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## Guest Editorial

### God's Own?

When seeking editorial guidance, it was suggested to steer clear of contentious topics. Religion, politics, climate change, cricket, the price of beer....not easy. Even now I feel I sail close to the wind. Regardless!

As a very recent resident of Wensleydale I can understand the claims of some that it is part of 'God's own'. Having acknowledged that claim however, and at serious risk of being expelled or having this magazine thrown on the fire before you reach the quiz page, it is only one of several areas of England that lays claim to the phrase.

Before the gallows are erected, I do feel reasonably qualified to comment, having studied Geography at Leeds. I can also argue that an outsider's perspective can bring some objectivity.

My interest in Geography was kindled at Primary School by regular opportunities to colour the edge of the land masses in blue, and to label in capital letters the oceans and the continents. On my first day at Secondary School my first and still my best friend had a wonderful set of coloured pens. Little wonder, looking back, that he went on to a career as one of the country's leading cartographers and for quite a while Editor of The Times Atlas.

As close friends we were fortunate to share the teaching of a particular Geography teacher, Mr Pack, whose infectious enthusiasm and rich Humberside accent resonate to this day. This led to an opportunity at Easter in 1974 to join a walking trip to The Brecon Beacons (as I will always refer to them because in my memory bank everything is in English). Having only ever visited Cleveleys on the Fylde Coast for Wakes Weeks holidays, I spent a week gawping, mouth open, at the scale of the hills. As if this indoctrination was not enough, Twelve months later the trip was to The Lake District. One chilly late March morning before breakfast I walked the short distance down from the Youth Hostel to the shingle shore of Wastwater. I can still see, fifty years on, the whole length of the vast, brooding wall of scree, with Great Gable beyond. It wasn't green, and the sky was a little overcast which made the lake inky, but even now as I write I feel a strange shrinking feeling, a reminder that the land and these features, were carved by physical forces far beyond man's capability - in this case repeated advances and

retreats of ice during the last two million years which, if the Earth's geological timeline was represented as just one year, is still only the equivalent of last week.

So how could I not feel privileged to be living in Wensleydale. Greener, gentler slopes, with limestone scars poking through like layers of hard skin, reminding me that this is rock of a different geological age. My mind boggles when trying to imagine a warm, shallow sea, located somewhere near the Equator, rich in sea life for such a long period that the massive thicknesses of sediment could accumulate to create limestone. Then to try to get my head around how the whole lot shifted to the mid-latitudes. Thankfully it did shift, before it too was carved by those same relatively recent movements of ice, and has since then been sculpted by running water.

The most recent chapter has involved man scratching patterns of stone walls, barns and fields on the surface like some Stone Age caveman scratched images in the caves.

Yes, the climate is changing - it always has and it always will. Man's contribution to the pace of this change is for others to argue. What is not in doubt however is that the forces that have created these wonderful landscapes are far greater and far beyond the power of humans to control and again, who or what is driving them is for others to debate in another setting.

For now, perhaps it is 'God's Own' after all.

**Chris Rigby**

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**Eunice the Ewe**

Last month I was hiding in the Sycamore Country Store advert on page 16. And the lucky winner of the £10 prize is Ruben Woodyer of Preston-under-Scar.

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

## The Garden Rooms at Tennants

In Conversation with Julia Bradbury  
**Thursday, October 16th at 7.30pm**

Julia is a much-loved television presenter, author, nature advocate, charity campaigner and cancer thriver. She is best known for turning her lifelong passion for walking into prime-time TV, with shows including Britain's Best Walks, Cornwall and Devon Walks with Julia Bradbury and Wainwright's Walks in the Lake District. She started her career as a showbusiness reporter for breakfast television in Los Angeles, coming home to help launch Channel 5 in the UK.

A vital member of the presenting team that made Countryfile into one of the most watched factual programmes on BBC1, with millions tuning in on Sunday nights, Julia has fronted other flagship shows, including Top Gear and Watchdog. In recent years, she has also taken on a creative role, co-developing new series, as well as appearing on screen.

Julia is also the Sunday Times bestselling author of 'Walk Yourself Happy' and her new book 'Hack Yourself Healthy' is being published in September 2025. Copies of both books will be available to pre order for Julia to sign on the evening.

Julia will talk about her life and career to date, from interviewing film stars including John Travolta, Tom Hanks and Arnold Schwarzenegger, to travelling "Around the World in 80 Days" with Matt Baker, becoming a 'real' rock climber and founding The Outdoor Guide Foundation, promoting outdoor activities and nature preservation. We look forward to another interesting and entertaining evening.

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## September Competition

They sound the same. Each clue leads to two words which sound the same. Here is an example?

A feeble period of time: Weak, Week

- 1 Everything for piercing holes
- 2 Scrutinise the payment
- 3 Darkness on horseback
- 4 Peruse the slender-leaved plant
- 5 Make better on the foot
- 6 Makes a loud harsh cry; fry/stew
- 7 Lend only once
- 8 Measure the herb
- 9 Slow down for the interval
- 10 Vendor down below
- 11 Valley over the face
- 12 Time between two events round the track
- 13 Bend a branch
- 14 Pour down on the side
- 15 Not a smooth collar
- 16 Is aware of the hooter
- 17 Untied

Please send in your answers to arrive by **Tuesday, September 23rd**. Remember to include the details of your nominated charity which will receive the £50 prize should you win.

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## August Competition Answers

1. Fork
2. Mug
3. Pedal bin
4. Cheese grater
5. Detergent
6. Sink
7. Air Fryer
8. Pepper Mill
9. Pressure Cooker
10. Sieve
11. Can (Tin) opener
12. Saucer
13. Saucepan
14. Microwave
15. Salt cellar
16. Colander
17. Mixing Bowl
18. Bread board

There were lots of correct entries last month and the winner was chosen at random to be Jack Saville of Grenoble, France! whose nominated charity to receive the £50 award is the Cleveland Mountain Rescue.

### 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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## Wild Things

Our Christmas Cactus comes from Brazil – well, not the actual plant, but its wild ancestors, which still flourish in those far off coastal rain forest ravines. Over there they're known as 'May Flowers' as that's when they bloom; elsewhere you could find them labelled 'Holiday Cactus', 'Easter Cactus', even 'Whitsun Cactus', which covers just about any fun time of the year as flowering can be that erratic. I came across the above when dusting off an ancient dictionary of gardening, a massive, headmasterly inclined volume, which immediately rapped me on the knuckles for using the term 'cactus' as apparently, it's an epiphyte, meaning it grows on trees and rocks. The poor, deprived thing sustaining itself on nothing but rainwater and air. Ours sits in a west facing window, enjoying a barn wall view, partial shade, lots of creaky old black and white films on YouTube, and a weekly liquid tomato feed – not very Brazilian but it's been covered in pure white flowers for two months so we must be doing something right.

