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#### Guest Editorial Notes from a Gardening Novice

People have been creating and nurturing gardens for centuries, in the beginning for food production and survival to todays' latest search for wellbeing and mindfulness. But right from the start, people will have experienced the reward of eating food they've grown and the joy that flowers bring.

My gardening journey started in our last home, an Edwardian semi with a south facing allotment style garden, dotted with yew and holly trees. Set on a hillside it was 100 yards long, rose beds at the top, fruit trees in the middle and raised vegetable beds at the bottom. Privet hedges bordered both sides and trimming those were a joy often leaving me unable to lift my arms.

One of our first jobs was to save a splendid yew tree, planted when the house was built. We couldn't bear to cut it down so we set about digging around the root ball and man-handling it down the steep garden where it was replanted with plenty of local farm manure and a watering pipe. Diligent care meant that, after 27 years, the yew had not only survived but thrived much to the delight of the resident blackbirds and thrushes.

That garden was a wonderful space but presented to me at a time when work came first and my uneducated weekend efforts lead to a garden that slowly got away from me. Enter Peter, a fantastic organic gardener who had been trained in the formal parks and gardens of District. His knowledge Bradford experience meant that with just a few hours a week the garden came back to life with highly productive well pruned apple trees, shrub beds and a cowslip lawn. He was happy to share his expertise, enabling me to see gardening as a joy and not a chore.

The garden provided berry laden holly for Christmas, often gifted to dress the local church and lavender and lilac for fragrance. I would say that we had a regular abundance of apples, but in the last few years we noticed that the crop, including my favourite Russets, would disappear overnight. We put it down to cheeky school kids out scrumping but an early morning glimpse of roe deer rump proved them innocent. Despite being less hands on, this garden gave me immense pleasure, my urban safe place. Picking fruit, sitting out on a late summer

evening or sipping morning coffee while looking out over the magnolia blooms and across to Howarth Moor. When we finally moved, it was ironic that we were leaving a pretty much perfect gardeners garden and taking on a wind-swept, high altitude small plot, built on the remains on an old farmyard and barns.

The next stage of my gardening journey was a little delayed, the new house needed a lot of work and the focus was on lath and plaster not lawns. After a couple of years, we looked to the bottom plot, last used for bonfires and keeping chickens. I wanted to try to grow some vegetables so we set to, clearing the high conifer hedge, digging, rotavating and 'mucking' raised beds and spending days hand picking out the many, many stones and pebbles; they still surface! Much design and planning went into building the all-important rabbit fences, worth it as we've lost little to the furry menace. We planted robust 'British' vegetables - potatoes, carrots, parsnip, peas and broad beans thinking that surely, we couldn't fail with those. Well, the first couple of crops were great but we've given up on parsnips and carrots, just can't seem to get them to thrive (any suggestions gratefully received). However the buzz and pleasure in harvesting those first peas, weeding on a summer's afternoon and the evening wateringup is the same every year.

Building on the health benefits of gardening, and its 'planty' rewards, we decided to branch out. Not quite market garden but compact and bijou. A small green house was purchased, a design chosen less for its growing capabilities and more for its ability to withstand gale force winds (we've only lost one pane so far, blown out!). I won't forget the taste of those first Gardeners Delight tomatoes and more recently the basil. Last year's successful harvesting of





mini cucumbers (after a shaky start) will go down as a lesson in home grown is best, they actually taste of, well, cucumber, but best of all is the pleasure of eating produce straight from the plant. Wash it, yes, but no processing, wrapping in plastic, packing, transporting, or storing. And no air miles, just a few calories burnt negotiating the vegetable plot steps.

After a few years practise I was persuaded (you know who you are) to enter the Askrigg Produce Show. Carefully selecting the classes based on the likelihood of at least having something to enter I submitted peas, broad beans, shallots and sweet peas (another favourite) to the judges' scrutiny. I may not be a regular winner but you can't beat the excitement of entering the village hall and checking for the little prize cards – red a first, blue a second and yellow a third. As the vegetable plot expanded to include black currant and gooseberry I've been the proud creator of prize winning jam, who'd have thought that? For a domestic goddess I am not. I can highly recommend joining in the friendly competition, get growing and you never know one of the highly sought after prize cards could be yours.

This year my gardening journey has reached a cross-roads, do I push on up and take the challenge of cauliflower and asparagus, or do I choose a simpler path of enjoying what I have now? I think the latter. The garden today exercises the body and calms the soul, it provides the tastes I love and the colours that make me smile. Oh, and stopping Bob the new dog digging up everything that's not nailed down is more than enough of a challenge for me.

Julia Newiss







#### **Eunice the Ewe**

Last month I was hiding on the Penhill Benefice Quilt on page 31 and the lucky winner of the £10 prize is Graham Thompson of West Burton.

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

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#### **March Competition**

How is your local geography knowledge? Here are the names of a couple of villages in each of Weardale. Teesdale. Swaledale. Wharfedale, Nidderdale, and Airdale (but not in that order!!)

- 1. Famous old laurel, expect
- 2. Boiler OK?
- Shoo flute!
- 4. Almost President Reagan's church
- 5. Crazy guy!
- 6. He was so confused
- 7. Lakeland water not so hot.
- 8. Don't throw stones in here
- 9. Bovine high ground
- 10. Found on a grave?
- 11. Sets fire to the lot
- 12. Bed, the female, 14 pounds
- 13. Prickle, weight, which woman?
- 14. Emmerdale's real home

Please send in your answers to arrive by Tuesday, March 21st.

Don't forget to include details of your nominated charity which will receive the £20 prize should you win.

#### **Easter Exhibition by West Burton Art** Group

#### Saturday, April 8th and Sunday, April 9th. 10.00am to 4.00pm.

This talented group of artists from the Dales produces some amazing art-work. All members of the group are amateurs but the quality of their work in watercolour, oils and acrylics is well worth seeing.

The group meets every Wednesday in West Burton Village Hall DL8 4JL where they exhibit. You are cordially invited to visit this exhibition and to take home an original artwork at a bargain price.

Entrance is free but donations are welcome and proceeds go to the Herriot Hospice. Refreshments will be provided.

#### **February Competition Answers**

#### Herbs and Spices

- 1. Sage
- 2. Parsley
- 3. Mint
- 4. Saffron
- 5. Tarragon
- Chives 6.
- 7. Ginger
- Vanilla
- 9. Coriander
- 10. Cumin
- 11. Rosemary
- 12. Basil
- 13. Thyme
- 14. Oregano
- 15. Turmeric
- 16. Tamarind
- 17. Mace
- 18. Nutmeg
- 19. Marjoram
- 20. Chervil

There were a few entries this month and the winner chosen at random was Amie Pye of Hawes whose nominated charity to receive £20 is Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

#### **Dales Prophetic Meeting** March 19 Sunday 2023 Hawes Market Hall

Market PL DL8 30N 630pm-830pm





#### Come and join us for a night of The Word of the Lord, be ministered and watch what the Lord is saying here in the Dales.

Rev Dr Steven Francis is the Senior Pastor of 'Jesus My King' Church in North Carolina, USA. A prophet to the nations, teacher and pastor, he has a worldwide ministry, speaking to churches, Christian conference and founded three Bible Colleges training and encouraging over 5000 pastors.

Pls register your interest

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The children in Dalesplay have been learning all about their feelings. We explored what each feeling is like and how we react, we learnt that it is ok to have these different feelings and learnt how we can understand them better and control them.

We have loved reading 'The Colour Monster' story and we had a trip out to the library where we learnt how to borrow books using the machine. Our half term holiday club enjoyed baking, crafting and making new friends. We managed to get outdoors using the gym equipment and we went on a bug hunt to see how we can help care for different animals.





Pancake day transformed into pancake week, we learnt how to flip a pancake, make pancakes, count pancakes, sort them out in order by size and most importantly eat them! We are looking forward to dressing up for World Book Day and we plan to share our favourite stories together.

#### **Drop-off points and contacts**

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

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#### **Blueboxt - March Update**



Musical Cultures – FREE workshops and concerts

Our final world music workshop takes place on Sunday, March 12th, 10.00am – 5.00pm at Thoralby Village Hall (DL8 3SU). Bhangra Dance and Drums with Hardeep Sahota and Sunil Kaylan promises to be another exciting and informative day finding out about different musical cultures and styles while making-music together.

