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Guest Editorial

A Series of Bleeps

'The time will come', my sister said wearily, 'When humankind will communicate through a series of bleeps'. It was over 40 years ago and she was watching her young son play a handheld electronic game, all on his own, and silently. It may have been Munch Man ('gobble the dots and kill the monsters'). I don't remember. But I do remember having to ration such games with my own children. Nothing has changed much except that today parents have a far more complicated agenda. There is so much more to 'ration', electronically, (if, of course, that is what they feel they must do).

Since the early 70s, when the first personal 'cell-phones' came into use, the way we communicate with each other, and the way we access knowledge, has changed so much that the pre-internet, pre-'high tech' world, now feels like another planet. Some of us were brought up on the Encyclopaedia Britannica in many volumes. My mother used to refer to 'Britannica' as a dear old friend and certainly I used it a lot for school work that required research, back in the early 60s. Now we have the 'i-phone' with an infinite number of possible 'apps'. You do not quite 'hold eternity in the palm of your hand' as William Blake put it, but certainly, when you hold an i-phone, or switch on an i-pad, you have access to everything in 'Britannica' and a lot more. These days you will only find those handsome blue and gold volumes in charity shops and on e-bay. Ironically, since 2011, Britannica itself has only been available 'on-line'.

So what have we gained by these monumental advances in technology, and what have we lost? Well, some of us love the physical nature of a book, especially an old one, the smell of the binding, the marbled 'end-papers', the clear fine quality of the print. But now we can read books on a kindle, a great advantage, with its adjustable font size, to those with poor eye-sight and of course, much more portable than a trunk full of books. Some of us still write letters with stamps on while the internet enables us to communicate with others instantly, by e-mail. And we can send text messages. But is this all good?

We had two strange years of lockdowns during the pandemic. Being able to communicate with family and friends, using 'zoom' or 'skype', was a huge blessing to so many people. How much more lonely we would have felt without them. Church services were available 'on-line' which we were glad of, when churches were closed. Less satisfactory were weddings and funerals on-line, but better to have been there 'virtually' than not at all.

Like many aspects of modern life, the e-mail can be a mixed blessing. Because it is instant we often (quite unreasonably), expect an instant reply, and it is not reasonable to expect this, unless the matter is of great urgency. In which case, what about the telephone? Then there is the work place. I remember, some years ago, a young solicitor in our family being bombarded with emails every hour, on the hour, by a series of questions from a very impatient client, all of which needed a careful answer, which took time. Treacherous, too, can be the 'send' button. Some of us will have regretted firing off an email in a moment of anger. 'Write praise, speak blame' a wise friend advised me once, which is where letter-writing has the advantage.

One of my grandsons, now 23, told me the other day that he belonged to the 'i-phone generation' and he did not seem 100% positive about it. We talked together about how we communicate 'now' and how we communicated 'then', about the use of social media, of 'twitter', 'facebook' and so on. And we agreed that it was not 'all good'. All of us are aware of 'the trolls', those people who use the internet to spread messages of hate, and of the more or less open access to what is pornographic, violent, and murderous, of how search engines can be used to uncover unspeakable practices that can lead, and have led, to tragedy. And so much of this is, terrifyingly, beyond anyone's control. Determined hackers can still find ways round the prohibitions.

So I come back to that small boy and his Munch Man. And I see a typical carriage on a crowded train, and I count the number of people glued to their i-phones, many with white plugs in their ears (reminding me of those old-fashioned 'sweet cigarettes'). Some are watching TV, or films, emailing, or texting, researching something, listening to music. Very few are *talking*, though swearing may be heard when the signal is lost. And I wonder if our ability to communicate with one another, face to face, in sentences, is slowly being eroded. Sharing a meal out, in a restaurant, seems to have become, for some, an occasion to get the

mobile phone out, take a photo of the meal, email it to a friend, then email or text someone else (whose message has just pinged in). The habit of talking together over food and drink, once a kind of sacrament, seems to have been lost, for some, by the advances in modern technology

I first realised that life was changing when, early in the 80s, I walked down Walton Street in Oxford, past the honey-coloured buildings of the University Press. It was a perfect spring day, blue sky, puffy clouds, birds singing, a day on which 'God's in his heaven, all's right with the world.' Then someone in a great hurry pushed passed me and I had to step into the road. I looked at him, he was talking rapidly into his mobile phone. The lovely day, the sights and sounds of the city, of the wind, of birdsong, were as nothing to him, at that moment.

I wonder where that man is now and whether he, like some of us, communicates for preference, through a series of bleeps?

Ann Pilling

Leyburn u3a Group

The June meeting of the Leyburn u3a is on **Friday, June 17th** at **10.00am for 10.30am**, at the Arts & Community Centre, Leyburn. The speaker is from Nidderdale Moorland Group.

Meetings are usually held on the third Friday of every month. Future Meetings: July 15th - William Wilberforce - A talk by his ancestor Mary Wilberforce. August 19th - From Scalpel to Spade - Helen Neave.

Visitors are always welcome.

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TUESDAY JUNE 21st (Unless we are full earlier) PUBLISHED ON JUNE 30th







Eunice the Ewe

Lots of people found me last month hiding in the Hawes Gala picture on page 21 and the lucky winner of the £10 prize is Isla Sunter of Simonstone.

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

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QUEEN OUT

June Competition

Royal Residences

The following are anagrams of palaces and homes owned by members of the royal family either currently or in the past.

- 1. Coward enlists (6,6)
- 2. Classmate's jape (2,6,6)
- 3. Unclear echoes (8,5)
- 4. Anglicans kept one (10,6)
- 5. Rhino hums agendas (11,5)
- 6. Angelica humpback (10,6)
- 7. Albert also calm (8,6)
- 8. Cleopatra chomp tuna (7,5,6)
- 9. Gumshoe roofer (8,5)
- 10. Supercooled loofah ahoy (6,2,13)
- 11. Hughie go hovers (9,5)
- 12. Gerbils alcohol huts (12,6)
- 13. Tomb packager (8,4)
- 14. Kath grabs po (7,4)

Please send in your answers to arrive by **Tuesday**, **June 21st**. Don't forget to nominate your charity which will receive the £20 prize should you win.

May Competition Answers

- 1. Wallace and Gromit
- 2. The Trotter Family
- 3. Hercule Poirot
- 4. SpongeBob SquarePants
- 5. The Flintstones
- 6. Fitzwilliam D'Arcy
- 7. The Simpsons
- 8. Dangermouse
- 9. Bilbo Baggins (also Frodo Baggins)
- 10. Harry Potter (also the Dursley Family)
- 11. Paddington Bear
- 12. Mary Poppins
- 13. Winnie the Pooh
- 14. Miss Jane Marple

A number of correct entries this month. The winner chosen at random was Roger and Maureen Emmins of Whitton in Powys. The chosen charity of the Little White Bus will receive the £60 double rollover prize.

Leyburn Arts & Community Centre

Films this month are Death on the Nile; Riders of Justice; The Electrical Life of Louis Wain; The Public, and a live event cinema, Prima Facie, starring Jodie Comer, filmed live in London's West End.

Other events are two poetry sessions on **Wednesday**, **June 8th**. A workshop from **2.00pm to 4.00pm** and a Poetry Evening, on the same day from **7.00pm to 9.00pm**. The workshop is £20 to include tea and coffee and biscuits, with expert tuition from John Anderson. The evening event is free.

All proceeds will be shared with the Alzheimer's Association and the Ukrainian Appeal. Further information can be found on the website at www.leyburnartscentre.com.

Little White Bus Trips

Our June trip will be on **Friday**, **17th** and we will be heading for Barnard Castle and the lovely garden centre of Egglestone Hall (optional).

