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Garsdale Station at 40

Throughout 2026, celebrations are being held to mark the opening of the Settle-Carlisle Railway 150 years ago, in 1876. However, there is another Settle-Carlisle anniversary this year and we are going to mark it at Garsdale Station on **Tuesday, July 14th** (details below). The storyline is as follows:

By 1970, British Rail (BR) - which ran trains, track, stations and signalling back then - had closed all the stations on the Settle-Carlisle line except Settle and Appleby. These two stations remained open for long-distance express trains to stop but there were no local stopping trains.

In 1983, BR issued notices of their intent to close the whole route, which resulted in a vigorous six-year campaign to save the line; the campaign was eventually successful but not until 1989. Rail photographer Pete Shaw, a vice-president of the Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line (FoSCL), continues the story:

"Garsdale, along with seven other Settle-Carlisle stations, was re-opened by BR for regular stopping passenger train services forty years ago. Thus, it was actually during the closure proposal that the stations gained a new lease of life! The BR manager appointed to oversee closure was Ron Cotton, who was experienced in marketing and recognised the untapped potential of the line. He put on extra trains and re-opened eight stations: Armathwaite, Lazonby and Kirkoswald, Langwathby, Kirkby Stephen, Garsdale, Dent, Ribbleshead and Horton-in-Ribblesdale."

"Sixteen years of decay meant a lot of refurbishment work was needed," says Mr. Shaw. "A small group of volunteers from within FoSCL set up the Friends of Garsdale Station and began fundraising, having obtained permission from BR to effect repairs under a Local Station Adoption Scheme. The volunteers - including members of both Hawes and Sedburgh Chambers of Trade and with financial support from Hawes Parish Council, the National Park and others - carried out three years of work to make the station usable and weatherproof. In 2008, Network Rail upgraded the facilities even further, giving the excellent conditions we enjoy today. Garsdale is one of the very few unstaffed stations in the country to have toilets - with hot water and fragrant handwash!"



In 2009, the statue of Ruswarp (Russup) was unveiled on the southbound platform. He was the devoted border collie dog owned by Graham Nuttall, FoSCL's co-founder (with David Burton). In

those days dogs were charged a fare on trains so Ruswarp's paw-print was accepted as a valid objection to the closure proposal. Sadly, Ruswarp came to national attention for a second time when Graham died whilst walking in Wales early in 1990; for eleven winter weeks the dog stayed with the body of his master until eventually rescued. 'Garsdale was their favourite place.'

On **Tuesday, July 14th**, some of the Friends of Garsdale Station will be at the station between **11.00am and 3.00pm** to provide a welcome (and a free steam train poster) for anyone who would like to hear more about the long campaign to save the Settle-Carlisle and the unexpected return in 1986 of local stopping trains; or for a catch-up on what's new, including FoSCL's guided walks programme for the rest of the year. There are interesting historical display panels in the two waiting rooms - or perhaps you will photograph your own dog with the statue of Ruswarp? (We are considering a photo-competition, based on the statue; all dogs on leads please!).

The Hawes-Garsdale station shuttle bus is also 40 this month (though was not always run by Little White Bus); tel **01969 667400** for details of times, fares and passes eligible for free travel. If you come by car, parking is free on the further side from the railway houses (i.e. from the A684, go under the railway bridge; please do not park outside the houses).

For those coming by rail, trains arrive Garsdale **10.54am** or **12.22pm** (from Leeds); **12.07pm** and **2.39pm** (from Carlisle); trains depart from Garsdale to Leeds **12.07pm**, **2.39pm** (not all stations to Leeds) and **4.00pm**; to Carlisle **12.22pm**, **2.48pm**, **4.52pm** and **6.21pm**. Please check your own journey times with care and allow adequate time to walk round to reach your departure platform.

Ruth Annison



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Do come and join us for a lovely day trip on the Little White Bus.

Thursday, July 30th - trip to Appleby in Westmorland £14. Picking up from: Hawes, Bainbridge, Askrigg, Reeth, Low Row, Muker and Keld.

Monday, August 3rd - trip to Knaresborough £20. Picking up from: Hawes, Tunstall, Scotton, Richmond Market Place, Middleton Tyas, Scotton, Catterick Village.

Thursday, August 6th - trip to Clitheroe £18. Picking up from: Redmire, Carperby, Aysgarth, Askrigg, Bainbridge and Hawes.

Saturday, August 8th - Northallerton shopper £10. Picking up from: Appersett, Hardraw, Gayle, Hawes, Buttersett, Countersett, Bainbridge (inc. Sycamore Hall), Leyburn (inc. Kirkwood Hall).

Thursday, August 13th - trip to Morecambe £15. Picking up from: Leyburn (inc. Kirkwood Hall), Wensley, Bainbridge (inc. Sycamore Hall) and Hawes.

We are also trialling a trip called the 'Dales Jumper' on a **Friday** which goes from Hawes to Reeth picking up and dropping off at: Thwaite, Keld, Tan Hill, Whaw, CB Inn and Langthwaite. Enjoy a walk and end up at the pub for a drink or a meal and get the bus to bring you back!

To book: please phone **01969 667400**, visit www.littlewhitebus.co.uk/day-trips/ or drop into Hawes Library and Community Office.

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Eunice the Ewe

In June I was hiding in the Yarnbombers picture on page 28. And the lucky winner of the £10 prize is Lexi Metcalfe of Leyburn.

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

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June Competition Answers

1. Help.
2. Heartbreak Hotel.
3. Tears of a Clown.
4. Waterloo.
5. You're The One That I Want.
6. (I Can't Get No) Satisfaction.
7. Stayin' Alive.
8. Living Next Door to Alice.
9. Heart of Glass.
10. I Just Can't Get You Out of My Head.
11. You'll Never Walk Alone.
12. Don't Look Back in Anger.
13. Gangnam Style.
14. Sweet Caroline.
15. Bohemian Rhapsody.

A number of correct entries were received, and the winner this month is Sally Stone from West Burton. Her chosen charity to receive the £50 prize is Yorkshire Cancer Research.

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July Competition

Below are clues to the names of different Dales. The number in brackets gives the number of letters in the name, including the word dale.