Sessions are FREE to attend for ages 11-19yrs. We are happy to consider other ages too, please get in touch. PLEASE register your place as we only have a limited number of spaces available.

Each workshop will finish with an informal sharing performance at **4.30pm** when our guest music leaders and participants will present what they have created during the day. All welcome, pay as you feel donations appreciated. Refreshments will also be available.

These sessions are supported by NYMAZ and Youth Music, using public funding from the National Lottery through Arts Council England.

Thinking of a career in music? Interested in how to produce and release your own music or artwork? Wondering what other 'offstage' opportunities exist in the Creative Industries?

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We are delighted to have teamed up with David Owen from Flash Company Arts. There are three more drop-in sessions taking place on Zoom and in-person which will cover industry insights, song writing, productions skills, distribution and promotion, health and wellbeing, touring and performing, as well as exploring the many supporting roles which help artists create amazing events and releases. Wednesday, March 1st and 15th, 6.30pm-8.30pm [Zoom] and Sunday, March 19th, 2.00pm-5.00pm at Thoralby Village Hall (DL8 3SU). Register to secure your place today!

Want to play in a band? Our regular Play, Record, Perform sessions take place on **Fridays 6.30pm** – **9.30pm and Sundays 2.00pm** – **5.00pm.** Contact us to find out more.

Make Music Day 2023 – full details will be shared next month. We would like to hear from creative and performing arts groups and organisations who would like to take part in our celebrations at St. Matthews Church and The Methodist Church Hall, Leyburn. The programme of activities and events for all ages will run from Wednesday 21st to Sunday, June 25th.

To book your FREE place or find out more information contact Colin Bailey on 07711 211169, email <a href="mailto:info@blueboxt.co.uk">info@blueboxt.co.uk</a> or book online at <a href="https://www.blueboxt.co.uk">www.blueboxt.co.uk</a>.

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## Notes from Thorney Mire Early Spring

For several years our piece of woodland has been one of the sites used by the National Park for monitoring red squirrels. This is done by placing cameras in the wood, focused on the feeders and by placing sticky pads in square tubes which traps hairs from the squirrels as they go through the tubes to find food. The hairs are then analysed by microscope as you cannot tell by looking at the hairs which species they belong to. The structure of a hair belonging to a grey squirrel is round and a red's is kidney shaped.

This area of woodland, which follows Widdale Beck forms part of a wooded corridor which the squirrels use to travel along the dale and towards Snaizeholme. For some time now there has been a thriving colony of red squirrels at Snaizeholme and the National Park is very keen that this area should not be infiltrated by greys. The monitoring previously took place once, or twice a year, but now it's going to be done every month in our part of the wood, for an indefinite period. The person dealing with the monitoring is pleased with the results so far as the photographs are showing a lot of red squirrel activity in the wood and no greys. I have seen a red squirrel running across the field and into the wood on several occasions and one came into the courtyard checking out the bird feeders. The camera in the wood has also picked up a stag roe deer.

Walking along our lane in January, a large flock of birds, about forty, flew in front of us and landed in the trees, because of their large numbers we, for a moment, thought they were fieldfares, but then realised they were too small. On closer inspection they turned out to be chaffinches. I have never seen so many of them together before as they flitted backwards and forwards across the lane from one tree to another. We had a kestrel for a few days battling its way through wind and rain, flying from one telephone post to another, with its head down prey. A greater searching for woodpecker was doing what woodpeckers do, minding its own business, hammering away at a tree, when there was aloud commotion. The hammering stopped and one woodpecker noisily gave chase to a second woodpecker, equally noisy. Whether this was over territorial rights or in the pursuit of romance, I don't know.

We had eight long tailed tits visit us and very obligingly came for the R.S.P.B. bird count at the end of January. A tree creeper also appeared on the same day. It was so well camouflaged on the mossy bark of the tree that it wasn't until it moved and I could see the white underside that I knew it was there. We counted eight different species for the bird count. In first place, numbering eight were the long tailed tits and in joint second, not surprisingly were blue and great tits.

Having been born after the war, when nothing was wasted, especially food, this stays with you for life, it's in your hard drive, so image my despair when I found a large packet of ground almonds in the cupboard well passed their sell by date, even by my standards. This put me in a dilemma. I couldn't in all consciousness feed them to the humans and I couldn't bring myself to throw them away. There they stayed on the kitchen worktop for several days increasing my guilt every time I looked at them deciding what to do. Then I had an idea, I would feed some to the birds, so I put a handful on an old saucer and put it in a tray on the bird feeder. The birds were a bit tentative at first, but the robin, who in my experience will have a go at anything, was the first to try them. He was later joined by two blue tits and a great tit. Then word must have been spread on bird social media that there was something new on the menu at Thorney Mire and the bird feeder became a hive of activity. We had two gate crashing starlings, we do not normally see starlings in the garden. The collared doves arrived dominating the smaller birds until they had had their fill. The nuthatch, in its usual upside down position, tried eating the food from below but was met by a barrier, namely the saucer, so having to resort to attacking the food from above, it thought it was great fun standing in the middle of it all and throwing the nuts right, left and centre with the blackbird and dunnock below, waiting for the manna from Heaven. The saucer of ground almonds quickly disappeared, but the downside to this was that I had to keep going out in the freezing cold and I mean freezing, to replenish the nuts. This unexpected treat kept the birds fed for four days. It was a win-win situation. The birds were given food with a fat content which they need in winter and I eased my conscience by not wasting the food, but I really must clean my cupboards out more often.

Sylvia Turner

#### UWNL Children's Story Writing Competition 2022

And the runners-up are.....

As promised in last month's newsletter here are the two runners-up in the annual story-writing competition.

Years 5-6 Category - **Matilda Chen-Robinson** from Hawes Primary School.

Years 5-6 Category – **Rene Oliver** from the BAWB Federation of Primary Schools.

## Matty's Story By Matilda Chen-Robinson

My race had started ages ago, rippling through time, and sinking through history as we know it. We came from all different shapes and sizes, colours, and places. We could be red, green, orange and if you were lucky, then you could be from a special hub, which made you purple...

We were leaves. Proud, delicate, and beautiful. Autumn, of course, was the worst season possible for us, simply because most of us die by the unmerciful winds that run through the night, taking most of us one by one, as we all try to cling to the Great Mother for life. Unfortunate leaves are taken by surprise, plucked from their very growths. This was also the worst season for a baby, like me to be transferred...

I'll explain all these terms. Firstly, hubs were the type of tree that we came from. My hub was the oak mother, which basically meant I was a new leaf on the oak tree. Our Great Mother is the tree we're from. So, when I was transferred, I was transported to a hub called The Great Oak, and once I was there, I travelled up the soil of the earth, and was brought up the roots of my Great Mother, and now this is my home. An oak tree in one of London's parks. Let's get to the story, though.

The Park was gloomy and uninviting, filled with the crisp air of an uprising winter just beyond the horizon. I wavered through the air, standing as strong as I could, even though it was obvious that in a couple of days, I would probably face the inevitable. The thought was growing in my mind, rotting my very leaf-like soul. Thoughts that a young leaf like me

shouldn't think had popped up in my mind like a headache, growing stronger and stronger by the minute.

"Hi, Alfie." A sad voice quivered through the cold air, breaking my heart with the familiarity of it. My best friend, Indy had been blown off two days ago, but I was surprised to see that she was still blowing through the wind like a lost soul wandering without a purpose.

"You can walk?" I widened my eyes as she was walking up my branch, "Yup! It's... almost time for me to go, though..." Indy responded, walking closer towards me. "Why do you have to go? I don't understand!" I shouted at her, wishing my little head off that she wouldn't leave. A big gale started lifting my feet off the ground slightly, making me lose my balance.

"You will understand... It will happen soon..." Indy smiled. I was swept off my feet, the wind blowing me through the air. At least I had my best friend with me, and she was all I needed. Together, we could face anything at all. I looked Indy confidently in the eyes, as she nodded nervously at me. Taking my hand bravely, we were ready to face the storm ahead of us.