This is always a popular trip so please contact the Community Office as soon as possible for times and seat availability.

I look forward to welcoming you all on board.

Richard - Your Driver

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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Redmire:	Kevin Davis	624165
	Westholme	
Thoralby:	Neil Piper	663747
West Witton	Christine Barker,	
	Chestnut Garth	624934

Sustainable Church Yards - The Road To Recovery?

St. Mary's Church in Redmire sits in an isolated but quite beautiful setting. Situated well outside of the village, down the meandering aptly named Church Lane. It is an ancient church existing since Norman times.

There are many gravestones in the old part which reflect the area's heritage. Living in this small oasis are many creatures, some rare species, some are not so rare, and some a downright nuisance!

Unfortunately, painting such an idyllic picture does not show the reality! As with many church buildings and graveyards, the dispersal of the family unit and the migration of society far and wide has had a significant impact on local dales villages and places of worship. We now find, particularly church yards, in a neglected state with overgrown trees, self-seeded shrubs, nettles and various other unwanted plants.

That was the picture in Redmire Church Yard 18 months ago. Now some trees and shrubs have been cleared, bonfires set alight, and various old items dumped there have been removed. This has given birth to a plan, which given time, will re-generate in partnership with nature, the real assets that sit in this small oasis.

Already we are seeing the re-generation of an abundance of wild flowers, including winter aconites, snowdrops, primroses, wild garlic, blue bells and many others. The wild bird population is increasing and we have identified the quite rare slow worm, who comes out to see us occasionally!



As with all Dales landscapes we have been thwarted by an ever-increasing population of rabbits. With the help of local game keepers, we now have a humane plan to rid the site of much destructive behaviour!

The tunnelling of the rabbits has created another risk for the church.

Constant undermining of the tree roots has caused the root system to weaken, with 60-foot trees creating a risk. A tree surgeon has been engaged to ensure safety of this ancient building and passing traffic.

There is real commitment in taking forward this re-generation plan by the church that it is done in partnership with the local community of Redmire. To this end there are intentions to set up nature groups, children's project groups as well as various sponsorship schemes to support bird boxes, feeding stations and wild flower seed purchases. To add further interest, we are building a giant bug and hedgehog hotel, leaving wood piles to encourage various wild life development.

Communication will be key in enabling the level of engagement required. Information maps will be sited at key points across the village sharing our re-generation story, and inviting others to be involved.

A really exciting development has been the shared enthusiasm of our village neighbours from other re-generation sites which connect with the church site, and the offer of their experience and wisdom. Since the project has been launched there has been several offers of support and a real contribution of knowledge, help and great ideas!

Arriving over the next couple of weeks are two colonies of bees to help with the pollination of the plant life in the graveyard but also to join the resident wild honey bee colony which has existed for many years in the East wall of the church! The honey bees will join the other variety of bee adding to the diversity of the species.

Finally, we hope that this project will develop into many other areas of action and development. In particular offering the church opportunities for further integration into the local community.

If anyone interested in visiting the site or getting involved or sponsoring the re-generation journey however small, please get in touch. Tel. 01969 622625 or 07800 658083, email dhhoughton@outlook.com.

Denise Houghton Project Lead

Help in House Wanted

General cleaning

Two 3 hour sessions per week £14 per hour for a total of 6 hours a week

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Upper Dales Health Watch

The Patient Participation Group for the Central Dales Practice

Synopsis of the meeting held on April 25th

The Practice is trying to raise funding for the three new doors that are needed. There are 2 at Aysgarth and 1 at Hawes which will each cost some £3K.

Concern was raised about the delay in some medication which some patients found hard to understand. When medication does not arrive, it is immediately re-ordered. Patients can order their prescriptions two weeks in advance of needing a repeat supply. The same medication in different packaging was causing some patients concern.

Lynn Iveson, who is an Advanced Care Practitioner and a physiotherapist, has been appointed to draw up care plans for all residents at both Sycamore Hall and Kirkwood in Leyburn. She will be taking over Fiona's rounds at Sycamore Hall. Kirkwood residents have to be patients of the Leyburn Practice.

Covid Boosters for over 75s - Patients have to phone 119 to check where it is possible to get a booster vaccination. The nearest place is the Hawes Pharmacy Tel: **01969 667213**. Other options include Northallerton, Darlington. Kendal and Kirby Stephen. Housebound patients will be given theirs by the Practice.

Practice staff – Dr Scott will be returning to Ireland at the end of September. Dr Pain attends the Friday evening surgery in Hawes. A new receptionist at the Hawes surgery will arrive at the end of May, and a secretary to help with the GPs' workload will arrive in July. The workload had led to an increase of 53 hours a week in extra support staff. On average our GPs undertake 60 appointments each day.

Open access is not at all likely to ever restart. Patients who need an emergency appointment must be available to receive a return phone call from a GP. The GPs will try 3 times, but this is a most inefficient use of their time. When a patient goes to A&E they have to tell the receptionist what the problem is. It is important that the really urgent patients are contacted first. The number of patients who do not turn up when given appointments is increasing which again is very wasteful of time as well as impolite.

Any patient can request that their prescriptions be delivered. However, it is expected that they will be at home when it arrives.

The Richmondshire Primary Care Network does not currently have a physiotherapist. South Tees Hospitals NHS Trust are trying to recruit one. Options are to go privately, or to ask for a GP referral to the Muscular Skeletal (MSK) Physio Direct service at the Friarage. There is currently a waiting list to be seen. There is also a waiting list of several months for a hip operation.

Jane Ritchie,

Hon. Secretary, Upper Dales Health Watch

Central Dales Practice Statement

The Central Dales Practice has issued a statement on their Facebook page as follows:

We have been made aware of a rumour circulating that Hawes and Aysgarth surgeries are closing. We have no idea where this has come from or why someone would make this up - it is COMPLETELY UNTRUE.

Rumours like this can be very damaging and we find it upsetting that someone would want to cause panic in our lovely community.

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Thursday, June 2nd – Monday, June 6th at St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth

The church will be open daily from **9.00am to 6.00pm**. Entry is free of charge but donations would be appreciated.

Royal Recollection Exhibition/Display

Saturday, 4th June, 10.30am - 4.00pm at St. Bartholomew's, Church, West Witton.

Refreshments on sale.

Church Coffee Morning: Wednesday, June 1st from 10.30am - noon at Redmire Village Hall.

Church Afternoon Tea: Wednesday, June 15th from 2.00pm to 4.00pm at Redmire Village Hall.

Church Services: Before making any journey please check our website penhillbenefice.co.uk/services for updates.

There will be a Telephone Service each Sunday at 9.30am. 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.

Sunday, June 5th: Day of Pentecost and Celebration of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

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

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

11.00am Holy Communion with Platinum Jubilee Celebration of Faith and Service, St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.

11.00am Service of Praise and Thanksgiving, Playing field, West Witton.

Sunday, June 12th Trinity Sunday:

10.30am Holy Communion Penhill Together Service, Holy Trinity, Wensley.

Sunday, June 19th.

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

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

11.00am Family Service and Baptism, St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.

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

Sunday, June 26th.

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

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

6.00pm Evening Prayer, Thornton Rust Mission Room.

June Mid-Week Services.

Thursday 9th, and 23th at 9.30am. Holy Communion, at St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.



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Prunings

How quickly everything changes. A few days of sunshine and tiny tree buds have opened into fluttering foliage and lush greens. Blossom is everywhere and all manner of plants and flowers are emerging in the verges. It is fascinating to see before the grass grows too long and hides it all. Stitch wort and wild garlic are all over and if you look carefully, cross wort and wild thyme are hiding along with primroses, wood anemones, blue bells, and in very special places, even cowslips.

