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#### **Guest Editorial - Hidden Histories**

Quite often, as age increases so does spare time. In my excess hours I'm a National Trust volunteer at Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal, a world heritage site a couple of miles outside of Ripon. I'm one of three hundred volunteers working to support the Trust, helping to share and conserve this beautiful place.

Other than keeping fit and getting that nice inner-glow when your help is needed and valued, the thing that really makes volunteering a pleasure is being able to peak behind the scenes. It's a privilege to walk across the West Green towards the Abbey on a sunny, misty morning, before the visitors arrive. The tranquillity, the colours and shadows, the waking wildlife, the hum of mowers and smell of cut grass as the Gardening Team get the Abbey visitor-ready.

Working in amongst the ruins means you have time to look beyond the 'tourist trail' and investigate the nooks and crannies. This upclose experience means you also discover a hidden history.

I've uncovered things that as a gazing member of the public I've missed - hints of the Abbey's past. The masons' marks on the nave arches and in the chapter house helping the builders to get it right first time and acting as a tally for the work done. At the centre of the West Green the small pile of stones that are the last traces of a trestle table from the Great Hall that stood on the site in the 12<sup>th</sup> century.

You find Medieval solutions to modern problems, the curved door pillars that housed the revolving serving hatch, making it easy to move food from kitchen to refectory. Or the under floor heating for the Muniments room, provided by the huge warming room fires below. This room is where the Abbey stored important documents, it being warm, dry, and secure, and it is known, through original letters, that the Abbey stored documents for King John during the 13th century.

There's a glimpse into Cistercian life where, as a silent order, they needed different ways to communicate. A recess found in the cloister, close to the nave entrance, held a wax tablet for the Cistercian daily 'To Do' list and the parlour next to the chapter house allowed quick essential conversations – but only for the few.

A recent ground penetrating radar survey (watch out Time Team!) revealed two

substantial stone buildings along with lined pits, tanks, and other structures. These, and its proximity to the river, led to the conclusion that this was a tannery. I'm not sure what the Abbot thought about such a smelly, noisy business close to his house, but we often forget that these Abbeys were surrounded by the industries needed to keep the community going. Many visitors walk past the brewery and bakery remains a few hundred metres from the main church building, nor know of the many other industrial and agricultural buildings on top of the south bank.



Looking closely, we can see marks of the final decline of the Abbey. Abbot Marmaduke Huby built his 50m grand tower on the north side of the transept between 1495 and 1526. It's believed that the tower was never fully completed before the Dissolution. If visitors gaze up, they'll see the inscription – regi autem saeculorum immortali, invisibili, soli Deo, honor et gloria in saecula saeculorum - text from Offices sung on Sundays by Cistercian orders and translating as – now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory forever.

The destruction of the Dissolution can be seen in the very ruins of the Abbey, the roof and windows gone, what little decoration allowed stripped, but also the chain marks in the pillars of the Chapter house where teams of horses were used to dislodge the pillar stones, bringing down the roof. It's worth finding the last of the decorative columns sited next to Huby's Tower on the north side of the church choir. The carved and polished fossiliferous (fossil-rich) limestone, known as Nidderdale Marble, created an understated beauty but the column's many

neighbours were taken, destined for Henry VIII coffers.

A striking hidden history of the Abbey is the East Green graveyard. Most visitors see the space as somewhere to relax, picnic and take photos, but little do they realise that they stand above 500 graves, holding over 1500 of the Abbey's Monks. As a Visitor Assistant I share this insight with visitors helping them to understand and respect the Abbey's past life and purpose.

Working in the Abbey you get asked a lot of questions, how much do you get paid? when's the tea-break? Sounds silly, but these questions often help you learn too. How many monks lived here? At its peak there were 80 Choir Monks (a life of prayer and religious devotion) and over 150 lay-brothers (working in agriculture or industry). So, were lay-brothers monks? Yes, they were, their job was to grow the food, maintain the buildings and produce the essentials like bread, beer, cloth; all while attending many of the 8 daily services, often simply praying where they worked. How did the monks make their money? Despite the austerity of Cistercian life the community became very wealthy through wool. In fact, they were known to 'hedge' the wool markets, a risky but potentially profitable strategy and something we associate with the current day stock market.

Sometimes the challenges are less 'educational'! Being asked to rescue a bee from a lady's decolletage or herding a day-tripping cow from the water gardens. It makes you smile when visitors ask, 'where's this Abbey then?' whilst gazing straight at the huge church or suggest that putting the roof back might be a good idea.

And life is never dull. A peregrine falcon lives in the Tower, and often partakes of a pigeon breakfast leaving the evidence for all to see. A scene akin to the Texas Chainsaw Massacre is not what people want to look at on their day out, so Gardeners are called out, bucket and mop in hand to clean up!

I hope this article offers you something you didn't already know about Fountains Abbey. If you do pay a visit, take the time to look up, look closely and use your imagination, you will find hidden history and hopefully be able to tell me more too. Oh.... and if you meet a Gardener or Visitor Assistant, spare a thought for the more bizarre or messy jobs that they must do in a volunteering day.

Julia Newiss







#### **Eunice the Ewe**

Last month I was hiding in the photo of 'Harp and a monkey' on page 32 and the lucky winner of the £10 prize is Allyson Moir of Burtersett.

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

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#### **July Competition**

How's your creepy-crawly knowledge? Some but not all of the following are anagrams.

- 1. Second letter (That's easy to start off!)
- 2. If St George saw this, he wouldn't catch it
- 3. Raw mother
- 4. Found at the Battle of Alamo this is
- 5. I know 'Azel was there: I.....
- 6. Pip saw it coming back in
- 7. Has it really 100 legs?
- 8. How made? O used wool!
- 9. "... fly away home"
- 10. On the side of the head and on the top
- 11. My fad sell
- 12. Sounds like Ringo
- 13. Seen at Headingley
- 14. Listening device
- 15. We very sinful
- 16. Does it rag shoppers?

Please send in your answers to arrive by **Tuesday, July 19th**. Don't forget to nominate your charity which will receive the £20 prize should you win.

#### **June Competition Answers**

- 1. Windsor Castle
- 2. St. James's Palace
- 3. Clarence House
- 4. Kensington Palace
- 5. Sandringham House
- 6. Buckingham Palace
- 7. Balmoral Castle
- 8. Hampton Court Palace
- 9. Frogmore House
- 10. Palace of Holyroodhouse
- 11. Highgrove House
- 12. Hillsborough Castle
- 13. Gatcombe Park
- 14. Bagshot Park

There were several correct entries this month and the winner chosen at random is Sylvia Caygill of Garsdale whose nominated charity to receive £20 is Hawes Primary School.

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	3, Bainside	650525
Askrigg:	Sykes Shop,	650535
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	Hall Garth	663243
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Thoralby:	Neil Piper	663747
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	Chestnut Garth	624934

#### **Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services in July**

	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
July 3rd		The Gathering: Family Holy Communion		
July 10th	Holy Communion	Ecumenical Gayle Chapel 10.30am	Holy Communion	Soup Lunch from 1.00pm 2.30pm -Family Communion
July 17th	Morning Prayer	Family Service Praise in the Pen	Holy Communion	
July 24th	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Café Church	2.30pm Evening Prayer 3.15pm Pathfinders Young People aged 9-13
July 31st	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Forest Church See website for details of meeting place	

Evening Prayer is on **Sundays at 4.00pm** via our telephone conferencing service for details go to <a href="https://www.upperwensleydalechurch.org/services">www.upperwensleydalechurch.org/services</a>.

