

# THE UPPER WENSLEYDALE NEWSLETTER

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

## Guest Editorial

I was asked if I would provide an editorial for the current issue about the changes in the way the filling station in Hawes is run. By the time anyone reads this, the changes will have taken effect and it is a great pleasure to write about it save that the deadline for contributions for the September edition is 24 hours before the key date. Fortunately the risk of it all going wrong is vanishingly small so I don't think I should have refused the request.

My predecessor as chairman of the Upper Dales Community Partnership, the late John Blackie, negotiated a lease for the Partnership to run the filling station approaching five years ago. We are now over half way through our second three year lease. It became clear a few months ago that the present owners had good reasons to sell the site and it seemed almost certain that whoever bought it would want to run it.

The prospect of managing the various businesses within UDCP without income generated by the filling station was to say the least daunting. We have little or no income to help us run the library which has been a key service of the partnership since it was founded almost 25 years ago. The financial model for our sort of Post Office branch is designed to be loss-making. In most cases branches are a modest part of another business and the profits of that are helped by the increase in footfall brought by post office customers. That doesn't apply to us but we are confident that by hosting and running the post office we are providing a vital service for everyone who lives in the Upper Dales and for local businesses. We have only been able to keep going because of the surplus we have been able to generate from the filling station.

In short we had to buy it or lose it. Losing it would mean either the end of the partnership or a much reduced range of services. We had two important strokes of good fortune. First the current owners were deeply familiar with the upper dales and committed to helping the community. Second when the rest of the directors including me were scratching our heads David Colley came up with the model for purchase and ownership which we have adopted. Most readers will have paid attention to our communications and will be aware that David's contribution didn't stop with having a brilliant idea.

We have had two generous grants but the bulk of the money has been provided by individuals who have bought shares in the business in return for an annual dividend of 4% and a discount of 4p per litre on the price of fuel up to a certain amount. We are confident that this model has greatly strengthened the links between the partnership and the well over 200 individuals who are now shareholders.

In order to manage the purchase the work has been done by the partnership and three of the partnership's directors have been the initial directors of the community benefit society. The new organisation will own the site and have directors who are not involved with the partnership. The partnership will continue to run the filling station under the terms of a ten year lease.

The filling station is run on a day to day basis by paid staff and one volunteer whose help is invaluable. It would reduce pressure to have occasional help from other volunteers, for example to cover holidays. If you would like to volunteer please speak to Abbie at the Community Office.

What about the future? Over the winter the partnership hopes to modernise the pumps, improve the surface of the forecourt, increase the number of vehicles that can draw down fuel at the same time and increase the number of card machines. Inevitably we will have to close while that work is done but we hope for no more or not much more than two weeks.

Looking even further ahead we are not the only people in England who don't know that fossil fuels have a limited life. We have begun to think about the implications of that for us and for the upper dales.

I want to end by expressing heartfelt thanks to everyone who has had the confidence to buy into this enterprise which we think is without precedent anywhere in England.

Joe Pilling

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## Police Report

Incidents of note over the last month.

Three bicycles were stolen from a Mountain Biking Event in Grinton one of which was to the value of £7000.

August 4th. Criminal damage to a vehicle parked in West Witton.

August 4th. Theft of £930 of whisky from Leyburn Co-op.

There was a total of 27 crimes recorded in the area from July 11th to August 10th. We do not report crimes whereby victims could potentially be identified for example, domestic violence or harassment, although they are included in the totals below.

Seven crimes were recorded as fraud or attempted fraud where people have reported telephone scams. These include e-bay and Amazon scams

Throughout the reporting period there were eleven road traffic collisions on our roads, ten of which resulted in damage only and 1 resulting in injuries. Unfortunately we are unable to report the outcome or the completion of crimes due to it being too time consuming to open each casefile and research the conclusions.

We would also take this time to say farewell to PC1192 Gary Hankin as he has now moved on to another position and say hello to our new officer, PCSO 5777 Sharon Diamond.

**PCSO 5232 Don Watson**  
**Leyburn and the Dales Safer**  
**Neighbourhood Team**

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### Eunice the Ewe

Last month I was hiding next to the artwork on the Little White Bus in the photograph on page 9 and the lucky winner of the £10 prize is Jackie Cook of Thornton Rust.

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

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## September Competition

For the bird-brained amongst you! Here are a few British birds.

1. Russian election prediction.
2. Fast.
3. Dr Spooner's Scottish little mine.
4. Spade.
5. Castle.
6. Sounds as if it's not smooth.
7. Strings across the streets for the fete.
8. Bird-watching might be one!
9. A pint at bedtime?
10. White rear.
11. Quadrilateral with two unequal pairs of adjacent sides.
12. Hours of darkness spent near Hawes.
13. Rocky conversation.
14. Angry William.
15. Part of another one.
16. Blazing Peak.

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

## August Competition Answers

1. Gorgonzola
2. Mozzarella
3. Wensleydale Blue
4. Mascarpone
5. Red Leicester
6. Cornish Yarg
7. Pecorino
8. Blacksticks Blue
9. Reblochon
10. Taleggio
11. Monterey Jack
12. Stinking Bishop
13. Raclette
14. Sage Derby
15. Dorset Blue Vinney

There were several correct entries this month and the winner chosen at random was Margaret Lowndes of Askrigg whose nominated charity to receive £20 is Homestart, Richmondshire.

## Moorcock Show

After the last three difficult years we are glad to be back and we are looking forward to seeing you at the show on **Sunday, September 4th** at Mossdale Farm, Hawes which is just off the A684 Hawes/Sedbergh Road, approximately three miles Sedbergh side of Hawes.

The show is one of the oldest Yorkshire Dales sheep shows and can be traced back over a century; and it has its own traditions and customs. The gates open at **10.30am** and sheep judging starts at **noon** with the young handlers' competition.

For the first time for many years the children of Hawes Junior School are taking part in handwriting and drawing competitions, and their work will be on display at the show.

You can have some fun and take part in the public judging of a sheep class, and apart from the sheep, there is plenty of food and drink to try. You can listen to the Hawes Town Band, or browse the craft tent which is full of fine local crafts and produce.

## Music at The Moorcock

In the early evening of **Sunday, September 4th** the renowned folk band The Hall Brothers will be playing at the Moorcock Inn from **6.00pm** until approximately **8.00pm**. Why not come and listen to them, it's free.

