

DAWNAY NEWS



he North Yorkshire WaterPark welcomes both water babies and landlubbers. This summer, there are even more ways for visitors to enjoy themselves without getting wet.

"As an official 'parkrun' venue we join locations across the world in offering free 5km (3 mile) runs at 9am every Saturday morning. For the inaugural run in late February, 207 runners turned up for two laps around the lake," explains James



Whitehead, Operations Manager. "It was a wonderful morning and I would like to thank our local volunteer marshals and organisers who have been fantastic.

"The brand-new Route YC initiative encourages visitors to explore this beautiful area, and we are proud to be a member. More than 29 species of dragonflies and damselflies grace our lakes, so we are delighted to have been selected as the venue to display their stunning 2-metrehigh copper damselfly sculpture created by local artist Emma Stothard.

"On a more practical note, Route YC's cycle repair station will help keep visitors' wheels turning. Dog walkers are catered for too, with our new dog wash area.

"The café is under the new management of Natalie Davies, and a dedicated pizzeria means there's an even wider choice of toppings than last season. For those who prefer ice cream and waffles, the new Snack Shack at the base of the Zipwire Tower will be serving up these treats - a wonderful spot to watch the world go by."



Find out more online at routeyc.co.uk & parkrun.org. uk/northyorkshirewaterpark

Hellos

We say goodbye to Claire Eade, Office Manager at Wykeham Mature Plants for the last eight years, and welcome to Samantha Messruther who joins their accounts team. We also welcome Julie Sheppard and Sue Coates to the Estate Office accounts department and James Barnes to the Environmental Services department.

Goodbyes

It's the end of an era at Wykeham Mature Plants -Production Manager, Laurence Day, (left) retires after nearly 53 years of service and hard work. Seen here handing over the reins to Stewart Askew (right). The Estate and all his colleagues wish Laurence a long and very happy retirement.



Well Dones

Last year's St Catherine's Santa Dash was held at North Yorkshire WaterPark and raised just over £7,000 towards patient care at the hospice. This year it will be held on Sunday 11th December 2022.



SAVE THE DATE

Charity Clay Shoot Wykeham Estate Thursday 26th May

St Catherine's Afternoon Tea in **Wykeham Abbey Park** Friday 27th May

Countryman's Challenge Day Wykeham Estate Saturday 28th May

Dragon Boats North Yorkshire WaterPark (Rotary) Sunday 12th June

Reaching new adrenaline highs on water and in the air





Never one to rest on its laurels, North Yorkshire WaterPark now has even more attractions for thrill seekers in 2022.

"Our guests can now fly across the lake on our dual 250-meter zipwires, a truly exhilarating experience, says David Steel, Chief Executive of Dawnay Estates. "If you prefer to head upwards under your own steam, there are two 12-metre-high climbing walls on the sides of the Zip Tower. Its TrueBlue Auto Belay system giving climbers of any experience the confidence to get to the top.



Sir Robert Godwill MP cutting the ribbon

The North Yorkshire WaterPark has a new catering and hospitality team for 2022 headed by Natalie Davies and coming on board full time in the café will be Imogen lordon-Robinson.





In the AquaPark, the inflatable obstacle 'Wipeout' course is now flanked by the even more challenging brandnew 'Warrior' course. Commissioned by North Yorkshire WaterPark, it is a unique combination of climbing walls, huge slides, trampolines, balance bars, rockers, rollers and jumps.

To make sure our younger guests could join in the fun too, we have added an on the water inflatable park for children aged 3 to 7 years old. Within the enclosed safe space of Splash Kingdom, they can slip, slide and bounce to their heart's content under the watchful eye of their parents. Afterwards, everyone can dry off in our much-improved showering and changing rooms, which include more changing cubicles for families."

To book your session, head to www.northyorkshirewaterpark.co.uk

The butcher, the baker and the rural economy maker

The Friday morning Wykeham Village Market, held in The Hillyard, is incredibly popular, with fishmongers, butchers, bakers, florists and a greengrocer selling their wares. The Estate wants to expand this offering and establish a farm shop; a venture that would support the rural economy, local suppliers, guarantee freshness and cut food miles. Such an opportunity has arisen.



"'The Picture Place', based at No.1 The Hillyard for over 10 years, want to expand the framing side of their business and are relocating to nearby Farfield Business Park," explains Katrina Shamel, Lettings Manager. "Part of a range of beautifully converted farm buildings, No.1 is in a prime spot for passing trade, just off the A170. With a large area of free parking and being adjacent to Bollis Tearooms and Wykeham C of E Primary School, a good footfall is ensured." The property is a total of 125sqm over two floors and is connected to the Dawnay Estate superfast internet. The Estate is looking to partner up with a retailer keen to run a farm shop.

Please help spread the word and for more details contact The Estate on 01723 866600 or email katrina.shamel@dawnayestates.co.uk

North Yorkshire's best historic wedding venue

The Estate's Danby Castle, in the heart of the North York Moors National Park, is the latest addition to the Gilchrist Collection of exclusive-use wedding venues. With room for 110 day guests, and up to 140 in the evening, Danby Castle offers civil ceremonies in its truly grand medieval grounds, manorial courthouse and converted barns, complete with a new signature 'Getting-ready Room'.

