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## Editorial

The Olympics have again provided Great Britain with an impressive list of medals. So to some of us it seemed a great sadness that in the days immediately following the end of the Games, all the talk was of Tokyo in four years' time or even the games after them - and getting more medals. What's happened to 'sport for all'? How much of the celebrity status of the gold medallists has rubbed off on the rest of us enabling us to leave the corner of the settee and actually DO more?

There are some splendid exceptions of course:- there has been a huge upsurge in cycling, but then how many young people from less affluent areas can afford the smart bikes of today? Is it a bit exclusive?

We note that the National Curriculum for schools does include sections for P.E. and games, but much of it stresses competitive team games which is fine for those with an innate ability to deal with balls! What about the rest, always destined to be 'reserves', hoping against hope that they won't be the last to be picked! Certainly schools are good at spotting those students with obvious sporting potential but how good at raising the physical fitness and ability of everybody? We put such stress on the ability (or lack of it) in mathematics or complex English grammar insisting upon achievement even if it takes year after year of trying; how about the same (and dare we say it) even the more useful skills of swimming, running and basic proficiency in vaulting or jumping or climbing? Some schools even have to apply for voluntary help to provide travel to get to swimming lessons.

It is claimed that people, young and old, spend less time in the open air than ever before, that playing fields and school fields are still being sold off for commercial development or housing and that local authorities just cannot afford any more money for youth activities. Just as we hope and believe that every young person has some real academic ability in a loved subject area to be discovered and developed, so we need to encourage them to find a physical activity which they can enjoy - and we have a ready-made outdoor arena, namely the Dales - to encourage them, and all of us, out of that corner of the settee! And thank you for those volunteers, old and young, who give up plenty of time to those in uniformed organisations, sports clubs or walking groups to keep them healthy and bright.

### **West Burton Chapel Harvest Supper Saturday October 8th 7.00pm**

Entertainment by the Ayrton Brothers  
Tickets £15 adults. £2.50 children  
**Julie Pledge 663481**

## The Upper Dales Healthwatch

### **The Patient Participation Group for the Central Dales GP Practice**

#### **Synopsis of the July meeting.:**

The Aysgarth Superfast Broadband N3 line has been connected. The GPs have now got to be trained by BT how to use it, but it should be up and running by now.

1. Telemedicine will be piloted at Sycamore Hall to support the Step up/Step down bed. (*See p.10*) This will mean using the Airedale Telemedicine Unit as the South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust does not yet have its own unit. However, patients will be sent to the Friarage or James Cook if they do need to go to hospital.

2. The old website has been taken down, the new website address is:

[www.centraldalespractice.nhs.uk](http://www.centraldalespractice.nhs.uk)

3. The two year Nursing Project is going well. Central Dales and the Leyburn Practices are involved in joint training and are sharing shifts and documents. Practice Nurses are doing some home visits to patients with long term illnesses.

4. Patients aged 40-75 thought likely to benefit are being invited in for an NHS Health Check. Anyone who has not visited a surgery for the last three years can also ask for a health check.

5. If patients need to order repeat prescriptions early because they are going on holiday they should indicate this in the box for notes preferably in CAPITAL LETTERS, as the Systmonline text is very small when received at the surgery.

The HRWCCG is working to manage the shortfall in its budget. *Savings proposed include not routinely providing gluten-free food or paracetamol on prescription..* The proposal is to close the Lambert Hospital in Thirsk and reserve the Rutson Ward for those recovering from a stroke. This would free up funding for Step up/Step down beds throughout the CCG area, getting patients much closer to home.

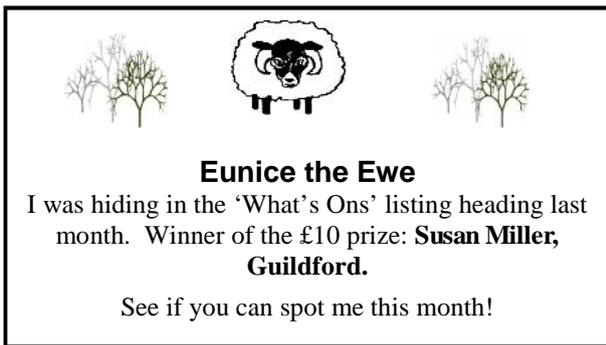
**Jane Ritchie, Hon. secretary**

### **Hawes Market House AGM**

The Hawes Market House Annual General Meeting will be held at **7.00pm Monday October 3rd 2016** in The Market House.

All members of the community and users of The Market House are invited to attend. The Market House is a community facility so if you have any opinions or suggestions please come along.

**Graham Di Duca**



## October Competition

### Places in the extended National Park

1. Big black bird very drunk with beer
2. It's a bit short on sense
3. Yes brag at
4. A burnt singing mix
5. Bing with the attic
6. Odd ones near the ebay
7. Faraday's cottage is here
8. Nigel Eckersley's place
9. Beast in a china shop with this
10. Mixed rest in Caton
11. B lousy place
12. Take an 'o' from the heath.

Send in as many as you can get. Remember £20 goes to the charity of your choice.

## September Competition Answers

It was on **insects and arachnids etc. (i.e bugs and things).**

1. Female aviator: **ladybird**
2. Not cross: **tick**
3. Deep in tec: **centipede**
4. Start with a blackbird-sized upland bird; muddle it and make a timber carving: **woodlouse**
5. Second letter: **bee**
6. Muddle what dogs have four of: **wasp**
7. Lords have it: **cricket**
8. Provide for stone column: **caterpillar**
9. No, we're good!: **weevil**
10. Could be!: **mite**
11. Female relation spoken up North: **ant**
12. What to do if the nearby conversation sounds better than your own table-talk: **earwig**
13. "Although she wer a long way off, and my eyes aren't so good, I ———": **spider**
14. NS back, back: **nit**  
**NS back = SN; SN = chemical symbol for TIN; TIN back=NIT**
15. Sounds like an escape: **flea**
16. You'll see them flutter by: **butterfly**
17. Dig me!: **midge**
18. Tell on the local agent!: **grass-hopper**
19. Listening device on the pillow: **bedbug**
20. They're fiddling when followed by 'screw'!: **grub**

We've had reports of several people, young and old, enjoying - or being frustrated by - this competition! Someone even solved number 14, but this month's winners are **John and Brenda Stirling, Askrigg**. The £20 prize is donated to the Friends of Tees Valley Youth Orchestra.

...Let's see how you get on with this month's

## Power to the Community (Field)!

In order to reduce the ongoing costs for putting on the firework display, the Upper Dales Fireworks Committee have been working on installing a power supply from the Museum building (thanks to Matt Neale and his team for this permission) to the community field.

This will be a tremendous asset to the community field as it will be a permanent connection that will be left in situ for anyone to use in the future. Power will be available at both the practice pitch and down by the old skate park and will be capable of meeting the power demands of most of the biggest events that are held on the field.

If anyone would like to make use of this supply in the future, please let us know as we will be responsible for coordinating it for you.

Work to put in this supply will start on **Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30am**, so if you can spare a few hours that day it would be much appreciated as many hands make light work!

## Thornton Rust Village Institute

**Friday October 7th**

An evening with

**SPELLBOUND PRODUCTIONS**

including films of local interest.

Supper provided. Doors open at **7.00pm**.

All welcome. £7.00

## Learning Curve at Yorebridge Sports and Leisure

**P**lans to bring volunteer-led adult learning to Askrigg and surrounding areas are underway following a survey showing a demand for classes in everything from drawing and painting, to beekeeping, map reading, languages and computer skills.

Residents of Askrigg, Low Abbotside, Bainbridge and slightly further afield were asked what classes they would like, delivered in what format - one-off workshops, weekly sessions or lectures and talks - and what they themselves could offer to the Learning Curve project, based at Askrigg's Yorebridge Sports and Leisure Centre.

A team of local volunteers has already run successful pilot sessions in photography, basic computer skills, a wildflower walk, and a one-off pre-EU referendum talk. Now, with support from Leah Swain and James Russell of Rural Action Yorkshire, which helps rural communities remain "vibrant and viable," a full programme of activities is planned, to run initially for a year.

Following the survey, completed by an estimated 65 per cent of recipients, a menu of 33 possible activities was drawn up, of which 21 could be run with a volunteer rather than a paid tutor. Of those who offered to deliver courses or workshops, nearly half said they would volunteer and 16 per cent offered paid sessions. Payments will be available for those who give up time from a day job to deliver courses in specific skills.

Of those who responded, 72 per cent were aged 26 to 65, and 27 per cent were over 65. The most popular model was one-off workshops, requested by 90 per cent of respondents, followed by regular classes (66 per cent) and lectures (58 per cent). More than half of those who volunteered to help offered lifts to anyone who had difficulty getting to the centre.

Arts and crafts was the most popular choice of class, followed by photography and local history.

"The response to the survey has been amazing," said Leah. "The whole community is being very responsive and enthusiastic and it is great to see so many completing surveys and volunteering to run courses and workshops on such a wide range of subjects. I will be using Learning Curve as a good example of community-led action with other villages across Yorkshire."

Apart from support from Rural Action Yorkshire, the project has received a grant of £1,500 from the Roger Stott community grants fund through the

Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, and the Yorebridge centre itself has received grants from Richmondshire County Council for the refurbishment of the classroom.

Further courses will be run throughout the autumn and the scheme will be launched officially in January.

**Betsy Everett**

## Operation Christmas Child

We are again organising a collection of shoe boxes filled with gifts and school supplies for children in Eastern Europe. They will be given to children in hospitals, orphanages and those in poverty or conflict situations regardless of their background or religious beliefs. Many children in the poorest areas are not allowed to start school unless they have pens, pencils, notebooks etc. So finding such items in their box makes a crucial difference to their lives.

To take part in this worthwhile scheme please get a leaflet from the schools, churches or the Community Office in Hawes and follow the instructions as to what can be included in your box. If possible please add a £3 cheque or cash to cover transport, or donate on line, and gift aid it if you can. Boxes must be handed in to the Community Office by **Tuesday November 8th**.

Remember that a shoe box is often the only gift that a needy child will receive this Christmas.

Thank you for your help.

**Heather and Nelson Caplin 667625**

## Wensleydale Society

The Autumn Meetings Programme begins on **Friday October 7th** at West Burton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

The speaker is Mike Thomson on 'What's up at the Mill' and is free for members. Guests are welcome for which there is a small charge of £2 per person per visit.

