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#### **Guest Editorial**

I heard the other day (when listening to Round Britain Quiz) about the origin of the word 'serendipity', a word coined by Horace Walpole in 1754. He had discovered what he described as a 'silly' fairy tale called 'The Three Princes of Serendip,' a tale ancient in origin about a lost elephant which is found through methods rather like those of a classical detective story. The word has shifted in meaning over the years. The Three Princes were always making happy discoveries, by accident, of things 'they were not in quest of'. These days when we talk of 'serendipity' we are often reflecting on how things which are very different in themselves, have mysteriously come together, 'joining the dots' so to speak.

This being the silly season I thought I would join up a few serendipitous dots of my own, to see what I came up with.

I begin on the Leeds - London train, a journey I make quite often. Many years ago now, my London-bound train slowed right down, somewhere in Northamptonshire, and I saw a decrepit wood and brick signal box labelled 'Helpston'. I immediately though of the poet John Clare, born 1793, the son of illiterate labourers and a contemporary of Keats. Clare was a wonderful nature poet and his precise and loving observations of the natural world have delighted poetry lovers for generations. He came from the small Northamptonshire village of Helpston and he is buried there, his grave bearing the inscription 'the peasant poet'. I subsequently wrote a poem about the signal box which ended

'they were kind to him in the asylum, I hope he died as Falstaff died, babbling about green fields.'

(for many years Clare had been confined in a 'mad house' in Northampton).

On my most recent Leeds - London journey I was reading a book that had been sitting on my shelf for years, 'Undertones of War' by Edmund Blunden. I had possibly taken it down at last because of this year's VE celebrations in May. Blunden, like Clare, was a nature poet, unfashionable now. At 21 he fought at the Somme and went on to win the Military Cross for bravery. A shy and modest man, he attributed his survival to the fact that, like Clare, he was short in stature. 'Undertones of War' is an unusual war diary. Blunden recalls sitting in

an abandoned shell hole during a cease fire surrounded by skulls and decomposing severed limbs, while butterflies fluttered about in white convolvulus flowers and larks sang overhead. In the midst of this hell he was reading the poems of John Clare whose work he eventually brought before the poetry-reading public for the first time, when he embarked upon the life of a university academic.

So: a decrepit signal box, a poet peasant, a 20th century war poet and the hell of the Trenches. Where might the dots go next? Well, it is late July and, as I said, the start of the silly season, and yet, and yet..

When I open our front door and step inside on to a handsome floor of Victorian tiles I read these words: 'Virtute Non Verbis' - 'Not by Words but by Deeds.' The newer part of the house was built in the mid 1870s and is stamped by some high Victorian sententiousness. Carved into one fireplace are the words 'Duty first and Pleasure afterwards'. 'Duty' is a man carrying a big spade of heavy earth 'Pleasure' is a man smoking a long pipe with a glass of beer at his elbow. But the Latin words on our threshold never fail to sadden me. John Whaley Fryer, aged 24, must have stepped over them on his way to France. He died on July 2nd, 1916, on the second day of the Battle of the Somme. Clare, Blunden, Whaley Fryer, the Somme. The dots are joining. Thomas Dawson Whaley must also have crossed our threshold in the 1940s, again on his way to France. He was picked off by a sniper at Caen in July 1944. Both these men are remembered on brass memorials in the Lady Chapel of St Margaret's Church, in Hawes, just two of the many who left their home in the Dales never to return.

I write this in Cornwall at the other end of the country. My holiday reading has been unexpectedly enriched by the purchase (for one pound, from a charity stall) of the life of Edith Cavell, 1865-1915. It is one of the most moving books I have ever read.

Edith Cavell, a country girl from Norfolk and a vicar's daughter, trained as a nurse at a time when the only other 'respectable' occupation for a young unmarried woman was to be a governess. Edith had tried this and did not enjoy it so she took up nursing. She worked her way up through several hospitals, mainly in London, and did well though she seems to have been rather a steely individual, asking a lot of herself and exacting high standards from those beneath

her. She was a devout and very practical Christian, believing in 'Deeds not Words'. In 1907 she went to Brussels where she had agreed to open a training school for nurses. She ended up in charge of several hospitals in the city, her reputation for hard work and efficiency grew and grew and she was greatly sought after.

But on August 4th 1914 England declared war on Germany and soon after Brussels became an occupied city. Edith Cavell had always told her nurses that any wounded soldier who came to them, friend or foe, must be treated, that they were not to take sides and to 'take no part in the quarrel'. And this they did, until the training hospital was closed. This upright Christian woman ended up, as the war dragged on, with no patients. 'The sick' she wrote to her mother 'have magically disappeared'.

Slowly and steadily, and taking more and more risks, she was drawn in to the resistance movement. English soldiers on the run who turned up were put into beds and signed false certificates saying they had received treatment. She sent them on to safe houses; they were provided with money, false papers and disguises – monks, priests, country labourers. Many crossed borders into safety and lived to thank her. But she did not.

Having become over-zealous and possibly careless, she was eventually betrayed, arrested and sentenced to death 'for treason', a legal oddity as she was English and had not betrayed her own country. The young men in the firing squad were told 'Have no qualms about killing a woman, her deeds are heinous.'

Hours before her execution (7.00am on October 12th 1915), she received Holy Communion from the English chaplain posted in the city. To him she said 'I realise that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness for anyone.'

There was a huge outcry after her execution, on both sides. 'Kaiser Bill' himself was outraged and commuted the death sentences of her fellow 'conspirators'. Her last words are engraved on her imposing ten foot memorial in St Martins Lane, London, opposite the National Portrait Gallery.

Not long before her death she had written to her mother 'I like to look back on the days when we were young and life was fresh and beautiful and the countryside so desirable and sweet.' The Signal Box Revisited

Nothing has changed since I first saw Helpston flash by, years ago now, the same wide fields, the flatness, the serious hedges. Valerian has thickened up along the track and there are stands

of dog daisies and plumy grass.

John Clare lies at Helpston and I learned only today that Blunden took his poems to the Somme.

He read them in old shell holes round which convolvulus trailed all bright with butterflies and larks sang overhead. John Clare wrote about such things too. War never burned his land

the churches and the lonely farms still stand.

**Ann Pilling** 







## **Eunice the Ewe**

Last month I was hiding in the Sewing advert on page 14. And the lucky winner of the £10 prize is Josh Cage of Leyburn.

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

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## **August Competition**

The following are clues to items you might find in a kitchen.

- 1. Road split (4)
- 2. Taken for an idiot (3)
- 3. Container for bike part (5,3)
- 4. Pressed curds become larger (6,6)
- 5. Persuade a man to keep away (9)
- 6. Go down in water (4)
- 7. Sounds like a monk has invisible gas (3,5)
- 8. Pelt old factory with shot (6,4)
- 9. Tension a tart apple (8,6)
- 10. Transport for Jumblies (5)
- 11. First batter for a metal container (3,6)
- 12. UFO without F (6)
- 13. Impertinence searching for gold (8)
- 14. Tiny hand movement (9)
- 15. NaCl below stairs (4,6)
- 16. Mountain pass with hesitation (8)
- 17. BOMIXWL (6,4)
- 18. DRAB RED BOA (anag.) (5,5)

Please send in your answers to arrive by **Tuesday**, **August 26th**. Remember to include the details of your nominated charity which will receive the £50 prize should you win.

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## **July Competition Answers**

- 1. Lark
- 2. House Martin
- 3. Hedge Sparrow
- 4. Wren
- 5. Partridge
- 6. Fieldfare
- 7. Swallow
- 8. Hobby
- 9. Stonechat
- 10. Puffin
- 11. Red Grouse
- 12. Shoveller
- 13. Siskin
- 14. Bittern

Only two correct entries this month. The winning entry chosen at random was from Laura Gavin of Carperby whose nominated charity to receive the £50 prize is the British Heart Foundation.

## **Summer Bingo**

Stalling Busk Schoolroom

Tuesday, August 26th at 7.00pm

Raffle

All welcome

## Drop-off points and contacts

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

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#### On Tour

We pushed the boat out and stayed at a very welcoming pub over the weekend. The complimentary glass of fizz and towering scone mountain on our arrival could have been a high point, but for me the exotic and cluttered (in a good way) planting was the major attraction; never off duty, see?