Leafing through, spellbound, I came across a whole chapter on that supermarket plant staple, the Peace Lily. Back when this venerable book was published, very pre-Tesco, the spathiphyllum was renowned for carpeting the dank rain forest floors of a few Pacific islands, central America and northern south America, running riot along Columbia's shaded waterways – how exotic is that? A 19th century discovery, the boffins have since developed hybrids and varieties for commercial appeal – over the years we've personally preferred the 'Alana' species for its glossy foliage and extra-large blooms but there are loads to choose from. I was always prone to drowning my first houseplants and so learnt the hard way – countless fatalities and all killed by kindness, so best not to overwater. I treat them like I do the grandkids – plenty of feed and the occasional dab with a warm, damp cloth.

Pages and pages go into the origins and description of the ubiquitous rubber plant. In the *Ficus elastica* case, leaf colour, size and variegation are now all important. Back then it was those intrepid Victorians who sought them out, penetrating the humid rainforests of southeast Asia on numerous plant hunting quests. A more up to date source informs that in the wild they can attain over 100ft, their aerial roots occasionally plaited to form living

'Indiana Jones' style bridges across gaping chasms; sadly, 3ft's my limit as they can soon become cluttering window blockers.

Researching what for me is often a supermarket impulse buy, along with obscure beers and stupidly strong coffee, has kindled a new respect for these houseplant foot soldiers; who'd have thought our run of the mill Christmas poinsettia, on life support till June and then binned, was a species of euphorbia and native to the humid, jungled valleys of Mexico and central America, where it was used medicinally, as well as for dye, by the Aztecs. A certain Joel Poinsett, U.S. minister, botanist, physician etc, who appears to have been everywhere and done just about everything, (ultimate accolade – he had a lizard named after him) popularized them back in 1820, but even he would probably fail to recognise the pink, white and scarlet varieties we've engineered. What surprises me is that, like all the plants mentioned here, they prefer some shade and plenty of humidity. Many is the time I've mindlessly stuck a fresh acquisition in full, droughty sun and wondered why it's sulked – damp and gloomy would have been kinder.

First published in 1895 and signed inside with touching formality 'Mr. Harold Barley esq.', the book's now back on the shelf; it took some doing, weighs a ton, but what a mine of information it's been, cheers Harold esq., I can't wait to dip in again. By modern standards it could be both inaccurate, which lets me off the hook, and un-PC, some of the terms and views being a little, er, quaint, but there's been something magical about handling and viewing a hefty, leather-bound, physical source rather than gawping at a computer screen and robotically typing away, oh, just like I'm doing now.

Ed Gardener



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The Bellerby Study Group's autumn programme starts on **Wednesday, October 1st** when Anne Newstead will describe her 'Life and times in the Police Force'.

All our meetings are on Wednesday evenings and start at **7.30pm** in Bellerby Memorial Hall, Church Street, DL8 5QL. Membership is £15 for eight talks; visitors are welcome at £3 per meeting.

We have just celebrated our 40th anniversary so we must be doing something right, and we would love to welcome you. For more information contact **Judy Asher** on **07968 596676**.

## Countdown to the Bicentenary

After 200 years, we are nearly there. September 27th, 1825, was the date when the first passenger train ran, marking the start of the modern railway. The train ran for 26 miles on the Stockton and Darlington Railway, which is why so many celebrations are taking place in the north of England. The UK rail industry has worked to provide a national programme of events, with "Inspiration" - a special static exhibition train - visiting many rail-related sites, including Darlington station (**September 10th-17th**), Locomotion Museum (**September 20th-October 1st**), North Yorkshire Moors Railway (**October 5th-7th**), Keighley and Worth Valley Railway (**Oct 26th- November 2nd**) - why not go there by train from Garsdale or Ribbleshead station?) Details of more venues are being released in stages up to June 2026; advance booking is essential. See [www.Railway200.co.uk](http://www.Railway200.co.uk).

September is Catch the Bus Month; Little White Bus from Hawes to Garsdale station (7 days); DalesBus 80 from Hawes to Ribbleshead (Saturday) and DalesBus 858 from Redmire, Carperby, Askrigg, Bainbridge and Hawes (Sunday); also car parking at both stations.

An exhibition of paintings, The Railway Art of Chris Pulham, is on for the week-end of **Saturday/Sunday, September 27th/28th** in the

village hall, Newton-le-Willows, Bedale. Free admission, no booking required. **10.00am-4.00pm**. More details on [www.sdr200.co.uk](http://www.sdr200.co.uk). The Sunday Dalesbus 856 runs between Northallerton and Hawes on the A684 and passes by Newton-le-Willows lane end (10-15 minutes walk).

## Moorcock Show 2025

This year's show will take place on **Sunday, September 7th from 10.30am**, at the show ground at Mossdale Farm, Thwaite Bridge which is on the Hawes/Sedburgh Road. Just follow the signs and you will get there.

Last year's show saw a record number through the gates and with so much on offer for one of the oldest traditional sheep shows, it really is more than just sheep.

This year, we will see the return of Action Ants, fun for all the family with their archery and obstacle courses which will be free for all to enjoy. There will be a showcase from Woolkeepers, who work with farmers, giving them a fair price for their wool and using it in a sustainable way including projects on local moorland.

The craft tent provides an array of handmade goods, gifts and local produce. Enjoy a local ice cream whilst listening to the Hawes Silver Band, jump on the Hawes Fire Brigade engine, put your knowledge to the test and take part in the public judging of our chosen sheep or enjoy a drink or two in the beer tent.

The Little White Bus is offering a shuttle service to the show ground, please find more information on Facebook or send us an email.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Moorcock Show.

For more information please visit: [www.moorcockshow.co.uk](http://www.moorcockshow.co.uk) or email: [enquiries@moorcockshow.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@moorcockshow.co.uk). Entry: Adult £8.00, Child Free, Parking Free.

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	St Mary and St John's, Hardraw 9.00am	St Margaret's Hawes 10.30am	St Oswald's Askrigg 10.30am	St Matthew's, Stalling Busk 2.30pm
5 September	Sycamore Hall – Communion in the TV Lounge at 10.00am			
7 September	The Gathering – Benefice Family Communion St Oswald's Church, Askrigg at 10.30am			
14 September	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Café Style	12.30 Soup followed by Communion
21 September	Holy Communion	Family Service	Morning Prayer	
28 September	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Afternoon Prayer Pathfinders & Explorers
Evening Prayer by telephone is held at <b>4.00pm</b> every Sunday. For details see the website <a href="http://www.upperwensleydalechurch.org/services">www.upperwensleydalechurch.org/services</a>				

### Harvest Thanksgiving


*'It's September ... and the nights with dew are heavy, and the morning's sharp with cold.'*

Edgar Allen Guest

The season of recreation is over. The silent school corridors are woken from their slumber and a new season begins - a time for sheep sales and Harvest. Celebrating a successful harvest is a tradition as old as time itself and there is evidence of ancient civilisations all over the world marking the promise of a winter free from hunger with festivities.

Christian Harvest festivals are, however, a relatively modern phenomenon and it is Rev. Robert Hawker of Morwenstow in Cornwall who is credited with introducing the first one in 1843. This blend of music, thanksgiving and architectural decoration soon became very popular all over the county and indeed the nation and today Wensleydale is no exception with Church and Chapel resounding with an 'attitude of gratitude' at the reality of plenty. In an increasingly hungry world it serves as a timely reminder of the blessings that we are so privileged to be surrounded with and hopefully

stirs us into supporting the organisations that seek to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves in this regard. Why not look out for the publicity signs and join in the fun. God bless you this Harvest.

