time but still with heavy showers.

Changeable showery weather continued into September and it turned cooler. It became drier by the 7th with fewer showers and more sunshine. The settled spell remained for a couple of weeks but towards the end of the month depressions crossed close to the country bringing spells of heavy rain and reminding us that Autumn is well and truly here.

October begins with mild, changeable weather but ground frost occurs where the cloud clears at night. It becomes drier mid-month with sunny periods but rather cool. More changeable weather returns in the last week.

I cannot really comment on the first two weeks in November as my wife and I were on holiday in Patagonia on the border of Argentina and Chile where it was spring! (Did not always feel like it but that's another story!) I understand it was very wet at times here and cool with some night frosts. It was a shock on our return as

winter was asserting itself with a hard overnight frost on the 19th and a temperature of -4°C. It then turned milder with rain at times until the 28th when a spell of dry, very cold weather set in with severe night frosts. This continued into December, with -4.5°C being recorded on the 30th.

Unfortunately there was no snow when Father Christmas came to Hawes! The first half of the month was wet and fairly mild and there were a few overnight frosts where clouds cleared. It turned cold from 12th with some showers turning to snow. The first thin covering of snow arrived on the morning of the 15th but soon thawed although there was snow persisting on the nearby fells for several days. It then turned milder and the run up to Christmas was changeable with rain at times but Christmas day itself was sunny and dry. It continued dry and mild in the run up to New Year. It was almost spring-like at times!

This is not a forecast for 2020, we can only wait and see! No doubt we will moan about the amount of rain and rush out with the sun lounger as soon as the sun appears. I heard on the news that, globally, the last decade was the hottest since records began but this is Yorkshire so don't get too excited!

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£65,000 available for local projects

Pilgrim guidebooks, timber glamping pods and natural flood management measures are the three latest projects to receive funding from the National Park Authority's Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) - but there is still £65,000 left in the pot for this financial year and fresh applications are being invited.

The SDF can support projects that help businesses or local communities, such as public toilets refurbishment in Burnsall; it can also support projects which either improve the environment of the National Park, or provide opportunities for people to enjoy it.

A recent grant of £1,185 helped St Alkelda's Church in Giggleswick print 500 guidebooks and 1,000 leaflets promoting the 'St Alkeldas Way', a 33 mile walk through the National Park. Another grant of £10,000 was made to a tenanted farm business on the Bolton Abbey Estate, to help pay for the installation of three new camping pods at Catgill Campsite to improve the range of affordable visitor accommodation. Thornton Community Projects - the name of a local group in Thornton in Lonsdale - received a grant of £1,345 to help pay for a natural flood management system and biodiversity improvements in Cowgill Wood. The system of 'leaky dams' should help should reduce the risk of flood water reaching homes in the village.

Sustainable Development Officer Andrea Burden said: "Ideally we like to allocate our annual SDF budget by the end of February each year - so if you've got a great local project that needs support, please get in touch." The Sustainable Development Officer can be contacted on sdf@yorkshiredales.org.uk or 01969 652337.



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Thursday, February 6th

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Friday, February 21st

Megson

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Recent and Ongoing Archaeological Projects in the Yorkshire Dales National Park
by Douglas Mitcham

Middleham Key Centre,
Tuesday, February 18th at 2.00pm

This talk will run through some recent community archaeology projects undertaken by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority with local volunteers. Community Heritage Officer, Douglas Mitcham will explain what this has added to our understanding of the historic environment of our National Park.

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Ore Crusher Restored as DCM Turns 40

A unique piece of British lead mining industrial heritage has been painstakingly reassembled at the Dales Countryside Museum (DCM) in Hawes. The Old Providence Mine ore crusher, rescued from Dowber Gill near Kettlewell in Wharfedale, arrived in bits at the museum three years ago. A team of a dozen volunteers has spent a total of 870 hours putting it back together. It is the most complete water wheel and double roller ore crusher in the country. The crusher was one of 860 objects gifted to DCM by the Yorkshire Dales Mining Museum in Earby when it closed in 2015.



DCM volunteers Dave Carlisle, left, and Mason Scarf, have helped to reassemble the Providence Mine ore crusher.

Volunteer Dave Carlisle, a long-time member of the Earby Mines Research Group which saved the crusher in 1971, said: "We've reconstructed it from what looked like a pile of scrap; it had been demolished in a hurry at Earby. It took 18 months just to lay out all the pieces and do the painting and rust proofing to get ready for assembly. It feels great to see it up. There are plenty of old water wheels running, but this is the only ore crusher remaining in the Yorkshire Dales. There is nothing like this in the North of England. In Britain it's unique. It's just a pity it's not a whole wheel. By the time it was rescued in the '70s, half of it had been taken away for scrap or washed down the beck."

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a National Lottery Heritage Fund-supported project called, "A Rich Seam: Lead Mining and Textile Heritage in the Yorkshire Dales".

