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Guest Editorial

'Don't Miss Christmas'

It was the last day of proceedings in the court before the Christmas Holiday and the judge was looking forward to joining his family as he faced his last prisoner. "And what are you charged with?" he asked. "Doing my Christmas shopping early" the defendant replied. "That's not a crime," said the judge. "How early had you started?" "Before the store had opened your honour."

Many of us like to begin our shopping and our preparations early. I read the other day of a man who was determined that this year he would do precisely that and had booked the day off work on December 23rd.

Many of us have had another difficult year with continuing restrictions, challenges and sadness caused by the pandemic but our experience this Christmas, even with appropriate Covid constraints, looks like being a more liberated one than last year. A staple joy of the season is the Nativity play and it's wonderful to hear of these taking place again, even if the audience might be watching a recording rather than being allowed in to watch the event live.

One young lad I heard of was very keen on being in his school's Nativity play and was desperate to be Joseph. The teacher announced the various parts and to his dismay he was given the role of the Innkeeper instead. He was very disappointed. The day of the performance arrived and in front of a packed school hall the story began to unfold until they reached the point where Mary and Joseph appeared on the stage and knocked loudly on the Innkeeper's door. The Innkeeper opened it and asked them what they wanted. The young lad playing Joseph replied: "Can my wife Mary and I come in for the evening?" The Innkeeper looked at them, thought for a moment and then said: "She can come in, but you can't!.. I wanted to be Joseph!"

So Joseph was left out of that particular Christmas story as he wasn't welcome and it changed the experience and the understanding of what the events were all about. It can be easy for us to do a similar thing, sometimes without even realising it. We might let Mary in, but keep out the reality of her background and the sacrifice she went through. We might let the

baby in, but keep out the man that he grew into. We might let Santa in.. but keep out the one that the celebration is all about and the gift he came to give us; a gift that we truly need and one that will never fade or wear out. If we lock some of the story out, we miss its truth and its power.

The Innkeeper in the actual Nativity showed more grace and compassion but what happened to him after that? We hear nothing more. He missed Christmas. It was happening there right in front of him and he missed it. Perhaps he was distracted by the busyness of his work; meals to make, drinks to serve, guests to look after, and so he missed it. What a name that would have been to get in the Visitors Book. He could even have had a blue plaque on the door but he misses the greatest moment in human history, right there on his own doorstep. Our personal busyness can prevent us from experiencing the reality and the significance of what took place that night.

The religious leaders of the day missed Christmas. They knew the Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem and told King Herod so, but they couldn't be bothered to travel a few miles down the road, and so they missed it. They were distracted by a sense of their own importance; "It's not for me", "What would people think if I showed an interest?" Worrying about what others might think of us can prevent us from experiencing the reality and the significance of what took place that night.

King Herod missed Christmas. He knew something very important was taking place, but he let his pride get in the way, and so he missed it. An unwillingness to consider or explore the possibility that there may be truth in what so many say they know and have personally encountered, can prevent us from experiencing the reality and the significance of what took place that night.

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I close with the final words of the popular carol 'O little town of Bethlehem'.

*We hear the Christmas Angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.'*

May you know the peace and the presence of Emmanuel (God with us) in your hearts and in your homes this Christmas.

Happy Christmas!

Revd Dave Clark
Vicar of Upper Wensleydale

Reg Fagg Trophy Winners

The winner of the Reg Fagg Trophy was Harry Fothergill whose winning entry is our cover picture.

Class 1 winner: Lily Alderson.
Runner ups: Darcy Allen & Maisie Richards.

Class 2 winner: Antoni Biros.
Runner ups: Skyler Kilgallon & Cicely B.

Class 3 winner: Leon Biros.
Runner ups: Olivia Blades & Chloe Berry.

Congratulations to all.

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Eunice the Ewe

Last month I was on page 38 in the correct place alphabetically as E for Eunice and the lucky winner of the £10 prize is Martin Watts of Tilmanstone, Kent.

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

Newsletter Christmas Greetings

We wish all our readers, advertisers and contributors, regular or occasional, a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous 2022.

Once again, we have decided to make significant donations to the charities frequently nominated as recipients of competition prize money. We will thus be giving £100 to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and £100 to the Great North Air Ambulance both of which serve the Newsletter area.

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Lottie Launches Hair and Beauty Salon in Askrigg

From mobile to main street - Lottie Handley's journey is a real 'local girl makes good' story.



Born in Aysgarth, Lottie trained locally in beauty therapy, gained experience in local salons and after completing a hairdressing and barbering course, set up her own mobile hair and beauty business - all while bringing up three children! She lives in Bainbridge with her husband Daniel and has just opened her first salon on Main Street in Askrigg.

Lottie built up a large, loyal clientele with her mobile business and was in demand for weddings and hair parties. She enjoyed the work and relationships she built up with clients, but so much time was spent travelling between appointments she was finding it difficult to balance work with caring for a growing family. Lottie has always been keen to keep up with new techniques, so she can offer clients a wide range of beauty treatments, but this involved investing in more equipment that was difficult to transport around. She was just looking into the possibility of her own salon when covid struck.

Lockdown was tough for those in the hairdressing industry and Lottie like many other businesses had to close. As a young business she was unable to access government grants and didn't want to take out loans. She felt very lucky to survive, having as she did, the support of a wonderful family. The premises in Askrigg became available just as lockdown rules were eased in August and she took the gamble to open her own salon. With the help of her in-laws, Jim and Vicky, they transformed the shop in just three weeks into a stylish hairdressing and beauty salon. She received a start-up grant from Richmondshire District Council to invest in equipment for hydro and

high frequency facial treatments and hasn't looked back. Lottie uses only natural, vegan friendly products that she knows produce reliably great results. She uses and sells Milkshake hair products and Eve Taylor skincare range.

Many of her old clients now travel to the Salon from as far away as York and new clients are attracted by the range of hair and beauty treatments Lottie offers from eyelash tints, waxing, manicure, pedicure and facials. She is so busy that she had to increase her opening hours and is bringing in a friend, Liam who she trained with at college, to help on Thursdays in the run up to Christmas.

She has been overwhelmed by the support she has had locally to get the salon set up and running so quickly and wants to give back to the community that have supported her so well. Lottie already has big plans for the future, she has planning permission for a log cabin in Newbiggin where she hopes to set up a beauty treatment centre where she can provide much needed, local opportunities for young people graduating from beauty and hairdressing courses.

We all need a bit of pampering now that we are coming out of this crisis and things are opening up again. So why not treat yourself to a new look at Lottie Rose Hair and Beauty - **07897 753739** - book early to avoid disappointment!

K.J.

Drop-off points and contacts

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

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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

December Competition

It's hard to escape Christmas songs in December, but how well do you know the songs and carols?

1. Which Christmas song starts 'Oh the weather outside is frightful'?
2. Which tree in the wood bears the crown?
3. Who wrote the song 'White Christmas'?
4. In which direction was the 'star of wonder' leading We Three Kings?
5. Which song repeats the lyrics, 'pa rum pum pum pum'?
6. Which of these songs is the only one to mention the word Christmas in its lyrics? 'Frosty the Snowman', 'Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer' or 'Winter Wonderland'?
7. Whose fountain did the peasant seen by King Wenceslas, live near?
8. What type of pudding do the singers want in 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas'?
9. Which 2 gifts did my true love give to me 42 times during the 12 days of Christmas?
10. What forms Frosty the Snowman's nose?
11. What did the angels in heaven do on Christmas Day when the 3 ships came sailing in?
12. In the song 'I Wish It Could Be Christmas Everyday', who brings the snow?
13. 'Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas', was sung by Judy Garland in which 1944 MGM musical?
14. What song were the boys of the NYPD choir singing?
15. Which carol contains the line 'Bye bye lully lullay'?
16. How many 'las' are after the 'fa' in 'Deck the Halls'?
17. Which song is often mistakenly called 'Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire'?
18. What type of horse pulls the jingle bells sleigh?
19. Which song sends 'Tidings of comfort and joy'?
20. Which song asks 'Do the fairies keep him sober for a day'?
21. What colour Christmas did Elvis sing about?

22. In 'Santa Claus Is Coming To Town', the singer tells children, 'You better not cry' and, 'You better not _____'?
23. In which song does the night wind ask a little lamb a question?
24. Which song begins 'Sleigh bells ring are you listening'?
25. What is wanted for Christmas so that the singer can whistle and say 'Sister Susie sitting on a thistle!'?

Please send in your answers to arrive by **Tuesday, January 25th**. Don't forget to nominate your charity which will receive the £20 prize should you win.

November Competition Answers

1. Hide and seek
2. Rounders
3. Ten pin bowling
4. Wrestling
5. Line dancing
6. Mountaineering
7. Fell walking
8. Battleships
9. Noughts and crosses
10. Orienteering
11. Snakes and ladders
12. Carpet Bowls

A number of correct entries for the November competition despite the listing of a 'D' instead of a 'B' at the end of clue 3. The winner drawn from the hat was Kath Alderson of Askrigg. Her chosen charity to receive £20 is Askrigg Football Club.

