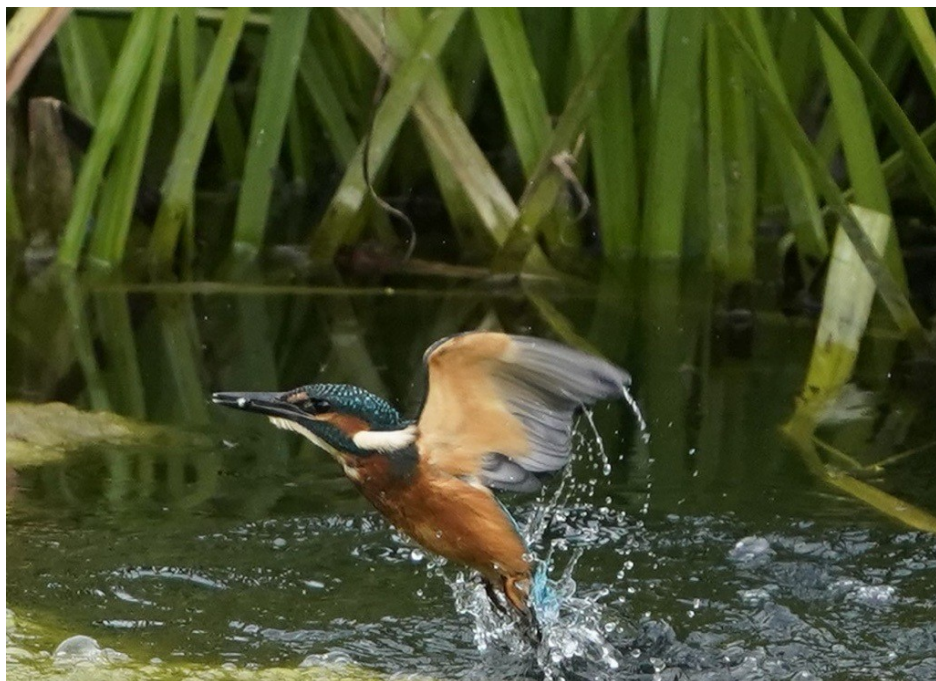


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for the two dales*

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It's been brilliant to see children regularly playing football on Reeth village green, so much better than being inside on their phones or playing video games. Seeing kids play football on a village green is something I haven't witnessed in many years and I assumed the days of football outside after school was dead and gone.

As a self-confessed grumpy old git, even I can admit it brings a smile to my face watching them kick a ball into the net that someone generously donated and left on the green.

I was motivated to write this as I had heard some comments that this is ruining the grass, but blimey, those folks must be grumpier than I am. I'd far rather see the turf worn down by kids enjoying themselves than by cars parking. Long may the games continue!

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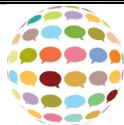
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YDRT Rivers4Life Photography Competition



Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust (YDRT) is running a competition to find the best photographs of Yorkshire Dales rivers and wildlife, to be included in its Rivers4Life exhibition - the name given to its new education and engagement project, funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund, thanks to players of the National Lottery.

It is inviting you to submit your favourite photos of our beautiful rivers, streams and their wildlife taken in the catchments of the Trust which includes the rivers Swale, Ure, Nidd, Wharfe and Ouse and associated tributaries. (NB. Please do not include people in your images.)

All entrants will have the chance to feature in the Rivers4Life summer exhibition taking place at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes from late June to early September 2026, and in a future Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust calendar!

There are four stages to the competition, covering all the seasons. The spring season covers March to May and the deadline for entries is 5 June 2025.

Please submit your competition entries via this link: www.ydrt.org.uk/photography-competition/

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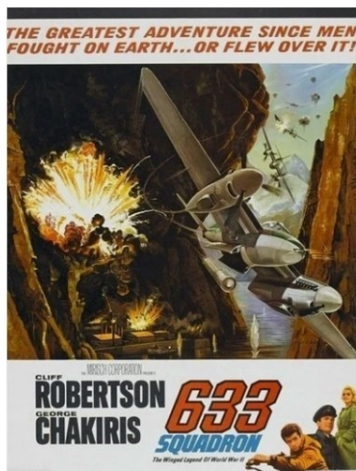


“Mosquito Movies...” by John Hunter

Few aviation buffs would argue that the de Havilland Mosquito isn't one of the greatest warplanes ever built - and very photogenic too. It is therefore a little surprising that it only features prominently in three war films, unlike its smaller cousins the Spitfire, Hurricane and US counterpart, the P51 Mustang, which all popped up prominently in such movies from the 50s to the 90s. Very few flying examples now survive, and recent films such as 'The Shepherd' (with a 'mossie' flown by John Travolta no less) relied solely on CGI to recreate this aviation masterpiece.

My fellow Marske chorister (and Mosquito fan) Wilf and I have discussed the plane at length and it seemed a pertinent opportunity to share some thoughts with you all through this column. Ranks 'The Purple Plain' (1954) portrayed pilot Gregory Peck crash landing his mosquito in the Burmese jungle and his subsequent fight for survival and suffering from what we might now call PTSD. Shot by the great Geoffrey Unsworth in crisp colour, we only see the mosquito closely in some pivotal opening shots.