1. Senior clergy...dale (10)
2. New version of song by another artist....dale (9)
3. It's all Emma had (10)
4. It could all be debris (11)
5. Mimic behaviourdale (7)
6. Hard surface hollow....dale (8)
7. Home to bryophytic plants (8)
8. Just messed up a general dark hat (14)
9. Hit two flat surfaces producing sudden sound here (8)
10. Pin or wedge securing two other parts (10)
11. A valley of clotted blood from a wound (8)
12. Modular beehive...dale (14)
13. Valley for cartilaginous fish (7)
14. Country for confused Welsh (9)
15. Ana dwelled here (10)
16. The place for weeny ladies (11)

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

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Diamonds in the Rough

That warehouse on an industrial estate in Darlington where we picked up pallets of fertiliser, forklifted on, hooray, handballed off, urgh, - what a place. There you were, travelling through a harsh industrial environment, all straight lines and steel with a rackety soundtrack of heavy traffic and general clatter – every time I visited, sounded like some poor soul was obsessively attacking tin sheets with a big hammer. So, could nature get its foot in the door - no problem, as some artist had had the foresight to plant an *Exochorda* ‘the bride’ tight up against the weighbridge office wall. I wasn’t the only starstruck driver to slow down and gawp at the springtime display; here shouted out an 8 foot shrub with every glossy leaf obscured by reams of pure white flowers, the whole feature a giant snowball. Pearl Bush gives all for about a week before abruptly fading away – short and VERY sweet. Annual pruning is recommended; bet this one was just ignored, and no worse for that. Don’t want to get overly gushy but you couldn’t help feel overawed at this tiny, magical intervention during the 50-hour working week, tachograph permitting of course...

I was reminded of the above having been in Catterick outside the Savoy cinema where I noticed, amongst vast swathes of urban planting, a tiny pocket of *Pittosporums*. Doubtless stuck in as a space filler, this variety, probably ‘Tom Thumb’, deserved more than that; the gleamingly fresh pale green foliage perfectly offset by mature, reddish-brown leaves, extremely glossy and surviving through winter – in quite a plain setting, what an unexpected boost it was. Like the *Exochorda*, easy enough to grow in a sunny position in well dug, enriched soil, just allow room to spread.

Before I get carried away, ‘the rough’ in the title, whose meaning I’ve shamelessly bent to fit the narrative, isn’t meant as criticism, more as referencing somewhere unexpected, a surprising environment for the delight uncovered - don’t want to upset anyone, thought I should mention it before touching on that Askrigg job involving four hours of digging in preparation for planting up.... what an eye opener. Geometric rows of veg in the tidiest allotment this side of ‘Gardeners’ World’ were a wonder to behold, yet I was more taken with a true peculiarity, the *Parrotia persica* or Persian Ironwood plonked nearby - a most attractive tree/shrub, especially

later in the year. How exotic; reaching over 20ft tall, marvel as, come autumn, the modest green foliage magically converts to flirty purples, yellows and oranges – make sure to allow for width and height though, otherwise you’re into lopping, disfiguring, and sadly sacrificing sprays of tiny, witch hazel type red flowers in spring. ‘Persian Spire’ or ‘Vanessa’ are smaller varieties to go for, anything else and you’re into colossal.

The common theme is being observant, in the moment, something I struggle with, but rewards are there, down any street in any town: “Oh that, well it was sold to me as the Doncaster variety”, the proud owner informed me as I gazed, open mouthed at the fabulous *Rhododendron* at the end of a row of unassuming bungalows in Skipton. Those outrageous, crimson blooms against deep emerald foliage appealed on two conflicting levels: 1) neatness and symmetry, 2) tropical and flamboyant, a big ask for the Dales in April. I suspect the shrub had benefitted from neglect; like all I’ve mentioned, none had ever heard even a rumour of secateurs, all allowed to flourish, unhacked, resulting in flowering mayhem. As I’m a devil for control in the garden, forever snipping and tidying up, maybe it’s a lesson to learn; relax, let nature just happen, she never disappoints.

Time moves on and the fertiliser warehouse mentioned earlier has, no doubt, long gone – I hope the *Exochorda* has escaped the chop...doubtful. Seems like there are few constants in the growing world; stuff’s dug up, areas re-landscaped, however one certainty is that stoical little hawthorn tree growing on the left, directly out of a boulder which I’ve noticed for years on the drive to Ingleton. Flanked by vast limestone escarpments, solitary, open to the elements, that’s one well ‘ard little tree – THE diamond in the rough.

Ed Gardener



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Heavens Above

The pale band of the Milky Way is a marvellous sight during summer and early autumn. It stretches right across the sky from north to south, glowing with the light of billions of distant stars. It's best seen late on a moonless night from a really dark location, well away from any kind of artificial lighting. Letting your eyes adapt to the darkness for a good few minutes is also well worthwhile - you'll be really surprised how many more stars this lets you see and how brilliant they are. If you can get hold of them, decent binoculars - 7x50 ones are ideal - or a small telescope will bring even more stars and star clusters into view, especially high overhead where the Milky Way appears to split in two in the constellation of Cygnus the Swan.

Cygnus, or the Northern Cross as it's sometimes called because of its large cruciform shape, is one of the richest of all the constellations and also one of the few that actually looks a bit like its namesake - a large elegant bird with outspread wings and an elongated neck beating its way amongst the stars.

There's a real dearth of planets in the early evening this month. Apart from Venus (and Mercury which is lost in the Sun's glare) they're all on view in the early hours. Venus makes up for their absence, however, blazing away low in the west soon after sunset. Around **10.00pm** on **July 17th**, it teams up with the slim crescent Moon. A lovely sight in the gathering darkness.

We've three spectacular events to look forward to next month. On **August 12th**, starting around **7.00pm**, there's a large partial eclipse of the Sun with about 90% of its disc covered by the Moon (you'll have to travel to western Iceland or northern Spain to see the Sun totally eclipsed, or hang around until 2190 when the next fully total one is due in UK skies!). The night of **August 12/13th** also sees the peak of the Perseids meteor shower, one of the best of the year. With the Moon well out of the way it should be a really fantastic show. Right at the end of the month on **August 28th**, there's a partial Lunar eclipse, when over 90% of the Moon's disc lies in the Earth's shadow when it reaches its maximum. You'll need to drag yourself out of bed to see it though, as it occurs in the wee small hours beginning at **3.34am** and finishing around a **5.15am**. Have clear skies!

Al Bireo



Hawes Silver Band

On **Sunday, July 5th at 2.00pm** the band accompanies the hymns for the traditional Gayle Camp service in Gayle Methodist Church.

On **Saturday, July 18th at 2.00pm** the band plays for a new event "Cream Tea and Tunes" at the Catterick Garrison Memorial Church - a fun afternoon with the Catterick WAGS Choir making music with the band and raising funds for Fight Bladder Cancer - and with a cream tea as a bonus!

Tickets: Adults £10, under 16s £5, family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) £25.

The band plays for local events and celebrations and enquiries are welcome, see hawessilverband.org.uk. New players with any level of skill on a brass instrument are welcome at our regular practice sessions, **7.30pm** at the Market House, Hawes most **Sunday evenings**. We can also help complete beginners to maintain the great tradition of brass banding in the Dales. Instruments can be loaned. Contact Sue Woof at bandswoof@gmail.com.



