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Editor's Welcome



The announcement of a £2 cap on bus fares has once again brought public transport into the spotlight, but as you can read elsewhere in this issue of *Community News*, affordable fares are only one part of a much more complicated public transport equation. If the rising costs of providing a regular bus service lead to timetable cuts, as has happened with the 580 service between Settle and Skipton, the price of a ticket becomes almost irrelevant if there is no bus to catch when you need one.

In rural areas such as North Yorkshire, alternatives to a regular bus service are not always readily available, and not everyone has access to a car. As a result, journeys that ought to be straightforward – whether for work, a hospital appointment, a visit to the post office or simply to see friends and family – can become increasingly difficult. Finding a way to provide reliable public transport at a cost that is affordable for both passengers and operators is a challenge I certainly don't envy.

On a lighter note, it's that time of year again when our flowerpot friends emerge from their hiding places to bring colour and fun to Settle. You can read about the work that goes into making the Flowerpot Festival a success, and meet some of this year's new additions, on pages 28-29.

Speaking of new additions, we also have the first of what we hope will become a regular series of articles from the young farmers of our district on page 26.

Finally, many thanks to Nick White who has supplied the artwork on our cover, a rather striking painting of a still much-loved historical mode of transport.

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In the market

Community News is among the organisations that have taken advantage of Settle Town Council's decision to open up the Tuesday market to community groups to promote their activities. We were there earlier this summer talking to readers and visitors about the magazine and encouraging new writers, advertisers and distributors to join our team. We did not have the best weather for our appearance, but, like others, think this is a great initiative to engage the community and the market.

Our photograph shows Barry White and Annie Gammon with our smart promotional materials.

Buses campaign gathers pace

The campaign to restore the hourly daytime bus service on the 580 route between Settle and Skipton has been gathering pace over the past two months.

There is now an online petition on the North Yorkshire Council website, and paper copies have been gaining signatures from residents in Settle, Hellifield and Gargrave. The petition is headed 'We, the undersigned, petition the council to restore the 580 bus service to an hourly timetable'. It reads: "From 13th April, the 580 bus service from Settle to Skipton was suddenly reduced from an hourly to a two-hourly service outside peak hours, representing a loss of three round trips. The changes have damaged the lives

of those who depend on the 580 for a variety of uses: doctor, hospital and dental appointments; access to the countryside, sport or exercise; volunteering; shopping; social interaction; work and college; and, for those with limited mobility, just a lift up the road. We are seeing overcrowding on the remaining services, with people standing. The cuts also affect onward connections in Settle or Skipton. We call on North Yorkshire Council, as the transport authority, to restore the 580 bus service to an hourly timetable."

The petition is organised by Marie Lebacqz and Jean Worthington and backed by local campaigner Angie Pedley. By mid-July, 90 people had signed online and a further 150 signatures had been gathered on paper, with the numbers growing daily.

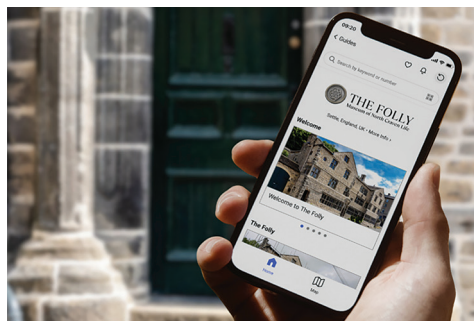
In a further development, the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority, which is due to take over responsibility for public transport in the region next year, is conducting a survey covering a number of geographical areas, including the Yorkshire Dales National Park. The authority says it has been awarded funding from the Department for Transport to explore how to deliver better rural and coastal bus services, and it wants to hear from communities. It adds: "We would like to know about the views, experiences and needs of people around bus services. We are keen to hear the voices of people who are often not heard or involved in decisions on transport, whether they use buses or not. This will help to shape the approach to future provision."

Campaigners to restore the hourly 580 service point out that, whilst only a small part of this route is within the national park, the combined authority's aim to provide a 'more joined up service' means it is important that the views of those who rely on the service are heard and help press the authority to facilitate the restoration of the hourly service. You can access the survey at <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/t/2ZQA1Y/>.

The campaign has, however, not been all one-way traffic. Alongside the online campaign to restore the hourly service, there have also been a few comments suggesting that we should be grateful for the level of service that we have compared with some other areas and not expect the council to subsidise bus services irrespective of what passengers and taxpayers are able and prepared to pay. *Community News* has also received a letter from Paul Emsley of Hellifield, who picked up on the point made in our previous issue that many users of the daytime services travel on the pensioners' free bus pass. He said he had sympathy with Lonsdale Buses, who run the 580 service, and their decision to reduce the frequency of weekday buses as they faced rising costs but with fares at a fixed level. He argued that fares should not be capped, as they are at present, but should reflect operating costs. He also proposed that bus passes should be limited to those with an income of less than £18,000 a year. On a separate point, he made the case for a daily rail service between Hellifield and Clitheroe, a cause likely to be supported by many, including those whose bus passes he would remove.

For a longer-term history of the 580 bus route, see *Transport News* on pages 20-21.

Mike Smith



The Folly goes digital... but coffee still available!

The Museum of North Craven Life and Folly Coffee House in Settle has launched a new free digital guide, giving

people the chance to explore the building, collections and stories of North Craven while major restoration work continues on site. The new guide is available through Bloomberg Connects, the free arts and culture app featuring museums and cultural organisations from around the world.

The museum is currently closed while restoration work continues on The Folly's Grade I listed building, supported by the Museum Estate and Development Fund, but the new digital guide means visitors, local residents and anyone with an interest in North Craven can continue to discover more from anywhere in the world.

The guide includes an introduction to The Folly, stories from the museum and its collections, and material exploring the history of the building itself. More content will be added over the coming months as the museum prepares to reopen and as new exhibition material is developed.

The launch comes during a very visible period of change for The Folly. Scaffolding has been rising around the building as restoration work progresses, gradually altering one of Settle's most familiar historic frontages. Behind the scenes, careful work is also taking place inside the building, where exposed stonework, timber beams and hidden details are helping the team better understand the layers of history within The Folly as restoration work continues.

Although the museum galleries are closed during the works, The Folly Coffee House remains open Monday to Saturday, from 10am to 4pm. The popular Coffee House continues to welcome customers throughout the restoration project, offering a familiar place to meet, pause and enjoy The Folly while work continues around the building.

Dr Caitlin Greenwood, Heritage Development Officer at North Craven Building Preservation Trust, said: "The Folly is going through a really important period of change, but we do not want people to feel disconnected from the

museum while the building works continue. Our new Bloomberg Connects guide means people can still explore The Folly, learn more about the building and discover stories from North Craven. It is also a lovely way to share more of the work happening behind the scenes.”

The guide can be accessed for free in three ways:

Download the Bloomberg Connects app via your app store and search for The Folly, or Museum of North Craven Life.

Open the guide in a web browser:
<https://guides.bloombergconnects.org/en-US/guide/museumOfNorthCravenLife>

Scan the QR code on The Folly’s signs during your next visit.

Settle Photography Group Exhibition

Once again, the Settle Photographic Group will hold its annual photographic exhibition at Clapham Village Hall (Cross Haw Lane, Clapham, LA2 8DZ), running from Saturday, 29th August, to Monday, 31st August. The exhibition will be formally opened by local artist Annie Farrer at the launch and private view on Friday, 28th August. The exhibition will then be open to the public each day from 10am to 5pm. Entry is free, though donations are welcomed.

The exhibition will showcase the best of the group’s work from the last twelve months. There will be a varied display of photographs, with exhibition images available for sale. A range of greeting cards and mounted, but unframed, images will also be on sale, reflecting the group’s photographic efforts over the last few years.

Thanks to the support of the community in Clapham, there will be a range of refreshments available during the exhibition, with all proceeds benefiting Clapham’s St James’ Parish Church.

For further information contact Tony Durcan, Settle Photography Group, on tony.durcan01@btinternet.com, tel. 07860 606646.



Local Girlguiding units have been busy!

It has been an action-packed term for our local units. Here is what each group has been up to:

Clapham & Austwick Brownies and Guides – We officially launched our #ProtectThePeaks anti-litter campaign with two campaign videos created with Settle Stories. Watch them on our new YouTube channel (Clapham Austwick Brownies Guides). We have 150 outdoor signs and our pledge posters ready for supporters and local businesses to adopt – please get in touch to display one.

We celebrated presenting lots of badges and awards, including a Brownie Gold Award and our first-ever Guide Gold Award. The girls also hosted a Yorkshire Cancer Care tea party, raising a fantastic £430. Finally, a huge thank you to The Olde Manor House for a generous donation supporting our upcoming overnight trip.

Settle Rainbows – Our Rainbows have been busy with their “Bug Challenge”, crafting bug hotels, butterfly feeders, edible bugs and bees for the Settle Flowerpot Festival. They also celebrated earning two Rainbow Gold Awards and created a beautiful collage to mark the 150 years of the Settle to Carlisle railway.

Settle Brownies – We have welcomed 10 new Brownies this year. To celebrate the

railway's 150th anniversary, we painted route scenery, which is now proudly displayed at Settle Station. We also hid positive-message pebbles around town, made origami seed pots to earn our Grow Your Own badge, and placed flowerpot badges in the churchyard. We wrapped up the term by celebrating a Brownie Gold Award with fun water games. Best of all, leaders Fiona and Jo were thrilled to receive surprise Good Service Awards from the County Commissioner.

Join Us! We have a few spaces at Rainbows starting in September. If your daughter wants to join the fun, please register your interest on the Girlguiding website (girlguiding.org.uk).

Showtime

It's showtime! There is no shortage of village shows this summer and plenty of opportunities to show off handicrafts, food, flowers, photography and much more.

First up is Austwick on Saturday, 1st August. The Giggleswick Show takes place in St Alkeda's Church on Saturday, 8th August.

The following week, on Saturday, 15th August, Langcliffe Show takes place in the Institute and Church.

Organisers of the show say anyone can enter the wide range of categories, though they need to register by Friday, 7th August, and there are strict rules and a limit of one entry per person in each category. Doors open at 1.30pm, and refreshments are available.

The season concludes at Horton-in-Ribblesdale in early September with a show that traditionally includes lambs and vintage vehicles, as well as flowers and confectionery.

SAOS heads back to the Swinging Sixties with Summer Holiday

Settle Amateur Operatic Society (SAOS) will bring the feel-good musical *Summer Holiday* to Settle Victoria Hall from Wednesday, 21st October, to Saturday, 24th

October 2026.

Featuring songs made famous by Cliff Richard & The Shadows, the musical follows a group of friends who set off across Europe aboard a London bus in search of sunshine, adventure and romance.



The production is directed and choreographed by 18-year-old SAOS members Amy Lawson and Aaron Hird (pictured), who have both been involved with the society for a number of years. Amy progressed through the society's Courthouse Kids youth theatre group, while both Amy and Aaron took leading roles in SAOS's production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* last year.

Tickets cost £18 for adults and £12 for school-age children. A family ticket is available for £55, covering either two adults and two children or one adult and three children. Tickets are already available from Settle Victoria Hall.

Alongside preparations for this year's production, the society is looking ahead to *The Wizard of Oz*, which will be staged in October 2027. SAOS is inviting applications from people interested in directing the production as the society approaches its 150th anniversary and looks ahead to a new era.

Applicants should have previous directing experience, whether in amateur theatre, a school or another performance setting, together with the organisation and

commitment needed to lead the production.

Courthouse Kids, the society's Saturday morning drama group for young people aged eight to 16, continues to meet during term time at The Old Courthouse. New members are welcome, along with volunteers who would like to help run the sessions.

Settle Amateur Operatic Society has been staging musical and operatic productions in the town since 1879. There are opportunities to take part on stage, backstage and in the wider running of the society. For more information, email steven@settleoperatic.org.



Tournament brings tennis club members together

Whilst most tennis fans' attention was focused on the middle weekend of the Wimbledon Championships and the progress of the previously little-known British wildcard player in the men's draw, local club members at Austwick were taking part in their own annual competition for the Sheila Barraclough Trophy, named after one of the club's founding members, who died in 2019.

Sixteen players took part in what is known as an American tournament, whereby men and women competitors form mixed doubles pairs that play against each other in a series of rounds – four games with their partner and four against them.

With shortened games and a rapid turnaround, the whole event took little more than three hours, leaving plenty of time for the trophy presentation and,

importantly, a buffet tea and the chance to chat with members of the different teams that rarely play together. Congratulations go to Marco Frik, winner of the men's section, and Jo Martin and Anna Howarth, who shared a tightly contested ladies' section. The photograph shows the presentation by Bernard Barraclough, Sheila's husband.



A golf course full of natural character

It was more than 130 years ago that local golf enthusiasts conceived the idea of creating a course and golf club in the beautiful setting of Buck Haw Brow. The course is full of natural character, with elevated tees, dry-stone walls, water features, crag faces, undulating fairways and natural contours. It would be hard to find anywhere like it, and it retains the sort of challenges that the club's founders envisaged.