A decade later, '633 Squadron' introduced a new 'schoolboy' generation (myself included) to this amazing



machine, through numerous cinema releases and then TV showings. Nine airframes were acquired for filming - four ex-target towing machines and two T3s (one for flying, one for cockpit shots). Further sections were utilised for ground shots along with a Bedford truck and ambulance, fuel bowser and period Merriweather fire appliance (a friend of mine owns this very machine - it appeared in the Blitz sequences of

'Battle of Britain' too). Look out for the 'German' armoured car in one sequence which is actually a modified Alvis Saracen - not unlike the one parked near Reeth bridge! One of the non-airworthy aircraft was deliberately wrecked by lifting the undercarriage during a fast taxi run - simulating a convincing crash. Note how the

same 'crash' filmed from a different angle doubles for our heroes' demise in Norway at the climax (with some foreground rocks and distant mountains 'matted in' for good measure)

George Lucas has admitted using the climax as the basis for his 'Death Star trench' finale in Star Wars, and even a miscast George Chakiris (Bernardo from West Side Story) - as a very hip looking '1950's' Norwegian agent gets away with it. Ron Goodwin's celebrated score (based on the apt rhythm of 1 2 3 4 5 6, 1-2-3 - try it) is still played by bands around the world today.

'Mosquito Squadron' (1969) contrary to many's opinion was NOT a sequel

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(unofficial or otherwise) - but utilised many of the flying sequences from 633 including almost the whole airfield raid footage (with the 'new' actors spliced in). This time a revolutionary 'High Ball' weapon was being used (never making it into the war in reality, but another bouncing device from the great Barnes Wallis). It is stirring enough but marred by some wobbly 'table top' model work at the climax.

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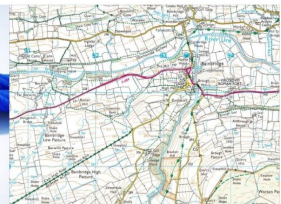
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New James Herriot Walking Tour Launched in Thirsk

Discover the Real-Life Inspirations Behind All Creatures Great and Small

A brand-new James Herriot Walking Tour has launched in Thirsk, offering visitors a unique opportunity to explore the hometown of the world-famous veterinary surgeon and author, Alf Wight OBE—better known by his pen name, James Herriot.

The tour started on Good Friday, 18th April 2025, at 12 noon with a free inaugural walk which lasted around two hours and allowed locals and visitors to experience the tour first-hand and provide feedback.

Tours are now available every Friday (subject to availability) for £5 per person, or a combined ticket to visit the museum and take the walking tour is £10 when booked together, saving £3.50.

Beginning at the World of James Herriot, the tour guides participants through key locations in Thirsk that inspired Herriot's beloved *All Creatures Great and Small* books, films, and television series. From the original veterinary surgery to significant town landmarks, this immersive experience offers fresh insights into the life and legacy of James Herriot.

John Gallery, marketing director of the World of James Herriot and chairman of the Herriot Country Tourism Group commented:

"I'll be taking guests personally on this new walking tour, that will give them insights into the real James Herriot (Alf Wight OBE) in his home town of

Thirsk and the original home and surgery where his *All Creatures Great and Small* stories first began. Thirsk is the actual town that became the fictional Darrowby in the books, films, and TV series, the sixth season of which is currently being filmed and will be shown on Channel 5 this autumn.

This exciting new addition to Herriot Country tourism is expected to draw fans from across the UK and beyond, offering them a deeper connection to the stories and settings that have captivated generations.

For more information or to book a future tour, visit www.worldofjamesherriot.com or contact John Gallery:
E: marketing@worldofjamesherriot.com
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John Gallery, marketing director World of James Herriot in Veterinary Outfit ready to lead guests on the James Herriot Walking Tour in Thirsk.

Keld Resource Centre

Events for June and July

14th Jun - Swaledale Geology and Landscape Day 10.00 am - 16.00 pm Keld Resource Centre

Morning session comprising of 2 short talks by Stephen Clark and Les Knight covering the geological structure of the Pennines and impact of glaciers. In the afternoon there will be a guided field trip around Keld area looking at the geology and lead mining.

Please bring a packed lunch
Charge £18.00 pp

21st Jun - Moorland Bird Safari 9.00 am -12.00 or 13.00 -16.00 Meet Keld Resource Centre

In conjunction with Gunnerside Estate Gamekeepers. A guided safari in 4x4s with an opportunity to see moorland birds in their natural habitat. Curlews, black grouse, golden plover just some of the species we hope to see.
Charge: £15.00 pp

22 Jun - Wildflower Walk 11.00 am - 15.00, Meet Keld Resource Centre

A short, guided walk led by Janet Bethune and Sue Knight starting in Keld, and exploring the rich and varied flora of the Upper Dale. Please bring packed lunch.

Distance approx. 4 miles.

Difficulty rating: Easy

Charge: £7.50 pp

29 Jun - Felting Lampshade Workshop 10.00 am - 16.30 pm Keld Resource Centre

Spend the day with Louise Curnin making your own wet felt, which you then turn into a unique lampshade. Leave the workshop with a working, finished lamp 15 cm in diameter and approx. 35 cm tall. All materials, inc wooden base included.

