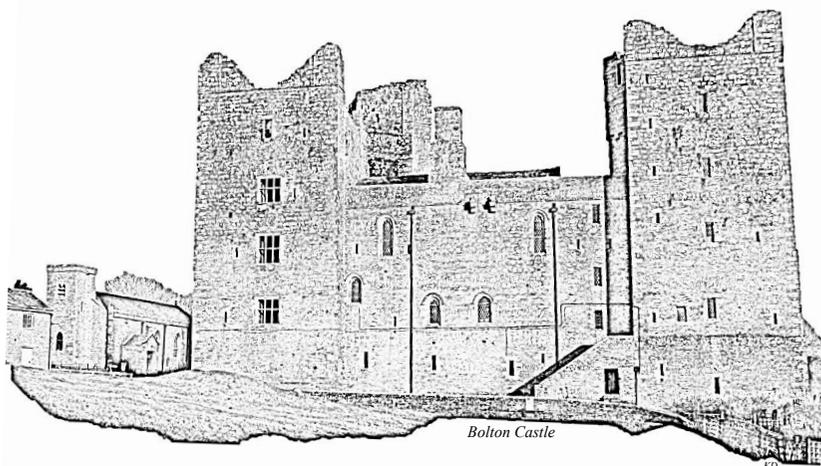


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## Guest Editorial

Ours is not the only household in Upper Wensleydale that has recently been asked to pay £157.50 for a TV licence after a spell (in our case for less than a year) of getting one for nothing. It is tough for some people, particularly if their income is just above the level for Pension Credit. Those who qualify for Pension Credit continue to get a free licence. No-one likes to have to pay for something that was free though I don't want to argue that those of us who can readily afford to pay should have a licence free just because of having a 75th birthday. But it does make me think.

In living memory there was only the BBC. Then an independent channel with advertising came along. Now there are scores, if not hundreds, of possible options including Sky and Netflix as well as lots of free to view channels. The pandemic has led some over-75s to discover YouTube which our grandchildren have been watching for years. When TV licences began, they funded the only channels available and for a long time after that funded most of the channels available. Now they fund a public service broadcaster which attracts ever smaller audiences while people watch programmes paid for by advertising or for which they pay a subscription or which they get free. Is it right to stick with a model designed for a quite different world?

All of us with a television in our home have an obvious interest in whether public service broadcasting should continue and, if it does, how it should be funded. Even the handful of people who never watch television have an interest if they listen to the radio because the BBC's radio programmes are paid for by TV licences. The BBC's funding is settled every few years and the present deal comes to an end in 2022. The cost of our licences for some years after that will be determined by a private negotiation accompanied by a lot of public debate and leaks. The end of free licences for most people over 75 was agreed in the last negotiation. If he remains in his present post our own MP will have a big hand in agreeing a deal.

Some will argue that the BBC continues to be a national treasure with a global reputation unmatched by any other country and is cheap at the price. Even those who prefer US-made series will expect to turn to the BBC for major state and national occasions. Anyone who seeks

to dismantle the way that it has been funded for decades will do so at their peril. Others will argue that the BBC is already funded in part by commercial deals selling their programmes to other countries and that it would do them a lot of good if they lost the comfort blanket of a licence fee and had to compete on a level playing field with other programme-makers.

This editorial is not intended to steer its readers in one direction or another but to encourage us to think about what we would like to happen in 2022 about which the debate will start quite soon. In the meantime, watch out for the debate on whether it should continue to be a criminal offence to have a TV set without paying for a licence. If that is changed the BBC's income will fall steeply. Impartiality in news programmes is part of the case for keeping the BBC. Tim Davie, the new Director-General of the BBC, obviously feels that standards on that have been falling and he has said that he intends to put that right. Whatever our own politics, we need to see that he is as good as his word.

Joe Pilling

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## The Aysgarth Edwardian Rock Garden

We have been the owners of Aysgarth Edwardian Rock Garden since January 2012 and for some time we have been hoping to find a way to secure its long-term future as a garden freely open to all.

In the summer of 2019, we approached Aysgarth and District Parish Council with a view to gifting it into their care during 2020. We were delighted that they took up the idea enthusiastically and on Friday, September 11th the legal transfer of ownership was successfully completed.

We have thoroughly enjoyed looking after this unique and historically important garden during the eight years we have been its custodians. It has been fascinating to talk to visitors, both those living in the local area and those who have travelled from further afield.

We want to thank all the people who have visited for their interest and in particular would like to acknowledge the long-term support shown by residents of Aysgarth.

We wish the garden every success in its new incarnation as a community-owned space.

**Rosemary and Adrian Anderson**

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### Eunice the Ewe

Last month I was in the Gayle Mill advert (on page 27) and the lucky winner of the £10 prize is Laura Gavin of Carperby.

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

### The Reg Fagg Trophy

The Reg Fagg painting competition is once again taking place through Hawes Primary School.

The theme is of course Christmas and Winter. Submissions should be A4 size and can be in any medium and any colour.

All entries must be with the school by **Monday, November 16th** so judging can be completed. The winning entry will then be printed on the front cover of the December issue of the Newsletter.

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## Hawes Library – Back in Business

Great news for all you avid bookworms who have run out of reading material over the past few months, the library in Hawes is now back open for browsing!

Please sanitise your hands first (sanitiser provided), then because of the various services we have in the Community Office we ask that you browse for just 10 minutes at a time for now, one person at a time, or with the person from your support bubble if you have one.

We are still offering our ‘select and collect’ service, home delivery can be arranged, and we have one public computer available for use, 45 minutes per person. Please book in advance for the computer service.

Want to get in touch? We have a new twitter account just for the library service – check us out at [@LibraryHawes](https://twitter.com/LibraryHawes) as we build our profile and bring you important news and promotions from Hawes Library, North Yorkshire Library Services and anything and everything book related.

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**Hawes Library Team**

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## The Wensleydale School and Sixth Form

We have had a very positive return to school. Currently our attendance is at 93%, which is fantastic, as the national figure is much lower. Start and end of the day procedures have improved every day and the students are responding to the new protocols with maturity. There is no doubt things are different, but the school is calm and orderly.

Lunch has been a particular success, as I do the whole 1½ hour duty, it has been a pleasure to see everyone chatting, eating and making best use of the limited social time they have.

We are following the Department for Education’s advice on track and trace within a school setting, just so you are aware of the process we go through if we get any confirmed cases or a family member tests positive. If this does happen, please let us know immediately and isolate as a family until we have further details from Public Health England.

Year 7 have taken some on-line CAT tests, these will help us to assess their start points as they were unable to sit SATs this year. They are nothing to worry about, or prepare for, as students are guided through the process.

### Open Evening for Year 5 and 6 Students at Wensleydale School- Covid-19

Normally in early October we would throw open our doors for prospective Year 5 and 6 students and parents to visit and see what life at Wensleydale is all about. This year we are having to think differently. So, there will be a Virtual Tour and welcome video going out via social media, website and via primary schools.

However we would like to extend an open offer for anyone to make an appointment for a socially distanced tour of school at any time from today. Please ring the main office and we will do the rest.

Telephone: **01969 622244**.

Email: [admin@wensleydaleschool.net](mailto:admin@wensleydaleschool.net).