The project has capped a memorable year for DCM, in which it has celebrated its 40th birthday and undergone significant redevelopment, including the addition of a new textiles gallery. A grant of £90,600 has enabled DCM to re-examine and display the objects received from the Yorkshire Dales Mining Museum. It has also helped pay for the new textiles gallery. Lead mining and textile industries once went hand-in-hand in the Dales, with miners often knitting on the way to work to supplement their income. DCM's collection of knitting sticks, which were often made as love tokens, are now on permanent display.

Other recent improvements at DCM include the introduction of the Firebox café run by Stage 1 Cycles and a major security upgrade to enable it to host pieces from national collections. By the end of October of this financial year (2019/20), the museum had received 14,348 visitors, meaning it is on course to exceed last year's admissions total of 14,863.

DCM Manager Fiona Rosher said: "The gifts from the former Yorkshire Dales Mining Museum, and the stories of the Earby Mines Research Group which came with them, have made our collections even more special. The ore crusher, in particular, is a new local landmark and visitor attraction. We are now able to better highlight the importance of lead mining to the Yorkshire Dales."

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Tour de Yorkshire Race Meeting

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Shortage of New Homes in the National Park

The number of planning permissions for new homes granted by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority is running at an historical high, but new housing completions remain disappointingly low, Members of the Audit and Review Committee heard today. It was highlighted that the only objective in the Authority's Corporate Plan 2019-20 that was not on course to be met related to housing completions.

In the year to the end of March 2019, only 25 new houses were completed in the National Park which was well short of a Local Plan target, agreed with local District Councils and other partners, for 55 completions. The number of new housing permissions, on the other hand, stood at 60 last year, the second highest figure in the past 10 years. In just the first six months of this year (2019/20), 64 new housing permissions have been granted. This means the Authority is on course to grant more new housing permissions this year than in any year since it was formed in 1997. The upshot is that there are now almost 600 'uncompleted' permissions for new housing units in the National Park.

The Authority has said that housing delivery is a crucial issue in the National Park, given the widely acknowledged need to retain and attract younger people to sustain local communities. Member Champion for Development Management for the Park

Authority, Jim Munday, told the meeting: "The reason for the shortage of new and affordable housing in the National Park lies with the slow rate of building in the Park and not with any lack of planning permissions. There is not enough investment in the sort of small-scale, affordable housing schemes that we need, in part because it's cheaper to build on large sites outside the National Park in places like Colburn and Catterick. There is also evidence that landowners are not prepared to release land at a price that would make development viable."

"The National Park Authority does not have the legal powers to build houses. That is why we are working to support the District Councils on a range of measures to try to get more housing actually built, so that the area can attract and hold on to the younger people we need. The fact that the first sods have been turned at a housing development site in West Witton, where there will be 17 new dwellings, eight of which will be affordable, gives grounds for optimism."

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Our book club for WI members meets every six weeks or so and this month will be held on **February 13th** to discuss the Woman in Black by Susan Hill. Contact **Susan Freer on 01969 663980** for more details.

There will be a peg loom workshop on **February 8th** at Thornton Rust Institute. Numbers are limited so booking is essential. Please contact **Anne Harrison on 01969 663381**.

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Details of the local meetings, which include a free supper, are as follows:

Hawes -**Thursday, February 13th at 7.30pm** at Fountain Hotel.

Reeth - **Thursday, February 20th at 7.30pm** at Buck Hotel.

Farm Conservation Adviser Jane Le Cocq said: "Everyone is waiting to learn more about the government's proposed new Environmental Land Management scheme (ELMs), which will replace Countryside Stewardship by 2024 and be trialled nationally from October next year. It's unlikely we'll get any details on ELMs in the near future, so during the meeting we will be concentrating on the existing agri-environment scheme, Countryside Stewardship. Ministers have confirmed that if farmers enter into a new Countryside Stewardship agreement this year, they will be able to exit it early, without penalty, to join ELMs when it comes along. Countryside Stewardship has been much improved over the past year and we think it offers some decent options for upland farmers. The application window will open in February, and we are looking to offer support to applicants."

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£100,000 of the total allocation will be available to projects outside of these areas. The quarterly closing dates for applications will be on April 30th, July 31st and October 31st.

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Dalesplay are very grateful for the money raised at our Christmas Fayre and the donation given by the LVA, the money will be used to replace the windows on the front of Dalesplay building which have become weather damaged.