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Prunings

I was filling the bird feeders when I caught a glimpse of something moving. Keeping very still, I waited, and the little mouse that had just run across the flags ran back. It was a real "Timmie Willie". Beatrix Potter fans may recognise this. The one on my patio was gingery brown and very flat to the ground – not the usual grey creature that I have often seen before. Simon Reeve's programme "The Lake District" featured a lady trying to preserve the Red Squirrel, and she had been a devotee since reading "Squirrel Nutkin" as a child. I wonder how many of us have Beatrix Potter to thank for her magical introductions of wildlife into our lives as children.

The strangely mild Autumn has produced some unusual effects: There are still blooms on the Rose of Sharon and some of the Dahlias, but at the same time the Winter Jasmine and Winter Clematis are already flowering, not to mention some gorgeous pink roses, a profusion of Fuchsia and a Diascia I had cut back springing into life with new foliage and blossom. Most of the Begonias have missed most of the frost there has been and the Phuopsis has started again. If I don't do something with it, it will overwhelm the front steps.

Two years ago I bought some pincushion Chrysanthemums. They gave us a lovely show in large pots. Having survived the winter, they have been subsequently a waste of space. I had not realized that they are meant to be disposable plants. In creating them, nurseries introduce a growth retardant which reduces the length of the internodes between set of leaves giving very compact plants. By the following year the plant has expelled the retardant from its system and will return to "normal". Mine grew long and lank with very few flowers. So the lesson is, buy them, enjoy them, but don't try to keep them going.

"Garden News" had a lot to say about Tulips. They come in all shapes and sizes from huge peony and parrot flowered through straight singles, lily flowered types, emperors, rembrandts and last of all, the many beautiful species tulips which do well in pots and will thrive and naturalise in rockeries. Some are spectacular. Lasagne planting, or putting them in the pots in layers works well and means that earlier flowering bulbs and smaller choices can go in at the top. As a system it is most effective

and produces a wonderful display of colour over quite a long period. However, the display is unlikely to repeat the following year, and to get the best effect you have to start again, although, of course, the smaller spring bulbs can be replanted and will fire off again.

We are almost at the end of another strange year and I should like to wish everyone a really Merry Christmas. Who knows what next year will bring but I trust we will make Merry in the best way we can and hope for happier times and glorious gardens. Whatever happens we know that the plants will still grow, including the weeds, and the seasons will not fail. Have a Happy and Peaceful time.

Whatever you grow, take time to enjoy it!

Rose Rambler



Dales Quoits League



The committee members of The Dales Quoits League would like to wish all team members and our pub hosts a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thanks for your continued support during the last year and we look forward to meeting up with you all for the 2022 season.

Stephen Mason- League Chairman



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Dales Museum An 'Outstanding Visitor Experience'

The Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes has been recognised as a 'Hidden Gem' by VisitEngland (1 of only 3 attractions in Yorkshire to receive the accolade).

In response Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Member Champion for Promoting Understanding, Kevin Frea, said: "An assessor from VisitEngland came to the museum in the summer and clearly they enjoyed the experience. The 'Hidden Gem' accolade is given only to top quality attractions. It's great to have the Dales Countryside Museum recognised in this way. The Yorkshire Dales National Park

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Authority owns and runs the museum and its staff and volunteers have worked hard over many years to make the DCM the place to go to for remarkable stories of ordinary Dales folk and the National Park."

"Receiving the collection of the former Yorkshire Dales Mining Museum from Earby in 2017 was a particular catalyst for change and investment. Making space for such industrial treasures as the Providence Mine Ore Crusher has led to us creating fresh galleries for other parts of the collection, such as textiles."

"An upgrade to the exhibition hall has meant our special exhibitions are even more special, with this year's exhibitions telling stories about Dales schools, fell runners and hand knitters. We've also improved our digital offering, making our oral history collection publicly accessible this year via the 'Voices From The Dales' podcast."

"Much of this has been possible owing to grants from Museum Development Yorkshire, the Arts Council, National Lottery Heritage Fund and Friends of the DCM. Their support has meant we have been able to work more with local people and organisations to find and tell compelling stories."

"The DCM is open seven days a week until Christmas and our current special exhibition is a striking display of knitting sticks from the John Dixon Collection. There's a shop stocked with local goods, as well as a café on site, too. I recommend making a date to visit this 'Hidden Gem'."

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Hawes School News

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Roving reporters - Sid and Aidan

Recycling at Hawes Primary School

This autumn, Class 2 have been learning about 'recycle, re-use'. They have created a mini recycling centre for the whole school. They have made their own paper from recyclable materials and then went on to make sustainable fire lighters by recycling shredded paper.

Each class has designed their own re-usable shopping bags. The re-usable bags are available to purchase. The money the children raise from selling these products will be put towards resources of their choice.



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1 bag - £5.00. 2 bags - £8.00. 3 bags - £12.00.

If you are interested in purchasing the bags please contact school on **01969 667308**.

CCTV system for sale

We have updated our CCTV system and are selling the old one, which we have been told by the new suppliers, is worth around £100 for the Hik vision recorder and monitor. The cameras aren't very good but we can throw these in if you would like them. If you are interested, please contact Dawn or Miss Vasey and make us an offer!

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New World War One Plaque in Aysgarth Church

A plaque with the names of 12 more servicemen from Aysgarth parish who lost their lives during World War I has been installed on the north wall of St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth.

The information about the servicemen was found by Penny Ellis during her detailed research prior to the 2018 Commemoration of the Centenary of the Armistice and was then checked several times to ensure accuracy.

The original plaque, installed by John Pickard and Son of Aysgarth just after the Great War, listed 20 servicemen. After World War II a plaque with four names was added and then one in memory of Captain Philip Guy RM who died in Iraq in 2003.

Installing the new plaque included taking down all the existing plaques and reorganising them to be in sequential historical order. When the frame for the original Great War plaque was removed large wooden plugs were revealed.

"That's the way my father taught me," commented David Pickard, while his son, John, and son-in-law James Guy, worked on moving it. They were grateful they didn't need such plugs this time.

Aysgarth Parochial Church Council (APCC) plans now to refurbish the area beside the plaques.

Nick Gaskell, who is overseeing the project for Aysgarth Parochial Church Council, stated: "Currently, on Remembrance Sundays, the Act of Remembrance is conducted around the plaques. There is very little room for clergy,

officials and wreath layers, to conveniently access the area to lay wreaths. As a result, the wreath laying procedure is awkward and rather undignified."

Leeds Diocese has given approval for just the three short pews beside the plaques to be removed with suitable parts of them being used to construct a wooden memorial structure. This work will be carried out early next year.

The Rev Tom Ringland said: "With Remembrance continuing to be such a significant feature in society, I'm delighted we will be able to create a more accessible and appropriate memorial in St Andrew's church, including the addition of recently discovered names of the fallen. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the project."

The project has been funded by local donations. Once the joinery and plumbing work is complete the APCC plans to have good lighting installed by the plaques.

For Penny Ellis the research continues. She has added 19 additional names to the Roll of Honour for all who served from Aysgarth Parish bringing the total to 212 men and women. The WWI Roll of Honour can be viewed on her website www.thorallybroughtime.net.



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Emerging From The Dark

It has been a hard 18 months or so for residents at Sycamore Hall, trying to stay safe during a pandemic whilst also trying to keep in touch with relatives and friends. There has been a lot of isolation which has been hard to bear but, slowly, things have been returning to normal as the vaccines kick-in and restrictions are relaxed.

Thanks to a group of willing volunteers, residents have been able to enjoy the resumption of their weekly Thursday coffee mornings which is a lovely opportunity to get together with friends for a chat over a cuppa. Everyone is welcome to these events, even if you have no connection with Sycamore Hall, so please do come along - **Thursdays at 10.30am**.

We are fortunate to have some enthusiastic residents who are eager to get us mixing too, so we have been enjoying bingo, quizzes, whist drives and 'knit and natter' sessions. All of these enjoy the benefit of refreshments and there are even prizes involved! We also have a weekly session of seated gentle exercise with Janet Seymour at **11.00am on Fridays** - come along and join us in our efforts to keep fit!

A new group of volunteers has been formed this year who worked hard to put on a vintage Afternoon Tea for residents in September which was a lovely event. A delicious selection of sandwiches and cakes were served on vintage crockery at tables with linen tablecloths. There was even musical entertainment from Diana Hartley to enhance the atmosphere. Everyone had a great time at the 'Bainbridge Ritz'!

We then moved on to Halloween when the residents lounge was decorated with all manner of ghosts, ghouls, witches and wizards and all things spooky. We welcomed in children from the local community for fun and games and enjoyed dressing up in our scariest outfits. Hot dogs, freaky jellies and scary buns were served and we had a lot of laughs.

Unfortunately, our marking of Armistice Day was cancelled due to positive Covid tests in the building, which was a real shame, but the safety of residents and staff has to be the main priority.