Refreshments are provided after the meetings. Coach transport is available from Middleham at 6.30pm, Harmby at 6.40pm, Leyburn at 6.50 and West Witton at 7.00pm. Cost is £15 for the whole 2016-2017 season or £3 per trip. Booking is not required. For more information about transport please ring **622287**.

The Society also has a Walks Programme and the annual subscription is £5. The website address is [www.wensleydalesociety.org.uk](http://www.wensleydalesociety.org.uk) where more information can be found.

**The 'In Concert' Band with  
Colin Bailey present  
'Movie Magic'**

October 2016 sees the popular return of Colin Bailey and friends for a magical evening of songs from the movies. Featuring Disney classics and blockbusters hits such as Born Free, Nine to Five, On the Street Where You Live, You Got a Friend in Me and many more favourites. There is something for everyone to enjoy. This feature presentation of live music will be showing at the following venues:

**Saturday October 8th**

Thornton Rust Village Institute

**Friday October 14th**

Hawes Market House

**Friday October 21<sup>st</sup>**

Leyburn Methodist Hall

**Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

West Burton Village Hall

All performances start at **7.30pm**

**(Doors open 7.00pm)**



Proceeds in support of music workshops for young people in Wensleydale and Swaledale.

*For more information and tickets visit the box office at [www.blueboxt.co.uk](http://www.blueboxt.co.uk)*

or contact **Colin Bailey,**

**07711 211169 / [info@blueboxt.co.uk](mailto:info@blueboxt.co.uk)**

**"Dales and Beyond"**

An Art Exhibition showing oils and watercolours  
by John Hopkins and Pat Whitehead

at TOSH in Leyburn

**Until October 13th**

**Wensleydale is About to Host  
an Important Project:**

**Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge**

The Hambleton Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group has rented a flat for use by Central Dales Practice patients who need some nursing care either to prevent them from having to go into hospital, OR to give them nursing care when they come out of hospital before returning home. This nursing care can be provided to a patient for up to six weeks.

**The Step Up - Step Down** flat needs some support from local individuals/businesses/organisations. The NHS has provided the hospital bed and other medical equipment etc., but to make the flat welcoming and homely we need to provide a television. Roger Iveson from Hawes has very kindly lent a TV until funds can be raised to buy one. Other items may need to be provided as the pilot progresses, so a contingency fund needs to be set up. If you can help please contact me on **663385** or email [richmondshire.hen@nhs.net](mailto:richmondshire.hen@nhs.net)

Donations will be acknowledged on a sponsors' board in the flat and all proceeds/donations will be retained for the exclusive use of Sycamore Hall. Thank you,

**Jane Ritchie**

**Hon. Secretary Upper Dales Health Watch and Health Engagement Network Representative for Richmondshire on the HRWCCG Governing Body**

Note: It is hoped that further flats will be commissioned in Richmondshire following this pilot and the outcome of the Transforming our Communities Consultation.

**Autumn Serenade in  
Wensleydale at Tennants, Leyburn**

**Hawes Silver Band, Aysgarth Singers  
and**

**The Young Voices**

**Friday October 7th at 7.30pm**

Hawes Silver Band and Aysgarth Singers, both conducted by Stanley Roorcroft MBE, and the Young Voices Choir, conducted by Barbara Roorcroft, are teaming up for an evening of melody in the Garden Rooms at Tennants.

Admission is £8 for adults and under 16s are free (but must have a ticket.) Tickets are available from Tennants 621146, from Towlers in Leyburn or from Hawes Community Office

## Wensleydale Wheels Update from the committee

First of all we would like to thank all those who have made donations and supported our efforts so far.

Thanks to those who helped to distribute leaflets, posters and collection boxes. Thank you too, to the helpers and organisers of the Cheese and Wine Party at Coles House, especially Sue Peckitt, who kindly allowed us the use of her lovely home. The event raised a very handsome £256. What's more, everyone seemed to have a good time despite the inclement weather.

We have been granted about £900 from the Roger Stott Memorial Fund at the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust. This money is to assist us with the costs of finding the funding we need for the project. We are still waiting for a definitive decision from the Big Lottery about whether or not we go to the second level of application.

There is more good news too. Rishi Sunak, our MP, has agreed to be a patron. He is asking the Department of Transport if they are still supporting Community Transport schemes.

We spoke at the Aysgarth and West Burton Parish Councils to explain the scheme and answer queries from the members. We have agreed to speak at Aysgarth Surgery at the next meeting of the Central Dales Practice in October, as they have expressed an interest in knowing more about our project.

We have had many enquiries about the scheme and we hope that at some point we can fulfil expectations. Some of those enquiries have resulted in people wanting to become members of the society. It costs only £1. The main benefit to us is the evidence of local support when we put in our funding bids. So contact us if you'd like to join. Our next fund raiser is a:

**Pie and Pea Supper**  
at the Crown in Askrigg on

**Friday November 11th.**

All welcome. Tel: **650172**

Email: [wensleydalewheels@hotmail.com](mailto:wensleydalewheels@hotmail.com)

### Yorebridge Education Foundation

Are you in or going on to Higher Education?  
Do you live in the Primary School catchment areas  
of Hawes, Bainbridge or Askrigg?

If so, you could receive a small grant from the  
Yorebridge Education Foundation.

Apply with your details to:

**Yorebridge Education Foundation**  
c/o The Upper Wensleydale Community Office,  
The Neukin, Hawes

## Get Musical Workshops October half-term 2016

singing | percussion | composition

You are invited to join community musicians Colin Bailey and Julie Simpson for a fun-filled three hours of creative music-making at

**Leyburn Arts and Community Centre on  
Thursday October 27th.**

The session is aimed at primary school aged children (six to twelve years old) and will explore sound, rhythm, percussion and popular song. [Sessions are suitable for families to take part together; younger children must be supervised by a responsible adult].



Activities will include Bucket Beats, Boom Tunes, Create-a-song and the Get Musical Jam Band. Children who play an instrument can bring it along too if they would like to and there will be plenty of singing and percussion based activities for everyone to try as well.

Sessions run from **10.00am to 1.00pm** with breaks (squash, fruit and biscuits will be provided). There is a charge of £5.00 per child. Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Get Musical is part of the NYMAZ Youth Music Programme for North Yorkshire. NYMAZ provides high quality music-making activities for young people who might not otherwise have the opportunity. NYMAZ is funded by the National Foundation for Youth Music. [[www.nymaz.org.uk](http://www.nymaz.org.uk)]

**For information or bookings please contact:**

**“Get Musical”, Colin Bailey,**

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Leyburn, North Yorkshire, DL8 3SZ

**07711 211169; 663181**

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### LVA Bike Ride 2016

As the sponsor money from our charity bike ride last June, is now coming in nicely, we are asking the local groups in Wensleydale and Swaledale to apply for any funds that may be available. All applications will be considered on their own merit. The presentation of the awards will be at the end of January 2017 to allow for any 'last minute' money to be collected.

Please send request via post to Angus McCarthy, Secretary NRDLVA, c/o The Fountain Hotel, Market Place, Hawes DL8 3RD

## Prunings



On September 7th we discussed with regret the paucity of butterflies seen earlier in the year. Home, after the meeting, I sat on the steps having a break from sanding windows and was intrigued by movement around a buddleia. On closer inspection it was covered in butterflies: Peacocks; Red Admirals; a couple of Small Tortoiseshells and a solitary white one. I counted them several times. It is only a small specimen and I regret to say the flowers have not been regularly dead-headed and so were nearly over, but there were at least 18 feeding in the sun. I can't remember seeing as many together in one place for years. \* This particular bush is deep magenta. The white varieties (which had better flowers) and the common purples were being completely ignored. Guess which one I shall propagate from for future enjoyment?

Still on the butterfly front, I haven't seen a Painted Lady this year, but I gather it is still possible. These magical creatures are unaffected by adverse spring conditions in Europe as they hatch in North Africa and then fly north. Some years they don't get very far but they have been seen all over the UK this year, so there is always hope.

Fuchsia Mrs Popple has put on a spectacular display. Aided no doubt by the mild winter temperatures it has thrived and the longest stems are now well over six feet high. If I don't cut it back drastically we won't be able to see out of the windows. Today (September 13th) it is "abuzz" : Bumblebees, Wood bees (I think) and hover-flies are everywhere. There is a whole population of flying creatures feeding in the heat. Interesting to hear that we had record temperatures on the 13<sup>th</sup> and then low cloud all day on the 14<sup>th</sup>. The thunder overnight was something else! It is a bit disconcerting when the over head thunderclaps are violent enough to rattle the windows after they have tripped out the power.

Its the time of year to face all the pruning, cutting, clearing, turning compost, having bonfires and contemplating the wonderful colours of late summer. It seems just now that the good lookers are mostly yellow – Rudbeckia Goldsturm is always a favourite. If you want more you can split the clumps as soon as the flowers go over and if you miss them now you can always do it in the spring. The

Heleniums are beautiful in September and they can be propagated much like Rudbeckia. Potentillas, which may have started flowering as early as late May will mostly keep going until the frost gets them, and they offer every shade from pale yellow with grey leaves through to vibrant orange with dark leaves (Hopley's Orange) not to mention Abbot's Wood (White) and Red Robin.

Time to tart up tubs and planters they say. Well the Geraniums in the bulb planters are having a brilliant second flush so I may well leave them alone and replace them with winter pansies when the temperature drops.

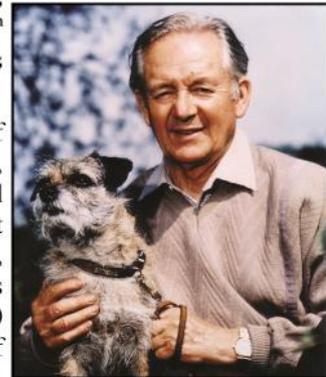
Good luck! And whatever you grow, take time to enjoy it.

**Rose Rambler**

**Centenary Anniversary**  
**Famous veterinary surgeon and author,**  
**Alf Wight OBE FRCVS, ('James Herriot') with**  
**original cast members of the**  
**'All Creatures Great and Small'**  
**BBC TV series.**  
*Saturday October 1st 2016 from 7.00pm*  
*Tennants Garden Rooms, Leyburn.*

A black tie gala dinner at Tennants Garden Rooms in Leyburn, with special guests from the cast of "**All Creatures Great and Small**" to celebrate the life and work of the famous vet and author Alf Wight OBE FRCVS (James Herriot) on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth.