"The barn and castle combination so unique," says CEO Samantha

Gilchrist. "As a former wedding photographer, seeing its breath-taking views of the Esk Valley was a magical moment. We'd like to thank the Estate for their support in expanding the business. We have just won the English Wedding Award for best Historic Venue in North Yorkshire and are looking forward to creating jobs for the local community."

Find out more at: www.danbycastle.com



Outstanding carers and vinyl virtuosos



An increasing demand for at home care services meant 'Partners In Care Yorkshire' needed to expand. Run by Vanessa Teanby, her son Nick and daughter-in-law Nicola, the family have long been tenants of the Estate, and have recently swapped their original office at The Wykeham Business Centre for one twice the size. They cater for all care needs, including respite care and dementia. Their excellent reputation locally was cemented with an 'Outstanding' assessment by the Care Quality Commission in November 2021.



The Business Centre recently welcomed a new tenant Wykeham Records, who trade in second-hand vinyl singles and LPs from all over the world. Increasingly popular, vinyl accounted for 25% of all album sales in 2021, the 14th consecutive year of growth for this format. (Source: British Phonographic Society). If you think you have a rare gem in the attic, contact them on 07985 200437

Yorkshire 'green lungs' breathe life into COP26

As a domestic UK grower, Wykeham Mature Plants supplies large trees, specimen shrubs and instant hedging to some of the UK's most prestigious projects. These include major construction developments and even the recent COP26 climate conference in Glasgow.

There has also been an unprecedented demand for domestic garden makeovers, property improvement, privacy and security screening. The planting

team have had a busy winter installing Wykeham stock on sites across England, not only transforming gardens but improving homes and lives. This has led to comments such as "Thanks so much for our instant privacy, it's possibly the best money we've ever spent!" - Mr and Mrs Singh, West Yorkshire.

For more information contact Wykeham Mature Plants on 01723862406 or enquiries@wykeham.co.uk



A soap-tastic summer awaits!



St Helen's Caravan Park in Wykeham is welcoming back a flurry of new caravanning and camping fans this summer with a brand-new roadside sign, stone clad entrance pillars and a mixed species hedge. There are even more upgrades within the site itself.

"We are making continual improvements to deliver a quality experience," says manager Andrew Backhouse. "We now have 12 camping pods, including two new 'Super Pods' with their own kitchens and showers. Our guests can take their pick from traditional shower blocks, three accessible family friendly bathrooms or our relaxation suite complete with jacuzzi jet spa. Both muddy paws and pedals can be cleaned up with our newly installed dog grooming bath and bike wash station."



More than £100,000 raised for charity

The Estate regularly hosts a charity Clay Pigeon Shoot where up to 40 teams of four compete around Wykeham Estate. The event has raised over £100,000 since 2017, split between the permanent beneficiary, the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust, and another charity nominated for that year. These have included Mountain Rescue, Support Dogs and St Catherine's Hospice in Scarborough. In 2022, it is the turn of Ryedale Special Families who, for 25 years, have supported the families of children and young adults with disabilities, additional needs and illness throughout Ryedale.

"The Clay Shoot supports GWCT's important work in game and wildlife management techniques to improve biodiversity in the British countryside,"

explains Head of Property & Sporting James Stephenson. "The sun has shone on the last three clay shoots so we have our fingers crossed for this year too!"

To enter a team for Thursday 26 May 2022 email james. stephenson@dawnay.co.uk



17th century support for 21st century education



One good cause that The Estate is proud to support is the Thomas Farside Trust. The objective of which is to make small grants to those living in the parishes of Wykeham and West Ayton, who enter higher education.

In 1689 Thomas Farside was appointed "Rector Impropriate" to the parish of Hutton Buscel. In order to store the 'greater tithes' to which he was entitled, he built the huge barn, which still stands to the north of Manor Farm and has his date stone high on the east wall beneath the gable. Soon after, he also constructed a fine house called, appropriately, Hutton Buscel Hall. Sadly this burnt down in 1810; though the walled garden, which is just across the road from the school, survives. His will provided for the funding of a school, then situated at what is now 85 Main Street, this being the ancestor of the current trust. Those wishing to apply for grants or wishing to support the Trust should contact The Secretary at ascombes@aol.com

Rooting for 'home-grown' timber

The winter winds have taken their toll on our woodlands. In one previously thinned area, a third of the trees came down in this winter's storms. Fortunately the Estate's planting programme continues with more than 20,000 trees planted before April this year. Species varieties include Oak, Douglas Fir, Sitka Spruce and Hornbeam. The mature timber is then used for Estate projects, the most recent being the North Yorkshire WaterPark's new zip line tower and cosy Lake View Lodge.

To minimise the environmental impact of transporting heavy materials,



felled trees and machinery, the Estate utilises the Mobile Saw Mill services of Yorkshire charity 'Gayle Mill Trust'. Towed by a Land Rover, this machine converts



the felled trees into beams, planks and posts on-site. It can handle tree trunks up to 20 feet in length and 3 feet in diameter, milling up to 200 cubic feet of timber a day.