This year the blackthorn has been glorious, clothing the hedgerows in creamy white and now the hawthorns have taken over, resplendent in their crinolines. Even my new pink flowered Paul Scarlet has leafed up in its pot though it may not flower this year. It truly is a wonderful time of year. Such a tragedy that not everyone can be sure of peace and safety to enjoy it.

Earlier in the year I was disappointed that my hellebore in the raised bed was not performing as well as the patch I could see through the gates of Leyburn Hall. Well, I owe it an apology. Clearly a completely different variety, this one stands a couple of feet high with its flowers drooping over a mound of healthy foliage. It has at least 40 creamy yellow blooms on it which have been superb for about three months. They would have lasted ages in a vase but I prefer to see them through the window.

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I found a pack of begonia tubers which had tempted me on a garden centre visit months ago. I managed to get them into a pot at the beginning of May so they should be fine. The one I had last year drew a lot of compliments so I hope this one does as well.

The Phuopsis which started off on the wall by the steps has now insinuated itself all the way along the front at the edge of the tarmac. I should pull it out before it does too much damage as I do with the forget-me-nots, but it is

just coming out and will provide a froth of pink for weeks, even months, and all the flying creatures love it.



I can't bring myself to destroy it. My other half has carefully extracted the thistles and grass that had crept in, so now it looks rather more as if it was meant to be there!

Rosa Canary Bird is lovely and cheery just now even when it rains. I have it in a pot beside the window. I think it will manage another year in the pot but then I shall have to find a more permanent home for it as it wants to grow too big. Talking of big, the hardy geranium I cut a chunk off because of its size, has taken off and is clearly going to be as enormous as it was last year. It's good value as it flowers forever, but it takes up half the raised bed.

Whatever you grow, take time to enjoy it!

Rose Rambler



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We also have a FREE programme of walks, talks and volunteering opportunities that everyone is welcome to join – booking essential for all events – email: victoria.benn@friendsofthedales.org.uk.

Upcoming events for June and July include:

Walk – Nurturing Nature. **Tuesday, June 14th, noon – 4.00pm** (approx.).

A short walk from Ribblehead railway station to two of the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust's most nature rich reserves. Graham Standring, the Trust's Living Landscapes Officer, will be offering expert insight into the native flora and fauna of the biodiverse grassland at Ashes Pasture and also the more complex site at nearby Salt Lake Quarry. Booking essential. No dogs except RAD.

Digital Talk – Building Conservation and Lime Wash. **Wednesday**, **June 15th**, **7.30pm** (approx. 1 hr).

Lime was once an essential building material and chartered surveyor and building conservation expert, Jonathan Ratter will reveal why it is still the best choice for protecting the stonework of traditional buildings.

Volunteering Event – Eyes on the Bog. Thursday, June 23rd, 10.30am – 3.00pm at Kingsdale, north of Ingleton.

We are supporting the Eyes on the Bog peatland monitoring project run by Yorkshire Peat Partnership. Its aim is to put in place simple, repeatable data collection to assess peatlands and the effectiveness of restoration techniques in order to refine future peatland restoration and long-term climate predictions.

As part of our Peatlands campaign #MoorPeat, we are looking to recruit volunteers to support with some simple peatland monitoring activities on a site of their choice up to four times a year. Full training and equipment will be provided at the event on **June 23rd**. If

you are interested in taking part in this long-term project - albeit one that is flexible and can be carried out on your own terms — email: victoria.benn@friends.ofthedales.org.uk.

Digital Talk – The Flow: Rivers and River Life. **Wednesday July 13th, 7.30pm** (1 hr).

Drawing from her newly published book, The Flow, our voluntary President, the acclaimed nature writer Dr Amy-Jane Beer will read extracts about Dales rivers, before talking more broadly about aquatic life and the challenges facing river systems. Bring your questions as Amy-Jane is looking forward to an interactive Q&A!

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Stalling by	Services in June			
	St Mary & St John's, Hardraw 9.00am	St Margaret's, Hawes 10.30am	St Oswald's, Askrigg 10.30am	St Matthew's, Stalling Busk 2.30pm
June 2nd to Sept.		Hawes Town Jubilee Exhibition		
June 3rd - 5th			10.00am - 3.00pm Exhibition of memorabilia, Flowers and Refreshments	
June 3rd		6.30pm - 8.00pm Family event celebrating Queen and Jubilee		
June 5th		The Gathering: Family Communion. Celebrating the Queen's Jubilee and the Festival of Pentecost		
June 12th	Holy Communion	Ecumenical Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Soup Lunch from 1.00pm . 2.30pm Family Communion
June 19th	Morning Prayer	Family Service Praise in the Pen	Holy Communion	
June 26th	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Café Church	3.15pm Pathfinders: Young people aged 9 - 13

Evening Prayer is on **Sundays at 4.00pm** via our telephone conferencing service for details go to www.upperwensleydalechurch.org/services.

Redmire Artisan Market

Saturday, June 25th, 10.00am to 3.00pm

Redmire Village Hall will be bustling with a mini Artisan Market, including ceramics, glass art, handmade soaps, paintings, knitted toys and much more.

Come and meet these talented local people and see their amazing work. Everyone is welcome and as there's no middleman there are bargains to be had.



HAWES O DISTRICT YOUTH CLUB

Volunteers Wanted

Hawes Youth Club are looking for volunteers. Do you have a hobby or skill – knitting, art, yoga, sewing, card making, sport or anything you could share with the young people either as a one off or monthly or weekly? Hawes young people would love to meet you and learn new activities and skills.

If you are over 18 and can spare a few hours during term time, come and join our team. DBS and full training will be given. For further details contact Stella, stel87@icloud.com, 07540 438109.

Jubilee Celebrations

Queen Elizabeth is the very first British Monarch to ever reach a Platinum Jubilee and many of us will be involved in some way or another in community and family events around the Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend to mark this very special achievement.

On her 21st birthday in 1947 the then Princess Elizabeth made the following comments on the radio whilst on a tour of South Africa, dedicating her life to service. "I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be dedicated to your service... God help me to make good my vow"

Whatever our views of the institution of the Monarchy might be, many hold some measure of admiration for the manner in which our Queen has worked to fulfil the promise she made all those years ago and in that I feel we can take inspiration and genuine pride. Internationally she is admired around the world as a lady of great integrity, loyalty and faith. Former President of the United States Barack Obama says "She is truly one of my favourite people... an astonishing person and a real jewel to the world and not just to the United Kingdom."

Noted for her great self-discipline in regard to expressing personal opinion, it was a rare



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Clinic Tel 01748 850020 Email: yorkshirefootclinics@yahoo.com occurrence at last year's Cop 26 summit in Glasgow that we learnt of her being "irritated" by people who "talk but don't do". A sentiment I am sure we can understand and support.

There are so many different events taking place over the Bank Holiday Weekend to mark this truly historic moment within our communities and I would like to publicly thank everyone who has given of their time, energy and skill to help make them possible.

At a time when so much of what we see and hear is dominated by bleak and distressing news, it's good to be able to rally around a positive and inspiring story of a lady who has done her best to keep her word. May God bless whatever days she may have left with health and happiness.





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Fanny Mendelssohn was the sister of Felix Mendelssohn. Such were the times that it was considered improper for her to publish works in her own name and Felix published many of them under his own name.

Fanny was however the equal in every respect of Felix as a composer and when Felix visited Queen Victoria she asked Felix to play a song she loved so that she could sing with him. Felix records that she sang it beautifully but "Then I had to confess – I found it very hard, but pride goeth before a fall – that Fanny had written that song, and would she now sing one of mine?"

