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#### **Guest Editorial**

The test results for the water at Aysgarth Falls this summer were a shock even though many were aware that the River Ure was polluted to some degree.

Tests carried out by Stop Ure Pollution at Aysgarth Falls from July 20th until September 12th using the nationally-recognised hand-held kit called Bactiquick have shown that there are dangerous levels of endotoxins in the river. And it was informed that eight people had fallen ill due to bathing in the river in Upper Wensleydale, two having to be hospitalised.

Then came the report last month by the Campaign for National Parks and the Rivers Trust (CNP/RT) which stated that the majority of river water bodies in National Parks did not meet minimum ecological standards. The report stated that the main reasons were pollution from agricultural and rural land management, and the water industry.

It also stated that under UK law, sewage treatment works serving fewer than 2,000 residents (as in Wensleydale) are not legally required to use secondary or advanced treatments, meaning that sewage treatment was likely to be low tech. Local groups have been warning about that for the past 20 years.

The CNP/RT report pointed out that in the summer months, when river levels are at their lowest and freshwater ecosystems at their most sensitive, tourism can massively increase the pressure on sewage systems designed for local residents.

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's planning committee was told about the inefficiencies of such small sewage plants by Wensleydale farmer Alastair Dinsdale, chair of the Association of Rural Communities, in November 2023.

As he was then informed and as reported in the CNP/RT report - National Park Authorities have very little power to tackle water pollution or improve the water environment. Instead they are reliant on such organisations as Yorkshire Water. The Association went on to hold a public meeting in April 2024 which directly led to the creation of Stop Ure Pollution (SUP).

Last summer SUP volunteer citizen scientists worked with the Yorkshire Dales River Trust to carry out river length testing and this year the group has been raising funds to buy the equipment necessary to do more specific testing.

What is particularly notable about the testing this summer was that much of it was during a long dry spell when there was minimal or zero slurry spreading. Farmers should follow government guidelines regarding slurry spreading but are they so much to blame?

Just look at the record regarding Semerwater. In 2014 the farmers were blamed for the high levels of phosphate in that lake and were encouraged to clean up their act. Then, in 2017, householders around the lake were asked to check their septic tanks. This year, following two years of surveys, it was reported that the poor ecological status of the lake was not the fault of farmers but due to several factors including the erosion of peatland on the moors nearby.

I do agree with the CNP/RT report that sewage treatment works in National Parks must be upgraded to meet higher standards. And that National Park Authorities need to be supported, funded and empowered to take an even greater and more ambitious role in water management working with government, water regulators, water companies, land managers and citizen scientists to ensure our water courses are well looked after.

The CNP/RT report states: 'Citizen science, led by concerned local communities and passionate campaigners, is filling the gap left behind by environmental regulators in England and Wales who are struggling to keep pace with the testing programmes necessary to respond to major incidents or highlight water pollution hotspots.'

So I hope SUP can raise sufficient funds to enable our own group of citizen scientists to carry out more tests and so assist with collecting the evidence necessary to pinpoint the actual sources of pollution and that the Ure will become safe for bathers.

**Pip Pointon** 

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#### Music from the Movies 3

Following the hugely popular 'Musicals for a Midsummer's Evening' concert earlier in the year, Amy Cockett (vocals) and

Mal Carruthers (Organ and Keyboard), joined once again by Dave Clark (vocals), return to present 'Music From The Movies 3'.

This much anticipated event features an eclectic mix of main themes and other featured music from the big screen. As with the previous 'Movies' shows, the evening will feature music from a variety of film genres and will include many well-known items. Mike Hirst will be on hand once again to provide his superb audiovisual support which always helps to make these events that extra bit special.

'Music From The Movies 3' will be performed at St. Margaret's Church in Hawes on Saturday, October 25th at 7.00pm.

Interval refreshments will be available. Entry to the event is free, however any retiring donations towards the ongoing organ restoration fund for the organ at St. Margaret's would be greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank the 'Roundthorn Country House' in Penrith for their generous support of this year's 'Movies' concert.

We look forward to welcoming you to St. Margaret's for what we are sure will be another superb evening of musical excellence. See you there.

#### Letter to the Editor

Sir,

I have no issue with Chris Rigby's assertion that several areas of England lay claim to the title 'God's Own'. (Guest Editorial, September Newsletter)

However, I take exception to Chris's description of his Geography teacher's accent as a 'Humberside accent'. He may have had a Hull accent or maybe even an East Riding accent, but never a Humberside one.

The ceremonial county of Humberside was created on 1st April 1974 - shortly before Chris went on his walking trip - so when his teacher was growing up and developing his rich accent, there was no such place as Humberside. And happily, Humberside was abolished in 1996.

Yours,

#### Martin Cluderay







#### **Eunice the Ewe**

In September I was hiding in the Advertisers Listing next to 'Sewing Needs'. And the lucky winner of the £10 prize is Julia Abson of Redmire.

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

#### **Ask Your Councillor**

Cllr Yvonne Peacock, Upper Dales Councillor for North Yorkshire Council, will be holding an Advice Surgery on October 21st – 10.00am to 11.00am at Hawes Community Office.

No appointment needed, please just drop in.

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#### **October Competition**

The following are clues to different occupations all of which are advertised in this Newsletter.

- 1. Called Bob? (7)
- 2. The second when a sailor is fourth (6)
- 3. A job for naive Terry? (10)
- 4. Contact Una for financial advice (10)
- 5. This job repels rat (9)
- 6. Single look of a cockney (7)
- 7. Crying stacks (7,5)
- 8. Can a stratospheric liar reorganise this job? (12,9)
- 9. This one can chime (8)
- 10. Aid frolics in a van (9,7)
- 11. Looks after late arrivals (7,8)
- 12. Fish come in (9)
- 13. Shed is rarer (11)
- 14. Enrolee (6)
- 15. A pupil tester (8)
- 16. Melodic French beloved after a cuppa (5,7)
- 17. Manipulates Irish type potash (15)
- 18. Phosphorus gets added to American timber (7)
- 19. Confused is it color? (9)
- 20. What's left after one goes before a refined character (6,5)

Please send in your answers to arrive by **Tuesday, October 21st.** Remember to include the details of your nominated charity which will receive the £50 prize should you win.