A pal in the hotel trade had told me that first impressions are everything, and that customers are drawn in by a tidy and colourful outward appearance i.e. well-tended hanging baskets, fussed over window boxes etc; this place had obviously taken note, with masses of almost 'in your face' prettiness – wallflowers, bellis, violas all clamouring for attention. What really caught my eye were a pair of what I thought were phormiums doing sentry duty on either side of the doorway, very striking with those deep red, swordlike leaves. Well, don't I leave my brain behind when I go on holiday? – straight into the crowded bar I went to gushingly compliment the landlord on his inspired choice.

"Nah, not phormiums, they're cordylines - I've kept 'em in the conservatory over winter, been outside for a couple of months now" he corrected.

All had gone unnervingly quiet in the bar save for the odd smothered chuckle as the mouthy tourist was put in his place.

"Oh well, your hebes are spectacular, never seen such contrasts" I fumbled.

What an absolute masterstroke this proved to be; turns out he was a total hebe nut, couldn't shut him up after that, top bloke. He'd used the strongly variegated 'franciscana', planting in threes in large containers, ingeniously mixing with drifts of the French lavender 'stoechas'. I thought these were a bit tender this far north, but they'd three years under their belts up here, so what do I know?

Mentioning this half-hardy stuff calls to mind a 'Club 18-30'(!) style holiday I returned from, bleary eyed, hundreds of years ago. Blessed with a surefire sangria recipe and bags of enthusiasm for planting schemes and flora I'd experienced out there, I'd visions of showy bougainvillea vines, scented oleanders, even the humble hottentot fig all colonising any drystone wall they could find north of Addlebrough. Why not give them a go I thought, as suppliers could

be found in the yellow pages (definite 80s vibe going on here) ... anyway, the challenge was on.

Well, like the sangria or that other favourite booze souvenir, banana liquor, they didn't travel well. The bougainvillea took one look at a 'Bainbridge blanket' - a vast, steely grey frozen sky, and gave up the ghost. The oleanders fared little better, sticking a pampered Mediterranean toe out when the sun threatened, however two months of relentless winter chills sealed their fate. The indestructible fig limped on for three dreary years giving absolutely zero pleasure – I just got plain offended by its enduring ugliness and stubborn will to live and fed it to the compost heap.

We now stay unambitiously closer to home, hence delightful Northumberland and the pub garden, which just kept on giving. Cowering in the shade of all the phormium / cordyline showiness were a pair of brilliant mophead hydrangea macrophyllas. Carefully pruned in spring by my new best landlord friend, cutting off last year's flowerheads down to new buds beneath, these cuties will eventually outshine all with magnificent pink blooms. However, over in the corner was the true star and oh, what a beauty - housed in half a wooden barrel was THE most astonishingly wine-red leaved acer. I it was a palmatum, 'Bloodgood' and wanted a closer look, but at that moment it was surrounded by a gang of rowdy but good-natured lads out on what looked like a stag do. Horticulture and pub crawls don't make a great mix, so I decided to pop in and ask the landlord about it later. After my phormium blunder I'll keep it more general and inquire about 'that red tree in the corner' that's nice and non-specific and should help me avoid further ridicule.

**Ed Gardener** 

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## 'Thunderous Applause on a Midsummer's Evening'

The evening of June 21st was, according to several weather forecasts, likely to produce heavy downpours along with thunder and lightning and, as it turned out on this occasion, they were accurate. As the 'Ethereal Conductor' orchestrated the elemental forces outside St Margaret's Church, Hawes, the audience took shelter from the storm and were treated to some wonderful musical entertainment. The performers for the evening were Mal Carruthers

(keyboards) with Amy Cockett and Rev Dave on vocals.

This was the third musical offering from Mal and Amy. However, unlike the previous offerings. they had decided to change from the church organ accompaniment and. instead, opt for an electric keyboard greater giving a



option of musical effect, as this was to be a concert featuring songs from the musicals. This turned out to be a brilliant option and certainly suited the performers. The first offering from the programme was 'The Sound of Music' and, from there, songs came from a rich variety of famous musicals including 'Les Miserables', 'Cabaret', 'My Fair Lady' and 'Phantom of the Opera' – all of which were performed with the highest level of professionalism and musicality. Perhaps the best received song of the evening was when Amy and Rev Dave rendered the duet from 'Phantom' entitled 'All I ask of You', which was received with rapturous applause and shouts of appreciation.

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The high level of performance was obviously down to long hours of practice and dedication undertaken by all of the entertainers, reaching a level that made many of the audience feel that they had been treated to the type of performance only enjoyed by much loftier venues.

After the programme had been completed, all the artistes were applauded ecstatically by the grateful onlookers and an encore was unavoidable! Fittingly, the choice of an extra musical treat was 'Somewhere over the Rainbow' from 'The Wizard of Oz' – which ended an exceptional evening of colour and variety.

Peter Summers

## A Huge Thank You !!

What an amazing evening we recently had at St Margaret's Church for the "Musicals for a Midsummers Evening" concert. I would like to express my thanks to my musical partner in crime Amy Cockett, for her fabulous performances during the evening, and likewise to Dave Clark whose additional vocal contributions were well received too. A big thank you to Mike Hirst who weaved his usual magic with the sound and visuals to help give the evening that extra bit of interest.

Thanks also to our sponsors for the evening, J Blades and Son, Hawes who together with the Wensleydale Pantry supplied us with some wonderful interval goodies.

And last but by no means least, the fantastic 'Maggie's Angels' team who ensured that the whole event ran smoothly.

Retiring donations towards the organ restoration fund raised just over £700, so thank you to all who came to support us and generously donated. Amy and I will be back on **Saturday, October 25th** to present our 'Music from The Movies 3" concert, so hope to see you then.

Mal Carruthers

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## **Dancing Across the Dales**

In many parts of England local dances have long died out. Not so in Yorkshire. Dancing continued on a regular basis in the Dales communities right up to the 2000s. Those occasions were social gatherings, and dancing was an important vehicle for drawing people together in scattered, remote communities. The village dances were very popular, with combinations of what we would now call 'folk' and 'Old Time' dances. At the time they would be seen merely as 'our local dances'.

From the 1920s to the 1970s, collectors (Leta Douglas, Peter Kennedy, Tom and Joan Flett, John Browell) came to the Dales and interviewed musicians who could remember their tunes and associated dances. In 2020 local musician and researcher, Bob Ellis, published 'There was None of this Lazy Dancing!' and set out the collected tunes, dances, and accounts from those musicians.

I'm a caller, dancer, and dance musician. In reading Bob's book, I became aware of the similarities and differences between some of the versions of these dances, and also the gaps in some of the accounts of the dances that were regularly danced. Indeed, in some accounts, only a list of the dances performed regularly – or danced on a specific date – is given, but without details of how those dances worked. I became interested in what the programme of an evening's dancing in the Dales might have contained. My research has taken me to other sources of folk and Old-time dances in the north of England and across into Scotland.

It's said that every other dance in an evening's dancing in the Dales was a waltz! However, a lot of couple-dances other than waltzes were enjoyed: The Barn Dance, Polka, Boston Two Step etc., and it is satisfying to draw up a dance list in which set dances alternate with couple dances, waltzes included.

I'm working with the Dales Traditional Music and Dance Collective (<a href="https://dales-music-and-dance-collective.org.uk">https://dales-music-and-dance-collective.org.uk</a>), and this spring musician, Mark Wallace, and I began working on a five-year project to return these dances and tunes into communities across the Dales. As well as running public workshops, we're taking the dances and tunes into local schools to introduce the children – and later their parents – to their local dances, and to deepen their appreciation of their heritage. In April dancing

returned to the Buckden Institute to celebrate the local Beresford family who have seven generations of musicians! It was a privilege to lead the dancing for them, and learn about recent experiences of dancing there.



Triggering Memories: - When we played for dancing in April this year in the Buckden Institute, some of the dancers spoke to us about their memories of dancing these very dances – but many decades ago. These memories are still alive. As a result, I now want to hear from anyone who has danced these Dales dances. If you have danced them – or if one of your relatives or friends has danced them – please contact me on 07919 627270 or at peter.barnard@me.com.