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- 1 Gilbert and Sullivan first rehearsal. Leyburn Methodist Hall 2.00pm. See p.29.
- 1 Men's Breakfast. Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge. 8.30am.
- 2 Penhill Benefice Candlemass Services. 9.30am and 11.00 am. See p.15.
- 5 Arts Society Lecture. Ancient Art of Afghanistan. Tennants. 2.00pm. See p.32.
- 6 Tour de Yorkshire Race Meeting. The Fountain, Hawes. 7.30pm.
- 6 Newberry and Verch. Reeth Memorial Hall. 7.30pm. See p.12.
- 6 National Theatre Live. Kinky Boots The Musical. Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. 7.00pm. See p.15.
- 8 Peg Loom Workshop. Thornton Rust Institute. See p.17.
- 10 Whist Drive. Gayle Institute 7.30pm. See p.22.
- 13 Bainbridge W.I. Book Club. 7.30pm. Bainbridge Village Hall. See p.17.
- 13 Farm Advice Meeting. Fountain Hotel Hawes. 7.30pm. See p.18.
- 14 Dark Skies Festival begins. Detail in Heavens Above on p.27.

- 18 Archaeological Projects in the YDNP. Middleham Key Centre. 2.00pm. See p.13.
- 18 Domino Drive, Stalling Busk, 7.30pm. £3.
- 19 Wednesday Club Afternoon Tea. Redmire Village Hall. 2.00pm.
- 20 Cinema Live. Cyrano de Bergerac. Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. 7.00pm. See p.15.
- 20 Bainbridge WI meeting. 7.30pm. Bainbridge Village Hall. See p.17.
- 20 Soup and Sweet Lunch, Thoralby Village Hall. Noon to 1.30pm.
- 20 Farmer Advice Meeting. Buck Hotel Reeth. 7.30pm. See p.18.
- 21 Megson. Reeth Memorial Hall. 7.30pm. See p.12.
- 21 Leyburn U3A meeting. Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. 10.00pm. See p.13.
- 22 Quiz. West Burton Village Hall. 7.00pm. See p.15.
- 24 Saffron Curry Night. Leyburn. 7.00pm. See p.29.
- 24 Last date to book for Ballet by Bus trips. See p.23.
- 24 Whist Drive. Gayle Institute 7.30pm. See p.22.
- 28 Lent Lunch. Redmire Village Hall. 11.30am to 2.15pm.
- 28 Domino Drive. Askrigg Village Hall. 6.30pm. See p.32.



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February Events

8 Young Archaeologists' Club Taster Sessions. **10.00am to noon.** Free. An exciting opportunity for young people (ages 8 to 17) who are interested in archaeology to join our Young Archaeologists' Club. If you know an interested young person, please book on the session. Booking essential.

13, 20 A Taste in Time Experience with Butter. **10.00am to 3.00pm.** A great chance to learn about the traditional techniques of butter making based on recipes and objects from the museum's collection. Have a go at making butter using original equipment and make scones from buttermilk. Visit the Wensleydale Creamery to see how dairy products are made now in the Yorkshire Dales and taste different varieties of cheese. Lunch included. Booking essential. £35.

15 Pitch Black Challenge. **4.30pm to 7.00pm.** Stage1Cycles are celebrating the Dark Skies festival with two mountain bike challenges. The half-moon ride (8 miles) and the full lunar lunatic ride (10-15 miles). Competing riders will be rewarded with burgers at the Firebox Cafe. For more information, please contact Stage1Cycles on **01969 666873** or email ride@stage1cycles.co.uk. Booking essential. £15. Proceeds to the Wensleydale Bike Club bike trailer appeal.

18 Dairy Days - Taste the Past. **1.00pm to 4.00pm.** Pop in and see a butter-making demonstration. Learn how butter and cheese used to be made at home in a traditional Yorkshire Dales farmhouse.

19 Sunseekers Bike Ride with Stage1Cycles. **11.00am to - noon.** Follow the solar system trail in search of the sun! A short trail from the beginning of the track to Cotterforce waterfall. Suitable for beginners. £5 per child plus hot chocolate. Booking essential. Call **01969 666873** or email ride@stage1cycles.co.uk.

20 Go Wild! Dark Skies. **11.00am to 3.00pm.** Get creative and learn about the starry skies of the Yorkshire Dales and the animals that live beneath them.

21 Experiences in Music. **7.30pm.** A talk with distinguished conductor Stan Roocroft MBE. Stan is the conductor of the Wensleydale Chorus and Aysgarth Singers and Hawes Silver Band. Part of the Friends of the Museum annual lecture programme. Free - donations welcome.

22 Pizza Planet Party with Stage1Cycles **6.00pm to 8.00pm.** Create your own pizza planets and make rockets. After launching, will we eat our pizzas with ice cream pudding. Booking essential. £10 per child. Call **01969 666873** or email ride@stage1cycles.co.uk.

25 Crusoe's Island - Fell-Foss Theatre. **7.30pm.** Adapted for the stage by Mark Cronfield. In a dynamic one-person performance, Defoe's classic novel is brought to the stage for its 300th anniversary. Rediscover Crusoe's Island and the strange, surprising story of Yorkshire's world-famous castaway. Tickets £10 / U16 £5.

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Mystery Picture

Last month's Mystery Picture was the bridge over Apedale Beck as described in Best Foot Forward on Page 20 last month.

Where can you find these faceless fellows?