### Drop-off points and contacts

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

<b>Hawes:</b>	Community Office	667400
<b>Gayle:</b>	Sarah Champion 23, Little Ings	667006
<b>Bainbridge:</b>	Sylvia Crookes, 3, Bainside	650525
<b>Askrigg:</b>	Sykes Shop,	650535
<b>Carperby:</b>	Anthony Abraham Hall Garth	663243
<b>West Burton:</b>	Nadine Bell, Margarets Cottage	663559
<b>Aysgarth:</b>	Hamilton's Tearoom	663423
<b>Redmire:</b>	Kevin Davis Westholme	624165
<b>Thoralby:</b>	Neil Piper	663747
<b>West Witton</b>	Christine Barker, Chestnut Garth	624934

## Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services September 2022

	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
September 4th		The Gathering Family Communion		
September 11th	Morning Prayer	Churches Together Harvest 6.30pm Market Hall Hawes	Holy Communion	Soup Lunch from 12.30pm-1.15pm
September 18th	Holy Communion	Family Service Praise in the Pen	Morning Prayer	
September 25th	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Café Church	3.15pm Pathfinders
<b>Evening Prayer by telephone is held at 4pm every Sunday for details see our website</b> <a href="http://www.upperwensleydalechurch.org/services">www.upperwensleydalechurch.org/services</a>				

### September 'Soaring'

Since I was a child, September has always heralded the start of something new. The summer holidays were over and a new chapter beckoned as the annual cycle of activity repeated itself. You could sense it and smell it in the air (and it wasn't just the boot polish on the leather satchel) it was all around you. It was subtle, but it was as if nature was giving a last gasp before settling down to an autumnal slumber; but before that ... there is much to do.

It was six years ago when I first experienced the great September sales at the Auction Mart in Hawes. What a spectacle it is. The daytime is charged with anticipation, excitement and hope at the judging and the sales that are to come and the drama continues through the night. It soon became clear that even with all the windows shut tight, the idea of sleep in a bedroom that backed onto the pens of thousands of sheep was a non-starter!

As the agricultural, recreational and educational calendar clicks forward once more

there is the hope of something new ahead. New opportunity, new possibility, new experiences in the classroom, lecture hall, business or farm. In a world where so much of what we thought we knew and had become accustomed to keeps changing and disturbing our way of life, Hope is a precious commodity. The Bible speaks a great deal on the nature of Hope and where it can best be found.

At a time of great uncertainty for the Hebrew people, the prophet Isaiah said: *'... those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.'*

You may be starting something new this month or you may be re-entering a familiar pattern but whatever it is, may this September bring you something fresh where Hope might spring again. After all, we can all do with a bit of 'soaring'.

*Rev. Dave*

## Penhill Benefice

**Church Coffee Morning: Wed, September 7th**  
from 10.30am - noon at Redmire Village Hall.

**Church Afternoon Tea: Wednesday,**  
**September 21st** from 2.00pm to 4.00pm at  
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### Sunday, September 4th.

**9.30am** Morning Prayer, St Mary's,  
Redmire.

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

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

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

### Sunday, September 11th.

**10.30am** Holy Communion Penhill Together  
Service, St. Margaret's, Preston  
under Scar.

### Sunday, September 18th.

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

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

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

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

### Sunday, September 25th.

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

**11.00am** Harvest Service, St. Andrew's,  
Aysgarth.

**6.00pm** Harvest Service, Thornton Rust  
Mission Room.

### September Mid-Week Services.

**Thursday 1st, 15th and 29th at 9.30am.**  
Holy Communion, at St. Bartholomew's,  
West Witton.

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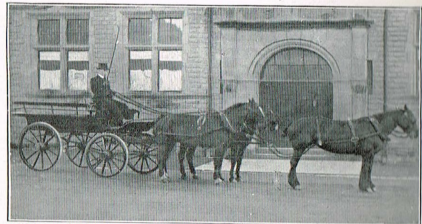
**Old Photographs and  
Advertisements**

Whilst searching through some old Newsletter files and books we came across a little book entitled 'Hawes and its Immediate Neighbourhood – An Illustrated Guide for Visitors', published by the Hawes and District Advertising and Improvement Association and priced at 2d. It was printed by T. Hiscock, The Wensleydale Press.

It contains a number of fascinating old photographs and advertisements for Hawes and area hotels and businesses. It is not dated but we guess it is probably well over 100 years old. We intend to reproduce a selection of these advertisements over future editions of the Newsletter and perhaps some of our readers might be able to better date them for us.

Below is the first advert which can be found inside the front cover.

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## Stepping Up

Stepping up is an early intervention and prevention programme for young people beginning to show signs of engaging in risky behaviour. This may be appearing at school, home or within the local community. Stepping Up draws on a young person's strengths and interests.

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This is an early intervention and prevention project to divert children and young people who have not yet entered the Criminal Justice System but are at risk of doing so. The project is sports based and requires the young person to be willing to take part. It is fully funded, so there is no cost to the young person or their parent. The Stepping Up programme is being run by

North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Sport and referrals can be made direct to the scheme.

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***'In your story I want to meet interesting characters. Will they be people, animals or strange creatures? What happens to them? Do they change? Make me see the characters and where the story takes place. I look forward to reading your stories.'***

There are two categories in the competition; those in years 3 and 4 and those in years 5 and 6. You could win a £50 book token and a trophy and also win a prize for your Primary School. You could become a published writer as winning stories will appear in the February edition of this newsletter which is read by over 1,500 people! We will also be inviting our winners to be young newsletter correspondents for a year. Primary schools will be encouraging children to enter and can help with advice and access to computers etc.

So let your imagination run free and email your story to [awnlinput@gmail.com](mailto:awnlinput@gmail.com) by **Friday November 11th**.

### PRIZES

The winner in each age group will receive a £50 book voucher and a trophy to keep.

The runners up in each age group will receive a £25 book voucher and all entrants will receive a certificate.

The winning stories will be published in the February 2023 edition of the UWNL.

The winning children will be invited to be correspondents for the newsletter for a year.

The winning children's Primary School in each age group will hold the Alan Watkinson Memorial Shield for one year and receive a book voucher for £100.

### HOW TO ENTER

Write your story – it must be type written and between 300 and 500 words long (your school can help you with access to computers and email).

Email your entry to [awnlinput@gmail.com](mailto:awnlinput@gmail.com).