This will add to our knowledge of these wonderful dances and help us to restore them to life. These dances and tunes are part of Yorkshire's heritage, and we are proud to be working to keep them alive. There was none of this lazy dancing then – and there doesn't need to be any now either!

Peter Barnard



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## **News from Sycamore Hall**

Another month passes us by - how do they manage to go so quickly? Once again, we have been busy and have enjoyed being able to sit outside when the weather has been good. If you see us out there, please do come over and have a chat.

Those who were able to go on the mystery tour around the Dales had a great time although we did experience a range of weather including fog, sun and rain! A real mixed bag, but that did not affect us enjoying the drive around the area, visiting familiar haunts from our past along with some new sights. We all enjoyed ourselves so much we are now looking to plan another ride out soon.

We have welcomed Alice to one of our Coffee Mornings to tell us more about the Little White Car facility, operating from the Community Office (see separate article). This was really informative and we are grateful that this facility is available in the area.

Sonja and Karen are busy making plans for activities to entertain us over the next few months and details of these will be issued shortly.

The hot weather left our veggies a bit dry and the hosepipe ban is making it a bit harder to keep them all watered and healthy, but we are doing our best.

We have discovered that one of our residents has some very useful skills so we have been keeping him busy with some little tasks around the place! We now have a lovely bin store which has been repaired and repainted, thanks to his hard work!

Our dominoes players are enjoying their games so much that they are now playing every **weekday afternoon at 2.00pm!** Do come along to join them if you too enjoy a game, as new faces are always welcome. You might even get a cuppa and a biscuit!

Unfortunately, our restaurant has been closed for a few weeks now but we are hoping that it will soon re-open under new management. Watch out for details soon!

Lianna, our Beauty Therapist is making her six-weekly visits to us to offer a range of services including manicures, pedicures, facials, massage etc. Give her a call on **07792 086189** to make an appointment for her next visit. This facility is available to all in the community.

Meanwhile, our regular activities continue as follows:-

Mondays at 2.00pm - 'Knit and Natter'

Tuesdays at 10.30am - Bingo or Quiz

Thursdays at 10.30am - Coffee Morning

Fridays at 11.00am - Gentle Seated Exercise with Janet Seymour

Every weekday at 2.00 pm - Dominoes

Monthly services take place with Revd Dave Clark and the local Methodist Preachers. Please check for dates each month.

You are welcome to join us for any of these activities. We love to meet new faces as well as familiar ones and can offer a warm welcome.

Don't forget to put your name on our mailing list for the new Community Cinema forms available from Karen or Sonja or email sycamorecountrystorel@outlook.com. With such a busy summer, the launch of the cinema is now likely to take place in the autumn so watch out for details.

Our independent businesses are open, as usual. Sycamore Country Store is open **Monday to Friday**, **9.00am to 1.00pm** for your everyday shopping needs with regular deliveries of fresh milk, eggs, sandwiches, bread, pasties, pies and cakes. Come and visit us to see our range!

Due to health issues, Sonja is having to reduce her working hours in the hair salon. She is now open **Thursdays and Fridays**, **9.30am to 2.00pm** and **Saturdays 9.30am to 1.00pm**. If you wish to make an appointment, please try to do so at least one week in advance to ensure you can get booked in. Maisy's Little Gift Shop will be open the same hours. Call in to see the range of toiletries, make-up, jewellery, candles, scarves, cushions and other gifts available. There is an extensive range of greetings cards, including some with local scenes. You could also make an appointment to have your hair done while you are there!

The Post Office is with us on **Mondays and Wednesdays** between **9.00am and 11.00am** for your posting and banking needs, and the library is open every day from **8.30am to 7.00pm**.

Come and pay us a visit - you don't know what you are missing!

If you have any queries or would like to discuss the availability of apartments, please contact the Manager, Nicky Cooper, on 0370-192-4055.



## Upper Wensleydale Benefice Services in August

Statu-				
August 1st	Communion at Sycamore Hall			
August 3rd	The Gathering - St Oswald's, Askrigg 10.30pm Family Communion			
August 10th	Holy Communion - St Margaret's, Hawes, 10.30am			
August 17th	Holy Communion - St Mary and St John's, Hardraw, 10.30am			
August 24th	Holy Communion - St Margaret's Hawes, <b>9.30am</b> Lakeside Service - Semerwater, <b>3.00pm</b>			
August 31st	Afternoon Concert - St Mary and St John's, Hardraw, <b>3.00pm</b>	BCP Communion - St Margaret's, Hawes, 9.30am	Forest Church - St Oswald's, Askrigg	
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Evening Prayer by telephone is held at **4.00pm** every **Sunday**. For details see our website - www.upperwensleydalechurch.org/services.

## **Community Spirit**

There are so many delightful and wonderful features that come with the privilege of living in the Yorkshire Dales. For me, perhaps the greatest and the most cherished of all is the marvellous sense of community that runs through our villages and towns like the very rivers that cut through the landscape.

It has been said that a true community is not just about being geographically close to someone or even part of the same social network; it's about feeling connected and responsible for what happens around you. Community is a place in which we're welcomed and a place in which we can all contribute in some way to its successful functioning.

As the summer season develops the number of community events, galas, fetes, shows, concerts, displays and teas etc. all multiply in that annual hope that the rain will hold and the sun will shine, blessing the glorious bustle of dales humanity with laughter and smiles. The annual 'Day in the Dales' held for Asylum seekers living in Darlington was another example of local people doing their best to welcome and bless families in desperate need of love and kindness.

In all of these events I am reminded of the words of St Paul in his letter to the early Church in Thessalonica. He wrote: '... encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.' <sup>1Thess,5:11</sup> God loves us and loves

it when we show love and understanding to one another. Let's be a role model for others that visitors might be inspired to do likewise, take it away and share it elsewhere. In a world where lives are becoming increasingly isolated and lived in a more solitary fashion, 'Dales Community Spirit' (a marketing name for a future Distillery?) should be bottled and shared in bulk. Just like God's Love, it's free from tariffs!

With God's blessing for the month ahead.



## Summer days out from Hawes without a car

The hard-working volunteers of Harbus (a local bus users group) have produced a new printed leaflet to help residents and visitors who would like to enjoy days out without using a car.

The leaflet, 'Summer Days Out by Bus from Hawes and Upper Wensleydale', gives routes, bus numbers and times - including return times - and suggested days and destinations for eight selected days or half days out. Colour photos are included in this free leaflet, which is being distributed locally (or search by the leaflet's title on Google).

A separate leaflet is being distributed over a wider area, to bring people to Wensleydale and Swaledale by bus this summer; both leaflets are valid until **October 19th.** 

#### **Heavens Above**

The two brightest planets, Venus and Jupiter, put on a cracking show this month when they come together on **August 12th** for what's known as a planetary conjunction. If you look low in the east just before dawn you'll find the pair sitting side-by-side less than a degree apart, close enough for you to cover both of them with the tip of your little finger held at arm's length. Both planets are far brighter than any star so you can't really miss them.

Planetary conjunctions like this aren't particularly rare - there was another one between Venus and Uranus last month - but they're always a fascinating sight especially seen in binoculars or a low-powered telescope. Just in case you're wondering, there's no chance of Venus and Jupiter ever crashing into one another. Conjunctions are just a line-of-sight effect caused by the Earth and the planets being in an almost straight line as viewed from the Earth. Both planets are still millions of miles apart in their own separate orbits around the Sun.

Just over a week after their close encounter on August 12th, the two brightest planets form part of another fine display in the early morning hours of August 21st when they're joined by the innermost planet, Mercury, and a slim crescent Moon. A lovely sight in the brightening predawn sky. After that, the duo go their separate ways with Jupiter climbing higher in the sky amongst the stars of Gemini, leaving Venus to sink slowly downwards towards the horizon before it disappears into November's bright dawn twilight.