Leyburn & District U3A

February's monthly meeting is on **Friday 21st from 10.00am** at Leyburn Arts & Community Centre. A talk begins at **10.30am** by Dave Palmer on the Georgian Theatre at Richmond. Free to members but visitors welcome for a small fee. The Committee can advise on interest groups now running and visits planned.



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Hawes in Bloom £50

Hawes Primary School £50

Wensleydale YFC £50.

Remaining Whist Drive dates are:-

Monday, February 10th and 24th.

Monday, March 9th and 23rd.

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First Meeting of New Board

Following the sad death of John Blackie, the long-standing chairman, the Upper Dales Community Partnership now has a new board which met for the first time on December 13th.

Remaining on the board are Allen Kirkbride of Askrigg as vice-chairman and Joe Pilling of Gayle as the chairman.

They have been joined on the board by John Moore, former Finance Director of North Yorkshire County Council. Yvonne Peacock who now represents the Upper Dales on the County Council and is also a member of Richmond District Council. Peter Metcalfe, a businessman from Apperset. Lynn Irwin, manager of the medical practice serving Upper Wensleydale, and Michael McGarry, a solicitor with a practice in Hawes.

The new board is committed to serving the local communities of the Upper Dales in the tradition established by John Blackie. For the time being the priority will be to make sure that the post office, library, business units, Little White Bus, petrol station and other community facilities continue in good shape. For the next few months at least, the board will be meeting every four weeks.

A branch of Newcastle Building Society was formally opened in the community office early in the New Year.

In the New Year the Partnership will be seeking more volunteers to drive a bus or work in the petrol station or, for the first time, to work in the community office where the library is based. All the directors will be happy to hear from members of the community who have something to say about the Partnership.

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In Acosta Danza, international ballet superstar Carlos Acosta and his critically acclaimed company perform a programme of new and exciting works, with a guest appearance of Acosta in the iconic Rooster. This evening performance at Newcastle Theatre Royal on **Tuesday, April 7th** costs £45.00 for coach and ticket. This time the coach starts from Middleham and picks up at Leyburn and Richmond.

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Doctors: S - Scott, P - Pain , M-Morrison (ANP)
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The Upper Dales Health Watch

The Patient Participation Group for the Central Dales GP Practice

Synopsis of the meeting held on January 13th 2020

The Tuesday evening late appointments are not being fully utilised and need greater take up. Patients registered with Leyburn Medical Practice can also access these by calling their own Practice and asking for a Better Access appointment at Aysgarth. Dr Pain and Dr Scott are on most weeks.

New dedicated veteran appointments will soon be available at The Health Centre, Catterick Garrison (same place as GP out of hours). They will be available as face to face or Skype and will be 30 minute appointments with a Veteran GP.

Staffing: Katrina (Dispenser) and Joanne Hammond (Receptionist) are both leaving at the end of January. Jill Stott joins the Aysgarth Surgery as Receptionist from the beginning of February for 2 days a week. Dolly (Healthcare assistant) is back off maternity leave. She hopes to become upskilled to undertake ECGs and more complex dressings.

Medication: there continues to be a problem with the supply of many medications and

patients are actively encouraged to order at least a week in advance so that they don't run out. In many cases alternative medication has to be offered which is as frustrating for staff as it is for patients. Rishi Sunak MP has been made aware of this problem.

Last year Central Dales Practice raised £5001.01 for The Alzheimer's Society. Bowel Cancer Alliance has been suggested as the charity for 2020, but any other ideas can be put forward.

As from April 1st, North Yorkshire CCG will replace Hambleton, Richmondshire & Whitby, Scarborough Ryedale and Harrogate and District CCGs.

Jane's term of office as the Richmondshire representative of the Health Engagement Network ends on March 31st 2020.

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Dales To Have New Local Plan

People living in the Yorkshire Dales National Park have been asked to shape a new set of planning policies, to guide development for the next 20 years. A survey delivered via the twice-yearly Dales Paper, asks what issues the new 'Local Plan' needs to tackle.

'Consultation No.1 - Setting the agenda' is the first stage of a four-year legal process that the National Park Authority must undertake. To inform the consultation, the Authority has published three new studies on demographic changes, housing and socioeconomic trends in the National Park. Strikingly, they show that:

- The number of people living in the YDNP is static but could decline by 9% by 2040. Halting that decline would probably require the building of at least 50 dwellings a year, with at least 20 of those being affordable.
- The number of people over the age 65 has increased by 45% since 2001.
- People on rates of pay equivalent to that of nurses, fire fighters and teachers need more than 5 times their annual income to buy even the cheapest housing in the National Park.
- Employment has grown significantly in recent years. Farming still accounts for 1 in every 6 jobs while accommodation and food services is the largest and fastest growing sector.

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The extension of the National Park boundary in 2016 resulted planning policy being spread over 12 different development plan documents. The Authority decided to create a single new Local Plan for the whole Park.