If we are able to run some sort of open evening- we will let you know in good time.

Your children are a credit to you. Stay safe.

**Julia Polley, Headteacher**

## Lockdown Heroes of Aysgarth

For over six months now the national news has been dominated by Coronavirus. In line with the article on Sykes shop in Askrigg last month, the newsletter is continuing to look at more positive stories relating to the virus, this time focusing on two establishments in Aysgarth: Hamilton's Tea Room and Aysgarth Garage.

When the lockdown began on March 23rd this year, Steve and Sandra at Hamilton's closed for 14 days to ensure that they were as safe as they could be before they offered any kind of service. It was soon obvious to them that their loyal band of local customers were greatly missing their trips out to the Tea Room, so they started to set up a delivery service of hot meals on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday lunchtimes. Word soon got round and very quickly they were doing over 30 meals a day, averaging about a hundred a week. Friday was invariably pie day and Sunday was Sunday Lunch but Wednesday offered a choice of two meals each day. Lasagne, chicken curry, stuffed peppers, and meatloaf were just a few of the choices offered. They all proved very popular.

The distribution area was roughly a five mile radius, including Thornton Rust, Thoraby, West Burton, Carperby, Castle Bolton and Askrigg, as well as Aysgarth itself. Delivery was always done in style. Steve is a bit of a showman, a characteristic which relates to an earlier career, and his deliveries would live up to this reputation. Arriving by car with the windows wound down and the radio on full blast, he might be playing Bay City Rollers music and be dressed in tartan; or the Dambusters' March with a Biggles flying helmet and goggles; or maybe on a Wednesday it would be Meatloaf with a long black wig. Altogether he had at least ten different outfits with music to match, so his customers were splendidly entertained besides being well fed.

After July 4th Sandra and Steve were allowed to reopen the Tea Rooms. It was a difficult decision to do so because they felt reluctant to

abandon their delivery customers for the less reliable chance of passing trade. However, they did their last delivery on Sunday July 5th and ran a takeaway service where clients picked up their meals until August 2nd. Now the Tearoom is fully open again and many of those who received deliveries are back on the premises. Steve and Sandra are very grateful to the public for sticking with them in difficult times but even more grateful are their regular customers, for many of whom it was an absolute lifeline.

Just round the corner, anyone who has watched the changes at Aysgarth Garage in the last year or two will know that it has grown into a really well stocked shop as well as a garage. Yet another Steve runs the show and he and his staff have worked hard to maintain a service for local people. This was in spite of staff numbers being reduced because of the virus. Normal deliveries shrank to less than 50% in the early days of the lockdown when shelves at the suppliers were often empty. Undeterred Steve travelled as far afield as Stockton, Blackburn and Newcastle in an effort to keep the shelves at the garage well stocked. Hardly ever were there shortages and that still applies. You can nearly always get what you want. Strict social distancing and sanitising rules were introduced to keep everyone safe.

A decision was made to deliver groceries to vulnerable local people. This proved very popular. The area covered was fairly local – Aysgarth, Carperby, Bishopdale – but occasional runs were made further afield. Orders were taken over the phone and people paid by card. At the height of the pandemic six or seven deliveries were made every day. The service continues and at the time of writing 280 deliveries have been made. Like Steve at Hamilton's, he is grateful for the trade but the locals have had tremendous service. Instead of waiting three weeks for delivery from a big supermarket, the goods were on the doorstep the day they were ordered.

Both of these establishments deserve not only our commendation but also public support. It would be a shame if, once restrictions begin to ease, we all rushed off to the nearest Tesco or Costa coffee. For what they have done for us in these difficult times it would be nice if we could show a bit of local loyalty. Let's keep supporting them.

**N. P.**



## Prunings

There has been a surprise visitor to the bird feeders, he came so close to the house I had to check on him. It was a sparrow hawk! Needless to say all the song birds had beaten a hasty retreat. I say "he" because it was too dark for a female which is also bigger and takes larger prey. Apparently, this means that they can inhabit a smaller range as the pair are not competing with each other for food. Talking of sparrows – according to research by Louisiana State University and others, not only do sparrows adapt well to changes in habitat, they communicate with each other and as a result have become the most widely distributed wild bird on the planet.

I had not realised just how many interesting varieties of Kniphofia (Red Hot Poker) there are. I thought of them as having a short season, and not much variation in colours. Seems I am way behind the times. Garden News this week features some very different plants from the ones I remember. There is a short one called Mango Popsicle which will flower throughout the summer, and another diminutive type called Poco Red which could keep on producing colour until October. There is a taller specimen, late summer and autumn blooming Green Jade which moves completely away from the orange, and the flowers fade to white as they open. The one that I think looks especially attractive is Kniphofia rufa which opens coral red and turns to lime green with looser, more open flowers. The latest one to flower is Kniphofia rooperi which produces its almost spherical heads in

September. They work particularly well in naturalistic planting schemes alongside grasses. As the species hails from South Africa, in our climate they need to be in free draining conditions as they won't take well to being too wet in the colder months. Other than that, it seems they will stand almost anything the weather can throw at them, so I think it is time to give them a try.

We have had a wonderful display from the lavender, and even now it releases perfume when I brush past it, but it is way past flowering and needs a serious haircut. The main thing to bear in mind with Lavender is that you can cut it back savagely as long as you leave a small amount of green growth above the woody stems. If you cut too far back into the wood all you may get next year is a black look!

The wind and rain were not kind to the sweet peas and I had to cut and dead head until it seemed there was little left. Today (14th) in the unexpected, glorious sunshine I can see there are still lots of buds, it just needs to stay warm long enough for them to bloom again. Given that this warm spell may be short lived I shall return to poring over possibilities for next year.

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

**Rose Rambler**

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### Sunday, October 4th

**9.30am** Harvest Service, St. Mary's, Redmire in aid of Caring for Life.

**11.00am** Holy Communion Service with Baptism, St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.

### Sunday, October 11th

**9.30am** Holy Communion, St. Margaret's, Preston under Scar

**11.00am** Harvest Service, St. Bartholomew's, West Witton for the Addington Fund (Crisis in Farming) and the local food bank.

### Sunday, October 18th

**9.30am** Holy Communion, St. Mary's, Redmire.

**11.00am** Holy Communion, St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.

### Sunday, October 25th

**9.30am** Morning Service, St. Margaret's, Preston under Scar.

**11.00am** Holy Communion, St Bartholomew's, West Witton.

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this is either free or costs a local rate phone call.

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Zoom service - Links are published on our website, [penhillbenefice.co.uk](http://penhillbenefice.co.uk), at the beginning of each weekend, or contact our vicar, Tom for a link at [tringland@aol.com](mailto:tringland@aol.com), or on **663235**.

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## October Competition

Spot the animal. Each one-word answer contains a type of animal. The initial letter of the **word** is given in brackets. Find the word and animal.

E.g. Fungus (T) - Toadstool.