*'Every good and perfect gift is from above'* James 1;17 

### Do you enjoy singing?

East Witton Male Voice Choir and Askrigg Ladies Sing for Pleasue would be delighted to welcome you.

The Male Voice Choir meets on **Wednesday** in Leyburn Methodist Hall at **7.30pm until 9.00pm**.

The Ladies meet in Askrigg Village Hall on the **first and third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm until 8.45pm**.

Please come along if you would like an evening of lovely music with friendly people, no auditions. The ability to read music is great but not a set back.

Hope to see you with us.



## Wensleydale Concert Series

It only seems like yesterday I was writing an article about our upcoming 10th anniversary series of concerts and now we come to our final two concerts of the year.

On **Saturday, September 6th** we welcome the return of the world-famous Fitzwilliam String Quartet. Their last visit was a truly memorable evening of wonderful music-making and this concert will, I am sure, be



moving and equally impressive. The quartet was formed in 1968 and became famous through their close association with the Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich. They were his preferred quartet to give the first performances; indeed the composer was present (along with Benjamin Britten and the great cellist Rostropovich) at a number of the recording sessions. This concert is an opportunity to celebrate Shostakovich's legacy in the 50th year after his death. The music featured includes two of his quartets and music by other composers who influenced him (including Rachmaninoff and Glazunov).

“...The Fitzwilliam Quartet, whom I admire very much. Thank you for a superlative performance of my thirteenth quartet.” - D. Shostakovich, private letter, York 1972.

Our final concert of the season is on **Saturday, September 20th** and features Jeremias Fliedl, a wonderful young Austrian

cellist flying in especially from Salzburg for this concert, and the brilliant pianist Callum McLachlan who has played for us twice before. The concert features the wonderful sonata



for piano and cello by Rachmaninoff and also works by JS Bach, Beethoven and Arvo Pärt.

“In the Schumann Concerto, Fliedl brought out a real sense of storyline, unafraid to push past a beautiful sound when the music demanded it as he moved between magnetic pianissimos and moments of impassioned madness.” - Pauline Harding, The Strad (July 2022).

“An outstanding performance (by Callum McLachlan) which had everything – great assurance and maturity, impeccable technique, great power, yet equally subtle dynamic control in ‘pianissimos’, all in all a consummate control over the music and instrument.” - Phillip R Buttall, Seen and Heard International.

Both concerts are at **7.30pm** in St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth. Full details and tickets can be found at our website [www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk](http://www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk) where you can also find information about parking etc. You can also order tickets by phone on **0333 666 3366** (quote the date, artist names and Wensleydale Concert Series). If you have any general questions please call Carol or Liz on **01969 663026**.

## Hawes Christmas Lights

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Tina Turner tribute night.

A good amount was raised to help keeping Hawes lit up over the festive period.

We hope to make the 3rd Saturday in August a night for entertainment every year. If you have an idea for a performer please let us know (Noel, Bob, Nick, Liz) and we will see what we can do.

## Hawes Christmas Lights Committee

Kathy Fawcett  
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## Blueboxt – September Update

In the blink of an eye Summer's over, and our Autumn programme is underway. Something for all ages to get involved and enjoy.

### Activities

Light My Choir. (minimum age 16 years) – **Mondays 7.00pm - 9.00pm** at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall from **September 1st**. Sessions cover uplifting Gospel and Popular Music. 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. No experience, No Audition - why not come along and give it a try?

Play, Record, Perform (11-19 years, other ages considered) – **Sundays 2.00pm - 5.00pm** at Thoraby Village Hall from **September 6th**. Sessions cover different styles of music and are great for making music with other 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.

Get Musical Jam Band (6-11 years, other ages considered) – **Fridays, 4.30pm - 6.00pm** at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall. Dates tbc. – keep an eye on our socials – open for registration.

Wensleydale Young Musician of the Year – This year's competition takes place on **Sunday, November 23rd, 2.00pm** at St. Matthew's Church, Leyburn. Closing date for entries: **Monday, November 17th**. Full details at [www.wensleydale.org](http://www.wensleydale.org). The competition is run in partnership with Wensleydale Rotary and form a local heat for the National competition.

Feast Activity Afternoons: We had a great time being creative and learning about healthy eating. Thanks to Campbells who provided fruit and vegetables for snack time and taste testing and to Simon Winstanley's who provided our gardener's corner. Participants had great fun trying to work out what they were eating and planting their own seeds to take home and

watch them grow. Sessions were made possible thanks to funding North Yorkshire Together and HAF. Details of our Christmas Holiday sessions will be available soon.

Coffee Morning – We are hosting a coffee morning in Leyburn Methodist Church Hall on **Friday, October 31st**. Enjoy a cuppa and a chat. Cake Stall and Raffle.

### Events

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 line-up 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. We have gypsy jazz, trad jazz, New Orleans-inspired 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 [www.leyburnjazz.org](http://www.leyburnjazz.org) or pick up a copy from community information points.

### Research

A Vision for Creative Growth in Wensleydale and Swaledale

It's here. After weeks of research and consultation we can finally share the findings of our Enterprise and Creative Feasibility Study. The report includes three options that could develop a hub to support rural arts provision and career pathways for employment across Wensleydale and Swaledale. Options included:- Uredale Mill (Carrs Billington) in Askrigg, Norfolk House (Serendipity) in Leyburn, and West Burton Methodist Chapel. The next steps are to further investigate the report findings, work up development costs and form a steering group to take the project to the next stage. The report is available in full or a summary version by email or can be downloaded from our website. Thanks to everyone who has taken part so far, Robin Jackson from Rydale Creative, who were commissioned to undertake the research funded by The UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

To find out more or book places for our events and activities visit [www.wensleydale.org](http://www.wensleydale.org) or contact **Colin Bailey** on: **01969 745810/07711 211169** or email: [info@wensleydale.org](mailto:info@wensleydale.org).

## Notes From Thorney Mire

### Summer

Red admiral butterflies seem to have made a comeback this year. Last year the most I saw at one time was one. Each time I step outside there seems to be one flying around. I counted at least seven on the buddleia one afternoon. They like the scabious and the echinacea which I've introduced into the garden. Their favourite flower seems to be the sedum which flowers later in the year, so I will have more idea of their numbers then.

One afternoon sitting in the garden, wearing a white top, a red admiral must have mistaken me for a flower. It settled on me several times and I had a really good, close up view of it uncurling its proboscis, which acts like a drinking straw. It was fascinating to watch just how far this long feeding organ would uncurl until it had reached my white top. In European butterflies the length of the proboscis is about two thirds of the butterfly's length. It had a few attempts before it realised that there was no food value in linen and flew off to find something more nourishing.