Please bring packed lunch
Charge: £70.00 pp

4 Jul - Remembering Upper Swaledale Open Day 10.00 am - 16.00 pm Keld Resource Centre

Linda Blenkinsop and Helen Guy will be hosting an open day to celebrate and remember the days gone by in the Upper Dale. There will be family ancestry, housing surveys, old photograph collections, census and village valuation information to view.

Refreshments will be served.

Free event - donations welcome

11 Jul - Fremington Edge and Hurst Walk 10.00 am - 15.00 pm Meet at Bus Shelter, Reeth

A steep climb up Fremington Edge, then the moorland path to Hurst. Then another over to the top of Fell End lead mine hush, a descent leads to Storthwaite Hall followed by a meandering walk back to Reeth following the Arkle beck.

Distance: 6 miles. Difficulty: Moderate.

Please bring packed lunch

Charge: £7.50 pp

20 Jul - Swaledale Barn Walk 10.00 am - 14.30 pm Meet at Public Toilets, Muker

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The Choir Day was packed, and those choirs new to us enjoyed every minute and look forward to returning next year.

Special thanks to all the participating schools. We know how busy you are, and are very grateful for the effort that you all make to bring the children. They are always the highlight of both speech and music classes.

Next year's Tournament will take place from March 9th - 20th. The Choir Day will be on the 20th.

This year's AGM will take place at 6pm on June 10th in Leyburn Art Centre and is open to the public.



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Dales Volunteer photographs every thing

Dales Volunteer Mike Samworth has reached the midway point of a "monumental task" to photograph every item in the collection of the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes.

The retired teacher has spent a day a week for the past nine years taking pictures of everything from scythes to cheese presses, knitting sticks to old books.

He recently photographed a man's foot, amputated after a shooting incident more than a hundred years ago, which was donated by the family of the late Doctor Isaac Bainbridge of Brough (see attached picture, with full caption info below).

So far, Mike has captured nearly 6,000

accessioned items on camera - with some "items" having more than one part - out of the museum's total collection of more than 11,000 items.

He said: "It's like painting the Forth Bridge in a sense. As fast as I photograph things, the more items come in to the collection. There were 6,500 items when I started in 2016.

"Every item is accessioned, which means a paper record, but also a computer record. The idea was to get a photograph of every item to add to the computer record, so you can not only read a description but see the item itself. At the moment the record system can only be used internally, but we hope to make the whole system public one day, so that people will be able to search and see what's here."

On a Friday afternoon in late March, Mike Samworth was making fast progress.



He said: "I've done 97 photographs so far today, mainly because they are books, but last week I was doing scythes and peat spades and that takes longer, as I need to get them one by one and might need to

The amputated foot belonged to John Joseph Walton, born 1886. The foot was amputated by Dr Isaac Bainbridge of the Sedbro House dispensary, Brough, after an accident at a pheasant shoot, and was kept by the doctor.

take them
outside.

"I do get held up by curiosity. There was a book today about the watermills in the Askrigg area and it piqued my interest, but you have to stop yourself otherwise you'd never get anything done.



"There are things you never knew about. I thought a knitting stick was just another name for a knitting needle, but it's not. And there are hundreds of them here. Some are exquisite. There is a knitting stick made by a man who was about to marry a lady and this was his wedding present to her.

"Recently we've been going through some more items from the family of Dr Bainbridge from Brough in Westmorland. He died in 1952. There are vaccination plans, his bag, needles, bottles, and surgical implements that make you wince."

Mike (pictured above in the archive room at the Museum), originally from Sheffield, and formerly on the teaching staff at the Wensleydale School, is one of the National Park Authority's 200 dedicated Dales Volunteers, who work in a variety of programmes including rights of way maintenance and wildlife monitoring. A

total of 19 people volunteer regularly at the Dales Countryside Museum, working on the collections, supporting social media, supervising the research room, helping with building maintenance projects, looking after an outdoor trail and leading a 'Young Archaeologists' Club.

Member Champion for Promoting Understanding at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, Neil Heseltine, said: "Mike took on a monumental task and his efforts are much appreciated. The Dales Countryside Museum offers a really important service, sharing the stories of Dales folk and holding their memories. What Mike is doing to make a high-quality visual record of every item will, when we have the resources to make the record system public, make the collection far more accessible. He is a shining example of the difference Dales Volunteers are making to furthering National Park purposes."



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St Andrew's Grinton Update

Heritage Day, Saturday 5th July from 10am to 3pm. There will be:

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-Craft Goods and Craft Stash stalls

-Refreshments and freshly baked cakes

-Walk round the historic church viewing the significant features

-Bell Tower Tours: these may go ahead if works to the tower are complete!

If anyone would like to have a stall to help reduce their craft stash, please text Val on 07595 595151.

Pimms and Hymns, Sunday 6th July at 4pm. This service will be held in the churchyard with an assembled band of musicians. Please volunteer if you would like to take part in this 'scratch' band. Contact Susan on 01748 884366 if you want to be in the band.

Everyone is welcome to come and help us enjoy this 'out in the open air' service. We will move inside if the weather is poor.

Conservation Group meeting at St Andrew's will take place on Saturdays 14th June and 12th July. All are welcome so please come and support our conservation efforts in the churchyard and a bit of 'outdoor gym' [or cleaning efforts indoors] from 10am - 12 noon. Freely available drinks and scones are on offer to entice you to join us!