This month's annual meteor shower, the Perseids, is famous for producing an abundance of bright shooting stars - often well over 60 an hour when it reaches its peak. Unfortunately, this year's display on the night of **August 12th/13th** won't quite come up to scratch as strong moonlight from the waning gibbous moon will wash out many of the fainter meteors. It's still well worth while going out for a spot of observing though, as you should still be able to glimpse a good few of the brighter ones. With a bit of luck you may even catch sight of a really spectacular shooting star called a bolide or fireball which often rival Venus in brightness. Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

## **Hawes Mobile Recycling Collection**

There will be a mobile household waste recycling collection at the Upper Wensleydale Business Park in Hawes on **Saturday**, **August 16th from 9.00am to 1.00pm**.

The following household waste is accepted at all mobile centres:

- Furniture (including beds, mattresses, sofas and chairs), bric-a-brac.
- Paper, cardboard, telephone directories, books.
- Glass, food and drink cans, foil, scrap metal.
- Mixed textiles and clothes.
- Fluorescent tubes.
- TVs and monitors.
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Breconbar	93	62	27	10	51	98	341
Thornton Rust	96	84	33	10	59	93	375
West Burton	90	79	26	10	47	61	313
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## **Askrigg and District Produce Show**

Sunday, August 24th at 2.30pm

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As the summer marches on and our garden looks more and more like a tropical rain forest, I realise it must be time for the Askrigg and District Produce Show. We are delighted this year to welcome Shannon Acton to open the show. Shannon has a long association with the show having won cups as a young exhibitor and in more recent years contributed in her capacity as floral art expert.

I am always extremely optimistic about our lovely family event and I am delighted when I see our talented exhibitors coming through the doors of the village hall with their exhibits. However, I would be even more delighted if we had more exhibitors – there's always some extra space to squeeze some more exhibits into the hall. There were a few gaps on the vegetable table last year and I'd love to see that overflowing. We have a special guest judge for veg this year and it would be great to give him a fitting challenge.

The committee and I try really hard every year to bring a little difference and extra interest to the show. If you've not exhibited in a while we would be very pleased to welcome you back. Fresh new faces will also receive a warm

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Anyone in the bounds of Askrigg parish should have had a copy of the schedule delivered through their door. Anyone else will find a copy on our website — <a href="https://www.askriggproduceshow.weebly.com">www.askriggproduceshow.weebly.com</a> and also in Sykes's House in Askrigg. Entry is open to local residents and anyone else who is able to get to the village hall on show day.

We are indebted to our band of helpers that turn out for setting up the hall on Saturday before show day, help with the teas, act as stewards, bake cakes for sale and donate tombola prizes etc. The committee will send round flyers nearer the date to ask for volunteers for these tasks — it is a lovely event to be involved with so please help out if you can.

Thank you to everyone who gives up time to make the show a great event and I look forward to seeing the fruits of your labour on show day.

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Gordon Sleightholm kicked off the night thanking everyone for their support of the club and the evening, quickly followed by mini footballs given out to the lucky door prize winners. Thanks to some masterful calling by Mark Murphy the senior team players were introduced to the room as and when their jersey numbers came up in the bingo play.

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Our next Bingo night will be in Hawes on Wednesday, August 13th for the Upper Dales Bonfire and Fireworks Fund, please see our adverts on page 29. We hope you can come and support this group so they can continue to provide the dale with a colourful display in November.

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

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## Sunday, August 10th

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

## Sunday, August 17th

9.30am Holy Communion,

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

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



## Sunday, August 24th

**9.30am** Holy Communion,

St. Bartholomew's, West Witton.

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

**4.00pm** Evening Prayer, Thornton Rust Mission Room.

#### Sunday, August 31st

**10.30am** Holy Communion Benefice Service, St. Mary's, Redmire.

## **August Mid-Week Services:**

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During August things usually go quieter as the schools break up and we are in holiday mood until September, but not for us! We have three exciting live music and live screening events coming up as well as our regular Friday films.

The first is the Jayne Darling 'Celebrate the 40's' on **Saturday**, **August 2nd at 7.30pm**. Tickets £12. Jayne has visited us before and is back by popular request, singing classic songs from the era.

The second is 'An Evening with Snake Davis' the widely known rock, soul and jazz sax player who has played and recorded with artists ranging from James Brown to Tina Turner, The Eurythmics, Paul McCartney and Amy Winehouse. Tickets £12, on Saturday, August 9th at 7.30pm.

The third on **Sunday**, **August 31st at 2.00pm**, is also a very popular, back by request, new concert live on screen. Andre Rieu's 2025 Maastricht Concert: 'Waltz the Night Away', tickets £12.

Another new event is our Community Dog Walk on **Sunday**, **August 24th**. Registration is at **1.30pm** and you have a choice of three walks around Leyburn including the popular Shawl. Free (but donations appreciated) and includes a free raffle and treats for the four-legged participants.

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## **Bainbridge WI News**

As you would expect by now, we have been keeping busy over the last month with all sorts of activities to involve all our members.

Our Lunching Ladies enjoyed their visit to The Queens Head at Finghall and have just paid a visit to The Saddle Rooms in Coverdale to sample their fair. I don't doubt they enjoyed it!

The bookworms are still reading and the gardeners are still gardening! The latter have enjoyed a visit to the open gardens in Richmond where they came away with yet more ideas for their own gardens. They have also planned to visit the gardens of some of our members to enjoy a good look around and some refreshments!

The walkers are keeping fit and enjoying the fresh air whilst the weather is good although I think they manage to ruin all their fitness efforts by ending up in a tea room or other food hostelry! Still, you only live once!

Our July meeting was a real mix of things with members invited to bring along their favourite recipes and plants to share with us. We saw some interesting plants and are going to share the recipes with our members so that everyone can have a go! We also had a demonstration from Anne Harrison who showed us how to make her fabulous scones, created using a recipe from her grandmother. Naturally, we had to taste them to make sure they were as good as we remembered, so that was a lovely treat!

By the time you read this, our theatre group members should have chanced their arm with two outdoor performances - a bit of Shakespeare at Bolton Castle and 'Kynren' in County Durham.

In August, we already have lots planned and hope that the weather will be kind to us! The walking group will be heading to Cotterdale for a wander around that unspoilt area and the Lunch Club ladies will be finding another local hostelry to visit for food and chat. As if all that wasn't enough, our crafters are quietly working away in the background on their various projects and enjoy getting together over a cuppa for their crafting and chat. We were all delighted to hear that our talented members had a very successful time at the Great Yorkshire Show, where Janet came first in the Traybake category and won 'Best in Show' - fantastic!

Our August meeting takes place on **Thursday**, **August 21st** at Bainbridge Village Hall from **7.30pm** when we will be learning more about Lady Anne Clifford and Dalemain House. This should be a really interesting evening so do come along and join us.

If you are interested in joining our busy and friendly group why not come along to one of our monthly meetings to see if you like it? You can get further details from our President, **Sue Stokes** on **07816-955-723**. We would be delighted to see you and offer a warm welcome and lots of opportunities. Do come along!

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Browne's work took him from Ireland to Iceland as well as Morocco, Greece and the South of France. The prints in the exhibition include a wide selection of Yorkshire views. works inspired by his travels, and prints made for his published books. Throughout his long and illustrious career. Browne exhibited at over 75 one-man shows, and regularly had work accepted into the Royal Academy's Summer Exhibition. In addition, he produced a body of



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## August

- 1 Dominoes. Carperby Institute. 7.30pm.
- 2 Concert. LA&CC. 7.30pm. See p.17.
- 6 Closing date for entries to Wensleydale Show
- 9 Concert. LA&CC. 7.30pm. See p.17.
- 10 Car Boot Sale. Bainbridge Village Green. 10.00am. See p.35.
- 13 Charity Bingo. Hawes Market House.7.00pm. See p.29.
- 15 U3a Meeting. LA&CC. 10.00am. See p.13.
- 16 Wensleydale Concert. St. Andrew's, Aysgarth. 7.30pm. See p.21.
- 16 Mobile Recycling. Upper Wensleydale Business Park, Hawes. 9.00am. See p.10.
- 21 Bainbridge WI Meeting. Bainbridge Village Hall. 7.30pm. See p.18.
- 22 Concert. Reeth Memorial Hall. 7.30pm. See p.31.
- 22 25 West Witton Feast. See p.39.
- 23 Wensleydale Agricultural Show, Leyburn.
- 24 Askrigg and District Produce Show. Askrigg Village Hall. 2.30pm. See p.14.
- 24 Community Dog Walk. LA&CC. 1.30pm. See p.17.
- 24 Marsett Singalong. Bainbridge Village Hall. 7.30pm. See p.29.
- 26 Bingo. Stalling Busk Schoolroom. 7.00pm
- 31 Concert on Screen. LA&CC. 2.00pm. See p.17.