We are now looking forward to the festive season and all that it brings. There will be a Christmas Lunch for residents, a 'Big Christmas Raffle', Christmas Quiz and hopefully, numerous other festive treats! The WI are hosting a Christmas Coffee Morning on

Saturday, December 18th from **10.30am** when there will be musical entertainment, so do please join us for that.

Don't forget that we also have facilities for the community including the library, village shop, restaurant and hair salon. The Post Office comes on **Mondays and Wednesdays** between **9.00am and 11.00am** which is perfect to post your Christmas cards and presents. The Village Shop is open **Monday to Saturday, 9.00am to 1.00pm**, with a big range of goods to choose from, including fresh sandwiches and ready meals. Tragically, we lost Charlotte Everett, one of our wonderful hairdressers in November, but Sonja is determined to keep the salon open and is taking appointments for Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Call on **01969 650158** to book.

We do hope you will come along to Sycamore Hall to enjoy all that it offers but please be aware that, in order to protect residents and staff, we are occasionally subject to local lockdowns at short notice. We hope that these do not stop you from supporting our local businesses and events. A warm welcome awaits at Sycamore Hall!

Everyone at Sycamore Hall wishes you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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Red Squirrels Maintain Dales Stronghold

The 'near threatened' native red squirrel is maintaining its range in the Yorkshire Dales National Park, a monitoring report has concluded.



There is also anecdotal evidence that the reds' range may have increased in recent years. The grey squirrel control undertaken in the National Park's 'core area' for reds – mainly Sedbergh, Garsdale and the Upper Eden valley – is said to have been a 'crucial' factor.

The conservation research and monitoring report has been published by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority in partnership with Red Squirrels Northern England (RSNE). It has been produced as a result of the 2011 Local Biodiversity Action Plan, which identified red squirrel as a priority species for conservation within the National Park. The completion of the ten-year action plan, at the end of last year, has prompted an assessment of the status of priority species and habitats.

Co-author Heinz Traut, Project Manager at RSNE, said: "The results detailed in our report show that red squirrels have maintained their range in the core areas of the Yorkshire Dales National Park since at least 2012. This is thanks

to the dedication and efforts of many local volunteers, land managers and organisations, including YDNPA, which have helped red squirrels to thrive here. Where the provision of suitable habitat and the exclusion of grey squirrel competition is facilitated, reds will continue to do so."

The Member Champion for Natural Environment at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, Ian McPherson, said: "There are four red squirrel groups working in the National Park and this monitoring report is a testament to their committed stewardship. For many years now the Penrith and District, Mallerstang, Garsdale and Sedbergh red squirrel groups have been keeping an eye on the native reds and culling the greys, which otherwise would likely take over."

"Given the long-standing work of these local groups in the Cumbria part of the National Park, the National Park Authority has focussed its work in North Yorkshire where no active groups are present. We are delighted that red squirrels in places such as Langstrothdale and Snaizholme are doing well. However, I would like to echo the authors' note of caution about the reds' expansion to places such as mid-Wensleydale: it is not clear if there is sufficient suitable habitat and grey squirrel control for the reds' to sustain their expanded range. More conservation work must be done in the National Park to help red squirrels but for now we can celebrate that populations of this priority species continue to be stable."

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Winter is coming!

It's getting close to Christmas and the school is starting to flood with festivity and excitement. One of the most thrilling developments for our school, and especially for our choir of around 30 students, has been the opportunity to compose a new song and perform it in the glorious surroundings of Ripon Cathedral.

The song, which is called '100 Years of the Poppy', was composed with actress, singer and The Voice finalist Bethzienna Williams, making the experience even more memorable for everyone in the choir. We rehearsed for weeks, leading up to us all travelling to the Remembrance Day ceremony in Ripon on Friday, November 12th, where we performed in front of an audience of hundreds of people. We will never forget this day!

Back in the school itself, our timetable has had a shake up, with a new subject - Oracy - introduced for years 7, 8 and 9. Oracy is all about us learning a vital life skill - being able to voice our opinions, political and personal, and to express ourselves fluently. We believe this is important because not only does it help us find our voices, it also teaches us how to listen well to others, which is an essential communication skill.

The School Council has now been reintroduced so one student from each form group has the opportunity to run for it. We are excited about this because it gives the students a chance to debate what they think should happen in our school, and express our opinions, so those oracy lessons should come in handy!

In other news, to make our school as inclusive as possible, a lift has been added for people who have problems using stairs. The enrichment program has changed slightly for the new half-term, giving people the opportunity to try new activities. There is now a murder mystery club, graphic novels, gardening, football and the opportunity to learn heritage crafts, calligraphy and engineering, as well as some much needed revision time for year 11 as they prepare for their GCSEs.

In our forms, we have all packed shoeboxes for Christmas Child, which is a charity campaign organised by The Samaritans. Every form group has collected toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and other beautiful gifts to give to children around the world.

It has reminded us all of how lucky we are at this time of year. Merry Christmas!

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A special feature of the weekend was the workshop for aspiring young jazz musicians tutored by Paul Edis Triptych who also played a memorable concert. The young people then played an impromptu concert displaying remarkable musicality.

But perhaps the highlight of the weekend was the entertaining performance by internationally renowned singer, song writer and pianist, Ian Shaw, who topped the bill on the Saturday night.

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Santa then goes to Gayle Lane (Entrance to Car Park). Down Gayle Lane to Town Head onto the Hawes Centre.

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Herriot's	4.45pm
Auction Mart	4.55pm
Gayle Bridge	5.05pm
Little Ings Entrance (Flats)	5.10pm
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Join us at our AGM, followed by a short talk on 'David Brooks and saving the Georgian Theatre Royal'. Members, new members and visitors are always welcome, annual membership is still only £10 for 9 meetings and visitors can attend for £3 per meeting.

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Johnny Walker Laithe

Upper Wensleydale Sports and Recreational Association trustee directors have appointed GTEC Construction Ltd to carry out the formal conversion of the laithe on Hawes Community Fields to community use. The laithe is by the roadside on Brunt Acres Road, at the entry into the Community Fields.

The mini-pavilion will be named the Johnny Walker Laithe, in recognition of a donation being made to UWSRA by Lt Col (Ret) David (John) Walker MBE in honour of his Father John (the late Johnny Walker who ran Hawes Chippie).

Toilets and sinks will be installed in the stalls side of the laithe. The mew side of the laithe will have downstairs and upstairs rooms for shelter and other uses. The lean-to will be enlarged and rebuilt, providing storage for local clubs' kit and equipment. Mains water and electricity will be installed.

Other elements of the project to improve facilities on Hawes Community Fields have received planning permission and, last month, became fully funded almost overnight with the offer of a £50,000 grant from Richmondshire District Council's Community Investment Fund. Hawes United Juniors FC also raised £5,000.

It means that we can now press on and convert the small stone shed into a kitchen 'match hatch' facility, make the big field big enough to hold a football pitch, and install a new pedestrian access point further up Brunt Acres Road.



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The UWSRA Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 5th at 7.30pm** at the Nash. Please do come along.

Secretary, UWSR

Poppy Appeal 2021

The final total raised in the Hawes area this year is £1,283.65.

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You can come and hear it for real, rather than just in your head, at the Swale Singers' December concert on **Saturday, December 4th** at **3.00pm** at St Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale. It's just one of a cycle of inspiring spirituals we'll be singing, all arranged by John Rutter. There'll be other haunting 'ear worms' such as 'Steal Away' and 'Deep River' and the toe tapping 'Ev'ry time I feel the spirit.'

And as a complete contrast, we'll be performing the hauntingly beautiful 'Requiem' by Faure as well as his lyrical 'Cantique de Jean Racine.'

It's amazing to think that such differing compositions all date from the late nineteenth century, with the spirituals having their roots in African American slave culture and the Requiem, written for the repose of dead souls, originating from a French Catholic tradition.

Our soloists will be Emma Wardell, mezzo-soprano, a friend of Swale Singers well known to many, and Michael Monument, baritone from Cheshire Chorale. We will be accompanied by Tim Harper, the Assistant Director of Music at Ripon Cathedral, on organ and keyboard. Tickets are £8 from Reeth Post Office, from

Jackie Pope on 07885 498676, or at www.wegotickets.com/event/527961 (a 10% booking fee applies online). Some tickets may be available on the door – please bring the correct money. The concert will have Covid precautions in place – please see Swalesingers.com or phone me, Jackie Pope, for more details.

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Saturday, December 4th at 7.00pm: Live Cinema, Cliff Richard: The Great 80 Tour. Filmed in October 2021 at the Royal Albert Hall in London. Described as Cliff's most exciting tour yet. (Also on **Sunday, December 19th at 4.00pm**)

Saturday, December 11th at 7.30pm: Live Music, A Magical Christmas Concert, which includes mulled wine and mince pies. With Amy Fudali and Colin Bailey presenting a selection of seasonal and popular favourites.

Thursday, December 16th from 1.00pm to 4.00pm: Chocolate Truffle Making workshop. Limited places, £18 which includes all ingredients, presentation box, coffee and cake.