Rebecca Clarke was a brilliant composer, so much so that when her viola sonata won joint first prize in a competition in 1919 alongside the more famous composer Ernest Bloch the judges wanted to give the prize to Rebecca but ultimately it went to Bloch, with suspicion that a woman could not possibly have written such a work. It now stands proud as a true masterpiece in its genre and a cornerstone of the viola repertoire.

Come along and hear their piano trios along with shorter works by Joan Trimble and Lili Boulanger. Tickets are £15 (£1 for anyone in full time education) - we also have a special offer season ticket for the last six concerts in the season at £60. Please check out our website for details www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk.

If you do not have access to the internet tickets can also be ordered by phone on **0333 666 3366** (quote June 18th and Tier3 Trio, or WCS season ticket depending on which you want).

If you require help with access or transport please contact Carol Haynes or Liz Sowter on 01969 663026.

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Middleham and the Dales Local History Group

There is no meeting in June, instead there will be a visit for members on **Wednesday**, **June 23rd.** The next talk will be 'Yorkshire Heroes at Waterloo' on **Tuesday**, **July 9th**.

For more information contact Tony Keates 01969 640436, dotandtonyk@btinternet.com.

Quaker Arts and Craft Exhibition

The Quaker Arts and Crafts exhibition at Bainbridge Meeting House on July 8th and 9th will include paintings, rag rugging, knitting, card and paper craft and cane work by local Quakers. It will be open from 10.00am to 4.00pm each day. All are welcome and admission is free.

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No planets on show in the evening sky this month, but if you're prepared to roll out of bed, you'll find a whole procession of them rising in succession in the early morning hours. The ringed planet, Saturn, leads the parade rising around half an hour after midnight in the south-east. Next comes Neptune at 1.00am, though you'll need binoculars to pick it out as its below naked-eye visibility. Mighty Jupiter follows on around 1.30am shining brilliantly at magnitude minus 2.3. The Red Planet, Mars, much fainter than Jupiter, comes on the scene at 2.00am and lies to the lower left of Jupiter at the beginning of June. Venus, blazing away at

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magnitude minus 3.9, climbs clear of the northeastern horizon around **3.00am**. On **June 12th** it passes below Uranus, the 7th planet from the Sun. At magnitude +5.8 its 10,000 times fainter than Venus. Finally, towards the end of the month, you'll find tiny Mercury low in the dawn twilight to the lower left of Venus. It gradually brightens to reach magnitude -0.6 by the end of June.

If there's a clear sky on the **14th** take a look at the full moon. Its a so-called 'supermoon' and should look slightly bigger and brighter than normal. The difference in size and brightness is due to the moon becoming full as it reaches perigee – the closest point in its orbit around the Earth. If its cloudy (which we all know it never is around here) and you miss this month's show, you can try again next month as there's another supermoon (which is even brighter) on **July 13th**. Have clear skies!

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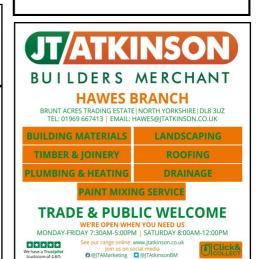


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In May we had a fantastic time at Bolton Hello everyone, it's got round to that time of year when our happy band of volunteers (the guardians of the graveyard) have started mowing, strimming and tidying up the top graveyard at St Margaret's church in Hawes.

> They do a great job, meeting approximately every 2 to 3 weeks for a couple of hours keeping the graveyard looking lovely.

> If anyone would like help out either with volunteering or donations (for petrol and maintenance of equipment), please contact me Geraldine Sumner on 01969 667534 or 07927 385453. Donations can also be handed in to Whites of Wensleydale in Hawes.

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We have lots of new activities happening in school. On Thursdays the KS2 children have a music session in the morning with our new Music teacher. The children are learning about music and instruments and are becoming very involved in their new learning experiences.

Then in the afternoon all the KS2 children have a session of Street Dance with a teacher who comes into school. This is a great experience for the children who are really enjoying the exercise and also the music.

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June

- 1 11 Swaledale festival. See p.36.
- Church Coffee Morning.
 Redmire Village Hall. 10.30am.
- 2 Uttley, Smart and Goldscheider in concert. See p.36.
- 2 to 6 Flower Festival. St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth. 9.00am 6.00pm.
- 2 Talk Legacy of the Kearton Brothers. Reeth Memorial Hall, 11.00am.
- 2 Antonio Forcione Quartet. St. Andrew's Church, Grinton. 7.30pm.
- 2 Comedy Night. Fountain Hotel, Hawes. 8.00pm.
- 2 Hawes and High Abbotside Beacon. 9.45pm.
- 5 Exhibition of memorabilia.
 Oswald's Church, Askrigg.
 10.00am 3.00pm.
- 3 VOCES8 Singing Workshop. St. Andrew's Church, Grinton. 2.00pm.
- 3 Plant Sale. Hawes Car Park. 3.00pm. See p. 17.
- 3 Community Celebration. St. Margaret's Church Hawes. 6.30pm
- 4 Niamh Ni Charra Quartet Concert. St. Andrew's Church, Grinton. 7.30pm.
- 4 'Street Party' Pennygarth, Hawes, 2.00pm.
- 4 Stalling Busk Barbecue. Semerwater, 6.00pm.
- 4 Reeth Family Fun Day. 11.00am.
- 4 Royal Recollection Exhibition. St. Bartholomew's Church West Witton.10.30am - 4.00pm.
- 5 Folk Fest, Raygill House Farm. Noon. See p. 36.
- 5 Hawes Silver Band Concert. Pennygarth Car Park. 7.00pm.
- 5 Village Fun Event. Green Dragon, Hardraw. 4.00pm.
- 8 Poetry Sessions. LA&CC. 2.00pm and 7.00pm. See p. 4.
- 11 Kathryn Tickell and The Darkening Concert. Garden Rooms, Tennants. 7.30pm.
- 11 Versatility Serenaders Concert. Garden Rooms, Tennants. 10.00pm.
- 14 Friends of the Dales Walk. Ribblehead Station. Noon. See p. 9.

- 15 Church Afternoon Tea. Redmire Village Hall. 2.00pm.
- 15 Penhill Ladies Talk. Carperby Institute, 7.30pm. See p.12.
- 15 Friends of the Dales Digital Talk. 7.30pm. See p. 9.
- 16 Bainbridge WI Meeting. Bainbridge Village Hall. 7.30pm. See p. 25.
- 17 Leyburn u3a meeting. LA&CC, 10.00am. See p. 3.
- 17 Little White Bus trip to Barnard Castle. See p. 4.
- 17 Harp and a Monkey Concert. Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm. See p. 32.
- 18 Tier3 Piano Trio Concert. St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth. 7.30pm. See p. 12.
- 18 19 Re-enactment Weekend. Bolton Castle. 10.00am. See p. 15.
- 20 Community Lunch Hub. Bainbridge Village Hall. Noon. See p. 25.
- 23 Middleham and the Dales Local History Group visit. See p. 13.
- 24 Tony McManus Concert. Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm. See p. 32.
- 25 Redmire Artisan Market. Redmire Village Hall. 10.00am -3.00pm. See p.10.
- 26 Gayle Methodist Church Camp Meeting. Gayle Chapel. 2.00pm. See p.31

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Never a Dull Moment at Sycamore Hall

So, here we are almost into the summer -hopefully! We have been busy during May with our regular activities and have even managed to sit outside in the sunshine, which was very welcome after what feels like a long, if not notable, winter.