I have seen only one peacock butterfly and a little brown one which has an eye on the underside of its wing which could have been a meadow brown which is one of our commonest and most wide spread butterflies. I've also seen an orange and brown mottled butterfly which wouldn't stay long enough for me to have a good look at it, but I had not seen one before. There has also been an increase in numbers of cabbage white and green-veined white butterflies this year. You tend to notice them when you are growing brassicas. Our brassicas in the garden are netted over, but I've often seen cabbage white butterflies hovering around the netting as though they know there is a food source close by. I have learnt that butterflies do not have noses, but they have specialized sensory organs on their antennae, legs and mouth parts to help them detect scents, which explains their persistence in trying to find a way through the netting to lay their eggs on our cabbages and kale, so that their hungry offspring can have a banquet. I think their eyesight is pretty good too when they find the only hole in the netting.

One afternoon in the garden we were treated to an aerial display by a large dragonfly. I wanted it to settle so that I could have a closer look at it, but it refused. It zoomed around our

heads and flew up and down the garden several times as though it was looking for something and couldn't find it.

Hedgehogs usually give birth in June and July, but so far this year I have not seen locally, either adult or young hedgehogs. Even if there are some around, with the increased amount of traffic coming along our lane thanks to sat. nav. the poor little things wouldn't stand a chance. More "Slow down, red squirrels," signs have been erected along the lane. I have seen some drivers slow down but come to the conclusion that some either can't read or don't care. What these signs have done, is attract passing walkers to stand by them and stare intently into the wood in the hope of seeing red squirrels. When they don't see any, they ask me where they are. I explain that there is a lot of luck in spotting wildlife and sometimes it's a case of being in the right place at the right time. I can go for days without seeing the deer in the field, or the hare along the lane and just when you're wondering if there are any red squirrels about, one will rush passed your feet, run under the washing line and disappear again.

If you had to issue A.S.B.O.s to the bird community, it would be to young blackbirds. For the last few weeks from about 8pm until 9pm and sometimes even later, young blackbirds have been flying around our small front garden like teenagers with too much energy. They fly very close to the window which can be a bit distracting when you're trying to have a quiet evening in, watching television. Then there's a thud which gives you a start when one has flown into the window. A second thud follows sometime later. Blackbirds often do fly around in the evening before they roost, they sometimes form large flocks which is for safety and warmth. I'm glad we've only got a few birds otherwise I would be a nervous wreck before Autumn. We've not had any casualties yet, none have been stunned or died but I bet they've got a headache before they finally settle down to roost. **Sylvia Turner**

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August has been fairly quiet, apart from regular cinema screenings as a lot of our groups have a summer break but we're looking forward to re-commencing and having a busy Centre again.

Our regular Advice/ Support sessions continue in September, all are informal drop-ins (though you can book if you wish) and include free tea, coffee and biscuits. Staying Healthy, Independent and Connected, is on **Friday, September 12th, 10.00am to noon**. For people who need advice, guidance and support from specialised providers which includes Citizen's Advice.

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Kathryn will introduce guests to the journey of the cocoa bean, from harvest to production, focusing on the four main varieties: dark, milk, white, and ruby chocolate, explaining various flavours, pairings, and applications. The tasting and talk will be followed by a delicious 2-course lunch.

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## Reeth Memorial Hall

We had some great concerts in July. Thanks to everyone who came and supported us. All proceeds go towards the upkeep of the hall.

**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. Tickets £14 (£16 door).

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## Children's Writing Competition 2025

The Newsletter team invites local primary school children to enter our 2025 writing competition. There are two categories in the competition; those in years 3 and 4 and those in years 5 and 6. We have decided this year to challenge the younger children to write a poem about a favourite colour or thing. The poem can be any style and any length.

The older Children are invited to submit a story that must be under 500 words long and can be about anything that captures your imagination. The only rule this year is that you must start your story with the words "I knew it was going to be one of those days when..."

The competition was set up six years ago in memory of our late editor Alan Watkinson who always encouraged young people to explore their creative writing skills. We have a new Judge this year, Alyson who works in children's publishing and on audio books. "I'm very lucky as I read and listen to stories for a living and can't wait to read the entries for this competition. For the poem, why not try an acrostic or a shape poem, or even a limerick? For the story, I'm looking for something that grabs my attention and takes me by surprise. Good luck."

There are wonderful prizes to be won and winning stories and poems will appear in the February and March editions of the newsletter. So let your imagination run wild and email your story/poem to [uwnlinput@gmail.com](mailto:uwnlinput@gmail.com) by **Friday, November 14th**. Children at Hawes and BAWB schools can submit their entries via school.

### Prizes

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

The runners up in each age group will receive a £25 book voucher.

The winning stories and poems will be published in the February and March editions of the UWNL.

The winning children's Primary School will hold the Alan Watkinson Memorial Shield for one year and will also receive a book voucher for encouraging and collating entries.

### How to Enter

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written and stories must be between 300 and 500 words long (your school can help you with access to computers and emailing entries).

Email your entry to [uwnlinput@gmail.com](mailto:uwnlinput@gmail.com) or enter via your school.

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

Entries need to reach us by midnight on **Friday, November 14th**.

### Rules

Your story must be between 300 and 500 words long. Your poem can be any length.

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

Entrants must be in years 3-6 at the time of entering and resident in the UWNL area.

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

The winners and runners-up will be notified by email/via their school by **December 12th**. Prizes will be awarded in local Schools in **January 2026**.

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

## Hawes Silver Band in September



Moorcock Show. **Sunday, September 7th**. The band adds to the festive atmosphere, playing between **1.00pm and 2.30pm**.

Hawes Churches Together Harvest Celebration. **Sunday, September 21st** in the Market House, Hawes at **6.30pm**. A non-denominational service for this traditional occasion with the band accompanying the hymns.

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## Heavens Above

The Moon puts on a cracking show this month with a total lunar eclipse on the evening of **September 7th**. Lunar eclipses aren't as spectacular as those of the Sun, but they're still a fascinating sight especially seen with binoculars or a small telescope. They can only occur when the Moon is full and are caused by the Sun, Earth and Moon (in that order) coming together to form a dead straight line so that the Moon is submerged in the Earth's shadow. If the Moon just passes through the outer fringes of the shadow (the Penumbra) there's just a partial eclipse. If it's fully immersed in the darkest part (the Umbra) we get a total one.

During totality the whole of the Moon's disc turns an eerie coppery-orange colour as the Earth's shadow slowly creeps across its surface. If you're wondering what creates this effect, it's because during an eclipse full sunlight can't directly illuminate the Moon. Instead the Sun's rays pass through the Earth's atmosphere which scatters and filters out the shorter wavelengths of light such as blue and green allowing only the longer wavelengths – red and orange – to be bent around the Earth and then reflected back towards the Moon. If there's a lot of dust and clouds in the Earth's atmosphere, the lunar surface can sometimes turn an eerie dark rusty-red giving us a so-called Blood Moon, a silly and rather disparaging term that's become fashionable for some reason in the Media recently.

This month's eclipse is the longest since 2022 – over 5 hours from start to finish – with totality lasting nearly 1½ hours. Unfortunately (there's always an 'unfortunately') we only get to see part of it, as totality is just ending when the Moon rises in UK skies. But if those clouds stay away on the night it's still well worthwhile taking a glance at the Moon as it takes a fair amount of time to creep out of the Earth's shadow. For the best view look east from around **7.30pm** onwards from a site with a clear unobstructed horizon. The Moon will be very low down so the higher up you are the better. Have clear skies.

