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and Bishopdale,
Swaledale from Keld to Gunnerside plus Cowgill in Upper Dentdale.

Guest Editorial

At the beginning of July we, the residents of Gayle, experienced something unusual: a team of men arrived to repair the roads through the village. A few weeks earlier another team had filled in the gigantic potholes that scarred our roads, but since that has been done many times in the past, only for it all to be washed away in the winter rains, nobody expected anything more. Along with other residents I had been sending the local authorities photos of the appalling state our roads were in, but without much hope of change. Now we have roads that hopefully will not damage the domestic and farm vehicles that use them every day.

There seem to have been quite a lot of road works in the Dales this spring, many to be welcomed, others less so. I have yet to hear anyone praise the new lay-bys that have mushroomed all over the place, but holidaymakers are using them and they probably are helping to make our roads safer. And it is particularly important now to ensure that visitors to the Dales feel welcome here.

It has been good to see life returning to a semblance of normality after the long winter months of lockdown. Visitors have been coming back, and groups of families and friends are to be seen looking round the shops, sitting out eating at pubs and restaurants and generally enjoying all that this beautiful part of England has to offer. Every day now I see more walkers setting off along the Pennine Way as I look out of my study window. The vaccinations have enabled people to start to move again, and although travel outside the UK is still problematic, travel within the country is definitely back.

I never cease to be grateful that I live in such a beautiful place, with so much to offer, but I do miss Italy, where I spent my childhood. My closest friends are in Rome and Bologna, so the ties are very strong. But it is now nearly two years since I last saw those friends, and I doubt that I will be seeing them again this year, because although the lockdown is easing within Britain, overseas travel is a different matter. I was not able to attend the funeral of someone very close to me last year, I will not be able to go to another friend's special birthday in a few weeks time. Nor can I travel anywhere for my work. Over the last eighteen months I have worked from home, but although technology has

made this possible, it is a poor substitute for proper person-to-person contact. Speaking to a computer screen and to an anonymous audience somewhere is not the same thing at all.

A lot of people are frustrated by the changing advice about travelling abroad, as countries go on and off green and amber lists, though friends in mainland Europe say they have been able to move around freely, apart from paying for extra tests. This is the point that concerns me the most, for these tests are expensive and add hundreds of pounds onto a family holiday. I used to take my four children, my mother and often a couple of children's friends back to Italy every summer when they were growing up, but I shudder to think what the cost of such a large party might be today. Those people in the UK I know who have managed to go abroad this year have told me about the huge extra costs involved, which along with all the paperwork, the long queues at airports, combined with the uncertainty of whether at the last minute the rules will be changed do not make travelling anywhere a very appealing prospect, not even for an old hand like me.

My guess is that this situation is unlikely to alter very soon, so many more people will opt for staycations. Hopefully, the rules will eventually enable tourists from other countries to come and enjoy the best that Yorkshire has to offer, but for the moment repairing the roads and trying to keep local businesses going feels like a top priority.

Susan Bassnett



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Feel Like a Good Sing?

Swale Singers are resuming their weekly get-togethers to make music on **September 5th**. It's been a long time since we were last able to do that, so pleasurable anticipation is already building. We'd love some new singers to join us, whether you are an experienced choir member already, or you have been in the past, or you'd just like to give a try.

There's been lots of publicity during lockdown about online choirs making music together and the beneficial effects of singing. If you've wondered about joining an online choir and not actually got around to it, now you can have the much more enjoyable experience of singing with other real live people.

We'll be meeting each **Sunday** afternoon at **3.00pm** for two hours. Watch out for more details of where we'll be having practices or give me a ring.

In preparation for our planned concert on **December 4th**, we'll be working on Faure's Requiem, Cantique de Jean Racine and John Rutter's Feel the Spirit, a cycle of seven spirituals.

From January we'll be preparing for our 2022 Swaledale Festival concert, when we'll perform Handel's Messiah, with Richmondshire Choral Society. We're delighted that two local choirs will open the Festival in its 50th anniversary year.

Let's hope by the time you're reading this we are free of Covid restraints and everything can go ahead as planned. It's tricky singing with a mask on!

Jackie Pope 07885 498676

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Eunice the Ewe

Last month I was hiding in the Home Run advert on page 32 and the lucky winner of the £10 prize is Michelle Dobson of Halifax.

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

Thank You

May I take this opportunity to thank all my wonderful friends for the many cards and expressions of genuine warmth on my recent birthday. I had mistakenly believed that I had kept this occasion quiet.

I had many surprises that day. One of which was from some farming friends who produce beef calves and one was born on my birthday, (and) yes they named him Barry! Once again my thanks to you all.

Barry Wilcox

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August Competition

The answers are all types of trees.

1. Not the youngest tree (5)
2. Combustion residue (3)
3. Liked by the public without you (6)
4. Flog with precious metal (6,5)
5. St Bride, St Oswald and Robin Hood all have one (3)
6. Sad catkin bearer (7,6)
7. City (39° N, 106° W) named after the abundance of a tree in the area (5)
8. War harbour (8)
9. Shortening its Dutch name responsible for the name of an alcoholic drink (7)
10. Part of a Wensleydale market town with barbs (8)
11. Person crazy about bricks and mortar (6)
12. Sometimes used for an old joke (8)
13. Sounds like a secret love affair has made them ill (8)
14. 'Tree of Life' (6)
15. Longing north of the border (5,4)
16. Only 1 letter is able to make this tree (5)
17. Give Margaret a 'Glasgow kiss' (6)
18. Sounds like it's nothing fancy (5)
19. No particular mother pig (8)
20. Tree that can make her cry (6)

Send your answers to arrive no later than **Monday, August 23rd** for a chance to win the £20 prize which will be sent to your nominated charity.



Youth Club Update

During the Summer, Hawes Youth Club will be running 2 activity days with North Yorkshire Youth at the community field, these will be on **Wednesday, August 4th** and **Wednesday, August 25th** from **6.00pm – 8.00pm**. Youth club activities are open to all 11-19 years of age.

Coming out of lockdown it is hoped to open the youth club in the Market Hall in September. There will be a lot of work to do in preparation, so any support in cleaning and sorting, please contact Stella or Edwina. The Youth Club is also looking for volunteers. If you are interested in joining the Hawes Youth Club team contact Stella at stel87@icloud.com or Edwina at edwina@nyy.org.uk.

July Competition Answers

Boys' names

1. Patrick
2. Adam
3. Mark
4. Henry
5. Martin
6. Claude
7. Horace
8. Peter *
9. Victor
10. Reginald
11. Benjamin
12. Oliver

*Unfortunately, Peter was 'pinged' by the Track and Trace app and so was unable to take part in the competition!

Not many correct entries this month. The winner chosen at random was Shell Thornborrow of Thornton Rust. The chosen charity of the Kids' Bike Club in Hawes will receive the £20 prize.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Plant Pest (and his volunteers) for another stupendous floral display. Keeping Hawes beautiful throughout the summer months. - Thank you.

Anon

Drop-off points and contacts

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

| | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Hawes: | Community Office | 667400 |
| Gayle: | Sarah Champion 23, Little Ings | 667006 |
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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 |

Children's Story Writing Competition is Back On

We are pleased to announce the Newsletter's story writing competition is back on for 2021 and we will be inviting entries from local children aged 7-11. We will have full details in our September issue but we can reveal that our theme is **"What it is like to live in the time of a pandemic?"** Ann Pilling, our judge, has some ideas you may want to think about over the summer to help you write your story.

"We have all lived through many months of this covid pandemic. How has it felt for YOU? How has your life been made different? Has anything happened to you or your friends and family that would make a good story? Do you know anything about anyone who has been a doctor, a nurse, an ambulance driver? If a person gets covid, how do they FEEL? What do you think about the way the government has handled this pandemic? This is not the first pandemic in history. There was the Black Death in the 1300s which killed millions of people all over the known world. In 1665-1666 the Plague wiped out thousands of people in London, and in the rest of England too. So your story could be about living in the time of THIS pandemic OR about living in the time of the Black Death, or of the Plague. **BUT, REMEMBER...**I want you to write a **STORY**, with a **BEGINNING**, a **MIDDLE** and an **END**. The opening sentence should 'grab' us, and make us want to read on. Good luck. I am really looking forward to your stories".

Ann Pilling

BAWB and Hawes primary schools are supporting the competition and will be encouraging children to develop their writing skills and enter their stories in the autumn term.

So look out for the September issue which will have all the rules, deadlines and how to enter. Remember there are cash prizes and trophies on offer and the winning stories will be published in the Newsletter.