#### A 'Blind Date' with Summer

I find it great fun when Google Photos decides to send me a reminder of what I was up to the previous year on a particular date. The message from them is then invariably forwarded to various members of my family as we reminisce over a particular event together.

A few days ago I received a montage of pictures from last year in which the skies were deep blue, the sun was shining and I was sitting with my son on Staggs Fell appreciating the spectacular view as we looked down upon the dale. It was a gloriously bright and warm day. The air was still but filled with the wonderful sound of birdsong as we savoured the moment. I began to consider when we might be blessed with something similar again as many of us are still wearing our coats and putting the heating on!

'July' as I recently read, 'is a blind date with summer'. A blind date brings with it

anticipation and excitement; the joy of the unknown. That simple statement made me pause and think about the joy there is in taking each day as it comes and appreciating it for what it is and what it brings rather than longing for something which it isn't .. yet. It's so easy to do isn't it and I know I can miss so much of what is going on around me when I do. A recent journey into the urban landscape where I spent so many years brought this home to me afresh and the need we all have to 'savour the moment' more. So here's an invitation to be thankful for what is around us now, the people we will meet, the conversations we will have, the beauty we will see around us and within one another ... today.

'This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it' Psalm 118:24



#### Strong Public Support for Hawes-Garsdale Proposal

A survey suggests there is strong public support for developing a multi-user route along a scenic six-mile stretch of former railway in Upper Wensleydale. Nearly four out of five members of the public have backed a proposal for a new family-friendly, wheelchair-accessible route between the town of Hawes and Garsdale Station on the Settle-Carlisle mainline. A total of 2,261 individual responses were received, with a minority of respondents - 19% - against the proposal on the grounds that they would prefer the former track-bed to be protected from any development.

The online survey was carried out by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, after its Members approved the principle of creating a Hawes-Garsdale multi-user route at its March quarterly meeting and asked for views from the public. The full results will be presented at the next Authority meeting, on Tuesday 28 June, when Members will decide whether to formally back the proposal.

Currently there is no public access along the former branch line between Hawes and Garsdale. The railway closed more than sixty years ago. The Chair of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Neil Heseltine said: "This is one of the most engaged surveys the Authority has undertaken in recent years, and I would like to thank everyone who took the time to take part. Support from local people for a Hawes-Garsdale bridleway is particularly strong."

"Overall, 77% of respondents supported the proposal, but among those who described themselves as living and/or working or owning a business in the National Park, support rose to 82%. That is owing to a desire to create a safe place for children to cycle or go horse riding away from the main road, a need for a direct, car-and-motorcycle-free route between Hawes and Garsdale Station, and a need to support economic development, which the route would likely stimulate."

"The former railway is a monument to Victorian engineering, but at the moment it is a largely wasted - and deteriorating - asset. If Members decide later this month to confirm their support for a Hawes-Garsdale multi-user route, then the Authority would approach potential project partners to discuss a way ahead."



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#### **Wensleydale Concert Series**

In July we have two concerts, both in St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth at 7.30pm. Tickets are limited (we still want people to be spaced out) so please buy in advance. The first is on **Saturday July 9th**, when we welcome husband and wife piano duo Robert and Linda Ang Stoodley, known together as 'Piano à deux'. They are offering a wonderfully varied programme taking us through the centuries from Beethoven through to Gershwin.



The concert opens with Beethoven's Sonata Op. 6, followed by Schubert's Fantasy in F Minor and Mendelssohn's Allegro Brillant, which is considered one of the most challenging pieces in the entire piano duet repertoire. The second half brings us into the 20th century, beginning with Poulenc's exciting sonata for Four Hands and movements from the well-known Dolly Suite by Fauré (memories of "Listen with Mother"). The final two pieces, Liszt's fiery Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2, which still reminds me of the famous Tom and Jerry film, and Gershwin's wonderful and evocative 'An American in Paris' were arranged for four hands by the duo themselves. It has been said of Piano à Deux that 'their charisma, comedy and virtuosity, set in scintillating original arrangements, has won them a large following on land and sea.' What better way to spend a summer evening?

Our second July concert is on Friday July 29th. We are delighted to welcome back Andrew Long, who performed for us twice before as part of the New World Trio. Not only is Andy co-principal of the Opera North Orchestra but he is a wonderful raconteur who has entertained us in the past with wonderful and funny stories. For this visit we are pleased to welcome the brilliant pianist Ian Buckle for the first time. There is a distinctly Spanish flavour to the first half of their programme, with de Falla's 'Popular Spanish Songs' suite and a Sonata by Granados, followed by Ravel's Tzigane. The second half opens with the

virtuosic Kreutzer Sonata by Beethoven, followed by Glière's - Romance, Op.3 and Vecsey's highly emotive 'Valse triste' and the prelude 'A Toi'.

Both concerts have music that can be enjoyed by newcomers to classical music and are lovely programmes full of beauty, fire, passion and fun. Tickets are £15 (£1 for anyone in full education) and can be purchased online, by phone or by post. Please check our website full for details www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk. If you do not have access to the internet tickets can be ordered by phone from our ticket agent on 0333 **666 3366** (quote 19th July or 29th July and Wensleydale Concert Series depending on which you want).

Parking is available at the Falls Car Park next to the church (£1.50 special rate for concerts, Pay and Display as normal). If you have mobility issues there is limited parking at the church - please let us know in advance. If you need help to access concerts we can provide tickets for carers/assistants. If you require help with access or transport please contact Carol Haynes or Liz Sowter on 01969 663026.

#### **Carperby Open Gardens**

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# Healthwatch North Yorkshire reveals catastrophic impact of dental crisis on local people

Healthwatch North Yorkshire is demanding a task force to address the crisis in the county's oral health due to a lack of NHS dentists.

A new <u>report</u>, released today, outlines the profound impact of not being able to access an NHS dentist on the lives of more than eighty members of the public.

Most of the issues raised are identical to those highlighted in Healthwatch North Yorkshire's last dentistry report, published in summer 2021. Despite concerns raised with politicians, providers and commissioners, dentistry remains the topic Healthwatch North Yorkshire continues to hear the most about and something it continues to call for action on.

In the latest report, 42% of respondents explained how issues with their teeth had a detrimental impact on their physical health. 26% of respondents reported that the dentistry issues they have experienced have had a negative impact on their mental health and well-being. The report also indicates how this crisis is impacting children's health and the actions people have taken due to not being able to access an NHS dentist.

Ashley Green, Chief Executive Officer at Healthwatch North Yorkshire, said: "The case studies presented in this report reiterate the

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severe issues facing people across North Yorkshire. To hear the drastic measures people have resorted to after not being able to access an NHS dentist is harrowing.

"The financial impact, the impact on people's mental health and on people's physical health — these case studies reiterate the disaster people across our county are facing. We also know that oral health is connected to physical health and without access to regular dental check-ups, people's physical health could deteriorate along with oral health. Urgent reform is needed, and we urge that something is done now - before the situation gets even worse."

The recommendations outlined in the report include:

A dental task force for North Yorkshire that aims to tackle the underlying issues identified, both in this and previous reports. A collaborative approach to addressing the dental crisis across the Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care System to ensure the commissioning of services meet the needs of the wider population.

