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and Bishopdale,
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Guest Editorial

In 1995, not long after I settled in Wensleydale, I was both intrigued and inspired by a letter the late Tom Knowles had published in the D and S Times. In it he pointed out that it had been the farmers and landowners who had created the beautiful landscape of the Yorkshire Dales.

It was through the Association of Rural Communities which he founded that I became aware of the intense frustration so many Dalesfolk felt at having their lives ruled by what, to them, were outsiders making important decisions about their lives.

Having recently returned from working overseas with aid and development agencies I couldn't help comparing this to what I had seen both in South Sudan and among Afghan refugees in Pakistan. I remembered a conference I had attended in Pakistan where the donor agencies were telling the aid workers what boxes they had to tick to get any money. The aid workers remained silent. They desperately needed the money to assist the refugees, but knew that Afghans just wouldn't accept what they saw as foreign interference in their lives.

I soon learnt that Dalesfolk can be just as fiercely independent! And I have gained a deep respect for the families who have done so much to preserve the landscape. As Alastair Dinsdale, the present chairman of ARC, commented:

“The very words National Park are very misleading as 95% of the land is privately owned and managed by farmers and estates as unpaid keepers with no direct control from the Parks Authority!

“Its landscape and special features were created by many generations of farmers, miners and quarrymen who worked the land and scratched a living from it but with care and consideration that it's resources were still available to their successors. “

So I can well understand what Tom had meant about their wanting a greater say in decision making.

I was, therefore, encouraged during the virtual meeting of the YDNPA on March 30 to hear its head of land management, Adrian Shepherd, state in his report that the Authority was in the forefront of national thinking on future support for farming in the uplands because it was focusing on the outcomes that can be achieved by using the skills and knowledge of the farmers

themselves to help deliver the desired results – rather than prescribing how to do things.

One example he gave was how the Authority is working with eighteen to carry out practical trials for a new approach to agri-environment support where payments are linked to the environmental results achieved rather than detailed management prescriptions.

He said the payments currently on offer to farmers will be withdrawn over the next seven years and will be replaced with a new system which will offer a significant range of opportunities to farmers to obtain funding mainly as a reward for providing public goods. This funding will come via the National Park Authority.

“The programme will be delivered by farmers working in partnership to protect the landscape,” he said and added that during the transition period there would be huge challenges for the farmers who would have to take on board many new opportunities.

This would enable farmers, he explained, to use their skills to deliver “environmental outcomes”.

Tony Serjeant, the senior wildlife conservation officer, also emphasised this when recommending that the YDNPA should prepare a new Nature Recovery Plan by March 2022. This, he said, could influence the Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) that will become a legal duty upon county and unitary authorities when the Environment Bill becomes law.



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He stressed: “It is essential that this (YDNPA) Plan be developed with local partners, and with farmers and landowners.”

At the meeting on March 30, however, it was the Authority’s chief executive officer, David Butterworth, who sounded a warning. As he said - a local authority which can work with individuals and organisations is far more effective than “two blokes sat behind a desk in Whitehall”.

I wonder what he could mean by that? What does come to my mind is the recommendation in Julian Glover’s Review of National Landscapes that a new National Landscapes Service should be created (covering almost 25 per cent of England) which would have a small board appointed by the Government. This would then appoint all the members of the Boards of our National Parks with their chairs being appointed by the Defra Secretary of States (see UWNL editorial August 2020). The Government is expected to make a decision on that soon.

I agree with Mr Butterworth – such decision making should be kept as local as possible, and not resting with someone in London far away from the realities of life in this rural area.

Pip Pointon

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Eunice the Ewe

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May Competition

These are all rivers in the north of England - some are anagrams, some are not!

1. and simple with a silent P
2. In Wales— and in the north of England
3. Sounds like a torment
4. Redrew a wool map
5. Look in your desktop
6. Flowing into the Garden
7. It's re-clad, re-done
8. Sounds as if it's breathed
9. He left hidden and swapped
10. Sounds like a baking implement
11. We clad, we change
12. This battery won't work; it's a ____
13. You'll even find it in here.
14. Around ten drew

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

April Competition Answers

These were all palindromes—a word that reads the same backwards as it does forward.

1. Noon
2. Kayak
3. Naan
4. 'Beeb'
5. Minim
6. Radar
7. Sagas
8. Repaper
9. Civic
10. Level
11. Rotavator
12. Poop
13. Marram
14. Nauruan
15. Aibohphobia

Bonus question. No lemon no melon.

There were an increased number of entries this month and everyone completed the bonus question. However, the spelling of Marram seemed to cause problems!

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Askrigg:	Sykes Shop,	650535
Carperby:	New contact needed	
West Burton:	Nadine Bell, Margarets Cottage	663559
Aysgarth:	Hamilton's Tearoom	663423
Redmire:	Kevin Davis Westholme	624165
Thoralby:	Sandra Foley, Shop	663205
West Witton	Christine Barker, Chestnut Garth	624934

Newsletter AGM

This was held via a Zoom meeting on Wednesday April 21st.

Newsletter Annual Report

Well that was a challenging twelve months – not only for the country as a whole but for the Newsletter committee too.

It started with the first U.K. lock-down which meant a last-minute cancellation of the Newsletter AGM at the end of March 2020. Concerns were also raised about the safety and appropriateness of distributing Newsletters to our traditional outlets and so it was decided not to print the April Newsletter. As it actually had already been prepared a decision was taken to remove the adverts and publish the rest on-line on our usual web-site.

Our advertisers were informed of our decision and that there would be no charges levied until we were able to go back into print again – and that turned out to be not until the August 2020 issue. In the meantime we continued to produce an ‘on-line’ only version of the Newsletter for May, June and July. A big thank-you to our Guest Editors and regular contributors who continued to supply us with articles during this difficult period. We know that some of our regular readers managed to find us on-line and from the many comments received welcomed the opportunity to get their monthly ‘Newsletter fix’!