West Burton Chapel Anniversary

Sunday, August 8th at 6.30 pm

Rev Melanie Reed and the Reeth Band.

To be held outside the chapel.
All welcome.

Wensleydale Concert Series - August concerts

We have two concerts in August at St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth, both at at **7.30pm** (doors open at **7.00pm**). Tickets £15 (£1 for under 18/ students). Parking at the Pay and Display car park next door is £1.50.

On **Wednesday, August 11th** we have a guitar recital by Scott Bradley with many instantly recognisable melodies and also some less well-known music - including a world premiere.



On **Wednesday, August 25th** we are excited to welcome the "blindingly virtuosic" pianist Philip Sharp. Philip will be playing the ever-popular Moonlight Sonata by Beethoven along with a hugely varied selection of music from Handel to Stravinsky.

Tickets are limited (and selling fast) due to Covid safe precautions. They **MUST** be purchased in advance - not on sale at the door.

Full details are available on our website www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk. Tickets can be purchased online, by phone (**0333 666 3366**) or by mail. Any other queries, including help with transport, please call **Carol Haynes** or **Liz Sowter** on **01969 663026**.

TB Sanatorium at Aysgarth

Do any of your readers know of the TB Sanatorium at Aysgarth (not Thornton Lodge)? My late Father was a patient in the late 1930s. He was cured, which started a lifelong love of the Yorkshire Dales. He was born in 1940 and after the war we became frequent visitors and sometimes camped with the permission of local farmers. Any information would be much appreciated. Kind regards.

John Buckworth.

johnbuckworth8@gmail.com

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About 1 acre for personal use for a VW Camper and trailer tent. Private access preferred.

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Rainfall Figures for first six months of 2021 (in mm)

| | January | February | March | April | May | June | Total for half year |
|----------------------|---------|----------|-------|-------|-----|------|---------------------|
| Hawes | 213 | 183 | 218 | 9 | 187 | 17 | 827 |
| Breconbar | 196 | 150 | 170 | 8 | 172 | 11 | 707 |
| Thornton Rust | 180 | 151 | 179 | 15 | 162 | 13 | 700 |
| Askrigg | 121 | 101 | 95 | 7 | 160 | 17 | 501 |
| West Burton | 175 | 172 | 167 | 11 | 194 | 19 | 738 |
| Carperby | 158 | 101 | 148 | 10 | 162 | 18 | 597 |

If any of our readers are amateur meteorologists who would be willing to provide the Newsletter with the monthly rainfall figures for your village, we would be happy to receive them. Just send an email to uwnlinput@gmail.com.



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My Wild Garden

My garden is a jungle. I know a lot of us say that with a smile, but this year my garden really is. I haven't the energy to cope with the ground elder so I have just let it grow, and any good plants will just have to fight their way through it, which for the most part they have. But it has also made a wonderful hiding place for this year's crop of baby birds.

Sitting on my patio for breakfast, 9.00am and already 18 degrees, I had my book but didn't open it. The goings on in the garden were much more interesting.

There is a gang of young sparrows, about ten or twelve. They were at the bird bath, chattering and quarrelling, some having a bath, some a drink and others just pushing each other off the rim.

Meanwhile Mrs Blackbird was having a real tussle trying to bash the shell of a very small snail. Soon the young sparrows were chasing her hoping to get a juicy morsel for themselves.

Then along came squirrel to take a drink from the dish I put out on the patio wall, barely two yards from where I was sitting. Not satisfied with that, he continued along the patio to the watering can where he balanced his back feet on the rim, his bushy tail hanging down for balance, while his front half disappeared inside the can. He took a really long drink then

emerged, scampered over the shed roof and up onto the ornamental cherry tree to clean his whiskers and generally attend to his personal grooming. He was immediately mobbed by the gang of sparrows, who regarded that tree as their territory, but squirrel took no notice, and only left the tree when he had completed his toilet.

While all this was going on, the spotted flycatcher was sitting on her favourite post and catching the occasional fly. Last year she had a nest in the clematis over the back door, but I cut a lot of that down this winter as it was getting a bit out of hand. I haven't discovered where she is nesting this year, but I will keep watching her.

So life goes on in my wonderful wild garden.

Sue Foster



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Canadian Dairy Firm Buys Wensleydale Creamery

The Canadian dairy firm Saputo has agreed a deal to buy Wensleydale Dairy Products, which includes the Wensleydale Creamery, for £23m.

Saputo is one of the top ten dairy firms in the world. One of the top three producers in the USA, it is the second largest in Argentina and the top producer in Australia. In the UK the company is the largest manufacturer of branded cheese, including Cathedral City and Davidstow Cheddar brands.

The company's chief executive Lino A. Saputo said "Wensleydale Dairy Products is home to an immense amount of passion, care, and tradition. Not only is it a well-established British business with high-quality products and award-winning cheeses, but our corporate cultures are well-aligned, and I'm delighted to welcome the entire team into the Saputo family."

The company stated that they intend to support and develop the Wensleydale business and there are no plans to end the Wensleydale brand or close sites.

Wensleydale Dairy Products produces around 4,000 tonnes of cheese a year and the Creamery has become a major Dales tourist attraction. The company employs over 200 people and contributes over £12m a year into the local economy.



Dales Quoits League



We are now over half way through the season, how quickly that has gone. The leader board in each division has not really altered since the last report so I guess we will wait now until the season ends before publishing the final positions.

Running the league during this uncertain time has certainly been beneficial. We have almost maintained all the teams from the 2019 season and also many of the players. It was always a concern that missing out on two seasons could have a serious effect on the continuation of the league, thankfully by running this season, albeit only on a friendly basis, this has not happened.

Running the season has also seen several new team members join across the Dales, this is encouraging as these new members will be the life blood of the league going forward.

If you are reading this short message about quoits, whether young or older, or new to the area, and wish to join in with local life, I am certain all teams will make you welcome if only for a practice to see if quoits is an activity which you would like to join.

We look forward to pleasant Monday evenings leading up to the end of the season and should you wish to investigate joining a team or trying your hand at quoits please contact **Stephen Mason**, League Chairman on **01969 662743** for further details.

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Could regular trains from Manchester be extended via Hellifield to Garsdale?

A report in the July issue of Rail User Express (Railfuture’s monthly newsletter), refers to the Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC) for extending the present Manchester - Clitheroe rail service to Hellifield, Ribbleshead or Garsdale on the Settle to Carlisle line.

Richard Watts, Chair of Community Rail Lancashire, said “Submission of the SOBC to the Department for Transport marks the completion of a lot of work and we all feel we

have a strong case to see more regular services beyond Clitheroe to Hellifield and possibly onwards to Garsdale.”

The 38 page Final Revised SOBC report, prepared by Stantec for Ribble Valley Borough Council (the lead promoter for these extended services) can be found on the council’s website.

Ruth Annison

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Information From The Central Dales Practice

Minor injuries.

As a GP Practice, we have never stopped seeing our patients for minor injuries. With the COVID pandemic we have asked that anyone with a minor injury calls so we can give them a time to attend (so we can manage the number of people in the building, to keep everyone safe) to be assessed and treated. Minor injuries include:

- Lacerations capable of closure by simple techniques (skin glue, steri-strip);
- Superficial injury of eye;
- Partial thickness thermal burns or scalds involving broken skin: - Not over 1 inch diameter and not involving the hands, feet, face, neck or genital areas;
- Foreign bodies superficially embedded in tissues;
- An injury that is not amenable to simple domestic first aid e.g. bruises, bites/stings, sprains/strains, sunburn and splinters;
- Whiplash;
- Minor Head injuries where there has been no loss of consciousness.

Anything more serious than the above needs assessing and treating in the Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC) at The Friarage, Northallerton where they can X-ray and suture (stitch), and deal with anything that's over and above a minor injury. We will always do our best to help but some injuries are beyond what's possible to treat in primary care.

Ear wax removal

Ear syringing by general practice has never been funded in our area and based on national advice from the BMA the decision was made by all practices in Richmondshire and Hambleton to stop carrying out ear syringing. Ear syringing is no longer considered to be the first line treatment for the clearing of ear wax; current guidelines are that ear drops should be used to soften the wax which will then enable the natural movement of the wax from the ear.

Patients who do suffer from a build-up of wax, should regularly apply drops to prevent such a build-up and should avoid putting objects in the ears to try to manually remove wax. This can impact the wax by pushing it further down the ear canal.