Al Birio

## Harvest Festival Service

Bainbridge Village Hall

**September 21st. 2.30pm**

Led by 'The Longtons' Wray. Refreshments to follow and collection for charity.



What a fantastic summer holiday we have had at Dalesplay. The weather has been fairly kind to us which meant we were able to get outside onto the big field and move around. We enjoyed the cars and bikes, gym equipment, wooden obstacle course, balls and equipment. Our new bubble kit was a hit too, making some enormous shaped bubbles for us to chase outside.

The children helped to turn our role play area into a Spaceship where they have then spent their time trying to zoom to the moon and dressing up as astronauts. We decorated pizza boxes and made our own pizzas with toppings to go inside them and we had some very nice shopping bags created using textile pens to make our own design.

The Ducklings enjoyed the home role play area, caring for the dolls trying to bathe and dress them and put them in the cots to sleep.

We welcomed our new resident pet, a hamster named Pearl. We asked all the children to think of a name and then put them all into a hat and pulled out the winning name. She is settling in well and the children love to look out for her to see if she is awake and playing in her wheel.

Dalesplay is offering the 30 hours government funding for working families the term after the child is 9 months alongside the deprivation 2 year funding and 3 and 4 year funding.

To see if you are eligible please visit [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://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 [dalesplay1@btconnect.com](mailto:dalesplay1@btconnect.com) or phone **01969 667789**. We do still offer the paid sessions and holiday clubs for children 3 months - 12 years too.



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September 6th - 7th

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Wath Morris, based in South Yorkshire, first visited Wensleydale for a weekend of dance 50 years ago and this year, for the first time in the last 30 years, they will be performing in Swaledale as well as Wensleydale. All the performances are free to attend and a rare opportunity to see these English traditional dances and plays performed in the beautiful villages of the Yorkshire Dales.

All the dances which the team perform are traditional and, although the morris dances which the team perform are not local to the area, the Sword Dance and the Mummers Play do come from Yorkshire. Historically there was a strong local tradition of sword dancing with local teams and traditions in Muker, Arkengarthdale, Bellerby, Redmire and Gayle, and probably in other local villages as well.

Once again, the team are inviting anyone local or visiting the area, to join them in their Saturday evening folk song and music session. This will be held on **Saturday, September 6th** in Bainbridge Temperance Hall (village hall). Musicians and singers are welcome to perform.

The evening is free and runs from **8.00pm to 11.00pm** – Bring your own refreshments.

The dance itinerary for the weekend is:

### Saturday, September 6th

**10.00am** Dancing at The Wheatsheaf, Carperby

**11.30am** Dancing and Mumming at The Bolton Arms, Downholme

**1.00pm** Dancing at The King's Arms, Reeth

**3.00pm** Dancing at The King's Head, Gunnerside

**4.00pm** Dancing and Mumming at Keartons., Thwaite

**8.00pm–11.00pm** Bainbridge Village Hall (Temperance Hall), Bainbridge.

Informal music and songs – Free event, everyone invited

### Sunday, September 7th

**10.30am** Dancing and Mumming at Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge

**11.45am** Dancing and Mumming at The Creamery, Hawes

**1.00pm** Dancing and Mumming at The Crown, Hawes

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**SEPTEMBER WHATS ON LISTING;  
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- 5 Dominoes. 7.30pm. Carperby Institute.
- 6 Wensleydale Concert Series. 7.30pm.  
St. Andrews, Aysgarth. See p.8.
- 6, 7 Wath Morris Dancing the Dales. See  
p.18.
- 7 Moorcock Show. Mossdale. 10.30am.  
Adults £8, Children free. See p.6.
- 9 Little White Bus trip to Ilkley. 9.45am.  
See p.12.
- 10 Dales Charity Bingo. Hawes Market Hall  
7.00pm. See p.27.
- 11,14 Medieval Music in the Dales. See p.  
39.
- 13 Songs of Praise at Gunnerside Chapel.  
7.00pm
- 17 Local History Group Meeting. 2.00pm.  
Harmby Village Hall. See p.31.
- 18 Soup and Sweet. 12 noon. Thoraby  
Village Hall. See p.20.
- 19 Concert at Reeth Memorial Hall.  
8.00pm. See p.13.
- 19 Leyburn u3a. Talk. 10.30am. See p.25.
- 20 Wensleydale Concert Series. 7.30pm.  
St. Andrews, Aysgarth. See p.8.
- 20 Harvest 7.30pm. Hawes Junction  
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- 20 Mobile Recycling. Carrs Billington Yard,  
Askrigg. 11.30am. See p.21.
- 21 Hawes Churches Together Harvest  
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- 21 Summer's end Tea Train. Wensleydale  
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- 23 'Stop Ure Pollution'. AGM. 7.00pm.  
Leyburn Methodist Church Hall. See  
p.34.
- 23 Arts Society talk. Tennants, Leyburn.  
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- 26 Harvest Supper. 7.30pm. Stalling Busk  
Schoolroom. All welcome.
- 28 'Songs through Time'. Alverton Singers.  
2.30pm. St. Andrew's, Aysgarth.

**October**

- 1 Bellerby Study Group. Talk. 7.30pm.  
Bellerby Memorial Hall. See p.6.
- 2 Talk and Lunch at Tennants Garden  
Rooms. 11.00am. See p.12.
- 2 Mobile Phone Course. Hawes Market  
Hall. 9.30am. See p.33.

**Thoraby and District WI**

On Tuesday, August 19th Graham Di Duca kindly accepted our invitation to talk about his regular pilgrimages on the Camino de Santiago. His talk was called "To Be a Pilgrim" and he focused on his walk "Del Norte" which he first completed in 2022. He would walk about 18 miles a day for about two to three weeks, staying in hostels, convents and monasteries.

Graham believed that completing a pilgrimage is like life in that one starts at the beginning and follows a pathway to the end and on that journey there are difficult parts and easier parts. He met amazing people and established long lasting friendships and has some amazing memories which are summarised in his collection of photographs. We all enjoyed listening and following his journeys.

The visit to Winton Park Gardens was a success and enjoyed by everyone. Also, the walk to and around Freeholders wood was also a success. There are plans to visit Marrick Priory and visit the Wheatsheaf for lunch in the near future.

Soup and Sweet starts again in **September** and will run through until **April on the third Thursday of each month**. Everyone is welcome to come along to Thoraby village hall and have a bowl of soup, a roll, a sweet and a cuppa for only £5. All the food is delicious and home made by volunteers.

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For those of you who don't know the Museum, here are a few things it's good to know:-

We're family friendly - children visit free – we have SEND packs and lots of activities for children round the whole site. Pushchairs and breast feeding are welcome. The lovely Firebox Café is on site.

We're an accessible site with a Changing Places facility, Assistance dogs are welcome and we have a dog owners shared ticket. You can get a £1 discount on our admission fee for one person with a DCM/YDNPA car parking ticket.

We have electric car charging points in the car park. We have free WiFi and you can access Accessry from our research room.