Members of Alf Wight's family, including son and daughter Jim Wight and Rosie Page, friends and colleagues will pay tribute to 100 years of the life of Alf Wight.



The evening will include performances by music icon **Lesley Garrett CBE** and hosted by BBC TV's **Harry Gration MBE**.

A limited number of places are still available for the event and can be booked online at:

[bit.ly/HerriotHundred](http://bit.ly/HerriotHundred)

## A684– Upper Wensleydale’s Highway

A mini-series on our main road,  
Garsdale Head to Wensley

### Part one:- Garsdale Head - Town Foot, Hawes

Many of us travel along this, or bits of it, time and again, but how much do we know of it and its roadside interests?

Here is a familiarisation trip; then you can do parts more thoroughly if you feel inclined!

We begin just west of the Moorcock Inn at the boundary of Cumbria (ex-West Riding part) and North Yorkshire (ex-North Riding). The Pennine Bridleway crosses here. In 1986 Mary Towneley rode on horseback 250 miles from Corbridge, Northumberland to Ashbourne, Derbyshire to launch the idea of a Pennine Bridleway. This was followed by a feasibility study and route investigation from 1987 to 1990. Finally in 1995 approval was granted for the Pennine Bridleway National Trail from Carsington Water, Derbyshire to near Kirkby Stephen.

The Moorcock Inn, built in the 1740s, would have been a welcome staging post on the drove roads over to Dentdale from Garsdale and Mallerstang.



Our A684 road now parallels the old railway passing on the right the shooting lodge owned by the late Hugh van Cutsem, a long-standing and close friend of Prince Charles and who died in 2013. Just before Thwaite Bridge, with its original old bridge and narrow main road, the healthy-looking plantation on the right is a successful scheme of replanting on an old quarry site. Also look across to the Mossdale Tunnel and viaduct through which Mossdale Falls, painted by JMW Turner, can be glimpsed. A seat on the ‘Turner Trail’ is still there but hard to get at to sit on!

In the old Midland Railway days the timetable allowed for trains to take fifteen minutes to get up to Garsdale and eleven to come down to Hawes.

After climbing up the hill our road is joined at Collier Holme by the Cotterdale (‘valley of the huts’) road and the climb up Cotter End of Lady Anne Clifford’s Way. Now on the left there is Rigg House, the one-time home of George Metcalfe who was a sugar plantation owner during the slave trade

and president of the counsel in Dominica, in the West Indies, while William Hillary, born at Birkrigg nearby, moved to Barbados in 1747 to work on climate and disease. He wrote a tropical medicine book on his return. George Metcalfe is buried in St



Margaret’s graveyard in Hawes. Now is there any truth in the story that Rigg House was divided in two (as it is now) by the demolishing of all the rooms and staircase between the house and cottage because they were haunted by a headless woman?

Moving swiftly on!; why not stroll up to Cotter Force on the left on a good, wheelchair-friendly footpath before driving on to Appersett.

Appersett means *the hut or pasture near the apple tree*; Old English aepeltreow and Old Norse saetr, and first recorded as Appeltresate in 1280 has, surprisingly, over 20 dwellings. Both bridges—over the Ure and Widdale Beck— are grade II listed, as are Appersett Farmhouse and the nearby viaduct. At the east end of Appersett near to the Art Bar Gallery is a field containing one solitary grave and headstone in the back right hand corner.

A further  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile brings us to Thorns and Greens where many readers may not now be aware that a large bridge carried the Wensleydale Railway over the road.

As our road passes through Hawes, it might seem unchanged and timeless for many but imagine the cobbles of Main Street taking traffic both ways before the building of the Holme Bridge in 1956 (pictured below.).





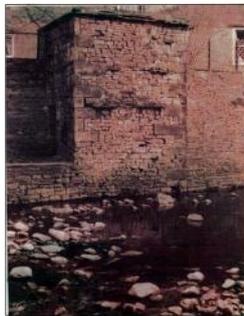
The picture above looks east to Lilac House (in the centre) after which the un-made road went down to a rough ford. We have not seen a picture of this. Anyone got one?

Further along, the new road had to rise with retaining walls for the lower gardens at either side and leading up to the new bridge.

Just over the beck by the 'ford' can still be seen the two-story privy down by David Gall Solicitors which at that time was the Queen's Hotel (The Solicitors that is, not the privy).

We will travel a bit further on the A684 next time.

A.S.W.



### Upper Dales Family History Group

Meetings of the Upper Dales Family History Group continue on **Wednesday, October 26th**, with a talk by Jackie Depelle at **2.00pm** in Fremington Sunday School near Reeth.

Jackie's subject is 'Remnants of a Lost Life – A brief encounter with life and WWI'; an opportunity to hear the story of a young man born never to grow old, one of the many lives lost in the Great War. She will follow his life from his birth in the West Riding of Yorkshire to a Commonwealth War Graves memorial in Northern France. Information from family memorabilia is supplemented by a wide range of archival documentation covering childhood to military service with the Green Howards and in the Royal Flying Corps.

The UDFHG is a branch of the Cleveland FHS and admission is free to all Cleveland members; non-members are very welcome at £2. Full details of talks and the worldwide email discussion group are on the website [www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk](http://www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk) or contact

**0743 2677 783,**

email: [moverley.yorkshire@outlook.com](mailto:moverley.yorkshire@outlook.com)

**Tracy Little**

### Leyburn Retain the Bateson Bowling League

Yes, Leyburn Bowling Club are delighted to have retained the Bateson Bowling League title which we won last year, at our first attempt. Leyburn have played consistently well throughout the season, including winning our last seven matches in the competition, and have finished 6 points clear at the top of the league.

It is never easy to win a league competition, and even harder to retain it, so to have won the league in both years we have entered the competition is a tremendous achievement. We will now have to try to retain our title again and go for a hat-trick next year - but this will be far from easy !

To show what a successful year 2016 has been for Leyburn we also finished 2nd in our long-standing JSW League, this years winners being Thirsk. Never having won the JSW League we will certainly give it another try next year and eventually perhaps our turn will come.

Finally, please note our next Quiz Night at the Dalesman's Club in Leyburn is almost upon us. **Thursday October 13th at 7.30 pm** is the date. As always the quiz will be accompanied by a Buffet Supper and Raffle Prizes and tickets for this popular evening remain at just £5 per person, available from **Hazel, 623480 or Mervyn 625734**

**Mervyn Buckley**

### Hawes Christmas Lights 2016

On **Wednesday 9th November** the Christmas Lights will be erected. We have bought several new displays and they will take some time to sort out, starting at 8.45am at Town Foot. If you can help for a few hours we normally have a good laugh while working - 'many hands make light work'! **On Saturday afternoon, 3rd December** the **Children's Party** will be in the Market House with fun and games with Colin Bailey. All welcome, Community Buffet. Carol singing and Santa arriving at 4.30pm.

At night we'll be holding "**Wensleydale's Got Talent**" again. In the past we've had some great acts, it would be terrific to see some older contestants. Closing date for entry is November 4th.

For more details of all the events, or if you would like to help, please contact **Kevin White 667236**.

### Trip to Newcastle Centre

**Thursday November 10th.**

Leaving Thoralby at 8.15am, then Aysgarth Falls Hotel, West Witton and Leyburn. Details from Mrs Bailey **663319**

## Starting Up Right - Introduction

**A**re you starting up self-employed or in business? The aim of this new column is to help you, especially if you live or work in Wensleydale, to set up the basics you will need for success.

The writer is an insolvency practitioner living in Hawes, with more than 40 years experience of dealing with the financial problems of businesses and self employed people, and in a unique position to see how and why things go wrong.

A builder in York had been in business for four years. They had used the whole of a £10,000 overdraft which the bank had allowed, hadn't kept any paperwork for the business, didn't know how much they'd earned, hadn't registered for self assessment tax and owed about £30,000 on credit cards. They were in a mess.

If you are in business or self employed it's important to get the basics right. Whether you are just starting up or you've been going for some time, whether you're a cleaner or farm or shop or pub worker, or you're running a large luxury hotel complex or an IT consultancy, there are business basics which will apply to you.

If you can get the important things right from the beginning you will save yourself much extra work and anxiety later on.

So we're going to look at: dealing with the taxman, running a bank account, keeping a record of your income and expenses, keeping your papers tidy, is an accountant necessary, paying yourself what you can afford, working hard, managing your time, what you can do if things do go wrong, and so on.

So watch this space for an ongoing series of features, and if you need advice on a subject I haven't covered so far, or if you need more information or advice and are not sure where to look for it, please do email the writer at [mikereeves@freefromdebt.org.uk](mailto:mikereeves@freefromdebt.org.uk).

First subject, coming next – “the tax man.

With best wishes, and my help if you want it, with your new venture.  
**Mike Reeves**

## Hardraw Harvest Festival

This year's Thanksgiving Service is on

**Sunday October 2nd at 3.00pm**

The collection will be for the very important charity  
**WATER AID**

Please be generous

## Upper Dales Area Partnership

*These are the applications received for grants within the Newsletter area:*

Upper Dales Health Watch - Sycamore Hall Step Up/Step Down Bed.

Yorebridge Sports Development Association - Investing in Staff Training and Equipment.

Hawes Christmas Lights - Hawes Christmas Lights Upgrade 2016.

Aysgarth Station Project - Signage for Aysgarth Station Site.

1st Wensleydale Scout Group (Hawes) - Provision of Beaver and Scouting in Upper Wensleydale.

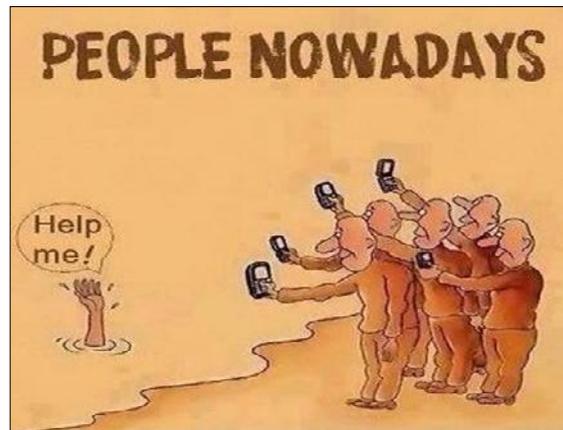
National School Hawes - The NASH.