A pharmacist can give advice and suggest treatments. They might recommend chemical drops to dissolve the earwax. Otex Express sodium bicarbonate is highly recommended by clinical staff and patients have found it to be effective, but other options are available which a pharmacist can discuss with you.

Where self-management does not resolve the wax build up, microsuction is the preferred method for guaranteed effective removal of wax. In most cases it can be removed safely within minutes by a trained professional. Below are a number of private providers in the area:

Hear and Now, Ripon – Independent family run hearing care centre dealing with hearing loss, hearing aids, tinnitus, ear wax removal and ear protection. www.hearandnowonline.co.uk. **01765 278744**.

Specsavers - Ripon – www.specsavers.co.uk/stores/ripon-hearing. **01765 694777**.

Middlesbrough – www.specsavers.co.uk/stores/middlesbrough-hearing. **01642 22234**.

Harrogate – www.specsavers.co.uk/stores/harrogate-hearing. **01423 564515**.

Ear Wax Removal UK, Darlington - www.earwaxremoval.uk/clinics/darlington.

Boots Hearingcare - **0345 270 1600**. www.bootshearingcare.com/ear-wax-removal.

Patients who require wax removal for specific ear conditions will continue to have this performed in a hospital setting. Any previous hole in your eardrum (a perforated eardrum), sudden hearing loss, earache and/or fluid within the ear, a telephone consultation with a GP should be requested.

When to go to A&E

A&E at James Cook University Hospital deals with genuine life-threatening emergencies, e.g.

- loss of consciousness, acute confused state and fits that are not stopping;
- chest pain or breathing difficulties;
- severe bleeding that cannot be stopped;
- severe allergic reactions;
- severe burns or scalds;
- Stroke;
- major trauma such as a road traffic accident;

For all of these serious, life-threatening emergencies please call 999 immediately.

Urgent Treatment Centre, The Friarage

The Centre is open all day every day. No appointment needed, you can walk into the UTC. Adults and children can be treated for:

- Strains, sprains and suspected broken limbs;
- Minor head injuries;
- Cuts and grazes (including those needing sutures), minor scalds and burns, bites and stings, skin infections and rashes;
- Eye problems;
- Ear and throat infections, coughs, colds and feverish illness;
- Abdominal pain, vomiting and diarrhoea;

Children with minor illnesses such as fever, rashes and earache can now be treated.

How can I find out a test result?

When your GP/ANP arranges for you to have a blood test the result will usually come back about a week later. If any of the results are abnormal, the GP/ANP will ask reception to telephone asking you to make an appointment. Please do not worry if you receive this call, they will say if you need to be seen urgently. If results are normal, you will not routinely receive a text or call. After 7 days you are welcome to call reception after 1.00pm to confirm that your results are normal if you wish.

X-ray and scan reports can take longer to come back to your GP. If there is anything which your GP/ANP wishes to discuss, they will get in touch. To obtain your results for these investigations please contact the surgery after 14 days. Tests which are arranged by hospital consultants do not come automatically back to your GP until after you have seen the hospital doctor and been given the result personally.

Note that the practice has a strict policy regarding confidentiality and data protection and we will only release test results to the person to whom they relate unless that person has given prior permission for the release of this data or they are not capable of understanding the results.

E Consultations

Our registered Patients can now consult online with a clinician at our practice as part of a new service which could save you time and a journey to the practice. (If you are NOT registered with our Practice you cannot use this service as we do not have access to your medical records).

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What happens after lockdown restrictions are eased?

From July 19th nothing will change at the surgery – patients will still need to wear a mask, socially distance and use hand sanitiser in the surgery and staff will continue to wear PPE. We do understand that it can be frustrating but we know that when people come to us they are sick and vulnerable (and some cannot receive the covid vaccinations due to medical reasons) so we feel it would be wrong to not take these small precautions that can protect people.

In terms of 'opening up', we have never been shut and in fact have consulted with much higher numbers of patients than we did pre-covid (face to face, by phone, by e consultation and by video), not counting vaccinating 90% of our adult population twice in the last 6 months.

The Upper Dales community has come so far in trying to minimise the impact of Covid and we are sure you understand that we need to keep the surgery as safe as possible for everyone. We will continue to offer GP/ANP access via telephone first and where there is clinical need, the GP/ANP will give you an appointment to come in and be seen face to face. Thank you,

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Prunings

Just opposite the bottom of our front steps is a lovely, but very tolerant philadelphus. I say tolerant because it has been in a big pot for some years and is definitely in need of some TLC. It is always the last to flower. The lime green P.aurea always comes first and we can smell it's wonderful perfume on the patio. Then there is a smaller flowered single across the lane whose name I can't remember as it has been there so long. That one is now finished but Belle Etoile, which is at its best just now, has large blooms 4 cm across with a hint of magenta at the centre. I feel inclined to take cuttings just in case, when we eventually dig it out, we may not be able to save it.

The rain has a lot to answer for: the gravel area under the bird feeders has sprouted like a seed bed, and as I am still having to take care of my new hip I've let them grow. When they are tall enough (not long now) I shall be able to pull most of them out without too much bending. I love to see the songbirds on the feeders, but I resent having to feed half the jackdaws in the valley. No matter how expensive the feeder I use, eventually they find a way.

In Gardening Which, Fergus Garret at Great Dexter writes about cutting back perennials especially if past their best and swamping their neighbours. I have a pink hardy geranium in a raised bed which has been in a year or two and is now threatening everything else, even my favourite rudbeckia which is there to cheer me up on miserable days in the Autumn. My pink friend will have to go, or at least be cut back and

then reduced by half. We have lots of alchemilla mollis which is so lovely and excellent as a cut flower. This too is better cut back before it seeds as it is very prolific, and once you have it everywhere is extremely hard to dislodge.

Walking round the village as therapy has made me notice a few things that work well. Our phygelius, which is at ground level is thriving, but nothing compared with plants I have seen at height. When you have to look up into the flowers it is glorious. The shrubby potentillas which are in full sun have been flowering much longer than those in part shade, and the severity of the early part of the year seems to have worked wonders for everyone's roses which have never looked better.

We are still in strange times, and I for one find it quite scary. In times of such uncertainty, I welcome the opportunity to sit amidst the perfume of the sweet peas, drinking fizz and admiring the wonderful display that will surely appear when all the dahlias are ready. Anyone with a garden, even if it is just a window box, can enjoy such pleasures and be thankful that we live in such a special part of the world.

Whatever you grow, take time to enjoy it!

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West Witton Feast 2021

West Witton is gearing up for the annual St. Bartholomew's Patronal Festival and Feast Weekends with a wide variety of activities planned within the Covid rules.

Saturday, August 21st.

West Witton Cottage Show in the Village Hall

Schedules are available from the village shop. Classes include Baking, Flowers, Preserves, Fruit & Veg., Handicraft, Art and Photography plus many children's classes. Trophies will be awarded in each section and prizes for the children. Entries in between **9.00am and 10.30am**. Viewing and prize giving from **1.30pm to 3.30pm**.

St. Bartholomew's Church is open all day. Come along and see the exhibition of Old Postcards, Photographs and Souvenirs of West Witton and the local area. Refreshments available all day.

Saturday, August 28th.

Bartle Mosaics Walk.

Meet at the Fox at **10.30am** and enjoy a ramble on the lower slopes of Penhill learning about the legend of 'Old Bartle' and the terrible fate that became him. Dogs welcome. Contact **Anne Kinsman on 622307** or just turn up.

West Witton, Penhill Fell Race.

6.00pm (Register from **4.30pm**).

The Burning of Bartle **9.00pm**.

Sunday, August 29th.

Sunday Fun Day at the Playing Field **1.30pm**.

Monday, August 30th.

Quoits Knockout for the Robert Dent Memorial Trophy at The Fox and Hounds. Register by **1.50pm**.

Bell Jars

In January 2020, Paula Hague of Askrigg came up with the idea of collecting 5p coins towards the repair of the Bell Ringing Chamber in St Oswald's Church, Askrigg. People were asked if they would collect their spare 5ps in a jar with a Bell sticker designed by Paula.

However, Covid and lockdown meant that we could not collect the coins and also that people were using cards rather than cash.

We finally collected the money in June and to our delight and surprise people had collected all denominations of coins and had also given notes and in one instance a cheque.

As you can imagine all this was very heavy and our church treasurer not only counted it all but had to take it to the bank in his grandson's pushchair.

He counted 9,353 coins and to our everlasting gratitude we collected £906. This is a truly amazing amount and our thanks go to the generosity of the people of Askrigg and district.

