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First of all I hope you all had a Happy Easter, despite the inclement weather!

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who came to and supported our Easter Coffee Morning at Staithes Village Hall. Everyone had a lovely time catching up with each other and chatting over their tea, coffee and hot cross buns. Thank you to Judith,

JJ and Tom for organising everything and to all who bought raffle tickets and helping us to raise over £150.



Since our very early days as a charity, DAG has been very fortunate to have **The Marquis of Normanby** as our Patron. He has been a staunch supporter of our work throughout this time, and has supported us both personally and through the **Normanby Trust** many times.

A good example of this relationship was during those dark days of Covid 19 and lockdowns. The Normanby Trust supported DAG financially, allowing us, amongst other

things, to set up our **Jigsaw Club** and provide our members with **Activity Packs, Christmas meals and Easter treats**. For those unable to leave their homes for long periods, this was invaluable and it made sure that we were able to support our members through what was such a difficult time.

Lord Normanby recently reached his 70th birthday and has decided to step down from all of his patronage positions. In his letter to us, he said **he was honoured to be Patron of Whitby DAG, and is proud of the association with us, and will always follow our progress with interest and affection**. DAG is also very proud that Lord Normanby has been our Patron, and would like to take this opportunity to **thank him for all his support over so many years**.

Here at **Church House**, the new owner has taken over the running of the building. Some of you may be aware that a planning application has been submitted to modernise and improve it, with the intention of increasing the range of community services available to the public. The proposed work includes converting empty loft space into offices, installing a catering kitchen and converting the old nursery site into assisted living / respite care accommodation, along with other general improvements.

Whilst we welcome these much needed improvements, it may well mean an extended period of disruption to our work, especially as the plans include lowering the ceiling in the DAG office, installing new windows, rectifying the subsidence at the rear of the building and completing the assisted living accommodation beneath us! We are determined to keep the office and DAG services running as best we can, and will keep you all informed of any developments.

Until the next time.

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Membership Renewal Reminder

DAG Memberships for 2024/25 are due on 1st April 2024. To continue receiving a printed newsletter, **please make sure you have renewed (or joined) by Monday 29th April 2024.**

£20 for single membership **£25** for joint membership

Anyone who became a DAG Member **on or after 1st January 2024, does not need to renew until April 2025.**

Please note - from now on, non-members and organisations may only receive our newsletter by email.

Fundraising

The sun came out, and 24 people came along to our **Easter Coffee Morning at Staithes Village Hall** on 27th March. We had a fantastic Easter/ Spring themed raffle, with many additional prize donations from DAG members and visitors on the day.

The raffle raised **£110**, and with donations on the day we raised a total of **£154.00**. Thank you to everyone who came along and who donated prizes for the raffle. Thank you also to volunteers **JJ** for organising the raffle, **Tom, Roger N** and **Wendy**, for your help on the day.

The **Giant Jigsaw Sale** organised by **Tom** on 2nd April raised the fantastic total of **£240.50**. Thank you to **JJ, Josie, Roger E** and **Eva** who all came along to help on the day, in spite of the cold weather.



DAG Benefits Advice Service

DAG can help people fill in forms for benefits, including **Personal Independence Payment** and **Attendance Allowance**.

There is usually a deadline to return these forms and our service can be booked up in advance.

If you need help with a form, please contact us as soon as possible, to make sure we can get you an appointment in time.

DAG could not support so many people without the help of our wonderful **Volunteers**. We'd love you to join our team.



We have a number of volunteering opportunities, but at the moment are particularly keen to hear from anyone who is interested in being a **Passenger Assistant/ Companion** on trips. DBS Checks are required.

For more information or to arrange to come and meet us please contact **the DAG office**.

T: 01947 821001 or **E: info@whitbydag.org.uk**

TRIPS & SHOPPERS - APRIL & EARLY MAY

Unless otherwise stated, all trips cost £8 for a DAG Member and £10 for a non-member.

APRIL

Thursday 11th **Staites Shopper** - Skelton

Tuesday 16th **Ryedale Folk Museum & Hutton-le-Hole** (shops and tearooms). Additional charge for Museum, payable on entry.

Friday 19th **Helmsley** - Market Day

Wednesday 24th **Northallerton** - Market Day **£10/ £12**

Monday 29th **Staites Shopper** - Redcar Market Day

MAY

Thursday 2nd **Whitby Shopper** - Guisborough Market

Thursday 9th **Staites Shopper** - Skelton Retail Park

Thursday 16th **The Lion, Blakey Ridge** - Lunch.

Contact the DAG office to book your place.