Nationally, Healthwatch England has led calls for a <u>radical rethink</u> of NHS dentistry and it will be announcing its next steps over the coming weeks.

Healthwatch North Yorkshire is calling for people to share their views and experiences of health and social care, by visiting our website, calling Healthwatch North Yorkshire on 01423 788128 or emailing <a href="mailto:admin@hwny.co.uk">admin@hwny.co.uk</a>.



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#### Bainbridge W.I.

Are We Really Back to Normal? Yes it really does feel that we have finally returned to some sort of 'normal' at Bainbridge WI.

We have managed to pack quite a lot into June and have been relieved that the weather has been kind to us. We had a trip over to the North Yorkshire Moors to visit Robert Fuller's art gallery which was very interesting. Robert has 'live feed' cameras on wildlife in the area and he uses these images to help him paint some wonderful pictures of local wildlife.

Our June meeting saw Julie Rancombe come along from Washington, Tyne and Wear, to talk to us about her creative work with glass. We learned that Julie had been looking for something to fill her spare time when she visited the Sunderland Glass Centre and subsequently signed up for a workshop where she learned the art of fused glass. Julie brought along some of her creations for us to see and buy, and we were very impressed. We may even consider attending one of her workshops in the future.

We hope for good weather in July as our Garden Club are visiting the gardens at Jervaulx Hall which should be a lovely afternoon.

Our Book Club continues to meet regularly to discuss their latest read and the Lunch Club is never short of a venue to visit for a delicious meal and a good chat.

The Community Lunch Hub will be held on Monday, July 25th, 12.00noon at Askrigg Village Hall. Come along for a delicious two course, homemade lunch followed at 1.30pm by an afternoon of board games. We ask for a £5 donation towards the cost of the lunch.

Our July meeting takes place on **Thursday**, **July 21st** when Viv Rivis will be coming along to talk to us about 'Women at War'. We hope this will be a really interesting talk and we will be happy to welcome you if you would like to join us. The meeting starts at **7.30pm** in Bainbridge Village Hall and costs £4 for visitors.

Refreshments are served after the talk and there is the chance to chat to members and friends. As always, if you would like any further information, please contact our President, Susan Freer, on 663980.

#### **Penhill Ladies**

On July 20th Penhill Ladies welcome Simon Eastwood who is presenting a talk "From The Jonas Centre To Colburn Community Centre". Penhill Ladies meet at 7.30pm in Carperby Village Institute on the third Thursday in the month. New members are always welcome. For more details contact Ann on 01969 662625.

Penhill Ladies invite you to join their summer outing to Leeds on **August 15th** including an optional, free visit to the Marks and Spencer's Museum to include a talk, tour and tea/coffee. The cost is £15. Our coach will pick up from Carperby (9.00am), Redmire (9.10am) Leyburn (9.20am) and leave Leeds for the return journey at 5.00pm. For further information, advance booking and payment please ring one of the following numbers: **07776132966 or 07769906734 or 07507292213**.

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#### **Prunings**

We have a hawthorn hedge between two fields down in front of the village. Well, it was a hedge, but in the 50 years that I have lived here, it has grown from bushes to now - trees. I see it each morning and this year it has been fascinating. It greened up in early Spring and then it produced the customary mass of lush creamy blossom. The largest, nearest the village is always first and the display subtly moves down to the smallest. As the flowers go over the whole show gradually turns pink. This year, by midlargest the tree has transformed spectacularly to red. It really has been brilliant.

I've also been watching the grey ghosts of the ash trees across the valley and it was well into June before some of them greened up. Even now odd ones are very sparse with clear evidence of Ash die back (Chalara). It has been suggested that the trees can fight back but repeated infection will eventually kill them. Apparently there are specimens with some natural resistance, but the Woodland Trust estimates that it may take fifty years for our Ash woods to recover. Sad to say, this disease was imported from Europe.

Derby Day came and went and the box hedge still awaits its main haircut. The problem is, there is always something more urgent, - or it rains. Otherwise, some parts are looking good: the phuopsis is spilling over the wall in a froth of pink and I have actually seen a painted lady



feasting on it. We had let it self-seed under the wall at the side of the lane and it is amazing how many visitors ask if the can have a root. The "non-stop" begonias are now flowering in their tubs and I am so glad I chose the sizzling dark orange, they will be good value if they keep going as long as last year's. I have tied in the

sweet peas twice and next time I'll just put a string all the way round each pot.

A couple of the runner beans have set off up the canes. (Did you know they always wind anticlockwise?) - but the rest seem to have provided a banquet for the slugs. I admit I was a bit late with the sheeps' wool pellets. I have pushed in some more beans, they'll be very late but they'll perhaps fill the gaps. A kind neighbour gave me a pot of healthy young parsley plants, I have chives, thyme, marjoram and rosemary so I won't be short of tasty stuff in the Summer.

The philadelphus aurea has flowered and the scent is amazing. The trouble is, this only happens when I have neglected to cut it back in the previous year, so it is now enormous. I shall have to trim it back after flowering, and of course that means we won't expect much in the way of flowers next year. The other real stunner has been wiegelia florida variegata which has been in bloom for weeks. I must chop out the non-variegated stems before they become too much of a problem.

Whatever you grow, take time to enjoy it!

Rose Rambler

#### **Leyburn Arts & Community Centre**

Thanks to all who came to be entertained on our recent Platinum Jubilee Weekend Festival of Performing Arts and for supporting our talented local artists, the young and the slightly older ones. Thanks to Yoredale Strummers, Janet Seymour's dancers, Leyburn Amateur Dramatics (LADS), Leyburn Band, Joan Danvers & her sequence dancers, the Community Choir, Bert & Jean and especially Blueboxt for their talented young people who performed during the day and produced a very impressive concert in the evening - all free to the public! Thanks to Richmondshire District Council for their support and to all the young people who worked so hard on producing the concert of music through seven decades.

Our next free entertainment will be our celebration of 1940's humour and music with LADS and our regular visitor Jayne Darling, followed by History Wardrobe returning with 'The Dressmakers of Auschwitz'. Further information can be found about tickets for this on our website alongside all the regular cinema and other activities held in the Centre. See page 40 for more information.

#### Hawes in Bloom

We have completed planting up all the usual containers that we place around the Town. If only the wind would abate and we are given a little sunshine you may even see some of the colours! I am happy to keep it all watered and fed, especially as I now have a more efficient set up of pick-up and tank with pump etc.

It was heartening to see that so many businesses have carried on with hanging baskets of their own as I was unable to offer this service as you know. I understand that Wayne, from Whites of Wensleydale, was responsible for organising a joint effort for many other premises.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thankyou to the band of cheerful (and long-suffering!) volunteers who once again have given their time and energy to helping over a period of a week or more. It will be mostly the same band of volunteers who will again help in

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I must also say a big thank you to haulier Peter Metcalfe of Appersett who has allowed us to use part of his extensive yard together with equipment and other facilities. This has been invaluable and it is no exaggeration to say that without this it would be impossible for the scheme to continue.

As usual we have had the generous financial support of Hawes Parish Council, Hawes Market Toll Trustees, Hawes Conservative Club, Gayle Whist Drive, and other organisations and businesses, not to mention individual donors. Many thanks to you all. A big thank you to one or two patient and long-suffering individuals who help keep me 'on the road' (you know who you are!)