# Dales Charity



#### Wednesday 8th October 2025 Hawes Market Hall

Entry from 7.00 pm, for Eyes down at 7.30pm

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#### **September Competition Answers**

- 1. All, Awl
- 2. Check, Cheque
- 3. Night, Knight
- 4. Read, Reed
- 5. Heal, Heel
- 6. Brays, Braise
- 7. Loan, Lone
- 8. Time, Thyme
- 9. Brake, Break
- 10. Seller, Cellar
- 11. Vale, Veil
- 12. Lapse, Laps
- 13. Bow, Bough
- 14. Teem, Team
- 15. Rough, Ruff
- 16. Knows, Nose
- 17. Not. Knot

There was a problem with last month's competition. The 'answer' to Q17 was not really consistent with the clue description at the start so it proved difficult for our readers. We apologise for this 'error'. Despite this, two of our readers did in fact guess it correctly and the winner was Mary Elphick of Burtersett, whose chosen charity to receive the £50 prize is Yorkshire Cancer Research

#### Drop-off points and contacts

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	Chestnut Garth	
Preston and	Alastair McLachlan	07817
Castle Bolton		709167

#### **Happy Accidents**

We don't get a bumper crop every season from this particular tree – usually two thin years are followed by a heavy yield, with branches groaning under the weight of fruit. The apples are a curious eater/cooker cross, depending on your sweet tooth, or lack of. Growing by the old Carperby railway line, the tree has flourished and reached 25ft, a surprise as its roots have only clinker and boulders to explore. The landowner asserts wasn't planted it intentionally; family lore has it as the result of an apple core carelessly tossed out of a passenger carriage over 80 years ago. So what were the popular names in those long lost, sepia days, all surely worth a revival.... Agnes, maybe Mabel? Whoever, Edmund, a unthinkingly, you were leaving a touching legacy.

I've experienced gardening flukes like that tree - I'd advise to just nod sagely and put it down to expertise, works most of the time. I'm reminded of a topsoil delivery, when I wasn't immediately aware of good fortune, grumbling as I strained to heap it up behind the pond to create a rockery, yet over the following two years, uninvited peony shoots appeared. Turns out the load had contained rhizomes and, although sprouting blindly at first, the third year rewarded with masses of crimson blooms. I'm clueless on peony species; could be I'd inherited one of the best, 'rubra plena' however, all free so why complain? Experts decree they won't thrive in shade but these honeys, growing tight against a north wall, scoff at that. In April, canes and string as support for those immense

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Then there was the time a trailer load of sappy rose cuttings was dumped in a heap in a nearby field. I filed this away mentally, smugly convinced it would make great compost in a few months. Well, best laid plans and who knows where the time goes; blink and three years had gone by before I went to have a nosey, only to discover the cuttings had rooted and were busy making stout growth. This mystery harvest was swiftly potted up, christened 'Rosa Haven't Got a Clue' and either gifted or randomly dotted around my own patch.

Even those enraging setbacks can heal and become blessings in disguise, as a friend found out when he ordered a beech sapling which the supplier guaranteed would be 'still standing in 500 years' time.' Dancing with excitement my mate was when planting it, babbling away. I broke the news and his heart when it came into leaf in spring, gently informing him it was a walnut, NOT a beech. That was one lucky supplier as he'd moved away so escaped with his life, but would you just look at that tree now - the feeble little Juglans, now its proud owner's darling, has developed into a fine specimen – imagine a turbo charged ash tree... without the die back.

Typing away, dim recollections emerge of an exhilarating task I had of greening a plastic grilled car park, brushing soil and grass seed into a mesh system which could be both ecofriendly and support vehicles...still awake? Anyway, all was good when it sprouted but unfortunately those annoying cars had to be parked. Overnight was ok, but some stayed a week, shading and starving the new shoots. This limped on for weeks with me fretting away, battling the 3 a.m. stomach churns, until one afternoon I noticed humble stonecrop tumbling off a nearby wall and busily colonising the car park edges. Picking up a clump and scattering it over the grill system was a last throw of the dice but whaddya know, over the year it spread everywhere, greening all up...what relief, goodbye stomach churns, hello sleep. This meek sedum defies drought, shade, Audis, even tank size Volvos would you believe, but beware, don't let it anywhere near decorative chippings, it's the very devil to remove.

Ed Gardener

#### Time to Indulge

At last! After a long wait, we finally have a lovely cafe/tea room at Sycamore Hall which we are all really enjoying.

At the beginning of September, Emily Pickard-Guy opened her new venture 'Olive's Cafe & Cakery'. The business is named after Emily's Nanna, Olive, and is suitably decorated to remind us!

Many of you may know Emily from her previous venture - 'Nanna B's Cupcakes' - when she focussed very much on baking delicious (and filling!) cup cakes and celebration cakes. Given the quality of those, it seems a natural move for Emily to open her own cafe where she is offering an amazing selection of delicious home-made cakes! Obviously, we have had to try them out so our waistlines are already expanding!! Rest assured that, aside from enjoying cakes in the cafe, Emily is still taking orders for celebration cakes and cupcakes so give her a call if you have an occasion coming up!

Emily was attracted to Sycamore Hall as she is keen to develop a social 'hub' for people to meet up and where residents can see new faces and enjoy a chat. There is plenty of space and comfortable seating and the whole atmosphere is very relaxed and friendly. It is Emily's hope that this becomes a great place to meet up with friends and family.

Since opening the cafe, Emily has been focussing on getting her offering right for the residents at Sycamore Hall and it looks like she has already succeeded there! The cafe is now busy with residents eager to try what is on the menu each day. Having got that bit sorted, the café is now open daily to the public and we strongly encourage you to come along and try it out.

There is a lovely menu with choices available throughout the day. The cafe is open every day from **8.30am to 4.00pm** so you can start the day with a choice of breakfast options, have a midmorning coffee with friends, enjoy the delicious lunches and then round things off with tea and cake in the afternoon! Well, that's the theory but I challenge you to fit it all in!!

In case you don't have time to linger, Emily is also offering a takeaway service so that you can enjoy the food in the comfort of your own home, office, car or even on the village green - when the weather is nice!

Emily is serving a delicious roast lunch every Sunday but if you want to enjoy this it is probably best to book to avoid disappointment.

The atmosphere in the cafe is very relaxed and there is a nice 'buzz' of chat as people meet up. There is even a play area for children to keep them amused while the adults enjoy the food!

Emily is being helped in this venture by her family which gives a lovely atmosphere to the place. You never quite know who might be serving, or indeed cooking, each day but there is bound to be someone you know and can chat to! Do come along and try out this new venue where there is easy parking and level access. Everyone is very welcome - bring your friends!

We wish Emily every success in this exciting new venture, although it is quite clear that we are going to need to start looking for some exercise classes to help us work off the calories we are putting on at an alarming rate! Such temptation!