- 1) Sharp bend (D)
- 2) Enjoyable (P)
- 3) Angry expression (S)
- 4) Root with strong sharp taste (H)
- 5) March style (G)
- 6) Embarrassed from having done something wrong (S)
- 7) Interlocking joint (D)
- 8) Take control by force (C)
- 9) High-quality food store (D)
- 10) The Yeoman Guard (B)
- 11) Object worn as a charm against evil (A)
- 12) Brain wanting wizard searcher (S)
- 13) Dance with short and longer steps (F)
- 14) Part of ancient Muslim household for wives (H)
- 15) Moss type (S)
- 16) Wall paint (E)
- 17) Avocado dip (G)
- 18) Edward Teach 1680 - 1718 (B)
- 19) Three or more companies of soldiers (B)
- 20) Narrow watercraft (K)

Please send in your answers to arrive no later than **Tuesday, October 20th** for a chance to win the £20 prize which will be sent to your nominated charity.

## Answers to September Competition

- 1) Ground ivy
- 2) Red Dead Nettle
- 3) Enchanter's Nightshade
- 4) Cow Parsley
- 5) Dog violet
- 6) Forget me not
- 7) Hedge woundwort
- 8) Creeping buttercup
- 9) Lesser stitchwort
- 10) Chickweed
- 11) Primrose
- 12) Bluebell
- 13) Daffodil
- 14) Lesser Celandine
- 15) Red Campion
- 16) Rosebay Willowherb
- 17) Viper's-bugloss
- 18) Cuckooflower
- 19) Lady's bedstraw
- 20) Shepherd's purse
- 21) Comfrey
- 22) Yarrow

Well we challenged our readers to find the names of the British Wildflowers and twelve of you did so!

The lucky winner drawn out of the hat was Janet Martin of Hawes and her nominated charity was the British Heart Foundation. They will receive the £20 prize.

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## Yorkshire Dales Amateur Photography Competition

For amateur photographers, it is still not too late to enter the Yorkshire Dales Photography Competition organised by the charity the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust and the Garden Rooms at Tennants.

The deadline for photographs of the people, landscapes and wildlife which make the area so special is **midnight on October 16th**.

From the entries, 35 finalists will be selected and their work exhibited from **November 17th to December 16th** at the Garden Rooms, where visitors will be able to vote for their favourite.

The overall winning entry, as voted for by the public, will receive a prize of a £100 photographic voucher and a Yorkshire Hamper. Judges will also pick their 12 favourites for inclusion in the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust 2022 Calendar.

Entry forms are available at <https://www.tennants.co.uk/media/3049/ydmt-tgr-2020-entry-form-post-covid.pdf>.



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## Best Foot Forward – Chasing the Weather

We all appreciate good weather when we are walking. If you're working Monday to Friday in glorious weather and the weekend turns wet and windy it can be particularly galling; equally so when you know it's fine weather somewhere else but not where you are. I'll never forget sitting in a pub on the Isle of Skye in appalling weather, watching the glorious sunshine at Ascot on TV.

Of course, those of us who are retired have the luxury of being able to choose our walking days more freely. Even so, if you're stuck under stubborn cloud day after day it can be a bit frustrating. Such was the case in mid-August this year. Wensleydale was plagued by mist on the hills and widespread drizzle for the best part of a week, as fog from the North Sea lapped up against the Pennines. Maximum temperatures struggled to 16°C, whereas over the divide in Ambleside they were 23°C. The answer had to be "Go West".

To test out this theory my wife and I decided to have a leisurely day out in Dentdale one Friday. Cloud level at home was about 400 metres but as we drove up Widdale there was a distinct lightening of the mist and dropping down from Newby Head (must try the home-made cakes there sometime) the clouds began to assume real definition. The journey down into Dentdale was a revelation and by the time we reached Dent we were in lovely sunshine. After a coffee in Stone Close café we had a warm and sunny stroll down to Barth Bridge and along the back lane to Church Bridge, before having a picnic lunch and lounging in deck chairs with a book or newspaper for a couple of hours by the river. Very relaxing and I remember thinking we should do more of this.

Purists will be thinking this is not what Best Foot Forward is all about. Quite right too. The purpose of this lazy day was to test the water for sterner stuff. Next day we drove up Bishopdale and before reaching Buckden we were rewarded with wonderful sunshine which stayed with us all the way to Litton. The idea was to climb Pen-y-ghent from the back, largely avoiding the crowds in Ribblesdale. The start is a delightful traverse of valley fields alongside the River Skirfare, except that the river had disappeared from its bed as it sometimes does in dry weather. At Nether Heselden farm there is a



The dry River Skirfare at Litton

path heading up a side valley but we opted to go to Halton Gill and then on to Foxup, which has a real 'end of the dale' feel about it. On this occasion it was a hive of activity. Sheep were being sheared in the farmyard to the right and there were tractors with huge grass-cutting equipment negotiating the narrow lanes and bridges around the farm and neighbouring fields, especially on the south-facing slopes which had almost all been recently cut. As we climbed the opposite slope the view revealed a classic dales scene with tractors, farm workers and dogs all busy in the fields, which were dotted with black silage bags. My wife does a little painting and asked for a photo of the scene. I struggled to find my phone in the rucksack and gave up. Perhaps I should have been more persistent. Anyway, the picture didn't get taken, which is a pity.

We were now on the slopes of Plover Hill which is next to Pen-y-ghent. The route is a bridleway from Littondale to Ribblesdale and we did see a few mountain bikers doing the

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traverse, but otherwise it was fairly quiet. We toyed with going up Plover Hill but chose to keep going to Hull Pot and soon met the traditional Three Peaks path. It was a fine sunny Saturday so the route was very busy. Most people were coming off Pen-y-ghent as we slogged up the manufactured path. It is a very durable surface which gets a lot of punishment because Pen-y-ghent is the most climbed peak in the dales. It's just a pity it is so prominent in the landscape. The last section is now a stone staircase (more steps than Malham we both thought) almost to the summit. We just beat the encroaching cloud, although the view across to Fountains Fell had already gone.



Litton and Pen-y-ghent

The descent is a splendid scramble down two escarpments, after which we left all the crowds as we headed for the Rainscar road. A mile or so along the road there is a turning onto the old road, now just a track, which leads down to Litton. By now the sun had gone and it was a cool, dull finish to the walk. Once in the village a beeline was made for the Queen's Arms where a pint of Litton Ale, brewed at the pub, was a good way to finish the day. It was even better when we got back home and found it had been gloomy and drizzly all day. Seeking out the sunshine had been well worthwhile.

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## More Hen Harriers Being Bred While Raptor Persecution Continues

Natural England has recorded the best year for hen harrier breeding in England since its hen harrier recovery project was established in 2002, with 60 chicks fledged from 19 nests across Northumberland, Yorkshire Dales, Cumbria and Lancashire in early summer 2020.

Ian McPherson, Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Member Champion for Natural Environment, said: "It's great to see that more hen harriers have bred this year. Within the Yorkshire Dales National Park itself we know of 6 nesting attempts, the highest in decades, 2 of which were brood managed. But while it's good to see the steady improvement - with more nesting attempts each year - there is still a long way to go".

As Tony Juniper, Chairman of Natural England, observed: "Too many birds still go missing in unexplained circumstances. Hen harriers remain critically endangered in England and there is a long way to go before the population returns to what it should be".

Four of this year's satellite-tagged young birds are already missing, 'fate unknown'. This includes a female that was tagged in the Yorkshire Dales on June 4th.