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Wensleydale Concert Series

July is the only month this year when we have two concerts. The first is on **Saturday, July 4th** at Carperby Village Hall. Note this venue is smaller than St. Andrew's Church and so tickets are more limited. We are really pleased to invite two internationally established musicians (who



just also happen to live locally in Richmond): lutenist Jacob Heringman and viol player Susanna Pell. Together Jacob and Susanna form the duo Pellingman's Saraband and their music features early music by some of the great composers of the Renaissance and Early Baroque periods. They have been musical colleagues for 37 years and have both enjoyed distinguished careers; Jacob as a soloist and with many prominent period ensembles; Susanna as a freelance performer and member of the pioneering groups, Fretwork and The Dufay Collective. This will be a very special event in an intimate space where you can experience their performance from close up.

The second concert of July is on **Saturday, July 18th** at St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth and features the superb pianist Tyler Hay performing music by Chopin, Rubinstein and Liszt - including the monumental and era defining work by Liszt - his Grand Sonata. Tyler has won numerous international awards and prizes and has a growing catalogue of acclaimed recordings. Pianist magazine described his playing as "Like a man possessed ... with technique to spare".



Tickets for both concerts are £18 when bought in advance, £20 at the door, and for under 18s/Full Time Students there are £1 tickets.

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July 5th	The Gathering – Benefice Family Communion, St Oswald's Church 10.30am			
July 10th	Communion at Sycamore Hall 10.00am			
July 12th	Morning Prayer	Holy Communion	Café Style	12.30pm Soup followed by Communion
July 19th	Holy Communion	Family Service	Morning Prayer	
July 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 www.upperwensleydalechurch.org/services				

Tyndale Anniversary

The prolific classic Greek playwright Aeschylus is credited with writing 'in war, truth is the first casualty'. Be it him or not, recent world events enable us to understand the reality behind the statement whilst the persistent cries of 'Fake News' also challenge our ability to interpret truth.

William Tyndale was a man who gave his life in pursuit of ensuring that the truth was available to everyone and this year sees the 500th anniversary of his greatest achievement – the translation and mass printing of the Bible into English. Until that time the Bible was written and read in Latin and the truth of God's word was regularly being twisted for personal gain. In an attempt to silence him he was arrested and executed but within 2 years of his death King

Henry VIII ordered that every church must have a copy of the Bible in English. This was a bold and revolutionary decision that changed the spiritual life of our nation but sadly, many still live their lives in complete ignorance of what God is actually saying to us all.

Not so the children of Hawes School. By way of marking this extraordinary event the children in years 5 and 6 are undertaking a public reading of the whole of Mark's Gospel in their parish church of St Margaret's in Hawes on the morning of **Tuesday, July 7th**. As you pay a visit to the market stalls, why not call in to give them your support and hear for yourselves the words that have changed billions of lives across the centuries! "The truth will set you free" ^{John 8:32}

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Dales Countryside Museum Shortlisted for Award

Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes has been shortlisted for the 'Kids in Museums Family Friendly Museum Award'; it was announced in June. Charity Kids in Museums has run a prestigious annual award since 2004, recognising the most family friendly heritage sites in the UK. It is the only museum award to be judged by families.

From February to late April, families across the UK voted for their favourite heritage attraction on the Kids in Museums website. A panel of museum experts, children and young people then whittled down hundreds of nominations to a shortlist of 20 heritage attractions.

Dales Countryside Museum is vying against four other museums in the Best Small Museum category. Fiona Rosher, Museum Manager said: "We are thrilled to be shortlisted for the Family

Friendly Museum Award. It's especially meaningful because the award is judged by families themselves, and creating a welcoming, engaging experience for children and visitors of all ages is at the heart of everything we do here in Hawes. This recognition reflects the hard work of our team and volunteers, and the fantastic support we receive from our local community."

Over the summer holidays, Dales Countryside Museum will be visited by undercover family judges who will assess the shortlisted museums against the Kids in Museums Manifesto, a set of guidelines on what makes a great museum visit for all ages. Their experiences will decide a winner for each award category and an overall winner of the Family Friendly Museum Award 2026. The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony in October.

The Family Friendly Museum Award has been made possible by funding from Arts Council England.



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Ken, a retired Police inspector, decided that he did not want to play bowls, potter in the garden or watch daytime TV so engages himself in less appropriate age-related activities. From fulfilling a boyhood dream of driving a dog sled team across the Arctic regions of Europe, to riding motorcycles in far flung places such as Nepal, Rajasthan and Bhutan he uses his adventures to raise funds for the Theodora Children's Charity through illustrated talks and publishing books detailing his travels.

Visitors and new members are always welcome. Doors open at **10.00am for 10.30am** at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre, Richmond Road, Leyburn. For details contact Membership secretary www.leyburn.u3asite.uk.

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Dales Charity Bingo Report

Our June bingo night was in support of Hawes Christmas Lights. We enjoyed a fun night with a small Christmas theme threaded throughout the night's prizes, and which was topped off perfectly by Mark wearing his Christmas jumper (yes in June!).

The night raised £481 for the Hawes Christmas Lights which will go toward repairs for the lights. The Christmas Lights team advised they have started work on checking and repairing the lights after last year's display and offered a warm welcome to anyone who would like to come along and help with this annual task.

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the night and thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the night a success.

Our next bingo night will be held in Hawes on **Wednesday, July 8th** for Hawes Junior Football Club – please see our advertisement on page 16.

If you would like to know more, please email us at dalescharitybingo@gmail.com.

Hawes Amateur Operatic Society

It might be you!! We are still trying to track down the holder of Lucky Programme No. 154 from our last panto. We have a prize waiting for you. The winning programme was most likely sold at the Friday evening or Saturday matinee performance. Please call **07896 806501**.

Although pantomime season may feel a long way off, preparations are already underway for our next production. Our rearranged Annual General Meeting will take place on **Wednesday, July 1st at 7.00pm** at The Fountain, Hawes, and everyone is welcome to attend.

We are always keen to welcome new members, from juniors upwards, whether you'd like to be part of the cast, front of house or help behind the scenes with the crew. Our productions can only continue thanks to the support of the local community, so if you'd like to get involved or find out more, just turn up or please call Suzanne on the number above beforehand.

We look forward to seeing both familiar faces and new ones on **Wednesday, July 1st**.

Penhill Benefice

Church Services: In case of bad weather, please check our website for updates at penhillbenefice.co.uk/services, and Facebook page for updates

There will be a Telephone Service each **Sunday at 9.30am**. Dial **0333 0110 946** and enter room number 61337190# and PIN 7450# (local charges apply).

Sunday, July 5th

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, July 12th - Penhill Benefice 20th Year Anniversary Celebration

10.30am Holy Communion Penhill Together Service, St Andrew's, Aysgarth with Revd Canon Dr James Theodosius, Archdeacon of Richmond and Craven.

Sunday, July 19th

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.

6.00pm Songs of Praise,
St. Margaret's, Preston under Scar.

Sunday, July 26th

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

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

6.00pm Evening Prayer,
Thornton Rust Mission Room.

July Mid-Week Services:

Thursday, 9th and 23rd at 9.30am.