Ensure your name, year group, and the name of your school is sent in with your entry.

Entries need to reach us by midnight on **Friday, November 11th 2022**.

### RULES

Your story must be between 300 and 500 words long.

Only one entry per person. The story must be your own original work and you must have your parent/guardian's permission to enter.

Entrants must be in years 3-6 at the time of entering, attending a Primary School and resident in the UWNL area ( see Newsletter front cover for area).

The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

The winners and runners-up will be notified by email/via their school by on **December 9th 2022**. Prizes will be awarded in schools in January 2023.

The UWNL reserves the right to publish any story entered into the competition.

## Yorebridge Education Foundation

The Trustees of Yorebridge Education Foundation are now inviting grant applications from students under the age of 25, who live in Upper Wensleydale, and are moving into, or are already within, higher education for the academic year 2022/23.

The grants are awarded to provide students with financial assistance in meeting educational costs, and applicants must provide details of their age, the educational establishment that they are to attend, their chosen course, how they would use the grant if awarded one, and any additional information that they consider relevant.

All applications must be received by **December 31<sup>st</sup> 2022** and should be made in letter form either electronically or by the post using the following details:  
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## Heavens Above

Jupiter, the Solar System's largest planet, dominates the evening sky this month. You'll find it low in the east after sunset, shining brilliantly amongst the stars of Pisces. By late evening it's well clear of any atmospheric murk and ideally placed for viewing high in the south.



At magnitude minus 2.9 it's much brighter than any star so you won't be able to mistake it for anything else. The giant planet is at its brightest and closest for the year on **September 26th** when it reaches opposition, the date when the Sun, Earth and Jupiter lie in a dead straight line and the planet's face is fully illuminated by the Sun. By then it's visible nearly all night long.

Jupiter is a truly massive world. With a diameter close to 143,000 kilometres it's larger than all the other planets put together. Big enough, in fact, to contain 1300 planets the size of the Earth. Despite its size, however, it takes less than 10 hours to spin round on its axis, faster than any of the other planets, causing it to bulge outwards at the equator. It looks a bit like a squashed satsuma when seen through a small telescope.

Befitting its size, Jupiter has a retinue of 80+ moons though many of them are just a few kilometres across and can't be seen from the Earth. Good 10x50 binoculars, however, will show you the four biggest ones, Io, Ganymede, Europa, and Callisto, as tiny specks of light on either side of the planet's flattened disc. You'll need a reasonably sized telescope, though, to show any details in the bright and dark bands and belts that make up its dense, turbulent atmosphere.

August's Full Moon was the last of this year's four "supermoons", a spectacular sight in the

clear skies we enjoyed during the recent heatwave. This month's Full Moon, on **September 10th**, is often called the Harvest Moon as it's the closest one to the Autumn Equinox which falls on **September 23rd** this year. It gets its name because it rises shortly after sunset for several nights in a row, and in the old days, before we had electricity, it provided enough light to enable farmers to carry on working well on into the evening.

The Harvest Moon on a clear summer's night is always a beautiful sight, it's so low down that muck and dust in the atmosphere often turns it a beautiful golden-orange colour, well worth trying to capture if you can get hold of a camera with a decent telephoto lens. Don't bother using your smart phone's camera as the Moon will just look like a tiny bright dot! You'll almost certainly need a tripod as well, as the shutter speeds will be much too long for hand-held shots. Happy snapping!

**Al Bireo**

## Hawes in Bloom

Well it is certainly turning out to be an 'interesting summer' weather-wise! The swings from damp and chilly to baking hot record temperatures has not suited all the plants, although some of the torrential downpours have been most welcome especially when they have come during the night.

I would just encourage those of you that are thinking that your baskets and tubs are going over and it's not worth bothering with them, that by constantly dead-heading and regular feeding they really will make a miraculous recovery and go on giving pleasure right into late autumn. A tomato feed concentrate is still the best all round fertilizer diluted in a can of water as per the instructions on the label. Obviously with the hose-pipe ban it should only be by can and very often it can be 'grey water' from washing up and so forth.

I must just mention how well the baskets look in town this year. I feel I'm allowed to say this as you know this is the first year I haven't supplied them.

Best wishes

**Richard the Plant Pest**

## Richmondshire Concerts

Welcome to our fabulous 75th anniversary season of live, professionally performed classical music in Richmond. We are celebrating our 75th anniversary by supporting young musicians and we hope you will join us for this wonderfully exciting series of six concerts featuring outstanding young performers and composers. You will find classical masterpieces alongside works by young and emerging musicians.

The season opens on **September 28th** with members of Royal Northern Sinfonia, performing Max Bruch's Octet for Strings, Schubert's Octet for wind and strings, and Grace Evangeline Mason's My Thoughts Fly in at Your Window, a short two-movement chamber work. Two very exciting young chamber ensembles are programmed this season: the top-notch radical Manchester Collective and Meliora Collective are sure to get a full turnout.

## Handy Man John

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We can't quite believe that September is here and the summer is drawing to a close. Thankfully, we did actually get a summer this year, and even some very hot days, so that makes a change, but the thought of the short days and long, dark evenings is not very nice.

With the glorious weather we've enjoyed during August, there has been quite a bit of sun worshipping going on! Residents have been able to get outside and make the most of the lovely weather which always cheers us up.

Brian has been busy in the garden, as usual, and has been harvesting his crops which have been sold on his little 'market garden stall' in the entrance to raise funds for the Residents Amenity Fund. So far, there has been a nice collection of potatoes as well as beans and chillies. With the hot weather, we are now eagerly anticipating a good crop of tomatoes. You have to be quick though if you want to buy any, as competition is fierce for this homegrown produce!

Whilst we have been able to get outside, it has become clear that some of our outdoor areas are in need of a bit of a revival, and we were wondering whether there were any willing and able volunteers in the community who may be able to help us here? In particular, our summerhouse is in need of quite a bit of repair and refurbishment to enable residents to continue to use it, so if you have time on your hands and you think you have the necessary skills to help, please contact Nicky on the number below. We would be very grateful!

With holidays and other commitments, August has been a relatively quiet month, but our regular weekly activities continue - the 'Knit & Natter' ladies meet at **2.00 pm on Mondays**; Quiz/Bingo at **10.45 am on Tuesdays**; Coffee Morning at **10.30 am on Thursdays** and Gentle Exercise at **11.00 am on Fridays**. Once a month, we have 'Singing with Friends', hosted by Gwen Clark which is very popular. Do come along and join us for any of these activities as you will be made very welcome.