### Exhibitions

The Wensleydale Sheep: A Handcrafted History – on show until **October 24th**.

We are receiving lovely comments on this wonderful exhibition featuring the unique work of 40 textile artists from throughout the UK.

“The wool was soooo soft, inspiring exhibition”... “It is the best thing I’ve ever seen. Really love the sheep portraits with the wool, they are so creative” ... “Amazing mix of beautiful creations – what talent and imagination. So pleased I came.”

Come along to see how this native, rare breed Wensleydale Sheep wool has been crafted using a range of textile techniques to create hand woven tapestries, a knitted evening dress, “living wool” rugs, felted “wool paintings” and amazing re-upholstered furniture.

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.

Our final “All things Sheep” event is on

**Sunday August 31st**, when Jodi Shadforth will be bringing some of her flock and sharing the art of shearing, but in September and October you’ll be able to take part in other events – felting, weaving and needlefelting, so head to our website to get booked on.

### Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists’ Club

The club meets once a month on a **Saturday morning, 10.00am – noon**. After our summer break we will be back this month. Please email [dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk) or call **01969 666210** or if your child is interested in joining us for a trial session.

### Education and community engagement

We now have a fabulous group of young people signed up as Young Creatives for our Going Places project. Supported by The National Lottery Heritage Fund and the Julia Rausing Trust with Art Fund, this UK-wide programme is engaging new and underrepresented audiences with museum collections across the country through the creation of collaborative touring exhibitions.

We’re working with photographer Jo Coates on a research project focusing on Rural Women. If you have any stories to share from within your family, village or local community, please do get in touch – [dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk).

### Events and Activities

Here are the DCM events coming up in September and early October. Events are included in the Museum admission unless otherwise stated and bookings can be made online and via [hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk).

### Needlefelt a sheep workshop

**Friday, September 5th, 9.30am – 12.30pm or 1.00pm – 4.30pm**

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). The workshop will be 3 hours long. There will be a break during the workshop. Refreshments will be provided. All materials will be provided. Participants can bring a photograph of a favourite breed of sheep if they would like to use this.

#### Hawes Town Trail

**Tuesday, September 9th, 2.00pm - 4.00pm**

Join our experienced Dales Volunteers on this short 2.5 mile (3.5km) themed walk and explore the history of Hawes and the village of Gayle. Walking through this lovely market town, discover the origins of Wensleydale cheese, see where the railway once went and follow a section of the Pennine Way. Starts at the Dales Countryside Museum. £5 Booking Essential. No dogs allowed.

#### Recipes and Remedies from the museum archives

**Tuesday, September 9th, 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.

#### FDCM talk

**Friday, September 19th, 7.30pm - 9.00pm**

AGM followed by a talk on Wartime memorabilia from the Norah Worth Collection. Donations welcome from non-members

#### Weave your own piece of Wensleydale

**Saturday, September 20th, 10.30am - 1.00pm**

You will weave a small landscape picture of the rolling hills decorated with small wooden

sheep. All tools, yarns, instruction sheet and a cardboard frame are included in the price. £30 Booking essential.

#### Build your own dry stone wall wool picture

**Saturday, October 4th, 10.30am - 1.00pm**

You will be using an old technique called locker hooking. You will use a selection of natural wools from local breeds of sheep such as Wensleydale, Swaledale, Rough Fell, Herdwick etc. All yarns, a locker hooking needle, white canvas and instructions are included in the price. £35 Booking essential.

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## Swaledale Festival Poetry Call

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*from Summer (16') by Rachel Tzvia Back*

You might have heard Vivaldi's Four Seasons, but did you know that the musician wrote sonnets to help him map out his seasonal concertos? Or that nearly 300 years later, composer Max Richter released a new version of Vivaldi's Four Seasons as a modern retelling?

In 2026, a strand of Swaledale Festival will explore the four seasons through music, visual art, words and more. What do the seasons mean to you? We want to hear. Swaledale Festival invites you to share your poetry inspired by the seasons.

This exciting open call brings together and celebrates the creativity of people of any age, stage, background or experience level - from longstanding professional to total newbie - putting new work at the heart of the Festival. Everyone is welcome to take part.

What are we looking for? Unpublished poems that explore anything seasons-related. We especially welcome work from poets living in the northern Yorkshire Dales. While it's wonderful if your poem reflects our local landscape, more general seasonal themes are also encouraged. You can send poems about any (or all) of the seasons throughout the year, though while we're enjoying the warmth, now is a particularly good time to write about summer.

Need inspiration? Just step outside and focus on your senses. What can you see, hear, smell and touch? What tastes do you associate with the summer? Think about your own experiences. Do you have memories of summers past? Are your summers changing? What feelings or

images or ideas arise? You could also check out the poems at [www.poetryfoundation.org](http://www.poetryfoundation.org), which are available to browse by topic or theme.

What will happen to your poems? All entries will be considered for publication and celebration before and during Swaledale Festival 2026. This could include a display at festival venues, publication on social media, recital at an event, or even publication in an e-book or printed anthology. More details will be made available throughout the year.

How do you share your poem? Please visit [www.swalefest.org](http://www.swalefest.org) where there is more information on the news page, and a link to a simple submission form. There is no entry fee and you can submit as many times as you like throughout the year, up until **April 30th 2026**. Any and all poetic forms are welcome, from sonnet to haiku, with a maximum length of 30 lines and no minimum length. Works should not have been published elsewhere and copyright must belong to the author.

Any questions, please email us at: [enquiries@swalefest.org](mailto:enquiries@swalefest.org). Send your summer-themed pieces now while the sun is shining.

## Leyburn and District u3a

**Lady Isobel Chaytor – Pioneering Aviatix**

**by Georgie Sale**

**Friday, September 19th**

Discover how a random hit on eBay led to revealing the fascinating story of a woman who lived life to the full.

Isobel, a baker's daughter, became a 'Lady', the mother of four and at the age of 42 flew with a young pilot in a Gypsy Moth to Australia. As a titled lady she threw herself into the society of 'bright young things', became a fashion icon and an aviatix.

Born in Middlesbrough in 1890, she died in Funchal, Madeira in 1968 where only two people attended her funeral. How did this woman with 'a genius for friendship', come to such a sad end – the research goes on.

Doors open at **10.00am for 10.30am** at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre, Richmond Road, Leyburn DL8 5DL. Visitors and new members are always welcome. For details contact the Membership secretary at [www.leyburn.u3asite.uk](http://www.leyburn.u3asite.uk).

## Hawes Indoor Bowling Club

During the Autumn and Winter months the Hawes Indoor Bowling Club meets every **Tuesday at 7.15pm** in the Market House for a friendly game of indoor carpet bowls. New members (male and female) are always welcome.

No previous experience is necessary, so why not come along and have a go. You might have a hidden talent or just enjoy the company and the light exercise. Ring **Barry on 01969 667458** if you have any queries.

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Improve your health and wellbeing through 'Gentle Ballet classes' designed for those over fifty strength and coordination and enjoy low-impact, mindful movement in a relaxed social setting. Classes start on **Tuesday, September 9th at 10.45am**. Contact Janet Seymour for more information [janseydans@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janseydans@yahoo.co.uk) or 07958 145752.