Friday, December 17th at 6.00pm: Last Christmas, a romantic comedy, with an interval for hot chocolate & mince pies.

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Young Rangers Achieve Award

A total of 37 people from the Dales and surrounding areas have received a John Muir Award after volunteering as 'Dales Young Rangers'. Each spent between four and twenty days in wild places in the Yorkshire Dales National Park, often carrying out practical conservation tasks such as wildlife surveys or collecting used plastic tree guards.

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority began running a Young Rangers programme in the Craven part of the National Park in 2013. In 2016 the scheme received external funding to expand to cover the other districts of the National Park. Two groups – South and North – currently meet monthly.

Young Rangers is one of two youth volunteer programmes run by the Authority, with the other – Generation Green – currently looking to support young people find a route to employment in the 'green economy'.

To achieve a John Muir Award, each participant must meet the 'Four Challenges' to discover, explore, conserve and share wild places. Of the 37 Young Rangers to have received their John Muir Award certificates, 11 of them achieved the top level 'Conserver' award in acknowledgment of their long term commitment to volunteering in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

One of those to receive a Conserver award, Benji Grundy, who has recently become a countryside worker apprentice, said: "Receiving the John Muir Award through Young Rangers means a lot to me. Being able to discover, explore, conserve and share these natural landscapes in the Yorkshire Dales is something that I have loved. To achieve the award I took part in many Young Ranger days that covered the first three challenges and wrote a couple of blog posts on my days for the share challenge."

John Muir Award Cumbria Manager Graham Watson said: "It's only by getting out and being active in connecting with our local wild places that we come to value and care for them. These Young Rangers have put that into action with great commitment; John Muir would be proud of them and I congratulate them on achieving their John Muir Awards".

Member Champion for Recreation Management at the National Park Authority, Nick Cotton, said: "It's wonderful to see how

much the Young Rangers have gained from their activities in the Dales. Their passion for improving the environment shines through. I liked it when they put together choice quotes from the writings of John Muir, reflecting the strength, joy and knowledge that can be gained from spending time outdoors in beautiful places."

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However, although there is much talk of possible government funding for future bus services, at present no reassurance can be given about the continuation of the DalesBus 856 beyond Easter, when the LNER funding ends.

A written approach is therefore being made to all the 19 parish councils along the route (and others close enough to it for their residents and

visitors to make use of the service). The aim of the volunteers who are making this appeal (of which I am one) is to raise a substantial proportion of the subsidy required for the financial year 2022-2023 for formal approaches to be made to external bodies for match-funding. They nearly always require evidence of local effort first - hence the title above!

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Letters Received

Dear Editor

On seeing the snow-cutting photo in the November Newsletter it brought back memories. I was born in Marsett in 1933. When the big snowstorm started, Dr. Hughes of Hawes, knowing my mother was due to give birth, asked the men of Marsett and the surrounding area to dig the road out. He said that even a path for a horse would be sufficient. The men dug a path at night by lantern-light and were nearly to Countersett when it thawed!

I was born on March 10th, Elaine Eubank, nee Bell. My future husband, Tom Eubank, lived at Temple Farm and remembers, when he was four, his mother carrying him out of the house to see three horses in a line pulling a wooden snowplough with a pole to keep the plough steady. Two men held it and one man led the horses. The men and plough came from West Burton.

Elaine Eubank

Dear Editor,

As a local resident, I am horrified at the continued destruction of the roadside at Garsdale and surrounding area, by the CCC highways department. The Government provided funds to the CCC to improve road safety along the A684, as well as some other major routes in the area. Consultation during the Covid 19 Lockdown was minimal and did not express the scale and degree of changes that were to be carried out. My family and neighbours in Garsdale feel powerless to stop the ongoing programme of installing metal railings or reflective bollards that are destroying the rural environment, of which they have been rightly proud and wish to protect.

It has become apparent that the new measures have made it unsafe for dog walkers and tourist ramblers to use, as there is no grass verge to be accessed easily to distance themselves from passing traffic.

The new measures have made the road look narrower, so tall vehicles naturally adopt a more central position, but often are unable to pass other similar vehicles, creating delays and potential accidents. Given the abundance of dips, brows and winding nature of the road, the risk of accidents is increased for all users, not just visitors who are unfamiliar with every twist and turn.

The new measures have created a further hazard for motor bikers and cyclists, with increased danger of greater physical damage in any accident.

The new measures are excessive in number, out of character and unsightly in design, within this National Park area.

As a result of continuous complaints, Highways have now been challenged by the Parish Council. Highways have only explained that all correct procedures were carried out prior to works being approved for the improvement of road safety and that no changes will now be entertained. This is an unacceptable stance, as our environment is being decimated by the scale and degree of works. Local feeling is that most of the alterations are unjustifiable, based on actual knowledge of the history of this road and the statistics relating to accidents in this area. If you agree that Highways should rethink their plan, please contact them or the Garsdale Parish Council website with your views.

Love the Dales? Protect the Dales!

Gillian Dickinson

(We invite further comments about this issue - Editor)

Thank You

Thank you very much to all who attended and supported the very enjoyable Macmillan Coffee Morning at The Cart House, Hardraw on October 13th. The event raised £440 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Mavis Fawcett

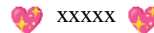
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News From Dales Countryside Museum

Hidden Gem Accolade from Visit England

We were thrilled to receive the Hidden Gem award from Visit England. (See page 7).

Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists' Club

This month we investigated skeletons with Rebecca Cadbury-Simmons who brought along mock skeletons from her university. These were specially designed to show how disease, accidents, injuries and illness can be investigated through the study of skeletons.

We meet once a month on a **Saturday morning, 10.00am to noon**. If you know a young person who might be interested, please let them know about the club. They're welcome to come along to try a session. Please email dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk or call **01969 666210** if you'd like to find out more.

Exhibition: Love tokens, sittings and song – Knitting sticks from the John Dixon collection.

Until March 27th. Visitors are enjoying seeing the amazing array of knitting sticks and, inspired by the drawings John Dixon has made when cataloguing his collection, have created their own drawings. John Dixon chatted with visitors about the stories behind the knitting sticks on display. Artist Anji Timlin who is featured on film, led a creative session inspired by the knitting sticks.

Hawes Close-Knit Friends, our local yarn bombing group, met with Poppy Oldham to share their thoughts on the importance of knitting to their group and to talk about some of their 'knitting related' words.

Dialect and Heritage – In Your Words project

We now have a small local team of oral history fieldworkers to follow in the steps of the original Survey of English Dialect fieldworkers from the 1950s. Stanley Ellis and Peter Wright originally visited Askrigg, Dent, Burton-in-Lonsdale, Gargrave, Grassington, Melsnby, Muker, Bedale, Horton-in-Ribblesdale and Pateley Bridge and spoke with many individuals living in these communities.

We have found seven descendants of the original survey informants but we're still keen to find more and to speak with individuals with strong roots to the villages above. If you, or

someone you know, (with their permission) would like to be considered to contribute to our research, then we would love to hear from you.

Visitors will be able to enjoy discovering Dales Christmas words and have fun with our 'wordy' activities over the holidays.

Please contact our Engagement Officer Poppy Oldham on p.oldham@leeds.ac.uk.

Christmas Cards - Cards for Good Causes

We are supporting Cards for Good Causes again this year and have a fabulous range of Charity Christmas Cards in our shop. At least 70p in every pound goes to support the charities.

Events: Late night Christmas shopping - Friday, December 10th, 4.00pm to 8.30pm.

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Gayle Mill Christmas Market

The popular Christmas market at Gayle Mill returns for two days this December thanks to Makers Market organisers Anne Barden and Emma Trussler of Swaledale.

The Makers Market and Vintage Christmas Fair on **Saturday, December 11th** and **Sunday, December 12th** at Gayle Mill, will provide an opportunity to discover inspiring gifts made by independent craftspeople. There will be cards, hand-made soap, Christmas decorations, hand-made candles, Nepali fashion, vintage collectibles, vintage clothing and accessories, home fragrance, bath and body and much more on sale.

Emma Trussler has described Gayle Mill as an exciting new venue for future events. It was built in 1784 and is the oldest unaltered mill building in the United Kingdom. It has become the embodiment of 'industrial evolution' in this country having been used for milling, in turn, cotton, flax and wool before becoming a sawmill from 1860 to 1988. Its third and final turbine now generates electricity for the National Grid when there is water in Gayle Beck.

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The Fox at West Witton

The Fox and Hounds pub in West Witton is locally known as 'The Fox', partly to avoid confusion with the Fox and Hounds in West Burton. It has recently changed hands. The previous owner, always known as 'Blackie', was one of the longest established landlords in Wensleydale, having been at The Fox for over 25 years. The new owners, John and Joanne, have only been there since August. They intend to keep it as a traditional pub although they do have one or two changes planned for the future.