Bat counts are at dusk on: Wed 4th June 21.29pm and Wed 2nd July at

21.38pm. Meet on the church path if you would like to see the bats and help us count our resident bat population.

Bees - we need help to re-establish our bee colony and willing volunteers to train up to help care for them [novices are welcome to come and learn]. If you can help in any way, please contact a church warden or the Vicar to offer your services.

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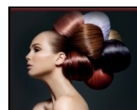
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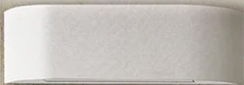


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June Update

Wensleydale Community Arts Festival

- from Saturday 7th - Sunday 22nd June Wensleydale will be host to a series of events around the Dale celebrating the arts in our local communities. Now in its third year, it is another packed programme - see website for full programme or pick up a leaflet. Unless stated, all events are offered on a 'pay as you can afford' basis (suggested donation £5).



Dale Dance at the Wensleydale Community Arts Festival; photo from Wensleydale Camera Club

Highlights for St. Matthew's Church include: **Friday 13th June** evening concert from 7.00pm with Simon Lister, The Pearls (Margaret Forward, Sarah Allinson and Jill Lundberg) and Somewhere Road (Paul Greenwood) | **Saturday 14th** from 2.00pm including Easy Listening with Angela Horner (Trumpet) and Steve Wright (Saxophone), songs from the movies with Gail Barlow and Colin Bailey (2.30pm). Organ recital by Geoff Hirst

(4.00pm) and Poetry, Prose and Readings with Donovan Leaman (5.00pm). All Time Favourites with the Colin Bailey Band (7.30pm). **Sunday 15th** Tea and Cake with Leyburn Band (2.00pm). **Tuesday 17th** from 7.00pm, 'Music for a Summer's Evening' with The Yoredale Strummers and Liffy. **Sunday 22nd** The Dales Community Pop Choir (2.00pm)

At Leyburn Methodist Church Hall: **Friday 20th** from 7.00pm Friends of Dave (Elizabeth Carter) and Light My Choir! Wensleydale's mixed voice community choir. **Saturday 21st** from 7.00pm The Dales Variety Show with Young People from Dales Dance and BlueBoxt.

There will also be workshops from local artists and makers from 10.00am - 1.00pm. Places cost £20 inc. refreshments and materials. **Saturday 7th** 'Flowers and Fancies' Cake decorations with Joanne. **Saturday 14th** 'Inspired by the Dales' with Lynn Ward **Saturday 21st** 'Exploring Watercolours' with Maxine Ahmed.

Sharing the results of our Enterprise and Creative Hub Feasibility Study

On **Tuesday 10th June**, 7.00pm at Askrigg Village Hall we will be sharing the results of the study and consulting on the options for developing an enterprise and creative hub to support rural arts provision and career pathways for employment across Wensleydale and Swaledale. Is there a future use for Uredale Mill - the Carrs Billington food mill site? Everyone welcome to come along, find out more about our plans and how you could be part of it too. Thanks to everyone who

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has taken part so far and to Ryedale Creative who were commissioned to undertake the research funded by the UK Strategic Prosperity Fund.

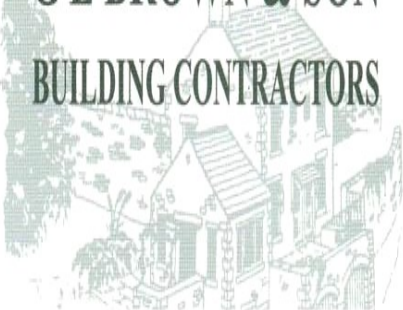
Switcheroo - Theatre performance by Clap Trap Theatre in association with York Theatre Royal. We are thrilled to welcome back popular actors Dominic Goodwin, Thomas Frere and Cal Stockbridge with their latest touring production. Switcheroo, written by Tom Needham and directed by Paul Birch, is a story told twice! "It's not what you say, it's how you say it." Witness this emotional rollercoaster of live theatre as a family's secrets are revealed and presented as both a drama and a comedy on **Wednesday 11th June**, 7.30pm at Askrigg Village Hall. Tickets £15 | U18s £7.50.

Colours [Fun]draising Fashion Show - Wednesday 18th June, 7.00pm at West Burton Village Hall. We have teamed up with Colours, a nationwide retail organisation that specialises in supporting charities to raise funds. "Our ladies fashion show and shopping events are uniquely designed to offer a fun and entertaining experience. We bring premium high street brands to you at great prices!" There will be a Bar and Refreshments, Raffle, local makers stalls and entertainment with vocalist Bee Darcey. Ticket: £5.00 inc. welcome drink.

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Homes for Dales House Birds: request a bird nesting box

Though once common, house sparrows, house martins, swifts and starlings are now in steep decline nationally. Homes for Dales House Birds (HDHB) is a lottery funded project coordinated by the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust and is offering free nest boxes, including installation, for Swaledale and Arkengarthdale residents (subject to site assessment). If you'd like to request one, please complete the form on the project webpage: <https://tinyurl.com/4hfb2b32>. The HDHB project will involve monitoring these species in future years but Sustainable Swaledale is still collecting data on swifts, swallows and martins. If you would like to join our group of data collectors, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/yephs6xw>

Every river in England is polluted beyond legal limits

Water companies set a new record in 2024, pumping sewage into our rivers for a total of 3.16 million hours. The desperate state of Britain's rivers and the wider riverine crisis are themes explored in Robert Macfarlane's new book *Is a river alive?*, a powerful 'synthesis of activism, ethics and literature' in which the nature writer calls for rivers to be recognised as living things, worthy of moral consideration and legal protection.