## Upper Wensleydale Ladies Luncheon Club

The next meeting of the Luncheon Club will be on the 24th September and thereafter on the 4th Wednesday in the month at the Street Head Inn at noon for 12.30pm lunch.

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Mark is no less impressive when heard performing live and he wowed our audience on his last visit in 2023. The first half of the upcoming concert features British composers and is supported by the John Ireland Trust and the Arthur Bliss Trust: Mark is including works by both composers. In addition he is playing works by William Alwyn and Doreen Carwithen. The second half of the concert is devoted to the music of Chopin including the Nocturne featured in the film "The Pianist", published after Chopin's death, and the mighty





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## **Dales Countryside Museum News**

Opening times: Daily 10.00am to 5.00pm February to October. Last entry one hour before closing. Contact: <a href="mailto:hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk">hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk</a> or call 01969 666210.

**Exhibition:** - The Wensleydale Sheep: A Handcrafted History

Jodi Shadforth gave a fascinating talk on this exhibition for the Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum. Featuring the unique work of 40 textile artists from throughout the UK, every piece has been crafted using native, rare breed Wensleydale Sheep wool. It is the first of its kind to promote the unique Wensleydale Longwool fleece and the versatile range of textile crafts for which it can be used.

This celebration of rural history, heritage woolcrafts, and the increasingly popular and sustainable practice of using British wool in textiles, highlights the Wensleydale breed as a luxury wool producer. The pieces vary from hand woven tapestries, a knitted evening dress, 'living wool' rugs, felted 'wool paintings' and amazing re-upholstered furniture.

Special events link with the exhibition, organised by a small group of passionate individuals within the Wensleydale Longwool Sheep Breeders' Association. Watch out for these on our website or leaflet.

## Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists' Club:

The club meets once a month on a **Saturday morning**, **10.00am** - **noon**. At our meeting in July, the group explored hand dyeing, using mordants and natural materials to do test swatches. We're taking a break in August, but will be back in September, visiting the site of the Roman fort in Bainbridge. Please call **01969 666210** or email <a href="mailto:dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk">dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk</a> if your child might be interested in joining us.

#### **Education and community engagement:**

The Going Places project - an ambitious, UKwide programme that will engage new and underrepresented audiences with museum collections the country across collaborative touring exhibitions – is underway. We held our first recruitment event for young people aged 18 - 30 to take part in the project and co-create two touring exhibitions in a celebration of our collections, so watch this space! The project is supported by The National Lottery Heritage Fund and the Julia Rausing Trust with Art Fund.

Here are the DCM events coming up in August. Events are included in the Museum admission unless otherwise stated and bookings can be made online and via <a href="mailto:hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk">hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk</a>.

#### **Walling Demos:**

## Tuesday, August 5th, 11.00am – 3.00pm.

Drop in and find out more about this iconic feature of the Yorkshire Dales.

## **Hawes Rural Heritage Walk:**

## Tuesday, August 5th, 11.00am – 4.00pm.

Join us on this 5.5 mile walk to explore the rural heritage of the Yorkshire Dales. £10. No dogs allowed.

## Family Activity Event - Fairies of Janet's Foss: Peg doll fairies:

## Wednesday, August 6th, 1.00pm – 4.00pm.

Janet's Foss is famous for the fairies who are said to frolic in its waters, though tales also tell of a green mist over the pool and visions of a ghostly spirit. Come along and have a go making either a fairy or ghostly peg doll to take away with you. Time slot allocated on arrival.

#### **Hands on History - Finds Timeline:**

## Thursday, August 7th, 1.00pm – 4.00pm.

Explore archaeology this summer with our Hands on History sessions: Come and handle real archaeological finds. Can you work out how old they are? Time slot allocated on arrival.

#### Walling Demos:

feature of the Yorkshire Dales.

Tuesday, August 12th, 11.00am – 3.00pm. Drop in and find out more about this iconic

#### How the Dales were made: Geology Walk:

Tuesday, August 12th, 11.00am – 4.00pm (not 3pm as stated on the leaflet).

Join our experienced Dales Volunteers on this 5 mile (8 km) walk to discover the geological forces which formed the Yorkshire Dales. Walk through the site of the former stone mines, Shaw Ghyll and visit the spectacular Hardraw Force, the highest waterfall in England. Starts at the Dales Countryside Museum. £10 plus entrance to waterfall. No dogs allowed.

## Recipes and Remedies from the Museum Archives:

Tuesday, August 12th, 10.00am – 4.00pm.

Join Jane for a pop-up session in the museum to talk about some weird and wonderful recipes from our archives. Recipes for tasty traditional favourites, writing ink or poisons and remedies for aches, pains, coughs and colds for humans and animals.

## Family Activity Event - Kelpie: Textile collage:

## Wednesday, August 13th, 1.00pm – 4.00pm.

Kelpies of the River Ure and The Strid were known to lure travellers into these dangerous waters, but what did they look like? A white horse, beautiful woman or burly man. You decide and make your own textile collage kelpie to take home.

#### Hands on History - Bones:

## Thursday, August 14th, 1.00pm – 4.00pm.

Explore archaeology with our Hands on History sessions: This week we have animal bones from an archaeological site to handle. Can you work out which animal they're from?

#### All Things Sheep:

## Saturday, August 16th, 10.00am - 4.00pm.

Celebrating all things Sheep! We are delighted to have members of the Wensleydale Longwool Sheep Breeder's Association with us today. Fun for all the family to enjoy. There will be sheep in the amphitheatre, a talk from sheep breeder Jodi Shadforth and spinning demonstrations up in our textile gallery. Come along for a sensory experience that will leave you with a new found fondness for these lovely sheep.

#### **Walling Demos:**

#### Tuesday, August 19th, 11.00am – 3.00pm.

Drop in and find out more about this iconic feature of the Yorkshire Dales

## Pennine Way Themed Walk:

#### Tuesday, August 19th, 11.00am – 3.00pm.

The Pennine Way and River Ure walk is approximately 5 miles in length. This is a moderate walk from the museum along the Pennine way to Hardraw and then across fields to the village of Appersett. A short walk along a minor road leads to a delightful viaduct which previously carried the old Hawes to Garsdale railway across a gorge containing the Widdale Beck. Groups often abseil from this viaduct. Passing under the viaduct the walk route crosses fields to reach the A684 which is followed briefly to reach a footpath beside the River Ure

which is then followed back to Haylands Bridge and thence to the DCM. A certain level of fitness is required as there are some gradual ascents and descents but nothing difficult. All the stiles are easy to negotiate. £6. Booking essential. No dogs allowed.

#### Rivers4Life Family Activity

## Tuesday, August 19th, 11.00am - 3.00pm.

Family drop in with the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust and their amazing activity bus!

## Family Activity Event - Barguest: Textile Painting:

## Wednesday, August 20th, 1.00pm – 4.00pm.

Also known as the Black dog or Padfoot, legend tells of this fanged hound roaming the moors and turning folks to stone with a look! Have a go making your own barguest tote bag.

## **Hands on History - Finds Washing:**

#### Thursday, August 21st, 1.00pm – 4.00pm.

Explore archaeology this summer with our Hands on History sessions: Finds come off archaeological sites as muddy as the archaeologists! Come and explore some archaeological finds and then have a go washing some ready for the find specialists.

#### Walling Demos:

### Tuesday, August 26th, 11.00am – 3.00pm.

Drop in and find out more about this iconic feature of the Yorkshire Dales.

## Family Activity Event - Giant of Penhill: Fabric Badges:

#### Wednesday, August 27th, 1.00pm – 4.00pm.

Stories tell of a Giant, who roamed the hills of Wensleydale with his prize pigs and hound, Wolfhead. Hear their story and then make a badge of either Wolfhound or the pigs to take home.