Chris and Alice are now serving fish and chips to residents on Wednesday evenings and feedback is that they are delicious, especially with Chris's own recipe beer batter! Chris also laid on another barbecue which smelled amazing and apparently tasted equally good! Can you believe we managed two barbecues here in

Bainbridge during the summer? Must be unheard of!

We do hope you will join us for some of our events and activities. Please also remember to support the local businesses that operate from Sycamore Hall - the Village Store (**Mon-Fri, 9.00 am to 1.00 pm**); Post Office (**Monday & Wednesday, 9.00 am to 11.00 am**); Hair Salon and new venture (check for opening hours); Restaurant (daily for lunch) and Library (open all day). Your support is vital to ensure the continuation of the community facilities we have here at Sycamore Hall, which are not only essential for residents but also a great benefit to the local community.

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On **Saturday, 17th September** pianist Callum McLachlan is visiting Wensleydale for a second time to close our season with a hugely varied programme of music including works by Beethoven, Scarlatti and Chopin and, perhaps, lesser known works by Granados, Grainger and Busoni. Since his brilliant performance here in 2017 Callum has been studying in Salzburg (after graduating from the Royal Northern College of Music), performing widely and is really making a name for himself in international piano competitions.

Full details and tickets are available at [www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk](http://www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk) - or you can order tickets by telephone on **0333 666 3366** (quote date and name of concert). For other enquiries please contact **Carol Haynes** or **Liz Sowler** on **01969 663026**.

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## Bainbridge W.I.

So, September has arrived and we are already looking forward to Christmas! Isn't it scary?

August has been a lovely month and we have enjoyed endless days of lovely warm weather. Members of our Garden Club have been sharing hints and tips on looking after their plants. Our WhatsApp groups are proving very useful in contacting everyone and seeking advice or just sharing photographs of lovely places we have visited during the summer.

Our August meeting saw a visit by two Community Support Officers from North Yorkshire Police who talked to us about staying safe online and on the telephone. We learned that every day there are thousands of scams/fraud attempts either via letter, online/emails, telephone or in-person visits and in general it is the older, more vulnerable members of our society who are targeted.

In September we are looking forward to a visit to see local chocolatier, Andrew Thwaite, at his new venture at the York Cookery School. He is going to give us a demonstration of chocolate making before we get to try samples - yum!

Our September meeting, on **Thursday 15th**, will feature a talk by a member of the Wharfedale Fell Rescue which is bound to be interesting and hopefully reassuring for anyone who is a keen walker or outdoor adventurer in the area - possibly not too many of our members, but you never know!

On **September 19th**, our Community Lunch Hub will be at Bainbridge Village Hall from **noon** when you can come along and enjoy a two-course homemade lunch for just £5. After lunch, we will be having a talk by Joanne from the Newcastle Building Society on how to avoid being a victim of fraud. Given what we have now learned from the Police, it will be interesting to hear the views of a financial organisation and how they suggest we protect ourselves. Do join us - everyone welcome!

Looking further ahead, the Community Lunch Hub in October will also be held at Bainbridge Village Hall on **Monday, October 24th** when we will be having a lady from Carers Plus come to talk to us. Put the date in your diary now and note the change of venue.

Our Lunch Club ladies had a very enjoyable time at Catterick Golf Club and in August

sampled the delights of lunch at The Aysgarth Falls Hotel. We will soon be able to write our own guide - 'WI Recommendations for Eating out in the Dales'!

We are always hoping to welcome guests to our monthly meetings and maybe attract some new members to join our merry throng. If you are interested, do come along to one of our meetings which all take place at Bainbridge Village Hall on the **third Thursday of the month, starting at 7.30 pm**. We enjoy a speaker or activity, followed by refreshments and the opportunity to chat, and are generally finished by around 9.30 pm. Come and give it a go - you will be made very welcome!

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On **Saturday, September 10th** the team are inviting along anyone from the region to join them for a night of songs and music in the Bainbridge Temperance Hall (village hall) and any folk performers are more than welcome to come along and perform. The evening is free and runs from **8.00pm to 11.00pm**. Bring your own refreshment.

The dance itinerary for the weekend is:

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### Sunday

**10.30am** Dancing at Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge.

**11.30am** Dancing at Green Dragon, Hardraw.

**12.30pm** Dancing at Hawes Countryside Museum.

**1.30pm** Dancing at Wensleydale Creamery (Hawes).

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- 1 Domino Drive. 7.00pm. Stalling Busk Schoolroom.
- 3 Harvest Festival. Hawes Junction Chapel. 7.30pm.
- 4 Moorcock Show. Mossdale Farm, Hawes. 10.30am. See p.4.
- 4 The Hall Brothers. Moorcock Inn. 6.00pm. See p.4.
- 7 Muker Show. 10.00am. See p.31.
- 9,11 Medieval Music Festival, Bolton Castle. See p.35.
- 10,11 Wath Morris Dancers perform. See p.18.
- 13 HAOS. Panto meeting. Gayle Institute 7.00pm. See p.22.
- 15 Thoraby W.I. Soup & Sweet at Thoraby Village Hall. Noon. See p.12.
- 16 Leyburn u3a meeting. 10.00am. Leyburn Community Centre. See p.31.
- 16 Little White Bus trip to Ilkley. See p.22.
- 20 Local History Group talk. 2.00pm, Middleham Key Centre. See p.35.
- 21 Penhill Ladies talk. 7.30pm. Carperby Village Institute. See p.13.
- 23 Stalling Busk Harvest Supper. 7.30pm. See p.13.
- 28 First Richmondshire Concert of the season. See p.11.

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### **Projects**

#### **In Your Words - Dialect & Heritage project**

Surveys are coming in at great speed - and in large quantities! As of the end of June we had received close to 6,000 surveys. We are very keen to reach 10,000 if possible so please do share the project and survey with your friends and families. It doesn't matter where you come from; the majority of respondents so far live in the UK, but we are hearing from people all over the world - South Africa, India, New Zealand, the Netherlands, the USA and many more!

We're especially keen to hear from more under 11s and over 85s, so why not ask the oldest and youngest members of your family to take part? The survey can be completed on the project website, or you can pick one up from us.

If you or your family have already completed the survey and are looking for more to do, we would love for you to submit your adopted, inherited, and regional words in your own voice! Submissions will be used for new dialect research as well as contributing to a creative project later in the year.