Mr McPherson added: "The Yorkshire Dales is an important area for hen harriers outside the breeding season as well, with birds from across the country coming to winter on the moors and

fills. It's crucial that these birds not only have safe nesting sites, but also survive the winter, hopefully to breed next year. We want to keep these stunning birds in our skies - where they belong - and we're appealing to the public to help us stamp out raptor persecution once and for all".

All birds of prey are protected by law and killing them is a criminal offence. So please, help be our eyes and ears whilst out in the Yorkshire Dales this autumn and winter. If you see any harriers, report them to the Hen Harrier hotline on **0845 4600121** or by email to [henharriers@rspb.org.uk](mailto:henharriers@rspb.org.uk).

Finally, if you see anything suspicious or have a concern about a possible wildlife crime, you can call the Police on 101 and ask for the details to be passed on to a Wildlife Crime Officer. If you witness a suspected wildlife crime in action, call 999 immediately and ask for the Police. For more ways to help, and to understand the impact of raptor persecution and how to report it, visit [www.operationowl.com](http://www.operationowl.com).

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In recent weeks, Upper Wensleydale Railway (UWR) has received several enquiries regarding a group for local supporters. This is hugely encouraging and welcome as, it almost goes without saying, the participation and support of the local community is essential to successfully bring the railway back to Hawes. With this in mind, I would like to extend an invitation to all those readers curious about such a group, whether as an individual or a business, to contact UWR via our website or our new Hawes postal address below.

Under ‘normal’ circumstances, the public meeting in Hawes that UWR had planned for July would have gone ahead. However, in the present world of social distancing, unfortunately, that will have to wait a little while longer. In the meantime, we should make a start as a “virtual” group as best we can.

As previously reported, UWR’s application to the DfT’s Ideas Fund, which has the support of Richmondshire DC and the local MP, Rishi Sunak, is being further considered and the team awaits the result. UWR’s proposal is to reinstate the 6-mile branch line from Garsdale to Hawes to enable through services between Manchester,

Blackburn, Clitheroe and Hawes operated by modern trains as part of the national rail network. We were fortunate that we were already planning some of the studies, for which we seek the support of the Ideas Fund, so were able to meet the tight deadlines imposed by the demanding application process.

Whatever the outcome, there will be much to occupy the UWR team in the coming months.

Visit [www.upperwensleydalerrailway.org.uk](http://www.upperwensleydalerrailway.org.uk) for more information. Our contact address is

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You may (or possibly not...) have noticed my absence over the last six months – I have been on secondment with North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service since April but as of this month I am now back in the Dales!

Only a few incidences of note this month crime-wise;

On August 26th it was reported that 20 sheep had been stolen from land around Lunds, estimated to have occurred around July 15th.

A 12ft Graham Edwards trailer with RA SOWERBY in lettering was stolen from the roadside in Hawes overnight on September 5th.

### Covid-19 Update;

On Monday, September 14th, the Government introduced new legislation to limit the number of people you can meet socially to no more than 6 individuals, both indoors and outdoors. More information on meeting others safely is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing>.

If you have concerns about breaches concerning Covid-19 in light of the new (and/or existing) legislation please visit the North Yorkshire Police website where you can complete an online form which is submitted to our force control room. This is to help ease the pressure on our control room staff who are trying to deal with the day to day incoming calls via 999 and 101 which are almost back to near pre-Covid levels. If you can use the online form, it will be much appreciated – and please be assured that any online submissions are dealt with in exactly the same way as if you were

calling in by telephone. <https://www.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/c19/tell-us-about-possible-breach-coronavirus-measures/>.

And let us end on a good news story, although one I am sure you are well aware of. On September 6th an 80 year old male hiker was reported missing in the Gunnerside area. Although well equipped, his disappearance caused great concern, and Police, Swaledale Mountain Rescue, RAF along with many local gamekeepers and farmers joined the organised search. Two days later the hiker was located near Keld, having fallen and become disorientated – cue a check over from Ambulance followed by an emotional reunion with his family. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who dropped everything to join the search and many thanks also to the Tan Hill pub for their generous provision of food, drink and facilities provided for the family and search teams.

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## The TV Shepherd With Farming Ambition

The Farmer Network in The Yorkshire Dales and Cumbria is organising a new Farming Ambition group this autumn. Business training and advice is offered, as well as access to training grants and help to apply for a loan, if appropriate.

Kate Gascoyne, project manager urged young people to think about it: "This is a time of great change for farming. There will be uncertainties, but also opportunities for young people which may require different thinking, farming and marketing. The figures always have to stack up and a business approach needed. If you can't use the business skills and experience gained on the programme straight away, there will be times and chances later on to do so".

Already signed up for the Farming Ambition programme is 20 year old Murray Craig, who works for Matthew and Dani Blair, and featured on the 'This Farming Life' programme on BBC2. He is also shortlisted for the British Farming Farm Worker of the Year Award. Murray is developing his own flock, building towards taking on his own tenancy or farming agreement in the future. He said "I am looking forward to the Farming Ambition programme for business insights and the chance to work closely with an experienced business adviser to help me plan. I need to know more about how to do farm accounts and budgets to be confident in my business decisions. Being able to apply for a training grant will be handy and also the

possibility of applying for a loan which is available to young people on the business support programme. I am looking forward to starting in October, I wanted to do it last year, but I had a trip to New Zealand at the time the programme started!"

If you are, or know of, young people with farming-related business ambitions in Cumbria and The Yorkshire Dales and want more information, call the Network on **01768 868615**, email [kate@thefarmnetwork.co.uk](mailto:kate@thefarmnetwork.co.uk) or visit the Farmer Network website.

Funding for the programme is provided by the Cumbria Community Fund, the Francis C Scott Trust, Yorkshire Dales Sustainable Development Fund and the Princes Countryside Fund. The low interest loan opportunity is provided by H&H Group, through Enterprise Answers.

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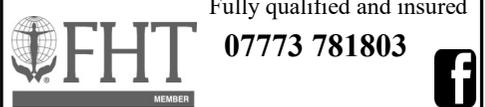
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The devices work across the entire Little White Bus network, although in Swaledale the mobile signal is only strong enough from Low Row going towards Richmond. In this instance, drivers will use their discretion on taking cash or card payment (For example a passenger could get on in Keld and alight in Reeth and the payment would be taken for their journey in Reeth).

It is fully expected the vast majority of transactions will be made in this way in the future. Tickets will still be issued and receipts can be given but passengers will need to know their mobile number for the receipt to be sent to their mobile phone.

## West Burton Shop

The shop at West Burton has a new proprietor. Marie took over on Saturday, August 22nd. She had intended to begin in March but, as we all know, everything was put on hold when the whole country went into lockdown. She has moved from Lincolnshire, although originally she hails from the Gloucester/Cheltenham area. Her career background was in retail but she was more concerned with selling paint than groceries.

The new opening hours look very promising: **9.00am to 6.00pm** every day except Thursday which is **9.00am to 1.00pm**. Marie hopes to be able to maintain a good range of products and she is using local suppliers as much as possible. The all-important newspapers are still available and are even being delivered. There are also plans to get the tea room operating again once the shop side of the business is established.

As with all new entrepreneurs, we wish Marie every success and hope that locals and visitors make good use of the shop in the future.