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

Church Coffee Morning: **Wednesday, July 1st from 10.30am to noon** at Redmire Village Hall.

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

Penhill Benefice Anniversary Walk:

Friday, July 24th and Saturday, July 25th.

Walk from church to church across the Benefice about 8 miles per day. See website and Facebook page for updates about the walks or contact Rev Scott, scott.lunn@leeds.anglican.org for more details.

Dales Pop Choir Summer Concert!

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Reeth Memorial Hall Concerts

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BAWB Schools News

This month's news comes from pupils at the school

Vicky Collins, Executive Headteacher

The SATs at Askrigg Primary School have been completed by the Class of 2026. Many of the children were relieved that the variety of exams were over, after waiting their whole primary career for them. One girl named Anna said, "They were easier than I thought, and it was nice being outside afterwards."

To celebrate, the Year 6s went to the Wensleydale Ice Cream Parlour, where each child got to pick their favourite flavour. Aaron described his flavour as "delicious and refreshing". The Year 6 teacher commented, "I was thoroughly impressed by all of the children because they all worked really hard and had a positive attitude throughout."

Isla

In English, the Year 6s have been writing a story about a character who meets a mythical creature, based on the book Skellig. The Year 2 classroom has mermaid pictures all over their English wall because they are reading the book Julian and the Mermaid. The Year 5s have been reading a book called Bird Song. Olivia, a Year 5 pupil, said, "A girl was in a car crash and found a boy in a bush who looks after birds and has maggots in his pockets. I think it's okay."

Anna

The new school uniform and logo have been changed by the Governors and Miss Collins at BAWB. The uniform has pleased the children very much. The new uniform includes: an ash tree to represent Askrigg School; a bridge with a cross on it and the river to represent the River Ure and Bainbridge Church of England Primary School; and hills to represent the luscious hills of Yorkshire.

One girl named Ada said, "I like the new

uniform because of the colour, and everything looks much better."

Miss Collins also said, "I am so excited about our new uniform and logo. It looks very smart, and I can't wait to see all the children in it."

Rene

In Art, the Y6 Class of 2026 have been making a 2D picture of colourful, patterned walls. It took them one lesson to complete their own 2D picture. They took inspiration from Krijn de Koning, a Dutch artist, who makes very unique and special art.

In their History lessons, the Y6s have been learning about "Who goes on bank notes and why?". They have been deciding who should be on banknotes, what someone should do to be on the British banknote, and who was more historically significant, Queen Elizabeth I or Alfred the Great?

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"I understand that selling a home is one of the most significant moves a person can make," Kelly explains. "That's why I'm committed to providing expert guidance and a level of personal attention that only an independent, locally-rooted agency can offer."

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Askrigg Ropemakers Opening Day

During August last year we were dealt a devastating blow. Something nobody wants to hear. My partner Richard was diagnosed with stage four neck and throat cancer. Anyway nine months down the line he is now cancer free, which is a massive relief. Even though, he still has a long way to go for a full recovery as the treatment was so brutal.

We have had so much support from everybody it's been incredible. We both were and continue to be touched. We want to thank McMillan Cancer Support. Without them, the last nine months would've been a struggle. They were not only there to support Richard but myself too. We both wanted to do something to thank them for everything they have done.

On **Saturday, July 11th**, Askrigg Ropemakers will be having an official opening day combined with a McMillan cancer coffee morning. There will be live demonstrations, tombola, raffle, and tea and cake or coffee. Please come and help me raise as much money possible for an exceptional cause.

I will post a video of where my unit is at the beginning of July. The postcode of where the opening day is taking place is DL8 3HZ. Telephone number is **07949 454788**. Email: askriggropemakers@aol.com. Facebook: Askrigg Ropemakers.

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A Day in the Dales

Welcoming Refugee Families to Wensleydale

Our annual 'Day in the Dales' will be held on **Wednesday, July 22nd at 10.00am** at the Carperby Pavilion.

This is a day where we welcome refugee families, currently staying in Darlington, to Wensleydale where they are treated to a day of sports, activities, countryside and friendship.

Every year we encourage local families to come and take part in the activities, we always find our refugee families love to meet other families, and the children have a great time playing football, taking part in activities and crafting together.

We have a table for donations of children's clothes and toys, any clean items are very much welcomed and appreciated, especially warm clothes.

Following a morning of activities and a farm visit, we walk to Carperby Village Hall where lunch is catered for by a team of volunteers. To ensure we cater for the right number please let us know if you can join us. We then head down to Aysgarth Falls for a lovely afternoon walk.

It is a very special day; we really hope many of you can come and enjoy it with us. Please let us know by emailing dayinthedales@gmail.com So we can cater for the correct numbers.

If you can't make the day but would like to be involved, financial support for the delivery of the event would really help make this, and future days, possible. Thank you for your support.

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Who Is That Man?



This is a picture of the Calvert's Temperance Hotel, located in the building which is now called Heaton House at Town Foot, Hawes.

The owner would love to know the identity of the man in the picture. Are you able to help? If you can identify the gentleman, please let us know at the Newsletter.



Temperance Hotels

The temperance movement was closely linked with religion, especially nonconformist churches. It began in Scotland and Ireland in the 1820s, but quickly became significant in the emerging industrial towns of northern England.

As a result, a number of organisations and institutions grew up, with the first English temperance hotel opening in 1833. The Band of Hope was formed in 1847 to educate children on the evils of alcohol. The temperance movement required followers to sign a pledge not to partake of intoxicating liquors and to actively

discourage others from doing so. The Temperance Society promoted public events such as concerts, bands and plays with a moral theme.

Temperance hotels provided accommodation and refreshment, but excluded the sale of alcohol. The 1890 Bulmers Directory listed several proprietors of Temperance Hotels and Refreshment Rooms in Hawes. In the 1901 Census, the Queen's Temperance Hotel (now Fulford House) was run by Agnes Mason and her sister. Part of this property later became Dr King's surgery.

In the 1891 Census, Isabella Calvert, a widow, was listed as a Temperance Hotel Keeper. Sadly, she died in 1899, but the hotel was then run by her daughter Annie Calvert and was later joined by her niece Florence Calvert. They were still there in 1901, with the property listed as being called Bridge House. It is possible that this is the former name of the Heaton House shown in the photograph.



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School governors help shape the direction of the school and support the Headteacher and leadership team to ensure every child receives the best possible education. You don't need ANY prior experience in education - just a commitment to the school's values, and an interest in young people's learning. You can become a Parent Governor if you are a parent/

grandparent/carer, or there are opportunities for members of the community to become governors too.

Serving as a governor is really rewarding and impactful. You'll gain some new skills, work alongside a committed team, and contribute to the success and wellbeing of local children.

We meet four times a year; twice in the Autumn Term, once in the Spring Term and once in the Summer Term. Training is via online sessions that you can do at your own pace, and we also pop into school on occasion to see what happens in lessons. The only requirement is a DBS check as part of the school's Safeguarding procedures.