Unlike many courses, Settle and Giggleswick Golf Club remains open throughout the year and you do not need to book a tee time in advance. It also offers affordable pricing in relation to membership and green fees when compared with other Yorkshire golf clubs.

In preparation for the 2026–27 season, which is now well under way, club volunteers, working closely with staff from Giggleswick School, pruned and trimmed trees and bushes to improve the appearance and openness of the course.

The drainage channels on the course were overhauled to improve the flow of rainwater by removing invasive weeds and marsh grass. The fairways and rough areas were more clearly defined. The greens were seeded, aerated, fertilised and top-dressed. The aim is to have three holes/cups per

green.

Marketing has been accelerated and improved through the use of social media and website news, making it much easier to pay subscriptions and green fees online.

The club is also in the process of increasing sponsorship and grant applications to increase the number of junior and women members.

It is hoped, through closer links with schools, that golf coaching can also be expanded for students.

Efforts are also being made to forge closer links with other nine-hole clubs to increase friendship and fellowship amongst like-minded players.

The club welcomes golfers of all abilities and visitors all year round. If you would like to come and play, just visit www.settlegolfclub.co.uk for more details.

Dick Walker – Club President

Water safety training and Settle Pool AGM

Water safety and skills have formed a key part of the intensive swimming lessons for children taking place at Settle Pool this summer. The initiative was prompted by reports of increasing numbers of accidents taking place in open water as children and parents are tempted outside in the warm weather. As centre manager Tash Earle explained at the Pool's AGM, "It is no good just being able to do breaststroke or crawl if you fall into moving water whilst fully dressed. You need to know what to do to save yourself and others who get into difficulty." Swimming lessons have been a central part of Settle Pool's work since it was founded more than 50 years ago. As facilities have grown, these have been complemented by an ever-increasing number of sessions, both in the pool and in the gym and dry area, known as fitSpace.

The AGM was attended by more than 30 pool users and supporters. Attendances are continuing to grow, as is the number of members, and each month sees more than 2,000 swims and over 800 participants in

fitSpace classes. Treasurer Ken Larkins reported that finances were improving year on year, with the centre itself coming close to covering its costs in some months, whilst the fund-raising shops – and the unit on the Sowarth Industrial Estate – were helping ensure that the pool was on course to pay back the loans that had made possible the major redevelopment work that took place in the early 2020s. The increased use of solar panels, backed by batteries, had also played a significant role in keeping down electricity costs.

There was praise for the pool staff from those attending, and for the range of activities provided, with special mention for the "calm and inclusive" sessions for those who enjoy a more leisurely swim.

The principal officers – Chris Hirst (Chair), Ian Dryburgh (Vice Chair), Mike Smith (Secretary) and Ken Larkins (Treasurer) – were all re-elected.



Rivers exhibition at Hawes

Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust's summer exhibition, hosted at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes, is the culmination of work undertaken during the first half of the Rivers4Life schools and community engagement project.

The family-friendly, interactive exhibition, which is open until 27th September, presents an opportunity for people to connect with the nature and wildlife of our rivers, along with the challenges they currently face.

Rivers4Life, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, is a celebration of our beautiful rivers, brought to life through films, music, art, soundscapes, drama and

compelling facts.

You can find out more and sign up to the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust newsletter at www.ydrt.org.

Banyuls-sur-Mer

It's four years since a group of 'Settlers' descended upon Banyuls, our twin town, to 'experience' its wine festival in October. A repeat is being considered for this autumn, but, due to those four years of ageing and other commitments, we find we no longer have a viable number of travellers.

So, if you're interested in making the trip around the second week in October and feel you can cope with the demands of a wine festival and Mediterranean hospitality, why not give it a go? Looking to the future, I would say that participants of at most early retirement age would be ideal to continue the four-year cycle, i.e. Banyuls in 2022 and 2026, Settle in 2024 and 2028, etc.

What better way to celebrate your retirement!

People of any age would, of course, be just as welcome.

If you'd like to join the merry band or would like more details, please contact me as soon as possible. Tempus fugit! Pardon my French!

ianandmargaretgray@hotmail.com

I look forward to hearing from you.

Ian Gray



A Walk in Memory of Ve Walker

On Tuesday, 12th May, twelve intrepid bell ringers set off from Giggleswick Church, aiming to walk the six or so miles

to Long Preston in memory of Ve Walker, who died on 27th January. 12th May would have been Ve's 81st birthday.

Ve was a well-known local bell ringer. She learnt to ring at Giggleswick Church, where her father had also been a bell ringer. She was, however, always willing to visit and help other towers in the area, including Long Preston, Gisburn, Kildwick, Horton-in-Ribblesdale and Kirkby Malham. And there were others.

Many will also know Ve from her involvement with Settle Area Swimming Pool. In the 1970s, she helped to raise the money for the construction of the pool and was closely involved in planning the building, always insisting that she had laid the first stone. As a qualified swimming teacher, Ve was very passionate about teaching people of all ages and abilities to swim so that they could be safe in the water. Sadly, too many people still lose their lives in open water.

Ve walked many miles around the Craven area, often accompanied by family or a canine friend. So, it seemed an appropriate memorial to cover some of the same ground that she had enjoyed so many times.

From a drizzly start, the walk first followed the River Ribble, then rose along Lodge Lane (where waterproofs were hastily removed) to Cleatop Wood and its glorious display of bluebells. It then continued up onto the moor and finished with a welcome descent via the Pennine Bridleway, with its extensive views across to Pendle Hill. The group were then joined by others for lunch at the Maypole Inn in Long Preston, which did us proud. I think we can all recommend it.

Thank you to Sue Nicholls, Ve's partner, for contributing to this article, to Gillian Parrington, who organised this memorial walk, and to Jess Hart for the photographs.

We all have many memories of Ve, some many more than others. She was a splendid person, and I was honoured to be included in this celebration of her life.

Jen Darling



Hope donation from Rotary

Earlier this summer, the Rotary Club of Settle presented Pat Dyminski from Airedale NHS Foundation Trust, representing the Hope for Tomorrow charity, with a cheque for £2,000 – the result of a fundraising evening by the club earlier this year. Hope for Tomorrow funds mobile cancer care units that enable patients to receive care in the community rather than having to make long journeys to hospitals. The picture shows the club secretary, David Blackburne, making the presentation outside the specialist unit at Booths in Settle. Also pictured is one of the specialist team who staff the unit and provide the excellent care from which so many people have benefited.

The majority of the donation came from the club's annual 'Merry Go Round' event held at the end of February. This was attended by more than 160 people, glad to get out and socialise after the dark winter. Nine local venues provided excellent three-course meals and participants moved between them, enjoying a different course at each. From the comments received, it was clear that a good time was had by all. The evening raised £1,600 and Settle Rotary made that up to £2,000 with a

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donation from their charitable funds.

The Rotary Club of Settle was formed in 1929 and has served the local community throughout that time by raising funds for local use, as well as supporting specific international charities such as Marie Curie and Polio Plus. We meet on alternate Thursdays at the Maypole Inn in Long Preston for a varied programme of talks, planning our regular events, which include the Settle Saunter, Father Christmas Collection and Merry Go Round, whilst enjoying good social chat. We are always looking for new members who want to try something back into their community – there is no formality and the commitment is what you want it to be. Come along and try us out!

Contact David Blackburne on dhblackburne@btinternet.com for further details.



Getting down to Brass Roots

There is a long tradition in the world of brass banding of nurturing and encouraging future players from a young age. In days gone by, instruments would be loaned free of charge and lessons would be provided by band members to children in the community. When Giggleswick and Settle Brass Band received a generous grant from the Settle Middle School Legacy Fund, the band purchased new instruments so that it could relaunch this practice with children at our local primary schools. These lessons have been taking place for just over a year now, and it soon became clear that the players needed an opportunity to get together and make music. So began Brass Roots – a group of about a dozen pupils from Settle and Giggleswick primary

schools, meeting after school on Fridays at Settle Primary. Some have been playing for only one term, others for four terms or more, but there is already great enthusiasm and a joyful sound is emerging as their confidence increases.

We are proud that Giggleswick and Settle Brass Band now has three tiers of players. Brass Roots will feed into the Training Band, which will eventually feed into the main band. The aim is to secure the future of brass banding here in Giggleswick and Settle.

This is what a couple of year 6 students at Settle Primary have to say: “I really enjoy playing, and Brass Roots is great because it gives you a taste of playing as a group” (Jack – cornet). “Brass Roots is great! It’s nice having extra practice and playing with other people, not just on your own” (Owen – trombone).

Look out for the main band’s concerts and community events. The band is also always happy to entertain at private events – it has played at weddings, retirement parties and birthday bashes. The Training Band has played cameo performances at our Victoria Hall concerts over the last couple of years, and Mrs Roberts, headteacher at Settle Primary School, has plans for a ‘Proms in the Playground’ event to showcase Brass Roots. Brass playing is a wonderful tradition in this part of the world, and it is here to stay.

Philip Taylor

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Town investment plan: the listening phase

The area encompassing Settle and Giggleswick, along with more than 30 other towns across North Yorkshire, is now deeply involved in developing a town investment plan as part of an initiative backed by the Mayor of York and North Yorkshire and North Yorkshire Council. The project pre-dates, but has much in common with, recent government policies which talk of seeking to promote growth right across the country.

Over the past month, residents across an area only slightly narrower than *Community News*' own circulation area have been asked for their views on a range of issues, including changes they would like to see over the next five to ten years. There were two open sessions, one in Settle market and another at the library. The town and parish councils have been involved, and an event for community groups, including *Community News*, was held at Victoria Hall in early July.

Around 50 people took part in that event, which began with a presentation by council officers who gave some interesting statistics about the local area. These included the facts that we have an older population than North Yorkshire as a whole, but a lower level of unemployment.

Following the presentation, we split into four groups. Each was asked to look at the key challenges facing the area and

the opportunities for development. The headings were: improving the vitality of the town centre and enabling enterprise; active travel and climate resilience; the use of cultural and heritage assets; public realm; and enabling people to have healthier lives.

The discussion ranged far and wide, covering major long-term issues and some specific complaints. For many of those taking part this was familiar territory. Yes, we have comparatively good transport links, but trains are infrequent, sometimes full, and a minor accident on the A65 can have major implications, both for local businesses looking to attract customers and for residents seeking to travel, for instance, for medical appointments.

The need for stronger links between local businesses and Settle College was mentioned by one participant, and all were agreed on the importance of well-maintained public toilets for the visitor (especially the day-visitor) economy. The reliance of many of our institutions on volunteers was mentioned, as was the future of the Arla site, vital if we are to continue to be more than a tourist destination, many thought. The former middle school site was another location crying out for development, it was said. Signage in the town centre was something many thought needed to be addressed, and parking and catering for the needs of people with disabilities all got a mention as the council officers took copious notes.

The next step will be to try to devise a vision for how we want the area to develop. What is becoming clear is that there are some common ideas, but also big challenges, and in between, a few practical steps that could quickly make a difference.

Whether the exercise will produce tangible results, only time will tell, but we have had a chance to have our say.

Mike Smith

Meet Your Councillor



Barbara Temple

I am writing to you as the newest councillor on Settle Town Council, having moved to the town in 2024 after 32 years working and bringing up three children in Leeds.

I grew up in a council house in the south, though, with many family holidays in Durham, the north has always felt like home. My partner, Nick, and I moved to Settle looking to be part of, and contribute to, a warm, welcoming local community where we could enjoy walks from the door with our red setter, Angus!

I initially trained as a secondary school English teacher, then, after completing an MA in education, taught in schools, FE colleges and the Open University. In 2002 I joined Leeds Children's Services, working with all Leeds schools to develop partnerships with children's centres, social care and voluntary organisations, providing child/parent support in and out of school

– later managing teams to support children who were out of education due to exclusion, illness or low attendance. I've also worked alongside the police on new ways to enable positive relations with the communities they serve following on the recommendations of the MacPherson report into the racist murder of Stephen Lawrence.

Now in Settle, I am a volunteer on a community allotment and a trustee for The Place, focused on residents' health and wellbeing, and for the Craven Community Land Trust supporting the need for social housing.

As you can see, partnership development around wellbeing and access to services is my driver, so joining Settle Town Council was a natural step for me. I hope to continue to contribute to the partnership of local services, statutory, arts-based and voluntary, that enable Settle to be a great place to live and visit.

Like other councillors, you'll probably see me out, often with the dog, always happy to have a chat and listen to your views.



Settle
TOWN COUNCIL

From the Press Bench Settle Town Council Meeting 6th July

The July meeting of Settle Town Council opened with the public session, when residents have the chance to raise concerns directly to councillors. A particular issue was maintenance of our public spaces, especially the area around the war memorial at Bridgend and some of the car parking areas. Chair Joe Lord pointed out that these were largely the responsibility of North Yorkshire Council, being part of the Highways Department remit, but promised to include the topic as a full agenda item at the next meeting.