I look forward to chatting to many of you as I go around tending to the various displays and hope that the weather will allow us to have our Hawes in Bloom!!

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All money raised will be going towards supporting people in Yorkshire as these charities are important to so many people as they affect them and their families.

There will be a raffle, tombola, cake stall and lucky dip. Any donations would be gratefully received and they would appreciate your support to make this day a great success. The late John Blackie always wanted them to hold such events in his café to support charities which were so close to many people's hearts.

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# From Cowshed to Cathedral: Swaledale Festival 2022

The organisers of Swaledale Festival have thanked the artists, volunteers, sponsors and audiences who helped make the celebratory 50th -anniversary Swaledale Festival a great success.

Over 6,200 tickets were sold for 50 music, arts and walking events across 18 venues, from Handel's Messiah filling the heights of Ripon Cathedral, to brass, strings, woodwind, piano, percussion and vocals resounding in the chapels and churches of the Dales, to a folk fest in a cowshed.

Artistic Director Malcolm Creese said: 'After two years of waiting, it was a treat to get back to live performances in full venues. We combined seasonal Festival favourites with brand new faces, aiming to offer something for everyone whilst presenting a spin on the norm and the traditional.'

Festival-goers had the chance to experience ethereal percussion magic in Dame Evelyn Glennie's The Language of Bells, exquisite piano from nineteen-year-old sensation Jeneba Kanneh-Mason, outdoor grooves and beats in the Family Fun Day on Reeth Green, a genreshifting singing workshop with vocal masters VOCES8 and their sublime concert with violinist Rachel Podger. They were transported to the realm of old Ireland with fiddler Niamh Ní Charra, trotted the globe with the international Antonio Forcione Quartet, and were brought back to Swaledale with the legendary local folk group Fourum.

There was an electrifying performance from New York-based Russian violinist Alexander Markov and an atmospheric finale with Northumbrian piper Kathryn Tickell and her band The Darkening - as well as jazz, blues, brass, film, talks and five art exhibitions.

Audience-members Steve and Janet said: 'The Festival is widening our musical experience tremendously. All events offer something exciting or interesting. It seems to get better every year.'

MP for North Yorkshire Rishi Sunak said the Festival had made a very important contribution to the cultural life of the Yorkshire Dales over half a century. He added: 'I've very much enjoyed attending Festival events. The festival is always impressive in its quality and range, bringing some of the best artists in the world

here and also involving so many local people in the programme. I congratulate everyone involved in planning, organising and supporting the festival on this milestone and look forward to the festival continuing to thrive in the years to come.'

The Festival's work continued with the Wandering Minstrels programme in which professional musicians visited local care homes and schools to perform for those who otherwise may not have the opportunity to experience professional arts.

Mezzo-soprano Patricia Hammond and multiinstrumentalist Matt Redman performed for residents of Hillcrest Care Home and Rosedale Nursing Home in Catterick, Kirkwood Hall in Leyburn, Nightingale Hall in Richmond and Sycamore Hall in Bainbridge.

Wind group The Magnard Ensemble performed for pupils at The Wensleydale School and Leyburn Primary School, and Aurora Percussion Duo shared their magic with students at Hipswell Primary School, Le Cateau Community Primary School and Risedale School.

Swaledale Festival 2023 will run from **May 27th to June 10th.** 





#### **BAWB Schools News**



Here we are – almost at the end of the summer term! Where has that time gone?

The children of the BAWB Federation have had a busy term with lots of interesting things happening and yet more to come before we break for the holidays.

Shortly after the Easter break our Year 3 and 4 children were able to take part in the first residential trip from school since before lockdown. They spent three days and 2 nights at Marrick Priory taking part in adventure activities such as abseiling, high and low ropes and archery. The 'Leap of Faith' was a firm favourite with our intrepid children. A great time was had by all!

Our Year five and six children are looking forward to their residential in July. For the first time, the trip will be to London where



exciting things are planned – London Eye, Natural History Museum, Tower of London and a tour of the Houses of Parliament. We would like to say a huge thank you to our PTFA for making a generous donation towards the cost of the trip.

We hope you all had a great time over the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend! How lovely all the villages looked decorated for the occasion. Our pupils produced some fantastic pieces of work for local displays - Bainbridge, Leyburn and Aysgarth. Thank you to each of them for bringing so much cheer to the celebrations.



Our huge thanks to Mrs Alderson who volunteered to put together the Aysgarth display, there is no surprise that the display received so many positive comments.

The children have each received a wonderful book from the Department of Education to commemorate the occasion.

Our younger children in the Owl and Robins

classes have been busy tending caterpillars, which have now turned into butterflies and safely released in to the wild. They will shortly be going on a cycle trip from Wensley to Bolton Hall. Who knows – perhaps they will see some of their butterflies en-route?

We are pleased to report that our KS2 children are having music lessons each week with Mr Price. They are very keen and play their trumpets and trombones with great gusto.

New families with nursery age children have the opportunity to visit our amazing early years setting at Bainbridge on **July 12th, between 1.00pm** – **3.30pm** for the Nursery Taster Session. If you would like more information on our nursery, or indeed any of our schools, please get in touch.

All our children from the Federation will be coming together on **Monday**, **July 19th** for Sports Day. We pray the weather will be kind, but whatever it is doing, it won't spoil the day.

Following a two year hiatus, our Year six Leavers' Fair is back! It will be held at Askrigg School on **Thursday**, **July 21st from 3.30pm**. All are welcome. There will be stalls, manned by the Year six pupils, offering a variety of goods, plus a waterslide, BBQ and much more. Come and join the fun.

We shall be very sad to say goodbye to our year six girls and boys but wish them every happiness and success in their new schools and hope they have fond memories of their time at BAWB.

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The agriculture industry is facing a period of unprecedented change and now the Farmer Network is looking to increase its level of support for farmers in the Yorkshire Dales, Cumbria and beyond.

Managing Director Adam Day says, "We recognise that farmers are best placed to deliver both future food security and improvements to the natural environment in tandem. This will require new knowledge and investment within the industry and we are preparing for this now".

The Farmer Network is looking to employ a new part-time farm coordinator in the Yorkshire Dales to join the existing team. The role will include delivering an increasing number of farmer - support projects and also organising farmer events in the Dales.

Veronica Waller, Senior Project Manager says: "We are keen to hear from potential coordinators who can work directly with farmers across the Yorkshire Dales and be a goto person for the farming community in those areas".

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**August 10th** – "Bridges, walls and barns". A selection of photos and talk by Stuart Armstrong and Jack Sutton.

August 17th – "Bird ringing and identification in the Dales". Given by Roger Foreman from the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

**August 24th** – "Early faith in the Dales". With Mike Hirst.

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#### **Quoits News**

Sadly we were informed that Richard Atkinson, Landlord of the White Rose, Askrigg has passed away after a short illness. Not only was Richard a keen quoits player, he was also mein host to many teams after their home games. Richard will be sadly missed.

We are now some way into the 2022 season with Middleham Quoits Club leading Division 1, just ahead of The Dalesman "A" Team. During the 1st round of the Knock Out Cup, The Dalesman were at home to Middleham meaning one of the two top teams would exit the competition in the first round. With the aid of the handicapping system, introduced a few years ago to aid the weaker teams, the Dalesman Club received 9 additional points whereas Middleham had zero. By a close margin the Dalesman beat Middleham going through to round two to meet The Foresters Arms. Carlton.