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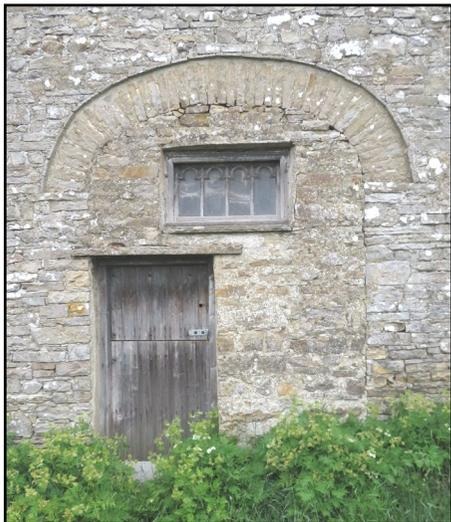
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On behalf of the Askrigg and District Produce Association, I'd like to express how incredibly impressed we have been with the response we had from people near and far to our on-line show. When we first thought of the idea, we were very unsure about how well we could transfer what is a very traditional and very hands-on show into something very 21st century and decidedly hands off! For anyone who didn't know, the Produce Show has been running for 80 years and we were determined that we were not going to break this impressive run for anything so we made a decision early in the year to see how we could keep the spirit of the show alive. The idea of an on-line show was launched. We were very unsure whether people would take to the idea and make the extra effort to photograph and send in their entries but we were determined to give it our best shot.

With a schedule to re-arrange, a website to build, social media and email account to set up, we had much to do. A very different set of challenges to contend with than usual – and would anyone enter? Any concerns we had about the appetite for a show in the midst of a pandemic were soon dismissed as we started to get a steady trickle of entries coming in, building to an out-and-out wave by the last week. We ended up getting over 600 entries from more than 100 people which we might have struggled to fit in the village hall in other years. We had a little help from Rishi Sunak

who very kindly featured us in his regular Darlington and Stockton Times article. In fact, his assistant told me that he was really impressed with our idea and how we had executed the website and had got people fired up to enter. Perhaps he will come and open our show next year which would be quite an event. We are also indebted to Betsy Everett for her very positive articles in local press.

The overall show winner was Ruth Griffiths. Category winners were: Ruth Griffiths – Floral Art, Rhian Liddell – Roses, Ruth Griffiths and Karen Jones – Horticulture, Karen Jones – Vegetables, Sue Stokes – Eggs, Christina Slater and Dawn Kirkbride – Home Cookery, Liz Connelly – Handicrafts, MaryRose Kearney – Art, Neil McNair – Photography, Lizzie Metcalfe and Ada Middleton – Pre-school, Jo Hodgson – Infants and Clari Hodgson – Juniors.

Many thanks to all that entered. The standard was incredibly high this year and the judges had a hard time in choosing the winners. Many thanks also to them for taking the time to judge for us this year with the added technical challenge of posting results on-line.

We really hope that next year we will be back in the Village Hall for the 81st Askrigg and District Produce Show but we are indebted to the wonderful people of Askrigg and district who responded so positively to our challenge and made it such a success.

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Oppositions of Mars occur just over two-and-a-bit years apart as Mars takes roughly twice as long to orbit the Sun as we do. Not all oppositions are equally bright, as Mars' orbit is quite elongated compared to the Earth's (which is nearly circular) meaning Mars can often be a fair bit away from us when opposition occurs. This time round the Earth and Mars are quite close together in their orbits so we should be in for a pretty spectacular show. Let's hope we have some decent weather around the middle of the month as Mars won't be as bright as this for another 15 years - **September 2035** to be precise.

If you're out and about late on **October 21st/22nd** you've a fair chance of spotting a good few 'shooting stars' as this is the night the

annual Orionid meteor shower reaches its peak. Orionids are particularly fast meteors produced by dust and debris left behind by Halley's Comet burning up in the atmosphere. They often leave persistent 'trains' of ionised gas behind that can last for a good few seconds. You might spot around 20 meteors an hour when the shower reaches its maximum. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight.

You might notice that there are 2 Full Moons this October, one on **October 1st** and the other on **October 31st**. The second Full Moon in a month is often called a 'blue moon' but I'm not sure why as it's not a particularly rare event.

Finally, this month don't forget to put your clocks **back** an hour when British Summer Time comes to an end on **October 25th**. Summer! Never heard of it.

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### October

- 6, Drop in day for Story of School photos.  
Dales Countryside Museum.  
11.00am - 2.45pm. See p. 28.
- 15 Bainbridge WI 'Zoom Talk'. 7.00pm.  
See p. 27.
- 16 Friends of Dales Countryside Museum  
AGM. Gayle Institute. 2.00pm.  
See p. 21
- 16 Deadline for entries to Yorkshire Dales  
Photography Competition. Midnight.  
See p. 9
- 20 Drop in day for Story of School photos.  
Dales Countryside Museum.  
11.00am - 2.45pm. See p. 28.
- 21 Hawes and District Gala Committee  
AGM. 7.00pm. See p. 26.
- 23,24 Designer Makers Market. Garden  
Rooms, Tennants. 10.00am - 4.00pm.  
See p. 27.
- 25 Clocks go back 1 hour, 2.00am.

### November

- 3,10 Drop in day for Story of School photos.  
Dales Countryside Museum.  
11.00am - 2.45pm. See p.28.

### Bainbridge Vets

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To ensure you have a safe and enjoyable visit we are offering booked slots. These are at 15 min intervals throughout the day, 7 days per week. We are currently open **10.00am – 5.00pm** until the end of October. The first booking slot is at **10.15am** and the last slot is at **4.00pm**, this will allow you sufficient time to look around the museum.

Due to restrictions on the number of people we can have in the museum at any one time we have set a daily limit. Therefore, bookings are limited to one family group or 'bubble' of up to 6 people per 15 min slot. As a result, we may not be able to accommodate walk-ins as the daily capacity may have been reached. DCM pass holders will also need to pre-book.

You will receive a booking confirmation via email, please print this and bring it as it is your admission ticket. If you are a DCM pass holder please ensure you have your pass with you.

### Exhibition

**The View From the Fells: In the Footsteps of Marie Hartley**  
Until **November 9th**.



View from the Fells, an exhibition of collagraphs by printmaker Hester Cox, is the culmination of a two-year project inspired by the life and work of Marie Hartley MBE, artist, writer, cultural historian and the founder (with Joan Ingilby) of the Dales Countryside Museum.

Hester was invited to print 127 of the wood engraving blocks created by and bequeathed to the Museum by Marie Hartley. She then spent a year researching Marie's life and work, reading diaries, following the routes she took through the Dales and visiting the places written about in her books. This experience, together with the Yorkshire Dales landscape, has inspired Hester to create a stunning new body of work.

To book tickets, please go to our website at [www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk](http://www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk).

## Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services for October

Please note –The timing of Services in October will be returning to **10.30am** for Hawes and **2.30pm** for Stalling Busk.