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Heavens Above

The Perseids meteor shower returns this month. It's one of the best of the year, famous for producing an abundance of fast, bright shooting stars. It's active between the middle of July and late August with the number of meteors steadily increasing as the shower approaches its peak - the night of **August 12th/13th** this year.

Last year's display was a bit of a damp squib. Poor weather and strong moonlight washed out all but the brightest meteors, but this year, with no Moon about, we could be in for a really spectacular show – provided those cloudy skies keep well out of the way!

You'll see most shooting stars after midnight on **August 12th** when the Earth hits the meteor stream head on. If it's a good year you could spot up to 60 an hour, over a hundred on rare occasions. You might even glimpse a couple of really brilliant meteors called fireballs that often outshine the planet Venus and leave behind persistent multi-coloured trails.

To get the best view try to find a dark location well away from street or security lights, and give your eyes at least 15 minutes to get dark adapted. This makes it a lot easier to glimpse the fainter meteors. Don't be tempted to use your

mobile phone either as this will only ruin your night-vision. If you look carefully, you'll probably notice all the meteors seem to come from a definite point in the sky. Astronomers call this the radiant but it's just an effect of perspective, they're really travelling on parallel paths.

Meteor showers like the Perseids are caused by streams of dust left behind by periodical comets as they speed through the inner Solar System. The Earth's orbit takes it through a number of these dust trails every year producing a surge in the number of shooting stars we normally see. Most showers are named after the constellation in which their particular radiant lies. For this month's shower it's Perseus, which lies over in the NE at this time of the year. You might recall that he was the Hero in the Ancient Greek myths who slew the Medusa, the snake-haired Gorgon and saved Andromeda from being devoured by the dreadful sea monster Cetus. Makes a change from mowing the lawn I suppose! Have clear skies!

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Police Report

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Overnight on June 17th and again on June 24th between 6.30pm and 9.00pm, two Little White Buses have had their tyres damaged in what appears to be yet further intentional acts of criminal damage. These two most recent incidences (in an increasing list of occurrences now), happened in the Gayle Lane area of Hawes whilst the buses were parked up for the night. (#12210146543 and #12210142081)

At around 1.00pm on July 3rd, a silver Ford Transit van was seen fly tipping at the top of the Buttertubs Pass. (#12210152392). Richmondshire District Council and ourselves take fly tipping very seriously and so if anyone witnesses acts such as this, please try and get vehicle details and report it via '101' ASAP.

Leyburn Co-Op thefts - On July 3rd at 5.30pm, two males and a female stole alcohol, value circa £450. On July 8th at 11:05am, a

male stole several small value items worth approx. £15. At 4.05pm on July 9th, a male stole alcohol and other items worth £76.50.

Sometime between July 9th and 10th, graffiti has appeared on a stone farm building in West Stonesdale in Swaledale.

Enquiries into all of the above are continuing so if anyone has any information, please do contact NYP.

As I write, we have not yet moved into the Fire Station but this is planned for August. We will keep you updated as to when we have officially moved base.

With regards to the lifting of Covid restrictions on July 19th, it is worth reading the official Government advice as to what this will mean for everyone. Whatever your feelings on the matter, please remain respectful of others and continue to have a common sense approach towards personal hygiene and mask wearing – please remember we still have vulnerable people in our community and those that have not yet been vaccinated.


Ending on a positive note - it will be after August 12th when I next write, so I take this opportunity to say good luck to all those students who will receive their GCSE and A Level results next month. You should be immensely proud of yourselves and what you have achieved over the last year in what has been an unprecedented situation. Well Done!

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Within YAA we aim to establish and develop positive volunteering opportunities and hope that you will share your free time, energy, enthusiasm and ideas to work for the benefit of the service. You can choose from various volunteering roles such as helping out at all types of indoor and outdoor events, collecting tins, giving presentations and raising awareness of the charity. Volunteering fits in with your other commitments and full training will be given.

If you want to find out more and have an informal chat, please call Tessa Klemz, North Yorkshire Community Fundraiser on **07825 894649** or email t.klemz@yaa.org.uk. You can register your interest by visiting www.yaa.org.uk or call YAA Head Office on **01422 237900**.

To keep both of Yorkshire's Air Ambulances maintained and in the air, YAA needs to raise £12,000 every single day, the equivalent of £4.4m a year. If every adult in Yorkshire

donated £1 per year, the target would be reached. The generous donations received really are the life blood of the Charity and every penny counts. The swift medical interventions provided by the air ambulance crews have a major impact on a patient's chance of survival and subsequent quality of life.


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August 4th - Making a Village Book: Betsy Everett.

August 11th - Walls, Barns and Bridges in Upper Wensleydale: Stuart Armstrong.

August 18th - Insects and a Village Show: Jonathan Woolley.

August 25th - Red Squirrels in the National Park: Ian Court.

September 1st - The Dales and Vales: Brian Davis.

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Sunday, August 1st.

9.30am Morning Prayer and Baptism, St. Mary's, Redmire.

9.30am Songs of Praise, St. Margaret's, Preston under Scar.

11.00am Morning Prayer, St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.

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

Sunday, August 8th.

10.30am Holy Communion Penhill Together, St. Oswald's, Castle Bolton.

Sunday, August 15th.

9.30am Holy Communion, St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

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

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

11.00am Morning Prayer, St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

Sunday, August 22nd.

9.30am Morning Prayer and Baptism, St. Mary's, Redmire.

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

6.00pm Evening Prayer, Thornton Rust Mission Room.

Sunday, August 29th.

4.00pm Penhill Praise Service, St. Andrew's, Aysgarth. Please see penhillbenefice.co.uk/services for details.

August Mid-Week Services.

Thursday 5th and 19th at 9.30am. Holy Communion, at St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

The churches are open Sunday to Thursday but closed Friday and Saturday. Please remember to wear a face covering, use the hand sanitiser and test and trace facility.

Bolton cum Redmire Coffee Morning: 10.30am - noon on Wednesday, August 4th at Redmire Village Hall.

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Leyburn and District u3a

Members of various groups will be attending Leyburn market on **Friday, August 13th** to answer any questions about our activities resuming. The following **Friday, August 20th**, there will be an Open Meeting from **10.00am** at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. Free tea and coffee and biscuits will be available until **11.00am** when a representative from Hearing Dogs for the Deaf will give a talk about their work. Everyone welcome and you can join if you wish or just enjoy the morning.

Community Re-Start Programme

Organisations and groups are gradually beginning to re-start their activities in Leyburn and the surrounding area. Everyone appears to be looking forward to having some sort of a social life again and resuming lives which seems to have been on hold for far too long.

The Leyburn Arts and Community Centre building is still the Community Support Hub for the area but regular activities within the Centre

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are slowing beginning again. Youth activities are available for 10-14-year-olds during the Summer holidays; U3a groups are planning activities; events are planned such as the Jayne Darling 1940's concert; appearances from Leyburn Amateur Dramatic Society (LADS) who have been busy rehearsing in isolation are due to be performed; Dance classes; Slimming World; Art Exhibitions by local artists Lynn Ward and Michael Howard; and the Tuesday Club is resuming. It is good to get out and about again and meet friends, whilst still taking care of course with adequate personal safety precautions. And if you are continuing to create your own luscious garden, the volunteers at LA and CC have a good range of plants still available.

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August

- 3 Concert Swaledale Festival, Grinton. 4.00pm and 7.30pm. See p. 35.
- 3 Guided Walk, Catterick. See p. 35.
- 3 Cinema Live - Funny Girl, LA&CC. 7.00pm. See p. 25.
- 4 Dales Discovery talk. Hawes. 8.00pm. See p. 17.
- 4 Youth Club Activity Day, Community Field. 6.00pm. See p. 4.
- 9 Youth Summer Activity Afternoon, LA&CC. 2.00pm. See p. 32.
- 11 Guitar Recital, St Andrews, Aysgarth. 7.30pm. See p. 5.
- 11 Dales Discovery talk. Hawes. 8.00pm. 2.00pm. See p. 17.
- 14 Duck Race, R. Ure Redmire
- 18 Dales Discovery talk, Hawes. 8.00pm. See p. 17.
- 19 Bainbridge WI Meeting. 7.30pm. See p. 29.
- 20 u3a Open Meeting LA&CC, 10.00am. See p. 19.
- 21 West Witton Cottage Show. 9.00am onwards. See p. 13.
- 23 Youth Summer Activity Afternoon, LA&CC. 2.00pm. See p. 32.
- 25 Piano Recital, St Andrews, Aysgarth. 7.30pm. See p. 5.
- 25 Dales Discovery talk, Hawes. 8.00pm. See p. 17.
- 25 Youth Club Activity Day, Community Field. 6.00pm. See p. 4.
- 26 Askrigg Produce show entries deadline. See p. 33.
- 28 Wensleydale Show, Leyburn.
- 28 Bartle Mosaics Walk. West Witton. 10.30am See p. 13.
- 28 West Witton, Penhill Fell Race 6.30pm. See p. 13.
- 28 West Witton 'The Burning of Bartle' 9.00pm. See p. 13.
- 29 Fun Day. West Witton Playing Field. 1.30pm. See p. 13.
- 29 Antiques Fair, Middleham Key Centre. 4.00pm. See p. 23.
- 30 Quoits Knock-out. Fox & Hounds, West Witton 1.50pm. See p. 13.