I went to see them one midweek lunchtime in October. They asked me to go through to the kitchen so that they could talk to me while they prepared food for lunch. They do have a chef who cooks evening meals but lunches are made by John and Joanne. It was a slightly bizarre interview in a way because the answers to my questions were interspersed with a running commentary on food preparation: ("that cheese sandwich needs tomato slices"; "more salad needed please"). However, I did manage to find out that neither of them had run a pub before. John had been an electrical engineering consultant, working for many years in Sweden. He had wanted to run a pub for quite a while. Joanne, I gathered, had been in education development. They both knew the Dales 'a bit' but not really well. When they saw The Fox on the market it was just what they wanted. They had both enjoyed their first few months and their enthusiasm was very obvious. As lunchtime went on it got increasingly busy and I kept finding I was in the way in the limited space available.

As for future developments, John took me into the back room, which had been completely gutted. He showed me a seventeenth century fireplace, which he was hoping to make a central

feature of a snug room. Other plans were to refurbish the letting rooms upstairs, which hadn't been used for some time, and to develop log cabins behind the pub which might be used by hillwalking groups.

The bar menu is traditional but home-made and locally sourced where possible. In this respect The Fox has always been a counterbalance to the more ambitious Wensleydale Heifer up the road. John says "There'll be nothing fancy, just good wholesome food."

It sounded definitely worth a try to me. The evening menu is quite extensive; the lunch menu is lighter bites with some interesting touches; for example, instead of a ploughman's lunch, it's a haymaker's lunch because there is no ploughed land hereabouts.

Now that pubs are emerging from the damaging effects of pandemic restrictions, it is hoped that the business will be a success. Have a look in next time you are passing: to book a table ring **01969 623650** or email info@foxwitton.co.uk. I am sure you won't be disappointed.

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Hawes In Bloom

First, some good news! Hawes has been awarded a sum of money from a new Government Funded Initiative known as the 'Welcome Back Fund' to help communities like ours to recover from the traumas connected with the Covid epidemic. Locally this is being distributed by Richmondshire District Council.

To quote from the Council's Briefing Note, the criteria required to obtain funds include the 'need to boost the look and feel of high streets by investing in street planting, parks, green spaces, and seating areas'.

Some of this funding will enable us to provide 10 large permanent planters at appropriate positions around the town. These will be planted in such a way that they will provide year-round interest with the added bonus of spring and summer H I B colours together with the necessary maintenance throughout the year.

Unfortunately, the not so good news is that H I B will not be supplying the usual large hanging baskets in the High Street from now on. Darlington Borough Council has informed me that reluctantly, they are no longer in a position to do so. However, if any business wishes to source their own baskets they are of course encouraged to do so!

Fortunately, I have been able to confirm the separate supply of the usual excellent summer bedding plants that we use to plant up the many other containers around town, including the Town Foot traffic islands, Church railings, Market House window boxes, school railings and of course the Memorial Green opposite and so on. I even hope to be able to increase the number of troughs as these are much easier to maintain throughout the summer months, thus drastically reducing my workload, including those early morning watering sessions throughout the summer!

To summarise;

Hawes In Bloom will not in future supply hanging baskets of any size and I'm afraid I cannot personally be involved in the sourcing of any alternative baskets.

Hawes In Bloom will supply and plant the other usual containers (and more!).

The Town has the opportunity to have in addition, ten large smart permanent planted containers.

Finally I would just like to emphasise that the whole scheme is made possible by the wonderful band of volunteers without whom it would not happen. Thanks too for the tremendous support shown by so many Hawes businesses and residents. Long may it continue so that we can have our Hawes in Bloom!


The Welcome Back Fund

In addition to the funding described in the Hawes in Bloom article, the town will be able to purchase four new quality hardwood street benches (as already supplied in previous years). These would be replacements for existing broken or unserviceable seats already in position.

It is hoped too that funding may stretch to replacing two existing old public Notice Boards.

Finally, we may even be able to provide two new replacement picnic tables down at the Town Foot children's play area.

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I am delighted to report that from about mid-January we will be commencing the monthly Wednesday bus trips once again. Much will depend on availability of a suitable bus and of course prevailing weather conditions!

I would suggest a trip to Kendal for our first outing, but please, pop in to the Community Office and offer any particular suggestions or requests you may have.

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The Countdown to Christmas - We've Almost Made it!

The ladies of Bainbridge WI are still keeping busy as the run up to Christmas picks up pace.

In November, the ladies of the Lunch Club had a fantastic meal at The Sandpiper in Leyburn and now have just one more outing left before the festive period hits, and that is actually going to be an afternoon tea on **December 8th** at Mill Race Tea Room. For most of us, this is likely to be our first chance to enjoy some festive nibbles and get us in the mood for the season ahead.

Our Christmas Party is taking place at the Aysgarth Falls Hotel on **December 16th** and we are really looking forward to that, with a delicious meal on the cards followed by entertainment from singer Siobhan McCavanagh.

On **Saturday, December 18th** we are hosting a Coffee Morning with musical entertainment and a raffle at Sycamore Hall in Bainbridge between **10.30am and 11.30am**. This event will be open to all (assuming no local Covid lockdown!) and we hope it will be a lovely opportunity to enjoy refreshments and chat with friends before the Christmas festivities really take hold. Please do come along and join us!

We held our Annual General Meeting on November 18th when all members of the committee were re-elected and were joined by Nicola Robinson. Susan Freer was re-elected as President.

We would like to thank all our members, speakers and supporters who have helped us through another tricky year, ensuring that we could keep as active as possible. We do hope that when 2022 arrives, life may be a bit more normal and we may look forward to regular meetings in the village hall and our usual range of extra-curricular activities. We have a really interesting programme arranged for next year and we would love you to come along and join us. All meetings are open to visitors and new members are always welcome. If you are interested in learning more, please contact our President, Susan Freer, on **01969 663980**.

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Bluebox Productions - December Update

As another year draws to close...

If you are wondering where 2021 has disappeared to – rest assured, you are not alone! It has been a regular topic of conversation among our volunteers. Despite it being a year with many additional barriers to overcome, these have mainly been overshadowed by achievements. Not quite the 30th Anniversary year we had planned but maybe next year we will be able to celebrate. Through the good and bad it all serves as a timely reminder as to why our dedicated team work so hard supporting young people, and the young at heart, through performing arts activities. We can't thank our supporters enough – thank you.

Leyburn Jazz Festival took place at the end of October and was a busy time for everyone involved. As well as performing, our team helped provide the stage, sound, lighting and stewards in the Lower Gallery at The Garden Rooms at Tennants. Simon Chorley did a sterling job mixing the live sound (as well as performing with Voodoo Brass Band) ably supported by Josh Dutton, Howard Harrington, David Dore, Ellen Scurrah and Callum Porter. Special thanks to Lesley Williams, Olwyn and Nigel Chorley, Audrey and Clifford Bailey and Simon Eastwood (Jonas Centre) who helped

provide transport and accommodation for some of our young creatives.

Members of the Play Record Perform Project were supported by Mick Yare, John Raine, Sue Parks, Jean Robinson and Bert Bohanan to create a presentation of solo and group performances during the three-day festival. Participants also took part in an improvisation workshop with other young people from the surrounding area led by Paul Edis and his band Triptych. It was great to see the audience captivated by the group's performance on the main stage after just two hours of meeting each other and working together. A personal high point was watching Jack Pearce (Saxophone) open the Saturday evening concert. Jack joined BlueBoxt when he was 14 and is now in his first year at Leeds Conservatoire – another great example of how the opportunities we offer can spark young people to follow their interests and set them on career defining journeys.

Kickstart – October was a significant month.



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We said goodbye to Callum and hello to Josh. Callum completed his six-month placement as Marketing and Media Assistant. His achievements include creating a new project management system as well as providing regular updates to our website and social media channels. We wish him well in his quest to enter the video games design sector. Josh is a graduate in Music Production and Games Sound Design. In his first month he has worked on live sound at Leyburn Jazz Festival and started improving the quality of our digital sound in readiness for our Christmas events and future productions.

The Government has announced that the Kickstart scheme will be extended to March 2022 so we have additional time to offer more opportunities to interested 16-24 year olds. We are more than happy to chat through what is available. Our placements are: Administrative Assistant (BBP-W01), Marketing and Media Assistant (BBP-W02), Website and Digital Creative (BBP-W03) and Music Production and Sound Creative (BBP-W04).

Christmas Events

A Magical Christmas Concert 2021 – Colin will be joined by Amy Fudali for a special concert to bring some festive cheer to the end of the year. They will present a selection of seasonal and popular favourites including Somewhere Over the Rainbow and On the Street Where You Live. Performance dates

include **Friday, December 10th** at Thornton Rust Institute and **Saturday, December 11th** at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. See website for full details.

Members of the Play Record Perform Project will also be appearing at the Wensleydale Creamery Visitor Centre on **Tuesday, December 7th and Thursday, December 16th** from **5.00pm to 8.30pm**, and at the Garrison Together Community Christmas event at Risedale School (**Sunday, December 12th 10.00am - 3.30pm**).