Upper Wensleydale Community Partnership (UWCP) Ltd - Little Ings Playpark Project Gayle.

Hawes Cricket Club. Cricket Club - Increasing Participation.

Burtersett Institute - Oak Seat Benches.

Hawes and High Abbotside Parish Council - Public Notice Boards.



## The Swaledale Museum...

in Reeth is closed from October 2016 until May 2017 when it will reopen for the Season.

We will post our Friends of the Museum Lecture Programme on our website, and in the April edition of this Newsletter.

[www.swaledalemuseum.org](http://www.swaledalemuseum.org) or e-mail us on [museum.swaledale@btinternet.com](mailto:museum.swaledale@btinternet.com).

You can telephone us on **01748 884118** or **07969823232**

## **A Busy Year for Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team**

It's some time now since the Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team (SMRT) took to the pages of the Newsletter to thank all the individuals and businesses in Upper Wensleydale for the financial support they provide to the Team throughout the year. It really is appreciated and without this support the Team, wholly dependent on voluntary donations, could not continue to operate. It costs about £25,000 a year to run the team (excluding major capital items like the Team's vehicles), all raised by Team members with the marvellous help of the local community.

It's been a busy year for the Team (which, despite its title, covers all of Wensleydale as well as Swaledale), with at the time of writing (mid-September) more call-outs so far this year than over the whole of last year. Here's the Team's list of the latest to date this year, to give a "feel" for the range of incidents attended.

**Tony Harrison, Burterset**  
(on behalf of SMRT)

**07/09/2016:** (49) 16.00hrs: While attending Muker Show we assisted a collapsed person who was medically treated by the team.

**07/09/2016:** (48) 15.30hrs: Team search dog and handler called by Cleveland MRT to assist with the search for a missing child. Located safe outside the search area.

**31/08/2016** (47) 08.30hrs: Team called by the Police to search for a missing person in the Easby Abbey area. While planning the search the missing person was located safe.

**30/08/2016** (46) 00.48hrs. A very early morning call to assist the Ambulance Service with the treatment and rescue of an injured person who had fallen in woodland near Masham. Team members and paramedics treated the casualty on scene, then evacuated to the road.

**22/08/2016** (45) 19.30hrs: Team's search dog and handler called by Cleveland MRT to assist with an on-going search.

**16/08/2016** (44) 14.30hrs: Team called by Yorkshire Ambulance to rescue a walker with a medical condition between Crackpot Hall and Muker. The air ambulance crew, land ambulance crew and mountain rescue jointly treated and evacuated the casualty.

**14/08/2016** (43) 09.00hrs: Team provided safety cover for the Nut Cracker Mountain Bike event; the usual bumps dealt with.

**07/07/2016** (42) 15.00hrs: The team's search dog and handler called to assist Calder Valley SAR Team with a missing person search. Phew - that was a busy weekend!

**07/07/2016** (38, 39, 40, 41) 09.00hrs

Team were called to reports of a number of injured mountain bikers during the day. All treated and evacuated by the team. Two more seriously injured evacuated by ourselves then Helimed.

**06/07/2016** (35, 36, 37) 09.00hrs: Team was called to reports of three injured mountain bikers at different times of the day. All three treated and evacuated by the team, and then to hospital by road or air ambulance.

**05/07/2016** (34) 15.00hrs: Team were called to reports of an injured mountain biker. A fractured wrist was treated and the casualty evacuated to the road.

**05-07/07/2016** (33) 09.00hrs: Team provided three day safety cover for the Ard Rock Mountain Bike event, With over 2000 riders we dealt with the usual bumps scrapes and broken bones, mainly on the finish line.

**31/07/2016** (32) 09.00hrs: Team provided safety cover for the Nut Cracker Mountain Bike event; the usual bumps dealt with.

**18/07/2016** (31) 15.00hrs: Team were requested to search a number of small mines and holes near Tan Hill following the report of a missing dog. A number of small holes searched; nothing found.

**16/07/2016** (30) 10.00hrs: Team provided rescue and

### **Musical Help Needed!**

St Oswald's Church, Askrigg has kind folk who come, when they can, to play at our services. Unfortunately, we are now down to just two people. If anyone can help us occasionally by playing the organ or the piano at the 10.30am Sunday Service that would be much appreciated. There would be no pressure on you. Further, if you feel you can do some hymns but not obscure tunes we can work round that.

If you are interested and want a chat about it contact the Parish Secretary,

**Karen Prudden 650800;**  
[askrigg.foundation@btconnect.com](mailto:askrigg.foundation@btconnect.com)

**WENSLEYDALE BRIDGE CLUB**  
meet every Wednesday at 7.00pm in the Key  
Centre, Middleham.  
New members and visitors welcome.  
**01969-663243 Anthony or**  
**01748 834108 Jean.**

## **WHAT'S ON LISTING; please add these dates to your Diary**

### **September**

- 30 North Country Theatre D.C.M .7.30pm  
See p.20

### **October**

- Until 13 'Dales and Beyond' art exhibition.  
See p.6
- 1 Men's Prayer Breakfast, 8.00am,  
Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge
- 1 Gayle Mill Lino Printing course from  
10.30am - 4.30pm. £55 per person.  
**667320** to book
- 1 'James Herriot' Centenary Anniversary  
at Tennants. See p.8
- 2 11.00am Harvest Service,  
St. Bartholomew's, West Witton  
followed by lunch in the village hall
- 2 Gayle Mill Demonstration tours  
11.00am and 2.30pm £12.
- 2 Hardraw Harvest Festival; see p.11
- 3 Hawes Market House AGM. See p.3
- 3,17,31 Singing for Pleasure. 7.30pm at  
TOSH
- 5 Hawes Drama Group reads "The Small  
Hours". Gayle Institute, 7.00pm
- 7 Harvest Praise Service, 6.30pm  
Holy Trinity, Wensley followed by  
Supper in the village hall
- 7 'Spellbound' in Thornton Rust. See p.4
- 7 Wensleydale Society. See p.5
- 7 Autumn Serenade; See p.6
- 8 West Burton Chapel Harvest Supper.  
See p. 3
- 8 Wensleydale Concert Series. See p. 24
- 8,14,21,22 Movie Magic. Various venues.  
See p.6
- 9 Penhill Together United Service (HC) at  
St Bartholomew's, West Witton at 11.00am  
followed by lunch in the Village Hall.
- 9 Bainbridge Chapel Harvest, 3.00pm
- 9 Aysgarth Methodists at Bainbridge, 3.00pm
- 11 Decorative and Fine Arts Society. See p.17
- 11 YDNPA Planning Committee;  
Yoredale. 1.00pm
- 14 'Filling Station' Middleham Key Centre,  
7.00pm
- 14 Concert in Hawes Market Hall. See p.6
- 15 Gayle Mill Upholstery course from 10.00am.  
**667320** for details and booking
- 15 St Oswald's Coffee morning. See p.18
- 15 Bolton cum Redmire Harvest Supper at  
Redmire village hall 6.00pm. Supporting  
Bunghoko Rural Development Project in  
Uganda
- 15 Gayle Chapel Autumn Rally, 7.30pm
- 15 Safari Supper Thoraby. See p.17

- 16 Aysgarth chapel anniversary 6.00pm  
with 'Simple Harmony'
- 16 Bainbridge Methodists at Aysgarth 6.00pm
- 16 Methodist service, St. Margaret's Hawes,  
10.30am
- 16 Harvest (HC) with Mission Aviation  
Fellowship Day of Prayer at 9.30am  
at St Mary's, Redmire
- 16 Stalling Busk Harvest at Bread Sale.  
See p.19
- 17 BAWB Schools Bag collection See p 14
- 18 Singing for the Memory, at TOSH,  
**622023** for details.
- 18 Dales Local History Group. Middleham  
Key Centre at 2.00pm.  
Details Tony Keates **640436**
- 19 North Country Theatre at West Burton  
Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 20 - 22 Three Peaks Ultra 70km from Hawes  
see [www.rangerultras.co.uk](http://www.rangerultras.co.uk)
- 21 Leyburn & District U3A. Reflections of a  
GP at 10.30am.
- 23 Bainbridge Methodist service in  
Sycamore Hall, 10.30am
- 23 Table Top Sale Hawes Market Hall
- 24 Dalesplay birthday celebration. See p.15
- 25 LASS at 7.30pm at Thornborough Hall.
- 26 Upper Dales Family History Society.  
See p.10
- 27 'Get Musical' workshops. See p.7
- 28 Reckless Cover in Fountain Bar, Hawes
- 29 Soup and Sweet Lunch, West Burton  
Village Hall noon - 1.30pm. info  
Sally Stone **663373**
- 30 Penhill Praise Family Worship at 10.30am  
St Oswald's Castle Bolton. Meet 9.30am  
for a Spooky Trail around the castle.
- 30 Marske Choir sing in St Margaret's Hawes.  
See p.19
- 30 Bainbridge Methodists join St. Oswald's  
Askrigg, 10.30am

### **Licensing Service for Reverend David Clark**

We have now received confirmation that the Licensing Service for Revd. David Clark, Vicar of the Upper Wensleydale Benefice will be held at St Oswald's Church, Askrigg on Sunday 13th November at 3.30 pm. The service will be led by Bishop James Bell and Archdeacon Beverley Mason. A warm welcome is extended to everyone in the community to join us for this celebration and to enjoy refreshments after the service to welcome David and his wife Sarah to Upper Wensleydale.

## DCM What's On



### Dales Countryside Museum Events and Exhibitions:

**Exhibition** October 3rd - December. 21st  
**Nature, Skin and Bones.** A sensory experience exploring our deep rooted and changing relationship with nature through the use of light, sound and sculptural installation.

#### October

- 16 Drawing workshop In conjunction with the exhibition Nature, Skin and Bones 10.30am - 4.00pm. Led by Margaret Uttley. Working with charcoal and graphite. £45 including all materials, refreshments and a sandwich lunch. Age 14+ and all abilities are welcome.
- 21 Swaledale - In the footsteps of Marie Hartley and Ella Pontefract. 7.30pm. A talk by Ian Short about the authors' account of Swaledale. Part of the Friends of the Museum annual lecture programme. Free - donations welcome.
- 22 Flint Knapping 1.00pm to 4.00pm Join flint knapper expert Karl Lee and learn how people in prehistoric times made their survival tools and weapons. Included in museum admission.
- 23 Stone carving Workshop 10.00am -4.00pm You will be guided through the techniques of stone carving and be able to create your own special piece to take home. Materials and lunch included - £50.
- 26 Explore the Villages of Upper Wensleydale. 1.30 to 4.00pm. Join our experienced Dales Volunteers on this moderate 3½ mile (5.6km) guided walk.