## Hands on History - Where is the archaeology?

#### Thursday, August 28th, 1.00pm – 4.00pm.

Explore archaeology this summer with our Hands on History sessions: Archaeology often hides underground ready for discovery, but we have lots of ways to find it! Explore the ways archaeologists do this.

## All Things Sheep:

## Sunday, August 31st, 10.00am - 4.00pm.

(See August 16th)

## DCM Events Coming Up In Early September

#### **Teesdale Felt:**

Friday, September 5th, 9.30am - 12.30pm.

Needle Felted Sheep Artist Claire Priestley is a member of The International Feltmakers Association and an experienced local feltmaker and tutor. Using Corriedale, Herdwick, Gothland and Wensleydale curly wool, Claire will guide you through the process to create a unique needle felted sheep.

These little sheep measure approximately 10cm high and stand on four sturdy legs. If you would like to adapt your sheep to create a favourite breed (for example a Herdwick, Swaledale or Wensleydale), this is entirely possible. A demonstration, individual tuition, all materials and equipment and light refreshments will be provided.

This half-day workshop is perfect for both beginners and those wishing to refine their felting skills. Cost £30.

Important information:

Minimum age: 14 years (no younger as sharp, barbed needles are used)

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## From the Norah Worth Collection at the DCM

## The 'Pride of Wensleydale'

This was a charabanc which operated from Hawes, run by Mr Harold Mason in the 1920s. It could carry 14 passengers and a driver in a detachable charabanc body so that it could be used on a similar lorry with a cab if necessary.



The vehicle had a canvas folding hood, a bulb horn and red leather upholstery. The wheels had spokes made of oak with steel rims and tube tyres. The doors had nickel plated handles and painted in gold letters on the rear panel were the words 'Pride of Wensleydale'. It was very

progressive for its time, and had a 6-volt electric set, with two headlamps, side and tail lamps. The 'Pride' was kept by Mr Mason in a garage, with a petrol pump outside.

In the beginning, Hawes residents were wary of trying such an innovative vehicle, being accustomed to travelling in horse drawn carts and waggons. Gradually the more adventurous



gained confidence and it became a popular form of transport between the various market towns of the Dales, as well as seaside outings.

The passengers complained if a puncture occurred, as those at the rear were thrown up and down as if on a fairground ride. The charabanc had a variety of other uses, including conveying coffins, carrying the local cricket and football teams, and trips to household sales, L

returning loaded with bulky purchased items protruding from its windows. In 1921, Hawes football team won the Wensleydale League Cup, and the 'Pride' took the triumphant players, holding their cup, from Town Foot to the Market Place, led by the town band.

Around 1926, a rival company introduced a daily service to and from Hawes with a 15- seater vehicle with high pressure pneumatic tyres, giving a more comfortable ride. There followed more frequent services from other operators, and the Pride's heyday was over. It had a sad end, as it caught fire one day, and quickly became a charred skeleton, with only the chassis remaining.

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Our Sunshine's room have enjoyed lots of summer activities. The role play area transformed into an ice cream parlour and the paddling pool has been filled with blue balls, beach balls, goggles and snorkels and a body board. The children have been building sandcastles. They have painted sandcastle bucket shaped ice, made boats for the bears to float in, explored the different shells and sea creatures and dressed up as pirates.



The ducklings have followed a circus theme this month, moving around obstacles to develop balance, played with the juggling balls, made

kites and explored different sensory trays. The after school club have been playing football, baking for the church fundraiser, played pool and lots of other games.



We had a fantastic turnout to our open morning and it was lovely to see lots of families enjoying the activities and playing with their children. We hope to hold another in the near future. We have lots of fun activities planned for our holiday club including painting sun hats, kite making, sport day, a fun day with a bouncy castle, visits to the park and library and lots more. We have limited spaces left so do get in touch early if you would like your child booked in, we have activities suitable for all ages, 3 months up to 12 years.

From September Dalesplay will be offering the 30 hours government funding for working families the term after the child turns 9 months old, alongside the deprivation 2 year funding, and 3 and 4 year funding.

To see if you are eligible, please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk. Dalesplay is also able to offer the funding either term time only or spread over the full year, just speak to Joanne for more details at <a href="mailto:dalesplay1@btconnect.com">dalesplay1@btconnect.com</a> or phone **01969 667789**. We do still offer the paid sessions and holiday clubs for children 3 months to 12 years as well.

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## Marie Curie Wensleydale Fundraising Group

June 2025 has been a golden month for Marie Curie fundraising in Wensleydale, as two events brought in a total of £960.

It was a very warm evening when Rebecca Atkinson and Jane Sammells of Cutting it Fine

gave a talk and demonstration how to dress for a Victorian Afternoon Tea, from the inside out. The garments, made by Rebecca. are faithful copies of style, fabric and fastenings period. Jane was dressed in many layers, and the audience were in awe of the weight that was carried, and



the restrictions imposed by the corset. The final effect was stunning.

The evening raised £450. Many thanks to Jane and Rebecca for their contribution to a successful event.

The car boot sale raised £500 on the following Saturday. Thankfully, Leyburn Auction Mart had given the option of using the undercover livestock stalls if raining. It was a fabulous amount for the charity.

Many thanks to all involved, particularly to Leyburn Arts and Community Centre for their contribution of hot drinks and bacon butties, but mostly to Leyburn Auction Mart for the use of their site.

The money raised from these events will be used locally to help those who are living with any terminal illness. The Marie Curie Nursing Service will give Hospice Care at Home to those in need.

If you are interested in helping Wensleydale Fundraising Group please contact Gemma Hewitt at <a href="mailto:gemma.hewitt@mariecurie.org.uk">gemma.hewitt@mariecurie.org.uk</a> or <a href="wensleydale.mariecurie@gmail.com">wensleydale.mariecurie@gmail.com</a>. Just an hour or two here and there helping at events, holding a tin at a street collection, putting up a poster, etc., would help Marie Curie Wensleydale Fundraising Group make a difference.





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## Is it the End of the 'Big Green Bin'?

You may remember that I previously wrote about the fate of the poor 'little green bin'. Well, I may soon be following that up with an article on the fate of the 'big green bin' because their lives are not turning out as they had expected!

We were told that it was necessary for the new Council to have uniform facilities etc. across their new area and because there are people in big conurbations who shout louder and have more money than us, we had to toe their line! Consequently, we had to dispose of our 'little green bins' in favour of 'big green bins'! The problem is that, aside from issues relating to storage of said bins in our small villages and rural properties, most people who subscribed to the new (much more expensive) service are finding that their gardens are not big enough to fill a 'big green bin', so it only needs emptying every few collections, making it even more expensive than the previous system! Aside from that, if we did manage to fill the 'big green bin', most of us can't actually move it to the collection points!!

So, let me tell you what will happen now ... Many of those who subscribed to the new garden waste collection service are not going to renew when it comes around again next year! This is going to result in yet more abandoned green bins, but also more garden waste either being driven to our household recycling centres (not very eco-friendly!) or being tipped into a ditch or verge somewhere and there will be less money coming into the Council, so they will be complaining that they will have to cut more services!

The service we had before with our 'little green bins' worked well and most households appeared to use the service. If the Council were clever enough, they would throw their efforts into recycling or re-using our green waste (not to mention other elements of our waste recycling) to be able to sell processed waste (ie, compost) or upcycled items to provide income to the Council. I don't think it is that hard to work out! In fact, quite a few local authorities have developed their household waste sites to refurbish/upcycle waste for sale, and they are proving very successful.

And, that sets me off on another rant, ... have you noticed, as we have, that when you do put your nicely sorted recycling out for collection, it all gets tipped into the one area of the truck? So,

what do we assume from this? Well, it isn't that we have spent our time fruitfully sorting all our waste to save the Council employing lots of staff to do the same! No, it is that we assume that ALL of the waste we are putting out for recycling is actually going into an incinerator to generate power! That may well be seen as giving our waste a second use but it is certainly NOT recycling! Many recyclable items can actually be re-used many times! So, why do we need to sort everything? Someone please enlighten me and at the very least, provide an honest answer to what is happening to our alleged recycled waste!