You can make your own contribution to the project by visiting the website <https://dialectandheritage.org.uk/> and adding your own voice and words there!

So far our major headline is the incredible amount of variation still evident in British dialects. We're thrilled that thousands of you have told us about the dialect words you use - keep them coming! We're still keen to speak to people who have returned to live in the Dales and also to 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](mailto:p.oldham@leeds.ac.uk).

#### **Family Friendly Project**

Families are making the most of our Family Pass scheme this summer. You can buy a pass at any time and your children start collecting their squirrel stamps on their first visit. It's brilliant to see families dressing up as knights, sharing memories and playing outside. Lots of things are being wished for on our Wishing Tree which is great to see!

We're thrilled that we're now featured on the Kids in Museums website <https://kidsinmuseums.org.uk/resources/>.

## Education

If you're planning your lessons for next year and would like additional resources, our loan boxes are free to use. Each class in your school is also eligible to receive a free led session from our range of activities. If you'd like to know more about what we can offer, do get in touch. We'd love to chat through how we could support you. Email [dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk) to get in touch.

### Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists' Club

We're planning ahead at the moment and after the summer break, on **Saturday, September 10th** we'll be exploring Roman surveying methods and will have a full size Roman Surveying instrument called a Groma. We'll be making our own models of a Groma, looking at some maps of Roman roads and buildings and will be heading outside to give surveying a go!

After that, the meeting dates for 2022 are **October 8th, November 12th and December 3rd**.

The club meets 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. Please call in advance if you'd like to join in.

Email [dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk) or call **01969 666210** if you'd like to find out more.

### Events and Activities Coming Up.

All events are included in the museum admission unless stated.

#### In the Kitchen - Oatcakes

**Thursday, September 1st. 1.00pm-4.00pm.**

Join Mrs H in our traditional Dales Farmhouse kitchen and discover how oatcakes were made in the Yorkshire Dales.

#### Hands-on History - Viking Cord Making

**Friday, September 2nd. 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 Viking cord making with wool and look at textile survival in the archaeological record.

#### A Woolly Wander Experience

**Sunday, September 11th. 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.

### Vernacular Buildings of Wensleydale

**Friday, September 16th. 7.30pm – 9.00pm.**

An illustrated talk by David Cook from Yorkshire Vernacular Buildings Study Group about the vernacular buildings of Wensleydale. Part of the Friends of the Museum annual lecture programme. Free - donations welcome. Please email or call to book a place.

### Traditional Rug Making Demonstration

**Sunday, September 25th. 11.00am-4.00pm.**

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

### Dairy Days—Taste the Past

**Saturday, October 8th. 2.00pm - 4.30pm.**

Pop in to find out how cheese and butter were made at home in a traditional Yorkshire Dales' farmhouse. Learn the difference between rennet and whey and see a demonstration of butter making. Learn from the makers themselves (past and present!) Collections from Leeds Archive of Vernacular Culture will showcase Mrs Mary E Scott of West Stonesdale's traditional ways of making butter and cheese, and a feature on Kit Calvert will shine a light on the history of cheesemaking locally. Part of the Cheese Festival - Celebrating Local Produce.

## “Fab-u-lous Darling” – Ballroom Dancing comes to Hawes

If you have ever fancied trying the Foxtrot, Waltz, Cha Cha Cha, or Tango to name but a few, or perhaps you’ve dabbled in the past and already know your Cuban Break from your New Yorker, then dust off your dancing shoes and come along to the Market Hall, Hawes on Thursday evenings and join in the fun.

Terri Foggin, a Wensleydale resident and a previous Amateur Ballroom dancer with a considerable pedigree has decided to share her skills and knowledge. All adults are welcome, with no upper age limit, just the requisite amount of enthusiasm to have a go. Classes have been underway for a couple of months already with a number of keen regulars. Instruction is given to suit all needs and levels so there is no need to be embarrassed by ‘not being up to speed’. It’s probably fair to say that the current crop of participants will not be heading to the Tower Ballroom any time soon!

The most important thing is that we have fun and each session, when not stepping on each other’s toes, is accompanied by much hilarity and then great satisfaction when steps and sequences finally come together. It’s also much more of a workout than you might imagine, we’re definitely all going to be watching this year’s Strictly Come Dancing through different eyes!

So, with the nights drawing in, why not come along and give it a go, you might be surprised by how much you enjoy it. The classes are £5 per person for a two hour session and start at “SEV-EN” pm (thank you Len Goodman). Following a short summer break the classes resume on **Thursday, September 8th**. It would be great to see you there.

If you have any questions about the sessions, then please contact [terrifoggin@me.com](mailto:terrifoggin@me.com).

M.C.

### Little White Bus Trips

Our next trip is going to Ilkley on **Friday, September 16th** and as I write there are a couple of places still available. For further details of this or any other future trips please look on the Town notice boards or contact Hawes Community Office. Looking forward to seeing you.

Richard your driver

## Hawes Amateur Operatic Society

Rehearsals are to begin soon for ‘Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs’ which will be performed on February 1st to 4th 2023.

Our first get together will be on **Tuesday, September 13th at Gayle Institute, 7.00pm – 9.00pm**.

We invite anyone who wants to be involved in the production, either as a speaking part or chorus to come along for a script run through.

If you want to be involved behind the scenes, please email Amy [amycockett@outlook.com](mailto:amycockett@outlook.com).



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## Blueboxt – August Update



August is proving to be an exceptionally busy month! It might be the school holidays, but the Trustees of our newly formed Charity are working away putting all the necessary policies and procedures in place as well as planning some exciting fund-raising events for the Autumn. Judith Clark has been appointed Chair supported by Olwyn Chorley, Rita Lawson, Philippa Stanyon, Ray Wilkinson and our wonderful team of dedicated volunteers and freelance practitioners.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Jubilee celebration concerts in July at West Burton and Reeth and to our hosts for looking after us. It was great to be providing live events again and creating lasting memories for the young people involved. We raised over £200 in donations which makes a huge difference when covering our running costs. Ellen, Bethan and Jake gave a presentation to the Wensleydale Rotary Club and did a great job explaining everything we have achieved during lockdown and our return to face-to-face sessions.