Division 2 has West Witton "A" 7 points ahead of The Fountain, Hawes after 4 matches. Again in the League Cup both these teams met with West Witton giving the Foresters a 3 handicap point advantage. West Witton won the first round and now go forward to meet White Rose, Askrigg to whom they give 9 handicap points.

This season has seen a number of new players registering with different teams in West Witton, Redmire and Hawes. It's good to see interest in this traditional Dales pastime possibly gaining popularity. On a final point, the league is now without a Secretary, a position which although not demanding does need filling. Any playing or non-playing volunteer for this position would be most welcome to help keep the league alive especially as the position of Chairman and Score Co-ordinator will become vacant at the next AGM. Any interested person please contact Stephen Mason on 01969 662743.



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We are arranging a read through of the script on Wednesday, September, 14th 7.00pm. Place to be confirmed. The production will take place from February 1st 2023.

If you are keen to be involved and cannot make the read through or have interest in being on the committee, please email amycockett@outlook.com

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#### July

- 2 Concert. Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm See p.28.
- 3 Carperby Open Gardens. 1.00pm to 5.00pm. See p.7.
- 8,9 Quaker Arts and Crafts Exhibition. Bainbridge Meeting House. 10am to 4.00pm.
- 9,10 Wensleydale Railway. Mad Hatter's Party. See p.12.
- 9 Concert, St. Andrew's Aysgarth. 7.30pm. See p.7.
- Blueboxt Concert. Reeth Memorial Hall.
   7.30pm. See p.39.
- 10 Blueboxt Concert. West Burton Village Hall. 5.00pm. See p.39.
- 15 Leyburn u3a talk. 10.00am. See this page.
- 16 Wensleydale Chorus. 7.30pm. Bedale Methodist Church
- 18 Wensleydale School Holi-Dales Fest. 12.30pm -3.30pm. See p.29.
- 19 Local History Group Talk. 2.00pm. See p.28.
- 20 Penhill Ladies talk. 7.30pm. Carperby Village Institute. See p.9.
- 21 Bainbridge W.I. Meeting in the Village Hall. 7.30pm. See p.9.
- 22 Little White Bus trip to Kendal. See p.24. 23 Wensleydale Chorus. 7.30pm. St John's
- Church East Witton.
- 24 Aysgarth Summer Fete.
- 25 A Day in the Dales event. See p.35.
- 25 Bainbridge W.I. Community Lunch Hub. Noon. Askrigg Vill. Hall. See p.9.
- 29 Concert, St. Andrew's Aysgarth. 7.30pm. See p.7.
- 30 Reeth Market Summer Fair. 10.00am 4.00pm. See p.37.
- 30 Organ Concert. Holy Trinity Church, Wensley. 7.30pm. See p.25.
- 31 Burtersett Show. 2.00pm. See p.39.

#### August

- 3 Charity Coffee Morning. 10.00am 3.00pm. Bay Tree Café, Hawes. See p.13.
- 3 Kings Club Family Activities, Noon 3.00pm. See p.19.
- 3 Dales Discovery Film. St. Margaret's Church, Hawes. 8.00pm. See p.17.

#### Leyburn u3a Group

The meeting in July is on **Friday 15th at 10.00am** at the Arts and Community Centre, Leyburn. Speaker is Mary Wilberforce giving a talk on her ancestor William Wilberforce. Meetings are held the third Friday of every month. Future meeting: **August 19th** Helen Neave - From Scalpel to Spade. Visitors welcome.

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

11.00am Holy Communion,

St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

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

#### Sunday, July 10th:

10.30am Holy Communion Penhill Together Service, Holy Trinity, St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

#### Sunday, July 17th:

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St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

#### Sunday, July 24th:

**9.30am** Holy Communion,

St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

11.00am Morning Prayer, St. Andrew's,

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# **Exhibition** (included in museum admission) **July 16th to October 9th Give Peat a Chance**

Bringing the Yorkshire Dales peatlands to life, this exhibition starts thousands of years ago and runs up to the present day, looking at how Dales peatlands formed; the wildlife that lives there; how our actions have affected our peatlands; and what we're doing to restore them. We will explore these beautiful, brooding landscapes through visual arts, music and film.

Poetry writing workshops for adults and families, linked with the theme of the exhibition, will be run by Sarah Smout on the 23rd, 24th, 30th of July and August 1st. Please watch out for details on our website and social media.

#### Projects In Your Words - Dialect and Heritage project

Our Engagement Officer, Poppy has been working with school children at Countryside Days this month and the volunteer team has been out collecting fascinating oral histories. The website for the project is now live. Go to <a href="https://dialectandheritage.org.uk/">https://dialectandheritage.org.uk/</a> and you can add your own voice and words there!

We've more events planned and will be working with local community groups to create creative textile pieces to be included in our exhibition in the autumn. We'd be keen to speak to people who have returned to live in the Dales and also families who have lived here for several generations. 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 will automatically become members of our family club, The Scurry Club. They will receive a loyalty card which can be stamped each visit to get a treat. We're continuing to look at all aspects of the Museum and how we can make things more family friendly. If you're a local family and would like a free visit 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

Schools have been busy borrowing our loan boxes and Jane, our Education lead has been out and about at local schools delivering sessions on the Vikings, Dairying, Dialect and Past toys.

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.

### Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists' Club

In June we went back to the Ice Age and explored cave painting, carving our own "rib" drawings and making shell jewellery using only stone as a tool!

We meet once a month on a Saturday morning, 10.00am - noon. If you know a young person age 8-16 years who might be interested, please let them know about the club. They're welcome to come along to try a session. July's session will focus on finds discovered during work on the A66. Please call in advance if you'd like to join in. Email <a href="mailto:dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk">dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk</a> or call 01969 666210 if you'd like to find out more.

#### **Events and Activities coming up soon.**

All events are included in the museum admission unless stated.

#### A Woolly Wander Experience. Thursday, July 7th. 10.00am – 3.00pm.

A chance to 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.

#### 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, kitchen and discover the history of dairying and inch 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 the spectacular Hardraw Force. Starts at the Dales Countryside Museum.

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

#### **Hawes Town Trail.** 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. 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.

#### **Drystone Walling Demonstration** Tuesday, July 26th. 11.00am - 3.00pm.

#### **Textile Techniques**

#### Wednesday, July 27th. 1.00pm - 4.00pm

In the Museum's textile gallery, volunteers will demonstrate rag rug making, patchwork and other textile techniques. Included in museum admission.

#### In the Kitchen - Dairy Days Thursday, July 28th. 1.00pm - 4.00pm Join Mrs H in our traditional Dales Farmhouse

poppies, seedpods or anything that can be how making cheese and butter has changed carefully selected and pressed into a 10 x 10- through the ages — included in museum admission.

#### Hands-on History - Brooches Friday, July 29th. 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Let's get hands-on with history! Drop-in craft activities for families. In this activity, we will have a go at making our own brooch and explore brooches through the ages. Included in museum admission.

#### Traditional Rugmaking Demonstration Sunday, July 31st. 11.00am - 4.00pm.

A demonstration of traditional rug making including both proddy and hooked techniques included in museum admission.