So, I think it would be nice if we all behaved more responsibly and effectively to look after our environment. Let's do something radical and not just 'follow the leader'! It is good to be different so why don't we start to think a bit more logically and creatively when it comes to dealing with waste in our own, unique community. It cannot be the case that 'one size fits all', so let's be different!

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We have a busy time ahead with a visit to Winton Gardens, a walk through Freeholders Wood, a High Tea for the local community and Soup and Sweet starting again in September. There's lots to look forward to.

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So, aren't we lucky to benefit from the fantastic 'Little White Car' service which is operated by the Community Office in Hawes. Alice Richards has recently been appointed to oversee the running of this service and she is keen to get word out to the community.

This service has two cars available to get residents of the Upper Dales to medical and social care appointments. Both cars are white and carry the 'Little White Car' logo, and one vehicle has easy access for wheelchair users. To qualify, you need to live in the area from Garsdale Station, to Carperby, Aysgarth and West Burton.

The cars are driven by volunteer drivers from the local community who all undergo the appropriate training and checking. They are all very helpful and will usually assist passengers to their appointment and wait for them to leave.

Volunteers are always needed, so if you feel able to help with this valuable service, even if only on a day or two a month, please contact Alice to discuss further.

Pricing is very reasonable, with return journey costs as follows:-

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This is such a valuable service and, indeed for many, it is the only option they have to get to medical appointments, so let's hope that sufficient volunteers and funding can be secured to ensure that it continues.





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#### Friday, August 22nd – Winter Wilson:

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## Friday, September 19th – Nick Parker:

Nick's songs are often tongue-in-cheek and cheerful, and on the rare occasion when fun is poked (usually at himself) it is always with a wry smile and an element of satire. The audience are often encouraged to be a part of the show, collectively becoming Nick's duet partner. "One of my favourite live performers." Tickets £14 (£16 door).

Tickets for concerts are available from Reeth PO or phone **Glen Steward 01748 884989** or visit <a href="www.reethmemorialhall.weebly.com">www.reethmemorialhall.weebly.com</a>. Tickets are half price for under 16s. All concerts start at **8.00pm** – doors open **7.30pm**.



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Charlotte Simons of Yorkshire Dales River Trust will give a presentation about the river testing carried out along the River Ure and some of its tributaries last summer.

For more information about Stop Ure Pollution see <a href="https://stopurepollution.co.uk/">https://stopurepollution.co.uk/</a>.

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## Request for donations of larger plant pots!

We currently have a lot of small to medium pots but as plants grow bigger they constantly need to be put into larger pots and I now find myself with a serious shortage of 2 litre and 1.5 litre pots. The 2 litre pots have a diameter of 17cm and are 13cm high while the 1.5 litre pots have a diameter of 15cm and are 12 cm high. If you have any spare pots of this size, I would be extremely grateful if you could drop them off.

I have also found it useful to use deeper pots for plants with longer roots or taller plants. For example, pots which are 13cm in diameter and 18 cm deep have been ideal for potting up cosmos as shown in the picture, but I have now used up my stock and would like to get more.



I also like to use square pots. I have a lot of the smallest size but would really like more of the square pots measuring 14cm at the top and 14cm high. These have been really useful in potting up rudbeckia. Larger square pots would also be useful.

Do any of you buy plants in Leyburn market on Fridays? If so, you know that a lot of the annuals are sold in plastic seed trays of six or nine plants. The lady who runs the stall would be grateful if you could return the plant trays as they have doubled in price in the last year. Also, it's better to re-cycle instead of putting them in the dustbin. I am happy to drop them off at the plant stall if you leave them at the centre.

Finally, thank you for all your pot donations without which the plant stall would not be viable.

Gillian and the Garden Team

## Farming, Flooding and the Value of Monitoring

Ousewem's latest short film, 'Measuring impact: How monitoring shapes the future of NFM', features North Yorkshire farmers Rob Ruddock and Joanna Olner and explores why monitoring matters.

Rob shares: "The monitoring will hopefully show the benefits. It's just the case that you need the monitoring to convince partners to get involved". Rachel Flood, Ousewem's project manager, adds: "Monitoring isn't just about gathering data, it's about building confidence. We need to understand what works, where, and why. That insight is vital not only for landowners and delivery teams, but also for funders and policymakers. At Ousewem, we're working to make monitoring meaningful, so it supports better decisions across the board".

Filmed April's Yorkshire at Community of Practice and along Crimple Beck, this film brings together local voices, scientists and practitioners. It asks how we can collect the right data without over complicating things.

If you live, work or farm in Upper Wensleydale, this short film offers insight into how nature-based solutions are shaping the future - locally and nationally. You can watch the video at youtu.be/YhIMhxzzS5M.

If you're interested in flood resilience projects or think your land could benefit from funded NFM measures, www.ousewem.co.uk or email at ousewem@vork.gov.uk.



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## **Hawes Amateur Operatic Society**

In early July, Hawes Amateur Operatic Society had a much-needed clear-out of our storage facility - tackling costumes, old sets, and

various odds and ends. A big thank you to everyone who helped fill a large skip in just one day! We're also extremely



grateful to the Newsletter Team for their generous donation, which supported the cleartowards our weekend and performance.

We now have space for new costumes and props as we begin preparations for our next pantomime. On July 8th, we held the first readthrough and casting for 'Robinson Crusoe and The Pirates'. It was a fantastic evening - we didn't stop laughing! The chorus were on top form, singing and dancing with great enthusiasm. Rehearsals will begin September, and we can't wait to get started.

In the meantime, we wish everyone a wonderful summer and look forward to entertaining you at the end of January 2026!

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## Blueboxt – August Update

Summer Activity Afternoons - Join the BlueBoxt team for afternoons of creative fun for ages 4 to 12 years old. Three Sessions will be taking place from 1.00pm to 5.00pm on Thursdays, August 7th, 14th and 21st, at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall. (Earlier drop off and later collection may be possible - strictly by prior arrangement.) Registration costs £20 per child, per session which Includes healthy snacks and Teatime meal. Free FEAST Voucher places are available (issued through schools or North Yorkshire Together).

We've loads of exciting activities planned. Our Crafty Crafters will be making cards, models and amazing art. There'll be games, sports and play park adventures for our Team Players. Scavenger hunts and nature walks for our young explorers. Our Melody Makers and Stage Stars will be creating music and drama and, our Kitchen Kadets will be preparing some nutritious snacks and tasty treats too. Our fun engaging activities spark imagination, build confidence, and create lasting friendships and memories. Come play, create, and discover with us!

Reeth Arts Festival – The team will be supporting this annual FREE event taking place on **Saturday**, **August 30th**, **from 10.30am**. There will be music throughout the day and opportunities to create your own artwork with local artists. Search reethartsfestival on social media to find out more.

Looking Ahead To Autumn:

Play, Record, Perform — Sundays 2.00pm - 5.00pm at Thoralby Village Hall from September. Sessions for 11-19 years old cover different styles of music (other ages considered). Great for making music with like-minded young musicians. There will also be sessions with guest musician Paul Edis which will culminate in a performance opportunity as part of Leyburn Jazz Festival.

Light My Choir! — Mondays 7.00pm - 9.00pm at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall from September. Sessions cover uplifting Gospel and Popular Music. Mixed voice choir (minimum age 16 years). The Choir will again join the worship team at St. Mathew's for their popular Jazz Eucharist service on Sunday, October 19th as part of Leyburn Jazz Festival. This is a fun and

friendly group open to all who enjoy singing for pleasure. Why not come along and give it a try?

Quiz night with Simon Eastwood – **Friday, October 10th** at West Burton Village Hall. **7.00pm for a prompt 7.30pm** start. Teams of 6 or come along and make a team on the night. Tickets £15 inc. two course supper. Our annual quiz is always a fun event – book early to avoid disappointment!

Grand Prize Draw – Tickets for our Grand Prize Draw are now available. Tickets £1 each proceeds support our core activities. Prizes include SMART TV, Bluetooth Headphone and vouchers for various local retailers and eateries. The full list of prizes is available on our website or by request. Draw date: Wednesday, October 29th.