YDNP Park Authority chairman, Carl Lis, said: "The new Local Plan will lead and promote development across the whole Park from 2023 to 2040. We are asking local people to lay the foundations for it. If you've got ideas about how your area could be a better place to live in or do business in, this is your chance to air them. My promise is that every view will be taken into account."

He added: "We're also very interested in hearing from younger people who are keen to live in the Dales, to try and tackle the barriers they face."

The Local Plan survey is available online and at the Park Authority offices in Bainbridge. The consultation ends on **Friday, February 14th**.

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Heritage skills experience day - Saturday, March 7th, 9.00am to 5.00pm.

Introduction to Stained Glass - Saturday, March 14th, 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Come and learn glass cutting techniques or return to learn more using various styles of glass, to create your own sun catcher. £65 including all tuition, materials and lunch. Minimum age 16.

Hands-on Wheelwrighting - Saturday, April 25th, 9.00am to 4.30pm .

You can join us, as did Guy Martin in Channel 4's 'How Britain Worked' to have a real hands-on experience in making a traditional steel-hooped hot bonded cartwheel from scratch. All participants work as a team of six to make the hub, spokes, felly and work together to hot bond a steel hooped rim onto the wooden wheel. One lucky person can even purchase the wheel they have helped to make at the end of the day! £80 including all tuition and lunch. Minimum age 16.

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Heavens Above

Venus, our nearest planetary neighbour, puts on a spectacular show during the first half of this year. It's been a beautiful 'Evening Star' low in the SW for most of the winter but becomes much more conspicuous during the coming months as it climbs higher into a darker sky. At its brightest, around April 28th, it's a dazzling object blazing away at magnitude minus 4.7 and remaining visible until well after midnight.

During the first weeks of February Venus is joined by the innermost planet, Mercury, putting on its best evening display of the year. You should be able to spot it to the lower right of Venus just after sunset but you'll need to have a flat, unobstructed horizon as it's pretty low down. Best time to look is around **6.00pm** on the nights surrounding **February 10th** when Mercury is at its greatest elongation east of the Sun.

In the southern sky the winter constellations – Orion, Taurus and Gemini – are still well on view in the early evening. They're beginning to drift noticeably westwards away from easy view but are still a spectacular sight on a crisp winter's night. Sirius, the brightest of all the stars, is particularly striking. It's at its highest for the year around 9.00pm in the middle of the month and flashes all the colours of the rainbow in the clear cold air.

Look out for a Supermoon on **February 9th** when the Moon will appear slightly bigger and brighter than normal. We have 4 Supermoons this year all falling between February and May.

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The one on **April 8th** is the most spectacular with the Moon appearing about 30% brighter than the faintest Full Moon.

This year's Dark Skies Festival, organised jointly by the Yorkshire Dales and North York Moors National Parks, is being held between **February 14th and March 1st**. There are loads of astronomy-themed events and activities on offer so if you want to get involved you'll find full details on the festival's special website at darkskiesnationalparks.org.uk, where you can also download a brochure full of useful tips to help you navigate your way around the stars. Have clear skies and a belated Happy New Year!

Al Birio

Swale Singers New Term

On **Sunday, February 2nd** we start working on the pieces for our Swaledale Festival concert at the end of May. We'll be performing two wonderful and well-loved requiems, by Fauré and Duruflé, as well as Fauré's Cantique de Jean Racine.

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Firstly, Happy New Year to you all! I hope that 2020 has started positively and that everyone has had a break over the Christmas period. Unfortunately, it wasn't quite so quiet for us, with the following incidents occurring:

Between December 10th and 12th the ATM at Hawes Market Place was damaged with a drill in what we believe was an attempt to steal cash from within. If you see any suspicious activity around an ATM please call 999 immediately.

Overnight on December 15th, a 16 plate red Suzuki quad was stolen from a secure outbuilding on a farm at Thwaite Bridge between Appersett and Garsdale Head.

On the afternoon of December 17th an unattended Landrover Defender parked on Arkengarthdale Moor was broken into and a pair of green Swarovski binoculars stolen.

On the evening of December 27th three quad bikes, a trailer and tools were stolen from farms in the Raydale area. Thanks to the quick work and observations of a network of rural watch members and local residents of Upper Wharfedale, Bishopdale and the Upper Dales, up-to-the-minute reports of suspicious vehicle sightings in the area were received by Officers on the ground and to our Force Control Room, which led to the following; a Landrover Discovery towing a quad in a trailer was reported on the Stake Road between Raydale and Bishopdale. The quad was quickly abandoned on the moor and the suspect vehicle made off. Shortly afterwards a Landrover Discovery was found crashed and abandoned near Kettlewell. Two more quads, trailer and tools were all recovered in the vicinity and all were identified as those stolen from Raydale that evening. A further abandoned quad bike was found the next morning near Kilnsey and

recovered to its owner near Semer Water.