September

- 1 Dales Discovery talk. 8.00pm. Hawes. See p. 17.

DCM What's On

All events and exhibitions are included in the museum admission unless stated.

Exhibition

Run the Dales, until **September 26th**.

Fell running is one of the Yorkshire Dales' original sports and a 'race up and down a nearby hillside' has been a pursuit passed down through the centuries. This exhibition lifts the lid on fell running heritage and the contemporary running scene. Its stars, pioneers and iconic races feature through brand new imagery by award-winning photographer, Stephen Garnett.

The trophies for the men's and women's Three Peaks Race will be exhibited for the first time. The plaques – which will once again be awarded to the fastest fell runners at this year's Three Peaks Race – are just two of many objects going on display. Fell running shoes from the 1950s, programmes and memorabilia from great races, will feature alongside the stories of champions such as Victoria Wilkinson, Kirsty Hall and Robb Jebb and archive film from the Yorkshire Film Archive. (See page 37).

Events

Tuesday, August 3rd. 10.00am to 4.00pm.
Hands-on History Kit: Roman Mosaics

Get creative with this activity bag and make your own Roman mosaic coaster. Covid-permitting, activities will be able to be completed on site.

Tuesday, August 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st.
11.00am to 3.00pm. Drystone Walling Demonstration.

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Wednesday, August 4th, 11th, 18th., 25th
1.00pm to 4.00pm. Textile Techniques.

In the Museum's textile gallery volunteers will demonstrate different textile techniques.

Thursday, August 5th. 1.00pm to 4.00pm.
In the Kitchen – Bringing in the Drinkings.

See Mrs H in the Kitchen, discover the history of "bringing in the drinkings" during haytime and take part in some family dialect fun.

Friday, August 6th. 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Fun Fridays – Bush craft.

Drop-in activity, whittling a stick to cook treats over an open fire and learn how to make and cook damper bread.

Saturday, August 7th. 10.00am to 11.00am. Art Online: Marie Hartley's Swaledale.

Artist Anji Timlin will be live on Instagram @anjitimlin using Marie Hartley and Ella Pontefract's book 'Swaledale' as inspiration for her sketchbook. Join her and learn some techniques as you work on your own sketches. Afterwards, you can post your work to the #dalesmuseumartclub. Suggested £5 donation.

Sunday, August 8th. 10.00am to 4.00pm. Traditional Rugmaking Demonstration.

A demonstration of both proddy and hooked techniques.

Tuesday, August 10th. 10.00am to 4.00pm. Hands-on History Kit: Georgian Willow Pattern.

Get creative with this activity bag and design your own willow pattern story based on one you've made up or read.

Thursday, August 12th. 1.00pm to 4.00pm. In the Kitchen – Sausages.

See Mrs H in the kitchen, discover the history of sausages and how they have changed from Roman times and take part in some fun family dialect activities.

Friday, August 13th. 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Fun Fridays – Creepy Crawlies.

Drop-in activity looking for creepy crawlies and creating crafts.

Tuesday, August 17th. 10.00am to 4.00pm. Hands-on History Kit: Weaving.

Get creative with this kit and weave your own artwork.

Thursday, August 19th. 1.00pm to 4.00pm. In the Kitchen – Oatcakes.

See Mrs H in our kitchen, discover how

oatcakes were made in the Yorkshire Dales and take part in some fun family dialect activities.

Friday, August 20th. 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Fun Fridays – Leaf Crafts.

Drop-in activity. Collect beautiful leaves and use them to create your own artwork.

Sunday, August 22nd. 10.00am to 4.00pm. Stone Carving Demonstration.

Join expert stonemason Ken Hughes as he explains the craft of stone carving. He will use old tools and traditional methods to demonstrate on stone masonry blocks.

Tuesday, August 24th. 10.00am to 4.00pm. Hands-on History Kit: Coil Pots.

Get creative with this activity bag and make a prehistoric coil pot. Covid permitting, activities will be able to be completed on site.

Thursday, August 26th. 1.00pm to 4.00pm. In the Kitchen – Dairy Days.

See Mrs H in our traditional Dales farmhouse kitchen, discover the history of dairying and take part in some fun family dialect activities.

Friday, August 27th. 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Fun Fridays – Den Making.

Drop-in activity. Build a den on our outdoor trail using sticks, rope and woodland materials (provided).

Tuesday, August 31st. 10.00am to 4.00pm. Hands-on History Kit: Excavation Kit.

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Consequently, I approached the operators in the hope that they could adjust their timetable to allow for an additional stop near Sycamore Hall to make the service more accessible for those people living there, and nearby, who were not quite so mobile. It is important to residents to know that they still retain some independence and are able to get out and about when they wish without the need to book a private hire vehicle, which they maybe cannot afford.

Needless to say, it is not just a simple matter of adding a new stop, there are all sorts of requirements to be met and I am grateful to the operators for pursuing this. The new service started on July 26th and the new timetables are

available from local outlets and, of course, the Community Office in Hawes.

Hopefully, this will open up the area to all those people who live at the top end of Bainbridge and have previously not been able to use the bus service and it may also be useful for friends and family from other parts of Wensleydale to visit that part of the village too.

Obviously, I am very grateful to the operators for securing this new stop and I hope that it will be well used to demonstrate the need.

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Mystery Picture

Last month's Mystery Picture was of the old loading bay in the former station goods-yard, outside the Dales Countryside Museum.

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Jazz Festival - Artists and Venues Announced

Leyburn Jazz Festival will take place from **October 22nd to 24th** with fringe performances happening in the town's pubs and main events staged at Tennants Garden Rooms.

The Garden Rooms will host Hot Cub du Nord and Josephine Davies' Sartori on **Friday, October 22nd**, with Voodoo Brass Band, Paul Edis' Triptych, and a solo performance by Ian Shaw on **Saturday, October 23rd**. The event is rounded off with an educational workshop for young people led by Paul Edis on **Sunday, October 24th** and a closing afternoon performance from the Pedigree Jazz Band. Free events during the afternoon at Tennants each day will feature local musicians.

Fringe events include an open-air performance in the town square by Voodoo Brass band, and pub performances from Liverpool vocalist Danny Pye, Leeds-based Alligator Gumbo and saxophonist Ben Lowman.

Festival spokesman Gerald Hodgson is delighted the event is going ahead after plans to launch last year were curtailed by COVID-19. "I'm looking forward to welcoming these wonderful musicians to our town. The facilities at Tennants are exceptional, and with plenty of great accommodation available locally we hope jazz fans will make a weekend of it and enjoy seeing live music once again."

For full information, including links to ticket sales, visit www.leyburnjazz.co.uk.

Back In't Day

Have you looked in the window of the shop next door to the White Hart in Hawes and wondered where it all came from? There's an interesting assortment of largely local items, not quite antiques, but old and fascinating. Certainly, they seem to fascinate the large number of passers-by who stop to look in.

Over 50 years ago Will Richardson came to Hawes with his parents who had the piggeries in Widdale. Throughout his time here doing a number of jobs and now working on the Settle Carlisle Railway, Will has always been a collector of 'things'. Now, thinking of a possible house move in the future, the question arose of what to do with Will's extensive collection.

Disturbed by the number of empty shops in Hawes in the later stages of the pandemic, he and his wife Sue decided that, when Geraldine's jewellers shop became available, they could set up a shop to sell some of Will's collection.

I asked Will where he would acquire replacements when his current stock was all sold. "That's no problem" he said, "I've got plenty more where that came from" So keep an eye on his changing window, you may just find the treasure you've always longed for.

A.M.

