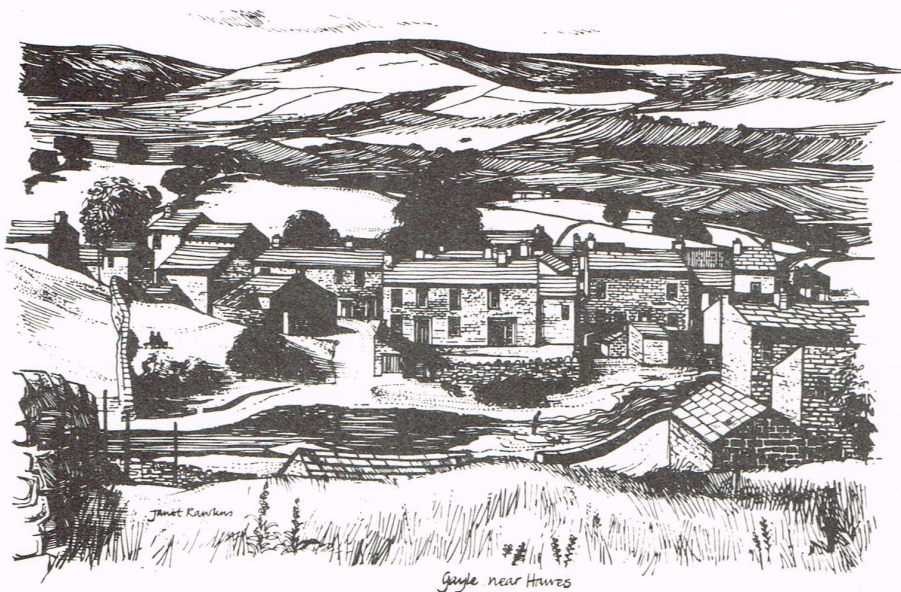


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Guest Editorial

Squabbling

There is no doubt that it appears that there are always people who seem to like squabbling - in their houses or offices or even outside with their friends or others. This is not just in the present - our ancestors were doing this as well.

We do have different people who came into our valley from c.410 onwards. The Anglo Saxons came from the east; the Norsemen came from the west; and the Danes, and later the Anglian colonists. All were seeking a place to settle. All seem to have been happy to fight each other to get precious land.

Later in time, small hamlets tried to get market charters for themselves but many without success. Askrigg had to wait for its Market Charter until 1587. The Askrigg villagers would have been very pleased about this because Hawes was expanding and Hawes' people would have to get their daily requirements from Askrigg. However, eventually in 1699, Hawes received its Market Charter from King William III. Hawes continued to grow and by 1800 it had overtaken Askrigg and all this time there was squabbling between Askrigg and Hawes.

This behaviour was not unusual and other examples can easily be found. For example, in upper Wensleydale, Burtersett and Hawes once had a go at each other. However, there was a good reason. The Burtersett boys believed they would always be able to wed one of their girls. But they did not think about the thoughts of the nearby Hawes boys. When the Burtersett boys realized what was happening there were strong fights in a field nearby. Over time, it all settled down among the villages, but it appears that Askrigg and Hawes still did not like each other.

When people were travelling to and from Wensleydale to Ingleton and other roads in the west they followed the road that went through Askrigg but then they had a very hard route starting at Bainbridge where the Romans had built a road to climb up the steep hills. In 1795, to avoid the hill, a diversion was created through Hawes.. This meant that the market at Askrigg fell into decline as Hawes became the last coaching stop in Wensleydale.

However, folk from Hawes would go to see if the Askrigg market was still better than theirs. And Jonathan Routh of Hawes said

'A gigantic farce is being enacted weekly at the antiquated old relic of barbarism known as Askrigg; the performance being nothing less than an attempt to revive that long ago defunct and recently buried nonentity called Askrigg Market'. The Hawes folk said that it was just rubbish and hardly had any stuff for sale.

Stockdale Thompson of Askrigg said drily 'It could only be a donkey in Hawes saying these things and he noted that there were 700 sheep for sale; pigs and poultry were plentiful; 31 tradesmen with various goods and there were 20 baskets of butter plus meat with a ready sale!'

As time went on the two towns began to become friendlier. In 1935 Askrigg's beautiful 'Old Hall' was burnt down by a woman who liked burning houses. Unfortunately, Askrigg did not have a fire station, but Hawes had a local 'brigade' and they brought a ladder and water hoses which they had hooked onto a van. Unfortunately, they were too late but by now the two towns had become friends.

So let us try to stop our squabbles.

Christine Hallas



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News from St Matthews Church Stalling Busk

Wonderful aromas have been present at St Matthews over the last couple of months.

We cannot express our joy at being able to re-establish the flower festival this year. Our thanks and gratitude go to all those who helped with making St Matthews look and smell wonderful. The flowers and glorious cakes and goodies were a welcome return. All proceeds were for Church funds. A huge thank you to the Askrigg Ladies who sing for pleasure who opened the weekend with a lovely evening of song and verse.

The weather was on our side for the Lakeside Service and together with Hawes Silver Band made a rousing and uplifting afternoon for all. Monies raised from the Lakeside Service collection has been split between Pakistan Flood Victims and Ukrainian Humanitarian Appeal.

October again saw the return of our Harvest celebration which included a soup lunch followed by a produce sale. Homemade bread, puddings and preserves were sold in aid of Church funds.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to all our supporters and contributors as we try to return to some form of normality after the last two years. There have been minor changes to our services. On the 2nd Sunday of the month, we have introduced a soup lunch before the service. On the 4th Sunday of the month, we have a short evening prayer service at **2.30pm** followed by a new addition called Pathfinders starting at **3.15pm**. Pathfinders is for children aged 9 - 13 years and is all about fun, focus and food.

The next soup lunch will be served between **12.30pm and 1.15pm on November 13th** and a communion Service will follow. On **December 11th**, soup will again be served before an Advent service. The next Pathfinders will be on **November 27th** and the last one for the year will be at **3.00pm** on Christmas eve for Christmas Carols.

A full list of Advent and Christmas Events and Services for the whole Upper Wensleydale Benefice will be published in the December Edition. We look forward to seeing you.

St Matthews PCC Stalling Busk.



Eunice the Ewe

Last month I was hiding in the YDNP logo in the Dales Archaeology Day advert on Page 8 and the lucky winner of the £10 prize is Jayne Bryan of Hawes.

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

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November Competition

You never know what the weather will be like in the Dales. Here are some possible examples.