Opening Times: Monday to Sunday; 8.30am to 4.00pm. Contact Emily to make bookings/enquiries or to order cakes etc. on 01969 629826 or email: olives.cafe@hotmail.com.



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#### **Bainbridge Women's Institute**

We still have a busy diary despite the change in the weather.

The Garden Group have dodged the showers to visit another member's garden and also the fabulous gardens at Jervaulx Hall. The Walking Group have been rained off a couple of times and will be crossing their fingers that the next walk is on a lovely day! Fortunately, the Book Club, Craft Club and Lunch Club are generally not impacted by bad weather so their plans will hopefully be okay.

We continue to have our 'drop-in' 'Craft & Chat' sessions on the first Saturday of the month at Sycamore Hall between 10.00am and 1.00pm when members can come along with their own unfinished craft projects to do in the company of others - and, of course, a lot of chat and the usual nibbles!

Our September meeting saw Rowena Lee come to talk to us about her life in service in the 21st century. Rowena talked to us about her years in three very impressive homes around the country, including a castle! It was clearly very hard work with early starts and late finishes every day, but Rowena told us that she loved it. At this meeting we also celebrated the 110th anniversary of the first WI meeting with Prosecco and delicious cupcakes! Here's to the next 110 years!

We re-launched our 'Soup & Sweet' lunches at the end of September when the village hall saw a lovely crowd gather for a delicious homemade lunch - and lots of chat.

Our October meeting takes place at Bainbridge Village Hall on **Thursday 16th**, starting at **7.30pm**. We will be welcoming our speaker from The Woodland Trust who is going to give us an update on the red squirrels at Snaizeholme. Do come along and join us!

Looking a bit further ahead, we are now organising our Christmas Craft Fair which will take place at Bainbridge Village Hall on **Saturday**, **November 8th.** Entry is free and there will be delicious refreshments to enjoy whilst you shop for some unique presents. Put the date in your diary!

We have lots more to look forward to over the next month or two with a lino printing workshop, visits to garden centres and lunches on the horizon.

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 955723**. We would be delighted to see you and offer a warm welcome and lots of opportunities. Do come along!



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October 3rd	Communion in the TV Lounge at Sycamore Hall. 10.00am				
October 5th	The Gathering – Benefice Family Communion, St Oswald's Church 10.30am				
October 12th	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Café Style	Soup followed by Communion 12.30pm	
October 19th	Harvest Festival Celebration 10.30am		Morning Prayer		
October 25th		Concert: 'Music from the Movies 3' at 7.00pm			
October 26th	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Afternoon Prayer Pathfinders and Explorers	

Evening Prayer by telephone is held at **4.00pm** every Sunday. For details see the website <a href="https://www.upperwensleydalechurch.org/services">www.upperwensleydalechurch.org/services</a>

#### **Survival Strategy**

Being advised to decrease our stress levels is not news, but recent studies suggest that an increasing cause of stress is the News itself! The World Health Organisation has warned that 'Media Overload' from access to 24/7 news cycles is contributing significantly to increased levels of stress and anxiety across the world.

It would appear that the natural world is also feeling the pressure with the early yellowing of leaves prompting the question: 'Has Autumn arrived earlier this year?' The heatwaves and the drought conditions of the summer have placed our trees under such stress that they have begun to 'shut down' sooner as a survival strategy.

I have always marvelled at how the Bible speaks into the realities of human nature and managing stress is a recurring theme. The

guidance given in every instance is to look to God and to place our trust in Him. I particularly love the imagery from the Old Testament prophet, Jeremiah who says that when we do so, then we shall be 'like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river ... its leaves will be green, sustained in drought and it will remain fruitful. 'Jer.17:7-8 What a consoling picture.

It's a comfort and a strength to know that whatever tensions and troubles might be reported around the world, that God calls us to 'cast our burdens' on Him as 'He will sustain you'. Ps. 55:22 Now there's some news that will decrease our stress levels. I encourage you to try it.



# Next Steps for New Accessible Trail in Wensleydale to be Considered

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority is pressing ahead with plans to create a safe, family friendly accessible trail along the disused railway line between Garsdale Station and Hawes, a project shaped by strong local support and a shared desire to make the Dales safer and more accessible for everyone.



In 2022, over 2,300 people took part in a public consultation - one of the most engaged in the Authority's history - with nearly 80% backing the idea of a safe, inclusive route for walkers, wheelchair users, cyclists, and horse riders.

Since then, a dedicated Steering Group, including representatives from the National Park Authority and North Yorkshire Council, has been working to bring the route to life. A land agent has been employed to work with landowners along the route to secure access agreements, and while many have engaged positively, some have objected, or not responded.

To keep the project moving, the Authority is now considering a formal Public Path Creation Order under the Highways Act 1980. This legal process would seek to establish the proposed route as a bridleway. Interested parties can submit objections to the Order at this stage, and if these cannot be resolved the matter would be referred to the Secretary of State for a decision.

At their meeting on September 30th, Members of the National Park Authority were asked to support the proposed approach to making a Creation Order, which, if ultimately confirmed, would formally establish access along the former Wensleydale railway line.

Lizzie Bushby, Deputy Chair and Member Champion for Recreation Management at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority said: "In the initial consultation just under 80% of those responding embraced the vision of a shared use bridleway, highlighting the community's support for a safe, inclusive travel corridor.

In their responses, many local residents spoke movingly about the need for a safe way for children to walk and cycle away from the fast and narrow roads that pose daily risks. Their comments reveal real stories: parents picturing stress-free strolls with prams, grandparents hoping to rediscover the old line on foot, and those less mobile dreaming of barrier-free access.

It's now down to us to make this happen and the decision that Members take on the 30th is an important milestone in that journey".

The route of the former railway line has long been protected in local planning documents to preserve the option of reinstating the railway. With that unlikely in the short term, the focus is now on creating an attractive, accessible trail that benefits families, older residents, and those with limited mobility. Most importantly it gives children a safe and scenic way to explore their local community.

The project also holds real potential to boost the local economy, encouraging sustainable tourism and supporting local business in the Upper Wensleydale area.

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# Local Charity Announces Latest Support for Communities in the Yorkshire Dales

Local charity Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) has opened its latest Community Grants scheme, which aims to support organisations that benefit the people, landscape and wildlife of the Yorkshire Dales.

Since 2023, YDMT has provided grant support to more than 125 projects across the Dales to help tackle nature recovery at scale and to improve access to nature.