Jane Huntington (judge's) comments: An ambitious and confidently realised story. Your writing is imaginative and by giving the leaf a voice and personality you encourage readers to empathise with its situation, sustaining their engagement throughout the story. You show complete control of your writing and can achieve sophisticated effects through varied sentence structure and a wide range of vocabulary. An impressively well-crafted story. A tour de force.

## My dream By Rene Oliver

Chapter 1: Home

There was once a dragon and a little girl called Grace but Grace was not scared of the dragon in fact Grace and the dragon were best friends. ...BEEP, BEEP, BEEP suddenly the familiar sound of my alarm clock woke me up and I went to turn it off but instead of an alarm clock it was round so I jumped off my bed IT WAS A DRAGON EGG!

I shouted to my mum up the stairs, "MUM THERE'S A DRAGON EGG ON MY BEDSIDE TABLE".

My mum said, "Don't be silly, you are probably in a dream. Get ready for school."

I snuck the dragon egg into my bag and got ready for school.

Chapter 2: School

I was walking to school when I heard a strange cracking noise in my bag so I ran to my locker and opened my bag, it WAS CRACKING! So, I put it in my locker and went to class.

Chapter 3: Class

I was in class when I thought about the egg so I told my friends Sylvi and Ellie that I had a dragon egg and asked if I could go to the toilet but instead of going to the toilet I ran to my locker and THE DRAGON EGG WAS HATCHING. I panicked so I packed my bag and the dragon egg and ran out of school I ran back home.

Chapter4: Home

I got home and took it out. It was a dragon! ... Oh...no my mum's favourite painting from my nursery days that has pride of place on our fridge (it was supposed to be a flower but looks like a blob to me!), up in flames as my naughty new pet couldn't control his fiery breath! Mum is going to cry!! What should I do?!

Chapter 5: Part of the family

After a few days we gave our new pet a name, he was to be called Draggy the Dragon. We trained him to stop setting things on fire and he settled in nicely. Mum was scared the first time that we flew out of the bedroom window but she soon got used to it! Draggy and me soon became best friends.

Chapter 6: Happily ever after

For years me and Draggy were soaring through the skies, we had so much fun and we even had tea together. Draggy slept under my bed and in winter his hot breath kept me warm. I love my best friend Draggy.

Jane Huntington (judge's) comments: This was fun to read! It's clever to make the dragon egg hatching and the dragon seem so real, especially the painting catching fire and Draggy's breath keeping you warm in winter. A real success. Well done.

#### **Events in Reeth Memorial Hall**

**Saturday, April 1st** - Saltfishforty are a fresh and dynamic duo hailing from the Orkney Islands. Douglas Montgomery (fiddle/viola) and Brian Cromarty (songs/guitar/ mandola) combine the rich traditional music of Orkney with original compositions. Tickets £15 (£17 door).

Saturday, April 29th – Jez Lowe. Singersongwriter, Jez, has taken his songs of northeast England to audiences around the world, either solo, (with guitar, cittern, mandolin and harmonica accompaniment), or with his long-time band The Bad Pennies. 'Jez Lowe is one of our finest songwriters.' BBC Radio 2. Tickets £14 (£16 door).

Tickets are available from Reeth PO or phone John Little **01748 884759** or visit <a href="https://www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk">www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk</a> – tickets are half price for under 16s. All concerts start at **8.00pm**.



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#### **Prunings**

This time last year I took my car in for a service. It needed four new springs! In the wheeling and dealing that followed I traded it in for something slightly less thirsty. Yesterday I had to take this one in for a slow puncture. I know we have had considerable road repairs, but there are still holes to avoid that are wide and deep enough to take a roofing flag and some of the passing places have cavities you could lose a wheel in.

Last year, just outside the village I had a fairly close encounter with a stoat, and I really saw him only because he was white - in ermine as they say. Research tells me that they can live two or three years in the wild if they have sufficient shelter and prey. This year I may have seen him again, but he is only partly white. Perhaps it has not been quite cold enough for the full conversion. I'll keep walking the same bit of road in hope as I think I know where he hides.

It's amazing what a burst of sunshine can do. My wooden tubs where the green spikes were emerging quite unobtrusively are suddenly transformed by the glorious blue of the early irises. One of the stone troughs is sporting yellow crocus and there are more crocus showing their heads down the grass. It seems no time at all since the snowdrops appeared and now they have been overtaken. Even the tête à têtes were invisible a few days ago though larger forms had appeared. They are now everywhere and will, I am sure put on a lovely show.

I am usually fairly immune to tempting emails

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Regulated by The Solicitors Regulation Authority No. 553987 from the usual suspects who shower us with irresistible offers, but I confess to falling for one from Van Meuven. It was an offer for cherry trees and I am afraid I fell for it. These are supposed to be slow growing and able to survive in pots. I think they will be quite tiny when they arrive, so if I can get them through their first winter I shall possibly be pleased I ordered them. You never know!

Talking of shrubs, I think it might be time to re-pot the bay tree. I did it last year, but that was because it blew over and smashed the pot it was living in. It now sits in a squat, glazed and much more expensive container, and would probably benefit from some fresh compost. This too has buds and so is getting ready to flower. Should I cut off some of the spare leaves and dry them or wait until I want to cook with them. Well, they won't come to any harm on the plant.

The price of forced rhubarb gave me quite a shock. There are plenty of old buckets hanging about so I set off to force my own. Clearly the rhubarb is not as far ahead as other plants because I couldn't find an emerging crown. I'll catch it when it appears.

Whatever you grow, take time to enjoy it!

Rose Rambler

### Bainbridge Christmas Lights Easter Fundraiser

Saturday, April 1st.

Children's Easter Hunt. Collect your Hunt Kit, £1 per child, from Louise or Alice in Bainbridge play park from **10.30am to 11.30am**.

Saturday, April 8th.

Coffee morning at Bainbridge village hall from 10.30am to 1.00pm. There will also be a cake stall, tombola, sale stall, and a childrens' activity of pin the tail on the rabbit. Please return your Hunt (Treasure) by 12noon..

All funds raised will go directly to Bainbridge Christmas Lights. Please come and support us.

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

#### Sunday, March 5th.

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

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

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

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

#### Sunday, March 12th.

10.30am Holy Communion Benefice Service St. Andrew's, Aysgarth, with Archdeacon, The Ven Jonathan Gough.

#### Sunday, March 19th.

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

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

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

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

#### Sunday, March 26th.

9.30am Holy Communion,

St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

**11.00am** Morning Prayer and Baptism, St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.

**3.00pm** Evening Prayer, Thornton Rust Mission Room

#### March Mid-Week Services.

Thursday 2nd, 16th and 30th at 9.30am.

Holy Communion, at St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

The Church Coffee Morning at Redmire Village Hall is cancelled for March and will resume on April 5th.

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

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Good Friday Walk of Witness

10.30am Good Friday, April 7th.. The annual Good Friday Walk of Witness will start from Gayle Chapel to conclude with a 11.30am service at St Margaret's Church. If you can't make the walk you are still welcome at the service. We hope you will join us.



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The Fund will run until 2024/25. We intend to run three bidding windows each year for applicants to submit a full application to the Fund. The third bidding window of Round 2 opened on February 15th and will close on April 14th at 11:59am. If you apply in this window, we aim to inform you of the outcome of your application in summer Application forms are available at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ community-ownership-fund-round-2application-form-assessment-criteriaguidance.

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#### **BAWB Schools News**

February has sped past! We have enjoyed using the MUGA for football and netball, making bird feeders and taking part in the RSPB Bird Watch, and visits from different community members, including Mrs Clark!

Looking ahead we have such an exciting and busy March coming up within the BAWB Federation. Our wonderful PTFA are hosting a bedtime stories evening for World Book Day on **March 2nd.** This is such a popular event.

We are continuing to practice for our Wensleydale Tournament of Song entries. Come and see our pupils in the speech classes on **Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th** in the Methodist Church, Leyburn and the music classes on **Friday 24th** in Tennants. We are really thankful to Mrs Stone for all her guidance and support and look forward to seeing lots of you in the audience.



Our Nursery open days are on Tuesday, March 28th and Wednesday, March 29th, 1.30pm – 3.00pm. If you have a rising three year old, or know someone who does, please come along and look round our wonderful early years setting. <a href="mailto:bawbadmin@b-a-wb.co.uk">bawbadmin@b-a-wb.co.uk</a> or 01969 650336 for booking and more information.