Musical Cultures - workshops and concerts.

We are busy planning four world music workshops to take place January to March 2022 supported by NYMAZ and Youth Music, using public funding from the National Lottery through Arts Council England. Sessions will take place on Friday evening and Saturday daytime for 11-19 year olds, finishing with a teatime informal concert when our guest music leaders and participants will present what they have created over the two days. So far, the chosen themes include Samba Drumming, Afro Beats and Folk. See our website and social media for full details.

Finally, on behalf of everyone at BlueBoxt we wish you an enjoyable and peaceful Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you at our workshops and events.

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YDNPA's Reaction to the RSPB Birdcrime Report 2020

Commenting on the RSPB Birdcrime Report 2020, Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Chief Executive David Butterworth said: "This report makes grim reading for all landscape authorities, landowners, managers and other partners who are working hard to call out and tackle illegal raptor persecution, and it's embarrassing and humiliating to see North Yorkshire yet again topping the league table with the highest number of confirmed incidents."

"As we've said before, the continuing issue of bird of prey persecution in North Yorkshire demands maximum exposure, as do the activities of those who take part in this criminality. People need to know what is happening here and the devastating impact this is having on our protected species. This report lays that bare. The Yorkshire Dales National

Park Authority condemns raptor persecution in the strongest possible terms and, as highlighted in this report, we will continue to work closely with partners and others to stamp out this crime once and for all."

"I would appeal to anyone, local or visitor, who witnesses any suspicious activity while they're out and about in the countryside, or anyone who is made aware of it through their networks, to contact the Police".

For concerns about a possible wildlife crime, you should call **101**. If you witness a suspected wildlife crime in action, call **999** immediately and ask for the Police. Finally, you can speak in confidence about raptor persecution directly with the RSPB on **0300 9990101**.

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Incidents of note over the last month;

Overnight on October 1st one of the buildings at Dales Bike Centre at Grinton was broken in to. Nothing was taken, believed due to robust security measures. However, roof tiles were removed, and damage caused which was valued at £2,000 at least and many hours remedial work for the owners.

On October 12th, 3 persons entered The Alchemist's Cottage at Hawes. Two of them distracted staff whilst the third concealed items in her bag and left without paying. They remain unidentified.

On October 20th, over 50 pheasants along with a buzzard have been found poisoned over a period of days, on land near Wensley and Redmire. A joint investigation with natural England is ongoing.

Sadly, there was a road traffic fatality in Leyburn. There were also 12 further road traffic collisions reported throughout the month, the vast majority of which resulted in either no or minor injuries.

With the weather and road conditions changing at this time of year it is worth having a winter health check carried out on your vehicle for your safety and that of other road users.

On a sad note, PCSO Lucy Osborn has left her role with North Yorkshire Police at the end of September.

I'm sure everyone will want to wish her well in her new endeavours and thank her for her service to our communities.

PC1192 Gary Hankin
Leyburn and the Dales
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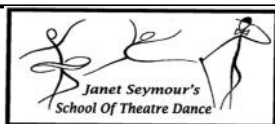
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Most of us have experienced attempts by fraudsters to obtain access to our passwords, account details etc. Some attempts are more believable than others. If you do receive a suspicious email, text message or phone call then you should report it. A recent Neighbourhood Watch article provided the contact details for reporting these occurrences. We thought it might be worth documenting them.

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Heavens Above

We're treated to one of the best meteor displays of the year this month – the annual Geminid shower which reaches its peak on the night of **December 13th/14th**. Weather permitting you could see well over 80 multi-coloured shooting stars an hour if it's a good year. Best viewing will be from a dark location well after midnight when the Moon has set.

If you're out and about just after sunset during December and early January you'll find we've a spectacular 'Christmas Star' in the shape of the planet Venus. It's extremely low in the south-west so you'll need to have a clear horizon to catch it. During the first week of January, Venus is joined by Mercury, the innermost planet, along with the ringed planet Saturn, with Jupiter, the largest planet, to the trio's upper left. On **January 5th** around **5.00pm**, the 4 planets are accompanied by a slim crescent Moon - a lovely sight in the deepening twilight.

After last month's cold snap It's hard to believe that winter doesn't officially begin until the solstice on **December 21st**. This is the time when the Sun reaches its lowest point in the sky and we get the longest night and shortest day. Well before the solstice, however, you'll find most of the winter constellations on show in the south by late evening. Orion, the grandest of them all, dominates the scene. He was the Mighty Hunter of the old Greek myths and his distinctive outline with a sloping line of 3 stars forming his 'Belt' is unmistakable. Betelgeuse, a red super-giant star, marks his right shoulder with blue-white Rigel, diagonally opposite,

forming his left knee. See if you can spot his 'Sword' – a hazy patch of light hanging below the middle star of his Belt. It's a huge cloud of interstellar gas and dust many light years across which shows up well in binoculars.

Above and to Orion's right you'll find his old enemy, Taurus the Bull, home to the lovely Hyades and Pleiades star clusters. Another reddish star, Aldebaran, marks the bovine's baleful eye. Above his head lies Capella the She Goat, the brilliant yellow leader of Auriga the Charioteer. Castor and Pollux, the twin stars of Gemini, lie to the Hunter's upper left with Procyon, his smaller hunting dog, just below them. From a dark rural site, you should be able to see the winter Milky Way running down past Procyon from the distinctive 'W' of Cassiopeia high in the north-west towards the south-eastern horizon. On the way it brushes Orion's larger dog, Sirius, the brightest of all the stars. On a clear winter's night it's a magnificent sight, sparkling like a great diamond in the frosty air. Here's hoping for clear skies in 2022.

Al Bireo

Christmas Charity Concert

Hawes Silver Band and The Aysgarth Singers present this year's Annual Christmas Charity Concert in the Market House, Hawes on **Friday, December 10th at 7.30 pm**.

Admission at the door: Adults £8.00 Children Free. There will be a raffle and light refreshments, and all the proceeds from the concert go to support the 'Dementia Forward Charity'.

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Parish Forums Resume

On Wednesday, October 13th the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority held its first Parish Forum since its meetings were suspended last year due to Covid-19.

Representatives from all 99 Parish Councils/ Meetings in the National Park were invited, and those who attended discussed issues ranging from road traffic speed and noise to visitor management, sustainability and dark skies.

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Chair Neil Heseltine said: "These forums are a great opportunity for open, two-way discussion

about the issues faced by Parish Councils in the National Park. I particularly welcomed the important discussion around sustainability and the challenge from parishes for the Authority to be a leader and exemplar for what a modern sustainable National Park should be, providing expertise and advice locally, and not being afraid of bold and radical solutions to deal with the climate emergency."

"It's clear that, in order for North Yorkshire and Cumbria to become a carbon negative region by 2040, the scale of the change will be breath-taking, requiring huge cultural shifts. And as a new National Park Management Plan starts taking shape in the coming 18 months, we will look to be even more ambitious".

The meeting also heard from the Authority's Director of Park Services on protecting the dark sky through good lighting schemes and a North Yorkshire street lighting project to help parishes improve the street lighting they own.

Mr Heseltine said; "I'm already looking forward to meeting up again in the new year to hear more innovative ideas, activities and projects taking place in the National Park".

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Notes From Thorney Mire - Autumn

It's the second week in November and I am sitting outside with a cup of coffee writing this. There are still a lot of leaves on the trees and what a wonderful display of colours they've provided this year. We have dahlias, fuchsias, geraniums and roses, to name a few still in flower, which is pushing the winter back. A poppy which has set itself, flowered for the first time for Remembrance Day. Along the lane a red campion is in flower. No doubt the first ground frost, which is late this year, will put an end to all this.

After I had been living here for a few years, a visiting friend asked me if I still got pleasure from looking at the scenery or, had I got used to it? My answer was, that no, I never get tired at looking at the countryside around me. In the different seasons and the varying lights there is always something new to see.

It's the same with wildlife. It would be easy to become complacent and blasé with it all. I have to remind myself that seeing from home in a space of a few days, buzzards flying overhead, a treecreeper four feet away from me pecking at the moss in a wall basket, just outside the kitchen window, watching a red squirrel run along the branches of the sycamore tree and across the road into our courtyard and a tawny owl sitting on a wall near home before flying across the fields, a lovely sight in the Autumn sunlight, (especially as it shouldn't be out in the daytime), that this is not normal for everyone.

I like to watch Autumnwatch and its sister programmes. I'm interested when they are telling me something I don't know, or explaining the latest research, but when they go ecstatic as the infra-red cameras have picked up a hare or stoat, I think, "I'll go and put the kettle on." I have to remember that not everyone lives in a rural environment and if you live in a city or town and step outside into a concrete jungle, for them the night time image of a stoat or hare could be quite thrilling. It's all relative.