There was also a question about paving around the Shambles and the Market Place. Here there was better news, as land ownership and management responsibilities were becoming clearer, and the town council planned to put work in hand shortly. Additionally, the wooden planters in this area, which are showing their age, are up for renewal.

Another concern has been around the Whitefriars public toilets and their cleanliness. Again, the chair pointed out that these are the responsibility of North Yorkshire and that a statement (now published) on the town council website would clarify this.

A recent hot topic in Ribblesdale has been the proposed Calderdale Wind Farm, which could lead to a massive increase in lorry traffic to and from our local quarries. Following research by the clerk, it has become clear that there are many issues for the promoters to address before the work goes for full planning approval and, here too, a position statement has been published on the council website – but councillors will keep a close eye on developments.

Another subject covered, that is also the subject of wider debate, is the future of the 580 bus service to Skipton. This is considered more fully on pages 4-5 and 20-21 of this issue, but councillors are involved with the North Yorkshire

representatives from constituencies along the route on this matter. Two town councillors had also attended a very recent workshop on franchising and management of local bus services. At this stage, this is essentially a research exercise on behalf of the Mayor of York and North Yorkshire to help develop an overall transport plan, but feedback is promised in the autumn, and the study is very pertinent to the 580 situation.

A much happier matter to report is that the council agreed to act as the sponsoring authority for the local consortium, led by community champion Ollie French, which is obtaining finance from the York and North Yorkshire Vibrant and Sustainable High Streets Fund. This is one of the initiatives launched through the £27m Mayoral Challenge programme, aiming to reinvigorate high streets across the region as thriving community centres. The involvement of the town council will ensure proper governance of money awarded, without the need to set up a completely separate organisation, such as a community interest company, to manage expenditure.

Other positives to mention were support for a planning application to tidy up the exterior of Boots the Chemists at the corner of the Market Place, news of preparations for the 2026 Christmas Lights and associated celebrations, as well as a grant from town funds to support local Guides and Brownies with their Protect the Peaks anti-litter campaign.

The meeting finished with a debate on how the council should interact with social media. Several of the topics listed above have generated a flurry of online traffic, some of it emotive and, at times, ill-informed, with which the clerk and her assistant then have to deal. It was agreed that the council should limit its use of social media to issuing definitive statements, and not try to respond to every comment that is posted.

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Film makes case for urgent action on climate change

The Settle and Area Action on Climate Emergency group (ACE) has joined a number of other local organisations in arranging a free showing of the film *People's Emergency Briefing*, which is based on evidence presented to MPs and leaders from business, science and civil society on the threats climate change and nature loss present to the UK, and the need for urgent action.

The showing, one of more than 2,000 scheduled to take place across the UK, will be held at St John's Methodist Church on Thursday, 17th September, starting at 7pm.

The organisers point out that recent surveys show that more than three-quarters of people in the UK are concerned or very concerned about the impact of climate change on our country, and that during the Amber Heat Health Alert in June, a temperature of 34.4°C was recorded in Yorkshire – higher than that on the same day in Istanbul (31°C), Kabul (30°C) and Mumbai (32°C).

On the film itself, they say: “The *People's Emergency Briefing* is a powerful new film featuring short presentations on climate, nature, food security, weather extremes, health,



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on Unsplash

tipping points, energy transition and economics. Designed for community screening, the film presents the national implications of climate and nature breakdown alongside credible responses. It combines expert contributions with audience reactions, helping viewers not only understand the scale of the crisis, but begin conversations about how we can respond together.”

They add that the aim of the showings across the country is “to help create a tipping point towards the urgent, collective response that is now needed.”

Local community groups backing the show, alongside ACE, include Settle Community and Business Hub, Settle Stories, Churches Together in Settle and District, Friends of the Dales and Craven Conservation Group.

Following the film, there will be an opportunity to ask questions, share views and help to decide what actions we can take as a community.

Tickets can be booked via Ticket Tailor at: <https://tinyurl.com/PEBSettle>

Find out about ACE and our events - via our website: acesettleandarea.org; our newsletter - sign-up by emailing us on: acesettleandarea@gmail.com or via Facebook, as ACE Settle.

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TRANSPORT NEWS



Photo: John Carey

Much has been said about the reduced 580 bus service between Skipton and Settle. The reduction from ten to seven services per day has created two-hour gaps in the daytime timetable, with considerable inconvenience to passengers.

Looking back, the 580 route was, for many years, the province of Pennine Motor Services until they withdrew from bus operation in May 2014, after some 89 years. Critically, the route was operated commercially, that is, without subsidy from the local authority. As an immediate measure following their withdrawal, North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) instigated a service using a 16-seat minibus. However, this proved to be grossly inadequate. It was in response to this that the Friends of the Dales and others engaged Kirkby Lonsdale Coach Hire to take on the route in conjunction with their existing 581 service between Kirkby Lonsdale and Settle, which was operated with subsidy from NYCC. As Kirkby Lonsdale Coach Hire is based in Morecambe, this arrangement depended upon the continued contract with NYCC

for the 581 and the ability to run buses along the full A65 corridor. This seemed to provide a satisfactory solution.

Whilst there are undoubtedly challenges in the bus industry, with increased costs of vehicles, fuel and staff, it is a reasonable passenger aspiration to have an hourly service along the A65 corridor. We must not forget evenings and Sunday services, which remain sadly lacking. However, it is often the case that rural services cannot exist without some level of subsidy, whilst it seems unlikely that the council will step in as the service does not fall below its two-hour frequency criteria. I should also mention that DalesBus provided a Sunday service for a short while, but this ceased due to difficulties in locating an operator and driver shortages. It remains an aspiration.

As many will be aware, the responsibility for public transport will ultimately be vested in the mayoral authority, although this transition is a gradual process and not without problems. Meanwhile, work is currently being undertaken to consider how services might be provided across

the region, and to this end, several representatives of the Settle area recently attended a rural transport workshop at Grassington Town Hall. This highlighted the transport needs of residents and visitors, both of whom are essential to the local economy. Such forums are to be held throughout the county and will undoubtedly help shape future services and, ultimately, whether the authority will adopt a 'franchise' option with complete control of public transport rather than rely on the commercial sector.

In the meantime, it is often left to organisations such as Dales and Bowland Community CIC (DalesBus) to help fill some of the gaps which might not otherwise be provided, particularly as regards access to the Dales. Indeed, I would remind readers that, after a short train ride to Ribbleshead Station, the Saturday-only DalesBus 80 provides a service to Hawes, connecting with the Yorkshire Dales Explorer train (depart Settle at 10.02). On Sundays, the 830 Northern DalesBus takes a stunning high-level route from Ribbleshead to Richmond via Hawes, Buttertubs Pass and Swaledale (train departs Settle at 10.17), whilst from Garsdale Station the 857 Wensleydale Explorer runs to Castle Bolton via Hawes. Senior bus passes are now accepted on all DalesBus services.

Moving on to our railways, recent news has been dominated by the Bedford rail crash and the level crossing incident in Lancashire. Our thoughts are with those involved. But it must be said that such incidents are rare, and our railways remain one of the safest ways to travel. Much of this is due to tried-and-tested Victorian practices which continue to this day. These keep trains apart such that two trains are not allowed onto the same section of track at the same time. For a demonstration

of how these safety systems work, a visit to either of the volunteer-run Settle or Armthwaite signal boxes is highly recommended.

Meanwhile, on the Settle–Carlisle line, we have seen increased passenger numbers due to various promotions and the fine weather, whilst there is evidence that the railway is trying harder to maintain carriage allocation. As we have said, this comes with its problems, having a limited number of ageing trains which are increasingly called in for maintenance. Unfortunately, we have seen instances where trains have been 'full and standing', with many passengers wishing to board the popular northbound trains at Settle. I have mentioned this before, but we do need to make better use of the spare capacity and perhaps encourage coach operators to alter their itineraries. The branding of the route 'Settle to Carlisle' is an unfortunate legacy of the way railways were developed, for that is exactly what many of the visiting public and coach operators wish to do.

Despite the above shortcomings, there is often ample space on many of the trains, so please do get out and use the rail services, including the Morecambe line. Details of all rail services can be found at www.northernrailway.co.uk, whilst for local bus services please visit www.dalesbus.org. In addition, the combined Dales Area timetable booklet, including bus and train times, is available in the usual outlets.

For regular journeys on the Leeds–Settle–Carlisle and Morecambe lines, it may be worthwhile purchasing a Dales Railcard, which saves a third off a standard ticket purchased on the day. Priced at £15, the card represents excellent value for money and can be obtained from Settle or Skipton ticket offices or online from the Settle Carlisle Railway Development Company.

John Carey



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The Place

Spotlight on Well Together

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We have had the privilege of hosting some of these groups in our activity room at The Place, and they have proved to be valuable lifelines for the community. In order for these groups to continue, they need volunteers to offer their time. If you are interested in getting involved, please do give us a call.

We would like to highlight one group in particular and take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to Gillian for her amazing hard work and dedication over the years she has been running the Movement to Music group, a chair-based exercise group. Gillian is having a well-earned rest and is stepping down. This has been a very popular group, and we would love to see it continue. If anyone would be interested in taking this group on, please get in touch with us for more information.

Other groups available at The Place in Settle, supported by Well Together, are the Cancer Support Group, the Vision Aid group and the Pain and Chronic Fatigue group. For more information on these groups and when they run, please look on our website or give us a call.

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It's been a busy first half of the year for our four clubs. Weekly meeting highlights have included pool, darts and dominoes social nights, bowling, and talks by various local businesses. At the start of the year, we also held our Annual Christmas Tree Collection in partnership with Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice – thank you to everyone in the local area who supported the cause by booking in their tree! More recently, summer district events have included football, netball, rounders and rugby, which attracted good weather and a



good turnout of teams.

We held our Annual District Rally Day at Bentham Auction Mart, and members took part in a variety of stock-judging and fun and games ranging from egg throwing to a YFC-style 'Bushtucker Trial'. Many members went forward to represent Settle at the Yorkshire YFC County Rally Day at Thirsk, which included activities ranging from handicrafts and baking to stock judging and floral art. Many members brought home prize cards and trophies. The enthusiasm and creativity of members never ceases to amaze and is something to be proud of. Some members have now qualified for the Northern Area Rally Day at Berwick-upon-Tweed, hosted by Northumberland YFC.

The following events are coming up shortly. These will further raise the profile of Young Farmers, alongside raising funds for charity:

1st August – Rathmell YFC Annual Club Show – Rathmell Old School.

9th August – Coniston Cold YFC Annual Club Show – Richard Tottie Memorial Hall, Coniston Cold.

16th August – Lawkland YFC Annual Club Show – Eldroth Village Hall.

5th September – Burton-in-Lonsdale YFC stand at Bentham Show – Bentham Auction Mart.

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Town goes flowerpotty again!

You can't have missed them. There are now more than 200 flowerpot creations around Settle and Giggleswick, and there are even potty people at railway stations all the way up to Kirkby Stephen.

The thirteenth annual flowerpot festival is almost certainly the biggest to date, with some imaginative additions alongside the old favourites.

The newcomers include the acrobats performing on the recently installed scaffolding now enveloping our historic Folly, the town crier on the fountain in Settle Market Place, the Roman soldier by the water tower opposite the railway station, Erik and Bjorn, the Viking twins on Castle Hill, and Bluey and friends at the Social Club.

Some of the old favourites are in new locations, and some of the locations are just so appropriate. The police officer with the speed camera stands by the 20mph sign on the way into town; nearby, Postman Pat is outside the post office; and opposite, by Cottontail Craft Shop, who else could be there but the presenters of *The Great British Sewing Bee*. As for *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* (another newcomer this year), where better to spend the summer than

outside Limestone Books?

At stations along the line there is an Australian train spotter at Horton, steam locomotives at Garsdale and Lazenby, Ruswarp the dog, also at Garsdale, a train

guard at Kirkby Stephen, a navvy at Ribbleshead and a terrible knitter at Dent. The flowerpot people say they are 'chuffed' to have helped the volunteers on the Settle–Carlisle line make the displays as part of the 150th anniversary of passenger travel on the line.

Overall, the flowerpot festival is expected to have attracted between 15,000 and 20,000 visitors by the time it closes in early September. Many of them will be back

for their regular visit to the festival, whilst others will have made this part of a visit to the UK from far-off lands.

The trails, plotting a path round a selection of creations, are available for a small price from various locations (see signposts for details). These provide a great way to make the most of the festival and are particularly attractive to families visiting the town.

Apart from making people smile – the principal purpose of the festival – the summer of flowerpots has certainly





been beneficial to retail and hospitality businesses, bringing new visitors to the town ever since it started in the early 2000s, when the town was a bit in the doldrums following the foot-and-mouth restrictions of 2001.

For most folks, the festival starts as the creations begin to appear in late June, but for the creators the work starts at the potting shed at Watershed Mill in February as ideas become creations. For a glimpse behind the scenes, go up to Gallery on the Green in upper Settle (the old phone box with a flowerpot bee on its roof) to see a small photographic display showing how



the work transforms common-or-garden flowerpots into creations that make you smile. This year, Wallace and Gromit are hosting the exhibition. The festival also runs children's workshops throughout the summer, helping youngsters become flowerpot creators, and the organisers are also looking for new adult helpers for next year's festival – see the festival website at www.settleflowerpotfestival.co.uk.