Two types of grants are available through this new scheme; firstly, 'Project Grants', which can help to fund specific projects and pay for things like the restoration and creation of habitat for nature, or opportunities for underrepresented groups to access the Dales.

Alternatively, 'Unrestricted Grants' are also available which can pay for an organisation's revenue costs such as rent, insurance, staff and volunteer travel expenses.

Typical grants range from £1,000 to £5,000 and applications are evaluated on how closely they help to deliver YDMT's strategic aims and demonstrate value for money. There is no set minimum or maximum grant and YDMT is happy to discuss bigger projects. The charity also aims to have two application windows each year, though applicants can speak to its dedicated Grants Officer at any time.

Mike Appleton, YDMT's Grant Officer said: "As a small and innovative charity, our new grants scheme aims to build partnerships with a diverse range of passionate people and communities to deliver projects that will help conserve and protect the people, landscape and wildlife of the Yorkshire Dales. Our application

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To be eligible to apply for a grant, projects and organisations must be within the Yorkshire Dales National Park, or close to its boundaries. Projects and organisations outside of this area that clearly provide significant benefits to the area or its communities may still be considered.

YDMT welcome applications from public bodies, voluntary and community groups, social enterprises, charities, partnerships, young people, individuals, landowners, farmers and businesses.

The charity has also recently launched a separate Woodland Grant scheme, which aims to support the creation of new native broadleaf woodlands, hedgerow and landscape trees in the National Park, Nidderdale and Forest of Bowland National Landscape.

If you would like to learn more about YDMT's grants and strategic aims and help do something amazing for the people, landscape and wildlife of the area, please visit <a href="https://www.ydmt.org/what-we-do/grants/grants">https://www.ydmt.org/what-we-do/grants/grants</a>.

Applications for the grant scheme are now open and can be submitted at any time, and YDMT aims to make a decision within 6 weeks of receiving all necessary information. For further details and to discuss your project idea, contact YDMT's Grants Officer Mike Appleton on 015242 51002 or email grants@ydmt.org.



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The new solid oak noticeboard for St. Mary and St. John's church, Hardraw, financed by individual donations, will be erected in the churchyard very soon.

The large Cupressus trees have been removed, opening up the churchyard and allowing light to flood into the church. The cost of this work was paid for by the sale of unwanted stone plus some donations. Our church organ has been completely dismantled, repaired and re-assembled. This work was financed by money donated at the original installation in 2007, plus some very generous recent donations, for which we are extremely grateful.

In addition to donations, the PCC appreciated a generous grant from the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust, which enabled the renovation of the organ to be completed. The Trust is a

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Our Harvest Festival service will take place on October 19th at 10.30am. During the service the organ will be blessed and the new noticeboard dedicated. We hope you will be able to come along to this special service.



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The children have settled back in well to our Autumn half term and we have had lots of new starters who have all made new friends.

The Sunshines have been learning about different animals and how to take care of them. The role play area transformed into a vet's surgery and the children have been taking great care of the animals, tending to their illnesses and injuries. The Ducklings have enjoyed lots of sensory play and developing their gross motor skills with ball games and building.

Dalesplay would like to thank Sandra Bell as she retires from the Directors committee, Sandra has been a huge part of our team taking on the role of Director since 2012. We have valued her input into keeping Dalesplay running smoothly for all our families in the Dales. If anyone else in the community would like to take on this voluntary role we would be very grateful for your input. Please get in touch with us at dalesplay1@btconnect.com.

We would like to welcome Diane Burton to our team of staff at Dalesplay. Diane has been helping out this year as part of our bank staff team but, with the increase in families using the

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setting, she will become a permanent part time member of the team. Diane helped to set Dalesplay up back in 2006 and she was the manager when it first opened so we are very lucky to have her back with us with her expertise in early years.

Dalesplay would also like to say a very big thank you to Jan, Liz and the team who organised the charity bingo night, what a huge success it was. We recorded having the most people in attendance since they started doing these wonderful evenings for different charities in our area. The money raised will be put towards our Christmas kitchen refurbishment.

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#### Friday, October 10th – Urban Folk Quartet

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Bridget's sequel, 'Cleave to the Crown' continues the narrative, as Eleanor moves to Nappa Hall, then owned by the Metcalfe family. Here she meets the fugitive Francis Lovell, Richard's faithful knight who later returns with an army to fight the battle of Stoke in 1487. Eleanor's story continues and we hear of the emergence of two so-called Pretenders, who return to bid for the crown. From rural Yorkshire to bleak Furness and down to a remote Devon manor, the stage is set for a last Yorkist revival, but will it succeed and who will survive?

Both novels are based around factual events and characters combined with fiction, where the author has imagined 15th century life in this remote and beautiful valley. Richard spent his formative years at Middleham, learning his knightly skills and would have been familiar with Wensleydale, where he hunted and most



likely bathed in the River Ure. Later, as a military commander, he became Lord of the North, much loved and respected for his fairminded adjudication and jurisdiction. He married Anne Neville, daughter of the Earl of Warwick, who bore his only legitimate son Edward of Middleham. The Scropes of Bolton Castle were Richard's retainers, along with many other local families who pledged their loyalty to him. The collegiate church he planned for Middleham never came to fruition and the final resting place of his son Edward who died in 1484 is lost, though it is possible he lies at either Middleham church, Coverham or Jervaulx Abbey.

Bridget is a frequent visitor to Wensleydale, where she enjoys the lush pastures and craggy outcrops, wildflowers and bird life, stone barns and walls, quiet lanes, historic churches, castles and pretty villages – a place she hopes will endure unspoilt, as it has done for hundreds of years. A most precious and beloved landscape, farmed and managed for generations, which cannot help but inspire artists, writers and photographers.

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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.

On **October 8th** in 'Digital Made Simple' Tanya Cook of AI Community Works will tell you how to make the most of your devices; the Landline switch off; what you need to know about AI, and Social Media - friend or foe?

In 'Together for Trees' on October 15th Rob Macdonald, from Sustainable Swaledale will describe the Swaledale and Arkengarthdale community tree planting project now entering its fifth year, and discuss the traditional role of trees and hedges in our dales.

On October 22nd join Richard Walls on a photographic Journey. Although a small fell, Kisdon Hill in upper Swaledale has a unique quality it's an island hill, cut off from its larger neighbours at the end of the last Ice Age. Kisdon Landscapes is a photographic journey that follows the paths, tracks and watercourses, that take you to, around and over Kisdon Hill.

All our meetings are on Wednesday evenings and start at **7.30pm** in Bellerby Memorial Hall, Church Street DL8 5QL. Membership is £15 for 8 talks, visitors are welcome at £3 per meeting.