Two nights later on December 29th further reports from rural watch members in Bishopdale/Upper Wharfedale identifying two males suspected of being involved in the thefts of the 27th led to two arrests by local police on Stake Road. Enquiries are ongoing to link suspects from the West Yorkshire area to this spate of thefts. On behalf of North Yorkshire Police we would like to express our appreciation of the efforts on both nights by members of our local community. Trying to cover an area as large as ours, means we do rely on the local community to be our eyes and ears at times - for which we are extremely grateful.

Overnight on the December 30th a secure black Ford Ranger pick-up was stolen from Quaker Close in Reeth.

Anyone with any information relating to the above, please contact '101' as all investigations are continuing.

Lastly, we have received reports that drivers have been gathering in the Creamery car park late at night and driving around in what we would politely call an 'anti-social manner'. There has also been a report of an underage 'driver' driving around at the same location. If anyone has any information regarding this i.e. vehicle registrations etc, then please contact us directly - any information received will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

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Garsdale to Hawes – is Reinstatement Feasible?

Following a public meeting in August 2018, a small team of volunteers has been investigating the prospects for reopening the 6 mile Garsdale to Hawes branch line in Upper Wensleydale. Our work gathers pace and we are in the process of incorporating an organisation to support and promote these activities. The name Upper Wensleydale Railway – or UWR – has been coined.

A re-opened railway would connect with trains on the existing Leeds-Settle-Carlisle route at Garsdale. Discussions with train operating and railway infrastructure companies will focus

on the operation of modern trains to and from Hawes that may continue through Garsdale, past the Yorkshire Three Peaks and possibly on to North Lancashire and Greater Manchester.

Estimating costs and investigating funding and revenue opportunities are imminent tasks. The small team of volunteers currently working on the UWR initiative will be looking to expand and extend its skills in the coming months.

A UWR website has recently been created to provide further information. You are invited to offer your comments, assistance or support at www.upperwensleydalerrailway.org.uk.

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We are currently looking for new Governors and would be delighted to hear from anyone who has a genuine interest in the performance of the school and a desire to contribute to, and represent, the community. Governors play a critical role, working as part of the Full Governing Body to determine the overall direction, aims, policies and priorities of the school through involvement in the School Improvement Plan, School Self

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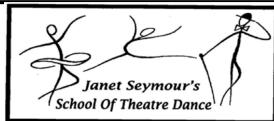
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At the present time we have received so many clothes that we are unable to take any further large clothing items, although hats, scarves and gloves, particularly for men, would still be very welcome. We would also continue to appreciate donations of food, personal care items, torches

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Olwyn and Jackie

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The weather has been kind on the whole, and even some of the wet gateways have dried up. Along the road just before Christmas I caught a glimpse of white on a wall top. As I approached, it crept down the wall and had disappeared when I reached the spot, but I saw enough to realise it had a black tip on its tail. A week or so later I met it coming towards me on the verge. The black tip on its tail was clearly visible before it shot into the hedge. This is a first for me: in all my fifty years living out in the sticks I have never before seen a stoat in ermine.

It's rather early to see signs of Spring, but if you know where to look they are there. I've already seen a dandelion with a flower and tiny catkins on the Hazels. The bulbs are beginning to show in the pots and planters and all manner of things are beginning to sprout on the roadsides. Driving over the moor to Catterick the tiny pinpricks of yellow show that Gorse is brave enough to flower at any time of year. As an old aunt used to say, "When the Gorse flowers it's kissing time." In hedgerows and gardens there is already a smattering of blossom, and most of those trees will be some form of prunus (cherry). I was fascinated to discover more about the Glastonbury Thorn which is unusual because it flowers twice – once at Christmas and again at Easter. It is some form of common Hawthorn, but can't be propagated from seed or cuttings and has to be grafted. There is a lovely myth surrounding it involving Joseph of Arimathea who supposedly visited Glastonbury and planted

his staff in the ground where it took root. (glastonburyabbey.com)

Almost imperceptibly the days lengthen. You can find details on lots of websites, but in York on January 1st there were 7 hours and 29 minutes of daylight. By February 1st this had increased to 8 hours and 49 minutes. The Vernal Equinox is officially March 20th, but in 2020 we will have exactly 12 hours on March 18th. At this time of year we have shorter days than those in the South, but after the Vernal Equinox the tilt of the earth gives us northerners the benefit of longer days.

There are some interesting new Azaleas recommended in Garden News. "Encore Autumn Fire" looks brilliant because it flowers twice. It's from Crocus, and expensive. Dwarf rhodos are good if you have pots as they don't produce a huge root-ball, but you must use ericaceous compost if they are to thrive. This one might be a nice investment for the New Year.

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The North Area ranger team have spent a week working with Dales Volunteers to relandscape the riverbank and lay reclaimed Yorkstone paving flags. Landowner assistance meant that materials could be taken to site with a tracked dumper.