So lock-down restrictions eased in July and we were able to hold a ‘normal’ committee meeting again – albeit in the garden of Lilac House. At this meeting it was announced that an absent Alastair Macintosh had asked to be removed of his share of editorial responsibilities because of his slow recovery from a recent operation. Alastair was still happy to retain the chairmanship of the committee and to attend committee meetings when possible. Barry Cruickshanks and Kevin Davis confirmed that they were happy to continue as joint (alternate) editors but would continue to seek additional help in Newsletter production. Also Sue Duffield had asked to be relieved of her responsibility for managing the advertisers in the lower dale. Barry offered to take on this responsibility temporarily in addition to managing advertisers in the upper dale but sought some assistance in this role in the longer term.

It was also agreed that the Newsletter would continue to provide book and equipment awards to students attending further education courses in the autumn but would suspend the Children’s Writing Competition for this year in the light of uncertainty of schools opening times.

At the October Committee Meeting Peter Wood said that after twenty years of involvement with the Newsletter, he had decided it was time to step down from the committee, and as co-ordinator for distribution, at the end of this year. Peter offered to retain the Newsletter archive for the time being until a replacement could be found. It was agreed that Robin Peters would be approached and asked to take over the distribution responsibility – which he subsequently agreed to. Alastair offered to take over the responsibility of the Newsletter Archive once lockdown was lifted.

Then we had the second lockdown and the November meeting had to be cancelled. We went ahead though, with a printed copy for December and January. It was decided in January to embrace the ‘Zoom’ technology for the January and subsequent committee meetings and this has proved quite successful. It will also be a ‘Zoom’ AGM this month.

And so, like the rest of the country, we look forward to the new ‘normal’ life returning this year. We are proud of the fact that we kept the Newsletter going throughout difficult times and as can be seen in the accompanying Financial Report we are still in a healthy position. We would like to thank our advertisers, Guest Editors and contributors for supporting us throughout the year and we cannot wait to see a full-page of ‘What’s ons’ once again in future issues.

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The Funky Pheasant Strutting into Hawes

Having spoken to Shannon McIntyre for our March issue, and learned about her new Florist Shop in Hawes, I have now been catching up with another new venture, moving into the same shop to work alongside Shannon.

This new business is called 'Funky Pheasant Boutique' and is the result of a pipe-dream by Davina Barker to open her own business.



Davina was born and raised in Romford in Essex (as you can tell from her accent!), but has moved around a bit, finally deciding upon the Yorkshire Dales four years ago, quite simply because of its beauty. She has spent twenty years selling new homes for developers and then had a double-glazing business with her

husband. Davina is married to John (a 'handyman') and has two grown-up sons who both still live in Essex. Prior to moving here, Davina and John spent five years living in Tenerife, enjoying the sun, sea and Sangrias, so it will have been a bit of a shock to the system when they moved to Helm four years ago - not a place known for its tropical temperatures, even in the height of summer! Davina says that the Dales people have been really welcoming and she and John have made lots of friends since moving here. Hopefully, those same friendly Dales folk will support this new venture when it opens.



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'Funky Pheasant Boutique' will operate alongside Shannon's 'Feather & Fern' floristry business in The Old Grammar School in Hawes. Davina's business will be stocking clothing, home and giftware

homewares. Davina is really excited about opening this new venture and is enjoying being able to source some fantastic products for her shop. It should prove the perfect accompaniment to the florists for your one-stop gift shopping!

Both businesses opened to the public in April when the Covid restrictions eased so there is now no excuse not to pop along and see what is on offer. Initial opening hours are **Monday to Saturday 9.30am to 5.00pm and Sunday 10.00am to 4.00pm**. There is also a website www.funkypheasantboutique.com to browse, showing just what you can get from the 'Funky Pheasant'. Davina can be contacted on **07869 320787** or by email at funkypheasantboutique@gmail.com.

We wish both businesses every success now that they are open to the public. **K.P.**

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<i>Balances b/f</i> [includes £63 of unclaimed cheques from 2019/20]	<u>12212.40</u>
Donations & postal subs	874.00
Collection boxes	1837.00
Adverts	5053.50
Interest (Skipton BS)	<u>21.97</u>
	<u>7786.47</u>
	19998.87

Expenditure

Production costs	6082.00
Distribution costs	632.00
Donations	460.00
Committee expenses & honoraria	65.00
Room rental	20.00
Prizes	70.00
Book grant scheme for students	2693.58
Equipment	0.00
Computer services & hardware	<u>774.41</u>
	10838.99
<i>Balance c/f</i>	<u>9159.88</u>
	19998.87

The accounts were audited and approved on March 15th 2021 by Barry Wilcox, MCMI.

The Newsletter's finances have certainly been different this year because of the restrictions placed on publication and distribution of copies due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The lack of four printed copies (April - July 2020) reduced our income from adverts this year by about half of the usual amount and the collection boxes have yielded a little over a third of last year's total.

The change in renewal date for annual subscriptions (from February 1st to May 1st) has meant that the bulk of those payments will be made in the next financial year. The deficit in income, however, has been moderated by reduced production and distribution costs, and there have been fewer student applications for the book and equipment award. The UWNL Children's Story Writing Competition did not happen this year because of the school closures.

We supported six local students with book and equipment grants this year, amounting to £2693.58, and although there were fewer

monthly competitions, we donated to several charities on behalf of competition winners: British Heart Foundation, PCC of Askrigg, Perennial—Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society, Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2020, the Stroke Association and the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

There were few requests for donations this year and the Committee decided to support the Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team with a donation of £200, and the Gayle Bench fund (£100) in lieu of sending Christmas cards.

We end the year with sufficient reserves to continue with our student grant scheme, but possibly at a reduced rate per student, and with the hope that the story-writing competition will proceed later in 2021. We are, as ever, most grateful to our generous readers who send us a little extra with their subscriptions or who put a little more in our collection boxes – thank you.

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The Wednesday Walking Group is back. Circular walks of 3-5 miles. All meet at the Leyburn Arts and Community Centre ready for a prompt **10.00am** departure. Socially distanced in separate groups of no more than six is strictly observed. £2 donation welcomed. Sorry, no dogs. For more information visit our web site www.leyburnartscentre.com.