If you have a few hours to spare each term and would like to find out more, please contact the school office for an informal conversation. We would love to hear from you.

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July

- 1 Guided Walk. Garsdale Station. 11.00am.
- 1 Hawes Amateur Operatic Society AGM. The Fountain, Hawes. 7.00pm. See p.11.
- 1 Nursery Open Afternoon. Hawes Primary School. See p.22.
- 2&3 Antiquarian Book Sale. Dales Countryside Museum. 10.00am. See p.23.
- 3 Dominoes. Carperby Institute. 7.30pm.
- 4 Quiz Night. Thornton Rust Institute. 7.00pm. See p.13.
- 4 Wensleydale Concert. Carperby Village Hall. 7.30pm. See p.7.
- 5 Car Boot Sale. West Witton Playing Fields. 10.00am. See p.31.
- 5 Bellerby Open Gardens. 11.00am. See p.13.
- 8 Charity Bingo. Hawes Market Hall. 7.00pm. See p.11 & 16.
- 10 Concert. Reeth Memorial Hall. 7.30pm. See p.13.
- 11 Askrigg Ropemakers Grand Opening. 10.30am. See p.16.
- 11 Fashion Show. Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge. 6.30pm. See p.29.
- 14 Garsdale Station Anniversary. See p.2.
- 15 Penhill Ladies Meeting. Carperby Village Institute. 7.30pm. See p.29.
- 16 Bainbridge WI Meeting. Bainbridge Village Hall. 7.30pm. See p.28.
- 17 u3a Meeting. LA&CC. 10.00am. See p.10.
- 18 Concert. Reeth Memorial Hall. 7.30pm. See p.13.
- 18 Wensleydale Concert. St. Andrew's, Aysgarth. 7.30pm. See p.7.
- 22 'Day in the Dales' Carperby Pavillion. 10.00am. See p.17.
- 25 Car Boot Sale. Leyburn Auction Mart. 10.00am. See p.16.
- 26 James Herriot Trail Race. Bolton castle. 11.00am. See p.25.
- 30 Little White Bus Day Trip, Appleby. See p.3.



**Dales Countryside Museum
News**

Opening times: Daily **10.00am to 5.00pm** February to October. Last entry one hour before closing. Contact: hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk or call **01969 666210**.

Exciting News!

We're thrilled to let you know that Dales Countryside Museum has been shortlisted for the @kidsinmuseums #FamilyFriendlyMuseum Award 2026! (see page 9).

Exhibition: June 6th to September 27th:

Rivers4Life:

Visitors are loving our latest family friendly exhibition, Rivers4Life. As part of the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust Rivers4Life project it shares everything to do with rivers and wildlife, featuring work from pupils at Hawes school as well as amazing film, art, and music. The exhibition explores what it takes for rivers to be healthy, it highlights the challenges faced today and shows the steps we can take to help support these special environments and the wildlife found around and within them.

Young Creatives:

Our Young Creatives group have been busy choosing collection items to tour, writing text and labels, and beginning to create their pieces for display in the autumn. Going Places is an Art Fund programme made possible with major support from The National Lottery Heritage Fund and The Julia Rausing Trust, with additional support from a generous group of trusts, foundations and individuals. If you're aged 18-30 and are interested in getting involved, just get in touch - we'd love to hear from you!

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, please just get in touch.

Daughters of the Dales:

We are continuing our research into women in the Dales for our Daughters of the Dales project. The exhibition is being supported through the Weston Loan Programme with Art Fund, enabling us to work with socially engaged artist and photographer, Jo Coates on both research and a new commission. We are finding

interesting stories to share, if you have stories of women in your family, from your village, or any other sources of information, please do get in touch at dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk.

Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists' Club:

In June we continued with our theme of celebration and thought about food. We used quern stones to grind grain into flour and used a natural starter dough and spelt flour to bake our own bread. If your child is aged between 8 and 16 and they're interested in joining us for a trial session, please email dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk.

Learning:

Check out this website [Home - Out Of The Box Learning](#) that features objects and stories from the Dales and can be used alongside our loan boxes. These can be loaned for a half term to enrich learning in your school or as part of a free led session. Please give us a call to chat through your needs.

Home educators:

If you're interested in bringing your children to explore the museum and our collections, please get in touch.

DCM events coming up in July:

Events are included in the Museum admission unless otherwise stated. Bookings can be made online and via hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk. For the full listing please see www.dalescountrysideuseum.org.uk.

Macfie and Calvert Trust Book Sale:

Thursday, July 2nd and Friday, July 3rd, 10.00am – 3.00pm.

See page 23.

Recipes and Remedies from the museum archives:

Tuesday, July 7th, 11.30am - 12.30pm.

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.

How the Dales were made:

Tuesday, July 14th, 11.00am - 4.00pm.

Join our experienced Dales Volunteers on this five mile (8km) walk to discover the geological forces which formed the Yorkshire Dales. Walk through the site of the former stone mines, Shaw

Ghyll and visit the spectacular Hardraw Force, the highest waterfall in England. Starts at the Dales Countryside Museum. £10 plus a payment to enter Hardraw Force. No dogs allowed. Booking via events page of DCM website, bookings can be made on the day.

Go with the flow:

Friday, July 17th, 10.30am - 4.00pm.

Think of babbling streams, raging rivers and cascading waterfalls as your inspiration for this free form weaving. You will learn lots of weaving techniques from tabby, clasp weave, ria, tassels and giordes knots. A cardboard loom, needles, local hand dyed yarns and instruction leaflet are all provided. £40. Tea and coffee provided, but bring your own lunch. Booking via events page of DCM website

FDCM talk:

Friday, July 17th, 7.30pm - 9.00pm.

A talk on the Rivers4Life project and chance to see the exhibition with Catherine Mason from the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust.

Hawes Town Trail:

Tuesday, July 21st, 2.00pm - 4.00pm.

Join our experienced Dales Volunteers on this 2.5 mile (3.5km) themed walk exploring the history of Hawes and the village of Gayle. Discover the origins of Wensleydale cheese, see where the railway once went and follow part of the Pennine Way. Please note there are steps and uneven paths throughout this walk. Starts at the Dales Countryside Museum. No dogs allowed. £5. Booking via events page of DCM website, bookings can be made on the day.

Walling demos:

Tuesday, July 28th, 11.00am - 3.00pm.

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

Family Activity – Marbling:

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

'Rivers4Life': This week we'll be making marbled bookmarks, inspired by Dales' rivers and the exhibition.

Hands on History - Roman Clothes:

Thursday, July 30th, 1.00pm– 4.00pm.

Find out about Roman clothing and make a peg doll to take away with you.