Member Champion for Recreation Management at the National Park Authority,

Nick Cotton, said: "The riverside path to the north of Hawes is very special, because public rights of way along the Upper Ure are very limited. The willow spiling next to the repaired 70 metre section was planted in 2002, and is maintained annually. The path is looking beautiful and our ranger team has been receiving positive comments from locals."



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Footpath survey remembered

The network of public footpaths in Hawes parish is one of the greatest joys of living here, but only recently did I look into how they were defined. And it's quite a story.

The National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act was enacted on December 16th 1949, just over 70 years ago. It required a comprehensive survey of footpaths and bridleways in England and Wales, so decisions could be made on which ways were public and which were private. Letters kept at the North Yorkshire County Record Office illustrate that it was a time-consuming and fraught business involving all three levels of local government.

The journey starts on April 25th 1950, when the 'Clerk of the Peace and of North Riding County Council', Hubert G. Thornley, addressed a conference held at County Hall in Northallerton. He told officials and local representatives that the Act stipulated that they had only 3 years - until December 16th 1952 - to carry out the survey. It was a task "quite impossible for the County Council to perform unaided," he said.

It was decided that the County Council would send maps and forms ("schedules") to the Rural District Councils, for distribution to the 163 Parish Councils and 337 Parish Meetings in the North Riding. It was a far from seamless process. By March 12th 1952, Mr Thornley was getting twitchy. "Only nine months remain," he said in a letter to the clerk of Aysgarth Rural District Council, which covered upper and mid-Wensleydale and Bishopdale, "and so far I have received less than 10 per cent of the maps and schedules in respect of the various Parishes". He wrote again on October 30th 1952, pointing out that 5 out of the 12 parishes in the district were still to submit maps and paperwork. The deadline was only six weeks away.

On January 14th 1953, Mr Thornley wrote again. Tell the late parishes to "hasten the job", he said. By April 16th 1953, when still nothing had happened, he was getting shirty. "Can you do anything, please, to expedite the submission by Aysgarth, Hawes and High Abbotside of the surveys of public paths in their respective Parishes? They have had the maps now for over two years and I think that time is more than adequate to complete a task which ought to have been done December last," he wrote.

Enter the Ramblers' Association. The Honourable Secretary of the North Yorks and South Durham Federation, one Stanley Cardwell of Darlington, wrote to Mr Willan offering to complete the outstanding surveys. So, it came to pass that Ramblers' Association volunteers came to Hawes to carry out a survey of all paths and bridleways in the parish. They filled out and submitted schedules for 110 paths which they believed to be public rights of way.

Finally in December 1954 Mr Thornley was able to publish the draft map showing the 'public paths in the western part of the riding'. People had just over four months, until May 1st 1955, to make draft map objections or other representations. Of the 110 public rights of way put forward by Ramblers' Association volunteers, 52 of them were "deleted". It is fascinating to burrow into the detail.

Take path 46, for example. This led from Hawes main street ('Hawes West End') due north under a stone railway bridge and through two fields to Lobler Dub. I have asked one or two elderly friends about it. "Oh yes," said Basil Allen, "that way was used by washer women". "Oh yes," said my granny Joan Fawcett, "when we were children we went that way to the river all the time and nobody ever stopped us." The Ramblers' Association volunteer had cited "public usage" as grounds for believing the path was public. A check of earlier maps held at the Records Office, such as an 1865 book of drawings for the Midland Railway branch line which ran through Hawes, showed the path clearly marked.

Yet path 46 did not make the cut. Like many other paths in the parish, it was dropped from the draft map and did not make it onto the provisional map, which was published on January 30th 1959. Unfortunately, the records do not provide a satisfactory answer about why a hand crossed out the schedule and wrote "deleted". Only one letter, dated September 1st 1954, sent by the County Surveyor, a Mr R. Sawtell, to the clerk Mr Thornley, casts any light. It listed 18 of the 110 paths as "unsuitable for inclusion as public rights of way". "Many of them are clearly private paths, others have no objective or are unnecessary duplications," wrote Mr Sawtell, strongly suggesting he had carried out site visits. He listed a further 12 paths, including path 46, as being "doubtful". This letter was evidently pored over by the scribes in the County Council clerk's

office. Marks are made on it by later hands. Paths 44 and 46 - on the doubtful list - are ringed in red crayon and marked "LEAVE". Path 44, which is the one round the back of Bear Cottage and across the fields to Halfway Houses, was indeed left. It is on the definitive map, meaning that all the queen's subjects have a right to use it. Path 46, as I've already said, was not left; with one swipe of a crayon, it was gone.

Interestingly, the words "accommodation path" are written on the path 46 schedule. This term, used widely in the rights of way survey documents, describes a path which is neither public nor private, but is used by local people. Accommodation paths, however, were not recognised by the law. Many of them, such as path 46 in Hawes, are now blocked.