The U3A Spanish Conversation. Why not join our small friendly group and spend an hour at the Leyburn Arts and Community Centre every **Monday at 9.45am** developing your Spanish conversation? For more information, please ring the Convenor on **01969 624223**.

The U3A Ukulele Group are strumming again. We meet every **Monday at 2.00pm** at the

Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. We are a happy learning group who play for enjoyment. The ukulele is a fun instrument, and is reasonably easy to learn. We can lend a ukulele to see if you like it! For more information, please ring the Convenor on **01969 623798**.

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Restart of the Lunch Club. Aimed at providing a place for people to have a two-course lunch followed by coffee and a chat in a friendly atmosphere. We are meeting at the Leyburn Arts and Community Centre every **Tuesday from 12.30pm to 2.00pm**. Covid restrictions are strictly observed so please book by ringing **01969 624510**.

Slimming World is back. This is your time to shine and to get your dreams back on track. If you'd love to lose weight and feel healthier and happier, you'll find everything you need at Slimming World held weekly at the Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. To join the group just call **Annette on 078795 59336** or visit www.slimmingworld.com.

The very popular School of Theatre Dance has started again with classes every Saturday. For further details and to register a place, please contact **Janet Seymour LRAD - 01748 884677 or 07971 282566** or visit her website: www.swaledaledance.

Portrait Painters take up their brushes again. The group meet every **Wednesday 10.30am to 12.30 pm**. At the Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. Total membership is around ten but for the time being attendance is limited to five painters per session plus one model. Models always welcome and will be paid £15 per session. If you would like to join or be a sitter, please contact Ed Hullah by email: edhullah@btinternet.com.


Why not join the U3A Drawing and Painting Group? Six friendly and enthusiastic amateur artists who meet every **Friday between 2.00pm and 4.00pm** at the Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. We simply just do our own thing with our artistic endeavours interspersed

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Leyburn Arts and Community Centre is delighted to announce that it will be re-starting its regular Friday film screenings. Film performances will start again on **May 21st**. There will be one screening at 6.00pm and tickets will be £6/£5. See page 36 for the initial schedule.

We hope this selection of films will once again provide our community with some great regular entertainment and we look forward to welcoming you all back to our auditorium. Please note that the cinema is following strict Covid guidelines so booking is essential. To book please visit our web site www.leyburnartscentre.com for details.

The Book Club is back in session. The club will meet on the **second Wednesday of each month. 2.30pm to 3.30pm.** at the Leyburn Arts and Community Centre starting on **June 9th**. Why not join this friendly group, just £1.50 per get together and the 2021 books selected are: March - Fingers in the Sparkle Jar [Chris Packham].

April - An Officer and a Spy (Robert Harris).
May - The Dutch House (Ann Patchett).
June - The Midnight Library (Matt Haig).
July - The Confession (Jessie Burton).

For more information visit our web site www.leyburnartscentre.com.

Bat to the Future. A Science Project for young people and families and featuring various interesting activities during the year. Beginning with Bat Detector Kits which can be hired out from the Leyburn Arts and Community Centre for five to seven days. Email on admin@leyburnartscentre.com for a simple form to book a kit. Keep an eye on the website www.leyburnartscentre.com for updates, bat boxes will be available soon.

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Dales Makeover

How lovely it is to see our businesses opening up once more and the cafes and bars welcoming folks to their alfresco tables. It feels like the Dale has received a makeover in recent months with freshly painted shop fronts, new window displays and new businesses opening for the very first time.

Hope and expectation are in the air as the visitors return and we are beginning to be able to move around a little more freely. We still have a way to go yet though and we do need to remain vigilant as many are still waiting to be able to open their doors to customers, or even feel confident about venturing outside of them. Whatever your situation, keep safe and on behalf of the Anglican Church in the Upper Dale, may I wish you all well and God's blessing, wherever you are and whatever you may be doing.

Rev Dave

 <h3 style="margin: 0;">Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services in May</h3>				
	St Mary & St John's, Hardraw 9.00am	St Margaret's, Hawes 10.30am	St Oswald's, Askrigg 10.30am	St Matthew's, Stalling Busk 2.30pm
May 2nd	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	
May 9th	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Evening Prayer
May 16th	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	10.30am Morning Prayer 2.00pm BCP	
May 23rd Pentecost	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	8.30am Holy Communion 10.30am - Praise in the Pen Family Service*	Holy Communion
May 30th	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	
Evening Prayer on Sundays at 4.00pm via our telephone conferencing service. For details go to www.upperwensleydalechurch.org/services .				
*Please email office@upperwenben.org to book your "Pen"				

Heavens Above

It's a great month for spotting Mercury and Venus, the two closest planets to the Sun. They're on view shortly after sunset but you'll need a flattish outlook to the north-west to catch them as they're both very low down. Venus is a dazzling 'Evening Star,' brighter than anything else in the night sky apart from the Moon. It gets even brighter as it pulls away from the Sun during the coming months and stays with us right through the year reaching maximum brilliance - magnitude minus 4.7 - in early December.

Tiny Mercury, the innermost planet, puts on its best evening show of the year. It sits a little above and slightly to the left of Venus for most of the month, but the best time to catch it is around the middle of May when it reaches its maximum separation from the Sun and lies higher in the sky. On the 13th it forms a striking tableau with the slim crescent Moon, Venus and the Pleiades star cluster.

The Red Planet, Mars, is still visible in the evening sky low in the north-west not too far from the twin stars Castor and Pollux, but if you want to see the two biggest planets, Jupiter and Saturn, you'll have to get up really early as they're in the pre-dawn sky. Saturn rises in the south-east around 2.30am followed by Jupiter 30 minutes later.

This month's Full Moon on May 26th is the biggest and brightest of the year – a so-called 'Supermoon'. It should appear some 30% brighter and 14% bigger than the faintest Full Moon. A 'Supermoon' occurs when the Full Moon coincides with its closest approach to the Earth in its orbit. This doesn't happen every month as the Moon's orbit isn't a perfect circle and as a result its closest and farthest approaches change from month to month.