A few years ago, we went to see the ospreys near Bassenthwaite in the Lake District. On the way from the car park to the viewing centre there were information boards giving us facts about ospreys. On one we were told that an osprey's nest is the size of a double bed. At the next information point there was a full-size mock-up of an osprey's nest. You had to wonder how a bird could build a construction of this size and get it to stay stable and secure in a

tree without the aid of flat pack instructions, nails, screws and superglue. It's in their interests to make a good job of it as they tend to come back to the same nests each year and carry out a bit of D.I.Y. We were joined at the viewing point by another couple and a curious red squirrel. The other couple were excited about the red squirrel, me less so, I'd come to see the ospreys, because although being widely distributed in the world, in Britain they are rare, but I do remember my excitement on seeing my first red squirrel which was in the Lake District in the 1990s.

Later on in the same week, I met a couple who had recently moved to live near Bassenthwaite. They told me that they watched the ospreys fishing on the lake from their house. Well imagine that, sitting in the comfort of your own living room with a cuppa and a chocolate biscuit, watching ospreys fishing on the lake.

On another occasion we were on a boat on Windermere and several swans could be seen by the shoreside. I overheard two American ladies in front of me say, "Isn't it lovely to see swans in their natural habitat, all we get are boring flamingos". Two years ago, when we were travelling through Chile, the guide stopped the coach so that we could get off to look at the flamingos on the lake. The light was fading and the flamingos were some distance away but this didn't stop us from taking photographs, as this for us, was an unusual sight. After all you don't get flamingos on Semerwater, well at least you didn't the last time I looked.

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BAWB School News

At the time of the last Newsletter our Y3/4 boys football team had made it through to the second round of the competition between our local cluster schools. We are pleased to report that our Y5/6 and Girls Y5/6 teams also made it through. The second rounds were held at Richmond School. Sadly, that is where their football journey ended, but the children had a great time taking part.

Their focus has now moved to the TAG Rugby tournament which takes place on **December 2nd** at The Wensleydale Rugby Club. We have so much interest that we are able to enter four teams. We wish all the children the very best of luck!

In the last week we had two fund raising opportunities. The first was Odd Sock Day for Anti Bullying Week to help raise awareness for this important cause. The children were asked to wear odd socks and donate £1.

On Children in Need day we raised £158. Our School Council had requested that pupils and staff came to school dressed in one colour. Cookies were iced and eaten with great gusto and Pudsey masks were decorated and worn.



Last term we were very fortunate to work with artist Lorna Hazelwood to work on a large BAWB Federation art project. This involved each child, planning and making a piece of outdoor art, showing what is special about our schools. These individual pieces of artwork were then combined by Lorna to create a large mural for each school. The murals are now installed and look amazing.

Six of our Golden Eagle pupils (Y3) have been given Merits following their examination in Primary Ballet by the Royal Academy of Dance. The pupils train with the Janet Seymour School of Theatre Dance and took the examination before summer. The majority of their classes were taken on zoom during the lockdowns so this result is even more incredible and a testament to their hard work. Well done to each of you and "keeeep dancing".

We are now on the countdown to Christmas and have many things planned for the last few

weeks of term. We will be having Christmas Shops, organised by our PTFA, where children can purchase gifts for their parents, siblings, friends and family, a production in each school – ‘Straw and Order’ in West Burton, ‘It’s a Baby’ in Bainbridge and a variety show in Askrigg. Christmas Jumper Day takes place on **December 10th** and we will be raising funds for Save the Children. Children from Bainbridge are going to Hawes to help Open Pantry pack hampers and will then deliver one to Sycamore Hall and sing carols to the residents.

We will be showing an on-line pantomime (Covid restrictions have meant we cannot attend one in person) of Cinderella. Ice-cream will be served, courtesy of the PTFA. As if that is not enough, we also have a Christingle Service at St Oswald’s Church, traditional Christmas dinner being served during the last week of term and Christmas parties with a special visit from Santa. Phew!

Remember that Admissions for Children going in to Reception Class in September 2022 close on **Saturday, January 15th**. If you would like your child to join the Federation, please get your application in to <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/school-admissions>. You could also call **01609 780780**.

Best wishes for the Festive Season from all at the BAWB Federation.

Mystery Picture

Last month’s Mystery Picture was of a Boundary Stone (probably early 1800s) which is located about 6 metres north of Tomgill Bridge on the road from Aysgarth to Thoralbly.

The inscription reads ‘HERE ENDS AYSGARTH ROAD 1833’. It is a Grade II listed structure.

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Contact us to find out more or visit our website.

We also have a number of fitness classes on offer - via zoom or live class as indicated:

Fit for Life (zoom) - **Mondays, 9.15am.**

Building and Maintaining Strength Bootcamp (live) **Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6.00am.** High Intensity exercise to build strength and give a good workout to counteract a more sedentary lifestyle or work role.

Walking Circuit (zoom) - **Wednesdays, 9.15am.** Exercises to keep active people, active.

Costs for fitness classes are £6 per session

Step class (live) - **Thursdays, 7.00pm.** Work out to your own level. Come along and improve your fitness.

Running sessions (live) - **Fridays, 6.30pm.**

Cost £3 pay as you go or £10 monthly.

We are also offering Conversational French (zoom) - **Tuesdays, 1.30pm - 2.45pm.** Cost is £5 per session.

In addition, we have two live classes specifically for people who might feel out of condition or finding it harder to do everyday activities and to get out and about:

Strong and Steady is geared towards those who have had a fall or are worried about their balance and ability to get out and about. Exercises are based on building strength, stability and mobility to manage everyday life and get back out to social activities. Mostly chair based exercise. **Wednesdays, 11.00am.**

Strong and Able is to help to maintain your ability to get out and enjoy life, build muscle tone, stability around movement and keep flexible and mobile around joints. Standing and chair based exercise. This class is free to attend as it is funded by Age UK. **Fridays, 11.00am.**

Booking is essential for all classes. Contact us on **01969 650060** or email us at admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk.

We are also delighted to report that our outdoor Multi Use Games Area is currently being re surfaced, thanks to funding from the Football Foundation and Richmondshire District Council. By the time you read this the brand new surface will be complete and ready for community use for all sorts of outdoor sports! Get in touch for more details.

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Donation Match to Help More Young People Plant Trees

Donations for young people and the environment will be doubled on #GivingTuesday this month, empowering young people to make a difference by planting trees.

Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust's 'Together for Trees' campaign will launch on November 30th and for one week donations made through The Big Give website will be doubled, thanks to match funding from builders' merchant JT Atkinson. Money raised will help create small woodlands, hedgerows and wildlife corridors to connect the patchwork of habitats in the Yorkshire Dales - where native woodland cover is only around 2.7%. Young people will be involved in helping to create the new woodlands, enabling them to do something positive for the environment, develop new skills and improve their well-being.

The 'Together for Trees' campaign is run by local charity Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust and is supported by the family owned, independent builders' merchant JT Atkinson whose support will enable donations made through The Big Give website to be doubled while funds last.

Jamie Atkinson, Managing Director at JT Atkinson & Sons, said: "We are delighted to support a local environmental charity which aligns with our business objectives to be more sustainable and to reduce our carbon footprint. By supporting the youth programme run by the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust we're helping young people from diverse backgrounds in our region, come together to connect with nature and take action for the environment.

"Through our continued support of YDMT we have seen first-hand how tree planting is a fantastic way for people to build a lasting

connection with nature, and we know it improves the local environment around the towns where our customers and employees live and work."

Donations to the 'Together for Trees' campaign can be made on The Big Give website here bit.ly/together-for-trees until **December 7th** and donations will be doubled until match funding runs out.

JD Haspel Partner With YDMT

JD Haspel has partnered with Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust to help plant more trees in the Yorkshire Dales.

The London-based financial services executive search firm has committed £5,000 to the Yorkshire-based charity to support the planting of 500 trees across the National Park. JD Haspel made the donation after celebrating the end of their Green Month where the team raised money for several charities supporting sustainability and human rights.

YDMT is supporting the planting of 28,000 new trees and around 2.5 km of hedgerow this winter. YDMT Development Officer Sarah Hodgson said: "It is great to partner with an organisation that is environmentally aware and wants to make a difference. JD Haspel's vital support will help us ensure that we can help plant woodland in the Dales that not only counteracts the effects of climate change but also provides habitat for wildlife and breathing spaces for all."

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As the cold creeps in, let's look ahead to the delights of the 2022 Swaledale Festival in what will be a very special year – its 50th anniversary.

Here is a sneak preview to whet your appetite and help you plan ahead. The Festival runs from **May 28th to June 11th**. Full details will be on our website by the end of January. Please email enquiries@swalefest.org if you would like to be added to our brochure mailing list.

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Handel's Messiah in Ripon Cathedral - Our special opening concert on **May 28th**, featuring lots of local singers with a top professional orchestra and soloists including Rowan Pierce and William Towers.

Paco Peña - A return solo guitar concert by the biggest star in the history of Flamenco music.