We finished the Summer term with a family BBQ – thanks to Clifford and Paul for serving up some tasty burgers and everyone who helped make it a great afternoon. It was Mick's Birthday too and we were treated to another one of Bethan's amazing cakes! We said good luck to Ellen as she heads to Hull University to train as a paramedic – she still hopes to get back to singing with us so it's not goodbye.

Play>Record>Perform sessions: From September, we will be running music-making sessions for young people 11yrs and over at West Burton Village Hall (**Fridays, 6.30pm-9.30pm**) and Thoraby Village Hall (**Sundays, 2.00pm-5.00pm**). Our Youth Voice Steering Group meets virtually on Zoom (**Wednesdays, 6.30pm-8.30pm**). Contact Colin to find out more information.

## Diary Dates

Leyburn Jazz Festival – Colin Bailey and Friends. [www.leyburnjazz.co.uk](http://www.leyburnjazz.co.uk). **Saturday, October 22nd, 11.00am** at Leyburn Methodist Hall.

Quiz Night with Simon Eastwood. **Saturday, November 12th, 7.00pm** at Falls Café and Gift Shop (The Motel).

Decades – with a sprinkling of Christmas. **Saturday, December 10th, 7.30pm** at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre and **Saturday, December 17th, 7.30pm** at West Burton Village Hall (bring and share supper).

You can also support our work by becoming a BlueAngel – a new information booklet explaining our vision and how you can help will be available soon.

To find out more information or to support our activities please contact **Colin Bailey on 07711 211169**, email [info@blueboxt.co.uk](mailto:info@blueboxt.co.uk) or [book online at www.blueboxt.co.uk](http://www.blueboxt.co.uk).



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## Prunings

Sitting under the parasol on the patio when it was cool enough to do so, I have been struck by how much the *Weigelia Florida Variegata* has grown, rather more than a haircut needed now. In addition, there seem to be more stems than usual that are definitely not “variegata”. Many variegated shrubs have a tendency to revert back to their original form, and this is what has happened. The variegated leaves photosynthesize less well than the plain green leaves, and so if the plain stems were to be left alone the plant would eventually revert back completely. This is not a terminal problem it just means I need to cut out the darker stems when I trim it.

I set about the box hedge with the small cordless trimmer, and my neighbour, walking past must have decided that I was not doing too well. He came back with his own shears and trimmed the lot. How much better it looks. He is a retired professional gardener and has clearly done a great deal of that sort of thing. Thank you so much Stephen, your help is truly appreciated.

Once again, I have been admiring the patch of garden just through the gate at Leyburn Hall. It has had something for every season and everyone can see it and appreciate it. The hellebores in the early spring were brilliant, the hostas burgeoned and then flowered beautifully, and now there are gorgeous hydrangeas of various types and colours and lots of leafy ferns. It really has been a joy, so congratulations and thank you to whoever it was who planned and executed it.

The sweet peas are still flowering their socks off. Today (15th) I have picked enough for two vases, and I only had twenty plants. If the threatened thunderstorms come, they will be decimated and I prefer to have them to enjoy. If I am lucky and they don't get too damaged there will be plenty more to come. Should we miss out on the rain it will be all hands to the watering cans this evening as even the potted sunflower is not looking too happy.

Last year I had a small Canna lily, bought cheaply from one or other of the supermarkets. When its flowers were over, I had intended to dry it off and keep it frost free over the winter. Of course, I forgot! This spring, when I eventually found it among the winter detritus the pot was greatly distended. Once I had dug it out, I found a couple of tiny shoots. I gave it a new bigger pot, and it has rewarded me with a superb show of dusky pink flowers. I would not have expected something like that to survive a dales winter without help. Amazingly I have had a couple of dahlias which managed it through in their last years pots, and although they were late starters they are just opening their first flowers now. Nature can always bring about a surprise.

Whatever you grow, take time to enjoy it.

**Rose Rambler**

### Castle Bolton and Redmire Educational Foundation

Applications are invited for grants towards the expenses of further education during the 2022/23 academic year from persons under 25 in the parish of Castle Bolton and Redmire.

To be eligible, applicants must either be resident themselves or have parents permanently resident in the parish. Application forms are available from Mrs C. Waterhouse **01969 623998**. Closing date for applications is **Friday, September 30th**.



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## Do We Have New Residents at Sycamore Hall?

This Summer we have had a Circus theme at Dalesplay and the children have learnt many tricks including juggling, spinning plates and balancing on beams. We have enjoyed lots of craft activities based around our circus theme and the children have created some wonderful masterpieces. Joanne and Louise have been busy painting the exterior walls of Dalesplay to help protect the building in the winter months and give it a new lease of life.

We are starting to raise some money toward replacing the children's toilet cubicles inside of Dalesplay so we have a table top and tombola planned for **Sunday, September 25th**. Any donations of tombola prizes would be gratefully received and can be left in our entrance hall and given to Joanne Fothergill or Louise Cloughton. Thank you for all the support that the community gives us for without your help we would struggle to offer this much needed service in the dales.

We do have a space available from October on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday in our under 2year Ducklings' room and a few places available in our Sunshine's room 2year+. For more information please contact Joanne or Louise at [dalesplay1@btconnect.com](mailto:dalesplay1@btconnect.com). Dalesplay continues to offer government funded provision for 2, 3 and 4 year olds, breakfast and afterschool care and a range of packages for private daycare which can all be viewed online.

Who on earth are 'Mabel and Maisy'? Well, I can tell you ... they are the new creation of hair stylist Sonja Metcalfe, who has been busy over recent weeks refurbishing the hair salon at Sycamore Hall to enable her to launch a new venture.

The hair salon will continue to operate, as before. However, there is now an exciting new addition in the form of 'Mabel and Maisy's Mini Emporium'. Not only has Sonja re-decorated but she has obtained some lovely furniture (painted by Rachel Guy) and will now be selling a range of quality goods that sit nicely alongside the hair salon. These include scented candles, luxury soap and luxury ladies and mens bamboo Socks in a Box. Alongside these lovely gifts, Sonja will be stocking essentials such as face cloths, sponges, emery boards, make-up remover, nail polish and a quality range of hair and beauty products. In due course, there are plans to introduce a small range of jewellery and scarves. So, there is now no excuse not to get yourself down to Sycamore Hall to see all these lovely things with which to treat yourself or a loved one!

Sonja said she felt it was time that there was somewhere in Bainbridge where it was possible to purchase gifts for birthdays and Christmas, pick up those cosmetic and beauty products you may have forgotten to bring on holiday with you, or just run out of and need desperately, and to offer quality products to the discerning local community, residents and visitors.