Supermoons seem to have caught the public's imagination in recent years but if you want to see the Moon at its best, have a look at it when its waxing or waning. The slanting light from the Sun's rays makes the craters and mountains stand out in a really dramatic fashion especially along the 'terminator', the boundary between the Moon's sunlit and night-time hemispheres.

There's also a total lunar eclipse on May 26th but unfortunately it can only be seen from Australia, New Zealand and parts of the Pacific Ocean. We'll have to wait until the early hours of May 16th 2022 to see the next one visible from our latitudes. Have clear skies!

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Prunings

I bought some Agapanthus in the Autumn because they were (supposedly) hardy. I didn't risk putting them into open ground, but potted them up and then buried the pots just under the house wall hoping to give them some shelter. The cold weather came and they disappeared completely. I resigned myself to having lost them, and made a mental note not to try that again. This week little green shoots have begun to show. Amazingly they just might be tough enough to stand our conditions. More information to follow.

The dwarf lilac on the patio is covered in buds and will be spectacular when it eventually blooms. It is an interesting demonstration of how much more important light levels are than temperatures for spring growth. As those of us with arthritic joints know well, it can look like a beautiful day, still feel uncomfortably cold, but the plants don't seem to care. I have also been surprised by how dry things are. My other half moved some tulip pots onto the gravel and remarked that they were unusually light. After a generous dollop of water they looked 100 per cent better. Time to water all the pots, even those that are not yet showing many signs of growth will still have dried out. When it is cold

it does not feel as if everything is getting "droughty".

Our regular cock pheasant visitor has started to bring a lady friend. Somewhere in the wild patch she must have a nest. I am happy to see them, and if they Hoover up the spilled seed under the feeders they are most welcome. However I have an uncanny feeling that they may be responsible for the non-appearance of some new alliums I put into the raised bed, and their presence might go some way to explain why crocus in a stone trough were over so quickly! We had a new visitor which I did not recognise. I spent a long time peering at the illustrations in my latest bird book, but am now satisfied that it is a reed warbler. I can't imagine why it is up here so far from the water.



Reed Warbler

I had a very pretty "Pot Combination" last year. (sounds like my Grannie's underwear!). It was a grey Artemesia partnered with a very attractive pink Argyranthemum. The pink daisy of course has not made it through the cold, but the Artemesia is happily sprouting. I shall now have to seek out something similar or equally complementary to try and repeat the show. The bags of compost are now stacked up at the bottom of the steps waiting for me to get on with it, and the sweet peas, which arrived far too early are still sitting in the porch waiting for a chance of warmer temperatures. They don't seem to have suffered so far, but they need pinching out, and I can't leave them in the "Root-trainers" much longer.

Next problem – Need to rescue the dahlias. Whatever you grow, take time to enjoy it!

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Police Report

This month's article is written by PC Julian Sutcliffe as it is his last newsletter to the Dales due to him retiring in May. His departure from the Leyburn Policing team will be a great loss to the Dales and I know that many of you will join me in wishing him a happy retirement and thanking him for his many years' service to the residents of North Yorkshire as a serving Police Officer.

"Firstly, an update on the planned move of Leyburn Police Station to the shared facility at Leyburn Fire Station. The sharp eyed amongst you will have noticed that this has not happened yet. It is still going ahead but has been delayed due to a technical problem with IT. We will keep you posted as to when we are moving.

The last month has seen little in the way of crime. One stand-out offence was the theft overnight on March 23rd of ten chimney pots, valued at over £500, from outside Cellar Antiques in Hawes. Please contact us with any information.

We have taken a number of reports of recent attempted scams in the area. Please remember that a genuine bank or organisation will never contact you out of the blue to ask for your PIN, full password or to move money to another account. Only give out your personal or financial details to use a service that you have given your consent to, that you trust and that you are expecting to be contacted by. Also, don't be tricked into giving a fraudster access to your personal or financial details. Never click on a link in an unexpected email or text. And finally, always question uninvited approaches in case it's a scam. Instead contact the company directly using a known email or phone number. If you have been affected by fraud, report it to Action Fraud **0300 1232040** or www.actionfraud.police.uk.

On a personal note, I shall be retiring in May from the police and my role as Beat Manager and Wildlife Crime Officer at Leyburn. I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the many past and present colleagues who I have worked with in the last 29 years, and whose support and friendship has been much appreciated. Policing is a unique and varied career, with many challenges. When I joined we were largely focused on crime, whereas your average officer today has a wide range of demands, not only investigating crime and

disorder, but also working with partners to safeguard victims and the vulnerable. Personally, when dealing with people I have always tried to work on the principle that behaviour breeds behaviour. This approach must have had some success as I very rarely needed to draw my truncheon, and was only shot at once (he missed!). A big thank you to the dedicated volunteers, such as Dales Watch, who help to keep crime levels low, and Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team, who are always there to help with the seemingly impossible. They are just two examples of the support which is freely given in our amazing Dales. Others, such as my friends in the Yorkshire Dales National Park and RSPB deserve a mention, but this risks becoming an Oscar acceptance speech!"

PC 558 Julian Sutcliffe

Northern Dales Neighbourhood Police
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Of all the things I've lost I miss my mind the most

The difference between someone from America and someone from England is an American thinks 100 years is a long long time and an Englishman thinks 100 miles is a long long way.

It is only our bad temper that we put down to being tired or worried or hungry; we put our good temper down to ourselves.

A few of us were discussing the perils of drinking and driving when my five-year-old granddaughter threw in her two pennyworth "I can see why it would be dangerous to drink and drive," she said. "The straw could go up your nose."

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Subjects could include geography and science fieldwork, farm visits, creative arts sessions, interpretive walks, or outdoor survival skills such as navigation and bushcraft. Staff from the National Park Authority's ranger and wildlife teams, as well as Dales Volunteers, will be brought in to work on the programme, led by the Authority's Education Officer, Rebecca Swift.



Education officer Rebecca Swift studies leaves with pupils from Cracoe and Rylstone Primary School in Grass Wood in November 2020

Schools can make contact by emailing learning@yorkshiredales.org.uk or calling **01756 751628**. Funds will be made available to schools to contribute towards transport costs.