1. The monarch sounds to be doing it!
2. Ford got runs
3. Found in bathrooms
4. Greeting!
5. Ripped fuss?
6. Twist
7. Found in roast or mince
8. U.W. village?
9. Didn't hit
10. Swings and roundabouts etc.
11. Get a move on, Abel's brother!
12. We've a hat. (You might need it!)
13. It's in Newsletters now.
14. Sounds like he was KO'd by Clay

Send in your answers to arrive by **Tuesday, November 22nd**. Don't forget to include details of your nominated charity which will receive the £40 roll-over prize should you win.

October Competition Answers

1. **John O'Groats**
2. **Victoria**
3. **Charlotte**
4. **Barry (Island)**
5. **Florence**
6. **Patrick Brompton**
7. **Paris**
8. **Brent**
9. **Fort William**
10. **Sidmouth**
11. **Austin**
12. **St. Andrews**
13. **Brooklyn**
14. **Virginia**
15. **Jordan**
16. **St. Davids**
17. **Ross-on-Wye**
18. **Bury St. Edmunds**
19. **Carrickfergus**
20. **Peters & Lee**

That was a tough one, Nobody got all 20 correct so the prize-money rolls over to £40 for this month.

Fairport Convention Star at Carperby Concerts

The Carperby Concerts team have a very special guest for their November event when Chris Leslie brings his one-man show to the Dales. Chris is a multi-instrumentalist and singer-songwriter from Oxfordshire, primarily known for the past twenty-three years for his work with Fairport Convention.

He has toured and recorded with, amongst others: Steve Ashley, the Albion Band, Jez Lowe, Ian Anderson, Chris While and Julie Matthews, Whippersnapper, Alan Stivell, Feast of Fiddles and St. Agnes Fountain. He has also provided music for a number of Radio Four plays and classic serials. His fiddle playing has been heard on the TV series Heartbeat, Midsomer Murders and Billy Connolly's World Tour of Scotland. Chris plays Fiddle, Mandolin, Tenor Guitar, Bouzouki, Ukulele, Banjo, Oud, Whistle and Native American Flute. If that was not enough to be going on with, he is an accomplished magician who baffled audiences on a recent Fairport river cruise. Ask him nicely and he may make all your troubles disappear!

The concert will be on **Saturday, November 12th, 8.00pm** at Carperby Village Institute. Tickets are £15 in advance or £17 on the door, but they're selling fast. Call **01969 663808** to book or for further details. All concert profits will go to Carperby Village Institute to help with the cost of their improvements.

Drop-off points and contacts

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

Hawes:	Community Office	667400
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Askrigg:	Sykes Shop,	650535
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Redmire:	Kevin Davis Westholme	624165
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Upper Dales Health Watch

The Patient Participation Group for the Central Dales Practice

Synopsis of the meeting held on **October 17th 2022**.

Primary Care Network – there is a link from the Central Dales Practice’s website to the Primary Care Network’s website which gives some non-medical information.

Delay in medication supplies is a continuing nightmare for the Central Dales staff. Patients are strongly advised to order medication two weeks in advance of needing it.

Sycamore Hall – Lynn Iveson spends a full day there every Monday to support frailty issues. Fiona Morrison, Advanced Nurse Practitioner, goes every Thursday. Any resident needing to see a doctor can contact the surgery. Care staff will help them do so if necessary.

The Health Accommodation Trust (HAT) charity has installed wi-fi to the Step-up, Step-down flat at Sycamore Hall. There is also a handset for the landline. Patients and their families are being invited to make a donation towards the cost (approx. £50 a week). HAT is also applying for funds to support this amenity.

Covid boosters started when a supply of vaccine was made available. **‘Flu jabs** are also in full swing.

Practice Staff - The new fulltime GP is Dr Helen Lowe. She has been a partner in a Northwest practice for 10 years. She will be working at both surgeries. Monday and Thursday are her Aysgarth days. Mary Hugill will be retiring at the end of December 2022. There will be a Central Dales Practice collection for Mary who has been the receptionist at Hawes for many years. Davina Lovegreen and Richard Cloughton are both training to be dispensers.

The Central Dales Practice cannot cope with home visits to patients living as far away as Richmond, Catterick etc. **Patients living outside the practice area** need to register at their nearest practice. Only in exceptional circumstances will patients living miles away be allowed to remain registered with the Central Dales Practice.

Better Access Clinics - Dr Pain holds a surgery on Friday evenings in Aysgarth for booked appointments. Every fourth Saturday,

Aysgarth Surgery will be open for booked appointments from 9.00 – 5.00pm. Booked appointments are also available at Catterick on a Saturday.

Copies on bright yellow paper of this synopsis are available in both surgeries. Parish Councils are to be asked to help disseminate information via their websites and newsletters.

NHS patient records – As from November 1st 2022, UK citizens can see what is on their NHS record from that date going forward via the NHS App. To see their records prior to this date, patients have to request the information to be made available to them.

Jane Ritchie, Hon. Secretary
Upper Dales Health Watch



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Is Ignorance Bliss?

Listening to one of the many inane advertisements on television, informing us that our houses were full of germs, it made me wonder how people of my generation (baby boomers), had reached maturity without all the information that's thrown at us today and all the mollycoddling of today's society. Did we live in blissful ignorance? Now we are constantly being told that our homes are full of germs. They always have been, but we didn't get hung up about it. We laid the germs to rest with a shake of Vim, a splash of Dettol and the nauseating smell of Harpic. Job done.

Now we are told, as if we didn't know, that there are germs in the toilet. In a receptacle designed to receive the "waste products of metabolism" who would have guessed that germs were lurking there? Now to scare us even further, we are informed that we have bacteria in our washing machines. Well thank goodness we didn't have washing machines when we were young or we may never have survived!

We didn't know that playing conkers and throwing snowballs was considered to be dangerous and would later be banned in some schools. We played in the woods, climbed trees, went out on our bikes and when playing on the swings in the park we knew that if we fell we would fall onto concrete, not the soft surfaces of today, so we learned not to fall. We turned the frozen puddles in the school playground into ice rinks. We fell down but we got up again.

We were not subjected to hourly weather forecasts but we still managed to survive the few heat waves we had. I don't remember being told to phone Grandma to make sure she'd had her six glasses of water a day, which wouldn't have been easy as not many homes had telephones. We even came through the cold winters without central heating. You would wake up in the mornings to find beautiful ice patterns on the windows and while you were studying these, you would realise that your hot water bottle from the night before had gone cold and you only had a limited time to get out of bed, washed and dressed, head downstairs to the fire before hyperthermia set in.

Once downstairs you were given a hearty cooked breakfast. No one had heard about cholesterol and any child that was sent to school without a cooked breakfast and with only a bowl of cereal inside them was considered to be in the

first stages of neglect. You were then sent out into the cold to walk to school. You wore long socks that finished just below the knees, boys wore short trousers, girls wore skirts which finished just above the knees so if your coat was in its second year of wear and your knees were exposed they were at risk from frostbite. When you got to school there was the daily bottle of milk to look forward to in the morning break which brings me on to refrigeration and sell by dates.