There is hope too, according to Macfarlane: 'Rivers are easily wounded. But given a chance, they heal themselves with remarkable speed. Their life pours back.'

Source: The Observer

<https://tinyurl.com/3a7ur6z9>

(The idea of legal protections for nature was also explored in BBC Radio 4 Start the week: Advocating for Nature. Stream the episode free on BBC Sounds).

Yorkshire Rewilding Network's Summer Site Visits

Yorkshire Rewilding Network's popular annual program of summer site visits is now open for booking on Eventbrite. From wetlands to wild flower meadows, country estates to urban gardens, its varied program gives you the chance to see rewilding efforts in action across the county. Sites include a farm in nearby Redmire, behind the scenes at Cropton Beaver Project, and nature restoration at large estates like Castle Howard, Harewood and Broughton Sanctuary.

Source: Yorkshire Rewilding Network

<https://tinyurl.com/3wa2wuc2>

Report a ringed curlew

With breeding wader season in full swing, the British Trust for Ornithology is asking anyone who spots a curlew with an orange ring to report the sighting via their website. Birds raised and released as part of Eastern England's Curlew Recovery Program will have an orange ring, and the project depends on reported sightings to monitor their behaviour and movement post-release.

Source: Curlew Recovery Project

<https://tinyurl.com/48ja5h37>



More than 1,000 different species depend on Scots Pine in the UK

Scots Pine is the UK's only native pine tree and an icon of the Scottish Highlands, but it's currently under threat by several tree pests and diseases. According to Woodland Trust project Diversitree, up to 1,589 species of wildlife depend on Scots Pine in the UK, including 215 species that are only found on this type of tree. The project, funded by the Future of UK Treescapes Programme, has been investigating all the factors that lead to more resilient, wildlife-rich woodlands, from microbes to the minds of woodland managers. Learn more about the project's findings on its YouTube channel: <https://tinyurl.com/4ppmn4ra>

Reeth Surgery Vegetable beds ripe for picking

The fruit and vegetable beds at the Reeth Surgery have been tidied up and replanted. Look out for herbs ready for harvesting now with berries coming on later. The raised beds are for everyone

to use and enjoy so if you fancy doing a bit of weeding or harvesting some produce, please feel free to do so. If you would like to join our watering rota, please email us.

Tree Nursery update

There are now two tree nurseries storing saplings raised from local seed in Reeth and Langthwaite. Some of the seeds and willow cuttings collected in the autumn are starting to sprout and we will be arranging a potting on day on Saturday 21 June to transfer the seedlings to root trainers. If you would like to join us potting on, or have one of our seed boxes with seedlings ready to transfer to root trainers, please email us.

Margaret and Liz

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Leyburn Arts and Community Centre

May was a month full of all sorts of activities and June looks like being the same. We had our regular Tuesday and Friday films and also our special VE day celebrations, a screening of the Dam Busters and afternoon tea & cake. There was also an Exhibition on Screen focusing on Michelangelo's works.

Twangtown Paramours, the Soulful Duo from Nashville, were excellent & the Plant Fayre also a great success, with a few left over if you still have spaces to fill. And for a younger audience, we screened a brand new Peppa Meets the Baby Cinema Experience. Lovely to see younger cinema goers enjoying themselves!

June continues with a war themed Exploring Film about an Italian soldier escaping the war; a National Theatre Live screening of the Tennessee William's masterpiece, A Streetcar Named Desire starring Gillian Anderson; regular Friday films including the acclaimed Mr Burton, the story of a young Richard Burton, starring Toby Jones & Lesley Manville. For good music lovers we have Edwina Hayes, back by popular demand on the 28th June.

Our informal Digital Support continues for those with questions & topics they wish to ask about; Carer's Plus coffee morning; monthly support sessions from Citizen's Advice etc; Wednesday Walking sessions and Book Club. Some volunteer holiday relief is available if you have a few hours to spare. And the Community Shed is open if you wish to see what goes on there, tel 01969 624510 for more information, see our website or sign up for our flyer.



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Turning insight into action - funding the future of NFM

Natural flood management (NFM) provides multiple benefits. It helps slow the flow of water using natural processes - things like leaky dams and tree planting. It reduces flood risk, improves biodiversity and supports farming. But how do we know it works?



Leaky barriers at a recent Ousewem natural flood management (NFM) project

That's the question Ousewem is working on. We are developing a clearer way to measure the benefits of NFM, with input from communities, researchers and land managers. When we joined Sustainable Swaledale's recent meeting, we shared how our modelling approach is helping identify where NFM can make a difference.

Now we are inviting insights to help improve how we track NFM's impact and how we make the case for more investment.