#### **Drystone Walling Demonstration** Tuesday, August 2nd. 11.00am - 3.00pm

#### **Textile Techniques**

#### Wednesday, August 3rd. 1.00pm - 4.00pm

In the Museum's textile gallery, volunteers will demonstrate rag rug making, patchwork and other textile techniques. Included in museum admission.

#### In the Kitchen - Bringing in the Drinkings Thursday, August 4th. 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Join Mrs H in our traditional Dales Farmhouse kitchen and find out more about "bringing the drinkings" during hay time when farming families brought out food and drinks to workers in the fields. Included in museum admission.

#### Hands-on History - Rock Art Friday, August 5th. 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Let's get hands-on with history! Drop-in craft activities for families. In this activity, we will have a look at Rock Art in the Dales and make a replica with clay. Included in admission.



#### More DCM Events in August

#### Yorkshire Dales Summer Landscape Postcards in Gouache

#### Saturday, August 6th. 10.00am - 4.00pm

Join artist Anji Timlin for a gouache paint workshop and create a summer landscape painting of the Yorkshire Dales, perfect for a postcard. Anji will show you various gouache techniques using brushstrokes and layering. Learn how to use this fun and accessible paint. Choose to paint images and postcards provided by Anji or inspired by the museum's archives, or bring your own. Materials and lunch included. Booking essential. £55.

#### Drystone Walling Demonstration Tuesday, August 9th 11.00am - 3.00pm

#### Hawes Rural Heritage walk Tuesday, August 9th 11.00am - 4.00pm

Join us for this 5.5 mile (8.8km) walk in Herriot country, through fields and along old bridleways with stunning views of the Yorkshire Dales. We will look for evidence of old industries and traditional rural activities as we walk, including local hamlets, villages, barns and lime kilns. Starts at the Dales Countryside Museum. Booking Essential. £6. No dogs allowed.

#### Textile Techniques Afternoons Wednesday August 10th. 1.00pm - 4.00pm

In the Museum's textile gallery, volunteers will demonstrate rag rug making, patchwork and other textile techniques. Included in museum admission.

#### In the Kitchen - Oatcakes Thursday, August 11th. 1.00pm - 4.00pm

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#### Upper Dales Geology Sunday, August 14th. 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 the spectacular Hardraw Force, the highest waterfall in England. Starts at the Dales Countryside Museum. Booking Essential. £6 plus entrance fee to the waterfall. No dogs allowed.

#### Drystone Walling Demonstration Tuesday, August 16th 11.00am - 3.00pm

#### Portrait of English Migration - North Yorkshire People in North America Tuesday, August 16th 3.00pm - 4.00pm

In this afternoon lecture, Professor William E.Van Vugt will give a talk on the history of those who left North Yorkshire for North America between the eighteenth century and the early twentieth century. Included in museum admission.

#### Textile Techniques Afternoons Wednesday August 17th. 1.00pm - 4.00pm

In the Museum's textile gallery, volunteers will demonstrate rag rug making, patchwork and other textile techniques. Included in museum admission.

#### In the Kitchen - Bread Making Thursday, August 18th. 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Join Mrs H in our traditional Dales Farmhouse kitchen and discover the history of bread making and how it has changed from the Roman times to now. Included in museum admission.

# Hands-on History - Roman Surveying Friday, August 19th. 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Let's get hands-on with history! Drop-in craft activities for families. We will survey like a Roman in this activity and make your own groma. A groma is a Roman surveying instrument, and we will see how it works. Included in museum admission.

#### The Wensley Camerata

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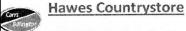
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God bless, stay safe and I hope to see you all at the concert on **July 30th.** 

Stephen Wearing, Chairman, **Hope and Homes for Children**, Vale of York Support Group.

PS Should you wish to become involved, or support us further in the future, please contact me on: <a href="mailto:shwearing@gmail.com">shwearing@gmail.com</a>.

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#### **Mystery Picture**

Last month's Mystery Picture was of the steps on the footpath which heads north, starting close to the Redmire Railhead sidings.

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#### **Little White Bus Trips**

On **Friday**, **July 22nd** we will be heading for the ever popular shopping venue of Kendal. For bookings and further details please contact the Hawes Community Office. I look forward to seeing our regulars and perhaps some new faces too.

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#### **Hawes School News**

Pro-ride

Eight children from Class 3 took part in the next round of the Pro-ride event at Catterick after a full day session in school. The weather was very much improved on the first session we had in school. The children and their bikes had an enjoyable if not tiring day.



The behaviour of the children was an excellent representation of our school. As a school we came second overall.

#### Sports Day

Last Friday we held our school Sports Day and were pleased to invite parents and families back in to school to enjoy the day together. All the children took part in a variety of races and were able to cheer on their friends. The overall winning team were Dale but all the children took part with enthusiasm.

#### Outdoor development

Miss Burton is currently working on developing our outdoor area with the children in Class 1. We are looking for donation of palettes, cable reels and tree stumps and any other resources that would enhance the outdoor learning. Please contact school if you are able to help with this.



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#### **Heavens Above**

The nights get just that wee bit longer this month and you'll still need to stop up fairly late to enjoy a properly dark sky. If you do venture out, you'll soon notice a marked change in the constellations on view. Arcturus, the bright orange leader of Bootes the Herdsman, which dominated the eastern sky during March and April is still prominent over in the west but the two other main springtime groups, Virgo and Leo the Lion, have almost faded away into the evening twilight. Capella, the bright yellow star that lies almost overhead in winter, now sits right on the northern horizon though it never quite sets from the UK. The familiar seven stars of the Plough have wheeled into the northwest, which means the 'W' of Cassiopeia, on the opposite side of Polaris, the Pole Star, is gaining height in the north-east. Late on in the evening the Great Square of Pegasus, representing the mythological winged horse of ancient Greece, is just beginning to come into view low in the east.

High in the south-east you'll find the Summer Triangle, a famous asterism or star pattern formed by Vega, Deneb and Altair, the three



brightest stars in the constellations of the Lyre, Cygnus the Swan, and Aquilla the Eagle. Its giant shape is a prominent feature of the night sky right through summer and well into autumn. Much of the low southern sky is filled by the fairly dim constellations of Ophiucus and Serpens with the red supergiant star, Antares, smouldering low on the horizon. After midnight the dense star fields of Sagittarius the Archer should just be visible to the left of Antares. The pale ribbon of the Milky Way flows up from Sagittarius towards the rich constellation of Cygnus the Swan almost overhead during the summer months. On a dark, moonless night it's a lovely sight from a dark rural location, well worth sweeping with binoculars which will show you a veritable cornucopia of star clusters

and gaseous nebulae.

Apart from little Mercury all six of the other planets are on show this month. They rise in succession throughout the night starting with Saturn over in the south-east around 10.30pm. You'll need optical aid to spot the two ice giants, Neptune and Uranus, but the other 3 planets are easy objects. Jupiter, shining brilliantly at magnitude -2.6, rises around midnight followed by Mars about 30 minutes later. Venus steals the show, however, blazing away right through the month as a beautiful Morning Star low in the pre-dawn twilight At magnitude -3.9 it far outshines anything else in the sky apart from the Sun and Moon.