The milk that was delivered to our school was never refrigerated, not even in hot weather and when the temperature dropped in Winter and froze the milk, leaving the foil caps standing proud of the bottles, for children who didn't like cold milk, the teachers stood the bottles on the radiator pipes to warm it up for them. Most of us didn't have fridges, fresh food was not stored at 0-4 degrees or had to be eaten up within three days. There were no sell by dates. That's why you were given five senses. Sight, taste and smell came into play and you could tell when things were "off". We ate sweets, (rationed until 1953). which were later taken out of production as the colouring was deemed to be unsafe and we no doubt stuffed ourselves with E numbers before anyone knew what E numbers were.

In our favour, all our food was cooked from fresh and the nearest we came to convenience food was a tin of Ambrosia Creamed Rice. There wasn't much in the way of junk food and a packet of crisps with a blue bag of salt inside was considered to be a treat. When Golden Wonder started salting the crisps and producing different flavours, what a giant step forward for mankind that was.

We knew that smoking was harmful but even as late as the 60's we were told that passive smoking was not. We had to work out for ourselves that peanut butter contained nuts and hot water came out of hot taps. There were few vaccines for childish illnesses. We lived with our crops being sprayed with DDT until it was banned in the UK in 1986. There was lead in petrol until 2000 and it wasn't until 1992 that most lead-based paints were banned from sale. We never saw November because it was always shrouded in fog from air pollution. Oh, happy days, but we survived.

When I was a young mother bringing up two children, on my way to meet them from school one afternoon, I overheard a conversation between two elderly ladies, probably the age I

am now. Their date of birth must have been around the time of the First World War. One said to the other, "I'm glad I was born when I was, I should hate to be growing up now." That surprised me a bit, they had lived through two world wars, the General Strike, the depressed years of the 30's and for a good part of their life, no N.H.S. I decided that they were a miserable pair and hoped I would never think like that.

What's wrong with being alive today I wondered as I continued my walk to school? Well apart from 15% interest on mortgages, raging inflation, shortages of toilet paper, sugar and pepper, industrial unrest, strikes, the three-day week, power cuts, houses being repossessed because of non-payment of mortgages, petrol coupons being issued for the impending fuel crisis and experts telling us we were heading for another ice age, what's not to like?

Now that I am an old lady, am I glad I was born when I was and not today? The answer is, I'm just glad to have been born. Every generation has its own problems and challenges, you just have to get on with it, with or without information, but I can't help feeling, ignorance was bliss.

Sylvia Turner



We have been embracing Autumn this month, the children in Ducklings have been exploring autumn colours through different sensory play. They have enjoyed reading different autumn themed stories and collecting leaves and conkers. Our Sunshine room has been learning all about harvest. The role play area was transformed into an autumn woodland and the woodland creatures have been very well cared for. The children have been on an autumn scavenger hunt, they have been describing what they see and the different textures. They have been very good at describing what Autumn is with crispy leaves and colder days.

Dalesplay will be holding our annual Christmas Fayre on **Sunday, November 13th** in Hawes Market Hall. We will have homemade refreshments, trade stalls, and games for all to enjoy. It is free entry and we would love to see you all.



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Blueboxt – November Update



It's Quiz Time!

Our fund-raising quiz night with Simon Eastwood takes place this month on **Saturday, November 12th** at the Falls Café and Gift Shop, Aysgarth Falls (£10 each including pie and peas supper). Doors open **7.00pm for a prompt 7.30pm start**. Teams of six or make a team on the evening. Raffle prizes and donations welcome. Simon's quizzes are always great fun so do come along and help raise funds to support our activities. Tickets can be booked online or by contacting **Judith Clark on 07882 331421**.

Youth Consultation

Our Youth Voice Steering Group is inviting young people to share their thoughts and ideas about which Musical Cultures workshops we should offer between January and March 2023.

The short questionnaire can still be found on our social media and website but be quick as the deadline is approaching! The group will be considering responses and confirming which are the most popular themes to take forward.

Play>Record>Perform sessions: It's never too late to join our music-making sessions for young people 11yrs and over. Over the last two months the group have worked preparing for their appearance at Leyburn Jazz Festival and now it's straight onto preparations for their Christmas Celebration Concert.

Sessions take place at West Burton Village Hall (**Fridays, 6.30pm-9.30pm**) and Thorlby 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

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.

Saturday, December 17th, 7.30pm at West Burton Village Hall (bring and share supper).

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

There will be a Telephone Service each **Sunday at 9.30am. (except November 20th)** Dial **0333 0110 946** and enter room number 61337190# and PIN 7450#. Depending on your provider this is either free or costs a local rate phone call.

Sunday, November 6th.

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, November 13th.

9.30am Remembrance Service, St. Mary's, Redmire

10.45am Remembrance Service, St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.

10.45am Remembrance Service, St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

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Sunday, November 27th. Advent Sunday

10.30am Holy Communion, Penhill Benefice Service, St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.

November Mid-Week Services.

Thursday, 10th and 24th November. Holy Communion at St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

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November 6th	The Gathering –Benefice Communion service in St Margaret's, Hawes 10.30am			
November 13th		Remembrance Service followed by a procession to the war memorial	Remembrance Service	Soup Lunch from 12.30-1.15pm 1.30pm Holy Communion
November 20th	Holy Communion	Family Service Praise in the Pen	Morning Prayer	
Saturday November 26th		2.30pm Christmas Organ concert		
November 27th	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Outreach Café Style Service	3.15pm Pathfinders
Monday November 28th	Taize Service at Gayle Chapel noon – Soup and bread lunch followed by service at 1.00pm to mark the start of Advent			
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Writing Competition Reminder - Closing Date November 11th

Just a reminder that the closing date for the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter Children's Writing competition is **Friday, November 11th**.

We hope you have been thinking of great ideas for your story. If you need any help, just ask in your primary school as your KS2 teachers are keen to support you. Remember there are great prizes to be won.

Entries to be emailed to us at uwnlinput@gmail.com. For more details see last month's newsletter or ask in your school office.

Remembering

“Memory. All alone in the moonlight. I can smile at the old days ...” so sings the character Grizabella in the musical ‘Cats’ as she seeks acceptance in a new situation and remembers better times.

The month of November is often seen as a time of remembering and holds within it our national remembrance for those who have given their lives in the service and protection of others and many of us will take time on Friday the 11th or Sunday the 13th to join with countless others across the nation and the world, in a time of reflective silence.