Along side this, we are exploring how NFM is currently funded and how investment can be expanded. If you are a project manager, fund manager, policymaker or investor involved in NFM or nature-based solutions, we would like to hear from you. Join us in shaping the future of NFM monitoring and build on our ongoing research into modelling and monitoring.

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	10.30 am	St Joseph & Francis Xavier Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	Holy Trinity Low Row	<i>Eucharist</i>
	4.00 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	<i>Refreshments from 3.45 pm</i>
8th June	9.30 am	St. Andrew's Grinton	<i>Eucharist</i>
	9.30 am	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	10.30 am	St Joseph & Francis Xavier Richmond	<i>Mass</i>
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	11.15 am	St. Mary's Arkengarthdale	<i>Holy Communion BCP</i>
	4.00 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	<i>Refreshments from 3.45 pm</i>
	6.30 pm	Gunnerside Methodist	
14th June	6.00 pm	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	<i>Church Festival Service</i>

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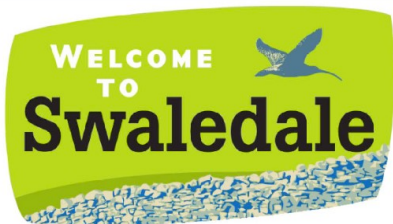
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22nd June			
	9.30 pm	St Michael's Downholme	<i>Holy Communion</i>
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29th June			
	10.30 am	St Joseph & Francis Xav. Richmond	
	10.30 am	Low Row URC	
	11.00 am	St. Edmund's, Marske	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
	11.00 am	Reeth Evangelical Congregational	
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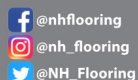
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Lead-mining in Swaledale

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What can you expect? Stories of ancient mining methods, and how they dug out the ore by hand - no modern power tools for them. Helen will also talk about the roles of women and children in the mines. Spoiler alert: they played a significant part too! Discover the lives of these brave miners and their families, who worked tirelessly to extract lead, often in harsh and dangerous conditions.

Helen will discuss the decline of the lead mining industry in the late 1800s and explain about the devastating impact this had on the population of Swaledale, and how the community coped during such challenging times.

And, as always, after the talk, we'd love you to stay and socialize, have cup of tea or coffee and indulge in a sweet treat (or two).

Membership is just £10 annually, which covers all our talks. Guests are welcome too, for a nominal fee of £3. For any questions or more information, don't hesitate to contact Sue Barron at 884937.

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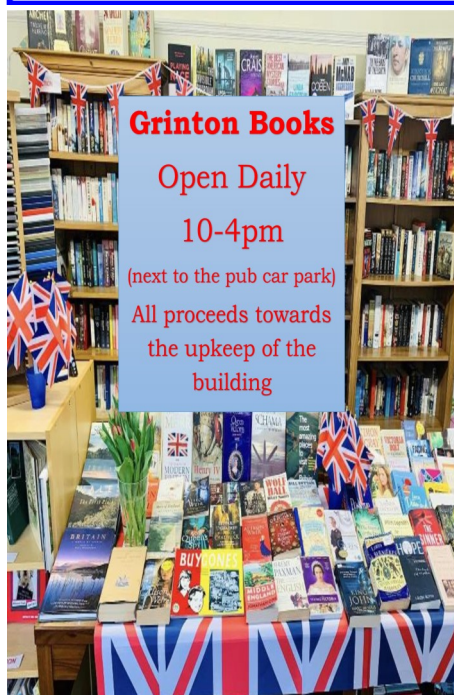
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Saturday 05th July - Baldy Holly Band
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The Future of the Poppy Appeal in the Two Dales

As readers of the Gazette will be aware I will retire as Poppy Appeal Organiser at the end of this year after a decade in post.

If the Poppy Appeal is to have a future here, then someone needs to come forward to take over, in whatever form that may be.

I would be delighted to talk to anyone who thinks that they may be able to help.



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Nominated as a 2022 'Rising Star' by
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international auditions in 2021.

Iyad is visiting Wensleydale after his
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Accessible Walk around Aysgarth Falls - Thursday 17 July

Jonathan Smith of Where2Walk and Yorkshire Dales disability access charity Access the Dales will lead a 4 mile circular walk exploring a short stretch of the River Ure and its waterfalls. This leisurely paced, stile free route is suitable for most electric wheelchairs as well as being suitable for those who want to walk over less arduous terrain with time to chat and socialise. Two Trampler wheelchairs are also available to hire from the Yorkshire Dales National Park Centre at Aysgarth Falls.

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Fremington Village Hall (Formerly Fremington Sunday School)

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the article in the May Gazette about Fremington Village Hall. We are still



interested in any local knowledge about the history of the hall or memories you may have of it. For example, as well as its use as a Sunday School we think it may have been used during the war and early post war years for various entertainments to boost morale in hard times.

The main purpose of this article however is **to invite readers to an open afternoon at the hall on Saturday 21st June.** There will be a display of the information we have unearthed about the history of the hall as well as a chance to look round. We will be serving Pimms and cake from 3.00 pm to 4.00pm after which everyone is welcome to join us for a very short meeting about the future of the hall.