Leyburn Jazz Festival - This year's festival takes place from Thursday, October 16th -Sunday October 19th at St. Matthew's Church, Leyburn. This year promises another great lineup of talented jazz musicians. You'll find returning favourites like Hot Club du Nord and Alligator Gumbo, established artists like Tony Kofi, Ian Shaw and Paul Edis, as well as emerging talent such as Jack Pearce. Over the four days of the festival, you'll hear everything from contemporary to standards in various styles. We have gypsy jazz, trad jazz, New Orleansinspired jazz, the Great American Songbook, contemporary jazz, and the Northern Swing Orchestra will conclude the weekend on Sunday afternoon.

See printed brochure for full details. Available to download at <a href="www.leyburnjazz.org">www.leyburnjazz.org</a> or pick up a copy from community information points.

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## **Mystery Picture**

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## Wensleydale School Goes Green for Activities Week

This year's Activities Week at Wensleydale School brought students out of the classroom and into nature, with a unifying theme: Sustainability. From hands-on conservation to eco-friendly enterprise ideas, students embraced a range of exciting and meaningful experiences across North Yorkshire and beyond.

Nature and Conservation in Action: A highlight was the visit to Nosterfield Ouarry. managed by the Lower Ure Conservation Trust. Students began their day with mindfulness before setting off on a butterfly walk, followed by birdwatching that yielded sightings of Kingfisher, Oystercatcher—and even two Ospreys. In the afternoon, students built sandbag planters for fen restoration and removed invasive Willowherb, showing real enthusiasm for conservation work. In the Bee Survey, students identified four species of bumblebee and counted 26 individuals across four survey zones. The afternoon's BioBlitz saw them cataloguing a wide range of species, before cooling off in the river at Reeth - ice creams in hand.

Daily Wensleydale walks helped students reconnect with nature. One committed student completed all five days, walking over 40 miles!

At Metcalfe Farms, students were given a guided tour of a high-tech, sustainable



dairy operation. They saw the revolving milking parlour in action and learned how technology supports efficient, large-scale cattle farming—although no photos were permitted. Back on site, ecology-focused projects included building bug hotels, nest boxes, and designing campaigns to reduce plastic use and energy consumption. During Enterprise Day, students pitched sustainable business ideas, gaining insight into eco-conscious entrepreneurship.

Students also explored sustainability through creativity. In Art, they built marine animal sculptures from recycled materials. Craft sessions included decoupage, yarn bombing, and friendship bracelets. Science Challenges invited students to engineer straw towers, conquer the "Bridge of Doom," and tackle gravity-defying tasks - all with an eco-friendly twist. Meanwhile, a variety of sports, including a classic tug-of-war, helped keep spirits high and energy flowing.

Lego therapy, gaming, and board games provided relaxing, mindful spaces to wind down.

Out and About: Some students ventured further afield for enriching experiences. In France, Year 8 students stayed at Château le Kinnor. After a scenic stop in Honfleur, they visited Rouen, enjoyed a picnic on the banks of the Seine, and admired Notre Dame Cathedral—where they learned about Richard the Lionheart's historic heart. At Arromanches, they looked out over the famous Mulberry Harbour and explored Rouen's historic market square, practising their French with confidence.

Back in Yorkshire, students joined a National Park Ranger Day, removing 350 tree guards near Reeth's Swing bridge and going on a species hunt. One student, Sawai Bhati, discovered a hidden talent for pebble skimming! At The Forbidden Corner, students completed a plant-themed treasure hunt and measured a 210-year-old tree while exploring the site's magical paths.

CCF Camp: Leadership and Adventure: The school's CCF cadets had an action-packed week at Otterburn Camp, working alongside cadets from Sheffield. They built bivouacs, participated in drills, and took on water-based challenges. During a visit on Day 5, the Headteacher noted the cadets' excellent attitude and motivation. The CCF programme helps develop teamwork, leadership, and resilience through adventurous training, including target sports, bushcraft, and survival skills.

A Lasting Impact: This year's Activities Week didn't just give students time away from desksit challenged them to think about their relationship with the planet. Through conservation, creativity, and collaboration, they left the week inspired to live more sustainably and full of memories they'll carry for years to come.

## Results Day For First Timers: What to Expect

As a Headteacher who has weathered countless results days, I know that summer holidays fly by and all of a sudden it is results day. The exhaustion of a complete academic year - taking exam groups through entire curricula, preparing for exams, marking endless mocks, and cajoling students right up to those crucial May and June exam halls - is something only teachers truly understand.

But for those students and parents approaching their first ever results day, the mixture of investment and trepidation is particularly intense.

Results arrive on the Wednesday before the official results day, but they're embargoed. Only the headteacher, senior leadership team, and exams officers are entitled to see and process these results.

At our school GCSE results will be ready for collection from **9.00am on Thursday, August 21st.** The results will also go 'live' on GO4Schools at **10.00am**.

If you're going into school on results day, sensitivity is paramount. Students arrive nervous, and reactions span the full spectrum some will be delighted, others disappointed, and some may slip in and slip out without even opening their envelope.

Schools have designated staff for giving advice about next steps, whether results are better or worse than expected.

Sometimes things do go wrong. Perhaps a particular subject has not performed as expected and students and parents can get upset and want answers. The senior team and headteacher are best positioned to explain protocols for remarks or challenges to exam boards.

Some students may be disappointed with their final grades, and this could be for any number of reasons. Listen and support, but don't judge. The worst crime of all? Gloating or crowing about your set of grades. Be proud, certainly, but be dignified.

A personal perspective: In my years of experience, I've learned that results day reveals as much about a school's character as it does about academic achievement. I've seen students and teachers handle disappointment with grace, watched students celebrate others successes

genuinely, and observed how truly supportive school communities rally around both students and staff when results aren't as hoped.

Remember, this day represents the culmination of not just your efforts, but your own family's investment. You've earned the right to feel proud, regardless of the numbers on those pieces of paper.

The nervous energy, the envelope-opening drama, the tears of joy and disappointment - it's all part of the rich tapestry of education. Your first results day won't be your last, but it will always be memorable.

So, approach it with sensitivity, support your friends, trust your schools' systems, and remember that behind every grade is an educational journey.

That's something worth celebrating, whatever the results reveal. Good Luck from all at Wensleydale.

Julia Polley, Headteacher

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# West Witton Feast 2025

## **SUNDAY 24TH AUGUST**

## FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST



Potato Challenge Weigh-in at The Fox followed by presentation of trophies at 7PM

## SATURDAY 23RD AUGUST

## Cottage Show in the Village Hall

9am - 10.30am submit entries 10.30am to 1.30pm closed for judging

2pm to 3.30pm open for viewing 3.30pm prizes awarded

## Exhibition of World War II Memorabilia to mark the

## anniversaries of VE and VJ Day

St. Bartholomew's Church 10am - 4pm Refreshments available

## **Bartle Mosaics Walk**

A guided walk of around 3 hours. Meet at The Fox at 10.30am.

## Fell Race

Registration 5pm to 5.45pm at the Playing Fields Pavilion. Race Start 6pm - Kaygram followed by welcome back at the Playing fields with BBQ and Bar.

## The Burning of Bartle 9pm

Join in with this traditional parade from Kaygram to Grassgill.

Patronal Service
St. Bartholomew's Church
9.30am All Welcome

## Mad Hatters' Sunday Funday 1pm Playing Field

Come along sporting any hat or cap. Prizes will be awarded for the adult and the child with the most creative or inventive headgear.

BBQ and Bar
Teas, cakes etc.

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(Donations gratefully received)

From 1.30pm and throughout the afternoon - **Children's Sports** - new format children's fun team games and challenges.

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3pm Fun Dog Show

Raffle draw

## **MONDAY 25TH AUGUST**

## **Quoits Knockout**

for the Robert Dent Memorial Trophy Register at The Fox by 1.50pm All Welcome

## Cinema & Events





Friday 1 August 6pm The Amateur (12A) 2hrs 02m

Friday 8 August 6pm A Private Function (1984) (15) 1hr



Friday 29 August 6pm A Bunch of Amateurs (12A) 1hr 35m

Saturday 2 August 7.30pm Live Music Event: Celebrate the 1940s with Jayne Darling



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