And if all that were not enough, our local town councillor and motorbike enthusiast Richard Wareham marked the start of the festival and market day by taking a flowerpot Gromit for a ride round town in his sidecar. And while you are smiling at that, think of the boost the festival is giving to the town's tourist economy.

Mike Smith



Keep on Running

Between seven million and eight million adults in England run regularly. Across the wider UK, roughly one in six adults runs outdoors at least once a month, while around 2.5 to three million people run at least once a week. Settle is no different, and you only have to look around you to see people pounding the pavements or flying across the fells. The great thing is that running is something that can be enjoyed by people of any age and ability. It doesn't cost anything, and you can do it anywhere and with anyone. Among the physical benefits, running can help reduce your heart rate, lower your cholesterol and strengthen your joints. It is also great for mental well-being, reducing stress and helping you sleep, and these benefits multiply when you run with other people, rather than by yourself.

Fortunately for those people who want to get together and enjoy a run, there are plenty of opportunities. Established in 1987, Settle Harriers has more than 250 members, including almost 100 juniors, and is one of the most active running groups in the area. For experienced runners, the Harriers offer the chance to participate in a

wide range of fell races, from the famous Three Peaks run to the notorious Spine Race along the length of the Pennine Way. Whatever the weather, you will spot people in the vivid lime-green running vest of the club representing Settle in meetings locally, regionally and even nationally.

However, there is a misconception that the Harriers are only for those who want to undertake more extreme challenges and are not for people who want something a bit more gentle! Nothing could be further from the truth. The club is anxious to welcome new and less confident runners. A social run on Monday evenings will normally be about 6–7km, with regular stops along the way to catch your breath and, more often than not, a finish outside a local pub. There is also a slower group that follows the same route but sets off a little earlier, and this has proved to be a popular innovation.

Although not officially a Harriers event, members of the club have also been behind the establishment of the Settle Saturday 5k, 'the park run that isn't a park run.' Leaving from the Swimming Pool car park at 9am every Saturday and taking in Stackhouses and Langcliffe in a gentle

loop, the run regularly attracts between 20 and 30 people, including children, babies in buggies, dogs and runners who enjoy the social side of the event as much as the physical activity. Breakfast in Settle afterwards is not obligatory but is always popular. You don't need to be a member of any club or book in advance; you can just turn up on the day and go at a pace that suits you.

The push behind the establishment of the Settle Saturday 5k was the organisation of a Couch to 5K programme last autumn by Settle District u3a and Settle Harriers. Designed to get people into running and supported by the BBC and the NHS, the programme offers a step-by-step guide that takes non-runners from their first steps to successfully completing a 5k run. Fourteen people undertook the challenge in September, and 11 managed to complete it by participating in the Skipton Park Run just before Christmas. Although it is possible to complete the programme individually, people find that running as a group increases motivation and makes them less likely to drop out. So popular was this Couch to 5K opportunity that another programme is planned for this autumn.

In all these activities, the key message is that running is a social, not a solitary, activity. Running with other people can provide motivation, support and friendship. Whatever your ability or your goals, you will find other people who share them. To find out more about Settle Harriers, check out the website <https://settleharriers.org>, contact the Club Membership Secretary, Olivia Hawkins (membership@settleharriers.org), or just turn up to one of their social runs. You won't look back!

Robert Harrison

A Summer Barbecue

My husband's cooking barbecue, he says it will be great,
He's invited all the neighbours and invited his best mate,
He's gone shopping for utensils; bought a massive knife and fork,
Some music to add atmosphere – I'm praying they like Bjork,

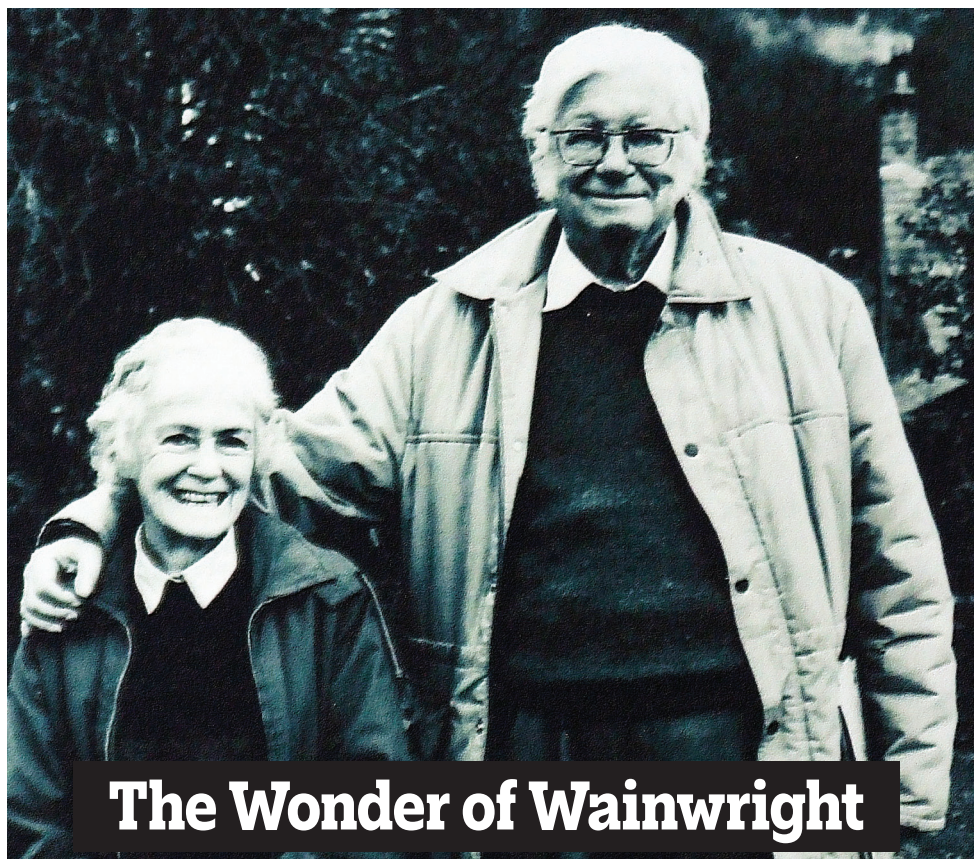
He's bought sausages and fillet steak; he only buys the best,
He's bought a plastic apron; he now sports a pair of breasts,
Fifty cans of lager are all piled up on the side,
He's swigging one already and his grin is big and wide,

He wanders to the garden, all decked out in new attire,
He rubs his hands with glee "Now...time to light this little fire,"
Half an hour later, and I'm totally amazed,
It's taken twenty firemen to douse our garden blaze,

And I'm viewing, somewhat differently, the husband I adore,
His eyebrows are all singed; his 'breasts' have melted to the floor,
He holds his fork defensively; convinced he'll shift the blame,
"It's not my fault at all; the wind took hold of all the flames,"

But the firemen are all chatting; their words reach me, crisp and clear,
"What idiot poured this petrol on? You get 'em every year!"

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The Wonder of Wainwright

It all started in 1977 when my wife and I were living in Worksoy, where I was branch manager with a major building society.

As a dedicated fellwalker I was keen to explore the Howgills and associated fells. Wild Boar Fell beckoned, and the head of the Settle-Carlisle Railway at Aisgill. Ascending from Aisgill, I paused at the trig column to check its number with my copy of Wainwright's guide. It was wrong! So I wrote to Wainwright c/o *The Westmorland Gazette*, saying basically, 'Sorry mate, you have got it wrong'. Well, words to that effect. His reply is shown (opposite). The following year I returned with our young son Michael. By now he too was a keen fellsperson. The number I had noted was still there

so, once more, I wrote to Wainwright, pointing out that I had a second opinion, a testator of sound and sober disposition.

The puzzle was eventually solved when a similar performance took place over Black Fell, the person concerned taking it up with the Ordnance Survey. They carried out a ten-yearly review of all their trig points, finding that, in some cases, the number plates were being filched, no doubt as souvenirs. In these cases they were being replaced by the next available number. As Wainwright remarked, "We were both right!"

During 1978 I was offered an established branch in Morecambe. Who would refuse, with the Lakes, the Dales, Bowland and the Howgills to hand? It was a difficult time to house hunt, with

c/o Westmorland Gazette, KENDAL,
14th June 1977

Dear Mr Swallow,

I read your letter with profound dismay.

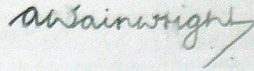
It is inconceivable that I made an error in quoting the O.S. number on Wild Boar Fell's column. My eyes are not all that good, and the numbers are placed in an awkward place and not always easy to decipher, but I cannot believe that I got my figures wrong.

There are two possibilities to account for the discrepancy you mention. One is that I got on some other summit thinking it was Wild Boar Fell. The second is that you did the same. Neither is even remotely likely. The answer can only be that the number has been changed since my visit.

This opens up the dreadful possibility that the numbers of other trig columns in the district may also have been changed, with dire consequences for me. Therefore I should be extremely glad if you would check the numbers I have quoted when engaged on other expeditions in the area, and report if you find any changes.

I agree about the walk up from Aisgill. But just at present Wild Boar Fell is out of favour with me. But thanks a lot for writing with the sad news.

Yours sincerely,



Lancaster University going through a period of expansion and anything half decent being snapped up. The joys of the Midland Hotel soon waned, this being prior to its rebuilding. I settled on a farm at Arkholme, where the farmer, in his mid-50s, challenged me to try to throw him. I was then 38 and had just finished playing rugby. Foolishly, I accepted. Gerry Hoggarth, 56, it turned out, had in the past been British and Empire heavyweight wrestling champion. Enough said. Another character living in the village at the old station house was Jim Bowen of *Bullseye* fame – at that time an immensely popular television game show, still to be seen on obscure television channels. Watch this space!

During 1980, whilst visiting our agency in Kendal, I plucked up the courage and knocked on Wainwright's door. It was answered by the great man himself. "Good morning Mr Wainwright, my name is Bob Swallow, I am the man from Wild Boar Fell". A long silence followed before, "You had better come in". I was introduced to Betty, his charming though diminutive wife. It then became obvious why he was so shy of being recognised

on the fells. He was a giant of a man, 6ft 5in tall with, when younger, bright red hair. By now, red had given way to white. This was the start of a regular four-weekly visit, always on a Friday at around 8.30am, where I was treated to a second breakfast of tea and toast. During this performance, AW, as I came to know him, wanted a blow-by-blow account of my adventures on the fells, nodding his head as he saw in his mind's eye the area I had visited. Later I wrote a book just for the family, *Breakfast with Wainwright*.

The city of Lancaster was only five miles distant, yet, as far as I was aware, it was the only city in the UK where the building society did not have a branch. I wrote a feasibility report for the board, which was accepted. When we purchased a site in the main street, I was given the option of moving there. Always up for a challenge, I accepted. We had a policy of having some sort of event at the grand opening, so I suggested using Wainwright's *A Lune Sketchbook*. This was acceptable to management and, of course, Wainwright.

I obtained a supply of 100 copies of this book from *The Westmorland Gazette*, the



premise being that, on the first Saturday after the branch opening, these would be offered to the first 100 people who opened a new account with a minimum £25. Then we needed some personality to front the promotion. Wainwright would have run a mile. However, Jim Bowen was delighted to be the frontman. By 11am we had sold the lot and had a waiting list for more books the following week! More than that, the street (the old A6) was jam-packed. The police were involved and found it hilarious, the more so as Jim regularly assisted in their charity work.

When AW heard of these goings-on, he too found it hilarious that one of his books had caused such mayhem in the midst of a city.

During 1984 I had another promotional idea, which I put to one of the society's assistant general managers, who was a Wainwright fan. This was to offer new account holders limited-edition prints from Wainwright's Lakeland sketchbooks. It was marketed through the

local press and *Dalesman* and *Cumbria* magazine, resulting in applications from Australia and New Zealand. Wainwright's animal rescue charity was the recipient of his share of the proceeds.

During 1987, whilst having my usual tea and toast, Wainwright looked up from the *Daily Telegraph* and said, "Time you got out of that building society Bob lad, what they are doing is immoral".

I had by now learned to engage my brain before replying. "Well, that is all right AW, but principles don't pay the bills". He grunted and returned to his paper. The seed was sown. What he referred to was Margaret Thatcher's Financial Services Act 1986. A total disaster.

I, like so many others, wanted out. Two years later, at the tender age of 50, I received an early retirement offer after 34 years' service. Next time I met AW, I told him about it. He looked up from his paper, remarked, "Good", and returned to his newspaper. Betty and I howled with laughter. AW looked up again; there was just the faintest hint of a grin, then back to the paper.