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| August 22nd | Morning Prayer | Morning Prayer | Holy Communion | |
| August 29th | Holy Communion | Holy Communion | Holy Communion | Evening Prayer |

Evening Prayer on **Sundays at 4.00pm (except August 1st)** via our telephone conferencing service.

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Hello From The Vicarage

As I write the sun is shining, the schools are preparing for their summer break and Tomasz Schafernaker is predicting a heatwave for most of the country. August is upon us. I can still remember the excitement I had at the end of the summer term; the anticipation of good weather, long days, good fun and lots of time to play out with friends ... and that was when I was still working as a teacher. Whether we are working or taking a break from work, there is something about August that calls for a slightly slower pace. For me, the month has always felt like an invitation to linger and loiter a little where we can and when we can, to enjoy the longer summer days whilst they still remain and to seize the opportunity to 'breathe in' a little.

The demands of working on the land and for those working in retail and hospitality continue as always but everyone needs to take time to recharge the batteries at some point. I love the

accounts of when Jesus did the same with his disciples. "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." Mark 6:31.

Whatever you may be doing this August, may you know peace and joy as you do it. With my best wishes.

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Royal Mail Collection Times

Royal Mail collection times from local post boxes have changed recently. A spokesman at Leyburn Sorting Office confirmed that some collections are being made earlier (**4.00pm Monday-Friday** from Askrigg's market place post box, for example, instead of 4.45pm; **10.00am** collection on **Saturdays**). Burtersett's collection is now **7.00am** (from 4.00pm)

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Rights of Way Network Maintained

Volunteers surveyed the entire public rights of way (PROW) network in the Yorkshire Dales National Park during the year 2020/21, despite the Coronavirus pandemic. The survey – known as the ‘parish paths survey’ – means that public paths across 98 parishes are walked and a record made. It shows the condition of every path, stile and river crossing in the 841 square miles of the National Park.

In a separate survey of a random sample of 5% of the PROW network, volunteers found that 88% of the network was easy to use – a figure in line with the Authority’s ‘ease of use’ target of 90% by 2023. This shows that most of the network is well-signposted and free from unlawful obstructions, with surfaces, gates and other infrastructure in good repair.

The National Park Authority’s AGM was held at the Garden Rooms at Tennants in June where the venue made social distancing possible. Apart from the PROW annual report, Members noted the new grants scheme for farmers that the Authority is administering as well as the annual report of the National Park Management Plan partnership. They also made decisions on the development of a new set of planning policies for the National Park.

Member Champion for Recreation Management, Nick Cotton, said: “The great value of a well-maintained public rights of way network in the Yorkshire Dales National Park has never been more obvious. Outside of the ‘stay at home’ periods of the Coronavirus epidemic, the Yorkshire Dales National Park has been a refuge for many people. A far greater proportion of visitors in the past year have been first time visitors, compared with previous years, and having a well maintained rights of way network means that they have had certainty

about where they can go.

“I would like to thank our volunteers for the work they have done to keep the network in good condition. Volunteers completed 424 days of practical work in the past year, well down on the year before owing to Coronavirus, but still very significant, while the surveying of the network continued undiminished, with 475 volunteer days given over the course of 12 months. Rights of way work is the National Park Authority’s bread and butter and I am pleased that high standards are being kept.”

The Public Rights of Way annual report will now be submitted to Cumbria County Council and North Yorkshire County Council, which retain statutory responsibility for PROW. The National Park Authority does this work under delegated powers because it recognises that a well-managed network is fundamental to the enjoyment of the special qualities of the area and brings benefits to everyone.



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Hawes School News

Visit to the Dales Countryside Museum

On Wednesday, Class 3 went to the Dales Countryside Museum. When we went in, the actor who was dressed up as a Victorian school teacher (John Iveson) checked all of our ears, teeth and hands, like they would have done in Victorian schools. We went into a room and had a slate with a piece of chalk, and the Victorian teacher demonstrated to us what school was like during the Victorian era.



After that, we went into a different room, where we looked at the huge mosaic which is made up of lots of different pictures of people. When you stood back and looked at it from a



distance, it was black and white, but when you went closer to it, you could see all of the different pictures that were in colour. We all enjoyed looking at them, and some of us even spotted ourselves, family and people we know!

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Once we had looked at the mosaic, we went to watch a video which was on a loop. It showed what life was like in the Victorian era for children. It was quite fun spotting ourselves, as we were filmed last year for this video, along with a couple of other schools. In the background, there were people who were children in the Victorian times saying what it was like.



Next, we were given little booklets which had a quiz in, and we had to look around the museum to find the answers. Once we had done that, we went outside and had to say what we had found out.

Finally, we did some physical exercises, and the actor read some things out of John Iveson's diary (John Iveson was a teacher at the Hawes National School from around 1872 to around 1875, and he had to keep a diary of what his students were like each day). It was quite interesting finding out what it was like, and what he thought.

Overall, it was a fantastic afternoon, and we all enjoyed it! A big thank you to the Dales Countryside Museum for inviting us.

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An annual summary of the fund's activity last year shows that it split £160,000 among 30 projects. The 2020/21 grants ranged in size from £917 for fencing around open mine shafts on Grassington Moor (Craven) to £20,000 for hyperfast 'fibre to the premises' broadband connections for residents and businesses in Mallerstang and Cotterdale.

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Development at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, Carl Lis, said: "In the past year the SDF has also supported business and local produce, for instance by helping The Home Farmer to provide milk in glass bottles in Leyburn. It supported heritage, through projects such as a window restoration at the Hebden Village Institute. It supported wildlife, for example by helping the volunteers at St Mary's in Kirkby Lonsdale pay for gardening equipment. It supported organisations that cater for visitors, with a grant for work at Dent car park, for instance. And it supported community facilities, such as access improvements at Long Preston Village Hall.

"We have already received five applications for support from this year's SDF and we look forward to receiving some more. The SDF can help to make projects happen. Please get in touch if you have a project idea or know someone that does. Phone **01969 652337** or email SDF@yorkshiredales.org.uk."

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The Busy Ladies of the WI

The ladies of Bainbridge WI have been keeping very busy, despite all the various restrictions that have been placed upon us over recent months.

We have continued to hold our monthly meetings 'virtually', via 'Zoom' which has worked very well, although we appreciate not all our members are able to join us this way. To ensure we are including everyone, we continue to send all our members our monthly Newsletter with details of our activities and forthcoming events.

We have had to make some last-minute changes to our speakers for various reasons, so in June we were entertained by Rachel Morris from Hunton who talked to us about her passion for handmade soaps which, over lockdown, she developed into a business - 'Belles Natural Soaps'. In July, Julie Goreedge then stood-in, another woman with a passion - this time for fabric and sewing - who has also followed her dream and opened 'Abbotstone House Collection' in Hawes. Both gave inspiring talks about how they turned their passion into successful businesses.

Our Garden Club has also been busy with visits to the Bluebell woods at Coleby Hall and Aysgarth Edwardian Rock Garden, both of which were followed by afternoon tea - of course! We have also just visited the 'Schooling in the Dales' exhibition at the Dales Countryside Museum which was really fascinating, particularly for some members, as they tried to spot themselves on the photographs from years gone by! That event too was followed by afternoon tea - we are the WI after all!

Now that restrictions are easing, we are looking forward to a bit more freedom. We have

already re-launched our Lunch Club with an enjoyable visit to Middlemoor Farm Cafe and hope that we can now hold a monthly lunch meeting at venues around the locality. We are catering for the Hawes Craft Fayre at the Market Hall over the weekend of **July 31st / August 1st** and also planning for our stall at the Summer Shopping Market on Bainbridge Village Green on **Saturday, August 14th** between **10.30am and 2.30pm**. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our Soup and Sweet re-launch at the end of June because the Covid restrictions were not lifted as we had anticipated, so we now plan to re-launch the monthly lunches on **September 9th** at Thornton Rust Institute.

We have yet to make a decision on when we may return to holding our monthly meetings in Bainbridge Village Hall as we are aware of the continued risk of Covid and the vulnerability of some of our members. However, as soon as we make that decision, we will let you know.

Our August meeting takes place on **Thursday, August 19th at 7.30pm**, when Nigel Metcalfe, Ranger for the YDNPA, will be speaking to us about projects being undertaken in the National Park. We are closely monitoring the Covid situation locally before deciding whether this meeting will be in Bainbridge Village Hall, or via 'Zoom'.