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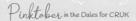
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#### **Dales Charity Bingo Report**

We had a record number of people turn up for our September bingo night in support of DalesPlay. It was great to see some of our younger players again as well as welcome some new young players and the return of those who have been on holiday.

The first prize of the night was quickly won by our youngest player, Jack who was keenly following the numbers with a little help, at times, from dad. And our last prize of the night was won by another of our younger players. Congratulations to both.

Our caller on the night was Mark Murphy and he helped us to learn a few facts about DalesPlay and their team as well as calling the numbers and raffle.

Thank you to everyone who came along to support DalesPlay, despite the (much needed) wet weather. Together we raised £436 for DalesPlay which will go toward their kitchen upgrade.



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- 1 Bellerby Study Group Meeting. Bellerby Memorial Hall. 7.30pm. See p.17.
- 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.
- 3 Dominoes. Carperby Institute. 7.30pm.
- 4 Craft Group Pop-up Shop. Redmire Village Hall. 10.00am. See p. 28.
- 8 Bellerby Study Group Meeting. Bellerby Memorial Hall. 7.30pm. See p.17.
- 8 Charity Bingo. Hawes Market Hall. 7.00pm. See p.4 and 19.
- 9-12 Northern Antiques Fair. Garden Rooms, Tennants. 11.00am. See p.18.
- 10 Quiz Night. West Burton Village Hall. 7.00pm. See p.34.
- 10 Concert. Reeth Memorial Hall. 7.30pm. See p.14.
- 11 Charity Bingo. Buck Inn Reeth. 2.00pm. See p.18.
- 15 Bellerby Study Group Meeting. Bellerby Memorial Hall. 7.30pm. See p.17.
- 15 Local History Group Meeting. Harmby Village Hall. See p.37
- 16 Julia Bradbury Talk. Garden Rooms, Tennants. 7.30pm. See p.25.
- 16 Bainbridge WI Meeting. Bainbridge Village Hall. 7.30pm. See p.7.
- 16-19 Jazz Festival. St Matthew's, Leyburn. See p.34 and 15.
- 17 u3a Meeting. LA&CC. 10.00am. See p.31.
- 17-18 Designer Markers Market. Garden Rooms Tennants. 10.00am. See p.24.
- 21 Cllr Peacock Advice Surgery. Hawes Community Office. 10.00am.
- 22 Upper Wensleydale Ladies Luncheon Club Meeting. Street Head Inn. Noon. See p.29.
- 22 Bellerby Study Group Meeting. Bellerby Memorial Hall. 7.30pm. See p.17.
- 24 'Fun Night'. The Club, Hawes. 6.30pm. See p.7.
- 25 Music From the Musicals Concert. St Margaret's, Hawes. 7.00pm. See p.3.
- 31 Concert. Reeth Memorial Hall. 7.30pm. See p.14.

#### Don't Forget the Story Writing Competition

There are two categories in the competition; those in years 3 and 4 and those in years 5 and 6. Primary schools will be encouraging children to enter and can help with advice and access to computers etc.

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.

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And if you like the works of Jane Austen, jewellery, or art or history of the late 18th and early 19th century, do join us at Tennants Auction House, on **Tuesday**, **October 21st** at **2.00pm** for the next talk on 'Pride and Prejudice: how jewellery reflects the world of Jane Austen' when we celebrate the 250th anniversary of Jane Austen's birth.

For more information, visit <a href="https://theartssociety.org/wensleydale">https://theartssociety.org/wensleydale</a>.





#### Dales Countryside Museum News

Opening times: Daily 10.00am to 5.00pm February to October; 10.00am to 4.00pm November and

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Contact: <a href="mailto:hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk">hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk</a> or call **01969 666210.** For those of you who don't know the Museum, here are a few things it's good to know:

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#### **Exhibitions:**

The Wensleydale Sheep: A Handcrafted History is on show until October 19th. Don't miss seeing this fabulous exhibition featuring the unique work of 40 textile artists from throughout the UK. 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.

The last three of our events linked to this exhibition will be on **October 4th and 18th**, so check out our website if you're interested in crafting with fleece and wool and get booked on for a fun, creative time.

Our next exhibition, Underground Worlds: From here to Vietnam! opens on October 24th. Caves form a major part of the limestone landscape of the world. Those in the Yorkshire Dales National Park are some of the finest and include the longest system in Britain: Three Counties. Vietnam's Phong Nha cave system is home to the world's biggest cave: Hang Son Doong. This exhibition explores the link and history between the two.

# Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists' Club:

We had a fantastic September session with Rob Stokes (Acorns to Oaks), learning how people started fires in the past. The hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows were an added modern bonus and tasted great! The club meets once a month on a **Saturday morning**, **10.00am - noon**. Please call **01969 666210** or email <a href="mailto:dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk">dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk</a> if your child is interested in joining us for a trial session.

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

Our Young Creatives group met for the first time last month and at the next session, will be looking at objects through an Eco lens. 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. If you're aged 18 - 30 and are interested in getting involved, just get in touch. We're also looking to meet with groups of young people so that their voices can be shared through the project. If you're in a group or lead a group and would be interested in having a chat, just get in touch.

Our research project into Rural Women, is on-going. If you have any stories to share from within your family, village or local community, please get in touch <a href="mailto:dem@yorkshiredales.org.uk">dem@yorkshiredales.org.uk</a>.

Our school loan boxes have been flying out of the museum with groups exploring themes of Anglo Saxons, Holidays, WWII and Prehistory. If your school is interested in a free led session or use of our loan boxes, just get in touch.

#### DCM events in October:

Events are included in the Museum admission unless otherwise stated and bookings can be made online and via hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk.

# 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.

#### Taste in Time:

#### **Saturday, October 11th, 10.00am – 4.00pm.**

Come along and make chutney using a Victorian recipe and make butter to take home. All ingredients and lunch are included. £50 Booking essential.

## Recipes and Remedies from the museum archives:

#### Tuesday, October 14th, 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 in October – date to be confirmed, 7.30pm – 9.00pm.

#### Needle felt your own Wensleydale sheep:

# Saturday, October 18th, 10.00am - 12.30pm.

You will needle felt a small, 3D Wensleydale sheep using real Wensleydale curls. Felting needles, wool, instruction sheet and a foam pad are included in the price. £25 Booking essential.

# Needlefelt your own Wensleydale sheep portrait:

#### Saturday, October 18th, 1.30pm - 4.00pm.

You will needle felt a 2D Wensleydale sheep portrait using real Wensleydale curls. Felting needles, embroidery hoop, felt, wool, instruction sheet and a foam pad are included in the price. £25 Booking essential.