We've another 'supermoon' this month on July 13. It's the brightest and closest of four this year with the Moon 'only' 357,418 km away when it becomes full. Provided those clouds stay well away our lunar neighbour should appear a fair bit larger and brighter than normal though this can be hard to spot with just the naked eye. Why not take a look at it and see if you can notice any difference. Have clear skies!

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Yorkshire Heroes at Waterloo by Paul Brunyee

# Middleham Key Centre, Tuesday, July 19th at 2.00pm

Waterloo is a defining moment in the history of Britain. The men who fought there are commemorated across the land and this talk, with artefacts from the period, will show what some of those with Yorkshire connections experienced over those momentous weeks.

Paul Brunyee is a writer, a Waterloo tour guide and the editor of The Waterloo Journal. He has acted as an educational advisor to several museums and heritage groups and is a member of the national Waterloo200 legacy group.

Annual membership of Middleham and the Dales Local History Group is still only £10, visitors are welcome at £3 per meeting. For more information contact **Tony Keates 01969 640436**, <a href="dotter:dotter



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Saturday, July 9th at 7.30pm – Blueboxt Productions present - Decades – A Musical Celebration – Creative young people aged 10-25 supported by Colin Bailey, Mick Yare and David Dore, present a selection of popular hits and the key moments that form the backdrop to the Queen's historic 70 year reign.

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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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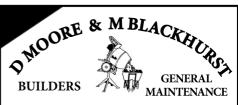
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Our head of KS3, Mr Hadfield and Our SENDCO, Miss Wallis have been visiting lots of primary schools in the local region, meeting and preparing Year 6s for their big transition to Wensleydale School. This upcoming school year we are going to welcome one of our biggest intakes of new students and we all are really excited to have them join our Wensleydale year, see you all in September! school community.

Later this month, about 70 students are coming to our school for a programme of French -themed events including drama, cooking and games. This is so they can get a taste of our foreign language curriculum. However this isn't the only event they have attended, we have also hosted a drama day in which Year 6s practised drama techniques that will be used when they arrive in Year 7. The Science department have also hosted a murder mystery day where students went around the school trying to piece

clues together while also practising different science experiments which will be useful to them later on.

We are also inviting primary schools and families of students to our inaugural Holi-dales festival which includes stalls made by our school's forms such as, giant games, a petting zoo, penalty shoot out and coconut shy. The festival will also include food vans, crazy crochet, a Cheeky Tiki mocktail bar, Just Dance and Karaoke. This was all put together by our festival team who have worked since January to pull this off. Holi-Dales fest takes place on Monday, July 18th from 12.30pm – 3.30pm..

On a sadder note we have said our goodbyes to Year 11 who have worked extremely hard through this exam season and the whole school is very proud of the work they have put in this year. We wish you all the very best for the future.

This is our last update until the next school

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membership. where you can get a membership and pay online. Alternatively please contact us for more information.

The courts are also available to hire for other sports - get in touch if you would like to use them.

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Walking Circuit – Wednesdays (zoom) 9.15am - 10.15am. Exercises to keep active people, active.

Step class – **Thursdays (live) 7.00pm**. Work out to your own level. Come along and

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The event is being held at the Yorkshire Gentlemen's Cricket Club, Escrick Park, York (arrive from **5.30pm onwards, play starts 6.00pm**). "It's free to play or spectate," says TS organiser John Gallery. Further details from john@nny.org.uk.



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#### **Sycamore Hall News**

Here we are, July already! The garden is coming to life and the greenhouse is hotting up! We are hopeful of having some good crops which may allow us to have a small 'market garden' stall to sell our surplus produce and raise a bit of money for the Residents Amenity Fund

We had fabulous time at Platinum Jubilee Street Party on 2nd June. Unfortunately, it was a bit breezy outside so instead of risking everything blowing away, Sonja, Karen and their group of volunteers decorated the residents lounge and laid up a long table covered with Union Jack flags to recreate a street party indoors. The room was decked out with bunting and flags and everyone was invited to come along in red, white and blue clothing. We all raised a glass and toasted HM the Queen, and Brian did a Royal-themed quiz Karen brought collection of newspapers from the time of the Coronation along with a programme of the service but, of course, many of us had our own memories of that time which we were able to share. It was all really good fun and we are grateful to everyone who had a hand in putting it on for us.

After all that excitement we are now returning to our regular weekly activities - 'Knit and Natter' on Mondays at 2.00pm; Quiz or Bingo at 10.45am on Tuesdays; Coffee Morning on Thursdays at 10.30am and Gentle Exercise with Janet Seymour at 11.00am on Fridays. Why not come and join us for some of these and make some new friends? Everyone is welcome.

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

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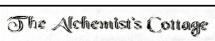
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While outside, ensure your pet has access to fresh water, shade, and shelter away from direct sunlight.

Take your daily walk or jog in the morning, before temperatures reach dangerous levels.

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#### **Notes from Thorney Mire**

Late Spring

Coming down from Herne Top in April we saw a flock of golden plovers, about eleven, rising up and flying in front of us each time we got a little nearer to them. Normally I've only seen them in isolation calling to others with their piping cry on the lonely moors. On April 30th the house martins arrived, flying passed our bedroom window to nest in the eaves in the same place they had nested before. I know it must be a great physical effort for such little creatures to fly from their winter quarters and arrive back at the same location, but they have not had the hassle of applying for Covid passes or EU PLFs. Nor have they been to the bank to be told that they don't supply foreign currency any more but try ASDA instead! Well silly me, fancy thinking banks dispense money, it's obvious, you should go to a supermarket and remember to add Euros to bread, eggs, milk and flour.

I will now step off my soap box to say that a squirrel survey took place in our wood in May. The camera and feeders were put in a different location from previous surveys. On the first check, no food had been taken from the feeders and there was no photographic evidence of any red squirrels. This has not happened before. The feeders and camera were moved to another position. I'm still waiting for the results of this but I'm pleased to report that red squirrels are still present in this area. Also a hedgehog, albeit in the day time. I have seen a tree creeper going through the slats in our barn in the same place several times. I have looked for a nest but not found one. Our garden is a hive, or should I say nest of activity. Goldfinches are nesting in the top of the cypress tree, collared doves below them. Thrushes making a home in the adjacent tree and blackbirds in the ivy. A baby pied wagtail waits impatiently on the wall waiting to be fed and a flycatcher, a creature of habit, returns to the same place on the same branch of the cherry tree looking for dinner. A wren was seen going into the wall basket with food in its mouth and coming out without food so I can't plant that up yet. A blue tit is building a nest in the wall of the outbuildings. To access the nest, it squeezes itself through the minutest crack in the wall scraping its feathers as it does so. I feel like saying, "There's a perfectly good nesting box in the field, waiting for an occupant. Why make life difficult?"

I heard a cuckoo at home on May 4th and one in Sardinia on May 24th, (it sounded the same as ours, it didn't have an Italian accent.) This may not be as strange as it sounds as some British birds like chaffinches have regional The Yorkshire differences in their calls. chaffinch is identifiable as its trill ends in "How much?" Curlews, rooks, jackdaws, chaffinches, lapwings, blackbirds and oystercatchers are all adding to the cacophony of sound to let us know Spring is here even if the weather isn't. I'm not sure what happened while we were on holiday, but the house martins which were building above our bedroom window have disappeared and have been replaced by swallows. I only hope the takeover was agreeable as there was one almighty battle this time last year over nesting rights.