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'Big Skies All the Way': Pennine Bridleway Hosts Charity Relay

Four women rode 50 miles over three days on the Pennine Bridleway in the Yorkshire Dales National Park, completing the Cumbria leg of the UK-wide 'Great Horses For Health Relay'. Alison Muir and Lucy Pickford from the Stonetrail Riding Centre near Ravenstonedale were joined by farmer Hilary Fawcett from South Stainmore and Marie Wray from Teesdale for the charity event.



They were raising funds for mental health charities, while raising awareness of the benefits horses can bring to mental health.

The Pennine Bridleway, a 205 mile national trail from Cumbria to the Peak District, opened in 2012 and was designed for long distance horse riding.

Speaking at Yore House Farm in Upper Wensleydale at the start of an 18 mile journey to Horton-in-Ribblesdale, Alison Muir, on cob

Sam, said: "When the Horses for Health route was being planned it was obvious the Pennine Bridleway would be a superb way to carry the baton along. We are raising funds for mental health charities and awareness that horses can bring a lot of positive therapy to people, brightening their lives. They are very friendly creatures who understand you and want social contact with people. Most of all horses want you to be kind and they want you to love them. So if someone's got a bit of love to give, but maybe they can't give to somebody else, they should give it to a horse – and they'll get bounce back.

"I've taken hundreds of riders up and down the Pennine Bridleway. It is a tremendous route, so it's fantastic that Horses for Health are using it, because it will help to promote it much more. It's mostly off-road, the tracks are in really good nick, and the scenery is outstanding – it's big skies all the way. You come down into the valleys simply to reach a new valley and then you are up in the hills again."

Member Champion for Recreation Management at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, Nick Cotton, said: "'Horses for Health' is using the Pennine Bridleway in just the way it was designed to be used. Participants are riding a length of the trail over a number of days and making the most of the hospitality on offer along the way. It is satisfying to see the trail supporting a charity and enabling a fundraising event."

He added: "The Pennine Bridleway is a completely separate trail to the Pennine Way. While it's a great route for walkers and cyclists, it was designed specifically for horse riders and that point is sometimes missed. It is a fantastic asset but not well known. It's good that Alison and her friends are helping to put the word out about it."



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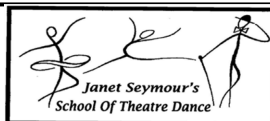
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As we move towards the last week of term we still have sports day, CCF Camp, a workshop for Year 7 on The Tempest, Year 8 trips to Low Mill, the annual fell race and a whole school walking day to fit in. However all of us at The Wensleydale School and Sixth Form staff, students and parents are looking forward to a well-earned summer break.

This year has been challenging for everyone, as we dipped in and out of lockdown, the Covid-19 Risk assessment changed 13 times and as I write, we are eagerly awaiting the news of Step 4 and whether normality can resume. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in our community for their support, especially our parents. Thank you.

I would also like to share just a few snippets of school life over the past couple of weeks.

Year 8 students working on the John Muir Award have had a busy June and July. Last week they visited Snaizholme red squirrel reserve and had the opportunity to feed the squirrels and learn about their importance in our ecosystem. They then went to the Yorkshire Dales Museum and learnt a lot about the history and culture of the Yorkshire Dales. Thanks to @yorkshire_dales for organising the award for our students, they are getting loads out of it and have really enjoyed their visits.

The Marine Society and Sea Cadets, ran a Marine Engineering Workshop for Year 7. They also completed their Earth in Space project with some spectacular 3D models.

Mrs Coupland-Buckley was super proud of Year 8 for their finished night light project Y.

The cast of our 2022 production was revealed after auditions week - High School Musical - coming soon!

Year 8 students went to the old school house in Leyburn to collect some bat boxes and seeds to encourage insects. They are planning on building the boxes in enrichment.

Year 10 were allowed to go on work experience, following an on/off situation due to covid. We have received nothing but praise for our talented and mature Year 10s from all the employers who gave their time in order to make it happen. Several students have been asked by their employers to return for additional work, because they worked so hard.

Richmond Fire service have also delivered Fire and Water safety sessions for all KS3 students, reminding them of how to keep safe and well over the summer holidays.

Julia Polley, Headteacher
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Askrigg and District Produce Show

On-line again – Deadline for entries is **Thursday, August 26th.**

Usually at this time of year the Produce Association Committee are getting prepared for a busy weekend over the August Bank Holiday. As with many things over the last couple of years, we are getting used to a very different way of doing things. If you weren't already aware, the Askrigg and District Produce Show is on-line again this year. We had a huge amount of support last year and many people entered for the first time so a big thank you and a plea to keep up the great work you did in keeping the spirit of this lovely show alive until we can return to the village hall.

Please look at our website and on-line show page at www.askriggproduceshow.weebly.com and following the links to the 2021 show page. You will find the categories and classes for this year listed there and all the information needed for you to enter and have the best chance of

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winning. We also have a Facebook page and Instagram site if you want to contribute that way. If you need any help with entering, feel free to contact me or follow the link on the website. Sadly there are no prizes this year except for a little something for the winning children and no tea and cake in the back room.

Let's hope for a return to normal next year. One positive of being online is that we have had entries from much further afield than usual so, if your reading this from a far-flung outpost of Wensleydale, please join in by showing us what talented growers and creators you are.

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YDMT Seek Landowner Support to Rid Dales of Waste Plastic

Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) is calling on landowners across the national park to help remove redundant plastic tree guards from the landscape.

As part of the Clapham-based charity's Plastic Free Woodlands project, supported by the European Outdoor Conservation Association (EOCA), the aim is to remove at least 38,000 tree guards from Dales' woodlands over the next 18 months. These will be collected at two central sites and then recycled.

Mike Appleton, YDMT Project Officer, said: "Most new woodland creation schemes in the Dales will have been planted using plastic tree guards that provide essential protection from voles, rabbits, and deer. If a woodland is well managed, these guards will be removed after approximately 10 years once the trees are established. The concern is that if the plastic guards are left on site, over time they will disintegrate into smaller fragments that find their way into our soils and waterways."

"We are working with landowners, community groups, other organisations and volunteers to collect redundant tree guards and sending them to be recycled and used to make new products. We're calling on landowners who want to remove these guards from their woods to get in touch. We can help to get them recycled and, in some cases, enlist volunteers to help."

As well as removing redundant guards from woodlands and trialling alternatives, Plastic Free Woodlands aims to break the reliance on plastic and find sustainable alternatives in woodland creation.

Mike added: "We're currently trialling alternative guards at six sites across the Dales and Nidderdale. It is hoped that the results of the trials will enable landowners to make an informed choice when planning a woodland."



YDMT is also working as part of the Forestry Plastic Group made up of representatives within the forestry sector from across the UK. The working group is taking a collaborative approach to address the use and management of plastic and aims to encourage a change in attitudes and behaviours and reduce the amount of single-use plastic within the industry.

Cat Barker, Conservation Project Coordinator at EOCA, said: "EOCA is really pleased and excited to be supporting this innovative project working to source a more sustainable alternative for establishing woodlands in the future, as well as its dedicated hard work to remove plastic tubes currently prevalent in our woodlands."

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Swaledale Festival News

Events in August and September

Tuesday, August 3rd – Guided Walk: Foxglove Covert.

Two walks – **10.30am to 12.30pm** and **1.00pm to 3.00pm**.

Meet at Cambrai Lines Barracks. There is a choice of two start times for this short talk and 2.5 mile guided walk around a wonderful nature reserve hidden in Europe's largest military garrison. You will see a remarkable mix of species and habitats including flower-rich grasslands, streams, ponds, willow carr, coniferous woodlands, and wet meadows. No dogs please.

Adult £7, Under 25 £3.

Tuesday, August 3rd – Solus Trumpet Ensemble.

Two performances – **4.00pm and 7.30pm** at St. Andrew's Church, Grinton.



The glorious sound of five brilliant young trumpeters will gladden the heart. Formed by international soloist Matilda Lloyd, Solus comprises young professional trumpeters who regularly perform with ensembles such as the Philharmonia and London Symphony Orchestra. The group's delightfully varied programme will include works by Gabrieli, Brahms, Fauré, Debussy, Bartok and Nielsen. Adult £12, Under 25 £3.

Wednesday, September 1st – Guided Walk: River Swale and Gunnerside Ghyll. **10.30am to 2.45pm**. Meet at the lay-by at the B6270 Crackpot/Summer Lodge Junction.

A walk and talk with the Education Officer of the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust, looking at the wildlife associated with rivers. Dogs on a lead are permitted.

Adult £7, Under 25 £3.

Wednesday, September 1st - Philippa Mo (violin) & William Towers (counter-tenor).