Date	St Mary & St John's Hardraw 9.00am	St Oswald's Askrigg 10.30am	St Margaret's Hawes 10.30am	St Matthew's Stalling Busk 2.30pm
Oct 4th	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	
Oct 11th	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion
Oct 18th	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer (BCP <b>2.00pm</b> )	Holy Communion	
Oct 25th	Morning Prayer	<b>FAMILY BACK TOGETHER</b>	Holy Communion	Evening prayer

We are working with the team to ensure a safe return to church for our families on a monthly basis with activities available both in church and accessible online in our Family Back Together service. We will no longer be producing our weekly Church in the Home publication, but wanted to thank all those who have contributed to this over the last 28 weeks.

We have however launched an exciting new website for the benefice at [www.upperwensleydalechurch.org](http://www.upperwensleydalechurch.org) which we encourage you to explore. We hope you can join us for Sunday Worship in one of our churches soon and you can always keep in touch through our Facebook page - Upperwensleydalechurch-CofE, email [office@upperwenben.org](mailto:office@upperwenben.org) or telephone **667553**.

### Pat Lambert

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### Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum (DCM)

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the DCM will be held on **Friday, October 16th at 2.00pm** at the Gayle Institute. There will be no accompanying lecture this year. Will those attending please wear face coverings.



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## Necessity, Innovation and Community

In its early drafts this article, about a small local charity trying to survive Covid19, included the negatives of our current situation – closures, social distancing, fear for the future, illness. It's only natural, it's what most of us do, we dwell on the things that make us anxious or annoyed and let's not make light of the Covid19 pandemic, it is a serious situation affecting many people worldwide.

But it has also brought out the best in our community. From shopping for people who are shielding, to wearing a mask to protect others we see acts of kindness and consideration every day. Our local businesses have had to change and innovate too.

Low Mill Outdoor Education Centre is one of these organisations. An Askrigg based charity that for nearly 50 years has been helping children and young people from different backgrounds and with different abilities to grow and develop. On March 16th Covid19 shut the Centre's doors and it went from being a lively, noisy, exciting place to a silent solitary building.

As a small charity Low Mill had no corporate machine to fall back on, there were no big cash reserves to see it through and being a specially adapted residential centre for young people it had limited opportunities to diversify quickly.

But as the saying goes 'Necessity is the mother of Invention' and throw 'Community' into the mix and we start to see the positive, those good things that have made this situation bearable.

A civil engineer turned PR, a volunteer became a graphic designer and Day Activity leaflets were printed. Local businesses stepped forward with a helping hand and those leaflets found themselves in front of campers, caravaners and visitors. A fabulous thank you to Aysgarth Falls National Parks Centre, Bainbridge Ings Country Park, Hawes Caravan Club Site, Hawes National Parks Centre, and Lodge Park Holiday Property Bond. The Housekeeping team working at ways to keep the virus at bay. Instructors turned inventors, finding ways to make outdoor activities Covid Safe.

Through Necessity, Invention and Community funds were raised and with the support of the

furlough scheme, Low Mill kept going. But Covid19 is unpredictable and as the R number rises and people's enthusiasm for social distancing wanes Low Mill faces a difficult winter.

It costs £3,500 per month just to keep the Low Mill Centre going, maintenance, utility bills, insurance. All those mundane but necessary parts of running a charity. And this is where 'Necessity', 'Invention' and 'Community' come together again.

The Housekeeping team and Instructors turn screen stars, recording videos that tell their own Low Mill stories. Volunteer becomes director and sound engineer creating a fund-raising platform and video content. Office Manager becomes Marketing Manager spreading the fundraising word

You might be asking why all of this is important, why do we need to support these small charities? Keeping Low Mill open is ultimately not about maintaining a building, paying insurance or taxing a minibus.

It's watching the small group of children from a deprived inner-city estate grow in confidence and lose their anxieties after spending a few days in the stability and safety of Low Mill. It's a young teen escaping his wheelchair and experiencing the freedom and movement of canoeing on Semerwater. It's a group of visually impaired young people meeting the physical and technical challenge of a 50ft abseil, and the big smiles when they reach the bottom!

Low Mill helps bring out the best in these young people and we're hoping that the best in our Community can help keep Low Mill open for future generations. To help Low Mill Bounce Back, check out what 'Necessity, Invention and Community' can achieve at [www.givey.com/lowmill](http://www.givey.com/lowmill).

**Julia Newiss**



## **Fifty Years in Wensleydale Mary Watts Reminisces**

“We don’t like ‘off-come-dens’ here.” It took us a bit to learn we were off-come-dens. “It’ll take you fifty years to get known, you know”. Well, we had been camping in The Lakes while our Union was on strike at Yorkshire Television in Leeds, had taken our Wayfarer dinghy and slept just one night when Radio 4 told us the strike was over and Graham and I must get back to work. Tried the scenic way home, found ourselves in Hawes ringing my Yorkshire-born mother (from red box next to The Chippie). “But you’re in t’Yorkshire Dales! Why don’t you go and live there?” Solicitors (probably Willan and Johnson) were estate agents then. And it wasn’t long before we were bumping our way up Gaudy Lane and there was Tom MacGregor with the big front door key in his hand.

Gaudy House Farm, no electricity, no mains water, no telephone but the finest imaginable view right down Wensleydale, and the Pennine Way climbs up Gaudy pasture alongside. £3,000. (We soon learned to say Gaady and Haas). The solicitor was soon on the phone to us back in Leeds. Sadly but truly we said it would not do. “We haven’t got £3,000” “But he liked you. How much have you got?” “£2,000”. “I’ll try him.” And to our amazement Tom said, “Yes”. He and Margaret wanted someone who could pay right away. They were planning a home for Brian and Silvia when they would be married. And we were able to move in to camp there almost at once. Not only would we be made welcome but were invited to the wedding also that year. (I won’t tell you the name of the aged Vicar who, if anyone sniffed or coughed, would stop, go back to the beginning and say the words all over again – Remember?)

The next 30 years Graham would put in as many hours as he could doing jobs for Tom who remarked “He’s got a good pair of hands too.” And hay timing was an essential part of that for us all. Many’s the time I would take our bread to their freezer. To make bread we found an ancient mill (now on top of the bacon cabinet in Elijah’s) with a wheel like those clothes mangles your great grandmother had. It took a whole turn to obtain a gram of flour from the good wheat we still use. And we had to barrow milk and beer to cool in the nearby ghyll in those hot summers. The large pantry/larder, where geese had been fattened for Christmas in

boxes under the stone shelves, remained cool enough at a steady 50 degrees Fahrenheit to house half a Coverdale cheese on the ceiling hooks and all our “Farmhouse Kitchen” preserves and plum puddings were easily accommodated.

As for the coal range we always had two big black kettles on the hobs and a handsome rag rug in front of the fire which was never left to go out. And we saved our candle ends to melt down in a pan and pour into moulds to use again. Tom frequently came in at any hour to use the kettles when they were calving in the barns, leaving his teapot on the hob. And even Graham was called in late at night at times to help with the great pull to help the cow release her new babe. He would return horrified to describe the newborn calf skidding across the barn floor and the three of them nearly falling on their backs. From that not infrequent event we learned that the best Yorkshire Curd Tarts are made from the beastings. What are they, I hear you say?