I had several months doing all those things for which I never had the time before, eventually finding more amenable employment. Up until 1990 I continued my four-weekly visits. Wainwright died in January 1991. Betty sold the big old house, purchasing a delightful bungalow in Burneside, which our little walking group, the 'GBC' (Geriatric Blunderers Club), regularly visited when in the area. Bill Mitchell, the ex-*Dalesman* and *Cumbria* editor, was one of our elite band of four. Eventually Betty accepted the presidency, receiving copies of our fortnightly walks.

I joined the staff of Cumbria Wildlife Trust as administrator, remuneration poor, yet job satisfaction immense.

But that is another story.

Bob Swallow

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Solar-powered post boxes land in Settle

These are exciting times in the development of Royal Mail services in BD24. Settle now has not one, but two of the latest solar-powered post boxes.

The first (below) is the converted box outside the Post Office in Duke Street, one of a rash of conversions popping up all over the country.



The second innovation is an additional post box (bottom right), bringing the total number in BD24 to 29. This has been installed at Settle Distribution Office on the Sidings. Unlike the converted solar box outside the Post Office, this is a completely new design, first unveiled in Belfast on 29th April 2026 and bearing the King Charles III cipher – a first for Settle. It is an irregular octagonal shape incorporating decorative beading and a leaf motif on each corner of its cap – a nod, perhaps, to the hexagonal Penfold boxes of the Victorian era.

The Settle box (designated BD24 8074) was installed shortly after the original Belfast unveiling, on 6th May – an important date for philatelists, coinciding with the launch of the Penny Black stamp in 1840. It is one of 600 planned for the country over the next six months, so Settle really is at the leading edge of postal technology – or maybe we just send a lot of parcels!

In the new design of post boxes, solar panels on the top of the box power a digitally activated drawer below the regular slot for letters. This allows customers to post small parcels as well as letters. By using the Royal Mail app, they can also request proof of posting and track their parcel.

You can read all about Settle's post facilities in *The Post Boxes of BD24 – Settle and Surrounding Villages*, available at Limestone Books and The Folly.



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Talking Heads at Settle Primary

At Settle Primary School, we are always seeking opportunities to empower children through leadership roles, which in turn build practical skills like communication, problem-solving and responsibility. Taking on structured duties, such as school council representatives, playground leaders or eco-club members, allows children to manage real responsibilities and collaborate with peers. These early experiences help children understand accountability and community involvement, establishing a strong foundation for their future academic and personal development. We also have a head boy and head girl, and for this edition of *Community News*, Molly and Isaac have written a short piece for you to read.

What makes Settle Primary School special?



Molly: Let us introduce ourselves. I am Molly (Head Girl), and I started in nursery when I was three.

Isaac: I am Isaac (Head Boy). I started in year 3 when I was seven or eight.

Molly: When I started at Settle Primary, I remember loving the bright and colourful classrooms. There was always a teacher smiling and happy to see you in the morning. I enjoyed being able to play with my friends. In reception we got to do baking with Betty, and I loved it. When I was in year 2, I loved it when I had got enough stamps to be VIP for the day - you

got to sit on a golden chair with a cushion. It was exciting moving up to the junior end because there is a big field to play on. I love doing handstands and cartwheels on the field. There are lots of treats and trips, and even residential. I especially loved going to Stump Cross Caverns in year 4, where we got to do lots of fun things.



Isaac: One of my strongest memories of starting in year 3 was walking through the doors and tripping over someone's bag in the cloakroom!! Luckily, no one was there to see me fall. In year 4, we did a science experiment about condensation. We did it with a kettle, and water started shooting out of the top, and we were laughing for ages. In year 5, we went to Eshton Grange for a residential, where we also did zorbing football, and we were running around bumping into each other. We were put into groups for the activities, and we had a girls' dorm and a boys' dorm.

Molly: I think that the thing that makes Settle Primary School special is the teachers. They are always there to help you when you need them.

Isaac: I think that the thing that makes Settle Primary School special is the pupils. They are always looking out for each other and make you smile every day! We are very lucky to have such an amazing school in our local town that is so well supported by the whole community.

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Seventy Years of Craft, Community and Family

The business now known as Cottontail Crafts came into being 70 years ago, on 10th May 1956, when my parents, Deirdre and Ernest Cokell, opened a decorating shop below our family home at 30 Duke Street (now occupied by North Yorkshire Council's Health & Adult Services). Just a few weeks later I was born, and before long I was 'helping out' as a toddler — dusting shelves and carefully emptying the window display as if it were the most important job in the world.

In response to a decline in trade due to strong competition from the likes of B&Q, we started selling handicrafts and renamed the shop The Handicraft Shop. I spent countless hours by my dad's side making mosaic lamp bases and cane trays; the smell of glue, the clatter of tools and the quiet focus taught me craft, patience and the pride of making something by hand.

That same instinct to evolve led us towards fabrics and haberdashery, and in the mid-1970s the shop's name changed to The Sewing Centre. It was a natural next chapter, and the shop became a creative hub for local makers.

By the time I finished school, I knew exactly where my heart was. I went on to study fashion at Craven College for three years, building on skills I had been learning since childhood. I specialised in making wedding and bridesmaid dresses until that chapter ended when my children arrived.

In the mid-1980s, my mother was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, and I took over responsibility for running the shop.

In 1988, the shop moved from Undercliffe to its current home at 16 Duke Street, and knitting wools were added to the range.

In 1996, I returned to college for my teaching certificate so I could run craft classes at the shop. I also taught night classes for North Yorkshire County Council and Craven College and, while juggling the shop and family life, I pursued a degree in education. There were many times I nearly



gave up, but I kept going.

In 2010, following my marriage to Steve, the shop was refitted and renamed Cottontail Crafts, giving the business a fresh identity while keeping its creative heart intact. Steve became a business partner and was responsible for adding an online shop, extending the reach of a family business still rooted in Duke Street.

Now retired from teaching, I focus solely on the shop — and after all these years, it still gives me a huge buzz.

Seventy years on, Cottontail Crafts stands as a tribute to my parents' vision and to the generations of customers who have supported us. It has weathered trends and change, but its spirit remains the same: a place where creativity is encouraged, craft is celebrated, and community matters.

As we celebrate this milestone, I feel deeply grateful for my parents' courage, for customers who have become friends, and for the privilege of continuing a story that began long before I could reach the counter.

Above all, Cottontail Crafts remains what it has always been: a family business built on making, mending, stitching, sharing, knitting and nattering — and here's to many more years ahead.

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“Walk on the pavement, darling!”



These were my mother's regular words to my dad. He had been brought up in a Cornish town in a gentler age, when the milkman delivered from a horse and cart, and coal for the fireplace arrived on the back of a steam lorry. He was forever wandering off in busy towns, oblivious to the traffic, and it was a source of amazement to the family that he lived past the age of 80 without getting run over. Perhaps he thought he was in North America, where the term pavement means the tarmac, or paving, of the actual highway.

These recollections set me thinking of the Yorkshire pavements, the limestone variety left after the last Ice Age had scraped off the softer rocks above, before breaking into the distinctive blocks (clints) and cracks (grykes) we see today. In fact, walking on these types of pavements can be rather hazardous; if you put your foot in a gryke – goodbye ankle! I started wondering where the most impressive stretch of our local limestone paving was that might feature in a geography textbook about a limestone landscape. When I take tour parties along the Settle–Carlisle railway, I point out the stretches of pavement just beside the line north of Selside, but, truth to tell, this is pretty poor fare, little more than a few

stones in a field to the uninitiated.

However, if you cross Ribbleshead Viaduct on a clear day and look away down towards Ingleton, on either side of Chapel-le-Dale you can glimpse what looks like distant snowfields, or perhaps a glacier flowing down from Ingleborough. These are areas of uninterrupted pavement, literally acres in extent. On a couple of my recent walks (by bus and train, car-free, I hasten to add), I have hiked up onto Twistleton Scars on my way towards Wharfedale, and here the pavement is very distinctive. The clints are rounded and smooth, whereas elsewhere the pavement rock is more flaky, like filo pastry, giving a different effect – not all limestone is identical. At some spots, vegetation is starting to take extensive hold on pavements, as at Southerscales, nearer to Ribbleshead, or Hutton Roof, further west.



Looking down on limestone pavement from Ingleborough

Other areas with fine and extensive limestone pavement are the slopes above Crummackdale, as you walk round from Horton-in-Ribblesdale past Sulber Nick, or on the opposite fell at Moughton Scars. One of the most visited stretches must be the pavement above Malham Cove, and there are other good examples between Malham and Kilnsey.

Fortunately, the quarrying of these areas is now curtailed, and the practice of taking

the more accessible clints away to make garden rockeries (as happened at Winskill) has been stopped. So, we can enjoy these distinctive bits of Yorkshire landscape and the interesting botany that thrives in the grykes. I wonder what readers' nominations for the very best local pavement are, and whether I have missed out on some really good examples?

Phil Hinde

RUGBY NEWS

North Ribblesdale approach new season with ongoing positivity

After last season's unprecedented third consecutive championship win, North Ribblesdale are looking forward to playing at their highest ever level, beginning on 12th September at home to the large city club York. To be in the same league as a club from a population of some 200,000 is an astounding achievement, and the challenge is being relished by our players, who will be testing themselves against some of the best players in the North of England. Our second fixture is also at home on 19th September against another large city team, Middlesbrough (with a population of some 160,000), so please get down and support not just the local lads playing for their town but also a progressive rugby club that we are lucky to have in our midst.

Our second team, the Stags, have entered the league structure for the first time in our history. They will be competing with other second teams from Scarborough, Pocklington and (our old friends) Selby, as well as meeting local rivals Skipton 1st XV on what should be a very well-attended derby.

Our success has inevitably brought much increased costs, with the 11 1st XV games incurring travel costs of £11,000. This, coupled with the Stags' increased travel costs, means that the club is facing unprecedented running expenses. Our Ladies team also has many miles to travel and will do so with their undaunted enthusiasm.

So please, if you do not already, get down and support us, not just by attending on match day. There are endless opportunities to support the club, be it through being a player sponsor, board, ball, match-day or major sponsor. Anyone wanting to get involved please contact our sponsorship director, Mr Ted Ogden, on 07855 958211, or myself on 07711 028287. Any support, at whatever level, would be very much appreciated as we approach the new season with lofty expectations, but also with some trepidation as we strive to compete at our highest level ever.

We very much look forward to welcoming old friends such as Ilkley and Scarborough and also meeting new opponents such as Alnwick, Blaydon and Northern, all from Northumberland. It all makes for an exciting season the like of which North Craven has not seen before.

Very best regards to all of our supporters.

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This July seems to have been dominated by heat, sunshine and dryness, pleasantly alleviated by shade from hills, trees and buildings, and by morning dew. It has certainly felt very hot in the middle of some days: if we have been able to choose, it has been a period for sitting in the garden rather than working in it.

A big priority for me has been to water plants: particularly the more fragile ones, those in pots and those positioned in the hours of direct sun. I don't often use a hosepipe, but the second week in July was definitely a time to get more water to parts of the garden via the hosepipe.

I have also been reflecting on how much gardening skill and knowledge are learnt from each other: picking up ideas, looking together at plants, chatting about what works and doesn't work. I learn so much locally and from magpie-like collecting ideas from gardening books or programmes.

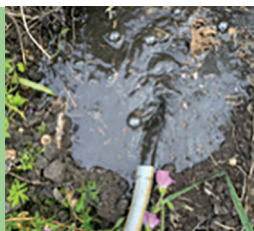
I was listening to *Gardeners' Question Time* when they were talking about watering. One of the comments was: "Not many people get taught how to water plants..." Well (no pun intended), it had always seemed to me that watering was straightforward. I knew one could overwater and underwater; when the rain is happily regular, you don't need to water.

Interestingly, the radio commentary was about watering seed trays and how easy it can be to swamp tiny seedlings. The tip was to tilt the watering can before it reaches the tray, to avoid the first surge of water, and to have the watering can rose tilted upwards to create a more evenly spread fall of water.

At the larger end of the plant scale, a watering tip I received recently from a neighbour was about watering an apple tree. We have a small, elderly apple tree which often has much blossom turning into baby apples, but few of these reach maturity. My neighbour suggested the answer was ample watering. I have since been generous with the hosepipe: I look forward to seeing and eating larger apples in due course.

The other *Gardeners' Question Time* tip, which came back to me, was that, when planting in dry weather, you should do some very serious soaking of the rootball of the plant, as well as of the hole into which it is to be put. I have had three pink scabious waiting, overlong really, to be planted out. You can see them here in the photos soaking in the tub: soaking the pots from below really does make a difference compared with only watering from above. I then filled the waiting hole full of water, planted the scabious, and then watered again. Ideally, we would keep watering daily for a good period too, to ensure the roots get very well established.

I hope you too have been enjoying being able to sit out more in the warm weather and save some of the gardening jobs for the shadier periods.



Spotlight on the Countryside Code and farm safety

As the tourist season reaches its peak and more people venture out to enjoy the countryside, *Community News* has had calls for us to play our part in reminding locals and visitors alike of the Countryside Code. At the same time, and on a similar note, Farm Safety Week, which ran from 20th–26th July, has looked to highlight the dangers facing workers in agriculture, still one of the most dangerous industries in which to work.