Member Champion for Promoting Understanding, Kevin Frea, said: "There are 60 primary, secondary or special schools whose catchment includes part of the National Park and I really hope teachers at these schools will consider getting in touch with us. We would really like to help them get their pupils outside and learning about the natural environment. We have been busy preparing resources for outdoor classes and are ready to offer a variety of learning opportunities. Although we haven't been able to offer this sort of service for some years, we've gained plenty of experience of

working with young people through events such as the Dark Skies Festival and the Young Ranger groups – so teachers can be assured that their pupils will receive a high quality learning experience."

The National Park Authority has begun to produce an e-newsletter, once per term, for teachers. The newsletter includes information about opportunities for schools to get out in the National Park with the Authority's education team and other organisations. It also provides information about teacher networking sessions and details of new and exciting projects to increase young people's nature connectedness.

Ann Wood

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Mystery Picture

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Does anyone recognise this waterfall taken in early April?

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New Funding Streams Available

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ClubsInCrisis

Funding will be made available for eligible grassroots sports clubs and organisations through the local Community Foundations links below. In order to be eligible, clubs must provide clear evidence of how they use sport to help young people develop life skills, employment opportunities, reduce crime and anti-social behaviour or tackle mental health issues.

To get involved with the ClubsInCrisis Fund, follow the three steps as mentioned below:

Step one - Read the FAQs to find if your club is eligible for funding.

Step two - Find the right Community Foundation to apply for funding via our Postcode Tool.

Step three - Complete Steps one and two and apply now! <https://www.madebysport.com/clubsincrisis>.

The Choose Now, Change Lives

One-off grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 are available to community groups to support them in delivering projects or activities that will facilitate change and benefit local people. Deadline for round one is **May 23rd**.

'Boost' will support a range of community groups and organisations and help them make a difference in their local areas to truly facilitate change. With a focus on diversity, impact and legacy, 'Boost' would like to support projects that benefit a diverse range of beneficiaries with high impact project ideas. They would like these projects to benefit communities for years to come, leaving a lasting legacy for the community to enjoy and benefit from. <https://www.boostdrinks.com/changelives/>.



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Let's go summery! Here are two recipes for a lovely pate and quick and easy soda bread.

Chicken Liver Pate

450g tub of chicken livers
1 medium onion, finely diced
110g butter + 60g for topping
1 clove of garlic
Salt & black pepper
Zest of half an orange (optional)
2 tablespoons of double cream (optional)

Firstly prepare the chicken livers. Take each liver and cut in half. If there are any small, greenish looking sacs remove and discard them as they are very bitter.

In a pan over a medium heat, melt the 110g of butter and soften the onions without browning until translucent and then add the garlic and stir for a further minute. Add the chicken livers with a pinch of salt and a good grind of black pepper and stir until they are sealed and then reduce the temperature and simmer gently for ten minutes. Add the orange zest and the cream if required and liquidise until really smooth. Spoon the pate into separate ramekins or one large bowl and bang carefully to smooth the top. Melt the remaining butter in a jug and carefully pour the clarified clear butter over the top of the pate to seal, leaving the milky remnants in the jug. Put in the fridge to cool and set. Keeps for up to a week in the fridge.

Soda Bread

250g plain flour
250g wholemeal bread flour
100g porridge oats
25g butter
1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
1 teaspoon salt
250ml Whole milk yoghurt
250ml milk

Pre-heat the oven to 200C. Mix all the dry ingredients in a large bowl and then rub in the butter. Add the yoghurt and milk and stir until it all comes together into a stiff dough. Turn out onto a floured surface and bring together into a nice round – work as little as possible once all the mixture is evenly combined. Deeply score the top of the loaf into 8 triangles (like a clock face). Transfer to a baking tray and bake on the bottom shelf of the oven for around 30 minutes until golden brown.

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- 15 Mobile Skip in Askrigg and Muker.
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- 16 Orders for Hanging Baskets. See p.25.
- 20 Bainbridge W.I. Zoom Meeting.
See p.24.
- 21 Leyburn cinema reopens 6.00pm.
- 23 Deadline for Grant Applications.
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- 29-31 Family Fun Days, Reeth. See p.23.
- 30 Young'uns concert, Tennants, Leyburn.
See p.23.

From the Archives

This article appeared in Issue 101. That's 16 years ago in March 2005. Those were the days:- 1 Mbps download speed!!

Broadband Arrives in Wensleydale

After a mammoth effort, led by Pip Land of Aysgarth and Bob Owen of Leyburn, culminating in the registrations target being reached within days of BT changing its policy on registrations, finally Broadband became available to many Dales residents last month. Hopefully, Bainbridge will be joining Aysgarth and Hawes before you read this item.

For the little extra cost involved, the Newsletter has heard of quite a few readers who have already taken the plunge and signed up for the faster internet and email service. One is also able to say goodbye to the days when the phone line is blocked for hours by 'little Johnny' surfing the internet to do his homework.

With Broadband one is able to surf and phone at the same time with just one Broadband line. If you've yet to hook up to Broadband go to www.adslguide.org.uk where all the service providers are compared for speed, amount of time available each month and, most importantly, price. You can do much worse than looking at the Wanadoo option with a download speed of 1 Mbps (20 times faster than pay-as-you-go) for just £17.99 per month. Finally do ensure you've adequate firewall and anti-virus protection in place before thinking of installing Broadband.

T.P.

DCM What's On

The Dales Countryside Museum will re-open from **Monday, May 17th**. We will post updates on our website at www.dalescountryside-museum.org.uk.

All events and exhibitions included in museum admission unless stated.

Exhibition:- Story of Schools

May 17th to July 18th.

An exhibition delving into the development of Upper Dales schools in which you can hear stories from those who attended Dales schools from the 1930s onwards. See the giant photo mosaic created by digital artist, Helen Marshall of The People's Picture that celebrates the dynamic youth of the Dales - past and present. Funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund and its players, and the Sustainable Development Fund.