Take Five North Yorkshire is North Yorkshire Police's fraud awareness campaign to help beat financial fraud. Fraudsters might phone, email or send a text message, pretending to be from a bank, card company, police, utility company or other organisation.

The police, banks or other trusted organisations will

- **Never** ask you to withdraw money to hand over to them for safe keeping
- **Never** ask you to lie to your bank about why you are transferring money
- **Never** send someone to your home to collect cash, PIN, cards or cheque books if you are a victim of fraud
- **Never** ask you to purchase goods using your card and then hand them over for safe keeping
- **Never** phone and ask for your PIN or full password.

Remember...

- **Never** give out personal or financial details unless you are certain you know who you are dealing with
- **Always** question uninvited approaches asking for information.
- **Be cautious.** Never assume someone is who they say they are.
- **Stay in control.** Refuse unusual requests for personal or financial information
- **Take Five.** Stop and think before acting. Contact someone you know and trust first.

If you receive a call of this nature contact the **Police** on **101** (make sure the line is free). **If you are in immediate danger call 999.**

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SO ALWAYS TAKE TIME TO
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Dalewood Trust supports adults with learning disabilities providing leisure activities, adult education, volunteering and work experience.

They provide **Shopping and Laundry** services for the wider community in the Whitby area – charges apply.

On site **café** at Cholmley Way, alongside woodwork craft and plants shop.

For more information and to arrange services

Tel: 01947 600583 Email: info@dalewoodtrust.org

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/DalewoodTrust/>

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Calla Café at the Eastside Community Hub



The **Eastside Community Hub**, Abbotts Road, Whitby, is delighted to announce that they are now working in partnership with **Dalewood Trust** to re-open the **Calla Café**.



From **Monday 4th March 2024**, the new opening times will be **9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday**.

Everyone Welcome.



Whitby DAG Stall at Whitby Co-op
10am - 1pm

Wednesday 17th April - Bookstall

Please can I put a shout out to all our wonderful Members and to anyone who could help run the stall at the Co-op. Transport is available. Come along for part or the whole of the session.

Tommy

E-mail: tom@whitbydag.org.uk

Tel: 01947 821001 or 07871 388 425

FOR SALE!

DAG is happy to advertise items for sale or free to a good home, in our newsletter.

Contact the office.

Diana – Mobile Hairdresser

Whitby and Scarborough areas

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North Yorkshire
Citizens Advice &
Law Centre

citizens
advice

**The Coliseum Centre,
Victoria Place, Whitby**

Drop-In on Wednesdays, 10am-3pm.

Adviceline:

Freephone **0808 278 7900**

Monday to Friday, 9am to 4.30pm (except bank holidays)



North Yorkshire
Coast & Moors

ageUK
01723 379058

**Information & Advice
Drop in Sessions**

Weekly,

at Whitby Library

Friday mornings

10am to 12 noon

Contact: jim.johnson@ageuknycm.org.uk

Parkinson's UK Whitby Support Group

Meets at Whitby Golf Club

Friendship and support locally to people with Parkinson's, their families and carers. **For dates and details contact**

Tracy on 07789 884 602



PARKINSON'S CAFE

Parkinson's UK helpline on [0808 800 0303](tel:08088000303)

Returning Equipment

When you no longer require the
**equipment loaned by NHS or Social
Care services, contact **Medequip** to
request **free** collection

north.yorks@medequip-uk.com or **01423 226240**

Items can also be dropped of at the **Medequip Scarborough
Depot: 5B & 5C Dunslow Court, Eastfield, Scarborough,
YO11 3XT** **or**

**Whitby Household Waste Recycling Centre, Cholmley
Way, Whitby YO22 4NJ, Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm**



Caring Together

Whitby & District

A local voluntary organisation and
registered charity,

Providing practical and emotional help for carers, the
people they care for, and older people living on their own -
sitting service, befriender visits, support groups, volunteer
befriending opportunities.

Tel: 01947 605757

Website: caringtogetherwhitbyanddistrict.org



Whitby “Welcome Wednesday” Wellbeing Café

1-3pm, Hopkinson Room, The Coliseum Victoria Place

**Dementia Forward Local Helpline, Monday to Friday,
9am to 4pm. Tel: 3300 578592**

Make your donations to DAG go further through

- **Gift Aid (if you are a UK Taxpayer)**
- **Give as You Live**
- **Leaving a Financial Gift in your Will**
- **LocalGiving**
- **Easy Fundraising**

Contact the DAG office for more details.



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- Would you like your details to be added to/ removed from our newsletter mailing list?
- Do you have any articles, stories, items wanted/ for sale or information you would like to be included in our newsletter?



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All Mobility Hire enquiries should be via the DAG office.

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