Two performances – **4.00pm and 7.30pm** at St. Andrew's Church, Grinton.

Fine violinist meets top-drawer counter-tenor in a mouth-watering recital. Programme will include music by Hildegard von Bingen, Henry Purcell and Gustav Holst.

Adult £15, Under 25 £3.



Tuesday, September 14th - Guided Walk: Flora of Lower Swaledale.

11.00am to 3.00pm. Meet at Yorke Square Car Park, Richmond Green.

Approximately 4 miles, with Robert Hall and members of Yoredale Natural History Society, taking in the 12th-century Easby Abbey, rich flower meadows and the old railway track-bed. Dogs on the lead are permitted.

Adult £7, Under 25 £3.

Tuesday, September 14th - Aurora Percussion Duo.

Two performances at **4.00pm and 7.30pm** at St. Mary's Church, Richmond.

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New Faces and a Facelift for Yore Mill

I met Julie Edwardson and Steve Smith as they were hard at work putting the final touches to their new joint venture – Yore Mill Craft Shop and Gallery at Aysgarth Falls. They have created a wonderful display space which is light and spacious and enhances the industrial heritage of the Mill. Julie is an artist and retired art teacher and Steve is a business analyst.



They met in Durham where they shared a passion for lindy hop and fell walking and decided they wanted to start a business together which would combine their skills. Julie's abstract paintings and wood carvings are inspired by the North East's Industrial landscape and so she was immediately drawn to Yore Mill and Steve could see the business potential. They moved into the flat above the gallery in June and fuelled by many visits to the café next door, have been working non-stop to open for the summer season. Julie has used her

contacts in the local art scene to fill the gallery with paintings, ceramics and jewellery all inspired by the local landscape. Dent artist Kath Lockhart, taught with Julie in the North East and recently came over to help set up some of the display areas. Other local artists with work on sale include Nolon Stacey, Jo Garlick, Sue Dewhurst and Lynn Ward. They also have some wonderful ceramics and glassware by Fiona Mazza, Emmeline Butler and Jane Charles. Julie was just setting up a display of unique hand-crafted jewellery made from sea glass by their friend and neighbour, Diane Stewardson which I definitely have my eye on. They also have a small market stall area selling eco-friendly products such as candles and soaps from across the UK.

Julie has a studio below the gallery where she hopes to run art workshops in the future. Steve, who is an ex-drummer is working on writing some ambient background mood music for the gallery and they also own a holiday cottage at the back which they hope to open in the autumn. As you can imagine they haven't had much time to explore the local area, but have been enjoying the sound of the falls and the church bells and can't wait to welcome visitors to share in their passion for art and crafts inspired by this wonderful landscape.

For more information, email voremillcraftshopandgallery@btinternet.com visit the website <https://www.instagram.com/voremillcraftshopgallery/> or telephone 01969 662829. The gallery is open 7 days a week from 10.30am to 4.30pm.

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'Lung Busting Rawness' of Fell Running

Photos capturing the 'lung-busting rawness' of felling running, rare memorabilia from this most traditional of northern sports are going on display at the Dales Countryside Museum.

The DCM's latest special exhibition, 'Run The Dales', on now until **September 26th**, will also include fell running shoes from the 1950s and the stories of champions such as Victoria Wilkinson and Tommy Sedgewick. The Three Peaks Race trophies – which will be awarded to the fastest fell runners at this year's race – are being described as a 'scoop' for the museum.

To mark the opening of Run The Dales, the DCM has published a new episode of its podcast, 'Voices From The Dales'. 'Voices From The Dales...fell runners' was largely recorded last month at the Hawswick Dash and features Skipton's 'Mr Sport' Roger Ingham, Run The Dales writer and organiser Victoria Benn and Kilnsey Show fell race record holder Mick Hawkins, as well as fell runners from Wensleydale.

Victoria Benn, author of new book Peak Performance, which chronicles the sporting legacy of the Yorkshire Three Peaks, said: "I joke that my whole childhood was spent stood in a field somewhere. Pretty much throughout spring and summer we were all over the Lake District, Scotland, the Yorkshire Dales, at fell races and shows. I knew who the runners were, I knew who should win, who the competition would be between and I found it really

exciting. And now I'm a writer, it's something I'm passionate about – capturing the stories of fell running in days gone by. This is part of what the exhibition and the associated Run The Dales website is about.

"The 'Run The Dales' exhibition at DCM is an opportunity for people to see the Three Peaks Race trophies up close for the first time ever. It's an amazing scoop for us to have them on display, as the public are allowed nowhere near them on race day. The women's trophy is an impressive ceramic plaque donated by Shirley Hodgson in 1991. Along with her husband Dave Hodgson, she has dedicated a lifetime of service to the race. Its first recipient was the future Olympian and women's Three Peaks record holder, Sarah Rowell. The men's 'Norman Thornber Trophy' is an intricately carved wooden plaque, invested as the Three Peaks Race trophy in 1959."

Kevin Frea, Member Champion for Promoting Understanding at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, which runs DCM, said: "Fell running is a very important part of our cultural heritage. The grittiness needed to go fell running is integral to the character of Dalesfolk.

"Some of the very oldest recorded races are in the Dales, such as the Burnsall Classic, dating back to 1860. The history of this sport and pastime, as revealed by Victoria Benn in the exhibition, is fascinating. I do hope people will make the Dales Countryside Museum their destination for a day this summer – and perhaps try a bit of fell running for themselves, too."

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Tickets are now on sale for the first Leyburn Jazz Festival which takes place from **Friday 22nd to Sunday, October 24th**. The Colin Bailey Band will be presenting an afternoon of standards, songbook favourites and rarer gems in the comfort of Tennant's Garden Room Café on **Friday afternoon from 2.00pm** and host a showcase event with local performers on **Saturday from 11.00am**. Simon Chorley, Jack Pearce and Paul Edis will be performing as part of the Festival. Paul will also be leading a music workshop on Sunday morning for 11-19-year-olds.

The first tables have been reserved for our 30th Anniversary Dinner Dance which will be held on **Saturday, November 27th**. Tickets cost £30 which includes welcome drink, three course meal with tea and coffee. Tables will seat up to 8 people. Entertainment will be provided by the Colin Bailey Band with special guests and members of the Play>Record>Perform project. Proceeds will support our performing arts activities for young people in Wensleydale and Swaledale.

Competition – Could you design our mascot?

As part of our 30th anniversary celebrations we are looking for talented young creatives aged between 11 and 25-years-old to help us design a mascot so we are hosting a competition to do it! Your character should be original and all your own work. It should represent what we offer – this could be anything from playing an instrument, singing, dancing or acting to directing a play, being a sound and lighting

technician or organising an event. Your design should appeal to 6 to 19-years-old.

If you feel you have the skills needed to create a new mascot for us, your entry must reach us before the closing date of **September 30th 2021** for the chance to win up to £100 of gift cards. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will all win prizes. For full details and how to enter visit www.blueboxt.co.uk/mascot.

Activities

We have published our Summer edition of our Opportunities Update Bulletin which shares details of how you can get involved. A copy can be downloaded from our website or requested by email: info@blueboxt.co.uk. Our Emerging Artists and Play>Record>Perform initiatives will continue to run throughout the Summer.

Leyburn Youth Drama Club – BlueBoxt and Leyburn Arts Centre are looking for budding actors and backstage crew to join our brand-new youth drama club. Weekly sessions will run after school during term-time from **Monday, September 13th**, and cover an exciting range of themed activities to learn new skills and techniques in all aspects of running events and professional theatre productions both on and off Stage. Sessions will be led by actor and educator Jennifer Sagers. Group 1: **4.00pm - 4.45pm** for 6 to 10-years-old (£4.50 per session). Group 2: **5.00pm - 6.30pm** for 11 to 19-years-old (£7.50 per session). Fees payable termly in advance.

Musical Cultures – Discovering our creative roots. We are inviting young people (11-25-years old) on a journey around the world exploring different cultures and their musical heritage. Together, they will choose the countries they visit (online) and research the traditional and popular music styles of their chosen destinations. This might be Samba drumming in Brazil, Folk music in Hungary or Raga Music in India. Participants will work with specialist guest musicians to experience and make-music in a range of different styles and discover how they have influenced their own musical interests and creativity when they return home from their travels. Regular departures from **Monday, September 13th, 7.00pm - 8.30pm** at Leyburn Arts Centre.

To book tickets or places, or to find out more information, please contact Colin Bailey on **07711 211169** or email info@blueboxt.co.uk.



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