This new venture opens in September and Sonja hopes that it will be well supported by the local community and visitors. Do drop by to take a look yourself and see just what is available. Further details can be obtained by calling **Sonja on 07415 567976**.



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If you are interested in debating what constitutes a healthy river 'from peat to paddling' why not attend Friends of the Dales FREE conference on **September 24th** at Grassington's Devonshire Institute? Guest speakers include the naturalist and biologist, Dr Amy-Jane Beer; Professor Rick Battarbee from UCL; Professor Jonathan Grey of the Wild Trout Trust; Martin Christmas, area environment manager for North Yorkshire; Charlotte Simons from the Dales to Vale Rivers Network and Tim Thom, peat programme manager for Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. All will be exploring what constitutes a healthy river, using the River Wharfe from Oughtershaw Beck to Ilkley as a case study. The event runs from 1.00pm - 5.00pm and all 16-25 year olds can claim a travel bursary of £25. To find out more visit: [www.friendsofthedales.org.uk](http://www.friendsofthedales.org.uk) or to register your interest email: [victoria.benn@friendsofthedales.org.uk](mailto:victoria.benn@friendsofthedales.org.uk).

The charity is also hosting its regular programme of free digital talks again from September, featuring one by Wild Ingleborough on **September 14th** and a review of Plastic Free Woodlands by the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust and YDNPA member and Friend of the Dales vice president, Mark Corner on **October 19th**. To register for either of these email: [victoria.benn@friendsofthedales.org.uk](mailto:victoria.benn@friendsofthedales.org.uk).



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## Notes from Thorney Mire

### Summer

What has happened to the swallows and house martins this year? They arrived in May, began nest building as usual under the eaves of the house, both on the back and the front, then disappeared without completing the task. I did find some nesting material and some black and white feathers on the ground so maybe there had been an attack by a larger bird, I don't know. All I know is that for the first time for years we have had no swallows, or house martins rearing their young at Thorney Mire. Apart from February, this year has been very dry, so is it possible the birds couldn't find enough mud to complete their nest building? I have seen four swallows flying around and landing on the wires, but this is nowhere near the number of between twenty to thirty we normally see.

I saw a hare run in the field next to the house, then a few minutes later two stoats ran across the field - they were not chasing the hare. These two stoats were seen in our garden the next day and a solitary deer has appeared in the field by the barn. The greater spotted woodpecker is back again drilling holes into the electricity pole.

We have had two pairs of spotted flycatchers nesting in the garden, one in the front and one in the back. I could see the nest of the one in the front garden as it was at eye level and there were three healthy chicks in it. The parents had done such a good job of rearing them. Unfortunately one morning, I don't know if it had fallen, or been pushed from the nest, as it was a very small nest for three growing birds, sadly one of them was dead on the path.

The other two fledged alright and were really comical. In their fluffed out downy feathers they were twice the size of the adults and they bounced like two brown balls from the front of the garden to the back, while the parents were in the front wondering where they had gone. To add to their parents' work load they decided to play hide and seek. One hid itself in the alpine bed while the second one hid under a fern, cheeping all the time waiting to be fed. I later saw them bouncing across the road on their way to the field and later still a neighbour found one in the middle of the road and one sitting on his doorstep, they were delinquents really. I never saw the ones on the back fledged, the nest was

too high for me to see and I didn't see any brown fluffy balls hopping about the courtyard so I'm assuming they were much better behaved. I blame the parents!

During the first heatwave, everything went quiet, like being in lockdown again. Apart from the occasional farm vehicle, there was no other traffic and no one out walking. One evening, conscious of all the "scary" media health warnings about not going out in the heat, we thought we'd like to go for a walk. Feeling like two naughty school children disobeying the teacher we set off for a stroll along the lane. We were rewarded by seeing a fox run across a distant field and two red squirrels crept up behind us on the top of a wall and chased each other before disappearing at great speed up a tree. A hedgehog joined us for a short time walking by the side of the road, taking advantage of the traffic free lane. Now, I've got to admit that it was hot and a mile and a half was far enough to walk in that heat, but we managed to get home alright without our blood curdling, organs failing, our hair falling out, or any of the other horrors that might have befallen us old dears for being maverick enough to go out against government advice.

I am pleased to report that the ten bird cherry trees which were invaded by the caterpillars in the spring, have all survived. They may not look as good as they should do at this time of year, but they're alive. The caterpillars are probably those of the ermine moth which flies at night. Sneaky things you can't see them coming, but I will be watching out for them next year. What I'm going to do with them I haven't yet decided, but I've got a few months to think about it.

My Grandma was a very keen gardener and her organic way of getting rid of caterpillars was to give us, the grandchildren, a jam jar and we were paid one penny for each jar of caterpillars we collected from her cabbages. I don't know what one old pence would be worth in today's money but we had to fill three jars before we had enough to buy a pack of Rowntree's fruit pastilles. I doubt that I will be adopting Grandma's way of getting rid of unwanted pests. I don't know though, with the raging inflation today, like Del-Boy and Rodney, this time next year I could be a millionaire!

Sylvia Turner

## Swale Singers

Why not become a "Friend" of Swale Singers?

The Swale Singers are cranking up to start their autumn term rehearsals on **Sunday, September 4th**. We're meeting every Sunday until early December from **3.00pm to 5.00pm** in Reeth Memorial Hall. We'll be practising the pieces for our Christmas concert on **Saturday, December 10th** at St Mary's, Arkengarthdale. Those will be Haydn's Nelson Mass - subtitled A Mass for Troubled Times, so pretty fitting for late 2022. We'll also be singing John Rutter's Magnificat, which will form a twentieth century contrast to the Haydn.

Everyone is very welcome to join our rehearsals. Come along and give it a go if you haven't sung for a while – or ever before. However, we do recognise that not everyone thinks they can sing. Generally, most people can with a bit of time, training and effort. If you're convinced that singing really isn't your bag, but you're keen to support the Swale Singers, we would like to offer you the unmissable opportunity of becoming a Friend of the Swale Singers. For a modest donation of at least £25 a year, (or more, if you're feeling very generous and which you can Gift Aid) you can

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If you'd like to know more about the befriending scheme, please contact: Jill or Paul Adamson [jandpra@btinternet.com](mailto:jandpra@btinternet.com).