Frank Iveson from Duerley Bottom gave us clean goosewing feathers to sweep ash from under the ovens and we soon learned how to manage the draughts to heat both ovens and back boiler to whatever temperature we required. Bread first, while fine and hot, then cakes and pies and last of all it was cool enough for the meringues. That wisdom came from Dorothy Sleightholme, the Yorkshire granny who presented “Farmhouse Kitchen” for us all those years ago. Tea towels and bed linen dried on the traditional oatcake rack Graham made to hang from the ceiling. Formerly made once a week, oatcakes in the days of austerity were purposely left to dry until so very brittle that no one wanted to eat more than one, which was the whole idea!

And of course there was that big Grubb & Whiteside generator in the outside shed by which the whole of Gayle and Hawes could see when we were in residence! This miraculous system gave us lighting and limited DC current throughout. Simply turning a light switch on in the house would start it up, chug chug. We could have electric blankets in our beds which literally steamed after these went on when we came home from Leeds each weekend. We held our breath when switching the last light off at bedtime, hoping that the alternator would stop the motor outside in the shed giving us peace at last from that chug chug which actually quite

gently shook the house. If it didn't, 'someone', guess who, had to go out and kick the box to stop the engine chug-chugging away. Aah, those were the days.

Socially we did not ever feel unwelcome. Though one day, after I'd sent Tom a cheque for something, I greeted his daughter-in-law coming up into the yard and she said, "I see you got married then." You get used to everyone knowing all your secrets. Indeed, Frank Iveson, as Chairman of the Gala Committee soon had us finding famous actors and presenters at YTV to perform the Opening Ceremony, crown the Queen and judge the fancy dress. Year after year we were honoured to ride in Kit Calvert's pony and trap.

So it went on and now old age has crept up on us and unexpectedly Graham died on June 12th this year, aged 97 and I seem to be 84. We would have written this together. Certainly expected him to reach 100. But I am remembering most of this history and could carry on if required. Including Gaudy becoming "the highest boatyard in England". Folk used to walk up after their Sunday lunch: "Where is Noah going to sail it then? In Semerwater?" etc. Over to you, dear friends.

We got tired by the 1990s of clearing the ditches, digging snow, mending gates and moved downhill. But our family and many friends loved it up there at Gaady all of 30 years! (You should see it now!).

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Eleanor has helped to run it for many years and Anne joined her more recently but we have decided that the time has come to retire! There does not seem to be anyone eager to take on the necessary organisation so we will not restart when 'normality' returns. Fewer people have attended our recent meetings and we have not reached this decision easily because we are aware that many will be disappointed.

We intend to use the remaining funds to have a final 'tea' at some time in the future and will contact those who normally support us when this has been arranged.

**Eleanor and Anne**

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## Hawes and District Gala Committee AGM

The AGM of the Hawes and District Gala Committee will be held on **Wednesday, October 21st at 7.00pm**. The Venue of the AGM is not yet confirmed so please meet in front of Hawes Market House.

Whilst there was no Gala in 2020 the existing Committee hope that there will be new volunteers coming forward to form a Full Committee to create a Gala for 2021.

Ahead of the AGM further information is available for anyone interested in joining the Gala Committee - Please email your contact details to [Hawes-Gala@outlook.com](mailto:Hawes-Gala@outlook.com).

In line with the Gala Committee Constitution, if a Full Committee of seven or more people is not formed at this AGM, there will not be a Gala in 2021. Instead the existing Committee will stay in office until the 2021 AGM.

An Agenda/Notice of the AGM is available on the Noticeboard at Hawes Market House, and also at Hawes Community Office.

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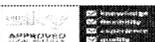
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Bainbridge W.I. are meeting via Zoom or at socially distanced outdoor meetings. Up coming:

Prof. Charlotte Roberts has agreed to do her talk via 'Zoom' to those members who wish to participate. This will take place on **Thursday, October 15th at 7.00pm.** All those interested should contact Susan Freer on **01969 663980** in order to be sent a link to the meeting.

Annual General Meeting - We propose holding this via 'Zoom' as a virtual meeting on **November 19th.** We hope to follow the business with a fun quiz.

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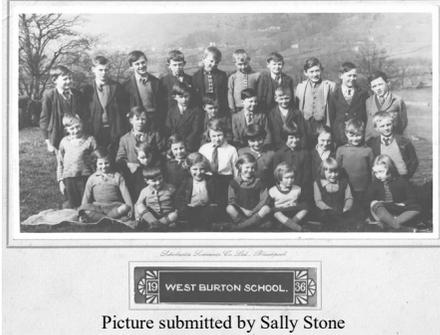
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## Artwork to Celebrate Dales Schools and Youth - An Update

We are busy making a giant community photo mosaic celebrating youth and schools in the Upper Dales! Do you live in the Upper Dales? Did you go to school here? We'd love to see your pictures about what youth in the Dales means to you. Photos can be vintage or modern and feature landscape and buildings as well as people, and artwork and drawings are great too.



The mosaic will be created by digital artist Helen Marshall of The People's Picture, whose most recent work was 'Rainbows for the NHS'. It will consist of 1,000+ pictures of school life in the Dales that will come together to create a whole new image. Hundreds of photos for the

mosaic have already been submitted, but we hope that you – the Dales community - will bring forward many more. We would love you to take part!

Members of the public can participate by uploading their images to the project directly at <https://thepeoplespicture.com/storyofschools/> until **November 15th**. You can also drop-in your photos and images at the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes, on the following Tuesdays between **11.00am and 2.45pm**:

**October 6th and 20th;**

**November 3rd and 10th.**

The Museum has social distancing regulations in place. Please come prepared with a mask and a member of our team will take your details and a photograph of your image.

The artwork is part of 'The Story of Schools in the Upper Dales' – an oral history and research project funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund and the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's Sustainable Development Fund. It will be displayed in a multi-media exhibition at Dales Countryside Museum opening on **January 30th 2021**, including the big reveal of the mosaic alongside a short film, display boards, audio recordings and artefacts.

For further information about the project please visit [www.thenashhawes.org/Story-of-Schools](http://www.thenashhawes.org/Story-of-Schools).

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## Young Voices on the Future of the National Park Wanted

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority is reaching out to young people for their views on what the National Park should look like by 2040.

A short video has launched on the Authority's social media platforms asking young people aged 15-30 to have their say.

This is an important 'next step' in the process of creating a new Local Plan - which will run from 2023 to 2040 - containing the planning policies that will guide what development can and can't take place in the National Park.

Neil Heseltine, Chairman of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, said: "It's critical we hear the voices of younger people; those who live inside and outside the National Park. I want to hear what young people think about the great issues we face around climate change and nature reduction, and how our landscapes should be managed for their future. What do young people think about living and working here? What should the National Park look like by 2040?"

For example, should we be building lots more houses in the National Park? Should new housing have on-site renewable energy generation? Should we be creating more room for wildlife? So ask yourself: what does your National Park look like?"

A slimmed down version of the current consultation has been created to capture comments, which will feed into the next stage of the development of a new Local Plan.

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## Dales Farmers Meet Ministers in Hay Meadow

Farmers Paul Hunter and Caroline Harrison met Farming Minister Victoria Prentis and Chancellor and local MP Rishi Sunak in the Yorkshire Dales National Park during September.