#### Free events with the SPEAR project.

- 25 Animals that bite, lost carnivores of the Yorkshire Dales. 2.00 to 4.00pm  
Talk by archaeologist Tom Lord
- 28 Victoria cave - A window on the Ice Age 3.00 - 5.00pm. Join archaeologist Tom Lord at the museum for a fascinating insight into the finds from Victoria cave.
- 28 Prehistoric bulls and Excalibur; glimpses of ancient Semerwater. 5.00 to 7.00pm. Join archaeologist Tom Lord at Semerwater.
- 28, 29 Spear for Semerwater 5.00pm onwards. See artist David Murphy's unique installation on the shores of

Lake Semerwater which relates to the national event, Museums at Night. Inspired by Bronze Age rituals and the story of a sunken city. The installation will come alive at dusk with music, fire, food and drink. For details see [semerwater-spear.co.uk](http://semerwater-spear.co.uk)

### The landscapes of the Dales in Bronzes and Paintings Until Christmas

**Open Monday to Friday 8.30 am to 4.30 pm**

*Something slightly different at Yoredale – showcasing the original work of two of the Authority's officers.*

Mark Butler is a mixed media sculptor who works mainly in bronze and steel. Mark has always been interested in maps and how they represent the landscape, and this series of map tile sculptures explores the landscape of the Dales, places he knows and loves through walking in the area. They take inspiration from old and new maps, the history of the landscape and the current usage of the area.



Lesley Knevitt is constantly inspired by the ever-changing colours and tones of the Dales landscapes throughout the year, in all weathers and at different times of day.

These paintings are of places she sees from her home, and various walks and rides locally, mainly Wensleydale, Swaledale and Coverdale. They represent very personal interpretations and impressions of what Lesley sees and how the Dales landscapes “feel” to her.



### BAWB Schools Great North Air Ambulance Bags 2 School Collection

On **October 17th** there will be a Great North Air Ambulance Bags 2 School collection from all three of our schools.

Askrigg at **9.00am**; Bainbridge at **9:30am** and West Burton at **10.00am**.

Bags can be dropped off from **October 13th**  
Thank you for your support



*Families urged to come forward  
for help with winter bills*

ONE-OFF GRANTS are available to families and individuals on low incomes in the run-up to winter.

More than 20 energy companies offer the Warm Home Discount scheme, which gives eligible customers a one-off grant towards their electricity bill or prepayment meter during the winter. Schemes are set to open from around August time, and the payment is expected to remain the same as previous years at £140.

Families on low incomes or welfare are encouraged to get ahead of the queue and register their interest now with the support of the Warm and Well in North Yorkshire project, which seeks to raise awareness of cold homes.

Although criteria for the grant varies according to the energy supplier, generally customers qualify automatically if they are in receipt of the Guarantee element of Pension Credit.

Households might also be eligible for the payment if they receive certain means-tested benefits or have an annual income of less than £16,000 and there is a child under five, someone with a disability, or someone elderly living at the property. In this case residents have to apply for the £140.

Customers can either apply online via their electricity supplier or call them up. It is a good idea to get in quickly as some schemes are first come first served and close when they have reached their maximum number of applicants.

For support with the Warm Home Discount application as well as with wider energy matters such as debt or switching, families are also able to contact **Kate Urwin** directly. She can be reached on **07738 818391 or 01757 249100**.

Families can also talk to Warm and Well in North Yorkshire for a wider variety of support around being cold at home. Please visit [www.first4contact.org](http://www.first4contact.org) or call **01904 704177**.

The children have had lots of fun over the summer holidays building dens, going on treasure hunts, decorating pencil cases, playing outdoors and much more. We have said farewell to some children who are moving on and wish them all the best in their future. At the same time we have welcomed a number of new families to our setting whom we hope enjoy their time with us and we look forward to helping them grow and learn new skills.

If you are looking for childcare or funded provision please feel free to give us a call on **667789** and we will be happy to help; you are more than welcome to come and have a look around the setting and see what we have to offer. We have a range of packages to suit everyone's requirements.

On **Monday October 24th** Dalesplay will be holding a Birthday celebration/ Open day with a magician to entertain the children alongside a bouncy castle and crafts. This is free to families who would like to join us in our celebrations. We will also be holding our annual Halloween walk around the town; as we walk around Hawes the children can collect treats as we go thanks to the local businesses of Hawes. The walk starts from Dalesplay at 6.30pm and we ask that all children are accompanied by a responsible adult. Light refreshments and activities are available on returning to Dalesplay for those who would like to join us. Dalesplay will also be holding our annual Christmas fayre in Hawes Market Hall on Sunday November 13th, more details to follow.

**Joanne Fothergill**

**Solicitors Merge**

On October 1<sup>st</sup> Critchley Hall solicitors of Leyburn will be merging with David Gall solicitors of Hawes and will commence trading as Hall and Birtles Solicitors.

All solicitors and staff will retain their current roles and all the services provided in the past will continue to be offered by the combined law firm from both the Hawes and Leyburn offices. The directors of the new firm will be Mr Alastair Birtles, Mr Stuart Hall and Mrs Deborah Parish

## There and Here After the Summer

I have been lucky enough to spend the last three or four summers in Wensleydale. It's special for me as the rest of the year I live in deepest, inland Andalucia, near Jaén, an hour north of Granada, a place of dramatic landscapes, rocky topped mountains and olive tree plantations that stretch off into infinity.

I'm back in Jaén now and this morning when I opened my front door a rush of cool air greeted me. I've been back here for a couple of weeks and until now the days have been very hot, especially for September. When I first come back here it takes me a while to adjust, it's a kind of "place lag"\*. I'm still in the Dales, yet I'm here too. It's so different here, especially after a long, hot, Andalucian summer when landscapes are parched and tawny, yet the imprint of the luxurious, vibrant greens of the Dales stays with me.

There's a gentle walk I love to do early mornings when I'm in Appersett. It takes me up and up with Widdale Beck on my right through a narrow, tree lined lane. Then the landscape opens out and with every few steps more and more is revealed. I make frequent stops and turn to watch the interplay of light and shade on the fells, to identify little distant landmarks that have become familiar to me. It's the middle of August and there are still some wild flowers at the lane side; harebells, meadowsweet, herb robert, yarrow, knapweed, lady's bedstraw, stitchwort... I'm surprised to find big red rose hips so early, some changing colour, some already glossy and scarlet. This lane with its twists and turns and ever changing perspectives always stays so vividly in my mind that when I'm back in Spain and having my morning walk up a very different lane, the few similarities there are, instantly trigger a curious superimposition in my mind. On my right there is a dry river bed instead of a flowing beck and as the lane rises higher and higher and I pass through endless olive trees and the landscape opens out and I can see for miles and miles of a very different southern land.

There are no wild flowers here in Jaén now in September, all is tawny and brittle, but low, early sunlight filters through roadside vegetation creating hazy golden haloes. Back down in the valley pomegranates ripening on trees remind me of those glorious rose hips growing close to the dry stone walls in the Dales.

And so this morning when cool fresh air hits me

I am instantly transported back to the Dales. When I open the door there, I see Stags Fell in the distance, fields, the patterns of dry stone walls and trees along the river bank. I'm reminded of walking to Hawes across the fields, under the old railway bridge, greeting the sheep as they stare at me, before emerging into the market place which bustles with activity every Tuesday market day. This year I visited the sheep auction a couple of times, watched and listened with sharper attention after a kindly farmer from Slaidburn told me bit more about what was going on. I learnt to decipher the auctioneer's rhythmic song, listened to the Yorkshire accents around me and watched faces young and old.

When I'm back in Jaen, it doesn't take much for sounds and images of Yorkshire to pop into my consciousness:

After heavy rain, new silver lakes shimmering, clouds scudding across blue rainwashed skies casting shifting patterns of light and shade on the fells.

Tea brown becks rushing along under stone bridges and then becoming calm and reflective.

Wide, green, glacial valleys, stone barns and the erratic patchworks made by the dry stone walls.

The swathe of the star-studded Milky Way overhead on a clear, cold night and the occasional bleat of a sheep in the night.

There are of course many, many more. I often take a walk around my house and garden here before turning in and I always look up at the night sky, and there's Cassiopeia high above the six, tall, pine trees and simultaneously, I see her in her summer position in the night sky over the Dales when I pop outside for a few minutes before bedtime there.

Mark Vonhonenacker, in his wonderful book, "SkyFaring" coins the word concept "place-lag"\* which perfectly describes that sensation of taking a while to adjust to being somewhere else, independently of how long the journey or the time zones crossed. Rather these are transitions to be navigated in the mind and the perceptions of the traveller. In the end we do usually adjust, but I am often taken aback by the sharpness of the overlapping or superimposition of one place on another in my mind when I am back here again after summer in the Dales.

**Libby Adams. Jaén. Spain. September 2016**

**Doctors' rotas as supplied by Central Dales Practice**  
**Please note there is no difference between am and pm doctors**

HAWES SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning						AYSGARTH SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning					
Wb	Oct 3rd	10th	17th	24th		Wb	Oct 3rd	10th	17th	24th	
Day						Day					
Mon	JB	FJ	BP	FP		Mon	FP	BP	FJ	JB	
Tues	FP	BP	F, J am	JB		Tues	JB	JF	BP	FP	
Wed	J	F	J	F		Wed	P	J	P	J	
Thur	P	B	F	P		Thur	F	P	B	F	
Fri	F	P	P	B		Fri	B	F	F	P	
<b>Doctors:</b> B- Brown, F - France, J - Jones, P- Pain , C - Closed <b>Morning Surgery:</b> 8.45-10.15am Tues till 10.45am; no appts <b>Afternoon Surgery:</b> 5- 6.00pm Tues 1.30-4.00pm; appts only <i>For appointments and all enquiries ring 667200</i>						<b>Doctors:</b> B- Brown, F - France, J - Jones, P- Pain , C -Closed <b>Morning Surgery:</b> 9.00 - 10.30 am no appointments <b>Afternoon Surgery:</b> 4.00 - 5.30 pm appointment only <i>For appointments and all enquiries ring 663222</i>					

**Wensleydale Decorative  
and Fine Arts Society**

**Tuesday October 11th at 2.00pm**

**Beyond Caravaggio:  
Light, darkness and drama –  
the revolutionary influence of Caravaggio.**

With their eye-catching, dramatic lighting and intense naturalism, Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio's paintings were an inspiration to a multitude of artists during his lifetime and in the decades immediately after his untimely death.