First, the Countryside Code is a set of guidelines for visiting the UK's countryside responsibly, ensuring safety, protecting wildlife and respecting land and local communities. The code is managed by Natural England and Natural Resources Wales and provides guidance for visitors to parks, waterways, coasts and rural areas, as well as advice for land managers.

The key principles for visitors are to respect nature and wildlife, and take litter home or use public bins; leaving no trace of your visit prevents harm to wildlife and preserves natural beauty.

It says: do not feed livestock, horses or wild animals, as it can cause them harm. Avoid disturbing birds, animals, plants, ruins and historic sites. Respect land and property: follow local signs and waymarkers; some paths are provided voluntarily by landowners. Leave gates as you find them and follow instructions when moving through fields. Do not interfere with farm machinery or animals; alert the farmer if an animal appears in distress.

Consider other people: keep dogs under control and in sight; bag and bin dog waste. Share paths with other users, giving way to horse riders and pedestrians. Park considerately, avoiding blocking access points, driveways or emergency routes.

On safety and preparedness, it says: be aware of traffic on country roads and drive carefully. Use gates, stiles or gaps in field



boundaries rather than climbing over fences or walls. Check local rules for BBQs, campfires and controlled burns; only use flames where permitted.

On transport and access, it says: consider using public transport or cycling to reduce congestion and environmental impact; know the signs and symbols used in the countryside to navigate safely.

Land managers are provided with separate guidance to help visitors follow the code and ensure safety and the protection of livestock. The code also emphasises cooperation with people working in the countryside, such as farmers, to maintain safety and respect livelihoods.

On farm safety, the Farm Safety Foundation ran its 14th annual Farm Safety Week in late July, aiming to challenge and change the attitudes to risk-taking and working safely that give farming the poorest safety record of any occupation in the UK.

The campaign focused particularly on the thousands of life-changing injuries farmers live with every year. It said Health and Safety Executive data shows farming remains the industry with the poorest safety record, with high levels of both fatal and life-changing injuries. Twenty-two workers lost their lives on farms in England, Scotland and Wales in the past year. Workers in agriculture, forestry and fishing are around seven times more likely to be killed at work than those in construction and 21 times more likely than the industrial average.

There was a particular focus on challenging and dangerous conditions during long working hours in the heat. It says dehydration, heat stress and fatigue while working with machinery only add to the risks.

So, to workers and walkers alike, there is a common message – be careful out there. The countryside is nice to look at but dangerous too.

A Shepherd's Year

rural voices raised in song

Settle Parish Church was packed to capacity on a Saturday evening at the start of July for a remarkable musical event that brought together different elements of the local community in a celebration of rural life.

The performance was the result of two years' collaborative effort, but it was also the premiere of a work that is likely to live on as a significant reflection of life in the countryside today.

Commissioned to mark the fortieth anniversary of the Langcliffe Singers, *A Shepherd's Year* is a musical journey through the seasons as lived in the farming community. Margaret Coleman, chair of the board of the Langcliffe Singers, said: "Choir members looked to engage farmers, auctioneers and local children in the creative process so that the piece would be born out of our place and culture."

Locally raised composer Vahan Salorian drew on a visit to Skipton Auction Mart and discussions with farmers to create the work and, perhaps most imaginatively, worked with children at Settle Primary School to develop new lyrics for old Wensleydale folk songs. The children also produced the cover design for the evening's programme and a display in the church foyer.

Funding for the work has come from the Victoria Wood Foundation, North Yorkshire Council and the Settle and Skipton Rotary Clubs, among others.

BBC Radio's *On Your Farm* intends to broadcast a programme based on the work,



whilst locally the film of the creation of the piece will be shown at Victoria Hall this autumn and then form part of the Folly archives. There is also now talk of a studio recording and, possibly, other performances – people close to the project think other farming communities would be interested and that it would be good to take the work to an urban audience.

On the night, members of the Settle Orchestra joined the Langcliffe Singers, conducted by Darren Everhart, in a performance where, rarely if not uniquely, an auctioneer's gavel became a musical instrument.

One member of the audience said: "You don't usually look forward to 'new music' but this was different."

Reviewer Anna Wood had this to say about the work, which was included in a programme that appropriately began with Vaughan Williams' Folk Songs of the Four Seasons.

"In introducing the work, composer Vahan Salorian spoke passionately about the farming communities whose work has shaped both the landscape and the culture of the Yorkshire Dales. He was followed by farmer John Dawson, whose observation that 'everybody secretly wants to be a farmer' seemed light-hearted at first, but gained resonance by the end of the performance.

"With words by Dominic Kimberlin and signed throughout by Paul Whittaker, *A Shepherd's Year* takes the audience through the cycle of a farming year in three vividly contrasted movements. The opening autumn movement, *Auction Mart*, provided a dramatic and exhilarating beginning. The choir negotiated its demanding rhythms and rapid-fire exchanges with impressive precision, recreating the chaotic excitement of a livestock auction. Each round of frenetic bidding was brought to an abrupt halt by the auctioneer's gavel, after which the chorus more leisurely extolled the qualities of familiar local breeds: 'Nothing beats a Swaledale', 'The Dalesbred's a hardy breed', 'The Masham is a prolific ewe.' The movement's energy was electrifying, yet beneath the bustle lay a reminder of farming's enduring traditions.

"This gave way seamlessly to the more reflective winter movement. Here the focus shifted to sheep sheltering in a barn during harsh weather, the text sung from the animals' perspective. Lines such as 'Will we ever see the sun? All we can do is huddle close and pray this will all end soon' were poignantly realised by the choir, whose sensitive performance captured both

vulnerability and resilience. The movement concluded with a radiant harmonic release as the barn doors opened and the sheep emerged once more into the light.

"The final movement brought a joyful celebration of spring and summer. A recording of children from Settle Primary School singing their own words to the traditional folk song *Country Life* was woven skilfully into the orchestral and choral textures. The freshness of the children's voices, combined with the vitality of the choir, created an uplifting finale filled with optimism and renewal. It was easy to picture green shoots emerging, lambs appearing in the fields and the countryside awakening once more as the singers invited us to 'breathe that country air'.

"The work concludes with a majestic ending, enhanced by Kimberlin's deeply affecting final words: 'This is the land of peace and plenty ... Our work is done. Now we may rest. Inside the land we love the best.' In these closing moments, *A Shepherd's Year* fully achieved its ambition. More than a celebration of rural life, it gave voice to communities whose connection to the land stretches back generations. As John Dawson remarked, 'Farmers just want to be heard.' Through this outstanding performance, the Langcliffe Singers ensured that they most certainly were."



Forward to the past

Many moons ago, in September 1959, to be precise, 'Tosh' (as he was then) Bellwood and I were thrown together in year 2, now year 8 with the passing of time, at Castleford Grammar, whose motto was 'Possum si volo' ('I will if I feel like it'). Castleford was 'Legiolium' to the Romans, who passed through, as quickly as they could, some used to say, and it has to be said that, given the heavy industrial setting of those times, there was a tendency for those who could get out to do just that, including Henry Moore, a fellow alumnus of CGS. A contemporary joke about dear old Cas' was that it was where they tested the first atomic bomb and did ten quids' worth of damage. I hope the loss would be more significant now. John Betjeman, poet laureate, disapproving of a style of architecture, once wrote, 'Come friendly bombs and fall on Slough'. Maybe he never followed the Romans to Castleford.

'Tosh' and I became best of buddies throughout our school lives, largely due to a shared sense of humour, an artistic appreciation of Duane Eddy's twang and a love of sport, though, despite his prowess at football and rugby, 'Tosh' has never fully understood the beauties of Test cricket. A little missionary work required? Despite our close friendship, different directions in higher education, marriage, raising families and geographical distance led to a parting of the ways. 'Tosh', now reborn as Colin, was indeed the best man at our wedding in 1970, but, as that decade passed, we just lost touch – for an incredible 40 years!

At school, Colin was always a star turn

at art, with strong opinions to boot. I recall him, on a hitchhiking trip round southern Germany in 1964, throwing a napkin in disgust at a painting on a youth hostel dining-room wall. Soutine was his bag in those days. So, about 10 years ago, I casually googled 'Colin Bellwood, artist', wondering if he'd ever fulfilled his ambition in the art world. And there he was! Painting and writing successfully: in beautiful Sevilla! But had he changed? Gone native? Could we pick up from where we'd left off all those years ago? Was he now fluent in Spanish? I was learning the lingo but hadn't got much beyond tourist phrases. I suppose a heavy Andalucian accent echoes the heaviest of Yorkshire, but King's English and King's Spanish would surely be comprehensible.

I once tactfully asked my Yorkshire born and bred grandparents to speak 'normal English' to a French visitor, but to no avail. Likewise, imagine some Spaniard, fresh from a degree course in English, arriving in GOC and being confronted with 'What's thy after, old cock?' He might recognise all the words, but nothing of the sense. The Andalucian accent is, in fact, often satirised by other Spaniards, particularly those from the north, as, just as in Italy, the hick demography is reversed from what we see in England. The clever dicks are in the north and the yokels in the south.

Fawlty Towers got its Manuel wrong, as the boys from Barcelona are more like Cockney, streetwise know-all's than a wide-eyed innocent abroad. Having said that, somehow 'I'm sorry, he's from Barcelona'

sounds funnier than ‘He’s from Córdoba’. Why is that? Is it just what we’re used to hearing? Is the length of the name relevant? Also, the rivalry between provinces in Spain is sharper than any we can find in England. Football crowds in Manchester, Liverpool and north London might voice their differences, but even the historic Yorkshire/Lancashire cricket hostility now pales into insignificance beside Andalucia/ Catalonia.

Would Colin still be ‘English’ after exposure to strange ways? Shops shutting from two till five! The tendency to scream conversations with the force of many decibels. And then there’s the summer heat – Seville especially. ‘The frying pan of Europe’ has, twice in its history, been the hottest place on Earth. ¡Caramba! To digress somewhat, I remember, last year, reading my cowboy comic in which the Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa suddenly felt the heat of the moment, as the huge US Cavalry appeared on a hilltop, ready to descend upon his puny force. ‘¡Caramba!’, he exclaimed. I checked the meaning in the dictionary. ‘Good Heavens!’ it said. Context is everything.

Would Colin survive the temperatures of Settle, were I to invite him? Would he miss his ‘corrida’? Bullfighting is still allowed in Seville during the post-Easter ‘Feria’ celebrations. Could the long-ago excitement and danger of rugby league down Wheldon Lane or inter-school rugby union have been trumped by the bloody battles in the bullring?

So, what to do? Let sleeping dogs lie? Take the bull by the horns? I decided to email Colin to see how the land lay. My apprehension was totally unfounded. It

was as if the previous 40 years were as nought. Duane still rules! Colin is still very much a Tyke, though now not so much of the Castleford breed as of Knaresborough, to where he escapes to avoid the hottest days of Andalucia and to catch up with old chums. He tells me he’s been stalked electronically by a Castleford Grammar alumnus. This may be a not-too-subtle hint for me to disappear for another 40 years, but I think not. Colin is enough of a Yorkshireman to call a shovel a shovel, should my nostalgia become too noisome.

A similar experience of a rediscovered friend occurred recently, when an American teaching colleague from 1970s Macclesfield, to whose home in Tucson, Arizona, I’ve sent Christmas cards for over 50 years, popped into Giggleswick in March en route to Scotland. A lovely reunion!

So, if you’re feeling nostalgic in your dotage, why not re-establish contact with someone from your past? Just think carefully first. Were you wont to steal his/ her tuck? Copy her/his homework? Did you pinch his girl/boyfriend? Or just some part of their anatomy? If your conscience is clear, go for it!

Colin Bellwood and Ian Gray



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The Paris Express – Emma Donoghue

Choosing a book for the *Community News* is far harder than writing the words, so, for the second time this year, I count myself as blessed with help from friends, this time from a demure lady in Wales who nudged me towards *The Paris Express* (published in 2025) by Emma Donoghue.

Emma Donoghue is not your average *Community News* contributor. Born in Ireland but now a Canadian citizen, she is a feminist-lesbian writer; she lives in Ontario with her university lecturer wife and is the mother of two children by an anonymous sperm donor. Now aged 59, she has published 16 novels, five collections of short stories, 11 plays, four screenplays, and three works of history. She graduated from Trinity College, Dublin, then achieved a PhD from Cambridge, so, unsurprisingly, she writes with academic precision underpinned by thorough research. *The Paris Express* shows both these hallmarks: it is classed as a historical novel, but is embellished by fictional elements, to which I come later.

The historical event on which the book is based took place on 22nd October 1895, when an express train from Granville in Normandy suffered brake failure as it approached the Gare Montparnasse in Paris. The train was going faster than usual because the driver was anxious to make up for delays accumulated *en route*. When the brakes failed, it burst through the buffer stops and the station wall, as the picture opposite shows. Astonishingly, there were no injuries, though one fatality occurred – a news-vendor in the street who was killed

by flying masonry.