For those who take part, it is a moment of great significance but there are those who struggle to see why it should continue. With all the political events that have been taking place in recent weeks the sentiment of smiling ‘at the old days’ is one I’m sure we can all warm to.

Chatting with a recently bereaved family member who was reviewing some old photo albums (remember them?) they spoke to me of how the fading images helped them to recall happier times, but more than that ... how they inspired them to ensure that they were active in creating similarly happy memories for their own

children to look back on. That is where I think remembering becomes an active and potent force for good. We look back to look forward with new hope and purpose.

The Bible is full of instruction to do precisely that and Jesus himself at the last supper requested his disciples in the breaking of bread and sharing of the wine to “.. do this in remembrance of me”. To remember his love and sacrifice and to go and do likewise. I’m challenged this year to consider afresh of how looking back with gratitude can help me look forward with a new vision for better times as we remember those around us who could do with some extra love and help and look for ways in which we might be able to provide it. With my best wishes.

Rev Dave

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Our New Post Office

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It all started when Thoraby Post Office closed earlier this year. In fact, Thoraby was the last of a whole string of Post Offices which have closed in the last twenty years or so and many readers will remember them at Bainbridge, Askrigg, Thornton Rust, West Burton, West Witton and Redmire to name but a few. Thoraby closed because Sandra Foley who ran the Post Office sold the house and moved away. We all thought that was the end of it and we were doomed to having no full time Post Offices between Hawes and Leyburn.

However, the Post Office regional office was willing to look at alternative venues. Their first choice was Thoraby Village Hall, but for various reasons – unmanned premises, poor phone signal – it was far from ideal. In any case most of the people in Thoraby thought it would be more convenient for everybody if it was in Aysgarth, where everyone using the A684 drives right past the garage shop. It was the obvious location.

Steve Jack at Aysgarth agreed to apply for the Post Office to be in the Garage Shop. The application process in itself was quite a challenge but thereafter long delays ensued and it became difficult to find anyone in the regional office who could give any information about the application's progress. Eventually persistence paid off and the hierarchy allowed a Post Office to be installed. It finally opened on 23rd September this year but there was a lot of work involved in getting it up and running. The premises have plenty of space but some of this was occupied by classic cars so these had to go. Then the layout of the shelves had to be altered, Post Office equipment installed, security beefed up and there was lots of admin work – insurance, banking, council matters and staffing...

Ah, yes, staffing! That deserves a special mention. Steve is the Postmaster but extra staff are required to man the counter. Each one needs to be trained and it takes at least six or seven weeks for a member of staff to feel competent with all the transactions. At least two trainees have had to move on before they reached that

point and finding new people is not easy. We all know that there are staff shortages in many areas of employment, so let's hope that suitable people become available for work.

It is a credit to Aysgarth Garage that it has got where it has, and it is good to have a mid-dale Post Office. The range of services includes a variety of Post Office transactions: postage and parcels, cash withdrawals and deposits, bank card payments, balances and transfers, mobile top-ups and more; but not foreign currency or travel insurance. The opening hours are **9.00am to 1.00pm Monday to Saturday** (whereas the shop is open **7.30am to 6.00pm every day**). Steve says it is very much a suck it and see situation and at this stage he doesn't know whether it will be financially viable or not. It depends largely on how much people use it. So the message to us all is to use the Post Office as much as possible; and while we're there, to check out the shop as well. It is surprisingly well stocked.

N. P.

Turkey and Tinsel

Turkey dinner and Christmas pudding in Thoraby Village Hall on **Sunday, November 27th, 12.30 for 1.00pm**. Bring your own drink, no bar. Cost £13 per person. Booking essential: **Tel 01969 663875**.

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Our Year 2 pupils have enjoyed a visit from Maggie from New Mexico. Maggie helped us to understand even more about our geography topic, comparing American and UK cities. We finished our half term with a Harvest Festival in St Oswald's Church, Askrigg. What a fantastic turn out of families and friends.

Looking ahead we will have more sporting events, including the finals of the cross-country, and we will be into the fun of rehearsals for our Federation Christmas play. We can't wait to open our doors for friends and families to watch our production – more on that in the December edition!

Our Year 1 pupils are looking at the history of females in aeronautics, do you have any experience in the industry? Maybe you know a

pilot who would be able to come and speak to our pupils? Please let us know by emailing bawbadmin@b-a-wb.co.uk or contacting the schools on **01916 650331**.

Keep up to date with all our Federation activities on www.b-a-wb.com.



The Golden Eagles have been working on their '500 words' to enter in the Upper Wensleydale Writing Competition. The winner will be announced on December 9th and will receive a £50 book token and a trophy to keep; as well as winning a £100 book token for their school! Good luck to everyone.



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The education programme delivered to school groups at the station won the Marsh Trust Award for Museum Learning in 2017. The award is presented by the British Museum and the Marsh Trust charitable trust to recognise the achievement and contribution of volunteers in museums, galleries and heritage sites across the UK; recognizing their dedication, innovation and excellence in engaging with the public.

Members, new members and visitors are always welcome, annual membership is still only £10 for 9 meetings and visitors can attend for £3 per meeting. For more information contact **Tony Keates 01969 640436**, dotandtonyk@btinternet.com.

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Hawes in Bloom

The plants and containers have now been removed for another year. In spite of a difficult summer wherein it was windy and wet one minute and baking hot with record high temperatures another, I hope readers feel that there was still an attractive display to be enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. Making our town as welcoming as possible must also surely help our shops and businesses during these difficult times.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate those responsible this year for the lovely display of hanging baskets. Although smaller than those we've been used to over the past seven years there was a lovely display again, in spite of the conditions already mentioned.

Many of you have told me how much you enjoy the large permanent planters placed around the town and these of course will remain in situ and will shortly be planted with spring

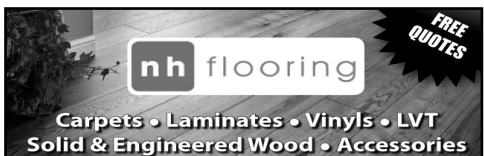
bulbs to give additional interest later on. I am hoping to get a little more funding so that I can add a few more of these large planters at strategic spots. Once in place they are much easier to maintain and so reduce the huge amount of work that is required throughout the summer on the many bedding troughs and containers.

Talking of effort, I must of course thank my tireless team of volunteers who yet again have helped so much. I must also thank Peter Metcalfe of Metcalfe Transport for very generously allowing Hawes in Bloom the use of his premises and facilities at Appersett. As I have said before, without this space it would be doubtful if the scheme could continue.

Talking of continuing... I have the nursery catalogues in front of me, ready to start choosing next years' displays. There is something very hopeful and positive about that!