Both courses will be held at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre, Richmond Road, Leyburn, DL8 5DL.

For details of Leyburn and District u3a membership see [www.leyburn.u3asite.uk](http://www.leyburn.u3asite.uk).

## News From Sycamore Hall

As I write this, I am hoping that we haven't yet reached the end of the summer. We have enjoyed more fabulous weather during August, and indeed it has been a bit too hot at times, but we are not complaining. We now anticipate the arrival of autumn and its long, dark evenings, which are not our favourite.

So, whilst it has been lovely to have nice weather recently, it has rather seen off a lot of our vegetables. With a hosepipe ban and really hot weather it has all been a bit too much for them. The final straw was a caterpillar attack which ruined most of our green-leaved vegetables.

We have marked the 90th birthdays of two of our lovely residents with some delicious afternoon teas and lots of chat - thank you to them both for inviting us to share their special days.

Two ladies from the Healthwatch team came along to one of our coffee mornings to find out our opinions on local healthcare and they will be feeding those back when they next meet.

Of course, with it being summer, we had to have our usual 'Olympics' event which was really great fun. We participated in a range of fun activities, trying to score as highly as we could to beat the other North Yorkshire facilities. Thanks to Julia and her team for staging this event. We await the league table results in due course and hope we have represented Sycamore Hall well.

We had a visit from Stephanie, churchwarden at St Oswald's Church in Askrigg, who came along to talk to us about some of the people remembered in the churchyard. What a fascinating tale we heard of some very interesting people. We were amazed at how far some of these people travelled in their lives, considering that in their lifetime, most of that travel was not mechanised. We even learned that one of the people buried here was involved in the Mutiny on the Bounty. It's amazing what you find out and we were impressed at the research that Stephanie has done over several years.

We have also had a fascinating talk and slide show from Rob Marshall telling us all about his visit to Iceland. What a truly amazing country - and Rob had some amazing photographs to transport us there and some truly spectacular

photographs of the Northern Lights. Thank you Rob.

We have arranged for a member of the Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Railway to come along and talk to us on **Wednesday, October 1st at 2.00pm**. This talk will focus on Wainwright and his connections to the railway. We have more events planned with this group and hope you will come along to join us.

We are awaiting the opening of our new cafe - Olive's Cafe and Cakery' - which will be run by Emily Pickard, with help from her family. A lot of work is currently being undertaken to transform this space into a warm and welcoming cafe/tea room which will be open to the public as well as our residents, staff and visitors.

If you know Emily, you will know that there is some delicious food heading our way. We wish Emily every success in her new venture and hope that you will come along and support her. Watch out for opening information on Facebook and local boards etc.

Lianna, our Beauty Therapist, is making her next six-weekly visit to us on **Monday, September 1st** to offer a range of services including manicures, pedicures, facials, massage etc. Give her a call on **07792-086189** to make an appointment. 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 2.00pm** - Dominoes.

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

You are very 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.

Another exciting 'Mystery Tour' has been arranged with Bob Foster and will take place on **Monday, September 29th** leaving Sycamore Hall at **9.15am**. We obviously have no idea where we will go (that's the nature of a mystery), but it should be a relaxing tour of



Dales with a stop for lunch along the route, Tickets cost £15 and can be booked with Karen or Sonja at Sycamore Hall (lunch to be paid for separately). Do join us. (Please note you must be able to get on and off the bus and look after yourself independently in order to participate.)

We have also planned a visit to Strikes Garden Centre in Northallerton to visit their Christmas shop. This will take place on **Wednesday, October 29th**, leaving Sycamore Hall at **9.15am**. We will be having lunch at Strikes Garden Centre (additional cost) and will return to Bainbridge mid-afternoon. Please book via Karen or Sonja at Sycamore Hall.

Don't forget to put your name on our mailing list for the new Community Cinema - forms available from Karen or Sonja or email [sycamorecountrystore1@outlook.com](mailto:sycamorecountrystore1@outlook.com). Details of our launch event will be available shortly.

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.

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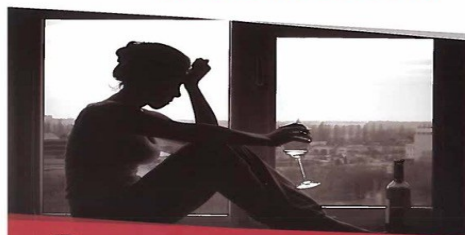
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The church warden, Patrick Earle commented: "I want to stress the enormous help coming from charities both local and national, which made us feel that we are not totally isolated in the depths of Wensleydale".

From the front elevation the church looks like a plain non-conformist chapel. But when viewed from the public footpath to the wooded scar north of the village (The Stanney) the bell cote can be seen. The church was built as a Chapel of Ease in 1862 and the bell cote now needs repairing.

Mr Earle informed the parishioners recently: "The bell swings on bearings in two large sandstone blocks, topped with a sandstone cap. One of the two blocks is broken, so the bell cannot be rung safely. The project is to replace the broken block and take the opportunity to repair the rusty cradle. Underneath the bell cote is a small vestry which is permanently damp – being built into the side of the hill. We will take the opportunity to create a vertical damp barrier for this wall and repoint the internal stonework."

In addition, the North window also needs replacing as it is severely rotten. Mr Earle said that the overall cost of the bell cote and vestry project is £10,736.65 and for the replacement window £9,516.74. "We have generous support from the Leeds Diocese, the Elm House Trust, other charitable sources and the local community and thus have most of our target. Our outstanding task is to raise the final £1,600."

The work on the bell cote and the vestry is now under way and should be completed by the

end of August. It is hoped to sign a contract for the window replacement in early September.

The church is open every day and inside there is a magnificent mural painted by Muriel Metcalfe of Leyburn who married the local artist Fred Lawson in 1933. Until 1934 St Margaret's belonged to the Bolton Estate when it was given to what was then the Diocese of Ripon (now the Diocese of Leeds) by Lord Bolton. It was licensed for Divine Service, the administration of the sacraments and for marriages in February 1935.

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Revd. Thackray, a Yorkshireman from Rotherham, was a curate in Sheffield and then in the Upper Don Valley, followed by twenty-five years in Nottinghamshire, and six years in Bedfordshire before coming to North Yorkshire, firstly to a part-time post at Scruton, then Kirkby Fleetham and Langton-on-Swale before retiring.

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## Bainbridge Women's Institute

Goodness me. August was a busy month for us with plenty going on, as usual. Some of our members had a lovely evening out at the Kynren event in County Durham where they enjoyed a journey through history in some good weather. An amazing show.

Not satisfied with one night out our Theatre Group then went along to Bolton Castle for one of their outdoor performances of 'Much Ado About Nothing'. They picked the right year to do this as they were again blessed with good weather to enjoy the show and their picnic.

The Garden Group had an equally lovely time in Janet's delightful garden in Thornton Rust - with some delicious refreshments. Before heading off to have a look around Anne's garden - they are so keen.