#### **Dark Skies Family Event:**

Wednesday, October 29th, 1.00pm - 4.00pm.

Family fun Dark Skies crafting event. Time allocated on arrival.

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#### **News From Sycamore Hall**

We have definitely left summer behind now and the days are very autumnal, with the nights drawing in. Not our favourite time of the year!

Still, as we enter the 'back end' we were thrilled to hear that we had come out on top of the Summer Olympics events held in North Yorkshire facilities this year. We had great fun participating but winning feels good!

There is a real 'buzz' around the place now that our new cafe has opened. 'Olive's Cafe and Cakery' is run by Emily Pickard-Guy and her family and has brought a whole new dimension to Sycamore Hall. Read more about this on page 6. Do come along and enjoy some fabulous food and drink in relaxed surroundings.

Karen and Sonja have put together a busy programme of events for the next couple of months, some of which are open to the public as well as residents of Sycamore Hall. Contact Karen or Sonja for more information.

One of those events is 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. Tickets cost £15. Please book via Karen or Sonja at Sycamore Hall.

Lianna, our Beauty Therapist, is making her next visit to us on **Monday, October 13th** 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 2.00 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.

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!

Sonja's Hair Salon is 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!

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.





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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.

A vital member of the presenting team that made Countryfile into one of the most watched factual programmes on BBC1, 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 published in September. Copies of both books are 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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#### **Heavens Above**

There's a good opportunity to spot a fair number of shooting stars this month, when the annual Orionids meteor shower reaches its peak on the night of October 21st/22nd. The shower isn't particularly prolific, but you can still expect to spot one of these fast, bright meteors every couple of minutes when it reaches its maximum. The Orionids are named after the constellation of Orion (low in the east at this time of the year) from which they appear to radiate, but this is only a line-of-sight effect and they can come from anywhere in the sky. Like most meteors they're produced by minute particles of dust and debris left behind by a comet (Halley's comet in this case) burning up high in the Earth's atmosphere. There's no Moon about to spoil this year's display so it should be an excellent show. Best time to look is after midnight when the shower is at its maximum.

If you're out and about in the early evening on **October 7th**, keep an eye out for the Full Moon. It's the first of three supermoons in a row we get to see this year. It should look slightly bigger and brighter than usual though the difference is just about noticeable to the naked eye. The second of the three, on Bonfire Night next month, will be more striking though, as the Moon is at its closest to us since 2019 and will appear 14% bigger and 30% brighter than the faintest Full Moon.

Supermoons aren't particularly rare — we typically get 3 or 4 each year - but they're still well worth looking out for and make great photographic subjects if you can get hold of a camera with a biggish telephoto lens.

October is a great time of the year to catch a glimpse of the Milky Way. Its glowing band, made up of millions upon millions of stars, stretches right across the sky from east to west. Well worth sweeping with a good set of binoculars especially where it passes close to the constellation of Cygnus the Swan high in the western sky. You'll need to find a site well away from street lights and the like, however, to fully appreciate the view. Give your eyes a chance to adapt to the darkness too - you'll be surprised at how many more stars and star clusters you'll see after twenty minutes or so.

Finally this month - don't forget to put your clocks back an hour on **October 26th** when British Summer Time ends. Have clear skies!

Al Birio



# Eyes on the Skies

Yorkshire Dales environmental campaigning charity, Friends of the Dales will launch its next major campaign on **October 21st** with an online event featuring talks and a panel discussion.



The Eyes on the Skies campaign speaks up about the continued illegal killing of birds of prey in the Yorkshire Dales - one of the UK's black spots for this criminal activity.

- The online launch, starting at 5:30pm on October 21st, offers a chance to:
- Learn about the vital role birds of prey play in the Yorkshire Dales ecosystem.
- Hear from leading experts about the scale and impact of their persecution.
- Find out the ways in which you can speak up for birds of prey and support the campaign.

Everyone is welcome to sign up and join this free event at: www.friendsofthedales.org.uk/events

Friends of the Dales is a registered charity set up in 1981 which works to protect and enhance the Yorkshire Dales and encourages everyone, from all backgrounds, to value and enjoy this special area. We are the only membership and campaigning charity for the Dales!

Our campaigning work is driven by our which policies are created volunteer Policy and Planning Committee made up of trustees and other experts. We campaign on a wide range of environmental and social issues that affect the biodiversity and landscape of the Dales and the wellbeing of local communities. We continue to actively campaign and lobby for sustainable transport since setting up Dalebus (run by our social enterprise company Dales & Bowland CIC) in 2007. Other notable campaigns have included raising awareness nationally and locally of the toxic legacy of planting trees with plastic guards and the importance of adapting cutting regimes on rural verges to allow wildflowers to proliferate.

To find out more, join us, or sign up to our enews visit: www.friendsofthedales.org.uk.

# Green Energy Production in Wensleydale

#### Wanted - an Administrator for River Bain Hydro Ltd

Are you interested in using your administrative skills in a worthwhile way by contributing to the production of Green Energy in the Dales?

As a Community Company, River Bain Hydro Ltd runs a micro generation scheme of hydro-electricity from the water in the River Bain at Bainbridge. There is now the opportunity to join the Management Group as an Administrator to help with the running of the company.

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Knowledge of IT systems is desirable but training can be given. The position is currently held by a volunteer but it may be possible to pay a small remuneration depending on the amount of electricity generated throughout the year which determines the income of the Company.

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After our note in the September issue, I am writing to report on progress on the works at St Margaret's with special thanks to the generous donations which we received and to those doing the work.

We now have a bell working in its bell cote. It may be heard in the next few weeks, but we will welcome all of the Penhill Benefice churches to a joint service on **October 26th** when the Bishop of Ripon, Bishop Anna, will be with us and will formally dedicate the Bell Cote.

We also had to deal with damp in the vestry and prepared to excavate the surrounding ground to create a vertical damp barrier. Then removing a bit of topsoil, we found that there was a void created when the church was built in the 1860s with a separate retaining wall covered with stone slabs. So this was left in place (with its very effective drains), covered with clean gravel.

Our building work will be finished shortly with the vestry being limewashed and shelves replaced together with other small items completed.

The outstanding task later in the year is to replace the rotten North window

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Our appeal to residents of Preston under Scar gave us a wonderful £2,980. And we have received and will receive grants from national, and these regional organisations - The Diocese of Leeds, The Elm House Trust and The Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust.