On March 29th we will be welcoming Colin Daley and his planetarium to Askrigg primary school. We will have more information about the local community accessing this opportunity very soon, please keep an eye on our website.

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#### **Mystery Picture**

Last month's Mystery Picture showed part of Lord's Bridge near Wensley.

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#### **Hawes Market House News**

The Market House is planning another jumble sale. The last sale in 2022 raised just over £1,000 so we are hoping to have another bumper day. Donations can be left with Alison at the Market House during the weeks prior to the sale. Sorry no furniture though!

The jumble sale will be held on **Saturday**, **March 18th. Doors open 9.30am until 12.30pm.** Alison will be serving tea, coffee and bacon baps.

All proceeds will go towards replacing our aluminium single-glazed windows and our doors. We need to find £14,000 so please come and support us.

We have also arranged for three Saturday Markets to be held at the Market House. We have lots of exciting new stalls with many traders who have not previously been to Hawes – anything from cakes to plants and from jam to rope.

The first market will be held on Saturday April 1st with the next two being held on May 20th and July 15th.

All proceeds from the rental of the stalls are going to the window fund. The markets will only be successful if we can get lots of people to come through the doors (free entry) and support the sellers. We would like to make these markets an annual event so please come along and support the Market House and the traders.



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#### **Hawes School News**

Another exciting first this term has been the start of our Mini-Police programme with the Year 5 children. Alongside Mrs Metcalfe, the children



worked with PC Heather Campbell. They were issued with their caps and jackets and are looking forward to their identity badges next time. All the children were really involved in the session and are eager to understand the role of the police within our community. They will be carrying out sessions in the community, in the coming months, exploring issues that affect our local area.

We are thrilled to share some news of Charlotte Dooley, who has been awarded an MBE in the New Year's Honours List! Charlotte was a pupil at our school and so we are really pleased for her and her family. It is extra special as it is the first Honours List within the reign of King Charles. She was awarded her MBE for "exceptional performance in support of the Royal Air Force in a very challenging time". Charlotte will be receiving her award at Buckingham Palace.

We are always keen to hear of news and information from past school pupils and to share their achievements with the wider school community. This also helps us to provide aspirational local role models for our current pupils. Please let us know about any other notable successes!

We are very grateful to Yorebridge Trustees who have given us a grant of £1750.00 towards our outdoor provision and to enhance our Forest School provision.

Please keep up to date with our school news via our website <a href="http://www.hawes.n-yorks.sch.uk">http://www.hawes.n-yorks.sch.uk</a> or contact school via email – hawes@ycatschools.co.uk.

#### Leyburn and District u3a

The meeting in March is on **Friday 17th**. Helen Guy – Lead Mining in The Dales, Doors open at **10.00am** at the Arts and Community Centre, Leyburn.

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Future Meetings: **April 21st**. Fiona Andrews from the charity Dementia Forward.



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A full programme of events is coming up during March including the Dixon County Band, after their previous sell out concert, they have agreed to return so please buy your ticket early so as to not be disappointed! We also have a special screening of Leyburn, a Town in Wensleydale, Archive film on Tuesday, March 28th. Proceeds from this will be split between the Centre and Yorkshire Air Ambulance. The other major event is Life of Pi, a National Theatre Live cinema screening. Full details are on the website <a href="www.leyburnartscentre.com">www.leyburnartscentre.com</a>. Our other regular activities such as the Tuesday Club still have vacancies.

March is also the time when our 100 Club begins again so if you fancy a little flutter each month with an opportunity to win one of three cash prizes, please get in touch, only £12 for the year. All our volunteers are entitled to a 50% reduction on tickets for special events so if you have time on your hands and may be interested in joining us, please get in touch. **Tel 01969 624510.** 

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## MARCH WHAT'S ON LISTING; please add these dates to your Diary

#### March

- 3 Dominoes. Carperby Institute. 7.30pm.
- 8 Dementia Awareness Session. Sycamore. 10.00am–noon. See p.37.
- 10 Stalling Busk Schoolroom. Supper & Talk. 7.30pm See p.34.
- 12 Blueboxt Music Workshop. Thoralby Village Hall.10.00am 5.00pm. See p.6.
- 13 Swaledale Festival Booking Opens.
- 14 UWSRA AGM. 7.30pm. Johnny Walker Laithe. See p.31.
- 15 Penhill Ladies Meeting. 7.30pm. Carperby Village Hall. See p.31.
- 15 Classical Concert. 7.30pm. Influence Church, Richmond. See p.35.
- 16 Bainbridge W.I. Monthly Meeting and Talk.
- 17 Leyburn U3a talk. 10.00am. Arts & Community Centre. See p 17.
- 17 DCM Evening Talk–Nobby Dimon. 7.30pm. See p.23.
- 18 Jumble Sale at Hawes Market House. 9.30am to 12.30pm. See p.16.
- 18 Carperby Concert. 8.00pm. Village Institute. See p.28.
- 19 Prophetic Meeting 6.30pm. Hawes Market House. See p.4.
- 20 Bainbridge W.I. Soup & Sweet Lunch. Thornton Rust Institute. See p.34.
- 21 Local History Group Talk. 2.00pm. Middleham Key Centre. See p.19.
- 22 Newsletter AGM. 4.00pm. Sycamore Hall. See p.21.
- 28,29 Bainbridge Primary School Nursery Open afternoon. 1.30pm - 3.00pm. 650336 to book. See p..15.
- 30 Gospel of Mark. St. Oswald's Askrigg 7.00pm. See p.39.
- 31 Concert for Wensleydale Tournament of Music and Speech. 7.30pm. Wensleydale School. See p.28.

#### April

- 1 Saturday Market at Hawes Market House. See p.16.
- 1 Folk Concert. 8.00pm Reeth Memorial Hall. See p.9.
- Children's Easter Hunt in aid of Bainbridge Christmas Lights. See p.10.

#### **Coronation of King Charles**

The Coronation is on **Saturday, May 6th**, and we are hoping to put on an event of some kind (open to any ideas) on **Sunday, May 7th** to mark the occasion. We've booked the market hall for that date. Please, if you're interested in helping in any way or have some ideas or suggestions, please let us know. This is a community event and we need volunteers to make it happen and be a success. You can contact me on. <a href="mailto:brenda.peacock48@gmail.com">brenda.peacock48@gmail.com</a> or **07519** 338676.

#### Hawes in Bloom

On behalf of Hawes In Bloom I would like to thank Gayle Mill Trust most sincerely for their very generous donation of £500. This was presented recently at a small ceremony at Raygill Farm. It is a most welcome financial boost which will help us to continue to keep Hawes blooming for another year!

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This year's Vernal Equinox, falls on March 20th. It's the date when the Sun sits directly above the equator as it moves northwards in the sky and marks the official start of Spring in the northern hemisphere. Don't confuse it with British Summer Time which begins on March 26th when you need to put your clocks forward.

In the night sky the change of seasons is already well underway with the main springtime constellations - Leo, Bootes the Herdsman, and Virgo – all high in the south by 9.00pm towards the middle of March. Leo is the most prominent of the three and quite easy to pick out with a sickle-shaped pattern of stars - like a large backward facing question mark – outlining the creatures head and shoulders and a triangle of stars further eastwards forming its hindquarters. Y-shaped Virgo is the second largest constellation and represents the goddess of the harvest holding an ear of corn – the bright star, Spica. Bootes the Herdsman is another large constellation shaped like a giant kite. In the old myths he was placed in the sky as a reward for inventing the plough. Arcturus, Bootes main star, is the brightest in the northern hemisphere and the fourth brightest in the entire sky. It's a beautiful golden-orange hue, well worth viewing with a decent set of binoculars. Have clear skies!

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#### A Date for Your Diary

Wednesday, March 22nd at 4.00pm

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#### Olive House School

In the last issue we asked for someone to identify the location of the Olive House School in Hawes and we have found a photograph (with pupils) probably taken about 1900 which was also about the time the advert that we published last December appeared.



You may recognise the house as 'Stonecroft' on Burtersett Road, currently the home of Darren and Jackie Smith from the Wensleydale Pantry.