Artists as diverse as Gentileschi, Valentin and Honthorst were drawn to his strikingly original paintings. Each absorbed a different aspect of his work, helping to propagate his style across Europe creating the international movement known as "Caravaggism".

Lydia Bauman is an art historian, artist and lecturer at the National Gallery. She studied at Newcastle University and the Courtauld Institute and is author of the forthcoming Guide to Great Themes of Art.

The lecture is at the Middleham Key Centre. We welcome non- members to this lecture and to any future lectures of interest. Lectures are held on the second Tuesday of the month from October to June.

The cost is £8 per lecture. It would be helpful to inform the Membership Secretary beforehand if possible, on **01765 635244**, [rosalindhigson@btinternet.com](mailto:rosalindhigson@btinternet.com).

**Safari Supper**

**Saturday October 15th 6.30pm**

THORALBY VILLAGE HALL

£15 for three course meal

Tickets only from **Phil 663875 or Rona 663076**

**Letter—in Verse**

Dear sir or madam

Just a quick note to say a huge thank you to everyone in the Wensleydale community for giving us such a great welcome.

**North and South**

The North is more a concept than a place,  
Figment of The South's imagination,  
A darkened soul with neither heart nor face,  
A manufactured muck and brass creation,

Satanic mills, black clouds of dirt and grime,  
Hard-bitten, iron, winter hinterland,  
A space forgotten by the march of Time,  
A space The South won't try to understand.

They do not know that heat can come from ice,  
That people here are warm and talk to you,  
That friendship has a value not a price,  
That summer nights go on much longer too;

Our lives need not be quick, are better slow,  
The North's a place The South will never know.

**Hamish Wilson**

**PREMISES TO LEASE IN ASKRIGG**

Two ground floor letting units available:

One Retail Shop Unit  
with kitchen, toilet facilities  
& double-fronted windows.

Use Class A1 Retail. Rent £3,500 pa.

One Restaurant/Cafe Unit  
with limited accommodation.

Use Class A3 Restaurant. Rent £7,250 pa.

Further details from The Askrigg Foundation,  
The Parish Office, 1st Floor, Market Place, Askrigg,  
Leyburn, DL8 3HG Telephone: **650800**  
Email: [askrigg.foundation@btconnect.com](mailto:askrigg.foundation@btconnect.com)

## Can Crowdfunding Save the Sunday DalesBus, No. 856?

### Northallerton-Leeming Bar -Bedale- Leyburn- Aysgarth-Bainbridge-Hawes

This useful year-round bus service - also known as The Wensleydale Flyer - connects with four railway stations (Northallerton main line station and WR's Leeming Bar, Bedale and Leyburn stations). It makes three return journeys each Sunday between Northallerton and Hawes and also provides opportunities for connection to/from the Little White Bus service between Hawes and Garsdale station on the Settle-Carlisle line.

Last year (not unexpectedly) the bus service lost its public subsidy in a round of NYCC 'cuts' and was threatened with closure. Since then three local councils (including Hawes and High Abbotside parish council) and several small businesses have stepped forward to help but their combined funding runs out at the end of October. The 856 - the ONLY bus service on the route on Sundays - will be lost if more funding is not found very soon so an appeal is being made to the wider public and businesses along the 40 mile A684 route.

Neil and Jane McNair, owners of Low Mill Guest House in Bainbridge read about the problem and generously offered to make a small donation towards the Sunday 856 service from every accommodation booking received in the next 12 months. Sir Gary Verity, CEO of Welcome to Yorkshire, and Rishi Sunak MP, are both supporting the campaign. The McNairs have now set up a crowdfunding website for donations (which may be made anonymously if wished) via Just Giving and there is also a collection box on the counter at the Hawes Ropemakers. Donations over £250 are eligible for Gift Aid through the Yorkshire Dales Society (a registered charity); please ring me for details. on **650349**. The website is <http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Wensleydaleflyer>

Ruth Annison

### Coffee Morning

St Oswald's Church in Askrigg is hosting a coffee morning in the back room of Askrigg Village Hall on **Saturday October 15th between 10.00am and 12.00pm**. Everyone is welcome to come along. Entry is £2.50 to include tea/coffee and scones. There will also be a wrapped tombola (donations appreciated).

## Police Report

Once again the Dale has had a relatively quiet period with regards to police incidents.

There were three single vehicle , damage only RTCs involving cars. One serious RTC, involving a cyclist and a sheep and lastly a motorcycle, damage only.

A disqualified driver, who ignored his disqualification, was subsequently caught and his vehicle seized.

One violent crime. One occurrence of theft and three suspicious circumstances. One of which was dubious fish sellers reported in Hawes and later caught up with in the Hambleton area.

Crime trends across the District Force area are still Quad bikes, Land Rover Defenders and high value cars. Current local police operations include, Operation Anvil, combating speeding motorcycles in the dales.; Op Byway a seasonal joint police and National Parks rangers operation targeting illegal off road or irresponsible riding.

The summer drink drive campaign continues and will eventually merge into Christmas (yes, I did say Christmas) drink drive Campaign.

Another quote to keep you thinking.

"Don't say you don't have enough time. You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Pasteur, Michael Angelo, Mother Theresa, Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson and Einstein. H. Jackson Brown Jr."

Julian Sutcliffe PC558 is the Northern Dales Beat Manager based at Leyburn and can be contacted on [Twitter@DalesPolice](https://twitter.com/DalesPolice).

To contact North Yorkshire Police: **101** ( Non-Emergency ). **999** ( Emergency only ).

If you have any community issues you would like to address or discuss, contact me, via the Force Control room or email [Donald.watson@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Donald.watson@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk).

PCSO 5232 Don Watson

### For Sale

Double size foam mattress topper,  
5/8 inch thick.

Used six weeks only.  
Cost £100. Will accept £30  
Phone **Sue Foster 667424**

## Heavens Above



October's a really good month for viewing one of the most celebrated sights in the night sky - M31, the Great Andromeda Galaxy. It's famous for being the largest and most distant object easily visible to the naked eye. It's very similar to our own Milky Way (though a good deal bigger) and along with vast amounts of interstellar gas and dust probably contains well over 400 billion stars.

M31 is one of the closest of the really big spiral galaxies though there's still a fair amount of disagreement about exactly how far away it actually is. The latest estimate is around 2.5 million light years, 15,000,000,000,000,000,000 miles if I've done my sums right.

If you'd like to try spotting M31 yourself, you'll need to wait for a dark moonless night and find a spot away from the streetlights. Look high in the south around 10 o'clock and you'll see a large square of four medium bright stars - the Square of Pegasus. They're very easy to recognise in a rather barren sector of sky. Trailing eastwards from Alpheratz, the star marking the Square's top left hand corner are two chains of stars forming the constellation of Andromeda. Choose the upper chain and count two stars along starting at Alpheratz. Then turn sharp right and count another two stars along. Slightly to the north you should be able to glimpse the galaxy as a faint elliptical patch of light roughly twice the size of the Full Moon.

Good wide-angled binoculars will show you M31's bright central core and possibly the two large satellite galaxies, but you really need to see a long exposure photograph to fully appreciate the full splendour of its tightly wound spiral arms.

Don't forget British Summer Time ends on Sunday October 30th when your clocks need to go back an hour.

Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

## Annual Harvest and Bread Sale

St Matthew's Church in Stalling Busk is hosting its very popular Harvest and Bread Sale on **Sunday October 16th at 3.00pm** in the church. Everyone is welcome and the delicious, home-baked bread will be available for sale after the service.

## Women in Sport Week

Did you know it's Women in Sport Week from October 3rd 2016? To celebrate, try any of our classes that week for just £2.

**Running sessions** - Shorter days stopping you running? Come and join us on Tuesday mornings at 6am for a 4 mile run or Friday evenings at 7.30pm. All abilities and aspirations catered for. Head torches and hi-vis available. Cost £4.

**High Intensity Class** -Friday lunchtimes 12.15 – 12.45. Boost your system, get moving and feel great after a high energy workout. Cost £3. Starts 7th October.

**Hawes** – High Intensity class coming soon! Keep a look out and check our Facebook page.

### Junior Users (0 – 18 years)

**Soft Play** - Our popular soft play sessions for 0 – 5 years are every Wednesday in term time from 9.30 – 11.30am. Let your child have fun, be active and develop some essential balance and muscle control. Cost £3 per family.

**Kiddie Core** – returns for 18 months – 5 years starting Wednesday 2nd November from 2-3pm for 6 weeks until December 7th. This popular session needs to be booked in advance. Fundamental movement, co-ordination and listening skills for your child. Cost £24 for 6 sessions.

**Calling all Juniors!** Take advantage of our discounted Junior gym membership offer of £10 a month for 11 -18 years.

For more information on any of the above call Jan on **650060**; email [admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk](mailto:admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk); facebook: Wensleydale SportLeisure; Twitter: Wensleydale Sport@yc\_leisure

St Margaret's Church  
Hawes



# Marske Choir

Singing a variety of music

Sunday 30th October 2016  
7.30pm in church

**£5 on the door**  
**Raffle**

~ Everyone Welcome ~

## Wensleydale School News

We're now well into our new school year here at the Wensleydale School and Sixth Form. First day nerves were quickly put to one side as our new Year 7 cohort got to grips with their new school with new classrooms and new teachers. Our existing students have also quickly settled back into the rhythm of school life and are working extremely hard.