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Here is the second extract from 'Hawes and its Immediate Neighbourhood – An Illustrated Guide for Visitors' that we mentioned in a previous newsletter. It raises two questions on which we hope our 'more elderly' readers might be able to enlighten us.

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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. Applications are welcome from students who have previously received a grant from YEF as well as those entering further education for the first time.

All applications must be received by **December 31st** and should be made in letter form either electronically or by the post using the following details: clerkryef@outlook.com or The Trustees, Yorebridge Education Foundation c/o The Haven, Askrigg, Leyburn DL8 3HN.

News from the Vets

This time of year is a good time to think about making sure ewes are in the best health to face winter. We have been performing a lot of OPA scanning of sheep to check for the presence of disease to help reduce spread and make sure that infected sheep are not kept and therefore fed over winter. Please let us know at the surgery if you'd like more information about this on **01969 650263**.

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We will be putting up the displays on **Wednesday, November 16th**. If anyone can help us, even for a couple of hours, it would be much appreciated. Many hands make light work! We’re meeting at about **8.30am** outside Feather and Fciern, Town Foot. Please come prepared for wet weather.

Continuing from last year we still have our recipe book, ‘A Taste of Hawes’, for sale. It’s an ideal stocking filler and is available at various locations in Hawes - Whites of Wensleydale, Alchemist Cottage, Laburnum House, Caffe Curva, Newsagents, Wensleydale Creamery and Wensleydale Press. Also in Askrigg - Heather and Grouse; or pick up from me. Again this year we will have Hawes / Wensleydale themed Christmas Cards for sale, see our Facebook page (Hawes Christmas Lights Festival).



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Countryside Museum**

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**Exhibition (included in museum admission)
Till April 19th 2023 (except January 2023)**

-In Your Words

This exhibition is a celebration of the rich dialect heritage of the Yorkshire Dales. You can see how your family words compare with those gathered by fieldworkers from Leeds University in the 1950s and 60s, a time of huge change in the Yorkshire Dales. The exhibition shares the origins of Dales dialect, together with material that the fieldworkers would have used when interviewing local people and word maps created from the words gathered across England.

There are seven audio units on which you can hear the voices and words of people born in the late 19th century, speaking to fieldworkers in the 1950s, as well as people living in the Dales today who have shared their words with us! We would love for you to share your words too. Dialect material linked with the communities of Muker, Askrigg, Dent, Horton-in Ribblesdale, Grassington, Pateley Bridge, Gargrave, Burton-in-Lonsdale and Soulby is displayed alongside objects used at the time of the surveys. We also have guest appearances from Shrek and his crew, kindly loaned by the Hawes Yarn bombers. Several members of the group were interviewed through the Dialect and Heritage project and it is interesting to hear the importance of knitting for friendship and fundraising, a shift from it being a source of income in previous centuries.

Visitors are enjoying filling in Dialect and Heritage surveys. We are very keen to reach 10,000 completed surveys if possible, so please do share the project and survey with your friends and families. You can also share your voice and words online at <https://dialectandheritage.org.uk/>. Submissions will be used for new dialect research as well as contributing to a creative project later in the year. There will also be a new podcast series focusing on dialect and local voices. Look out for this on our Voices from the Dales podcast which you can hear via the museum website www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk

November

- 11 Deadline for submissions to Newsletter Story Writing Competition. See p.10.
- 12 Blueboxt Quiz Night. Falls Coffee House, Aysgarth. 7.00pm. See p.8.
- 12 Reeth Memorial Hall. 8pm. Folk concert. See p.19.
- 13 Dalesplay Christmas Fayre. 10am to 3pm. Hawes Market House. See p.7.
- 14 Whist Drive. 7.30pm. Gayle Institute. See p.28.
- 15 Local History Group. Middleham Key Centre. 2.00pm. See p.14.
- 16 Putting up Hawes Christmas Lights. See p.19.
- 16 Penhill Ladies. Carperby Institute. 7.30pm. Presentation on candle making by White Rose Candles.
- 17 Soup and Sweet. Noon. Thoraby Village Hall. See p.33.
- 18 Stalling Busk School. Soup & Sweet. 7.30pm. Speaker Andrew Caske.
- 19 Christmas Fayre. Woodcraft Studio. Raygill Farm. 10am -4.30pm. See p.31.
- 19 Reeth Makers Market Christmas Fair. 10.00am - 4.00pm. Reeth Memorial Hall. See p.31.
- 19 Wensleydale Flower Club meeting. 2pm. Crakehall. See p.18.
- 19/20 Christmas Craft Fair. Hawes Market Hall. 10am to 4.30pm. See p.11.
- 26 Redmire Christmas Artisan Market. Redmire Village Hall 10.00am - 2.00pm. See p.23.
- 26 Thornton Rust Quiz Night. 7.00pm. See p.30.
- 27 Turkey Christmas Dinner, Thoraby Village Hall. 12.30pm. See p.23.
- 28 Churches Together Advent Taizé Service. Noon. Gayle Chapel. See p.29.
- 28 Whist Drive. 7.30pm. Gayle Institute. See p.28.

December

- 4 Churches Together Toy Service. 10.30am. St. Margaret's Church, Hawes. See p.29.

Family Friendly project

Families are having fun interviewing each other in the exhibition and have been enjoying dressing up in the galleries and playing games outside. We'll be adding to the displays over the coming months and creating a family welcome corner over the winter. Our Family Pass scheme means your child has their own pass and can start collecting their squirrel badge and first stamp as soon as they visit. Our half term holiday events have been popular too with families watching the partial eclipse, decorating moon biscuits and making lanterns. You can check out the last events of the year on our website www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk and on our Facebook page.

Education

Our loan boxes to support learning about past toys, World War II and Prehistory have been popular this term. If you work in education and would be keen to chat with us about additional resources to complement your lessons, just get in touch by emailing dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk We're also going to be helping develop resources for teaching about dialect for KS2, KS3 and A level.

The YDNPA Learning and Engagement team are also running sessions online and in person, so watch out for these.

Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists' Club

In October we had a great session learning all about Roman food and we made our own butter and tasted cheese similar to that the Romans would have eaten.

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 or call **01969 666210** if you'd like to find out more. The next meeting dates are **November 12th and December 3rd**.

Christmas Cards

Our usual fabulous selection of Christmas cards has arrived from Cards for Good Causes pop in to stock up while supporting your chosen charity and enjoy a browse round the shop for Christmas gifts.

Events and Activities Coming Up.

All events are included in the museum admission unless stated.

History and Treasures of the Research Room

Friday, November 18th. 7.30pm - 9.00pm.