Hawes School News

York Residential: The children in KS2 have had an amazing experience in York visiting various sites and learning lots of new things at the start of June. They visited the Castle Museum, York Minster, York's Chocolate Story and the National Railway Museum. All the children came back tired but the experience they had will remain a memory for life. We would like to thank Mrs Foxwell for the planning and organisation of the visit and to Mrs Brown and Mrs Marwood for accompanying the children on the trip. Also, thanks to the Tolls Trustees and the PTFA for the financial donations that allow such residential to happen for our children.

Rivers4Life-Dales Countryside Museum: We were able to take four of our KS2 children to the museum for the opening of their new interactive exhibition Rivers4Life. The children were



excited to see their work from the Autumn Term displayed as part of the exhibition. They were also able to explore the interactive parts of the exhibition and particularly enjoyed dressing up as the different river animals. It is a wonderful

exhibition for children and adults to explore together.

Safety: We have across school talked about Water Safety for all the children. We have shared posters around school and with parents on this important issue and talked with children about keeping themselves safe near water.

Another aspect of child safety that we have discussed in school is online safety and the use of social media particularly with our upper Key Stage 2 children. We will over the coming weeks have further input on both water and internet safety for our children in school.

Nursery Open afternoon: On **Wednesday, July 1st** we will be holding our Nursery Open Afternoon. A chance for parents and families to find out about our Nursery provision at Hawes. We are working closely with Dalesplay to cover the provision and our Nursery operates mornings only. If any parents would like to come and visit, please contact the school office to make an appointment.



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There will be a sale of duplicate and antiquarian books, all from the Macfie/Calvert Collection in the Research Room at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes, on **Thursday, July 2nd** and **Friday, July 3rd, 10.00am to 3.00pm** each day.

The MacFie/Calvert Collection (which is completely separate from that of the Museum) is maintained by a charity which works closely with the Friends of the Dales Museum (FDCM) and its local history Research Room at the

Museum. All the funds raised will go towards the restoration of books in the MacFie/Calvert collection.

Eleanor Scarr, a trustee of the MacFie/Calvert Collection and vice chairman of the FDCM said: "We strive in the Research Room to make space for more books in our very informative collection."

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Blueboxt July Update

Wensleydale Community Arts Festival.

Thank you to everyone who took part, helped steward events, provided performance spaces and came to watch and celebrate the arts in our local communities. Our fourth festival offered another packed programme of music, theatre and spoken word. Performance highlights included: Bee Darcey, The Pearls, A Rockin' Lid'l Duo, The 684s, Somewhere Road, Lili Bako, The Stanley Duo, Gail Barlow, Donovan Leaman, The Rodney's, Light My Choir!, Leyburn Band, and the Variety Show featuring young people from Dales Dance and The Untitled and Friends. Local Artists Lynn Ward and Maxine Ahmed led workshops. Additional events were arranged by Leyburn Arts and Community Centre, Leyburn Methodist Church and Wensleydale Camera Club.

Live Theatre: Twice Nightly - A celebration of the glory days of Variety.

What a treat to spend three days in the company of Dominic Goodwin touring his one-man show to Askrigg, Leyburn and Reeth. Each performance was a delight, seeing the multitude of characters come to life on the stage and the origins of the classic variety routines that influenced the entertainers of my generation. The routines from Jimmy James and Norman Evans are stand-out moments of sheer joy that had audiences captivated and hanging on every word. As Freddy Francis, Dom took audiences on an emotional rollercoaster of laughter, sorrow and uplifting sing-a-longs and audience interaction. A great piece of one-man theatre delivered by a master of comic timing. If you missed it, the play returns this month to The Georgian Theatre Royal on **Friday 10th and Saturday, July 11th**.

Cultural Passport for Young People in North Yorkshire.

A brand-new initiative aimed at 11-18 year olds who would like to access arts-based opportunities. 'Creative Pathways: Laying the Foundations' is BlueBoxt's pilot project. There is still time to take part and share your ideas – we'll share some of the results in the August update.

Register your interest even if you don't think the times shown will work for you.

Activities include:

FREE access to take part in our regular music activities: Get Musical Jam Band (**Wednesdays 4.00pm-5.30pm** at Leyburn Scout Hall).

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We are delighted to be a delivery partner for the 'Cultural Passport' thanks the support of North Yorkshire Council, York City Council and the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority.

Leyburn Jazz Festival - The sixth Festival takes place in October. The full programme is now on sale – visit www.leyburnjazz.org or pick up a programme from community information points.

Fund Raising

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, Air Fryer 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 28th, 2026**.

Coffee Mornings at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall – **Fridays: July 24th, August 21st, October 30th and November 27th, from 9.30am**. Pop along and enjoy a cuppa and a chat. There will also be a cake stall and raffle.

Quiz night with Simon Eastwood - **Friday, October 9th** at West Burton Village Hall, DL8 4JY. **7.00pm** for a prompt **7.30pm** start. Teams of six or come along and make a team on the night. Tickets £15 inc. a two course supper. Our annual quiz is always a fun event – book early to avoid disappointment!

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

The James Herriot Trail Race

Entries are now open for one of Yorkshire's most scenic trail races!

Join us on **Sunday, July 26th** for the James Herriot Trail Race, a spectacular 14km route across stunning moorland tracks and paths near Bolton Castle. We are grateful to Lord Bolton for kindly granting permission for this event to take place on the estate.

Start Time: **11.00am**. Location: Start and finish at the field adjacent to Bolton Castle. The route is traffic-free, fully marshalled, and suitable for runners seeking a memorable trail-running challenge. Organised by Wensleydale Rotary Club under UK Athletics rules, with all

proceeds supporting local and international Rotary charities.

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of The Walking Shop, prizes will be awarded across a range of categories.

To enter and find full race details visit <https://rotary-ribi.org/clubs/page.php?PgID=1000181>. Online entries close on **July 24th**.

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A welcoming space for locals and visitors:

We pride ourselves on being welcoming and accessible for our local community, and for visitors to the area. Pay-as-you-go vouchers, and all our Memberships, are available through our ClubRight system, linked from our website: www.yorebridgesportandleisure.co.uk/.

Yorebridge Sport and Leisure is open **6.00am - 10.00pm**, 7 days a week including Bank Holidays.

Tennis: Our adult tennis club meets on a **Monday evening**, this is a really welcoming and popular club. Individual and family annual tennis memberships are available on our ClubRight system, and did you know that our gym members get free access to the MUGA!

Courts are available for anyone to book through the LTA Clubspark www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/ YorebridgeTennisClub. We have tennis and other sports equipment available to borrow for free and there are customer toilets available.

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Adult Tennis Club - **Mondays** (live) **5.00pm - 7.00pm**. Social tennis, weather permitting. Get in touch with the tennis club to join this group yorebridgetennis@gmail.com.

Circuits - **Wednesdays** (live and zoom) **9.00am - 10.00am**. 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 from the gym.

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Walking Football - **Fridays** (live) **6.00pm - 7.00pm**. Get in touch with the tennis club to join this group yorebridgetennis@gmail.com.