We would especially welcome any local residents who would like to drop in. This is a great local asset, even if it does look a bit forbidding from the road. It has served the community well for a long time and we hope it will continue to do so for many years to come. But if that is to happen, your hall needs you! Bookings: Carol Whitham 07783924827 c.whitham149@btinternet.com History: Mike Evershed 01748884926 mikeatnutmeg@gmail.com

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The Arts Society Wensleydale presents “The Princes in the Tower - the Missing Princes Project”

Philippa Langley MBE is a historian, writer and award-winning film producer. In this talk she will discuss the findings of 'The Missing Princes Project', a centuries old historical mystery which investigates the fate of the deposed King Edward V of England and his younger brother Prince Richard of Shrewsbury, Duke of York, heirs to the throne of King Edward IV of England, treating the story of the Princes in the Tower as a 500-year-old cold case. Leaving no stone unturned, Langley and her team uncovers evidence that the princes survived Richard III's reign and points to

another suspect for their eventual deaths.

The lecture will take place at Tennants Garden Rooms, Leyburn, DL8 5SG on Tuesday 24th June at 2pm.

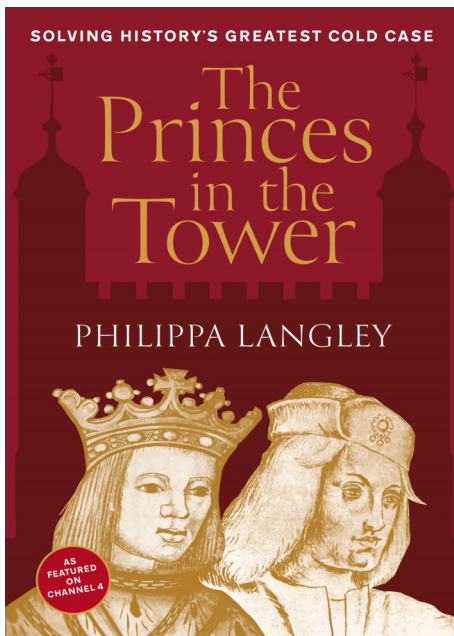
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Dales Police Crime Bulletin



Monthly Police Report

7th Apr - 6th May 2025

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Leyburn Police Station covers the areas of Arkengarthdale, Swaledale from Hudswell up to the county border. Wensleydale from the Hambleton to Cumbria borders, Coverdale and Bishopdale.

Incidents of note:

Overnight 10th Apr, a water pump from a mobile crusher was stolen from Shawl Quarry Tip, Leyburn.

Overnight 11th Apr, a towed green 2,500 litre capacity wheeled diesel Bowser containing 1,000 litres of diesel with attached Honda pump and Jigsaw Fuel dispenser and Solar Panel was stolen from Wensley Quarry, Redmire. Overnight 4th May, a white Ford Transit Van was stolen from the Redmire area.

Overnight 5th May, a number of newly planted shrubs were stolen from the community area known as "Georges Garden" in Hawes.

4 - Lost/Found.

9 - Voilence.

9 - Concern for safety.

9 - Highway Disruption (Animals/ Floods/Trees).

15 - Abandoned calls.

10 - Road Traffic Collisions (minor).

11 - Road Related Offences (manner of driving/vehicles withouttax and possible OPL).

5 - Theft.

2 - Missing person.

2 - Criminal Damage.

1 - Wildlife.

3 - Antisocial Behaviour (personal).

3 - ASB (nuisance).

11 - Suspicious Circumstances (Door to door sellers/vehicles parked/etc).

1 - Burglary.

2 - Civil Dispute.

In total 127 calls were received reporting either the above or making general enquiries.

North Yorkshire Community Messaging is a free email messaging service from North Yorkshire Police and the office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner providing news and updates on policing matters relevant to you and your local community you can sign up to North Yorkshire Community messaging by visiting the NYP site or if you wish contact me, Donald.watson@northyorkshire.police.uk providing your First Name, Last Name, House number/Name, Postcode, Mobile number and email address and I will sign you up.

The Neighbourhood Team will continue attending Town/Parish meetings and Community drop ins/events duties permitting.

PCSO 5777 Sharon Diamond has now departed the sunny climes of Leyburn Police station and is now working from and covering Richmond's area.

PCSO 5232 Don Watson

PC 355 Heather Campbell

PCSO 5550Tracie Taylor-Page

Events at The Hub

Friday, 13th June at 7:30pm - French Wine Tasting

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Tickets £15, on sale from May from Reeth Post Office and The Red Lion in Langthwaite.

Thursday, 3rd July at 7:30pm - 'Cutting it Fine'

Owing to overwhelming demand, 'Cutting It Fine' are returning to the Hub. Jane will be modelling medieval dress expertly made by Rebecca and explaining the pros and cons of such attire. Ladies, come along, have a glass of fizz and enjoy a memorable evening.

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110 Years is a Long Time!

Retirement of Sheila and Richard Good from Scouting

Sheila and Richard Good have recently retired from Scouting after a combined 110 years of service which is an amazing achievement and could well be a record. As Group Volunteer Leader for Swaledale Scouts, and on behalf of the current Trustees, previous members of the Group and all who have worked with Sheila and Richard, I would like to express our great appreciation of their commitment and all that they have done for the Scouts Association, particularly here in Reeth. I am sure that those of you who know them will wish them a happy retirement. On a

personal level I have greatly enjoyed working with Richard and learning about the many opportunities that Scouting gives young people.