Walking in our top field last week, I was confronted with a most unusual sight. I thought I had suddenly become an extra in a horror film. The bird cherry trees, about ten of them had



become covered in Hammer House of Horror type cobwebs and hurrying down the tree trunks at such a speed you would think they had a bus to catch, were dozens of little caterpillars. I thought I had better do some investigating. It appeared that we had an infestation of tent

caterpillars. These caterpillars build tents in host trees with silk from glands in their heads and feed on the leaves of the trees quickly defoliating them. I was relieved to discover that as they build their tents in the Spring, the trees usually survive as they have time to recover by growing new leaves. I don't know if I'm convinced by this as two of the trees are completely bare, so I live in hope because bird cherry trees are one of my favourites as they have lovely white flowers in the Spring and to lose ten of them would be a great shame. After witnessing this strange phenomenon I was informed that the BBC 2 Springwatch programme had shown a feature on tent caterpillars a few days earlier and it was also pointed out to me that when the feature was being aired I had fallen asleep and missed it! Had this not been so I would have been well informed about tent caterpillars and their discovery would not have been such a shock. I could have gazed at them in awe and wonder instead of being freaked out into thinking the trees were dying and worse still, Christopher Lee might appear after sunset.

Sylvia Turner



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# Welcome Return for 'A Day in The Dales'

After two years, it is now possible to offer 'A Day in The Dales' again for people currently living in Darlington and waiting for their asylum requests to be processed, so they can be safe and live and work here.

It was based in Askrigg for two years and was an enjoyable day for both the visitors and the hosts and helpers. This year it is on **Monday**, **July 25th** and will be based in Carperby Pavillion and the Village Hall, with a trip planned to Aysgarth Falls.

We are asking for volunteers who would be involved in various ways to suit your interests. This ranges from chatting whilst sitting in the sun (we hope), which was very popular previously. Helping with the tea and biscuits on arrival, the setting out of the lunch, playing with the children, being involved in the art activities on site and even being willing to organise an activity on the field. Last time we had various scavenger hunt type activities and games on the field. Of course, there is the opportunity to contribute baking which is always popular. Local families and children previously came along, which was fun and we hope this will be repeated.

Also there is the opportunity to make a financial contribution. If you are interested in any of these opportunities please reply to Jennie White <a href="https://www.whitejennie161@gmail.com">whitejennie161@gmail.com</a> or Gwen Clark <a href="mailto:gwenjaclark@gmail.com">gwenjaclark@gmail.com</a>.



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#### Challenge Walks

There are many different kinds of organised walk. Some are quite casual, really just a group of friends like the Upper Dales Walking Group in Wensleydale. Others are a bit more formal, perhaps advertised nationally; there are charity walks, holiday walks arranged by companies like Ramblers and, at the more serious end of the scale, ultra-long distance walks, like Land's End to John o'Groats. The more competitive the walking becomes the more likely it is that the distinction between walking and running becomes blurred. This is certainly the case for Challenge Walks.

The Long Distance Walkers Association (LDWA) was set up in 1972, so it is celebrating its golden jubilee this year. It advertises scores of events throughout the year, often organised LDWA groups. by local Locally the Wensleydale Wedge from Askrigg every November is a good example. Typically events are around twenty five miles in length, although the flagship event of the LDWA is the annual hundred miler, held in different locations each vear. This year it's in the Southern Pennines. Sorry to disappoint you but by the time you read this the event will be over and five hundred people will be nursing their sore feet and limbs. I shall not be one of them, but before we get into discussion about why anyone would want to punish themselves so severely, let's return to reality.

Not all challenge walks are organised by the LDWA. The Wensleydale Wander is staged every April by Leyburn Rotary. It's a good way of making money for charities. The event I am describing below is organised by the Cave Rescue Organisation (CRO), again on an annual basis. It is called the Ingleborough Challenge and it does indeed go up Ingleborough.

The CRO are like the fourth emergency service. They don't just rescue people from caves, although they are experts at that; they are called out to rescue walkers and climbers above ground as well and the service they provide is invaluable. Their experience is very considerable and I was impressed by their rugged Land Rover emergency vehicles as well as all the ropes, harnesses, slings, stretchers and other kit stored in their HQ garage in Clapham.

So, what about the walk? I had noticed that



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there was cloud on Ingleborough on my way over but it was a dry morning in Clapham, if a little chilly. It was a staggered start, with only twenty or thirty of us setting off at the earliest time of 8.00am., the remaining walkers following within the next half hour. Not so the runners: they had to line up for the gun at 9.30am. There were two route options, twenty six miles or twelve miles. It seems that 60% of the 176 entrants chose the shorter route, including a lot of the runners. As a result the field was far from crowded once the two routes split at three miles.

This wasn't immediately apparent because we were on the Three Peaks route for several miles, but on diverging from that, it suddenly went very quiet. Some serious concentration was required to navigate the Natural England route round the north side of "Wild Ingleborough". Eventually, more familiar ground appeared at Colt Park, but even here the route followed tracks not marked as rights of way on the OS Map, travelling through a Site of Special Scientific Interest with interesting flora and limestone features. By this stage I was being passed by the front runners (the fastest finished the long route in under four hours). They all seemed to know where they were going so they must have done it before. It was useful for me because I could just follow them.

Soon after this the route reached the main Ribblesdale road and also the River Ribble, which is crossed on the impressive wooden Far Moor Bridge, created about ten years ago for the Pennine Bridleway. River crossings are usually followed by uphill sections, in this case following the Ribble Way and the new Three Peaks path. By this stage the runners passing me were walking some bits, so I had chance to chat to a few of them, occasionally when they had followed their phone waymarks and not spent enough time looking at the landscape to establish where they were going. Eventually we dropped down the interminable stony track to Horton-in-Ribblesdale. It was mid-afternoon and quite warm now, so Horton was heaving with people (it was a Saturday). Oh for an ice cream!

It was an effort to set off back towards Ingleborough but we turned left after a mile and crossed a rather stark, karst-like area of limestone escarpments before dropping into some lovely walled lanes, leading to the hamlet of Wharfe. There weren't any runners left to pass me by then, which is just as well because some of the lanes were exceedingly narrow. They were full of flowers and a delight to behold, even if there wasn't time to admire them properly.

From there onwards the whole landscape became more lush and villagey with posh houses and acres of garden. One last hill took us back to the finish at Clapham, now in glorious sunshine. Lots of earlier finishers were enjoying a beer outside and they clapped to encourage the stragglers over the last fifty yards. I've heard that, apart from the winner, the person who finishes last often gets the biggest round of applause. However, I wasn't last; there were a few behind me.

The CRO say it's not intended to be a race, although these things often end up being quite competitive. The main purpose of the event is to raise money and they did raise about £4,000. It is their main source of income. Mountain rescue teams are not government funded and they rely on public generosity to keep going. The Yorkshire Dales is covered by three main teams: CRO in the Settle/Three Peaks area; Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue; and Swaledale Fell Rescue, which covers our area. They often have collecting boxes on counters and bars in shops and pubs, so next time you see one, think about making a donation. It might save someone's life.



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I know it is too soon, but the team are already planning for the festive period and will be presenting 'Decades' celebration concert – with a sprinkling of Christmas' on **Saturday**, **December 10th**, **7.30pm** at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre and **Saturday**, **December** 

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