The narrative of the book is driven by the progress of the train, in that each station stop introduces new characters that shape later events. And what characters! They impress not only by their number but also by their breadth and diversity, creating a picture of late 19th-century French society from almost the top to almost the bottom. And, as a railway nerd, I must tell my fellow nerds that the author understands the technicalities of the locomotive, the work of the footplate crew and the duties of the two guards near-perfectly.

The lead character is Madeleine (Mado) Pelletier, a twenty-something young woman with a deep-seated grudge against men of the governing class. Pugnacious Mado dresses like a man and attracts male and female sneers on that account, but she doesn't care. She is on her way to exacting revenge. In her lunch bucket she has assembled a homemade nail-bomb that will detonate when she turns it upside-down,



and, as the train progresses, Mado is happy to see more and more despised upper-class men boarding. She will wait in order to maximise the carnage.

But men travelling in first class are far from the only passengers. Others on the train serve to fill out Emma Donoghue's portrait of society, with its developing inventions and new technology. Thus, in second class we meet two business people (the female secretary brighter than the male boss) who later establish the Gaumont cinema chain. Another couple in first are Monsieur and

Madame Levassor, who later team up with a certain Monsieur Panhard to create the early French motor manufacturer. Further along, in second, sits the Black American painter Henry Tanner, who could afford to travel first but fears harassment from white people if he did. In third class sits the Irish playwright J. M. Synge (author of *The Playboy of the Western World*). He is in third because he wants to observe

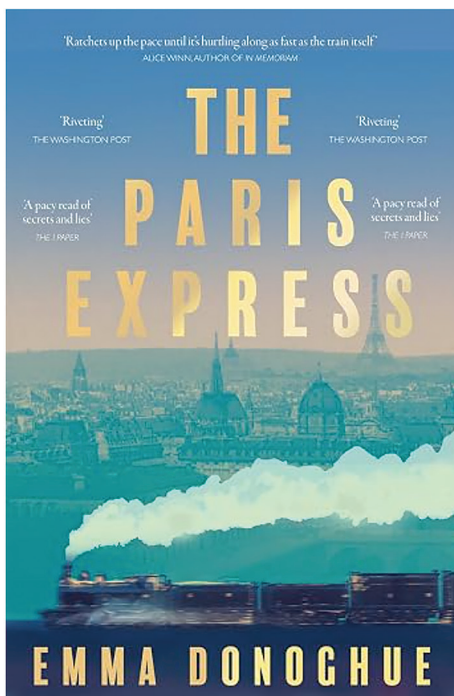
the poor at close quarters. Another in third, an observant and kind-hearted Russian émigrée named Blonska, suspects Mado's murderous intentions but stays silent. In second and third, Emma Donoghue gets down to life's muckier aspects, and there her writing can throw up what my Welsh friend termed several 'ugh' passages: the Algerian coffee-vendor wiping his tethered cup on a filthy sleeve ready between

customers; what gay men get up to when they're in a hurry at station stops; and a full sound-and-colour birth that takes place on the floor of third class. What she sees around her makes Mado wonder: do the poor people deserve to die as well as the despised rich? Can't be helped. The train hurtles on....

Yet history tells us that no explosion took place that day. Astonishing! There must have been an almighty impact as the express hit the buffer stops – sufficient, one would think, to have detonated Mado's bomb and to have killed or maimed people on the train and in the station. So why didn't it detonate?

The author reveals all in 20 pages of notes that are as absorbing as the novel itself. The named politicians whom Mado planned to assassinate did travel on that train in order to attend a session of Deputies in Paris the following day. But the presence of the other characters is an invention of the author: they are real historical figures whom she brings together solely in order to assemble her wide-angle picture of French society. And she has to

surmise why the bomb didn't detonate. If guesswork is a sin, then it is only a small one because Emma Donoghue's razor-sharp perceptiveness and phrasing make the whole book spring so vividly and so convincingly to life. *The Paris Express* is a delight for lovers of both language and history – and for train-spotters too.



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The football World Cup may not be coming home, but *Community News* made its way across to the sporting jamboree in the Americas in the luggage of our editorial team member Phil Hinde: “That’s me in a rather rainy New Jersey (hence the plastic poncho) ready for England v Panama.”

Colin Ashwell is pictured (below left) enjoying the beauty of the spectacular Niagara Falls on his recent visit to Canada.

To complete the watery theme, another member of our editorial team, Elaine Hill sent us this photo (below right) at Njupesjär, the highest waterfall in Sweden, adding “I also played my fiddle there but waterfall was louder!”



QUIZ TIME

Yorkshire Writers’ Block!

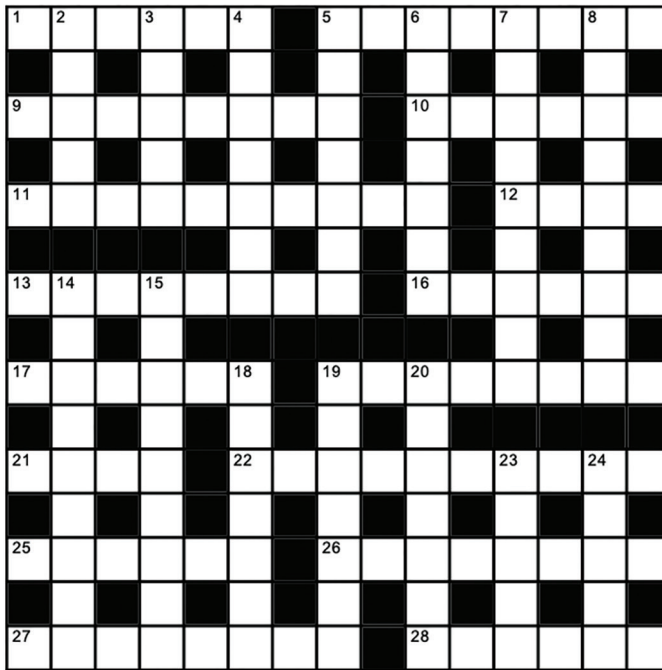
The well-known plays, poems and novels listed below were written by Yorkshire-born writers. But who wrote which one?

1. The Tenant of Wildfell Hall
2. Billy Liar
3. Night Mail
4. Dangerous Corner
5. To His Coy Mistress
6. The History Boys
7. The Dark Flood Rises
8. A Woman of Substance
9. Crow
10. Vilette

Check your answers on page 63



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Across

1. Hairdresser; US composer (6)
5. Guilty (8)
9. One of three Ancient Roman administrators (8)
10. Opposed (6)
11. Lazy, irresponsible person (2'2-2-4)
12. Writing table (4)
13. Glue (8)
16. Hypothesis (6)
17. Science concerned with vision (6)
19. Rats (8)
21. Swamp (4)
22. In the year of the Lord (4,6)
25. Pre-match gentle exercise (4-2)
26. eg 'shut' and 'close'; 'end' and 'finish' (8)
27. Small cutlery item (8)
28. Chinese fruit-tree (alternative spelling) (6)

Down

2. Concur (5)
3. Sadder (5)
4. Pasta (7)
5. Funeral procession (7)
6. Flyer (7)
7. Alteration (9)
8. The breaks the camel's back (4,5)
14. Copy (9)
15. Outer layer of plant tissue (9)
18. Washing liquid (7)
19. Blessing (7)
20. Relating to order in a series (7)
23. French water-lily painter (5)
24. Immature form of eg dragonfly (5)

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

Please check guidelines on page 63 regarding the listing of commercial activities. Notify any changes or additions to directory@settlenews.co.uk.

Settle Town Council: Meets first Monday in the month (excluding Bank Holidays) 7pm at Settle Town Hall. Agendas and Minutes will be posted on the Market Place Notice Board and on the website at www.settletowncouncil.gov.uk. For further details, email clerk@settletowncouncil.gov.uk or call 01729 823617.

Settle Market: Every Tuesday.

Artisan Market: Second Sunday every month.

Music

Settle Voices Choir: Every Monday (term time only). Catholic Church Hall, Tillman Close, Craven Terrace. 1pm-3pm. All welcome. For information contact Liz Eastman (01729) 823777.

Langcliffe Singers: Every Tuesday Rehearsals at St John's Hall Settle, 7.30pm-9.30pm (term time only). Contact musicdirector@langcliffesingers.org.uk

Settle Orchestra: Rehearsals every Friday evening during term time, St John's Methodist Hall, 7.40pm-9.40pm. Strings especially welcome. Contact (01729) 825806.

St Alkelda's Church Choir: First Sunday of the month Sung Evensong (Book of Common Prayer) 6pm, Giggleswick Parish Church.

Black Horse Jazzmen: Tuesdays at The Talbot, 8.30pm to 10.15pm. August 4th and 18th, September 1st and 15th. Sitters in welcome

Giggleswick and Settle Brass Band: Rehearsals every Wednesday at the Conservative Club, Station Road, Settle. 6.45pm for junior/training band and 7.30pm for the main band. All ages, all abilities are welcome, and we may be able to provide an instrument if needed. Contact info@giggleswickandsettlebrassband.co.uk

Recreational

Art Group: Mondays 10am-12 noon at Tosside Community Hall. Tel: 01729 840272 or email info@tossidecommunityhall.org.uk. All abilities welcome.

Life-drawing sessions, untutored, monthly on final Saturdays (1pm-4pm) and second Tuesdays (10am-12pm, 1.30pm-3.30pm) at Quaker Meeting House, Kirkgate, Settle (opposite Victoria Hall). Easels and boards and refreshments provided: please bring your own paper and drawing materials. Full day £20, half day £10, three hours £15. Places limited. To book in advance/request more info, email suevickerman1@gmail.com

Settle Photographic Group: Every third Monday, St. John's Methodist Church Hall and on Zoom, 7.30pm-9.30pm and on the 1st Monday of the month, October-April. Visitors welcome. £4.

Settle Rifle Club: Every Monday 7pm, Giggleswick School cadet range (behind St Alkelda's Church). Contact SettleRC1957@outlook.com

Langcliffe Village Institute Short Mat Bowls Club: Two sessions- Thursday 2pm-5pm and 7pm-9.30pm. All welcome. Contact Pat Smelt. 01729 823033.

Settle Bridge Club: Every Tuesday 7pm-9.30pm. Online bridge using the RealBridge platform and every Thursday 1.30pm-4.30pm in person bridge at St John's Church Hall. For more information see www.bridgewebs.com/settle/ or contact Rosie Sanderson at rosiesanderson19@gmail.com

Settle Chess Club: Every Monday evening 6pm to 8ish at Settle Social Club, 10 Duke Street. All standards welcome. settlechessclub.co.uk.

Settle Spinners and Knitters: Meet in the back room of St John's Hall 2pm-4pm every Tuesday All fibre crafts welcome. For more information contact settlespinners@gmail.com

Settle and District Gardening Club: Fourth Wednesday of the month January-May and September-November at the Quaker Meeting House 2pm-4pm. Visitors welcome: £5.

St Alkelda's Church Gardening Group: Meets in the New Churchyard at 1.15pm every Monday. Choice of maintenance of flowerbeds, grass cutting etc in the grounds of St Alkelda's.

Giggleswick Litter-Picking Group: Meets on the first Monday of each month at 9.45am in St Alkelda's Church porch.

Ingleborough Archaeology Group: Third Monday of the month from October to April. Talks 7:30pm at Ingleton Community Centre. May to September monthly local guided walks/visits. For details, please see: ingleborougharchaeologygroup.org or email: ingleborougharchaeologygroup@gmail.com

Garden Club: Last Tuesday of each month, 2.30pm at Tosside Community Hall. Tel: 01729 840272 or email info@tossidecommunityhall.org.uk

Stainforth Hookers meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month (dates may change dependent on how weeks fall) at Stainforth Village Hall for a warm and friendly dedicated crochet circle. 2pm-4pm and £5 per session with tea and biscuits, chatter and giggles included. We welcome those that are visiting and bringing their crochet along as well as regulars. For more information email: Stainforthhookers@gmail.com

North Craven Flower Club: Second Thursday of the month (except August) at Hellifield Village Hall 2pm. First class demonstrators do their stuff, and the arrangements are usually raffled. Tea and biscuits/cakes are served after the meeting. New members (£38 per year) and visitors (£6 per session).

Hatha Yoga: Tuesdays at 7.15pm-8.15pm at Settle Primary School. Advance booking required: yogabyscarlett@gmail.com

Young people

1st Castleberg (Settle) Scout Group: For Boys and Girls 6-18 years old. The Beavers, Cubs,

Scouts and Explorers meet weekly during term time at the Drill Hall Castleberg Lane, Settle. For further information contact settlescouting@gmail.com

Girlguiding: Rainbows ages 5-7 years, Brownies 7-10 years, Guides 10-14 years, Rangers 14-18 years. We have units in the area with availability for these age groups. Adult supporters also welcome. Get in touch via the contact page at www.girlguiding.org.uk

Sport and physical activities

Austwick Piccalillis Pickleball meet every Tuesday morning at Eldroth, Thursday evening at Catteral and Saturday mornings at Giggleswick. If you are interested in playing this exciting and fast-growing sport, please contact us at austwickpickleball@gmail.com for times and further information. Equipment provided.