Finally, we thank those who have done or will do the hard work – Alexa Stephens of PB Architects who designed and monitors the works, DG&M Construction (Andrew McGregor) our main contractor, and Byker Bespoke for the new window.

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The next meeting of the Luncheon Club will be on **October 22nd** and thereafter on the **4th Wednesday in the month at** the Street Head Inn at **noon for 12.30pm** lunch.

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#### Friday, October 3rd

**6.30pm** Harvest Pet Service, Holy Trinity, Wensley...

Sunday, October 5th

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

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

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

**3.00pm** Harvest Service, St. Mary's, Redmire.

Sunday, October 12th

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, October 19th

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

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

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

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

Sunday, October 26th

10.30am Holy Communion Penhill Together Service with the Rt Revd Anna Eltringham the Bishop of Ripon. St. Margaret's, Preston under Scar.

#### October Mid-Week Services:

Thursday, 9th and 23rd at 9.30am. Holy Communion, at St. Bartholomew's, West Witton. Church Coffee Morning: Wednesday, October 1st, 10.30am to noon at Redmire Village Hall.

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

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# Mystery Picture

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#### **Leyburn Arts & Community Centre**

Lots of music and film at the Centre this month, see the flyer for all the regular Friday films and days and times for the others, but briefly highlighting the variety, we have a Silent Film; **Tuesday**, **October 14th at 2.00pm**;

Music from Dixon County, Saturday, October 18th at 7.30nm:

National Theatre Live, Mrs Warren's Profession, Thursday, October 23rd at 7.00pm;

Live Cinema, Bat Out of Hell, Thursday, October 30th at 7.00pm.

This year marks 100 years of Community Cinema and Leyburn Arts Centre will be having three very special screenings between October and December to celebrate this anniversary, all of which will have free raffles and other special features - plus a ticket price of £3! - all generously supported by Cinema For All, an organisation dedicated to strengthening the community cinema and film society sector.

The first two are: **Friday, October 3rd** - the award-winning film, Cinema Paradiso, set in post-war Sicily about the friendship of a young boy and an aging projectionist who works at the local cinema and teaches him the ropes.

Friday, November 7th - Muriel's Wedding. Muriel finds life in Porpoise Spit Australia dull and spends her days alone in her room listening to Abba and dreaming of her wedding day. In an attempt to make her dreams become reality she steals some money to go on a tropical vacation, changes her name to Mariel and turns her world upside down!

And - LACC will once more be taking part in this year's French Film Festival and will be have four special screenings - again between October and December. Tickets will be £6/£5 and all films will be in French with English subtitles.

The first two are: Friday, October 24th -The Grand Highway: While his mother gives birth to her second baby, a nine year old spends his summer in Brittany with relatives and gets taught the mysteries of rural life!; Tuesday, November 4th - A Real Job: A young PhD student becomes a substitute maths teacher in a suburban school and quickly discovers the difficulties of the profession.

See the website for other events and activities including Digital Support; Carers Plus; Staying Healthy, independent and connected; and Community Shed sessions.

# Financial Assistance for Students – 2025/2026

Grants are being offered to students under the age of 25, who live in Upper Wensleydale, and are moving into, or are already within, higher education for the academic year 2025/26. The grants are awarded to provide students with financial assistance in meeting educational costs, including transport costs.

The Trustees of Yorebridge Education Foundation are now inviting grant applications; applicants should provide details of their age, the educational establishment that they are to attend, their chosen course, how they would use the grant if awarded one, plus any additional information that they consider relevant.

Students are welcome to apply this year even if they have been awarded a grant in previous years. All applications must be received by **December 31st** and sent electronically to The Clerk: <a href="mailto:clerkyef@outlook.com">clerkyef@outlook.com</a>.

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#### Blueboxt – October Update

Our Autumn programme is underway with plenty of opportunities for all ages to get involved in and enjoy. Tickets are available for all upcoming events so please book early and support our volunteers and performers who work tirelessly to keep community arts happening in the Dales.

#### Activities:

Light My Choir! (minimum age 16 years) — Mondays 7.00pm - 9.00pm at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall. Sessions cover uplifting spiritual 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) – **Wednesdays 6.30pm - 8.30pm** in Leyburn (venue TBC). Sessions cover different styles of music and are great for making music with other young musicians.

Jazz Workshop (11-19 years, other ages considered) – **Saturday, October 18th, 10.00am** - **1.00pm** at St. Matthew's Church, Leyburn. Guest music leader Paul Edis will lead the session as part of Leyburn Jazz Festival, which will focus on jazz standards, composition and improvisation. As a guide, players should be working toward grade 3 to gain the most from this FREE opportunity.

Get Musical Jam Band (6-11 years, other ages considered) – Fridays, November 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th from 4.30pm - 6.00pm at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall. Bee Darcey returns with a fun series of music-making activities including Boomwhackers, Bucket Beats, Sing-along-a Jam Band.

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. The competition is run in partnership with Wensleydale Rotary and form a local heat for the National competition.

FEAST Christmas Activity Day: Our Christmas Holiday session will take place on Monday, December 22nd from 11.00am - 3.00pm at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall. Enjoy an action packed few hours as a family, or let them have all the fun while you sneak in some last-minute preparations for the big day!

#### Fund Raising:

Quiz night with Simon Eastwood – The wait is over! Friday, October 10th at West Burton Village Hall, DL8 4JY. 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. Bar and Raffle. 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. Our Trustees are looking for volunteers to help sell tickets, please get in touch.

Coffee Mornings – We are hosting two coffee mornings in Leyburn Methodist Church Hall on **Friday, October 31st and Friday, November 28th**. Enjoy a cuppa and a chat. Cake Stall and Raffle.

#### Events:

Leyburn Jazz Festival – This year's festival takes place from Thursday, October 16th to Sunday 19th at St. Matthew's Church, Leyburn. The festival 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. 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 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 or pick up a copy from community information points.

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

#### Synopsis of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Upper Dales Health Watch

Held on September 2nd, 2025

- Wi-fi at Sycamore Hall Cllr. Yvonne Peacock will contact Quickline to see if they can help get a mobile phone signal to the Step-up Stepdown flat.
- Rural Healthcare ICB Healthy Farmer Project. Funding will cease in September.
- The proposed public meeting to support Carers will now take place in the Spring. Details will be discussed at the next UDHW meeting.
- 3 members of staff are going on a nutrition course in October that will allow them to give Healthy Eating advice to patients.
- Dr Pilbeam left the Practice for personal reasons. Recruitment for a replacement GP has so far been unsuccessful. Locums are too



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expensive. Staff are working longer hours, so patients are not waiting any longer than before. The search for another FT/PT GP/ANP is ongoing. Dr Josh Milner is returning to the RAF in October.