Thanks to Jackie we know that the school must have closed before 1905 because in that year it is described as a dwelling house and was the property of a Richard Moore Metcalfe of Burtersett.



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We've loved welcoming visitors back to the Museum and last week saw first-hand how the provision of activities and resources for families can have a positive impact. It was great to see the backpacks and activity lanyards being enjoyed. Things are moving on with the installation of our new Changing Places space and we hope it will be open very soon.

It was with great sadness that we heard of the passing of Denny Minnitt. Denny was a huge supporter of DCM and together with her sister, Signy Allen, established the study room, spending hour upon hour cataloguing material. It is a wonderful legacy and one which will live on in the space now known as the Research Room. We send our love and condolences to Robin and his family.

**Exhibition 'In Your Words'** (included in museum admission) to April 19th.

This celebration of the rich dialect heritage of the Yorkshire Dales includes contemporary recordings and oral history from the university collections gathered by fieldworkers from Leeds University in the 1950s and 60s. You can also add your own words to the collection by filling in a survey in the exhibition or by going online when you get home <a href="https://dialectandheritage.org.uk/">https://dialectandheritage.org.uk/</a>.

We are delighted that the exhibition now features two original books from Leeds Special collections. These response books recorded the answers given by informants during the Survey of English Dialect. They include 9 sections that cover a range of topics relating to work, domestic and social life. The answers given are recorded in the International Phonetic Alphabet.

Interviews were carried out by fieldworker Peter Wright, with Harold Orton also present for two of the days in Muker. There are five informants for the Muker response book - James Cooper Peacock, George Alderson, Mrs George Alderson, William Simm Raw and Thomas William Raw. The Askrigg book includes responses from four informants - Harold Bell, Ernest Burton, Edward Dinsdale and Thomas Weatherall.

#### **Podcast**

You can read more about our new Voices from the Dales podcast series created by Andrew Fagg which focuses on dialect and local voices. You can listen via the museum website or via any podcast application on your smartphone or tablet. <a href="https://www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk/explore/explore-the-museum/voices-from-the-dales-podcast/">https://www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk/explore/explore-the-museum/voices-from-the-dales-podcast/</a>.

#### Family friendly fun

We've received some fantastic feedback from families over half term. Many have enjoyed using the SEND backpacks, have had fun round the galleries and taken part in the family activities. You can still pick up an Annual pass so you can pop in as many times as you like, all year round or your child can join the Scurry Club and start collecting their squirrel badge and first stamp as soon as they visit. Each Scurry club pass allows entry for the named child and an adult carer. We've put together lots of family friendly, fun events for 2023, so keep an eye on our Facebook page and website! www.dalescountrysidemuseum.org.uk.

#### Wild Escape - Wonderfully Wild Dales

We're taking part in the Wild Escape with our *Wonderfully Wild Dales* project, working with Stage1Cycles Wensleydale Bike Club, Hawes Primary school and Mowbray school.

We ran our first family event in half term and the children who came along made some amazing nocturnal creatures! Over the next few weeks we'll be working with Hawes Primary and Mowbray school to share the special areas and species of the Yorkshire Dales, explain the impact of climate change and show what small steps can be taken help reduce a family's carbon footprint and help safeguard these special aspects of the Yorkshire Dales for future generations.

#### Learning

Children from BAWB (Bainbridge, Askrigg, West Burton schools) recently took part in a bespoke Roman session at the Museum and we've received some great feedback about how well the activities supported their learning. If you work in education and would be keen to chat with us about our workshops, loan boxes or other resources to complement your lessons, just get in touch by emailing dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk.

are also running sessions online and in person, so watch out for these.

#### Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists' Club

The club meets once a month on a Saturday morning, 10.00am - noon. At our session in February we made a small coin purse. In March we will be going for a walk to undertake a small heritage feature survey that focuses on historic features such as date stones, gate stoops, stiles and telephone boxes. We will be identifying, recording and photographing the features. 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 or email dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk or call 01969 666210.

#### What's on in March and April... Friends of DCM evening lecture. Friday, March 17th. 7.30pm to 9.00pm.

Touring Tales from West Burton to the West National Park landscape End.

At this Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum evening lecture, Nobby Dimon shares his talk Touring Tales from West Burton to the West End. Free for members or donation for non -members – booking advised.

#### **Drystone Walling Demonstration.** Tuesday, April 4th. 11.00am to 3.00pm.

Join Dales Volunteers as they showcase the traditional craft of drystone walling and explain the construction of this iconic feature of the National Park landscape.

#### Wonderfully Wild Dales - make a meadow print.

#### Wednesday, April 5th. 10.00am - 12.30pm 1.30pm - 4.00pm.

Printmaker Hester Cox will show you how to print your own meadow habitat picture. You can also add to our huge meadow picture that will be displayed on Earth Day! Come along and discover the importance of hay meadows for storing carbon and explore the wildlife that visits or lives in them because of the diversity of

The Wild Escape is made possible by lead Wild Escape.

The YDNPA Learning and Engagement team support from Arts Council England's National Lottery Project Grants, with additional support from Art Fund.

#### Food for Thought: Bun, batch, cob or roll? Thursday, April 6th. 1.00pm - 4.00pm

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Enjoy a taste of dialect words for all things edible and pick up a recipe from the past while you explore the In Your Words exhibition

#### Hands on History

#### Friday, April 7th. 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Time through time: A look at how we measured time in the past and have a go at making a historic timepiece

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#### Hands on History

#### Friday, April 14th. 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Green Man: Find out about the history of the Green Man, a symbol of Spring and rebirth, and make your own.

#### Friends of DCM evening lecture TBC Friday, April 21st. 7.30pm to 9.00pm.

To be advised.

#### Wonderfully Wild Dales - make a recycled bug, butterfly or bee!

#### Saturday, April 22nd. 10.30am to 4.00pm.

On Earth Day, create recycled bugs, butterflies and bees to add to our display and take home with your own recyclable seed pot and seeds to encourage insects into your garden - part of the

#### Swaledale Festival 2023

This year, 54 music, arts and walking events will be brought to the chapels, churches, halls and outdoor spaces of the sublime northern Yorkshire Dales. There is a special focus on our place and our community. As well as concerts by local choirs, bands and soloists, there are poetry walks in the landscape, puppet shows for children and astronomy sessions, families, late night workshops, comedy, film screenings and exhibitions by local artists. There are plenty of top international performers too - from Australia, the Middle East, India, Africa, Canada, the Americas, Japan, China and all over the UK and Europe.

Tickets go on sale on **Monday**, **March 13th** at www.swalefest.org.

The action begins on **Saturday**, **May 27th** with a talk on the Northern Dales Night Skies by astronomer Paul Clark at Reeth Memorial Hall. Paul's astronomical, geographical and historical narrative will be supported by images and videos of our glorious dark sky, and some sights and sounds of the northern Dales.

On **Sunday, May 28th** there will be a screening of the ever-popular film Wallace and Gromit "The Wrong Trousers" at The Garden Rooms at Tennants, but with a difference; the animation will be accompanied with live music from one of the most successful competition brass bands in history - WFEL Fairey Band! WFEL Fairey Band will also do an evening performance at **7.30pm** in which they will showcase a full programme of established repertoire, as well as some exciting new arrangements.



On Monday, May 29th at Reeth Congregational Church there will be a solo performance from the remarkable flute and percussion virtuoso, Eliza Marshall, who has worked with giants such as Stevie Wonder and Paul McCartney. Using multitrack delays and loops to build up layers of sounds, Eliza's solo performances combine African beats with her own haunting melodies and harmonies, creating a glorious fusion of music from around the world.

Later the same day, the award-winning Dutch violinist and composer, Tim Kliphuis and his



The Tim Kliphuis Sextet

talented ensemble will perform The Five Elements, a rousing ode to the Earth that embraces classical, gypsy, jazz and folk. This show has toured internationally and united audiences round the world. Don't miss the chance to experience this special concert at St.Mary's Church in Richmond.