Sheila became a Leader in the early 1960's, Richard in 1967. They started as Leaders in West Yorkshire and were with the 2nd Durrington Sea Scouts in West Sussex for three years before returning to Otley in 1971. Sheila was a Cub Scout Leader, Richard a Venture Scout Leader and Group Scout Leader. Sheila was Assistant District Commissioner for Cubs in Wharfedale, Richard was Assistant District Commissioner for Scouts in Wharfedale and Richmondshire. They were both active members of the Wharfedale Scout Service team, helping at check points on distance hikes like the Fellsman. Richard walked the 60 plus



miles Fellsman once.

They came to live in Arkengarthdale in 1992. Richard became Group Scout Leader of the Swaledale Group and Sheila the Cub Leader. There was only a Cub Pack meeting at that time. They reopened the Scout Troop and with help from new Leaders started a Beaver Colony. Richard became Deputy District Commissioner and then District Commissioner for Richmondshire Scouts, a role he held for 4 years. At one time a lot of young people came to join the Swaledale Group from Leyburn and Wensleydale after the Leyburn Group closed. Whilst DC Richard reopened a Group in Leyburn and started Beavers & Cubs in Hawes.

They recently decided to become "Retired" members of the Scout Association, so still have a contract with local Scouting. They both say it has been a great pleasure looking after young people from the Upper Dales in the Group for the past thirty years. Sheila received Scouting's highest honour, the Silver Wolf from the then Chief Scout in 2017. Richard received the second highest award, the Bar to the Silver Acorn at the same time.

Their great wish is that adults can be found to help run Beavers, Cubs & Scouts again in Swaledale. If YOU can help, see the advert in this Gazette and contact Nick Caldwell.

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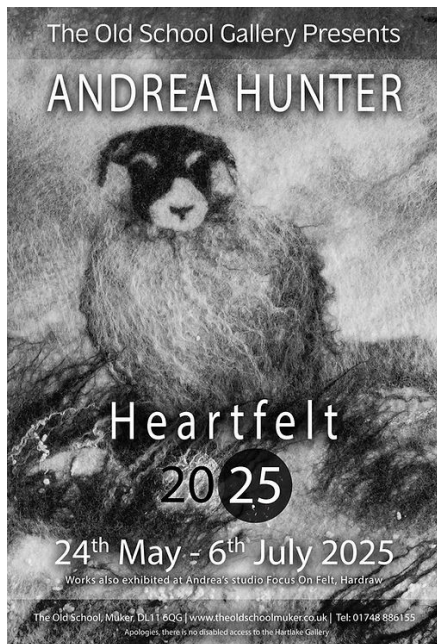
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with an inner quality, subtlety, texture and impression of movement that perfectly conjure up the wild and rugged reality of Wensleydale and Swaledale.

Heartfelt 2025 will showcase Andrea's original feltworks, both in monochrome and colour, specially created for the exhibition.

Gallery owner Richard says, "We feel thrilled and privileged to host this exhibition. Andrea is undoubtedly one of the country's leading felt artists and what makes it even more special for us is to be able to showcase the work of someone who was born, raised and lives just a short journey over the hill from the gallery. Andrea's work is absolutely unique and could only be produced by someone so deeply connected to the place and the people of the Dales"

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June

Tues 10th June - AGM Wensleydale Tournament, 6pm Leyburn Arts Centre

Fri 13th Jun - French Wine Tasting, Arkengarthdale Community Hub 7.30pm

Sat 14th June - 6pm Church Festival, Reeth Evangelical Church

Wed 18th June - Colours Fundraising Fashion Show, West Burton Hall, 7pm

Fri 20th June - The Often Herd, Reeth Memorial Hall, 8pm

Sat 21st Jun - Fremington Hall open afternoon with refreshments and cake sale

Sat 21st June - Coffee Morning 10-12noon, Reeth Evangelical Church

Sat 21st Jun - Ripon and Wetherby Choral Societies join to perform Mendelssohn's Elijah, Ripon Cathedral, 7.30pm

Sat 21st Jun - York Male Voice Choir, 7pm Gunnerside Chapel. Suggested donation £10 towards chapel funds.

Thurs 26th Jun - Gunnerside TLC, Helen Guy talks about lead mining, 7.30pm Gunnerside Village Hall.

Sun 29th June - Afternoon Teas in aid of Alzeimers Society, Keld Hall from 2pm

July

Thurs 3rd July - 'Cutting it Fine' talk, Arkengarthdale Community Hub 7.30m

Fri 4th July - O'Hooley and Tidow, Reeth Memorial Hall, 8pm

Sat 5th July - Heritage Day, St Andrew's Grinton

Sat 5th July - Baldy Holly Band, Reeth Memorial Hall, 8pm

Sun 6th July - Pimms and Hymns, St Andrew's Grinton, 4pm

Sun 13th July - Low Row Open Gardens, 10.30-4, start Low Row Institute

Thurs 17th July - Accessible Walk round Aysgarth Falls. Meet NP centre.

Fri 18th July - The Abba Girls Band, Reeth Memorial Hall, 8pm

Sat 19 July - mobile skip on Reeth Green 9am-1pm

Sat 19th July - Coffee Morning 10-12noon, Reeth Evangelical Church

August

Sat 30th Aug - Reeth Arts Festival

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