We have recently welcomed some new residents and have several more moving in over the next few weeks so that we will have a full complement very shortly. This is all good news as it really adds to our community with new faces and new interests. We hope all our 'newbies' settle in well and enjoy being part of our community.

Brian has been doing his bird-spotting (the feathered variety!) in the gardens and although he has been delighted to see swifts and swallows, he was less thrilled to see a very crafty squirrel work out how to get inside his apparently 'squirrel-proof' bird feeder!! You would assume, wouldn't you, that these were designed to allow insufficient space for the normal sized squirrel to squeeze in, but this one was very determined and seemingly easily got in, helped himself to the food, and left! Having said that, Brian was on hand with his camera to record it all - just in case we didn't believe him!

The plants are coming along well in the greenhouse and hopefully there will be some good crops to enjoy before too long. Our 'Knit & Natter' ladies are enjoying their weekly get-togethers and are busy knitting squares and teddies, although the 'natter' is probably more prolific than the knitting! Our Tuesday morning quiz or bingo is going to be alternated with some other activities including bowling and possibly even charades or darts, which should be fun!

After Brian and Karen had a good tidy-out of the store cupboard, a car-full of excess jigsaw puzzles found their way down to Bainbridge Village Green for a car boot sale recently. It was a glorious day and very pleasant to sit on the green selling our wares, and talking to people. Even better was that the takings from this raised £86 for the Residents' Amenity Fund! An astounding achievement - thanks to Brian (and Karen)!

We are now looking forward to our Platinum Jubilee Street Party which is taking place on Thursday, June 2nd. We really hope the sun will shine so that we can have a proper street party outside, but if the worst happens, we have a 'Plan B' to bring the event indoors. Karen, Sonja and Nicky are busy with the arrangements and hopefully it will be a day to remember for us all!

As always, our local facilities are open to all-Sykes Village Store (Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 1.00pm), Sonja's Hair Salon (Thursday to Saturday by appointment), the Outreach Post Office (Monday and Wednesday, 9.00am to 11.00am) and Sycamore Restaurant (Daily 10.30am to 1.00pm). We hope that you will come to visit us and support these local services.

Likewise, we welcome everyone to our weekly Coffee Mornings on **Thursdays from 10.30am**. It is a lovely opportunity to get together for a chat over refreshments and we have a raffle too. Do join us!

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Visitors are enjoying exploring this vibrant textile exhibition featuring the different aspects of the Dales landscape. Landforms and dwellings, plants in the wild or cultivated in gardens, living creatures which make their home here and the words found in dialect poetry have all provided a source of inspiration. Each member of this North Yorkshire based group has focused upon their own area of interest, producing work using various techniques ranging from printing and machine appliqué to hand embroidery. The quality and variety of work is stunning.

Projects

In Your Words - Dialect and Heritage project

We have been out and about at local libraries and the website for the project is now live! - https://dialectandheritage.org.uk/. There has been lots of coverage in the press and Fiona Douglas, the Project Lead from Leeds University, has been on various TV shows to share the brilliant things going on in relation to dialect and heritage. You can contribute by visiting the website and sharing your words and dialect through the survey form. (See page 28).

We've more events planned and will be working with local community groups to create pieces to include in our exhibition in the autumn. If you'd like to get involved, please contact our Engagement Officer Poppy Oldham at p.oldham@leeds.ac.uk.

Family Friendly Project

We now have a Family Pass and all pass holders automatically become members of our family club, receiving a loyalty card which can be stamped each visit, to lead up to a treat. We've tweaked our pick and mix activities, are trialling a new family map and will be naming our squirrel family mascot over the next few weeks, so if you've a suggestion, email or message us, we'd love to hear from you.

Our work to make the Museum more family friendly will continue, but we're thrilled that we'll be sharing the things we've done so far in a case study for Kids in Museums.

If you're a local family and would like to help us test out some of our ideas, we'd love to hear from you. Please get in touch by emailing dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk.

Education

We've been supporting several schools with their project work by providing object loan boxes and leading workshops on themes like dairying, Victorian farming and home-life, Anglo Saxons and Vikings, Prehistory, the Industrial Revolution and past toys and games. It's been great to see the many toys made by our wonderful volunteer team being enjoyed by local children. We also welcomed children from Hawes Primary school to take part in a woodland activity and to help plant trees to celebrate and commemorate the Queen's jubilee.



If you're a teacher or know someone working in education who could benefit from our learning sessions and resources, do get in touch. We'd love to chat through how we could support you.

Events and Activities Coming Up.

All events are included in the museum admission unless stated.

Flora and Fauna of Upper Wensleydale. Tuesday, June 7th. 11:30am – 3.00pm.

Join our experienced Dales Volunteers on this 4 mile (6.4km) walk exploring the flora and fauna in this area. The walk follows part of the riverside where flowers and birds can be seen. Walk along Sedbusk lane to Simonstone, taking in the flowers found on the waysides. On to Shaw Ghyll to see the waterfalls and where plants such as wild garlic like to grow. Red Squirrels are known to be spotted in this area too! Starts at the Dales Countryside Museum.

Booking Essential. £5. No dogs allowed.

collection came to Oueensland and its social and cultural value to both our communities.

Tuesday, June 14th. 2.30pm – 3.30pm.

Join Paul Sutton from the Abbey Museum in Queensland, Australia as he discusses the Aysgarth Documents that form part of their collection. These documents were gifted to the museum in the 1990s by descendants of the Tunstall family of Aysgarth who moved to Australia after WW2. Paul will explain the local history value of this collection which dates from the early 17th century and which includes various land tenure documents, apprentice indentures, wills, inventories, personal letters and even an excommunication letter! He will also explain the Museum's plans to make digital copies of the entire collection available online, as well as their plans to create a website to showcase the collection and place them in their historical and social context. This presentation forms part of their outreach initiative to connect with local communities around the world that have a connection with items in its extensive collection. More details on the Abbey Museum can be found at this link: https://abbeymuseum.com.au/.

Booking essential to reserve a seat. No charge but donations welcome.

A Woolly Wander Experience.

Thursday, June 16th. 10:00am - 3.00pm and Thursday, July 7th. 10.00am -3.00pm.

Visit a local alpaca farm on Raydaleside, meet the animals and take them for a gentle stroll through the spectacular landscape of the Yorkshire Dales, with stunning views of the Dales second largest natural lake, Semerwater. Explore the museum textile gallery and learn the techniques and processes to create your own felted picture using fibre from the alpacas you have met! Lunch is included, provided by the Firebox cafe.

Booking essential. £50 per person.

Hawes Town Trail.

Tuesday, June 21st. 2.00pm - 4.00pm and Sunday, July 24th. 2.00pm - 4.00pm.

Join our experienced Dales Volunteers on this short 2.5 mile (3.5km) guided walk and explore the history of Hawes and the village of Gayle.

The Aysgarth Documents – how the Walking through this lovely market town, discover the origins of Wensleydale cheese, see where the railway once went and follow a section of the Pennine Way. Starts at the Dales Countryside Museum.

Booking Essential. £3. No dogs allowed.

Botanical Plaster Casting Workshop Saturday, July 9th. 10:00am – 1.00pm.

Explore the process of plaster casting to create some lovely plaster-cast flowers. During this morning workshop, you will explore the plaster casting technique and create a clay mould to use when casting your flowers. There will be a selection of foliage available. However, we recommend that you bring some blooms and plants, which are personal to you. They can be wildflowers, leaves and grasses, lavender, poppies, seedpods or anything that can be carefully selected and pressed into a 10 x 10inch square.

Booking Essential. Adults £35.

The View from the Fells: In the Footsteps of Marie Hartley

Friday, July 15th. 7.30pm – 9.00pm.