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Best Foot Forward – Recceing a Route

Walks require preparation. Organising gear, checking weather forecasts, arranging transport and Googling pub open times, these are just a few of the tasks to do before setting out on a walk. But perhaps most important of all, you need to know where you are going. If you are planning a solo walk, or maybe just for two or three of you, the route can be made up as you go along, but otherwise it's best to do a recce (short for reconnoitre), particularly if you are leading a group. It is most embarrassing when you make a mistake and have to turn the group round and retrace your steps. You feel a right wally and it doesn't inspire confidence.

A recce is designed to iron out problems and is best done shortly before the planned date. That way your visual memory of the route is fresh in the mind. Also minor changes can occur in the countryside, so if you do the recce too far in advance, some bits can be slightly different.

Anyway, the route described here was done as a recce for a group walk with the Upper Dales Walking Group. The starting point was at Farfield Mill, a historic woollen mill dating back to 1836. The mill is worth a visit (free entry) but we had been before so our first priority was to check whether the café would be open at the end of our walk. The group likes a drink and a chat at the end of the day, best part of the walk, some say. A prominent sign says "Café open Wednesday to Sunday". That was a relief because our planned date was a Friday. It then said 10.30am to 4.0pm, slightly concerning since the planned walk was 8.5 miles and we always start at 10.0am. Would we get back in time? It sounds easy enough but we don't walk very fast.

We were too early to grab a coffee before we set off, so we walked down the adjacent footpath, overlooking the tumbling River Clough, which drains Garsdale. At the bottom we crossed the river and followed a very narrow lane. Luckily only one vehicle had to reverse to let us past. We joined the A683 at Straight Bridge to cross the River Rawthey, then turned left to follow it downstream. We could see where the Clough flowed into it a short way down. It was a pleasant easy walk along the riverside through several kissing gates to reach New Bridge, where the A684 crosses the river. We swapped sides and continued walking on the south bank, with dappled sunlight shining

through the trees. We were now quite close to Sedbergh, so it was not surprising to see more people walking, often with dogs. We stopped for coffee near a small weir, before moving on to Millthrop Bridge. Leaning over the parapet, we were lucky enough to see a kingfisher darting around the branches below us before flying across the river. Always a highlight moment and the first we had seen this year.

Now back on the north bank we entered the Akay Estate, closely associated with Sedbergh School. In the woods was a memorial board, honouring past members of the Sedbergh 1525 Society, which was started in 2002. 1525 was when the school was founded and presumably the society is made up of Old Boys. A little further on we came to the PepperPot. Locally it was believed that this was built as an isolation house for a daughter in the family suffering from TB at the beginning of the twentieth century but it could have been designed as an outdoor dining venue, very popular at that time. It fell into disrepair later and was badly damaged by a cow that forced its way inside and upstairs in 1948. It took five men with ropes to get the cow out.

Soon after this we dropped back down towards the river and reached Birks, a little hamlet on the edge of Sedbergh. Its principal building is a large mill, which was built in 1796 for carding wool, using water power from the river, of course. It now acts as a distribution centre for JMP Foods and there were numerous JMP trucks in the yard. Near here was a newly opened footbridge over the river, but it was of little use to us with no return bridge to create a loop, so we moved on. Suddenly we found ourselves being followed by two little black piglets. We had no idea where they had come from so just kept walking. Not much further on we crossed the disused Tebay to Ingleton railway and had our lunch sat on the rocks below the Rawthey Bridge. The iron construction still spanned the river, although the line closed to passengers in 1954, the same year as the Wensleydale line. From there it was only a short walk along the riverside to Brigflatts.

The intention was to access Brigflatts from the river bank, but try as we may, there was no way we could get through. Fences, walls and dense vegetation blocked any attempt, despite the OS map hinting that a link might exist. We were obliged, therefore to continue along the riverside until we met the A683 Sedbergh to Kirkby Lonsdale road. This would add half a

mile to the route but that might be acceptable. As it turned out the road proved totally unsuitable for walking on, with no verge, high hedges blind bends and heavy lorries. We got to Brigflatts just about in one piece (where a local resident confirmed that there was no access to the river) but we were left with something of a quandary. Ultimately we decided to abandon all that section from Birks, thus shortening the walk to seven miles and missing out the attractive Brigflatts Quaker Meeting House, which was a pity.

This, of course, reinforces the importance of doing a recce. If we hadn't we would have led everyone a merry dance and been the laughing stock of the walking group for the next decade. "Do you remember that time when...?" Let's not go there. The walk is shortened but manageable, which is more important, and it might help us get back to the tearoom in time, which is even more important.

The rest of the walk was pretty straightforward, back into Birks and past the school playing fields. We then climbed up above Sedbergh to the open access wall and traversed the hillside, with splendid views over the town to the Dentdale hills beyond. Dropping down



again we came very close to Castlehaw Tower, an old Motte and Bailey fortification from post-conquest times, but used as a cold war nuclear attack monitoring base from 1965 to 1968. Not much to see really. The last part of the route took us over fields and through farms until we

retraced our steps to Farfield Mill. Not everything had worked out as planned but that was the whole point. We now had a useable route and knew where we were going. It's not completely foolproof because there can still be problems – collapsed bridges, fallen trees, flooded fields, for example – but, fingers crossed, the walk should be trouble free. Let's hope so.

N.P.

Christmas Artisan Market Redmire

Saturday, November 26th from 10.00am to 2.00pm at Redmire Village Hall (DL8 4ED) is the time and place for our Christmas Artisan Market. We have been hard at work producing beautiful original items for sale.

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Free Christmas Greetings

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Hawes School News

The community involvement this week has been varied with the whole school being involved in extra-special activities either in or out of school.

Our Y5/6 girls football team were able to take part in a cluster football event with other schools from the Dale.

We have also had an amazing celebration of the Harvest in school led by Rev Dave and Mrs. Clark. Each class had their own contributions to make to the assembly and the donations for the Open Pantry were really great. It felt so nice to be able to celebrate as a whole school with the parents involved. We look forward to future celebrations with Rev Dave and Mrs. Clark perhaps in the church next time. We would like to thank them both for their input into the Harvest celebration.

Parent Governor –our school needs you!

We have a vacancy for a Parent/Grandparent Governor within our school Governing Body – an exciting opportunity to play a key role in supporting the leadership and shaping the future development of your school. Details are on the school website - <http://www.hawes.n-yorks.sch.uk/latest-news/>.

We also have vacancies for two co-opted governors (the same role, but no need to be a parent); one is for now and the second one after Christmas. Please get in touch with school to speak to Miss Caygill if you would like any further information around any of these vacancies.

Car park use – important update!

We are very pleased to be able to share the news that Richmondshire District Council have agreed parents/carers can now, without charge, use the town car park beside school for a short stay while dropping off and picking up their children from the school and/or Dalesplay and will NOT be fined. This has been guaranteed for us up to March 31st, when the situation will be reviewed as the district moves to become part of new council (North Yorkshire). Huge thanks to Councillor McMullon for her support in helping to secure this very helpful move for our community.