On Wednesday, May 31st Lempen Puppet Theatre will perform Cardboard Carnival at the beautiful Georgian Theatre Royal. Expect a compelling celebration of the magic of puppetry with lots of cardboard, a little help from Charles Darwin, and accompanied by Camille Saint-Saëns' fabulous Carnival of the Animals music. Lempen is one of Britain's great touring puppetry companies and regularly take their original shows to international festivals across Europe. They will be running some puppetry workshops for young people in the lead-up to the Festival, we will share more information soon.

On Thursday, June 1st we are thrilled to welcome the popular and hugely respected expert Ronnie Archer-Morgan from the BBC's Antiques Roadshow to give the Reeth Lecture at Reeth Congregational Church. Ronnie will talk about some of his favourite objects, his extraordinary life, and his new book, Would It Surprise You To Know...?

Also on the same day, award-winning vocalist Claire Martin OBE and Scottish guitar legend Jim Mullen will celebrate the Great American Songbook and their shared love of the great jazz singers at St. Andrew's Church in Grinton. Expect stylish re-workings of much-loved classics by Arlen, Porter and Gershwin alongside more soulful songs by Stevie Wonder and Donny Hathaway.

On **Saturday, June 3rd** the immensely popular British comedian Andy Hamilton will share an evening of comic reflection, reminiscence and revelation at The Garden Rooms at Tennants. Andy will look back over his 60ish years on the planet and try to answer some questions. A hilarious and illuminating night out with a master of comedy!

On **Tuesday, June 6th** the excellent Dales poet Mary-Jane Holmes will lead a walking and writing workshop in beautiful upper Swaledale. There will be some moderate walking and fun writing exercises, and it's open to anyone who's interested in any genre of writing.

On the evening of **Tuesday**, **June 6th** Connaught Brass, a dynamic young brass quintet who are taking the chamber music world by storm, will perform Handel, Fauré, Rossini in St. Mary's Church, Richmond. These talented musicians form part of this year's Young Artists Platform which showcases tomorrow's major stars. Highly recommended!

On **Wednesday, June 7th** we welcome back Australian guitarist Craig Ogden, a giant of the classical world, to perform in the beautiful acoustic of Grinton church. Craig's solo recital will include music by Dowland, Bach, Rodrigo, Coste, Sinesi and Villa-Lobos.

These are just a small selection of a whirlwind of diverse events, including film, guided walks, local bands, free art exhibitions and more.

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Soft Play - We now have a dedicated room which is available for hire - £5 per family for 2 hours or why not try our Friday session? **1.00pm - 3.00pm** drop in, for social active play with your babies and pre-school child. We have also introduced a soft play subscription which is £15 per month for unlimited use. Soft play sessions supported by North Yorkshire County Council, Get Going Grant. Book and pay online.

Booking can be made via our website www.yorebridgesportandleisure.co.uk or email admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk or telephone 01969 650060.

Fitness classes - via zoom or live class as indicated:

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Wishful Shrinking - Tuesdays (live) 7.00pm. Exercise with gym equipment (cost £5).

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

Move and Tone - Wednesdays (live) 7.00pm - 8.00pm. Aerobics session to music followed by core strength exercises for toning. (cost £5).

Strong and Able – **Fridays (live) 11.00am.** Maintain your ability to get out and enjoy life, build muscle tone, stability around movement and keep flexible and mobile around joints. Standing and chair based exercise.

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#### **Voices From The Dales**

I would like to thank Rob and Val Ward for being Series Two special guests of the Voices From The Dales podcast.

Here is a picture I took recently of Rob and Val at their home in Hawes.



Series Two is on dialect as spoken by the people of Hawes and Gayle. A couple of years ago I came across of a box of old tapes at the Dales Countryside Museum. They were recordings of the likes of 'Owin Liz' Dinsdale, 'Aunt Lizzie' Alderson and Jessie Blades. They were made in 1977 by Bradford youth worker Trevor Sharpe and about six young people, who were hosted in town by Kit Calvert for a fortnight.

In the podcast, I present clips from these interviews while wandering about Hawes and along Gayle beck. Rob and Val remember some of the people interviewed. As well as the 1977 recordings, each episode includes Rob's



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colourful stories and in episode 5 Val reads the dialect verse of George Calvert (Margaret Haygarth's father).

Like everything the museum does, the podcast is trying to promote understanding of Dales culture. It has been a pleasure to have the sounds of Dales people in my ears for the past few months as the series has come together. Below are brief descriptions of the six episodes of Series Two – Voices from the Dales. Thank you for listening.

#### **Andrew Fagg**

Episode 1 - Lizzie Dinsdale. The case is made for dialect during a visit to Hawes Methodist Cemetery. Enter then the remarkable voice of the late Lizzie Dinsdale. Published on December 2nd 2022.

Episode 2 - Rev James Alderson and Aunt Lizzie. Lizzie Alderson tells a touching story about a petted pig, and there are excerpts from a lecture given by Rev James in the early 1980s at the Grassington Festival. Published on December 16th 2022

Episode 3 – Hannah Metcalfe, Taylor Dinsdale. Hannah Metcalfe (nee Alderson) said she didn't move so far in life, while Taylor Dinsdale, who was interviewed by Marie Hartley and Joan Ingilby, speaks about bynames in Gayle. Published on January 6th 2023.

Episode 4 – Fishing and Jessie Blades. Series Two special guest Rob Ward says, 'There's no fish in't beck'. Other voices are from 1977: Fred Nuttall recounts the formation of Hawes and High Abbotside Angling Association, Jessie Blades speaks of her family's fame at fly dressing and Chris Heseltine talks vividly about grobbling (tickling) trout. Published on January 20th 2023.

Episode 5 - George Calvert's verses. Series Two special guest Val Ward reads the dialect verse of the late road sweeper George Calvert, who wrote that people at Gayle Chapel would sing 'wi' a gusto 'et mead yer throoats thrive'. John Mason and George 'Laps' Alderson are remembered. Published on February 3rd 2023.

Episode 6 - At the washdub. The old gathering place in Gayle, the washdub, is visited for reflections on dialect, with a remarkable Kit Calvert story about the family of the finest Wensleydale dialect poet, as well as a contribution from Helen Guy. Published on February 17th 2023.

#### **Carperby Concerts in March**

After a period of seven years, Carperby Concerts welcomes back The Jigantics on **Saturday**, **March 18th.** An exciting four-piece group from the UK, The Jigantics have played two fabulous gigs at the Village Institute in the past. Since their last visit they've had a couple of personnel changes but they continue to go from strength to strength. If you haven't seen them before, you'll want to catch them this time around. The Daily Telegraph described them as "A highlight act.... a magical musical mix. A fabulous fusion of genre defying music." Musically, there's foot tapping feel good material, mixed with totally convincing tear-jerkers.



"I guess our aim is to play songs we enjoy whether they are originals or covers and have a good time", says Mark Cole the band's singer, frontman and multi-instrumentalist. "That mood translates to the audience too and it's designed to be a show that sends everyone home happy" he added. Other band members are Sarah Kelly, on vocals, bass and ukuleles, master guitarist and vocalist Keith Thompson and Martin Fitzgibbon (ex ColvinQuarmby) on drums, vocals and percussion.

Fine musicianship, great songs and solid arrangements from a band that really enjoys what they do. "The Jigantics were the find of the festival" Dan Ogus of the Southsea Festival said. Check out their website www.thejigantics.com.

Tickets are £15 in advance or £17 on the door and all profits will go to The Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team. Call **01969 663808** or email <a href="mailto:carperbyconcerts@gmail.com">carperbyconcerts@gmail.com</a> for tickets and details. Doors open **7.00pm**. Concert starts at **8.00pm**.

## Concert for the Wensleydale Tournament

A concert in aid of the Wensleydale Tournament of Music and Speech, featuring entrants and winners from this year's Tournament, will be held at Wensleydale School at 7.30pm on Friday, March 31st.

If you are not familiar with the Tournament, this will be an entertaining introduction to our long-standing event, and a chance for our talented participants to perform to a wider audience.

Ticket prices are £8 for adults, £5 for children (under 7s free), £20 for a family ticket (2 adults + 2 children). Tickets are available at the door, or can be booked in advance by contacting the Secretary on 07423 532544 or email secretary.wts@outlook.com.



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#### Prime Minister Rishi Sunak Officially Opens 'Askrigg House'

It was back in 2017 that the Trustees of the Askrigg Foundation made the decision to pursue an application for a government grant to assess the feasibility of refurbishing the Georgian property that they owned in the centre of the village, into much needed affordable housing for local use.