Events;- A Woolly Wander Experience

Sunday, May 23rd. 10.00am to 3.00pm.

Visit a local alpaca farm on Raydaleside, meet the animals and take them for a gentle stroll through the spectacular landscape of the Yorkshire Dales at Semer Water. Guided by a local crafter, explore the museum textile gallery and learn the techniques and processes to create your own felted picture using wool from the alpacas you have met! Lunch is included. Booking essential. £50.

Young Archaeologists' Club

The Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists' Club is looking for new members. Are you a young person (between 8-16-year-olds) interested in archaeology? YAC is a great way to investigate your local heritage and participate in fun activities, including visits to historical sites and going on digs. If you are interested, contact us on **01969 666210** or email dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk.

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Keeping the momentum going...

April and another month for planning and rescheduling for a positive Autumn return to live events. It is also

the time for our management board to report and reflect on what has been achieved in the last twelve months.

Who would have thought our weekly Zoom sessions would be noting such milestone moments as; our one-year anniversary of making-music all together in the same room, one-year of being together in a virtual community, celebrating Jake and Fred turning 13 and 14 years old, Dan successfully auditioning for University and our volunteers becoming eligible for their vaccine appointments?

We launched our Play>Record>Perform project in the Autumn as planned and opted for 100% digital delivery due to COVID-19 restrictions. The group worked on The Sounds of the Dales heritage project and *A Magical Christmas Concert* DVD presentation presenting a selection of solo and collaborative performances – over twenty creatives of all ages took part.

We have provided mentoring and technical support throughout the pandemic supporting twenty young people so far. Support has included equipment loans such as computers, interfaces, microphones, headphones to musical instruments, sound systems and video cameras.

We have given guidance on setting up spaces to record music at home, getting online to be able to take part in other learning activities, preparing and recording submissions for graded exams, advice on Arts Award, university applications and writing personal statements. Of these, eight have chosen to engage in our regular weekly sessions on Zoom.

Since October, we have been delivering 3 one-hour sessions (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) where young people have put forward the songs they would like to play, record and perform together. They have chosen all the material covered from several genres including Indie, Folk, Rock, Jazz, Pop and Musical Theatre which has created some interesting discussions

around musical tastes and adapting music to suit different genres.

We have piloted the use of JamKazam – a music making platform which reduces latency and allows real time music-making and recording. It has been a great way to continue working together and make the most of the current restrictions.

Our *BlueAngels* continue to be our lifeline of support. In addition to the many hours of in-kind support given by our volunteers, it is the monthly pledges and one-off donations which have enabled us to cover our essential costs and keep the organisation moving forward. Please contact us to find out how you could help and/or receive a copy of our latest *BlueAngels* newsletter.

Live Theatre and Concert Dates

Friday, September 24th, 7.30pm - Pyramus and Thisbe Productions present *Holmes and Watson: The Farewell Tour* By Stuart Fortey at West Burton Village Hall

Friday 22nd – Sunday, October 24th - Leyburn Jazz Festival. The event is being organised by the Mid Wensleydale Community Partnership who will be announcing their festival programme soon.

Saturday, November 27th - BlueBoxt's 30th Anniversary Dinner Dance at the Fall Café and Gift Shop (the Motel).

December - The All-Time Favourites Christmas Special. We are interested in hearing from venues and promoters who would like us to perform our fully staged Christmas concert at their village hall or arts space.

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Saturday, May 29th

Kite-Making Workshops for Kids

The workshops will run from **11.00am to 4.00pm** - just turn up at any time between **11.00am and 3.30pm**. All materials and equipment will be provided. Malcolm Goodman (aka The Kiteman) will also be flying some of his own spectacular kites when time and weather allow.

Janet Seymour School of Theatre Dance – 2.00pm

Young dancers from this immensely talented local dance school will perform on Reeth Green.

The Pneûma Project – 3.00pm

Dance artist Miranda Tufnell, with two musicians and three dancers, will explore the life-giving potency of breath lost and regained. An immersive performance in Reeth Community Orchard in which movement and live sound create a shifting tapestry of images and stories. Followed by an optional movement workshop.

Also clog dancing and quoits!

Sunday, May 30th

Kite-Making Workshops for Kids

As above, running from **11.00am to 4.00pm** - just turn up at any time between **11.00am and 3.30pm**.

Runaway Samba

Outstanding drumming group from County Durham will perform uplifting beats and rhythms throughout the day.

The Young'uns Singing Workshop –Noon

The affable folk trio from Stockton will run a relaxed and completely unscary workshop out on Reeth Green from **Noon to 1.30pm**. All are welcome to join in the fun - no experience necessary.

Also Leyburn Band and quoits!

Monday, May 31st

Kite-Making Workshops for Kids

As above, running from **11.00am to 4.00pm** - just turn up at any time between **11.00am and 3.30pm**.

Baque De Ogu

Performances from top north-east samba band throughout the day.

Also quoits!

There will be a bucket collection for voluntary donations to Swaledale Festival (registered charity no.1025480). In addition to the free Family Fun Weekend, there are two ticketed performances from The Young'uns on **Sunday, May 30th at 4.00pm and 7.30pm** at The Garden Rooms at Tennants, Leyburn. The three superstars from Stockton will enchant us with their haunting songs and captivating stories of North East characters, and life in general. To buy your tickets, and for further information, please visit: www.swalefest.org.



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Looking for friendship - then look no further!

A new year has just started for Bainbridge WI and, after the upheaval of the last year, we are all looking forward to more settled times and many more opportunities to meet up.

Covid really put a spanner in the works of our programme of meetings, events, outings and workshops during 2020 and although we worked really hard to provide for our members as best we could, subject to Covid regulations, we are aware that many of our members were left rather on the sidelines.

In an effort to alleviate this isolation, the committee developed a new website where information and photographs of activities can be found (www.bainbridgewi.com) and created a new monthly newsletter for members. Plans were also put in place to keep in contact via letter or telephone with members we were unable to visit and to ensure that there was always support and a listening ear available for anyone who felt the need.