Paul and Caroline are two of 18 farmers in Wensleydale and Coverdale who are piloting a 'payment by results' agri-environment scheme, in which they get paid for conserving either traditional hay meadows or habitat for wading birds such as curlew. The scheme is one of 67 Environmental Land Management scheme (ELMs) 'tests and trials' taking place in England. Over the course of the next seven years, ELMs will replace Countryside Stewardship and the Basic Payment scheme.

The meeting took place in a meadow near the village of West Witton. The ministers walked to the site and discussed the principles of payment by results with the farmers and representatives of Natural England and the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, which are running the pilot scheme in partnership.

Paul Hunter, whose meadows had twice the cover of wildflowers this summer compared with when the scheme started in 2016, said: "The alternative for me to this pilot scheme would have been to plough up the meadows and re-seed with more productive grasses. But this scheme has provided an income and it has given the decision-making back to the farmer."

Caroline Harrison, who is managing a 30 acre pasture in the wading birds part of the scheme, had a clear message for the ministers: "We need to improve the way money is paid to farmers. The approach in the past has been too prescriptive. We need flexibility and freedom to choose what needs to happen and when. We know when the birds are going to nest – and it can vary each year – and can take out the cattle and sheep at the right time. Set dates are no good. Money helps, too. If there's no money in it, people are going to leave hill farming."



Chairman of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Neil Heseltine said: "I am delighted the Farming Minister and the Chancellor took the time to speak to farmers in the National Park. These hill farmers maintain the landscape that we all love. It cannot be stressed enough that they will need ELMs to make their farm businesses viable. I know that the ministers will have been impressed by how quickly the hay meadows and habitat for breeding waders in the scheme have been



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restored and enhanced. Mr Sunak was very taken with the phrase 'nature friendly farming'. That is the sort of farming we would like the Government to support here, with livestock being bred and reared in the hills in a way which conserves and enhances wildlife."

Farming Minister Victoria Prentis said: "Yorkshire has a fantastic community of farmers, who are not only highly resilient but also working hard to test out how our upcoming Environmental Land Management scheme can be as effective as possible in rewarding our farmers for enhancing the natural environment. I look forward to working closely with more farmers, land managers and environmentalists

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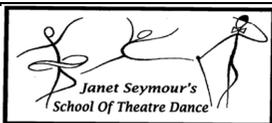
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like those I have met today from all over the country to design a scheme that will benefit the wide variety of farming systems we have in England today. Working with farmers to demonstrate the benefit of 'high nature value', low-input farm systems through a 5-year trial of a 'payment by results' approach to agri-environment funding is objective C4 of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Management Plan 2019-2024.

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## New Bridge for Cringley Bottom

Rangers and volunteers have built a new footbridge on the Coast-to-Coast route in Swaledale, replacing a bridge that was swept away in the devastating 2019 summer floods.

The sturdy new crossing at Cringley Bottom is fit for walkers, cyclists and horse riders and has been built with the help of a donation from the Swaledale Outdoor Club. The club runs an annual marathon which passes through Cringley Bottom in Bleabury Ghyll near the Surrender Smelt Mill. Swaledale Outdoor Club treasurer Tim Blenkin presented a cheque of nearly £7,000 to Area Ranger Michael Briggs just as the finishing touches were being made to the new bridge.

The bridge was a bespoke design by Hartlington Fencing of Skipton. A team of three – an access ranger, an apprentice access ranger and a Dales Volunteer – took four weeks to transport all the materials to site over moorland, construct stone faced abutments and put the bridge together.



Mr Blenkin said: “It’s a substantial new bridge and we hope it will be able to withstand the next serious flooding event. 2020 was to be our 41st marathon but it had to be cancelled. We asked entrants to make a voluntary donation to the flood repair work in the dale and this has raised £1,940.50.

Also, in recognition of the benefits Swaledale Outdoor Club gains from using public rights of way maintained by the rangers, the club committee, fully backed by the members, agreed to donate a further £5,000 to this vital work.”

Mr Briggs added: “The coast-to-coast is a

very important and popular route. It is how many people see the Yorkshire Dales National Park. Businesses have grown up along the route offering hospitality to those passing through. Making the coast-to-coast a National Trail is an objective of the National Park Management Plan, so we are keen to invest time and effort into the route to keep it looking well and easy to use. It’s also nice to make good one more path which was damaged in the terrible floods of last year. I’d like to thank the Swaledale Outdoor Club and other generous donors, as well as the landowner who assisted us with access to the site.”

The National Park Authority also received a £2000 donation from the Wensleydale Society; £100 from Cambridge Ramblers’; £50 from Overton House; £40 from the Two Dales Gardening Club; and £62 from a collection tin in Hudson House in Reeth.

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The Army are spending some time working with the Wensleydale Railway during October.

This is an historic event for the railway as it will be the first time that the Royal Engineers have staged an exercise on the UK Rail Network for 55 years!

The Royal Engineers are bringing almost 100 men and women to the line to run "Operation Turnout" with the equipment and skills to carry out many improvements including the road crossing at Wensley Station. A conservative guess is that these works would otherwise have cost the railway over £200,000.

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## Windows 10 Computer Performance and Broadband Interference

Recently I have seen several computers which have suddenly become very slow at starting up and opening applications. Usually you would have tried starting an icon several times before it responds and then you end up with several copies trying to open at once.

These computers had been manufactured using Intel mother boards and components and the problem was caused by 'Intel PTT recertification service'.

Pressing the 'Ctrl + Alt + Del' key sequence and choosing the 'Task Manager' option shows screen listing running processes. The 'more details' option at the bottom of the screen reveals the complete list of system processes that shows, among other things, the percentage of CPU time. Clicking on the column header arranges them by the amount of CPU time they are using.

In the case of the above problem the 'Intel PTT recertification service' can be continuously using 50 – 60% of the CPU time, freezing out all the other functions that you want use. This service is started by Windows as the computer is switched on and will remain running as long as the computer is still on.

The problem has appeared since a combination of a Windows update and the failure of an intel software update to be applied successfully.

There is a fairly complex manual procedure to identify the correct versions of the software updates and which elements apply to the architecture of the computer. Getting it wrong could result in some Windows function stopping working and making the situation worse so if you identify that it is happening on your computer it may be worth seeking assistance.

On the completely different subject of broadband performance, an interesting article was published on the BBC News website today. Open Reach engineers in Wales had been investigating persistent broadband problems in a village. They have eventually found that a second-hand TV in one of the houses was emitting electrical interference. The phone wires were acting like a radio aerial and picking up these signals as if they were part of the broadband connection and effectively preventing internet access. While this has been

attributed to a faulty TV it could potentially be caused by many other devices. The process of CE testing should prevent any new equipment being sold from causing the problem.

While in this case the problem was relating to the overhead phone lines it could well occur on a smaller scale in extension cables that have been run inside the house. This is why most internet service providers insist that you have your router plugged into a master socket before they will start testing the line for faults.

The case of radio interference of the broadband connection is similar to a situation that happened in Hawes back in the distant days of dial up modems.

When the Dales Radio first started transmissions at Hawes a number of properties lost the ability to make internet connections. When investigating the problems, I found that if I plugged an old style wired phone in to the telephone socket instead of the modem and lifted up the handset, I could listen to the radio station instead of getting a dial tone. However, when the modem was plugged in and being used the music was still being played over the top of the squeaks and screeches of the internet traffic which prevented the information from being deciphered.

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