An illustrated talk by printmaker Hester Cox about her project based on the woodblocks created by Marie Hartley which was exhibited at the museum's 2020 summer exhibition. Bring your donations and enjoy a social evening as part of the Friends of the Museum Annual Gift Day. Booking is essential to reserve a seat. Free - donations welcome.

Upper Dales Geology Tuesday, July 19th. 11:00am – 3.00pm.

Join our experienced Dales Volunteers on this 5 mile (8 km) walk to discover the geological forces which formed the Yorkshire Dales. Walk through the site of the former stone mines, Shaw Ghyll and visit spectacular Hardraw Force. Starts the Dales Countryside Museum.



Booking Essential. £6 plus entrance fee to the Hardraw Force. No dogs allowed.

The Days Are Getting Longer and We Are Getting Busier!

At last, it feels like winter is behind us (hopefully it isn't too soon to say that!) and we are now looking forward to better weather and more daylight hours with the longest day fast approaching. As a consequence, members of Bainbridge WI are anticipating the re-launch of the Gardening Club with visits to gardens far and wide already in our diaries. The first such event took place on May 12th, when some of our members went along to the new gardens at RHS Bridgewater where they had a good day out looking around, thankfully in good weather.

Our March meeting was great fun with Lucie Holmes coming along to talk to us about her animal rescue centre near Thirsk. Goodness, does she like animals?! All the animals she re-homes are privileged to be part of her family and share her home - there are no kennels or cages - and from what we heard, it sounds like a real menagerie! Aside from her very tolerant husband and three children, Lucie already has fifteen dogs of her own, along with 15 peacocks, countless dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, chickens, ferrets, mice and tortoises!! As we learned, great fun as it sounds, she spends most of her time feeding animals or clearing up poop!!

Anyway, we really enjoyed the visitors she brought to meet us who included Peter, the gorgeous lop-eared rabbit, who preferred hopping around the room to eating his lettuce! We also met Turbo the tortoise, Flash the ferret, Silver the hamster, and a clutch of really cute little chicks. Aaah!

Unfortunately, we learned that Lucie is always busy taking in animals whose owners can't cope with them or have a change of circumstances. It was particularly sad to hear that lockdown has resulted in many more animals needing new homes as they were bought without much research and now that their owners have returned to work, they are no longer wanted. In the past year, Lucie has re-homed 58 dogs, 200+ cats and numerous rabbits and chinchillas!

Lucie told us how she personally checks each home/potential owner for its suitability before letting an animal leave her sanctuary. However, unlike some of the larger animal charities she is happy to re-home to families with children or other pets, provided that they can offer the right care and love for the animal. It was a really interesting evening and Lucie is doing a fantastic

job in caring for animals that we humans cast aside when it suits us. If you are looking to offer a good home to an animal, check out the website at www.luciesanimalrescue.com.

Our April meeting was another evening of fun when Julie Dent came along from 'Puzzle' Boutique in Leyburn to give us a Fashion Show. Some of our braver members volunteered to model the outfits and had a great time on the 'catwalk'. Julie and her colleagues brought along some lovely outfits although it remains to be seen whether our novice models encouraged anyone to buy them! It was a really good night, enjoyed by members and visitors alike, and we would encourage you to go along to 'Puzzle' to see for yourself the lovely clothes on offer.

The meeting in May was another informative evening of flower arranging, given to us by the very talented Shannon McIntyre from 'Feather & Fern' in Hawes. Shannon is an inspiration to other local youngsters, following a passion for flowers to become a very successful businesswoman, collecting awards along the way. Her shop in Hawes is definitely worth a look and she keeps busy running that and doing flowers for weddings, with customers from far and wide appreciating her talent and returning for more.

For our demonstration, Shannon decided to decorate a table to inspire us for our Jubilee parties. She told us that the use of Oasis foam is no longer recommended as it is not

very eco-friendly and is suspected of having some (as yet untested) health risks. So, for the main table centre, Shannon replaced Oasis with halved citrus fruit which looked good enough to eat in the



slender glass vase! She then talked us through how to make a 'statement piece' arrangement, and told us not to forget that aside from the initial look of it, the smell was also very important to invoke memories of the event. Consequently, Shannon was choosing flowers that carried a lovely scent and also gave us lots of tips on how to preserve the life of our flowers. It really was a fascinating evening and we all admired the end result, although not Shannon's journey home later with the completed arrangement!

Our Community Lunch Hubs continue each month, with the next one taking place at Bainbridge Village Hall on Monday, June 20th. A delicious home-made 'soup & sweet' lunch will be served from noon and will be followed by a talk from Dave Palmer of the Georgian Theatre Royal in Richmond, which is bound to be really interesting. Do come along and join us, either for the lunch and talk, or just one part of the event. We ask for a donation of £5 per person to offset the costs.

So, as you can see, we are keeping pretty busy - and that is before the days get longer and the weather (hopefully!) improves! Aside from our monthly meeting on the third Thursday of the month, we also have a Book Club, Lunch Club, Craft Club and Garden Club as well as joining in with other WI events a bit further afield. There is always plenty to do, if you want it, and we are a really friendly, welcoming bunch. Do join us!

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If you want to enquire about any of our forthcoming events, please contact our President, Susan Freer, on 01969 663980.





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The children have been busy planting vegetable and fruit seeds and helping to take care of them. We hope they grow well and then we can eat our own home grown produce for snacks.

Our role play area has transformed into a castle and we have been learning all about the royal family. We are looking forward to having our very own royal tea party in the holidays and plan on baking some special cakes for the occasion and making some crowns to wear. The children have been busy sorting out the Queen's jewels; identifying the colours, shapes and sizes and they made sure they had them all with their excellent counting skills.

Our ducklings have been exploring shiny objects and painting with red and blue. We have been marching like the Queen's soldiers and helping the Queen to decide what to wear for the occasion. We will be welcoming Rachel back to work following her maternity leave, we can't believe how fast time has flown but we are looking forward to having her back with us.

Dalesplay will have a display up in St Margaret's Church from May 30th to share with others all about our setting. Call in and take a look and see what other wonderful displays there are about our community.

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Blueboxt Productions – June Update

'Decades – A Musical Celebration'

Wow — what am amazing bunch of young people we are currently working with. Their ages span from 10 to 25 years old so as youthled projects go, there is an interesting range of ideas and expectations to help manage. As I write this month's report, we are in the final week of rehearsals for our first concert as part of Leyburn's Festival of Performing Arts. April and May have been very busy with two long weekly rehearsals sessions plus two mid-week meetings on Zoom. The group have been so invested in the planning process that there have been several occasions when they extended the sessions and I have had to be the one to give my apologies and be the first to leave...



The concert remains a 'work in progress' so still time for interested young people and volunteers to take part. Our final target before the Summer holidays is to present two more performances. These look set to be **Saturday**, **July 9th at 7.30pm** at Reeth Memorial Hall and **Sunday**, **July 10th at 5.00pm** at West Burton Village Hall. It has been a moving feat trying to get everyone together at the same time so do check our website www.blueboxt.co.uk for the latest information. The concerts will be FREE ENTRY on a pay as you feel basis. You can also support our work by becoming a BlueAngel.

Ripon Theatre Festival. The inaugural festival takes place at the end of June. We are thrilled to be part of the four-day celebration of drama, puppetry, street theatre, dance, storytelling and much more. Fell-Foss Theatre will give a performance of Crusoe's Island at Ripon Arts Hub on **Thursday**, **June 23rd at 7.30pm**. Mark and the team are also leading on a site specific

piece called Jubilee at The Workhouse. Working with staff, volunteers and community performers at the Museum they will present a glimpse at life during Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee and Oueen Elizabeth's coronation. There will be series of performances on Sunday, June 26th between **3.30pm and 6.30pm**. It is so good to be able to be working towards performances again. Full details about the festival can be found at www.ripontogether.com/ripon-theatre-festival.