Safari Supper

Saturday evening, June 6th was a busy time in Askrigg with seventeen couples criss-crossing the village attempting to find surprise destinations then enjoy a course of starter, main or dessert each with two other mystery couples.

The event provided a lovely opportunity to get to know either recent newcomers or spend a bit more time with some who were possibly only 'nodding acquaintances' up until that point.

On behalf of everyone involved, a big thank you to Gemma Anderson and Heather Hodgson for taking on the organising for the first time, and congratulations on doing it so successfully. A big thank you (again) also to Rachel Dechezeaux for her efforts organising in previous years.

Chris Rigby

News From Sycamore Hall

This is summer - apparently!

June has actually been a relatively quiet month here. Our weekly quiz/bingo sessions have continued and our keen domino players are always in place at **2.00pm** each day for a game or two. We have also had some visitors joining in which is lovely.

Lianna, our Beauty Therapist will be with us on **Monday, July 20th**. If you would like to enjoy some pampering, get in touch with Lianna to make an appointment (**07792-086189**). There is a list of the services she provides on display in Sycamore Hall which include facials, nail treatments, massage etc. Go on - spoil yourself (or someone else, with a gift voucher)!

We are now looking forward to some summer events with the annual 'Olympics' event taking place shortly, and a Strawberry Tea to look forward to! Fingers crossed for good weather!

Meanwhile, our regular activities continue as follows:-

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 see new faces as well as familiar ones and can offer a warm welcome.

Our independent businesses are open to everyone. Sycamore Country Store has adjusted opening hours from **June 1st** and is now open **9.00am to 1.00pm on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and 9.30am to 11.00am on Tuesdays**. Come along to see our wide range of stock with regular deliveries of fresh milk, eggs, bread, pasties, pies and cakes.

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.

Olive's Cafe is open to all from **8.30am to 4.00pm daily** for breakfast, lunch and treats as well as takeaway. Fish and chips are available as a takeaway on Fridays - check out Facebook for details and other options. If you want to go along for the delicious Sunday lunches, it is best to make a booking as it gets very busy. Contact Emily on **01969 629826**.

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**.

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Bainbridge WI News

It's official - we are over the hill and heading with alarming speed towards the end of the year!

June has once again kept us all busy! The weather has been reasonably good (for June!) so our walkers have managed to get out, enjoying the wild meadows at Muker.

Some of our keen gardeners went along to the Open Gardens event at Firby Hall, near Bedale. The weather was lovely and the garden was very impressive, even if it is still very much a 'work in progress'.

The crafty ladies had another go at Lino-printing, this time learning how to use more than one colour. A small, enthusiastic group are now busy printing cards for our members' birthdays.

The ladies who are not dieting enjoyed a delicious lunch at The Queens Head in Finghall and are now looking forward to their July gathering which will be at the Knights Table.

The theatre group has been to see 'Breakfast at Tiffany's' in Leyburn and are hoping to see 'The Tempest' in July.

A visit has also been made to Harewood House where one of our members made use of a 'Tramper' vehicle to get around the gardens. A great way to travel!

Our June meeting finally saw Andy Swinscoe from the Courtyard Dairy near Settle visit. He gave us a fascinating history of cheese making

and how almost every farm in the Dales used to produce their own cheese in days gone by. We tasted three different cheeses, all of which were delicious!

Our biggest annual fundraiser has just taken place with our usual refreshment stall on Bainbridge village green for the lunch stop on the annual Beamish Reliability Run. The weather was absolutely glorious and we had a steady stream of customers, meaning we sold out of just about all our delicious homemade goodies! We estimate that this event has raised just over £1,000 for our funds which helps us to put on a wide and varied programme of activities for our members over the year.

Our July meeting will be held at Bainbridge Village Hall on **Thursday, July 16th**, starting at **7.30pm**. We will be welcoming Andy Wilson who will be talking to us about the work of 'Cancer Research'.

There is always plenty going on for us and lots of choice for our members! No chance to be lonely or bored!

If you are interested in joining our busy and friendly group you will be very welcome to come along to any of our monthly meetings and see what we get up to. There is no commitment to join on the day, so give us a try! You can get further details from our President, Sue Stokes on **07816-955-723**. We would be delighted to see you and offer a warm welcome and lots of opportunities. Do come along!

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Sunday DalesBus Changes

There will be major changes to Sunday DalesBus service 832 between Hawes and Kirkby Lonsdale due to roadworks by Westmorland and Furness Council on the A684 between Garsdale and Sedbergh during the next eighteen weeks.

From **Sunday, June 28th**, DalesBus 832 will operate via Ribbleshead and Ingleton, and will no longer serve Garsdale or Sedbergh. The bus will still leave from Hawes Market Hall at **12.40pm** every **Sunday and Bank Holiday** until **Sunday, October 18th**, but will now return from Kirkby Lonsdale Booths at **3.30pm** and Ingleton Community Centre at **3.45pm**.

The full timetable is available in leaflets from the usual outlets, including Hawes Community Office and the Dales Countryside Museum, and online at www.dalesbus.org/832.

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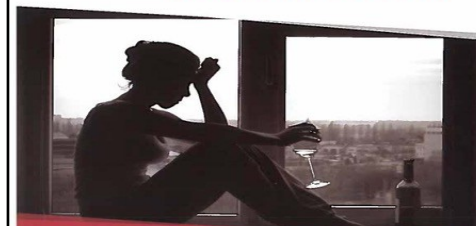
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Wensleydale Bridge Club

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A club with deep local roots:

Wensleydale Bridge Club was formed in the early 1990s by a small group of local enthusiasts who wanted a regular, friendly place to play duplicate bridge without travelling to the larger towns. What began as half a dozen tables in borrowed rooms has steadily grown into a well-established club with a loyal membership and a reputation for warm hospitality. Several founding members still play today, giving the club a lovely sense of continuity and community spirit.

A club built on friendliness and good bridge:

Duplicate bridge can sometimes feel intimidating to newcomers, but Wensleydale Bridge Club has made inclusivity part of its identity. Visitors are encouraged to come along as a pair, and regulars are always happy to help those still finding their feet. Tea, coffee and plenty of conversation keep the evenings relaxed, even when the bidding gets competitive.

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A new monthly 'relaxed' session:

Responding to growing interest from social bridge players, the club recently introduced a monthly relaxed session, held on the **third Wednesday of each month**. These evenings are designed for those who enjoy bridge but prefer a slower pace, lighter scoring and a more informal feel. Single players are paired up on arrival, and gentle guidance is available throughout. It's proving an ideal stepping stone for anyone thinking about joining the main duplicate sessions.

Part of the wider Yorkshire bridge community:

Although proudly local, the club maintains strong links with the Yorkshire bridge scene and is listed among the region's recognised clubs. Members regularly take part in county events, and visiting players often comment on the club's organisation and friendly welcome.