WW2 – Museum Visit

Class 3 visited Hawes Museum for a World War 2 workshop to support our history topic this term. The children acted as historians,

exploring sources (suitcases containing real artefacts) to make inferences about the evacuees who came to Hawes during the war.

The staff at the museum were incredibly impressed with the children's knowledge of WW2 and Class 3 represented the school brilliantly. What a fab morning!

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Tone and Stretch - **Wednesdays (live) 7.00pm - 8.00pm.** (cost £5).

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Don't forget...our newly refurbished floodlit multi-use games area thanks to funding from the Football Foundation. Available to book for football, hockey etc. Visit our website or get in touch.

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The Bay Tree Café Fundraiser

We would like to say a big thankyou to everyone who supported our fundraiser event. We raised the fantastic sum of £4000 which was split between Macmillan Cancer Support and Dementia Forward. Many thanks to our wonderful helpers who volunteered to help on the day - Tracy, Billy, Alison, Rachelle, Stuart, Chris and Chris.



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Bainbridge W.I.

October was another busy month for our members, despite the fact that Autumn was setting in. We began the month by joining members from Thorlby WI at a 'Food and Flowers' event organised by the High Dales Group of WI's. We enjoyed a delicious lunch (cooked by The Aysgarth Falls Hotel and prepared by the committee).

After lunch, we enjoyed a flower arranging demonstration by Shannon McIntyre of 'Feather and Fern' in Hawes during which Shannon showed us how to put together three stunning autumn arrangements - a wreath, a filled pumpkin and a hand-tied bouquet.

Our new Walking Group were lucky enough to enjoy some fantastic weather for their first walk from Bainbridge, via 'The Bakewell' in Askrigg and back to Bainbridge. It was such a lovely day that lunch was taken outside! The next walk will be on **Wednesday, November 9th** when we will walk from Swinithwaite and enjoy refreshment at 'Berry's'.

The Garden Group have also enjoyed visits to gardens belonging to two of our members. These visits are great for picking up gardening tips, although it is a braver person than me to let someone in their garden at this time of year - there isn't much left to see in mine!

The October Community Lunch Hub was held at Bainbridge Village Hall on October 24th when another delicious homemade lunch was followed by a talk from 'Carers Plus' - a topic very close to a lot of people's hearts, either assisting their own needs, or those of family members. The last Community Lunch Hub November will see us hold our Annual General Meeting as our Monthly Meeting on **Thursday, November 17th, starting at 7.30 pm**. We will be enjoying a supper, provided by the Mill Race Tearoom, and will be undertaking the business of appointing a new committee for 2023. After all that, we will be playing some 'good to meet you' games which we hope will aid our new members to get to know everyone. If you fancy coming along, do please let us know as we would love to see you. 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 **7.30pm**. We enjoy a speaker or activity, followed by refreshments and the opportunity to chat, and are generally finished by around **9.30pm**.

If you join now, membership fees are reduced to cover the remainder of the year (until next April) so you could give us a go before committing yourself to a full year of membership!! Come and see us - you will be made very welcome!

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Prunings November

The natural world can be quite fantastic. The other morning we found a spider's thread in the sunlight. It was stretched across the steps between two bushes, at least six feet long and more than three feet above the ground. How on earth had that tiny creature managed to put it there? The mind boggles, or at least, mine does.

In the Autumn sunlight we are presented with a kaleidoscope of colour. The darkening greens of October are such a contrast with the acid fresh greens of Spring. The horse chestnuts are already showing brilliant orange as they drop their conkers while the ash trees are pale and wan, and those that are still healthy are heavy with keys. The buddleia on the patio has lots of black seed heads with the odd white bloom nestling among them. I had intended to leave them for the birds who seemed to be ignoring them. Just as I concluded that they had had their chance a whole family, or is it a "charm", of gold finches descended to feast on them.

I know that blackspot doesn't kill roses, but it does look a mess. Even one of my newest climbers is affected, and the established ones are covered. Many sycamores are badly affected and as they are big trees they help it to spread. Looking at mixed woodland it seems that the oaks and beech are clear, and even the ash resists, although it has plenty of other problems to contend with.

Now is the ideal time to plant trees, and they are perhaps the best way to encourage more wildlife into your plot. There are lots of

beautiful varieties to choose from and you don't have to stick to natives. If you search RHS trees they have a site listing ten trees for small gardens, and first on the list is my absolute favourite – *Amelanchier Lamarkii* which can be pruned however you like and has wonderful colour in both Spring and Autumn.



Amelanchier Lamarkii

The remainder on the list are all worthy specimens, and if you have lots of space then spend a bit more time on the RHS website.

There are not many rules for tree planting. All that is needed is a square hole so that the roots find a corner to spread and don't just keep on going round as they did in the pot. Better still buy them bare rooted and they will cost less. Some moisture retaining compost dug into the bottom will help and a decent hand-full of Rootgrow, or some similar preparation which contains mycorrhizal fungus will help the roots establish. Plant at the same level as before and leave a shallow well on top so that water will not run off. Last of all, give some support. A stake at an angle is better than something upright as it allows the stem, or trunk to strengthen in the wind.

A suggestion in *Gardeners World* sounded quite useful. Put grass clippings in black bags and stick them in the greenhouse. If you have enough, the heat generated by the decomposition will keep a small greenhouse frost free.

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Christmas Reflections: Seasonal Music for Advent and Christmas

On the afternoon of **Saturday, November 26th at 2.30pm**, in St. Margaret's Church, Hawes, Malcolm Carruthers (Organist for the Upper Wensleydale Benefice), will present an afternoon of organ music featuring arrangements of many popular Christmas Carols to herald in the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Speaking about last year's fund-raising concert for the restoration of the organ at St. Margaret's, which featured exclusively the organ arrangements of Dr Noel Rawsthorne (one time organist of Liverpool Anglican Cathedral) Malcolm says – "We had a fantastic turnout considering we were still under covid restrictions, with the final amount raised both on the day and with a subsequent generous donation, of approx. £5,500 which is simply amazing".

This forthcoming event will feature more of Rawsthorne's compositions together with those of modern British and European composers. There will be a short interval during which refreshments will be served. With no entry charge for the event, it is hoped that retiring donations will be made which will go towards the organ restoration fund.

When asked why the event was titled 'Christmas Reflections', Malcolm gave this explanation – "Given the last 12 months that we have had, with all the various domestic and international situations that have affected us all in one way or another, it seemed appropriate to present music of a calming and reflective nature. Advent is traditionally a season of reflection and anticipation of better things to come, so if you wish to take some quiet time out to sit back, reflect and lose yourself in some beautiful arrangements with their lush and sometimes surprising harmonies and enjoy the glorious calming atmosphere of St Margaret's church, then I would love to see you there".