Purchased by the Foundation in the 1970's, the building had seen many different uses; a restaurant, a delicatessen, a gift shop, an antique shop and originally a unit providing employment for a number of local ladies sewing gussets into men's trousers for a clothing manufacturer in Leeds. This production line halted after several years to make way for a contract to paint Wombles!

By 2017, the building was in a very poor state of repair and in need of expensive major renovation. Selling it on to interested property developers would have been a simple and lucrative solution to the challenges the Trustees were facing, but with their founding principles in mind (to seek to be a blessing to the local community) the decision was made to begin the more complicated process of creating three dwellings for local occupancy; two apartments with a commercial unit beneath and a two bedroom cottage to the rear, all in the very heart of the village.

The interesting story of its transformation can be left for another time, but with the help of an extended team of advisers the project was



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completed some four years later and the very first tenants of 'Askrigg House' and 'Courtyard Cottage', together with the team of local artists selling their beautifully unique crafts from the new shop 'Heather and Grouse', received their keys in March 2021.

We were delighted when our patron and local MP, now our Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Rishi Sunak, agreed to officially open the premises on January 27th. What an interesting week that was receiving visits from his security team in preparation for his arrival. Residents of the village and children from the school gathered together to witness the happy occasion as Mr Sunak greeted the crowd, cut the ribbon and then delighted in a tour of the shop. Tea and a specially commissioned cake were consumed across the road in 'The Kings Arms' where Mr Sunak chatted in a friendly and way with everyone relaxed there, particularly so with the children as he remembered their trip down to London to see him a few years earlier.

So relaxed was the atmosphere that one of our elderly ladies felt perfectly at home to ask the Prime Minister if he wouldn't mind fetching her a piece of cake – he did!



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#### **Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services in March**

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March 5th		The Gathering Benefice Family Communion		
March 12th	Morning Prayer	Ecumenical Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Soup lunch from 12.30-1.15pm. 1.30pm Holy Communion
March 19th Mothering Sunday	Holy Communion	Praise in the Pen Family service	Morning Prayer	
March 26th	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Outreach Café Style Service	2.30-3.00pm Evening Prayer 3.15pm Pathfinders
March 30th			Performance of Mark's Gospel 7.00pm	

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

#### Journeying through Lent

With Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday done, the season of Lent is now underway. Lent marks the period of forty days in the Christian calendar that recalls the time Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing himself for his earthly ministry. Traditionally it is seen as a time of 'giving things up' or fasting from certain foods or distractions to intentionally create an opportunity to focus on things that are 'beyond' ourselves and that are greater than our immediate pleasure.

It can help us to see and to value the many good things that are in our lives and help to develop an essential 'attitude of gratitude'; for despite the very real pressures and challenges that we are facing with the cost of living crisis, we can certainly be thankful that we are not being bombed and that we are not suffering the trauma and loss of a devastating earthquake. Others will use the time to reassess their life journey alongside what the Bible teaches us

about healthy and holistic living – Yup - God beat the fashionable magazines and articles by several thousands of years!

But essentially, it's a reminder for Christians the world over that life is a journey; a journey from Earth to Heaven and one that mirrors Christ's journey from Heaven to Earth to be made known and to be known.

On Thursday March 30th, in St Oswald's Church in Askrigg at 7.00pm, there is an opportunity to join a dramatic journey to see, hear and follow the eye witness accounts of the extraordinary events surrounding the life of Jesus Christ as told by Mark. The performance has received critical acclaim wherever it has been shown. Admission is free and it would be wonderful to welcome you there.

However you may spend the month of March, may you do so in peace and thanksgiving for all you have been blessed with.



#### **Penhill Ladies**

On March 15th we look forward to welcoming "The Seasonal Singers" for what promises to be lots of fun. This is an open meeting so we extend to everyone a warm invitation to attend. Visitors will be charged £5 to include refreshments.

Penhill Ladies meet in Carperby Village Institute on the third Wednesday in the month at **7.30pm.** New members and guests (who are charged £5) are warmly welcomed. For more details it's **Shelagh 01969 663958.** 

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#### **Hawes Community Fields**

Hawes Community Fields is managed by a charity, the Upper Wensleydale Sports and Recreational Association (UWSRA). Trustees of the charity had their latest meeting in January. All agreed that the opening of Johnny Walker Laithe, the Match Hatch and the enlarged Big Field in August last year had been very well supported. Yet it was felt a clear message needed to be conveyed via the newsletter: that the new facilities are open for bookings!

The Match Hatch has basic cooking facilities and a hot water boiler, while the Johnny Walker Laithe has rooms with a view and toilets. Perhaps you might like to use the facilities to hold a children's party, or might like to start a fresh sports or recreational club? To book the facilities please see Lindsey Whaley or send an email to <a href="mailto:lhwhaley84@gmail.com">lhwhaley84@gmail.com</a>.

UWSRA is holding its annual general meeting on **7.30pm on Tuesday**, **March 14th** at Johnny Walker Laithe. Please do come along if you have any thoughts or ideas about the Community Fields, or would like to find out a bit more about the new facilities.

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## Elli Sarri-Neate A Local Felt Artist and Owner of Blue Mouse Art

The Wensleydale landscape acts as an inspiration to local artist Elli. Capturing the wonderful scenery of the area, along with the great natural light, she creates wool and felt scenes depicting the Dales along with sculptures of animals found in the region.

Her passion for wool art grew after volunteering to create wet felted panels for the Leyburn library eight years ago. Her fascination with natural materials led her to experiment with fibres, felts, and textiles. She learnt to use wool and produce similar results to working with the traditional mediums of acrylics and pastels. Furthermore, she taught herself the art of needle felting creating animal sculptures. She soon started producing paintings of animals and developed her unique style of painting with wool.

Just over a year ago, she created Blue Mouse Art, selling wool sculptures, paintings, artwork reproductions, greeting cards, mugs, coasters, textiles, and more. She runs regular felting workshops and has started creating a range of felting kits.



Needle felting also known as fibre art is a very versatile but slow process that allows you to create any shapes and designs using just felting needles, a felting mat, and wool. After practising the technique for many years Elli can create incredible 3D sculptures and 2D designs on fabric canvas. She is passionately working with the wool sourced ethically and locally where possible.

You can find more by visiting her website bluemouseart.co.uk.

#### Time to Get Walking Again

With Spring on its way we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

The Walking in Yorkshire website - <a href="https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/yorkshire">https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/yorkshire</a> has loads of walks to download and print free. It also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Yorkshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'. With walks from half a mile to 12+ miles long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

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#### Old Photographs and **Advertisements**

Here is another page from 'Hawes and its Immediate Neighbourhood - An Illustrated Guide for Visitors' that we mentioned in a previous newsletter. Groups of unrelated adverts appear. Do any of these establishments hold memories for our readers? We would love to hear from you.

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#### Bainbridge W.I.

A Busy Bunch of Ladies!

You must know by now that the ladies of Bainbridge WI do not let the grass grow beneath their feet, no matter what time of year it is! With March now upon us, we have already had two very interesting monthly meetings.

February's speaker was Dinah Alonso-Wilkes From Travel Counsellors. She gave us a talk about her time working in the travel industry and showed us photographs of some of the amazing places she has been lucky enough to visit in her role. We were all really keen to book our holidays after listening to her!!

The Walking Group is still busy making sure they increase their step count around the area! For those less keen on the walking, there are generally two options - a short or a longer walk - and both are followed by food!

The Lunch Club have resumed their outings with a visit to The Kings Arms in Askrigg and The Garden Rooms at Tennants. This is always a lovely chance to catch up and enjoy some good food and company.

The Book Group also meets monthly to discuss their lates read and are now holding these meetings at Sycamore Hall which is easier for some of our members to access.

We have resumed our monthly Soup and Sweet Lunches which are held on the Monday following our monthly meetings. We have had two very successful lunches in Bainbridge where we were thrilled to have over 30 people coming along to enjoy the delicious homecooked lunch.

The next lunch will be at Thornton Rust Institute on Monday, March 20th. Do come along and join us. The lunch costs just £5 for two courses, tea/coffee.