To find out more information or to support our activities please contact Colin Bailey on 07711 211169, email info@blueboxt.co.uk or book online at www.blueboxt.co.uk.

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These are just two of the questions in the 'In Your Words - Great Big Dialect Hunt' which is taking place now.

In the 1950s researchers from the University of Leeds visited over 300 rural locations across England to capture the oldest forms of dialect. Today researchers are conducting a new survey to find out what has changed and what has staved the same.

The survey can be completed online at www.dialectandheritage.org.uk. You don't have to live in the area to take part and it can lead to some interesting discussions between friends! More events related to the project are planned at the Dales Countryside Museum.

As to what do you call an earwig? - forkingrobins, battle-twigs, cat-o'-nine-tails, kutchybells, pincher-bobs, twitchy-bells, harry-wiggles or just earwig, are some of the possibilities!



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UWRA Extend Their Reach

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Sam plays for Darwen CC in the worldfamous Lancashire League whose clubs all play in an area that has potential to feed future rail users into the valley via a reinstated link from Garsdale to Hawes.

UWRA member Chris Rigby who lives in Askrigg and played for Darwen as a youngster says 'In time, trains could link Manchester through Darwen, Clitheroe and Hellifield and on into the Settle-Carlisle Line. Over that last 30 years Darwen CC has had great success on the field and financially off it so widening the conversation to tap into innovative people and ideas at this stage is part of the thinking."

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If you wish to exhibit or can provide advice and support to local people about reducing the cost of energy bills, saving money on food and eating more healthily or assisting with local transport, please contact Mike Sparrow info@richmondshireclimateaction.org organise a stand at the event. This is an event staged bv Richmondshire people, Richmondshire people, and we welcome everyone's support for their community at this time.



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Dales Quoits League

As the season only started on May 9th there is little to report regarding how teams are faring.

However the League does have an announcement to make regarding the forthcoming vacancy for a League Secretary.

At the recent League AGM it was indicated there would be several officers stepping down either during or at the end of the 2022 season. The first of those positions to become vacant is that of League Secretary.

Our present Secretary is moving on and will in the next month or so be relinquishing the roll. It is very important for us to have the position filled as soon as possible as there will be the need for a hand over of all the relevant details prior to his departure. Applicants do not need to be team or playing members of the league and this position might interest somebody who can no longer play quoits but is keen to help the game survive in the Dales. Any person interested to take this role forward can contact Stephen Mason at mason@pilamec.co.uk or on 01969 662743.

I hope to have more information regarding the first few games of the 2022 season for the next edition of the magazine and as ever, should anybody be interested to join a team please contact Stephen Mason, League Chairman for details of your closest team.

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A planning application for an existing 2x2metre timber kiosk to be used to sell snacks to walkers on Ingleborough has been approved by Members of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Planning Committee today.

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Chair, Neil Heseltine said: "We've seen the headlines, and this absolutely is not about opening a café halfway up Ingleborough. We refused that application many years ago. This is about a small timber kiosk at the bottom of a garden opening for a few hours at the weekend and during the holidays for the sale of a few snacks.



"This is a very modest, low-key scheme, which requires the applicant to present us with a detailed plan of how waste and litter will be controlled to ensure the unspoilt character of the area.

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Friday, June 24th – Tony McManus (described by John Renbourn as "the best Celtic guitarist in the world") joins Julia Toaspern from Berlin (fiddle, guitar, vocals). Tickets £14 (£16 door).

Saturday, July 2nd – Darren Page – the Voice of Roy Orbison. One set of Rock 'n' Roll favourites and one set of 'The Big O'. Tickets £13 (£15 door).

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Friday, August 12th - Laura Cortese and the Dance Cards from Belgium and the USA make a welcome return to Reeth. Tickets £15 (£17 door).

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Police Report

Incidents of note over the last month

Approximately 1000 litres of heating oil stolen from a residential property near Middleham between February and April.

April 8th, a Cocker Spaniel was stolen from kennels at a fam near Barden. The dog has since been returned however the investigation is still ongoing.

April 10th, a metal milk jug stolen from outside a property at East Hauxwell.

Between April 8th and 11th, a Landrover Defender was stolen from outside a property in Bellerby.

Between April 15th and 17th, farm buildings were entered at Brokes. A trailer, quadbike, strimmers and chainsaws were stolen.

April 17th, a domestic oil tank was damaged at a residential property in Reeth when persons have attempted to steal heating oil.

April 23rd, a Hobby UKFE 650 caravan was stolen from Garriston.



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5 crimes were recorded as Fraud whereby people have reported telephone scams. These include ebay and Amazon scams.

A full breakdown by category is as follows:

- 7 Violence
- 4 Criminal Damage
- 6 Fraud
- 3 Burglary
- 9 Theft
- 2 Others

Throughout April there were 9 road traffic collisions reported on our roads. 6 resulting in damage only, and 3 resulting in injuries.

Between now and next month's report the whole country will have celebrated the Platinum Jubilee, marking Her Majesty's 70 year reign. I know of lots of hard work being done in many of our villages, organising events and festivities. I am really looking forward to getting around to as many events as I can and sincerely hope everybody has an enjoyable and safe weekend. (And hope the weather plays its part too)

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Celebrating 50 years of Swaledale Festival

Swaledale Festival kicks off this month, with fifty events rippling across the Dales from May 28th to June 11th to honour the organisation's special 50th anniversary.

The 2022 programme combines Festival favourites with new faces, duos and quartets with orchestras and local artists with international stars. Expect a heady mix of classical, folk, jazz, blues, film, poetry, masterclasses, guided walks and more, brought to the charming chapels, halls and outdoor spaces the Dales is known for. There are a number of free events, such as art exhibitions and a Family Fun Day in Reeth, and tickets to under 25s are only £3.

Plenty of events still have availability so snap up your chance to experience world-class arts in the beauty of the Yorkshire Dales while you can. For tickets and information, please visit www.swalefest.org, or read on for a quick round up.

Festival launch - Festivities begin with the Festival's first event in a cathedral, a performance of Handel's Messiah in Ripon on **Saturday, May 28th**. This celebratory curtainraiser brings together two local choirs (Swale Singers and Richmondshire Choral Society) with a superb period instrument orchestra and four internationally acclaimed soloists. This unique concert is one of the Festival's largest and most ambitious events to date, bringing Dales musicians and world-class professionals together on one stage. Don't miss it!

Classical gems - Swaledale Festival has developed a reputation for attracting big classical names to the area. This year percussion superstar Dame Evelyn Glennie will perform The Language of Bells in Richmond, exploring the meaning, sound and resonance of bells through the centuries. Evelyn had a prominent role in the opening ceremony of the London 2012 Olympics, is a TED talk superstar and is the first person in history to sustain a full-time career as a solo percussionist.

Another international star taking the stage is New York-based violinist Alexander Markov. Markov has been hailed as one of the world's most captivating and versatile musicians. Whether performing as a soloist with prestigious orchestras at major concert halls around the world or playing at sports arenas in front of 25,000 people on his gold electric violin, he makes an instant connection with his audiences, so come and see him in Grinton! In a separate ticketed event, five lucky young string players will get an opportunity to perform and gain invaluable guidance from Markov in front of an audience at a masterclass he will teach in Spennithorne.