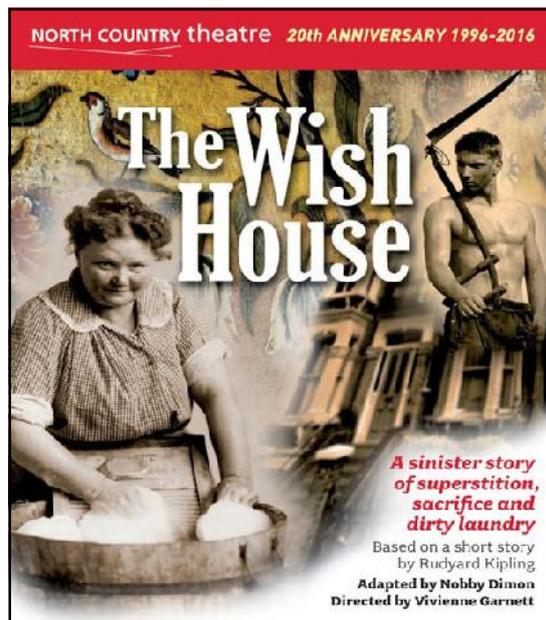
We have all started the new school year in a buoyant mood following our students' strongest exam performance in 3 years. Our year 11 cohort in the summer produced an excellent set of GCSE results with 77% of students achieving a minimum of 5 good GCSE Passes at grades A\*-C. This year, the government will measure all schools' performance using a new score called 'Progress-8'. This is a measure of the value which is added by the school from students' starting points at the end of Year 6 to the end of Year 11 across 8 individual subjects. We estimate that our students have achieved a provisional 'Progress-8' score of +0.38. This means that on average, each student will have made one-third of a grade better progress in each of their subjects at our school compared with all schools nationally. This score will be subject to change when the 2016 national data has been analysed fully but bearing in mind that results across the UK showed their biggest decline in years, we are obviously delighted that Wensleydale students bucked the trend!

Our new y12 students are also getting settled into their new courses, many of them studying new A levels which are even more academically demanding. It is great to see students joining us from Bedale High School who are also settling in very well. The performance of last years' y12 and y13 students was the strongest in recent years allowing the vast majority of them to progress onto their chosen study or career paths. The size of our sixth form allows us to have very favourable class sizes with most classes between 7 and 10 students. Our very experienced A level teaching team know that this is an ideal size to provide the very personalised support which is needed in sixth form education.

We warmly welcome parents and students to come and visit our school and sixth form at any time to see what we have to offer. We would be delighted to organise a guided tour during the

normal school day so that you can see the hardworking and respectful ethos that we have built. If you would like to arrange a visit then please contact us at [admin@wensleydaleschool.net](mailto:admin@wensleydaleschool.net) or telephone us on 622244. You can also attend our open evening for prospective year 7 students on Thursday October 13th, 6.00-8.00pm or our Post-16 open evening on Thursday 10th November 5.00-8.00pm.

**Andy Wilkinson, Deputy Head Teacher**



**New for the North Country Theatre**  
20th Anniversary year.

A sinister story of superstition, sacrifice and dirty laundry based on a short story by Rudyard Kipling.  
Adapted by Nobby Dimon and directed by Vivienne Garnett.  
**DALES COUNTRYSIDE MUSEUM**  
**Friday September 30th, 7.30pm**  
Tickets: 666210

### **Mary Sumner**

would like to express her gratitude for all the comforting cards and flowers she and her family received on the sad death of her son Stan.

## October Feature Jane Ritchie M.B.E.

Why on earth it has taken so long for the Newsletter to get round to visiting and featuring Jane Ritchie we'll never know. Maybe it's because people like Jane are too busy getting on with amazingly full and useful lives, often behind the scenes, that that is what matters to them.

So it was with excitement that I visited the Old Hall Stables in West Burton to receive a cheery welcome from Jane and a boisterous going-over from the large two-year old canine companion, Monty. We talked in the spacious kitchen which oozes with interest and vitality, a table piled high with documents and letters pertaining to Jane's many interest, current research and ideas for future work. And what better area to have settled fifteen years ago where both sides of a very illustrious family have had long connections within the Dales, whether developing Dyers, Bleachers and Ironmongers in West Witton, then growing and moving to Hull; or doing vital geological work in both world wars; or establishing the Swaledale and Wensleydale Bank; Mill Owners, Farmers, Soldiers, Academics, Doctors and vicars, Jane's forebears have left a lasting and varied impression.

So that is the briefest background into which Jane was born; school in Wiltshire (with holidays to the many contacts in the Dales) and then to Cambridge University to study Geography and Archaeology (she was never really sure why!). Maybe it was her own uncertainty of what to do then that her career developed and grew, from Careers Officer for young people in County Durham, to Education Business Partnership Manager for Durham and Darlington, and the first Secretary of the National Education Business Partnership Network. Her enthusiasm for helping young people to make the most of their education and to give them an insight into the world of work led to the building of 'The Work Place' in Newton Aycliffe at the cost of £5 million for up to sixty young people – and in this most remarkable way.

Among the long list of relatives was a distant cousin of Jane, Margery Freeman, whom Jane had regularly visited over Margery's very long life. It was known that Margery lived and was content with an extremely frugal life, spending almost nothing on herself and had also inherited money which was wisely invested. Jane knew she was well-off but had no idea to what extent until £9 million came her way!! Jane, while not being frugal, also had no needs and immediately set about spending the after-tax gift on two huge

projects near to her heart: -the setting up of the Elm House Trust (cousin Margery had lived at Elm House in Redmire) supporting all manner of organisations in Wensleydale and Tributary Valleys, and the building of the Work Place. This £5 million scheme was a dream Jane had had for many years and involved what must be over a hundred people from Design Team, Specialist contractors, sub-contractors, legal and financial advisers, general advice and support, education design, research and marketing and publicity, with numerous other volunteers.

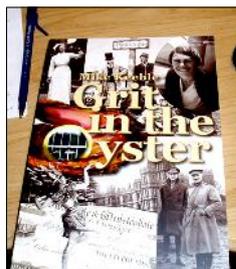
And how does Jane describe herself in all this? A grease monkey! Or as others would say: 'that bloody woman'! No expense was spared and now young people from 14-19 can do simulated work experience.

Meanwhile, the Elm House Trust continues with all manner of local beneficiaries: Low Mill, Askrigg, Citizens Advice Bureaux, Local schools, plans within Aysgarth Church, Carperby Sports and support for local music events.

Jane still has her finger in many pies. From being chair of the parish council she was sent to the Upper Dales Healthwatch where she volunteered as minutes writer, which in turn led to representing Richmondshire on the Clinical Commissioning Group. She actually enjoys the art of minute-writing; she says "I'm a completer, I like to see things through". With a smile she tells me "In meetings I let the men speak first; the one who speaks last gets reported." And one word to describe herself? "Thorough". That becomes very obvious! She doesn't realise how near she came to being invited to join the Newsletter's proof-reading team!

Jane has more things in the pipeline: a history of the village (West Burton) and of the Swaledale and Wensleydale Bank. I don't know how she fits all things in – looking after the hens, or making the crab apple jelly, a pot of which I happily came away with. The L.H. picture is of Mike Keeble's recently published book, *Grit in the Oyster* by the Elm House Trust of all the families connected with Jane and I highly recommend it.

A.S.W.



## Leyburn Arts and Community Centre - *Events Calendar*

Richmond Road, Leyburn DL8 5DL - Film Tickets: Adults £6 - Concessions £5

### **F I L M S**

**Fri 07 October** - 5.00 pm & 7.30 pm - **Eve In The Sky** (15) 1hr 42m.

**Fri 14 October** - 5.00 pm & 7.30 pm - **The Man Who Knew Infinity** (12A) 1hr 48m.

**Fri 21 October** - 4.30 pm & 7.30 pm - **Race** (PG) 2hr 14m.

**Fri 28 October** - 5.00 pm & 7.30 pm - **Me Before You** (12A) 1hr 50m.

### **PART OF THE 'EXPLORING FILM SEASON'**

**Tue 04 October** - 7.00 pm - **He Named Me Malala** (PG) 1hr 28m. £5. Cafe open 6 pm.

**Tue 01 November** - 7.00 pm - **Meru** (15) 1hr 30m. £5. Cafe open 6 pm.

*Supported by Film Hub North, led by Showroom Workstation.*

*Proud to be part of the BFI Film Audience Network.*

### **E V E N T S**

**Saturday 1 October** - 7.30 pm **Leyburn Band Charity Concert** At the **Catholic Church**. Tickets £8 from the Old School House, tea/coffee and cake included.

**Thursday 6 October** - 7.30 pm **Chris Berry - On tour** Singer, guitarist Chris Berry will be making a welcome return. Songs include a mix of cover versions. Tickets £10.

**Friday 7 October** - 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm **French Knitting Workshop** Learn to French knit coordinated personal accessories while you chat sipping tea and eat a scone. £15.

**Saturday 15 October** - 7.00 pm **Race Night with a Difference** Enjoy the thrill of the race at this fun packed and entertaining evening. Tickets £7.50 including a buffet supper.

Tel: 01969 624510 - Email: admin@oldschoolhouseleyburn.com Web: oldschoollhouseleyburn.com

### **News from the BAWB Federation**

Well, the summer holidays came and went far more quickly than we would all have liked.

However, everyone seems to have returned with renewed enthusiasm and energy for the term ahead. We are delighted to welcome our new teacher, Mr Russell Billingham, to Askrigg School where he is teaching the Year 3 and 4 children and has apparently already made a great impression upon them with his Usain Bolt impressions!

Unfortunately, we have said goodbye to Diana Clegg who has been Chair of Governors for several years now and who has guided the governors through collaboration and federation. We thank Diana for her hard work and wish her well in the future.

The children have just been to West Burton Village Hall to the launch event of this term's theme, The Egyptians, where they learnt a lot about mummification from a visiting theatre group. They are now busy learning hieroglyphics and we look forward to seeing some of their writing in this style!

Already the term is looking very busy with numerous events and visits from our partner schools planned. We will be marking Harvest at a special service at St Andrew's Church in Aysgarth on Monday 3rd October and of course, it won't be long before rehearsals for Christmas events are taking place, so there is a lot to look forward to.

K.P.

### **Little White Bus Trips**

Once a month, or more often depending on demand, the Little White Bus visits various towns or places of interest. Generally, we leave Hawes on a Wednesday at about 10.30am from the Market Hall and can also pick up from other villages at appropriate times, depending on the ultimate destination. We usually return to Hawes before 5.00pm and will drop people at various destinations en route if possible. This is particularly popular after a shopping spree!

The newer buses are very comfortable and there is usually plenty of room for any purchases. We aim to provide a friendly and very economical ( not to say bargain! ) service for those who are unable to drive themselves, or just want to ride and chat with friends and forget parking worries.

The remaining trips for this year are as follows;

Wednesday OCTOBER 12th SKIPTON. Departs Hawes Market Hall 10.30am. £8 return payable on booking.

Wednesday NOVEMBER 23rd AMBLESIDE ( Hayes Garden Centre ) and WINDERMERE ( if demand ) £ 8 return. P O B.