Our March meeting will be held on March **16th** when Joy Barrett will give us a cookery demonstration on 'One Pot Meals' which could be useful in saving time and energy. Do come along to join us - guest entry is just £4 and you will be made very welcome.

Further details can be obtained from our President, Nicola Robinson (01968 650801) checking website by our www.bwainbridgewi.com.

#### Richmondshire Concerts

On March 15th Coco Tomita and Simon Callaghan will be performing music for violin Last month, to mark its 100th edition, the and piano in Richmond. Coco Tomita won the BBC Young Musician Strings Category in Her dazzling debut album Origins Strad. received rave reviews in The Gramophone Magazine, BBC Music Magazine and The Observer and was selected as Disc of the Month by Apple in April 2022. They will be performing Beethoven's Kreutzer Sonata, violin sonatas by Janáček and Ravel, and Silent Spring by young composer Noah Max.

The concert is at the Influence Church in Richmond at 7.30pm on Wednesday, March 15th Information and tickets may be found at www.rsconcerts.org, and tickets will also be sold at the door: £16, or £1 for full-time students.



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#### From the Archives - Issue 101 -March 2005

Newsletter distributed £10 Book Tokens to every child in the UWNL area who was born in 1995 when the Newsletter started. A number of letters have been received and acknowledged are Letters of thanks have been received from Hawes and West Burton Schools individually from the following children:

Thank you very much for the £10 book token you gave me. I enjoy reading and look forward to choosing some good books. Happy anniversary and good luck in the future. Many thanks.

#### Charles Dinsdale, Gayle

Thank you for my ten pound book token. I am looking forward to spending it. I am going to be 10 in May 2005.

#### Lynn Alderson, Askrigg

Thank you very much for the book voucher. I am going to enjoy buying a new book with it. I saw your picture in the paper when you were celebrating your 10th anniversary. Last year my celebrated its 150th anniversary. Thank you very much.

#### **Charlotte Porter, Gunnerside**

Thank you very much for my token. Happy 10th Birthday to you.

#### Henry McCarthy, Hawes

Thank you for my book token. I love to read.

Molly Robinson, Redmire

#### News from the Vets

With lambing and calving season approaching, don't forget the importance of colostrum and good hygiene to minimise neonatal disease.

Good colostrum both quality and quantity is essential and getting ewe and cow nutrition right to provide this is important. Metabolic profiling can help with this monitoring and ensuring all goes swimmingly. To discuss further please contact us on 01969 650263.

**Bainbridge Vets** 

And here is an article about the Hawes Pantomime written by one of 2023 writing competition winners, Christa Fagg Rawlance.

#### **Hawes Pantomime 2023**

I really loved being in *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* because it was all of my interests combined. I have always enjoyed going to pantos but being in one was even better. The costumes, make-up and games - all of it was a new experience.

I would never have been involved had it not been for my Granny. We were sitting outside after school in early September when I mentioned that I would love to do some drama. Granny said that she had read about the panto in the newsletter and that was that. My first rehearsal was that very night.

After Christmas it got more serious. Liz started sorting the costumes and we began all-day rehearsals. It was Lights! Camera! Action!

It's strange because once you're on stage with the lights you can't see anybody in the audience. It seems like a great black mass. It's really hot on stage especially when you're in a bear-onesie and mask! Backstage is small, we all have to fit in between the props and scenery. Sometimes we played quiet games in the dressing room. Like a word game. One person has to say a word such as 'music', and the next person has to say whatever that word makes them think of, such as 'piano'. We always arrived an hour and a half before the show started, so we could get our hair done, make-up on and be in our first costumes.

When we were waiting for the doors to open we played games on stage such as splat!, wink murder and werewolves, organised by Bethan the backstage manager. In the interval we would go back to the playroom - where the make-up and some costumes were kept - to have our half-way ice cream, then we would continue the show.

My favourite thing was that everybody got together to create a show that not only made people laugh, but also gave them happiness (as well as getting the songs stuck in their heads for weeks afterwards!). The director, Amy Cockett, said her favourite part was seeing everyone enjoying themselves and watching the junior member's confidence grow.

The hardest part was staying up late. I would

come home bouncing from excitement but also exhausted after a long day. Amy Cockett said that the biggest challenge was juggling all the balls! One of the other tricky things was waiting for the show to begin. We had to wait behind the curtain and I would get all fidgety. Sometimes I scratched my nose on stage and my mum told me to try and get out of this habit but it was really hard!



The panto was meant to take place four years ago, so I think everybody put in a lot of effort and also received enjoyment from it. My Granny, for example, took me to panto practice every Tuesday, and really enjoyed watching us rehearse at Gayle Institute.

I loved doing the panto and would recommend it to anyone who would like to do a bit of drama. I just can't wait for next year!

**Christa Fagg Rawlence** 

#### The Little White Bus Trips

The schedule for trips in 2023 has now been published and can be collected from the Hawes Community Office and will be shown on the usual notice boards. It may be worth mentioning here that the usual Friday trips from Hawes, Bainbridge and Askrigg are shown together with additional trips on other dates that will be departing from Hawes, Leyburn, Catterick and Scorton.

You can book in the following ways;

By calling in person at the Hawes Community Office, Phoning 01969 667400, e-mailing bookings@udcp.co.uk or on the website www.littlewhitebus.co.uk/day-trips/. Whichever trip you choose we wish you a pleasant day out!

#### **Sycamore Hall News**

The refurbishment is moving along and we are pleased to have been able to find good homes for most of the furniture and fittings that will not be needed. The new lighting is amazing and works on a sensor basis so we no longer have lights on all the time, reducing costs and wasted energy. Next up is new front doors for all our flats, re-decoration of the corridors and creation of a new guest flat before work starts on refurbishing the two lounges. It is all very exciting and we can't wait for the end result to be revealed.

We have just been joined by representatives from North Yorkshire County Council who came along for a tree-planting in the grounds. We were very fortunate to have been chosen to have a tree planted in memory of all the people who died during the Covid-19 pandemic. It was a typical Dales day for the planting so there wasn't much lingering outside, but refreshments were served inside for everyone. We will now be able to watch this tree grow and hopefully it will enhance the grounds.

We are having great fun with the young children from the BAWB Federation who now visit us regularly to allow us to join in with their learning opportunities. We have enjoyed games of dominoes, which also involved a bit of house -building using the dominoes! We share stories and songs and really enjoy talking with the children. They certainly liven up the place!

Meanwhile, activities continue as usual ('Knit and Knatter' 2.00pm on Mondays; Bingo/Quiz

10.45am on Tuesdays; Wellbeing Cafe 10.30 am to 12.30pm on the second Wednesday: Coffee Morning on Thursdays from 10.30am; Gentle Exercise on Fridays at 11.00am; Bridge on Fridays at 2.00pm). Look out for details as we are always delighted to welcome members of the community to join us. Our new shop is proving very popular and has a wide range of stock to entice everyone. Don't forget to call by to support the small businesses operating from Sycamore Hall - Sycamore Restaurant, Sonja's Salon with Mabel and Maisy's Mini Emporium, Sycamore Country Store, the Library and Post Office. We look forward to welcoming you to Sycamore Hall soon.

If you have any queries regarding our facilities, please contact Nicky Cooper, Court Manager on 0370 1024055.

#### **Dementia Awareness Session**

There is a dementia awareness session which I have arranged with Dementia Forward, being held at the Bainbridge Wellbeing Café at Sycamore Hall on Wednesday, March 8th 10.00am – noon. The session is very informative and would be of benefit to anyone in the community who wants to know more about memory loss and how to best support family and friends with dementia.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me. Karen Andrews, Carer Engagement Adviser (Outreach) Telephone 01609 780872 email <a href="mailto:karen@carersplus.net">karen@carersplus.net</a>.



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### An Obituary printed in the New York Times

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge). His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

**Common Sense** finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death, by his parents, Truth and Trust, by his wife, Discretion, by his daughter, Responsibility, and by his son, Reason.

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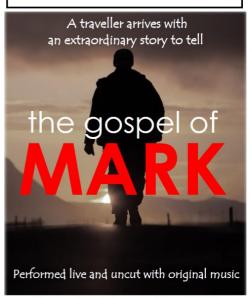
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