In addition, we have now established many of our meetings and activities to take place via the online platform 'Zoom' which has been great for those who have access to a computer/tablet and the internet, but we acknowledge that some of our members do not have such facilities or do not feel competent enough to use them. All of these new developments have been well received but we are aware that they are no replacement for getting together with fellow members on a regular basis.

So, the committee have again put in many hours of work to plan another interesting programme of monthly meetings for this new year and also have in the pipeline plans for outings and activities for members as soon as we are free to get together in numbers.

Whilst many people see the WI as an opportunity to meet together once a month in a cold village hall to watch a slide show or listen to someone ramble on about their trip to the moon, at Bainbridge WI we try very hard to make our monthly meetings the exact opposite of this and in fact, we acknowledge that membership of the WI is so much more than just a monthly meeting.

At all our meetings there is the opportunity to chat with friends over supper and all our events and clubs are designed to offer the chance to

learn, experience new places and people, enjoy good food but primarily to enjoy socialising with like-minded women. We have a small, hardworking committee who meet every month to ensure that members are kept in touch with news from all levels of the WI and to plan for whatever sort of entertainment we are able to provide, within the restrictions of the time.

Our May meeting will take place on **Thursday, May 20th at 7.00pm** via 'Zoom' when Janine Preston, our Vice-President, will be sharing tales of her trip to Romania. In June, we will enjoy some 'Yorkshire Humour' with Eric Scaife (**June 17th**) and on **July 15th** we will be learning about Meadow Lane Flowers with Sara Pringle. There is always something to look forward to!

Next year will see the 90th Anniversary of Bainbridge WI and we are already planning how best to mark this significant milestone. However we plan to celebrate, there will definitely be some wonderful home-cooked food and lots of laughs to enjoy along the way!

In recognition of the fact that 2020 was a difficult year for members and that 2021 is not without its challenges, the committee of Bainbridge WI have taken the decision to subsidise membership this year in the hope that this encourages many more women to join us and enjoy the numerous benefits of the WI. So, we would like to encourage both our existing members, and anyone out there who feels they would like to enjoy the company of other women from our community for friendship, chat, good food (regularly!), education and lots of fun to come and **JOIN US!** With the highly subsidised subscriptions, there is no better time to give it a go!

With this generous offer, membership for the year from **April 2021 to March 2022** is reduced from £44 to just £30. For this, you will get the monthly Bainbridge WI Newsletter, access to our monthly meetings (currently via 'Zoom', but hopefully soon to return to physical meetings), outings, clubs (including Book Club, Lunch Club, Craft Club and Gardening Club), workshops, lots and lots of opportunities to enjoy good food and of course, support and friendship.

If you are interested, please contact our President, **Susan Freer on 01969 663980** for further details. We really look forward to welcoming you!

Hawes in Bloom

I am delighted to report that once again support for the scheme from Hawes businesses has been terrific, in spite of the difficult trading conditions of the past year. Plants and hanging baskets should appear on or around the end of May, beginning of June as usual.

As I mentioned in the Newsletter last month, I am able this year to take orders from local residents of the Hawes area for hanging baskets. Numbers will be limited and orders can only be emailed to Liz Lawson at Wensleydale Press from **May 16th**. NOT BEFORE PLEASE.

Details of how to order; email wpress@tiscali.co.uk.

Fully planted and mossed LARGE wire baskets c/w heavy duty chains at £30.00 each (plus £5 deposit returnable in November when empty basket is returned).

Fully planted MEDIUM wicker baskets c/with chains are £20.00 each (no deposit required).

Payment on collection, time and date and place to be advised when ordering. This year the colours for all baskets will be mainly orange and yellow with some white and a little blue. Unfortunately we cannot offer a planting up service for your existing baskets.

Once again a big thank you for all your support and of course a HUGE thank you to the loyal band of volunteers who work so hard (often in wind and rain!) to make the scheme possible each year. A special thank you must also go to Griff and Tracy Thomas at Wensleydale Business Park who so generously allow me to take over their rear car park for several weeks. Without this facility Hawes in Bloom would struggle to take place.

I hope you will all enjoy seeing Hawes come in to bloom again in this our eighth successive year. All we need is some reasonable weather!

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Bootcamp - Mondays 6.30am (Zoom),
Tuesdays and Thursdays (live) 6.00am

Fit for Life - Mondays (Zoom) 9.30am

Daytime Circuit - Wednesdays (Zoom)
9.30am

Evening Circuit - Wednesdays (live) 6.00pm

Costs for fitness classes are £6 per session or £30 in advance for six sessions.

We are also very pleased to be able to offer two brand new classes:

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We are also running Zoom Conversational French on **Wednesdays from 10.45am -noon**. Join us for informal conversation with an emphasis on communication and grammar. Why not try us for a taster session? If you would like to join please email us for more details. The cost is £5 per session.

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Farmers see case for riverside tree-planting

Ten pockets of woodland are being planted by watercourses in the Upper Ure catchment over the next few weeks. Newbiggin Beck (pictured) is one such area where trees are about to go into the ground. The planting will create better conditions for fish and stabilise riverbanks. In each case farmers have readily agreed to the planting. Recent flooding, such as in November last year, saw large amounts of soil being washed away by the Ure and its tributaries.



The ten new woodlands constitute the first part of a project known as ‘Keep Ure Rivers Cool’. Woodlands Project Officer for the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA), Phill Hibbs, speaking during a site visit to Newbiggin Beck, said: “We can see some tree cover along the edge of the beck. It’s mainly mature trees – a couple of oaks on one side, a sycamore on the other – and there is not much natural regeneration. Any young trees

have been grazed out, so we’re having a decline in tree cover. That means more sunlight is getting to the beck and warming the water and that’s not good for the native fish.

“What planting like this will do is cast dappled shade and cool the river, as well as stabilise the banks. Flood fencing, not square fencing, will be used, so that when it floods the fence won’t get taken away. We’re not using plastic tree guards here, as we don’t want them to get into the beck, so instead we’re planting in a much higher density – a new tree every metre rather than every two metres – to try to overcome the rabbit problem. We’ll be planting native trees that can stand in the wet: goat willow, grey willow, alder, downy birch and alder.”