**Jackie Pope**

## Newsletter Higher Education Grant

Once again this Autumn, the Newsletter will be offering a grant of £400 to students living in the Newsletter area (as indicated on the front cover), who are about to commence higher education, following completion of their compulsory education - either the first year of a university course or practical higher education training (eg, HNC, HND, BTEC Level 4 and above, Foundation and Bachelor Degrees). Please note that this grant is only available to those in their **first year of study**.

This grant is not restricted purely to academic studies, but also includes practical courses and learning/instruction in skills which will improve opportunities for employment (such as cookery, hairdressing, beauty etc). In the past, this grant has been used by successful applicants to purchase not only text books but also laptops, sewing machines, cookery knives and beauty kit.

Applicants should apply in writing, or by email, including name, address and contact details. Please give details of the university, college or specialist training facility where studies will take place, together with details of the course/training being followed. If an application is successful, receipts will be required for the purchase of books or equipment and, once these have been received and checked, the grant will be made.

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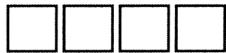
There are 19 towns and parishes on the 40 mile route (three in Upper Wensleydale: Hawes, Aysgarth and Bainbridge), which is used by regular and occasional users, including many visitors to Hawes and people travelling to Northallerton station and visiting patients in the Friarage.

If you value having this exceptional through bus service to and from Northallerton on Sundays, please tell your local councillors and ask them to support continuation of the 856 service.

Other Sunday DalesBus services coming to or via Upper Wensleydale are the summer-only services 830/831 (Preston-Hawes-Middlesbrough) and 875 (Wetherby-Hawes). The all-year Garsdale station-Hawes service is also paid for by DalesBus on Sundays.

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Last month's Mystery Picture showed the character on the weathervane on the gable of the Victoria Arms pub in Worton. Where can this stone inscription be found?

### Top Tutor for Free Jazz Workshop

An important part of Leyburn Jazz Festival is the Workshop for aspiring young jazz musicians. This year, the tutor of the session is exceptionally well qualified. Matt Anderson is Jazz Ensemble Tutor at the Royal College of Music in London and also runs the jazz course at Leeds Conservatoire in his native city.

Jazz Festival Steering Group member and former professional jazz musician Neil Dutton says "We're sure that Matt's considerable experience as a musician and educator will make this a really beneficial and rewarding experience for young people looking to start or develop their skills playing jazz". To book for the free Workshop on **Sunday, October 23rd** and for all the music at the 2022 Leyburn Jazz Festival, visit [www.leyburnjazz.co.uk](http://www.leyburnjazz.co.uk). The workshop starts at **9.30am** in Leyburn Arts and Community Centre.

The Matt Anderson Trio will be playing an enjoyable selection of jazz standards at the Cabaret session in the Golden Lion Hotel on Sunday lunchtime at the Festival, which runs from **Friday to Sunday, October 21st to 23rd**.

Former jazz musician and Steering Group Member Neil Dutton says "We have organised a line-up of superbly entertaining bands including the Savannah Jazz Band, Yorkshire Gypsy Swing Collective, Nicki Allan Trio, Alligator Gumbo, Edison Herbert Trio and the Colin Bailey Band.



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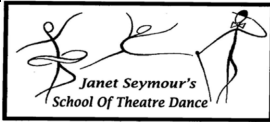
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## Leyburn u3a Group

The next meeting in September is on **Friday, September 16th at 10.00am** at the Arts and Community Centre, Leyburn. The Speaker is Philip Caine - Barrow To Bagdad And Back Again!

Meetings are held the third Friday of every month. Future Meetings: **Friday October 21st:** Jenny Blackburn - Life on the High Seas. **Friday November 18th:** Helen Keep - The Wensleydale Project.

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Finish your day by joining the band in the village for community singing at **5.00pm**. A traditional catering tent provides refreshments on the show field and afternoon teas are available in the village hall from **2.00pm** onwards.

The show opens at **10.00am** with the procession of officials and judges from Farmers Arms led by Muker Band.

Visitor Information;

Entry Fee: Adults £7; Children (5-15years) £2, Under 5 free. Catalogue £2. Tickets can be purchased on the gate or in advance from the [Eventbrite website](#)

Free car parking is provided. Follow the signage in the village.

Disabled parking: Blue badge holders can use the reserved parking area adjacent to the show field. To access this on show day, drive into the village centre and follow "permit holders only" signs to the show field. A steward will direct you to the parking. You do not need to apply in advance.

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## The Burtersett Show Report

Many thanks to everyone who supported the show this year. The sun shone, the band played and hopefully everyone had a lot of fun!

The Burtersett Institute Committee is very grateful to Rob Ward and his daughter Joanne for opening the Show and doing a sterling job at judging all the classes. A tough job indeed as the standard of entries was incredibly high. Many thanks to The Hawes Prize Silver Band who kept us all entertained as locals and visitors mingled and enjoyed a variety of stalls and attractions.

It was a hot afternoon so many congratulations to all the runners in the Fell Race – hard work indeed. No doubt the applause from the crowd helped to bring the runners to the finish line. The winner of The Boys' Junior Fell Race was Sid Peacock, winner of the Junior Girls' Race Zara Hunter. The senior boys winner was Seth Guy and the senior girls winner was Freya.

In the Produce and Craft Competitions, the Under 7 age winner was Noah Hugill. Winner of the 2 – 10 age categories was Harry Fothergill and in the age 11 -16 age category the winner was Matt Alderson. The overall Children's Cup winner was Harry Fothergill. Many congratulations to all entrants as the show would not be complete without your exhibits.

In the Adult competition there were joint winners – Ian Fozzard and Gavin Cawthra. Both will have the cup as pride of place on their mantlepieces for six months each.

The Dog Show proved as popular as ever and the winning dog was Dave, a Patterdale Terrier owned by Cath Ward of Burtersett. Many thanks to Mick Rhodes from the pet shop for his generous donation of prizes for this competition.

The Show was rounded off with a lively welly wanging and egg throwing contest in the field. Well done to all.

Thank you to everyone involved in setting up, running stalls, serving teas, and also taking everything down after the show. Thanks also to Gayle Chapel, Gayle Institute and The Hawes Sports Football Club for the loan of tables and chairs. We hope everyone had an enjoyable day and all monies raised will go towards the upkeep of The Burtersett Institute.

**The Burtersett Institute Committee**



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