Austwick Bowling Club: Our friendly club is looking for new members. Everyone welcome, all ability levels. Open sessions on Mon, Wed and Thurs, Sats friendly matches/competitions. Season April-Sept. Green hire available. For more information on all aspects of the club contact John Jebson 01729 825786.

Langcliffe Short Mat Bowls : Every Thursday evening at Langcliffe Institute 7.30-9.30pm all year round. All welcome -no previous bowling skills required-a good evening guaranteed. Contact Pat /Alan Smelt on 01729 823033.

Table Tennis: Every Monday, Hellifield Village Institute 7pm-9pm. Contact Andrew Crabtree 01729 851806.

Line Dancing: Every Monday 1.30pm-3pm. St John's Church Hall. All welcome. Proceeds to charity.

Sequence Dancing: Every second Saturday evening of the month at the Catholic Hall, Settle. Start 7.30pm, £4 each including tea and biscuits. All proceeds to Age Concern Settle.

Settle Badminton Club: Every Tuesday (Sept-April), Giggleswick School Sports Hall. 7.30pm-10.30pm. Contact Ian Reid 07854 211114.

Badminton: Every Tuesday, Hellifield Village Institute 6pm–9pm. Contact Rebecca Gooch (07443 493169).

North Craven Strollers: Every Wednesday meets at Millennium Garden, near Booths Car Park, 1.30pm.

Tennis: Regular social and competitive tennis for all standards including beginners at Austwick Tennis Club. See www.austwicktennisclub.co.uk for details of regular sessions.

Strong & Steady - Strength, Balance and Falls Awareness classes: Horton in R., Langcliffe, Settle, Long Preston & Hellifield. Call Jo Wulf for further details on 07966 981985 or email New class starting in Austwick Parish Hall, Tues.11.30-12.30

Nordic walking: Classes for all levels: Mon 3.30pm, Tues/Fri 9.30am. Call 07966 981985 or email jo@wolftracks.co.uk

Settle Area Swimming Pool: a wide variety of sessions for adults and children including lane swimming; fun sessions and water-based exercises. Dry space activities including static cycle 'spinning', high intensity training and more gentle exercise. www.settleswimmingpool.co.uk/ for times.

Scottish Country Dancing: Every Thursday St John's Hall 7.30pm with a fully qualified Scottish Country Dance teacher.

Settle Netball: Settle Sharks Netball: Minis age 7-10, Juniors age 11-15 and Seniors age 16+. Sessions are term time and held at Giggleswick. Contact Charlotte for details at settlesharks@yahoo.com

Walking Rugby: meet every Friday 2pm-3pm at North Ribblesdale Rugby Club in Settle. We are a friendly group of men and women of varied abilities and ages, so if you would like to find out more please contact Alan Simpson 07891322096 or drop in to one of our sessions.

Settle Harriers Running Club: Every Monday and Wednesday (seniors) at 7pm and every Tuesday (juniors). See www.settleharriers.org for more details.

Settle Wheelers Cycling Club: A friendly and inclusive cycling club holding regular rides:- 11am Saturday Steady ride from Settle swimming pool; 1pm Saturday fast ride from Settle Market Place; 9.30am (10am winter) Sunday club ride from Settle Market Place. There is also a junior Go-Ride session on Saturday mornings. Please see the www.settlewheelers.org.uk for further details or contact the membership secretary nigelbeasant@hotmail.co.uk.

Settle Bowling Club: Open all year round. All ages or abilities are welcome and crown green bowls can be provided, if needed. For further details, contact club secretary John Chambers on 01729 360112 or 07905 701824 or email john.chambers@gmx.com

Indoor Bowls: Mon and Thurs 2pm-4pm at Tosside Community Hall. Tel: 01729 840272 or email info@tossidecommunityhall.org.uk. New players welcome.

Fit as a Fiddle classes with Jo Wulf: Fri 2pm to 3pm, £6 per session at Tosside Community Hall. Tel: 01729 840272 or email info@tossidecommunityhall.org.uk.

Support Groups

Age UK North Craven: Trips for the over 60s. For destinations and prices contact Janine or Amy on (01729) 823066.

Vision Aid Group: fourth Monday of month 1-3pm at The Place in Settle, for Registered Severely Sight Impaired and others with sight problems (e.g. cataract, glaucoma). Provides chat, ideas and support, with refreshments. Contact Anne Webster 07557 442420.

Time Together Tuesday Dementia Cafe: for people living with Dementia and their Carers. Every Tuesday afternoon 1.30pm-3.30pm at St John's Methodist Church. Join us for a cuppa, homemade cake, information and chat.

Coffee Pot: Held every Wednesday at St John's Methodist Church from 10.30am-12 noon. Scones, cakes and hot drinks available.

Settle Community Library: Stay and Play (under-5s) Fridays, 11am-12 noon (term

time only); Knit and Natter first and third Thursday, 10.30am-12 noon; Lego Club (age 5-11), Fridays from 3.30pm-5pm (term time only); Breathe Easy Asthma and Lung UK Peer Support Group, second Wednesday 2pm (Meetings run from March to Dec). All groups are free, but donations very welcome. Visit www.settlelibrary.org.uk, check our Facebook page, or call 01609 534535.

Settle Area Refugee Support Group (includes Settle Supports Ukraine): We arrange talks and events, collect donated items and other support activities. Always looking for bicycles, phones, iPads etc. Contact Phil 07793 036745 or Angie angie.pedley@gmail.com

Settle and District Aid in Sickness Fund: Help with the extra costs that come with illness or immobility. Call 07709 252613 or email: janheap@hotmail.co.uk

Men's Groups

Men's Forum: Every second and fourth Monday in the month, apart from holiday periods. Friends Meeting House in Settle, 2pm-4pm. Members with very varied interests living in the Settle area give or organise a talk about once a year on a very wide range of subjects. Good companionship and mental stimulation on offer. Contact 01729 823205.

Andy's Man Club: Free-to-attend peer-to-peer support group for men aged over 18. No fees, no registration and no pressure to talk. Every Monday, 7pm, excluding Bank Holidays. Settle CofE Primary School, Bond Lane, Settle, BD24 9BW.

Women's Groups

Austwick WI meet in Austwick Parish Hall at 7.30pm every second Thursday. New members and visitors welcome. £5 for visitors. Contact: austwickwi@gmail.com or visit our website: austwickwi.wixsite.com for information

Giggleswick with Settle Mothers' Union: Every second Wednesday, The Lounge, Limestone View, Settle, 2pm. Contact: Branch Leader, Catie Jones, (01729) 822676 for more details.

Langcliff Midlife Muscle – a quiet exercise class aimed at 50+ women for strength and bone health. Mondays 9am or 10.30 at Langcliff Institute. Call Jo for details on 07966 981985 or email jo@wolfracks.co.uk

Giggleswick WI: We meet every first Thursday of the month with various speakers at 7pm at St Mary and St Michael Church, Tillman Close, Settle, BD24 9RA. New members and visitors are always welcome. Contact: wiggleswick@gmail.com. Follow us on our Facebook page.

Long Preston WI: Every second Wednesday of the month, 7.30 pm in Long Preston Village Hall. New members and visitors always welcome. Follow us on Facebook.

Settle Community and Business Hub in Commercial Courtyard. Phone Jo for more info 07977 040329

Community Fridge: Come and help yourself to surplus fruit, veg, bread and dried or tinned food, or drop off any spare food you may wish to donate. Open Mondays and Thursdays 2.30pm-4.15pm and Wednesdays 10am-12 noon at the Little Hub in Commercial Courtyard next to Craven Homelet.

Public Living Room at Settle Quakers: Mondays and Thursdays every week from 10.30am to 1.30pm. We offer hot drinks and meals (but please come before 1pm if you would like food), card and board games, jigsaws, craft activities, help with cooking or just join us for a chat and some company.

Knit (or Sew) and Natter: We meet every Wednesday in the Hub offices at Commercial Courtyard from 10am-12noon. We have sewing machines, lots of fabric, knitting needles and wool at the hub so feel free to come and use our materials and equipment or bring your own.

Ink Recycling: Any sort of printer ink cartridges, big or small, used or unused. Sorry, no toners. Please drop them off at our offices in Commercial Courtyard or the collection boxes at Settle Quakers and St John's. For large amounts please contact Jo on hub@settlecommunityandbusinesshub.org.uk or phone 07977 040329.

Business Networking and events: Informal business and charity networking is held on the last Wednesday each month from 8.30am in a pub or cafe in central Settle. These events are free, just buy what you want to eat or drink.

All the following groups/activities are held at The Place in Settle, BD24 9RH.

Citizens Advice Clinic: Held first or second Thursday of the month. Appointments only. Call 01729 824868 to book.

Digital Drop In: Weekly on Mondays 9.30am-3pm. Pop in for any Tech or mobile help.

Settle Cancer Support Group: Held fourth Monday of the month 10.30am-11.45am. For anyone affected by Cancer including patients, carers, families and friends.

Wellbeing Cafe and Safe Space: Every Tuesday anytime between 2pm-4pm at The Place activity room. All welcome no need to book. Creative art, puzzles, brew and a chat.

Horton Housing Drop In: Every two weeks on Tuesdays 1pm-3pm. Help with Housing, Benefits, Drug and Substance Dependency, Mental Health and Budgeting. Drop in or phone 01729 824868 to book.

Age UK - Movement to Music: Every two weeks on a Wednesday starting from 10th April 2pm-3pm.

‘Better Days’ Pain and Chronic Fatigue peer support group: Held on the first Wednesday of the month 1pm-3pm.

North Yorkshire Horizons - Adult Drug and Alcohol recovery service: Every Thursday by appointment. Phone 01723 330730 for more information or to book an appointment.

Gr8 Minds Counselling: For anyone aged between 5 and 18. Every Tuesday at 2pm-4.30pm appointments only. For appointments self-refer or via Townhead Surgery.

Vision Aid Group: Peer support for anyone suffering with any form of sight loss. Fourth Monday of the month 1pm-3pm.

Community Activities

Cuppa and chat at Stainforth Village Hall: Come along to our community Village Hall for a cuppa, company and a chat. First and third Thursday's every month starting at 2.30pm. Donation for tea/coffee and biscuits greatly appreciated. Everyone welcome.

Rotary Club: Second and fourth Thursday each month at 6.30pm in the Maypole, Long Preston. All welcome. Secretary David Blackburne 01729 822445.

Craven Conservation Group: Natural History group affiliated to Yorkshire Naturalists Union. Indoor meetings in Settle, and field trips. Website: craven-conservation-group.org.uk

Action on Climate Emergency (ACE)
Settle and Area: Monthly Green Cafe second Saturday of each month 10.30am-12.30pm at Settle Methodist Church. Details at www.acesettleandarea.org

Castleberg Masonic Lodge: Meet every Thursday before the full moon except July and August. Full dates at www.settlefreemasons.co.uk or by contacting Chris Maudsley on 07879 474786 or email info@settlefreemasons.co.uk

Three Peaks for Palestine: Sharing information and activity in support of justice for Palestinians. Vigils alternate Saturdays in Settle Market Square. A regular bulletin to keep you in touch. Contact us at threepeaksforpalestine@gmail.com

Help out on Community News...

We are always on the lookout for volunteers to join the *Community News* team. If you are interested in helping out in any capacity, from writing, production, design, distribution, advertising or something else you think you could add, contact a member of the editorial team. You can find all our details on page 3 of this issue. We look forward to hearing from you.

HOW TO ADVERTISE WITH US OR MAKE A DONATION

Ordinary commercial advertisements are charged at the rates below. No charge is made for listing clubs and activities in the Community Directory, providing these are free to join or on a paid-for basis simply to cover running costs.

Directory entries for sporting or other activities from which the provider derives an income, will be accepted at the discretion of the *Community News* management team.

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Quiz Answers

1. Anne Brontë; 2. Keith Waterhouse; 3. W. H. Auden; 4. J. B. Priestley; 5. Andrew Marvell; 6. Alan Bennett; 7. Margaret Drabble; 8. Barbara Taylor Bradford; 9. Ted Hughes; 10. Charlotte Brontë.

Crossword Solution

Across: 1. Barber; 5. Culpable; 9. Triumvir; 10. Averse; 11. Ne'er-do-well; 12. Desk; 13. Adhesive; 16. Theory; 17. Optics; 19. Boomtown; 21. Mire; 22. Anno domini; 25. Warm-up; 26. Synonyms; 27. Teaspoon; 28. Litchi.

Down: 2. Agree; 3. Bluer; 4. Ravioli; 5. Cortege; 6. Leaflet; 7. Amendment; 8. Last straw; 14. Duplicate; 15. Epidermis; 18. Shampoo; 19. Benison; 20. Ordinal; 23. Monet; 24. Nymph.

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