Gayle Whist Drives

Monday, November 14th and November 28th

Monday, December 12th – Christmas.

Whist Drives take place at Gayle Institute at **7.30pm**. We welcome new players to come and join us.

Mystery Picture

Last month's Mystery Picture was of the bell on the end wall of Cellar Antiques in Hawes. If you're building a new bridge over a beck you need to be ready for someone falling in—but where is this?




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Churches Together Events

Advent Taizé Service

To mark the start of advent Churches Together in Upper Wensleydale are holding a Taizé Service at Gayle Chapel on **Monday, November 28th**. The event will start at **noon** with a hearty soup and bread lunch followed by the service itself at **1.00pm**. So make a start to the advent season by joining us for the occasion. All are most welcome to attend.

Toy Service

This year the Churches Together in Upper Wensleydale **Toy Service** will be held at **10.30am, Sunday, December 4th at St. Margaret's Church, Hawes**. All toys donated will be taken to The Salvation Army for distribution. All are welcome to attend this service. All donations of new toys will be gratefully received and help make the Christmas of children who might not otherwise receive a present. Please leave the toys unwrapped so the distributors can choose the appropriate age and sex of the children who will receive them but you may wish to donate wrapping paper with the toys.

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The walks are usually between 6 and 10 miles in length at a steady pace including a 'picnic' lunch stop. Typically there are between six and fourteen members on each walk. Attendance is not 'pre-booked' – if you want to walk you just turn up on the day at **10.00am**.

The group welcomes new people who live in the Newsletter catchment area, either couples or individuals, who enjoy walking and socialising with like-minded colleagues.

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Heavens Above

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We're well into Autumn now with proper darkness falling before 7.00pm towards the middle of the month. By late evening all the autumn constellations led by Pegasus the Winged Horse are well on view in the south-west. Pegasus's main feature is the 'Great Square' formed by 4 medium-bright stars which stand out well in a fairly barren part of the sky. Trailing away from Alpheratz, marking the Squares top left-hand corner you'll see two chains of stars forming the constellation of Andromeda. On a dark, moonless night you should be able to glimpse a hazy patch of light just to the north-west of Mirach, the top chain's

middle star. It's the famous Andromeda Galaxy reckoned to be the most remote object easily visible to the naked eye

In the north-west the three Summer Triangle Stars, Vega, Altair and Deneb, remain prominent though the lowest of them, Altair, now sets before midnight. The Plough is still quite low over the north-eastern horizon which means Cassiopeia's distinct 'W' shape and the straggly 'K' of Perseus are almost overhead. Midway between the two, good binoculars reveal one of the show-pieces of the evening sky, the 'Sword Handle' - a beautiful pair of open star clusters sparking side-by-side in the inky blackness.

Below Pegasus' Square, in Pisces, you can't possibly miss brilliant Jupiter, the Solar System's biggest planet. It's still the brightest object in the night sky apart from the Moon. Venus and Mercury are out of view this month but keep a look out for Mars rising at 5.30am in the east! It doubles in brightness this month as it heads towards its closest approach to us on December 1st. Have clear skies!

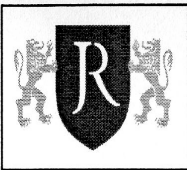
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Grand Quiz Night at Thornton Rust Institute.

We are holding our annual quiz night on **Saturday, November 26th**.

It starts at **7.00pm** - this is a FUN night and should not be taken too seriously. Prizes for the winners and as usual we will be serving supper but please bring your own drinks. The cost of the evening is £8.00 payable at the door. Teams of four or six or make up a team on the night

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Learning Modes At The Wensleydale School

As we are now at the end of the first half term, we have started the academic year with a raft of improved teaching and learning experiences for our students. This year we have seen the launch of Learning Modes in all classrooms. Mr Barnett, the Assistant Head, was sent on secondment to Bristol for 6 weeks in the summer. This placement was to enable us to widen our understanding of educational philosophy and work with an academy chain to further enhance our classroom practices. There is strong educational research that suggests this approach, which we have called Learning modes, will allow students to develop a deeper understanding of taught material.

There are now four Learning modes used in each lesson across our school. The first is 'Quiet Pairs or Groups'. This is used for paired discussion using a quiet voice just for your groups, where we respect opinions and are ready to stop, when the following cue is given 'teacher hand up, and says 321'.

Next Respectful Whole Class, which uses the same cue of 'Teacher hand up, 321' and we achieve a 'quality audience'. Quality audience is having the whole class focused, eyes towards the teacher, pens down and ready to ask or answer a question. Students are learning how to SHAPE their answers, by speaking in full sentences with hands away from their face, never mumbling but projecting answers clearly and loudly for the whole class to hear. It is also important that students make eye contact and have positive body language, face forward, no fidgeting, empty hands, and an upright posture.

Individual learning is the third mode, which is designed to allow everyone the space and time for individual work free from distraction. This mode focuses on a silent environment in which students work on their own, using resources to help and putting a hand up for teacher help.

Finally, the Assessment conditions mode. Again use of silent work and encouragement to attempt every question, using all the time available, no turning round - eyes on work only and allowing time for reading through work and checking for spelling and grammar. The next step in our learning journey has begun...

Julia Polley
Headteacher

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Sycamore Hall News

We were delighted to learn that Sycamore Hall is to undergo a total refurbishment of the communal areas and every resident has been consulted on their choice of designs. The two most popular designs have now been chosen (one for upstairs and the other for downstairs) and work will start in November, taking several months to complete. As part of this project, all of the existing furniture and fittings will be sold off to raise funds to offset the cost of the works. One of the items we hope to re-home is an upright piano in excellent condition, but we also have chairs, tables, bookcases, sofas, curtains etc. If you are interested in seeing what is available, please contact Nicky (details below).

Looking ahead, on **Thursday, November 10th**, our Coffee Morning will be held in aid of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - please join us! The weekly events continue, including the 'Knit and Natter' meetings on **Mondays** at

2.00pm; Quiz/Bingo at **10.45am on Tuesdays**; Coffee Morning at **10.30am on Thursdays** and Gentle Exercise at **11.00am on Fridays**. Do come along and join us for any of these activities as you will be made very welcome.

Please also remember to support the local businesses that operate from Sycamore Hall - the Village Store (**Mon-Fri, 9.00am to 1.00pm**); Post Office (**Monday and Wednesday, 9.00 am to 11.00 am**); Hair Salon and 'Mabel & Maisy's Mini Emporium' (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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