Wednesday DECEMBER 14th KENDAL ( town centre ) £8 return.

For For booking and details contact Hawes Community Office.

Look forward to seeing you !

**Richard, your L W B driver.**  
**( but don't let that put you off ! )**

## Bonfire Night Updates

Well it is that time of year again and after the success of last year's event and with many thanks for all those people and businesses that supported us this year it is looking like it's going to be the biggest and best event for the upper dales ever!

Following on from last year's feedback we have once again decided to partner with twice British Firework Champions "Fantastic Fireworks" and put on a stunning display choreographed to music.

This year's event will be on **Friday November 4th starting at 6:30pm.**

Mike Fothergill, who has been chairman for over four years, has stood down and our new Chairman John Snow was elected. We would all like to thank Mike for his commitment over the last few years.

We are always keen to see new committee members join to help with the preparations throughout the year (minimal commitment), or just to help out on the day itself. Without these volunteers we simply couldn't put on the amazing display that we do so please come along and help out if you can.

There are becoming fewer and fewer displays in and around the local area so we have decided to name the committee "**The Upper Dales Firework committee**" ensuring that we are including the many people that come to see the display from Upper Swaledale and further down Wensleydale. Please spread the word and invite family and friends to attend this great show.

As ever the event will be FREE to attend with donations being collected on the gate and in the collection boxes throughout the town, please give what you can to ensure we can continue to run this fantastic night for everyone.

The bonfire has started to take shape and we'd ask that if you are taking down anything to be burnt that it is non-toxic and doesn't have any metal in it (such as bed / mattresses with springs), things like these can't be burnt on the night and we have to pay for them to be disposed.

Lastly we will soon have a dedicated Facebook page so please look out for that so you can keep up to date with all the latest news.

Wishing you all a very safe and enjoyable night.

### **Upper Dales Fireworks Committee.**

To enquire about volunteering / joining the committee or the event call **666111**

## Early Success for Dormice Release

Back in 2008 dormice were successfully reintroduced into Freeholders' Wood at Aysgarth Falls after a century's absence from the Yorkshire Dales and earlier this summer a further 20 breeding pairs of rare hazel dormice (now considered to be vulnerable to extinction) were released into a nearby woodland site.

The first check of the nest boxes that had been specially installed revealed a total of 26 young dormice in 11 boxes with a further 13 boxes showing signs of previous occupation. Authority Wildlife Conservation Officer Ian Court said that "The presence of so many young so early in the scheme is extremely encouraging and bodes really well for the project – it all looks good for the coming years."

The YDNPA are now working towards improving the habitat between the two sites so that they will eventually link up and create a larger, sustainable population. A further survey will be undertaken in October before the animals go into hibernation.

## Voices From the Land

Historical links between farming and the landscape in the Yorkshire Dales will be brought together in a new project aimed at creating a comprehensive record for future generations. The project – called "*Voices from the Land – Farming and Landscape in the Yorkshire Dales*" – has been launched by the Farmer Network thanks to funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and the National Park Authority's Sustainable Development Fund (SDF).

Once the collection has been brought together, it will be made available through an exhibition at the DCM in Hawes and it will be added to the museum's archived collection. It will also be accessible through a website and booklet.

Members of the public will be needed between October this year and next June to work as volunteers on the project. The work will include:

- Interviewing and photographing farmers
- Transcribing interview recordings
- Summarising recordings held in the museum archives.

## Notes from Thorney Mire

### Late Summer

After weeks of not seeing a squirrel in the courtyard, one returned to feed one July afternoon. It didn't stay long and has not appeared again but, they are still active in the wood. A hare came in the field for a couple of days, the sunlight showing up the dark patches on its ears. It sat there happily for a while giving itself a good grooming, remembering what its mother had told it about washing behind the ears, before disappearing again.



There was a single, lonely, purple toadflax in the grass near to our gate. These are quite rare in the Dales but more common in the North Yorkshire Moors. I don't think I have seen one on the verges down our lane before. I was hoping that it would seed and appear again next year but, something bit the flower head off which is a bit worrying as they are poisonous, that is why rabbits don't like them. There have been a lot of rowan berries this year. Folk lore says that this is a sign that we are going to have a hard winter. I think it is more likely that we had a spring where conditions were favourable for producing flowers and therefore berries. How a tree can predict in spring that we are going to have a hard winter I do not know, even the Met. Office can't get that right.

It also seems to have been a good year for swallows. There were about fifteen to twenty of them when they first began to congregate on the wires. Then their numbers increased to around thirty, but on 12<sup>th</sup> September we counted between fifty and sixty and within half an hour they had all gone.

Once a year at Thorney Mire, the wild life comes inside the house in the form of flying ants. You are sitting at the table eating dinner when you become aware of an ant skimming across the tablecloth like a float plane coming into land. It then scurries to the edge of the table in an effort to pick up enough speed for a take off to the window. Other less adventurous and more lethargic ants walk across the hearth and floor before climbing laboriously up the curtains like mountaineers on the north face of the Eiger, also heading to the window. After

expending all this energy and defeated by a glass barrier, they give up and die. Because they come at the same time each year and take the same route, I wondered if this information was passed on genetically from one generation to another and was the crossing of the Turners' dining room on their annual events calendar? It seems that when the weather conditions are right, queen ants and some male ants sprout wings and take to the air for the sole purpose of mating. (Nuptial flight.) The male ants are not workers, they are not expected to do any work in the nest, their only role in life is to mate with the queen. Before anyone thinks this is a good life, they only live for about two days after mating. Once mated, the queens lose their wings and go to ground to begin a new colony, leaving me to Hoover up all the exhausted males.

Sylvia Turner

## Wensleydale Concert Series

Saturday October, 8th 7.30pm

at St Andrew's Church Aysgarth

Alicia's Gift - A Novel



Presented in a series of readings by the author Jessica Duchon and illustrated with a recital by pianist Alicja Fiderkiewicz.

This concert performance of a book about a young pianist's prodigious talent and the effects on her family life has been given in many venues across the UK and with a number of different pianists. Recently it was performed at the world famous Wigmore Hall in London.

Jessica is an author of a number of novels and non-fiction books and writes regularly for the Independent newspaper. Alicja is a good friend to our concert series and was herself a child prodigy - so this is truly Alicja's Gift.

More details and tickets are available via the website [www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk](http://www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk)

Tickets are £12.50 in advance (and no booking fees if you print your own ticket) and £15 at the door on the evening. Under 18s and full time students tickets are £3.

## Upper Dales Mobile Skip Service

Saturday October 15th, 9.00am to 1.00pm

UPPER DALES BUSINESS PARK OFF  
HARDRAW ROAD

Refuse including large bulky items, electrical goods including refrigerators and freezers, and recycling materials including plastic and cardboard all welcome.

Please note that some waste **cannot be taken away** including builders' rubble. The full list of prohibited items is shown on the NYCC website. **WARNING:** Please note No Waste may be dumped the night before the skip visits or on the day before 9.00am. Dumping waste ahead of the arrival of the skip places the service, which is of huge benefit to the Upper Dales, under threat of complete withdrawal by NYCC, as it is interpreted as illegal fly-tipping.

A large chest refrigerator was dumped overnight ahead of the August Skip Service which was noted and photographed by NYCC – I ask that this does NOT occur again or we risk losing this invaluable service.

**John Blackie**

## The Askrigg Foundation

The Annual General Meeting of The Askrigg Foundation was held on 16th September and was attended by local residents who have made an impassioned plea for the work of the charity to be secured, protected and enhanced. The Foundation was set up in 1971 by Revd Malcolm Stonestreet to boost the local economy and help young people. The charity currently supports the work of Low Mill Outdoor Centre through a bursary fund allowing disadvantaged youngsters and local school children to attend the Centre and it also provides support to the Vicar and four churches of the Upper Wensleydale Benefice through the employment of an administrator. However, since losing the tenant of its two letting units earlier this year, the charity has had no income and the continuation of its work is therefore under threat.

Following the meeting, the charity is looking to take on additional local Trustees and it is hoped that a Friends group can be set up to fundraise and support the charity's work. Trustees are interested in hearing from anyone who may be interested in taking on the lease of one of the letting units.

**K.P.**



### *Mystery picture.*

*Last month's was of the waiting room for Lord Bolton at Wensley station.*

*The first to phone in was (no surprise!) Ruth Annison!*

Mason Scarr writes: " Lord Bolton's waiting room is at Wensley Station; built at the request of the then Lord Bolton as part of the agreement with the North Eastern Railway to build the track across his estate.

Lord Bolton seemed to use the railway quite a bit but not always the waiting room preferring instead to send one of his senior staff to ask the Station Master to 'hold' the train for him; this resulted in a late arrival at Northallerton.

At the time, Yorebridge Grammar School (Askrigg) did not have a sixth form so sixth form pupils had to go down to Northallerton Grammar School. The late Dick Chapman (known as Uncle Dick to most of the Upper Dale when he retired) was senior boy and was responsible for them and always had to report to the headmaster when they were late. After this happened a few times and the reason explained, the headmaster would look up and ask: 'His Lordship catch the train this morning Chapman?' 'Yes, sir'. 'Very well' replied the head. 'Off you go'.

## Moorcock Show 2016

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank everybody who attended both our centenary celebration on Friday September 2nd and subsequently the show itself for making them a great success.

In particular can I thank the local business and individuals who have sponsored the show over the years and everyone who gave raffle prizes.

We are now looking forward to taking the show forward into its second century.

**John Bland, Chairman**

## Theatre By Bus

You can enjoy top-class professional theatre the easy way with a coach from Leyburn, Richmond, Crakehall or Bedale.

Choose from the current programme which may be added to during the coming theatre season. All performances are matinees and the cost includes the theatre ticket and coach fare.

**October 1st** 'French Without Tears' Harrogate Theatre. £26

**October 13th** 'The Rivals' or 'Iron' Keswick, Theatre by the Lake. £24

**November 10th** Northern Ballet's 'Beauty and The Beast', Newcastle Theatre Royal . £41.50

To book or for more information ring **663259**  
The coach starts in Leyburn and if going north will call at Richmond and if south at Crakehall and Bedale.

**Elaine Frances**

### Drop-off points and contacts

for news, articles, reports, letters, What's On dates, competition entries, suggestions and comments:

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<b>Gayle:</b>	Sarah Champion 23, Little Ings	667006
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