Get in touch. New players and visitors are always welcome. For more information, please contact Ian Mayfield; email: ian.mayfield@sky.com; Phone: **07785 773599**.



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Reeth Arts Festival

Reeth Arts Festival is a Festival for the artists, by the artists, which has become well attended over the past 3 years, and the organisers are pleased to confirm that it will go ahead again.

The festival will be on **Saturday, September 5th**, (as usual the Saturday after Reeth Show) in the field next to Reeth Show field. As well as 50+ artists with stalls, this year there will be music throughout the day on the trailer stage with a fantastic lineup planned! In addition lots of activities to join in with for both adults and children, and two horse boxes with a good provision of food and alcohol by Moments and The Buck respectively. There is free parking for anyone travelling from further afield, and toilet facilities provided in the festival field.

More specific details about what you can expect at the festival this year will be shown in the lead up on social media (@reethartsfestival on Facebook and instagram). Finally, if you're an artist and you could use a free spot at the festival this year send an email to reethartsfestival@yahoo.com asap.

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Leyburn Arts and Community Centre

July is here and we've had a glimpse of summer sun and heat, even if not quite as much as some areas of the country! The volunteer gardeners have been busy as the weeds have gone mad - if you have some spare time they would appreciate some help (the gardeners not the weeds). All Volunteers receive half price entry to our events and National Theatre Live type screenings and of course as much tea/coffee as they wish, sometime even with biscuits.

First an August event but we are so pleased to offer the People's Emergency Briefing, which has attracted a lot of attention. The film is based on the National Emergency Briefing in Westminster, featuring a line-up of experts, including Chris Packham, leading scientists, a former general and Jennifer Saunders, discussing the urgent need for action against climate and nature breakdown. It aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the crisis and potential solutions to address it. The date is **Thursday, August 6th at 7.00pm** and more information will be available on the website by the time you read this. We expect and hope this will be popular and of interest to many in our beautiful Wensleydale/Swaledale area. Please book early.

Two great Friday screenings are offered this month, Glastonbury the Movie, 30th Anniversary Cut, with a raffle to win numerous DVD box sets and sound track CDs plus a couple of original quad posters; Epic - Elvis Presley in Concert, featuring never before seen footage and recordings (something to look forward to for us oldies who still consider him the best!). Other events in July are Six Cats at Leyburn, performed by John Anderson; Verdi's Aida from Sydney Opera House; a car boot sale at the Auction Mart in aid of Marie Curie which we are supporting by offering bacon butties, books and jigsaws, home-made jams and marmalades; and a fundraising Strawberry Tea in our garden on **Saturday, August 1st**.

Middleham Quilters are happy having their regular sessions every Monday in the Centre and are open for new members, experienced or just beginners when help can be given to this relaxing hobby. The Digital Support and Community Support mornings offer free tea/coffee and biscuits and private sessions can be booked if required. Call **01969 624510**.

Mystery Picture

June's picture was of the stepping stones which cross the River Ure between Stoney Stoop Lane and Thoresby.

Where can you find this tree and stonework?



Changes to Pet Travel

The rules regarding pet travel have now changed, so if you have a residence in a EU country and were able to have a pet passport, this is no longer allowed. Anyone with a main UK address has to have AHCs completed for each trip into the EU.

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Transport volunteers help the charity get wildlife to the Rescue as quickly and efficiently as possible. The role mostly involves collecting an animal from the 'finder' and delivering it to the Rescue at Horton in Ribblesdale or another location. Volunteers sometimes get involved in capturing and securing the animal, too. Whether it's a hedgehog, a cuckoo, a hare or an owl, every animal needs to get to the Rescue quickly if there is a chance its life might be saved.

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**The Survival Guide to Secondary School
(And Why We Deserve Prom) - by Yr11
Class of 2026**

Five years ago, we walked through the gates of Wensleydale school looking incredibly small and feeling incredibly nervous. We spent our first week convinced the school map was a riddle and certain that losing our 10-a-day meant instant disaster.

Fast forward to today, and we are officially the Year 11s. Looking back, it's amazing how much we've grown. We've spent five years striving to live out our four key behaviours: being positive, successful, hard-working, and respectful. Of course, it wasn't always easy. We've survived the panic of forgetting our PE kit, learning homework words for the weekly test and the art of looking intensely thoughtful in class, while actually calculating exactly how many minutes were left until lunch.

GCSEs - We've endured revision and intervention by the bucketload, with extra period 6 sessions and endless flashcards. Keeping us grounded through it all were Mrs Polley's tireless assemblies. Her constant reminders about the importance of being kind - and her legendary advice on how to survive exam season - honestly kept us going when the stress kicked in.

But the hard work is done, the pens have been dropped, and we have officially made it to the other side. Which brings us to Prom 2026.

Right now, our living rooms look like high-stakes fashion hubs. There are suits being altered, dresses overtaking wardrobes, and intense debates over arrivals. After five years of school uniform, we finally get to look like functioning, glamorous young adults.

We might have complained about school, but as we get ready to dance the night away. I think we'll all admit we're going to miss this place just a little bit. See you on the dance floor!

**A Five-Year Transformation: Mrs Polley
Reflects on the Journey of Year 11:**

While the students light-heartedly remembered the panic of forgotten PE kits, Mrs

Polley's reflections focused heavily on the culture the year group built together.

Mrs Polley said: "They remember feeling incredibly small and nervous; I remember looking out at them in September 2021. They were wide-eyed, completely overwhelmed and trying so hard to follow the rules while secretly panicking about getting lost.

They remember revision and intervention by the bucketload; I remember the sheer volume of extra sessions they attended was staggering. What stood out wasn't just their attendance, but their stamina. They sat through endless interventions, took on every piece of feedback, and pushed themselves to the limit.

They say- they're finally going to look like functioning, glamorous young adults; I say - seeing them shed the uniform for Prom will be a proud moment. But truth be told, they already look like young adults to us. The maturity they showed during the exam season proved they are entirely ready for the world.

In every assembly, I challenged this year group to look inward and ask themselves if they were truly representing our community. They didn't just listen; they executed."

She highlighted how the students actively embedded the school's four key behaviours into their daily lives:

Positive and Successful: "Even when exam pressure was at its absolute peak, they walked into the school with smiles. Their success over these five years isn't just measured in grades, but in their resilience."

Hard-Working and Respectful: "They put in hours of independent revision and they treated our staff, our building, and each other with genuine respect."

A Final Word on Kindness:

Reflecting on her tireless assemblies, Mrs Polley laughed at the students' description of them. "They might call them 'tireless', but my message was always simple: out of everything you achieve here, being kind is what matters most. Academic results fade, but character lasts forever."

"To the Year 11 cohort of 2026: You have been an absolute credit to this school. You worked hard, you stayed kind, and you earned every single dance at Prom. Have a wonderful night—you have more than deserved it."





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