- The Central Dales Practice (CDP) came out very well in the national GP Patient Survey, being the highest scoring practice in Richmondshire and in the top 5% nationally. Congratulations have been sent to all staff for this outstanding result.
- The Hawes Pharmacy is offering weight loss medication privately to patients. The CDP is happy to endorse this service as patients are weighed and diagnosed responsibly.
- Appointments for 'Flu jabs can now be made at both surgeries from October onwards. Patients are requested to phone after 11.00am. Invitations will be made to those eligible for a further Covid jab (probably the over 75s and the housebound). The Hawes Pharmacy will also be offering the 'Flu jabs, but the CDP does rely on the funding for administering these, so patients need to use the Practice if possible.
- The Government has scrapped Patient Participation Groups, but UDHW Reps and CDP agree the UDHW is of mutual benefit so will continue.
- The national HealthWatch is also to be discontinued.

Jane Ritchie, Hon. Secretary

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Class Timetable - via Zoom or live class as indicated. Booking is essential for all classes. Email admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk or phone 01969 650060. Classes are: (£9 pay as you go or class membership option available.)

Fit for Life - Mondays (live and on Zoom) 9.15am - 10.15am. Building and maintaining strength to live life your way. Weights, resistance bands and equipment available to borrow in the gym.

Warm and Well - Mondays (live) 11.00am noon. Enjoy a social, active class building core strength. Standing and chair-based exercise.

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Circuits – **Wednesdays** (live and on Zoom) 9.15am - 10.15am. Exercises to keep active people, active. Work at your level through a mix of cardio and strengthening exercises. Weights, resistance bands and equipment available to borrow in the gym.

Yogafusion – (£6) Thursdays (live) 9.30am – 10.30am with Janesse. To book please email yogafusionbyj@gmail.com.

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

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#### Middleham and the Dales Local History Group

Wednesday, October 15th at Harmby Village Hall

Leyburn School Board, too little, too late?

by Professor Edgar Jenkins

Edgar Jenkins taught chemistry in secondary schools in Leeds and the West Riding before joining the University of Leeds where he held a number of senior academic positions and became professor of science education policy.

His interest in the work of School Boards stems from the major role they played in developing post-elementary science education in the second half of the 19th century. He is the author of the centenary history of the City of Leeds School which began life as a higher-grade school set up the Leeds School Board and was one of the most successful and best known schools of its type in England.

Edgar has also undertaken work for organisations that include UNESCO, The Royal Society, and the European Union and has an extensive list of publications.

Members, new members and visitors are always welcome, annual membership is £12 for nine meetings and visitors can attend for £3 per meeting.

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- DalesBus 80 linking Hawes, Ribblehead, Ingleton and Lancaster runs every Saturday until October 18th.

Wensleydale Flyer service 856 between Hawes, Leyburn, Bedale and Northallerton continues running on Sundays all year.

Further information on these services, and all other local bus services, is available from the Upper Dales Community Office in Hawes and online at <a href="https://www.dalesbus.org/hawes">www.dalesbus.org/hawes</a>. The maximum single fare on all services is £3, and under 19s travel for just £1.

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#### New Transport Rules Risks Leaving Patients Stranded

People across North Yorkshire are finding it harder to reach vital medical appointments because of recent national changes to patient transport services.

In April 2025, national rules for free nonemergency patient transport, mainly provided by the Yorkshire Ambulance Service, changed. For many, this meant losing access to the transport they relied on to reach hospitals and clinics. Without it, some are forced to pay money they cannot afford on taxis, depend on others, or miss appointments altogether as they can't get there.

Healthwatch, the independent organisations who listen to people's health and social care experiences, help them find advice and information, and work to make care better, have started to speak with people to see how it's affecting them - whether it makes it harder to get to appointments, and what alternatives (if any) people are using.

One resident told local Healthwatch:

"On two occasions I had to go to hospital. Once was by ambulance, the second time no ambulance was provided. But I was not allowed to drive myself. I had to struggle to ask a neighbour to take me. Both times I had to pay for a taxi to take me home. One of these occasions was at 3.00am. This is not satisfactory."

Why does this matter? Every missed appointment can mean worsening illness, longer recovery, or avoidable complications.

Older adults, people with long-term conditions, and those on low incomes are among the most at risk.

Transport isn't a convenience — it's the link between illness and treatment.

Nationally, in 2021/22, 7.6% of outpatient appointments in England ended in a "did not attend". Whilst that might not seem a big number at first glance, it is — around 650,000 missed appointments every month. Transport is among the reasons people cannot attend.

Locally, community transport providers, who are different to non-urgent/non-emergency patient transport, are already seeing a sharp rise in people asking for help since the new rules

came in. The NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board, who plan and fund the NHS locally, - Community Transport Report (January 2025) - confirms this increase is directly linked to changes in eligibility.

Yet the true scale of people's experiences locally is still unclear. That is why Healthwatch are working to gather people's stories. Healthwatch is calling on people to share their experiences of patient transport. These will be used to:

- Show the real impact of missed appointments and rising costs.
- Share evidence with the NHS, North Yorkshire Council and City of York Council.
- Press for changes, including rethinking eligibility rules and ensuring affordable alternatives.

People who access healthcare (or try to) are invited to take part. People are also welcome to complete the survey on behalf of a loved one or someone they care for.

It only takes 10 minutes and people don't need to leave their name. What you tell Healthwatch will not affect your care.

Survey link: <a href="https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/">https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/</a> X6GOMW/.

If you have any questions, please contact your local Healthwatch. North Yorkshire residents phone **01423 788128** or email: hello@hwny.co.uk.

If you live outside of York and North Yorkshire, but still use healthcare in those areas, you can still take part in the survey.

If you're uncertain whether you or someone you know is eligible for patient transport, please visit <a href="https://www.yas.nhs.uk/our-services/patient-transport-service-pts/eligibility/">https://www.yas.nhs.uk/our-service-pts/eligibility/</a>.

If you are registered with a GP in Yorkshire, and want to make a patient transport booking, call on 0330 678 4000 between 7.00am and 7.00pm Monday to Friday and between 8.00am and 6.00pm on weekends.

You can find out more at <a href="https://www.yas.nhs.uk/our-services/patient-transport-service-pts/managing-your-booking/">https://www.yas.nhs.uk/our-services/patient-transport-service-pts/managing-your-booking/</a>.





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