Hallé Cellos comprises the eight cellists from The Hallé, Britain's longest-established permanent professional symphony orchestra founded in Manchester in 1858. They create a memorable sound, rich in sonority and high in virtuosity, and will perform a concert with a distinctly Latin flavour in Richmond.

Other top classical names include flamenco legend Paco Peña, nineteen-year-old piano sensation Jeneba Kanneh-Mason, Sacconi Quartet and the outstanding vocal ensemble VOCES8, who – if you can't get tickets to their concert in Grinton - will also lead a relaxed singing workshop for all abilities in the afternoon before their show.

Folk, Jazz and Blues - If folk is more your thing, a vibrant new duo comprising harmonica wizard Will Pound and guitarist Jenn Butterworth will perform a toe-tapping show in Spennithorne. This is an opportunity to experience some spine-tingling sparring between two electrifying young musicians.

The Irish fiddler, concertina player and singer from Killarney, Niamh Ní Charra, will share beautiful ballads, infectious jigs, reels and slides with her band in Grinton, as well as stories of old Ireland.

And in another Festival first, there will be a mini folk fest at the picturesque Raygill House Farm in Upper Wensleydale (Sunday, June

(Sunday, June 5th). Performers include the award

-winning Rheingans Sisters from Sheffield with their playful and innovative contemporary music anchored in folk, and Paul Cookson, the performance-poet and occasional ukulele player. Food, drink and crafts will be on-sale. Acoustic Triangle are a classically-influenced jazz trio who have become a firm favourite with the Festival audience. The saxophonist, bassist and pianist who have been touring together for more than 20 years, will perform in Richmond, where in the second half they will be joined by some very special guests...(we'll say no more!).

And this year some blues will be coming to the green fields of Grinton in the form of guitarist Dave Kelly and keyboardist Bob Hall. These living legends, who cut their teeth with the likes of Howlin' Wolf, Buddy Guy, John Lee Hooker and Muddy Waters, will be jamming in St. Andrew's Church with bassist Hilary Blythe.

Young Artists - The Festival's Young Artists Platform, which showcases tomorrow's stars,

sees Bammental School Symphony Orchestra travelling from Germany with their inspirational conductor to perform orchestral classics, tangos and Irish folk tunes in Aysgarth, and Magnard Ensemble, a



talented woodwind group with great chemistry, perform a mouth-watering programme of Byrd, Mozart and Stephen Dodgson in Grinton. These are opportunities to see young musicians at the beginning of stellar careers, and many YAPs have gone on to become international stars.

In today's climate there can be unexpected programme changes, and the exquisite Australian mezzo soprano Lotte Betts-Dean, who was due to perform with her father, will now take the stage with the brilliant young guitarist Dimitris Soukaras to perform Travels with a Guitar in Spennithorne - an entertaining selection of songs and solo guitar pieces from Elizabethan ballads and love songs to fiery Brazilian Bossa Nova.

Talks - The extraordinary Kanneh-Mason family has captured the hearts of the world. This year's Reeth Lecture is given by the family's inspirational matriarch and author Kadiatu Kanneh-Mason, who will talk about the trials and tribulations of bringing up seven incredibly gifted musicians. You will also be able to purchase her book: House of Music: Raising the Kanneh-Masons.

Another talk taking place in Reeth, The Legacy of the Kearton Brothers, will be given by informed local historian Helen Guy of Keld Resource Centre, in which she will explore the lives and legacy of the celebrated pioneers of wildlife photography who grew up in Thwaite, Swaledale. Cherry Kearton's 1930 film inspired David Attenborough to develop his interest in the natural world.

Free - Get your fix of art with five free art exhibitions. The Station will show Soul of the bv students from Risedale Reawakening by painters Michael Bilton and Garry Brannigan. Moray Welsh will exhibit his scene-scapes through windows in Inside Out at Hudson House in Reeth. Paintings inspired by the Pennines by Julia Corfe will be on show at her exhibition Distance Drawn in Gunnerside, and there will be another opportunity to see The Story of the Schools in the Upper Dales, an exhibition exploring the education heritage of the area through themed interpretation panels and a spectacular 4.5 metre-wide photo mosaic, at Tennants in Leyburn.

There will also be a free Family Fun Day on

Reeth Green (Saturday, June 4th), with samba drummers and dancers, melodious tunes from Reeth Brass Band and



moves and grooves from the fabulous Zulu Tradition – as well as kite flying and quoits, of course.

These are just some of the events to look forward to. Details of the full programme are available on the website. We are looking forward to celebrating the Festival's 50th anniversary with you. www.swalefest.org.



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As summer approaches we prepare to say goodbye to year 11.

The biggest event happening at Wensleydale School and Sixth Form right now is of course the start of exam season with lots of anxious students revising hard and everyone else having to stay quiet in the corridors!

On top of GCSEs, year 11 students have been hitting some other big goals lately. Our art teacher Miss Webb said their final art pieces were excellent. In cadets, after they completed skills at arms training, their instructor said that it took them two days to do what it takes at least two weeks for new recruits to learn. Other big achievements include Cheer and riding competitions.

We are so proud of our fellow students who have gone through such an important period of their education with covid ever-present. They have persevered through an unprecedented level of disruption and we hope they get fantastic results to help them sail as smoothly as possible into the next stage of their lives.

For the rest of the school, life continues as usual with a few exciting things on the horizon.

Our serial fundraiser is back with another project. After raising money to raise a new school flag, teaching assistant Mr Watkins is now hand-making a rocking-horse to raffle off to raise money for the school enrichment programme.

For anyone not aware, Wensleydale School and Sixth Form runs one of the country's most ambitious extra-curricular timetables with more than 50 different activities on offer from climbing to music, psychology to graphic art, planning a school festival, horse-riding, sailing and even journalism - hence this article.

The artisan rocking horse is set to take more than 100 hours with 25 layers of plywood.

Mrs Polley, our headteacher, said the school was really grateful to Mr Watkins. "This is the second fundraising initiative he has single-handedly spear-headed," she said. "The funds he will raise are much needed to enable us to launch an even more ambitious enrichment programme in September and build on the

amazing work that staff and students are doing."

Mr Watkins added: "I have made rocking horses as a hobby and I wanted to contribute to the school funds. I expect to do more in the future as the school is such an important part of our community and the enrichment programme helps to build students' confidence and life skills."

Students from Wensleydale School and Sixth Form have also been invited to bring their families along for crêpes, baguettes and croissants at the Key Centre in Middleham from 10.00am to noon on Saturday, June 11th. The petit déjeuner is organised by the Middleham Twinners, who have been forming strong links between Middleham and Agincourt in France for 40 years.

The aim is to attract lots of new young families to get involved and to raise money to help send them to France for a family exchange programme. Jane and Peter Cole from the association came in to visit the school newspaper team and explained that you do not have to speak French to get involved.

"Going on this trip you learn a lot about French culture and you can also help teach the French families about English culture," Mrs Cole said. As the twinning trips have been going so long, many of the children of the original families have now grown up and gone on to study languages at university.

That's it from us for this month. We'll be back with an update in June - and more on our inaugural school festival.

Leyburn 40s Weekend Cancelled

The directors of Leyburn and Mid Wensleydale Partnership Ltd have regretfully made the decision to cancel the Leyburn 40s Weekend which had been planned for **July 22nd to 24th**.

Director and Leyburn Town Council chairman Richard Sanderson says "This was a very difficult decision for us but stand bookings were not coming in so the sums were not adding up. We also had logistical issues including a lack of volunteer stewards. We will review the situation next year and we hope to revive the event which has been much enjoyed in the past. It would help us make a favourable decision if anyone willing to help gets in touch with us via the Leyburn Town Council office."



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