The 'lunching ladies' have paid a visit to The White Bear in Masham for an enjoyable lunch and are now looking forward to their next outing which is going to be to The Wensleydale Heifer in West Witton - they know how to live.

Meanwhile, our bookworms have increased in number to such a level that they are now meeting at Sycamore Hall. Not wanting to be left out of a good WI tradition, they too enjoy delicious food for their meetings, which hopefully doesn't detract from discussing their latest read.

Our August meeting was a fascinating tale of the life of Lady Anne Clifford and her links to Dalemmain House. It was really interesting to learn of her efforts to inherit and retain her family property at a time when the male line was the usual route. She was clearly a strong and clever woman.

So, with autumn fast approaching we have shorter days and longer evenings to fit our activities into. Some will become more weather-dependent but hopefully we will still be able to enjoy some of our outdoor activities for a month or two yet.

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 September meeting takes place at Bainbridge Village Hall on **Thursday, 18th starting at 7.30 pm**. Our speaker is Rowena

Lee who is going to be talking to us about her life in service. This should be really interesting and we are looking forward to learning about a lifestyle that is now a thing of the past.

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In August we enjoyed a great turn out for our monthly bingo night and raised a mighty £328 for the Upper Dales Bonfire and Fireworks Fund. We are very happy to have been able to help contribute to their Fund.

A special thanks to Stephen Reynolds who shared some historical gun powder plot facts throughout the night as he called the bingo and to Dillion Guy for calling and managing the raffle draw. Both added a little extra to our evening.

It was good to see a number of younger players playing during the school break period, and we welcomed the youngest audience member to date, 11-week-old Aiden who

quietly watched and smiled through most of the evening, delighting us all.

Our next Bingo night will be in Hawes on **Wednesday, September 10th** for Dales Play, please see our adverts on page 27. Everyone is invited to come and play and support Dales Play. If you would like to know more, please email us at [dalescharitybingo@gmail.com](mailto:dalescharitybingo@gmail.com).



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That is not surprising given the results that we have found using the Bactiquick testing kit which tests for bacterial endotoxins. Every time it has been done just that and so shown that humans and dogs cannot enjoy the River Ure safely.

The tests at Aysgarth Falls, which is a very popular tourist attraction, were carried out on July 20th and 27th and on August 2nd, 8th and 15th. Bactiquick results are 'high risk' at levels above 58 ERU (endotoxin risk units), and the results from the Ure have been between 146 and 166. We have had similar results when carrying out weekly tests at Ulshaw Bridge.

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SUP believes that this situation is very concerning and all water users should be aware

of the risks, take the appropriate hand hygiene steps and should avoid ingesting river water, particularly after rainy weather, when Combined Sewage Outlets are most likely to discharge and animal faecal matter is more likely to be washed into the river.

Surfers Against Sewage, which funded the Bactiquick monitor, commented: "Stop Ure Pollution's dedicated citizen science shows their swim spot on the River Ure would be rated 'Poor' by the regulator. And with swimmers falling ill from the river, it's clear the monitoring system is failing water users – dangerously so. Under current regulations, only a handful of our rivers, lakes, and other inland waters have consistent, official testing for the impact of water quality on human health. Any dipper, paddler or swimmer diving in should be able to easily assess the risk, without community groups having to fill the data gap. No one should be left guessing whether their favourite swim spot will make them sick."

SUP will hold its first annual general meeting on **Tuesday, September 23rd at 7.00pm** in Leyburn Methodist Church Hall. SUP was founded in June 2024 with the aim to protect the River Ure and its tributaries for recreation and wildlife. At the AGM Charlotte Simons of the Yorkshire Dales River Trust will present the final report on the results of the river-length water testing carried out by SUP volunteer citizen scientists last August and October.

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It's always been one of the most interesting historical mysteries – what really happened to the Princes in the Tower? Was Richard III the bad guy history has made him out to be? In the last lecture of the 2024–25 season for Arts Society Wensleydale, Philippa Langley MBE, came to Tennants, Leyburn, to debunk myths that have been held for centuries. Treating the disappearance of Edward V (age 12) and his brother Richard, Duke of York (age 9) – last seen playing at the Tower of London in 1483 – as a cold case, Philippa and her team used police methods and procedures and the help of criminal investigative experts, historians, researchers, and archivists from around the world to painstakingly put together the fate of the two princes who seemingly vanished from historical record. Philippa is best known for her role in the discovery and reburial of Richard III in 2012 and if you've not seen the *Channel 4* Princes in the Tower documentary in which Philippa teams up with Rob Rinder and travels through Europe looking at the new evidence uncovered, it's still available on catch up. The results have been met with some controversy, and not wanting to provide spoiler alerts here, but in case you are curious, of the three people involved, proofs of life were discovered for boys aged 17 and 20, and that someone might not have been such a bad uncle after all.

The 2025–26 Arts Society Wensleydale season begins at Tennants on **Tuesday, September 23rd** with a talk on 'Paintings inspired by music and music inspired by paintings', exploring the link between sound and art. It has long been recognised that the worlds of the visual and aural arts link with extraordinary power when one medium inspires the other. This lecture, which spans over 600 years of the arts, analyses and discusses a range of related works, bringing together the music of Martinu with the frescoes of Piero della Francesca, Botticelli's Birth of Venus with Respighi's Trittico botticelliano, Böcklin's Isle of the Dead with Rachmaninoff's symphonic poem and Poet Mondrian's Broadway Boogie Woogie with the piano playing of Albert Ammons.

For more information, visit <https://theartsociety.org/wensleydale>.



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### Sunday, September 7th

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

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

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

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

### Sunday, September 14th. Holy Cross Day

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

Mission Partners Bob and Ros Arnold sperak about their work in Bungokho.

### Sunday, September 21st. St Matthew

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

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

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

**3.00pm** Songs of Praise at Redmire Village Hall.

### Sunday, September 28th

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

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

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

The food and produce donations will go to a local food bank and the collection to RNIB.

## September Mid-Week Services:

### Thursday, 11th and 25th at 9.30am.

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

Church Coffee Morning: **Wednesday, September 3rd, 10.30am to noon** at Redmire Village Hall.

Church Afternoon Tea: **Wednesday, September 17th from 2.00pm to 4.00pm** at Redmire Village Hall.

Medieval Music in the Dales: **Thursday, September 11th - Sunday, September 14th**. Bolton Castle and St. Oswald's Church. This year's festival is all about medieval instruments. Search MMitD online for the full festival programme.

Alverton Singers present 'Songs Through Time' with songs by Handel through to the Beatles. **Sunday, September 28th at 2.30pm** at St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth. Tickets £10 available at the door includes refreshments. In support of St. Andrew's Church and the Alverton Singers,

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Friday 12 September 6pm  
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Kid (1969) (PG) 1hr 59m



Saturday 13 September 7pm  
Quiz Night & Supper



Friday 19 September 6pm  
The Marching Band (15) 1hr  
43m (subs)



Sunday 21 September 2pm  
Cinema Live: Andrew Lloyd  
Webber's Love Never Dies  
(2012) (PG)



Friday 26 September 6pm  
The Salt Path (12) 1hr 55m



Saturday 1 November 7.30pm  
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