‘Keep Ure Rivers Cool’ is a ‘Dales to Vale Rivers Network’ partnership project bringing together the YDNPA, Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust (YDRT), Woodland Trust, Wild Trout Trust, University of Leeds and Environment Agency to plant riparian trees at priority sites along the Ure catchment.

Sarah Clarke, Senior Catchment Partnership Officer at YDRT, said: “The ‘Wensleydale Project strategy’ and Environment Agency mapping work has shown that the Ure is suffering from extreme temperature ranges owing to a lack of shade from bankside trees. This causes problems for aquatic life, particularly during the summer months and during drought conditions. ‘The ‘Keeping Ure Rivers Cool’ project has identified eighty-three sites amounting to 6.2 km of riparian habitat creation. We may not be able to get all these sites planted up with trees, but carrying out work on the top ten is a good start. The planting will help species such as river lamprey, brown trout, white clawed crayfish, otter and kingfisher. We’re going to involve volunteers and school children, too, as the project develops. The more people that care for riversides, the better.”

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Sunday, May 2nd.

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11.00am Holy Communion, St. Andrew's, Aysgarth, followed with APCM.

Sunday, May 9th.

9.30am Holy Communion, St. Margaret's, Preston under Scar followed with APCM.

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Sunday, May 16th.

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

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Sunday, May 23rd Pentecost.

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

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Sunday, May 30th Trinity Sunday.

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The culinary content represents the multi-cultural palate we as a town have developed. There is a variety of tastes and styles of dishes, ranging from the innovative dishes from our local restaurants to the plain and simple, yet unbeatable, comfort foods. All that can be cooked for family or friends in your own home.

It costs £5 and is available from Wensleydale Press, Whites of Wensleydale, Mason's, The Alchemist's Cottage, Dales Countryside Museum and Wensleydale Creamery with all profits going towards funding the Hawes Christmas Lights.

This book would not have been possible without the support of the businesses and townspeople of Hawes and surrounding areas. And a special thankyou to Laura Cloughton for her creative talents producing the cover for our book.

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The Upper Wensleydale community are incredible supporters of Yorkshire Air Ambulance and have been so creative in continuing to raise much-needed funds during the difficult past year. Have you been having a clear-out of your wardrobes during Lockdown? If so, why not pop your good quality clothes and shoes at a YAA clothes recycling bank at either Hawes National Park Centre DL8 3NT, Bainbridge Ambulance Station DL8 3ES or Leyburn Auction Mart DL8 5DP? The charity has been recycling for over 13 years and received over £2.8 million in donations, saving many lives. <https://www.yorkshireairambulance.org.uk/get-involved/recycling/>.


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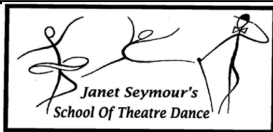
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So he moves into the hallway, about 20 feet away. "Darling, what's for supper?" No response. On to the kitchen door, only about 10 feet away. "Darling, what's for supper?" No response.

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Landscape made fit for dormice

Woods and hedgerows across a 9.5 kilometre (six mile) stretch of mid-Wensleydale have been connected to create an ideal home for the endangered Hazel Dormouse. Land managers have spent the past three years planting, or bringing into ‘appropriate management’, hedgerows and woodlands either side of Freeholders’ Wood at Aysgarth Falls, where dormice were reintroduced in 2008. Farmers have even planted brambles – plants they might usually regard as a thorny nuisance – in order to provide the mammals with late season fruit.

Records show that dormice were found in Wensleydale in 1885 but became locally extinct. Although now formally completed, the impact of the three-year ‘Wensleydale Dormouse Project’ will be monitored. Simple tubes, containing inked pads, have been hung in hedges to track how far the dormice spread out from their Aysgarth stronghold. Over three

years more than twelve kilometres of existing hedgerow was surveyed, with a quarter of it brought into more appropriate management. Almost two kilometres of new hedgerow was planted. Ten woodland areas, covering more than four hectares, were also brought into appropriate management.



Hazel Dormouse.
Credit Clare Pengelly

“Local people have really taken to hazel dormice,” said project officer Phill Hibbs. “School children at Bainbridge studied them during lockdown, so they’ll know that the dormice are about to wake up from their winter torpor, while local landowners – particularly Stuart Raw at Hollins Farm and Tom Orde-Powlett of the Bolton Estate – have enthusiastically supported the work.”

Referring to one such woodland on Hollins Farm, Mr Hibbs explained: “This woodland had shrunk to a few mature ash, sycamores and hawthorns. About 15 years ago it was underplanted, but the rabbits got in and knocked it all back. To put it into good management, we’ve secured all the boundaries and added tree stock, going heavy on the hazel, the primary tree the dormice would use, as well as rowan, hawthorn, blackthorn and holly – and dog rose, bramble and honeysuckle to get a longer fruiting period. These small woodlands are stepping stones for the dormice as they go down the dale.”

Ian White, Dormouse and Training Officer for PTES said: “It’s been great to see how an appealing small mammal such as the dormouse has galvanised landscape-scale nature conservation. Hazel dormice are endangered, nocturnal and also very shy, so it’s comforting to know that all this effort has been made to help a mammal that few people will ever see.”



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DALESPLAY



We have had lots of fun over the Easter half term - the Easter bunny paid a visit and we enjoyed an Easter egg hunt in the glorious weather. The children enjoyed lots of Easter themed activities and it felt great to have lots of laughter in the setting.



We have welcomed some new starters to Dalesplay and they are all settling in really well. Our Rainbows are exploring under the sea, they have rescued the fish trapped in ice, been sailing in the ocean and made some delicious cheesy fish biscuits. Our Sunshines have been developing their number recognition and writing skills through play and our Ducklings have been exploring different stories to help develop their speech.

We have a limited number of extra spaces available for the May half term and summer holiday. If you would like to book onto our holiday club please email dalesplay1@btconnect.com with your requirements and we will be happy to help.



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