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Your pull-out pages of December and New Year events and greetings

SPECIAL CHURCH AND CAROL-SINGING EVENTS

ASKRIGG AND BAINBRIDGE AREA

St Oswald's, Askrigg	Sunday	Dec 5	8.30am	Holy Communion
			2.00pm to 5.00pm	Christmas Memorial
	Sunday	Dec 12	10.30am	Holy Communion
			4.00pm	Carols by candlelight
	Friday	Dec 17	7.00pm	Christmas Tree Festival
				The Big Switch On
	Sunday	Dec 19	10.30am	Morning Prayer
	Christmas Eve		5.00pm	Carols by the Market Cross – Bring a Lantern
			11.30pm	Midnight Communion
	Christmas Day		10.30am	Family Communion
	Sunday	Jan 2	10.30am	Morning Prayer
	Sunday	Jan 9	10.30am	Holy Communion
	Sunday	Jan 16	10.30am	Morning Prayer
	Sunday	Jan 23	8.30am	Holy Communion
			10.30am	Praise in the Pen Family Service
Sunday	Jan 30	10.30am	Morning Prayer	
St Matthew's, Stalling Busk	Christmas Eve		8.00pm	Holy Communion
			8.30pm	Carols by candlelight
Marsett Methodist Chapel	Sunday	Dec 5	2.00pm	Singalong with the Ayrton Family
	Sunday	Dec 12	2.00pm	Locally arranged service
	Sunday	Dec 19	2.00pm	Holy Communion with Rev Melanie Reed
	Sunday	Jan 2	2.00pm	Locally arranged service
Sycamore Hall	Sunday	Dec 12	10.45am	led by Liz Haythornthwaite
	Sunday	Dec 19	10.45am	Holy Communion with Rev Melanie Reed
	Sunday	Jan 9	10.45am	led by Ruth Poultney

HAWES AREA

St Margaret's, Hawes	Sunday	Dec 5	10.30am	Toy Service -Bring a new toy for a child in need
	Sunday	Dec 12	10.30am	Morning Prayer
	Sunday	Dec 19	10.30am	Holy Communion
			4.00pm	Carols by Candlelight
	Christmas Eve		6.30pm	Carols in Hawes Market Square - Bring a Lantern
	Christmas Day		10.30am	United Family Communion
	Sunday	Jan 2	10.30am	Holy Communion
	Sunday	Jan 9	10.30am	Covenant Ecumenical Service at Gayle Chapel
	Sunday	Jan 16	10.30am	Morning Prayer
	Sunday	Jan 23	10.30am	Holy Communion
	Sunday	Jan 30	10.30am	Morning Prayer
	Gayle Methodist Chapel	Sunday	Dec 12	6.00pm
Sunday		Jan 2	6.00pm	Led by Allen Dinsdale
Sunday		Jan 9	10.30am	Covenant Ecumenical Service with Hawes & Hardraw churches.

HAWES AREA (continued)

St Mary & St John, Hardraw	Sunday	Dec 12	9.00am	Holy Communion
	Sunday	Dec 19	9.00am	Holy Communion
	Christmas Eve		10.00pm	Holy Communion
	Sunday	Dec 26	10.30am	Boxing Day Benefice Communion Service
	Sunday	Jan 2	9.00am	Holy Communion
	Sunday	Jan 9	10.30am	Covenant Ecumenical Service at Gayle Chapel
	Sunday	Jan 16	9.00am	Holy Communion
	Sunday	Jan 23	9.00am	Morning Prayer
	Sunday	Jan 30	9.00am	Morning Prayer

AYSGARTH, WEST BURTON, THORALBY AND WEST WITTON AREA

Telephone service - dial 0333 0110 946 and enter room number 61337190# and PIN 7450# Depending on your provider this is either free or costs a local rate phone call.

Telephone Service at 9.30am on Sunday Dec 12, Dec 19, Dec 26, Jan 9, Jan 30

St Andrew's, Aysgarth	Sunday	Dec 19	11.00am	Holy Communion with Carols
	Christmas Eve		11.30pm	Midnight Communion
	Christmas Day		11.00am	Family Service
	Sunday	Jan 9	10.30am	Penhill Together Holy Communion
	Sunday	Jan 30	4.00pm	Messy Church
St Bartholomew's, West Witton	Sunday	Dec 12	10.30am	Penhill Together Service with Advent Carols and Readings
	Sunday	Dec 19	6.00pm	Carol Service
	Christmas Eve		4.00pm	Crib Service
	Sunday	Dec 26	10.30am	Holy Communion Benefice Service, with Readings and Carols
Thorlby Village Hall Thornton Rust Mission Room West Burton	Saturday	Dec 18	2.00pm	Carol Service
	Sunday	Dec 19	3.00pm	Carol Service
	Christmas Eve		6.00pm	All age service – candles/carols/crib service – Rev. Melanie Reed

CARPERBY, REDMIRE, CASTLE BOLTON, PRESTON AREA AND BEYOND

St Margaret's, Preston-under-Scar	Sunday	Dec 19	6.00pm	Carol Service
	Sunday	Jan 30	9.30am	Holy Communion BCP
St Mary's, Redmire	Sunday	Dec 19	4.00pm	Carol Service
	Christmas Eve		3.30pm	Crib service
	Christmas Eve		8.00pm	Holy Communion
Holy Trinity, Wensley	Friday	Dec 17	6.00pm	Carol Service
	Christmas Day		9.45am	Holy Communion
Redmire Village Hall	Wednesday	Dec 15	2.00pm	Church Afternoon Tea
	Wednesday	Jan 5	10.30am	Church Coffee Morning
	Wednesday	Jan 19	2.00pm	Church Afternoon Tea

Twisted, Hair Nails and Aesthetics, Hawes.

Carol wishes all her clients a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. It's been great to be able to welcome you after so many months of closure.



Bainbridge Vets would like to take this opportunity to wish all our clients and customers a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you to everyone for all your ongoing support. All the best for a better and more normal 2022.



GENERAL WHAT'S ON LISTING

December

- 3 Play at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre (LA&CC). 6.00pm. See p.17.
- 4 Hawes Silver Band and community carol singing. Hawes. 4.00pm.
- 4 Santa visits Hawes. 4.00pm. See p.14.
- 4 Live Cinema - Cliff Richard. LA&CC. 7.00pm See p.17.
- 4 Swale Singers Concert. St Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale. 3.00pm. See p.16.
- 4 Marie Curie wreath collection at 5, Cliff Drive, Leyburn.
- 10 Late night shopping, Hawes. 6.00pm.
- 10 Christmas Charity Concert. Market House, Hawes. 7.30pm. See p.32.
- 10 Christmas Concert. Thornton Rust Institute. See p.27.
- 10 DCM Late Night opening. 4.00pm to 8.30pm. See p.21
- 11 Christmas Concert. LA&CC. See p.17.
- 11/12 Makers Market and Vintage Christmas Fair. Gayle Mill. See p.22.
- 15 Penhill Ladies Christmas Lunch.
- 16 Chocolate Truffle workshop. LA&CC.1.00pm-4.00pm. See p.17.
- 17 Comedy at LA&CC. 6.00pm. See p.17.
- 17 Green Matthews Concert at Reeth Memorial Hall. See p.30.

James Atkinson would like to wish all his friends and family a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



Happy Christmas from **Marian McKernam** to all my friends and neighbours in Newbiggin in Bishopdale. Best Wishes for the New Year and 2022.



Peter and Eileen Allen would like to wish all our family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



January

- 5 UWSRA AGM meeting. The Nash. 7.30pm. See p.15.
- 18 Middleham and the Dales Local History Group AGM. Middleham Key Centre. 2.00pm. See p.14.
- 18 WI Christmas coffee morning. Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge. 10.30am.
- 19 Live Cinema - Cliff Richard. LA&CC. 4.00pm See p.17.
- 27 Play at LA&CC. 7.00pm. See p.17.

Jean Moore of Carperby wishes all her family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Pip Pointon wishes you all a happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.



Barry Wilcox wishes all friends and neighbours a peaceful Christmas and a much better New Year.



Wishing you all the very best for Christmas and the New Year. My donations this year are for the Hawes Christmas Lights and 'Hawes in Bloom'.
Sheila Cockett.



Jim Lambert would like to wish family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy and healthy New year. A donation instead to be made to Cancer Research UK.



Julia Harrison of Bainbridge would like to wish all her family and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Bill Akrigg wishes friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Ernest and June Metcalfe would like to wish all their family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Joan and Garth Haigh wish all friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Georgina Devine would like to wish all her friends in Hawes a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



James and Lorna Ward would like to wish all family and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year. This year we are donating to the Alzheimer's Society.



Sheila and Steve Birkin from Overdale in Burtersett wish our friends and neighbours a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Jean Cockburn & Stuart wish their friends in Aysgarth a very Merry Christmas and a happy & virus free New Year.



Denise Mason would like to wish her family and friends a Very Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 2022.



Very Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2022.
From
Jean Sleightholm.



Mary Sumner would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

I would like to wish a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year to family and friends, with Best Wishes
Myra Staveley



Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and a healthy, rewarding New Year
Mary & Kelvin Young

Alan Sharples wishes a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year to all his family and friends.



Judith Fawcett would like to wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year to her family and friends.