Although the records capture these stories in detail, there are many gaps. Today the legal assumption is that a correct process was followed. That explains why reclaiming a so-called 'lost way' is exceedingly difficult. Some of the records, however, suggest that the process was at least a touch haphazard. For example, Mr Thornley at County Hall, clearly not overly familiar with Dales dialect, wrote to the clerks of the district councils on December 7th 1950 asking about "narrow passages". "In preparing the survey of public paths ... my attention has been drawn to the fact that in many towns and built up areas in the Riding there are narrow passages, sometimes wholly consisting of steps ... I believe the local name is a 'ginnel', he said. He requested that the district council clerks find out from the parishes where such ginnels were, so that they could be considered for inclusion in the survey.

Tom Calvert, clerk of Askrigg Parish Council, wrote that there were 16 ginnels in the town. Mr Peacock, clerk of neighbouring Bainbridge Parish Council, however, wrote that the village of Bainbridge had no ginnels, at least none which could be classed as public footpaths. Little stories such as this suggest that local officials of the time had a significant influence on a survey that would in effect define in perpetuity where people had the right to walk.

Some of the other ways in Hawes parish to disappear from the draft map include a footpath starting next to the present day pizza shop all the way along Blackburn syke and to the river. The stile is still there in the wall. There are older men and women in town who

remember going down to the metal railway bridge to play - in fact to hold on to the bridge as the trains went over, to feel the vibrations. Another footpath went over fields from Halfway Houses to Appersett. If only that had been kept in, the clear need now for a pavement to Appersett might never have arisen.

There are other paths which have disappeared which were never even included in the draft map. A path used to run by the National School on the Hill and down to Duerley Beck. It was a place to get water for horses attached to guests at the White Hart. It was in use until 1971. A letter held at the County Record Office from K. J. Jolly of Aysgarth Rural District Council to the County Council clerk raised the issue. "This footpath has been obstructed by Mr J. Lunn, Builder, Pudsey, Yorkshire, W.R and his action is a subject of a good deal of criticism in Hawes," said Mr Jolly. But no corrective action could be taken (the footpath not being on the definitive map), and the two six foot walls which rise from Duerley Beck, covering the old stone steps, remain in place.

To end on a positive note, perhaps some of these paths could come back, or new ones created, not as public footpaths, but as permissive paths, which might be the nearest term we have now for 'accommodation paths'? It would give new meaning to the aphorism, 'Where there's a will, there is a way.'

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The End of Windows 7

All users of Windows 7 computers are being warned that Microsoft update support ended on January 14th 2020. So lets look at what to do about a Windows 7 computer. Millions of these are in use especially in business. The end of Microsoft updates is not necessarily the end of the life of the computer. If it is in use on a function that does not require internet access then it can simply continue to be used.

The end of Microsoft support does not stop the support of other software suppliers, as long as products like Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Thunderbird and the antivirus products continue to be supported then most of the potential threats can be mitigated. However, you can not make the same assumption about Microsoft Outlook and Internet Explorer products as it can be presumed these may be found to be at risk in the future. However, even then those risks may well be mitigated by a good antivirus product.

Computers that are connected to the internet for emails rather than browsing should be adequately protected by a good antivirus product that checks the messages as they arrive. The problem area is browsing the web, risky sites may not be one you would expect. Hackers will try to hijack web sites so they can be modified to attempt to gain access to any computer that visits them or collect data that can be sold on for targeted marketing. The more popular the site, the bigger the prize!

The obvious implication is a replacement with a new computer but that is not the only option. If you are willing to accept change then most computers can be converted to run a Linux system which will give you standard application such as Firefox Browser, Thunderbird emails and Libre Office word processing and spreadsheets. This is very good for general browsing etc. but has its limitations when it comes to specialist applications.

The other option is to upgrade the computer to Windows 10. When Windows 10 was first released Microsoft had a year in which they allowed users of older systems to obtain a free upgrade copy of Windows 10. Much was made of the fact that this offer had stopped. However, for many computers it is still an option. Most computers made by major manufacturer's that are less than 6 years old can still be upgraded to a free copy of Windows 10 and will activate automatically. There are a few considerations

before starting.

Firstly is to check if the computer supports Windows 10. In the case of Fujitsu it is possible to go to the support page on the website (<https://www.fujitsu.com/UK/support/>) and enter the serial number of the computer. This will give the details of the computer and a drop down list of the operating system that are supported on that hardware. I would expect that other companies such as Dell and HP will offer similar facilities.

Secondly, is the amount of memory installed on the computer. This has to be at least 4GB and preferably 8GB. To find this on a Windows 7 computer, right click on the "Computer" option on the start menu and then choose "Properties" at the bottom of the menu. The page that is displayed will include the details of the installed RAM.

Thirdly is to check if all of the application you use and peripherals like printers and scanners are compatible with Windows 10.

If your computer is suitable then you can search for and download the "Microsoft Windows upgrade assistant" on the Microsoft support site. Running this software will download the latest available version of Windows 10 and carry out the upgrade of your computer. It is always a good idea to have made a backup of any data files on the computer before starting a major change like this.

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