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Editorial

Over the top', OTT. Certainly last month that was true of floods and inadequate flood defences. It really was very serious. But who on earth, and why, decided storms need names? Will we get names for prolonged dry spells in summers to come? 'Drought Dora?' We wonder if this is part of an ongoing dramatisation and sensationalising of news. Nothing seems to be reported coolly; all 'over the top'. In fact, we hear from people involved in the Cumbria floods that one extra serious inconvenience was the media getting in the way. As we write this, news broadcasts have spent over half their allotted time on the death of one pop star. Sad event though it is, is it really necessary? It seems sometimes that the facts try to imitate the fiction, sensationalising events to outdo the ever-more bizarre story lines of some 'soaps'! OTT. Then there are the 'leaks'. Has every important announcement or speech to be trailed so that we all know what is to be 'News' before it has happened. OTT!

There used to be a company claiming in its adverts "We don't make a drama out of a crisis". You can't say that these days!

The problem is the 'crying wolf' syndrome. You remember Aesop's fable of the boy who was forever scaring the shepherds that a wolf was going to get their sheep, so that when one did come, no one believed, thinking it was a false claim. It can be the same in all kinds of situations, both local and national, when affairs are talked up as forthcoming disasters, OTT. The response tends to be 'here he goes again'- and a switch off. Europe and 'Brexit' for example; or to be fair 'Brinforall'; must have a name!

But are we ourselves any better? Have you noticed two of the most common words in use when people are interviewed now: devastation and devastated. Is that always the case? We are going to need a new word or phrase when things get even worse!

So this is a plea for a more measured approach, both in news reporting and in the reaction of all of us to keep things in proportion. We can only really do this if we assemble all the facts on both sides of an issue. So that if and when something really momentous happens, or there are rumours of a really serious event to come, we have the right words to use, we don't need to give it a name to glorify it, and we can all rest a little easier!

Kath Kenneally
Would like to wish everyone a
(belated) Happy New Year

Yorkshire's National Parks Join Forces

FOR CELESTIAL CELEBRATION

Dark Skies Festival to be held in North York Moors
and Yorkshire Dales National Parks

Half-term week February 15th to 21st 2016

The Festival will invite visitors to eye the skies and discover the wonder of stargazing in the two Yorkshire National Parks. The low light pollution in both Parks makes them an ideal location for spotting constellations, shooting stars and other cosmic happenings.

Together with sky-at-night events, residents and visitors will also be able to discover more of the nocturnal world within the National Parks with guided torchlight walks highlighting the wildlife activity at night.

The main events will be held in and around the National Park Centres in Reeth, Aysgarth Falls and Danby, and Sutton Bank and Hawes.

Businesses and attractions throughout the National Parks are also being encouraged to participate by organising their own dark skies event, making it a celestial celebration right across the Dales and North York Moors from the Pennines to the coast.

Further details and programme of events are available by looking on :

www.northyorkmoors.org.uk/darkskies

or www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/stargazing

Tournament of Song

Earlier than usual dates this year:

Speech: February 29th to March 4th

Music: March 7th to 11th.

The final event this year is at Tennants.

Methodist premises, Main Street, Hawes FOR SALE

In the first instance advertised for six months from September 2015 for Community use.

Large completely empty chapel area and gallery.

At the rear downstairs: level access, entrance area with two toilets, kitchen facilities.

Meeting room (30/40 capacity). Small vestries and utility space.

Upstairs: meeting/activities room (60/80 capacity).

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from groups, organisations, or the general community to establish new local use.

Applications to: **Kevin Pellatt, Circuit Admin. Asst.**

nydcpaperclip@gmail.com

Heavens Above

2016 promises to be a vintage year for planet spotting. We've a rare transit of Mercury in early May, Mars and Jupiter are at opposition, and there's a spectacular close conjunction involving Jupiter and Venus at the end of August. Jupiter dominates the late evening sky at the moment and stays prominent right through until the end of Summer. At magnitude -2.3 it's brighter than anything else, apart from the Moon of course, so you should have no trouble picking it out over in the south-east just below the hindquarters of Leo the Lion. By 10.00pm it's well above the roof tops and ideally placed for viewing. Good binoculars will show you the flattened disc and four biggest moons, but you'll need a larger telescope to see detail in the dark belts and bright zones of the giant planet's turbulent atmosphere.

Now's your last chance to get a decent view of Orion and his retinue of bright constellations Taurus, Gemini, Auriga the Charioteer, and the Greater and Lesser Dogs. They've drifted noticeably westwards by late February, but are still a spectacular sight early on a crisp winters evening. Sirius is particularly striking. Due south around 9.00pm in the middle of the month, it's at its highest for the year, and flashes like a great diamond in the clear cold air. Over in the north-east of the sky you'll find the Great Bear, Ursa Major, balancing on its tail. Its seven brightest stars form the familiar shape of The Plough. In the north-west, on the opposite side of the Pole Star, lie the 'W' Cassiopeia and the stragging 'K' of Perseus, the mythical hero who rescued Andromeda from the clutches of the Sea Monster, Cetus. At his feet lies the lovely Pleiades star cluster, a stunning sight in binoculars. The brilliant yellow star almost overhead is Capella the She-goat. Over in the west, the Square of Pegasus is fast disappearing into the twilight and we won't get a good view of it again until the autumn. Finally this month try and catch a glimpse of the Winter Milky Way, it's beautifully displayed running right across the sky from North to South. A glorious sight on a dark moonless night. Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

Pop in for a Pop up

We are hoping to have a Pop Up Business Café in Hawes in April. The idea is to provide free, 1:1 advice to local businesses on various topics. It is designed as a drop-in style event.

Popular topics are: marketing, social media, websites, starting up, growing a business, finance, tax, HR and training. We usually try to have 8 experts covering 8 business topics.

Look out for further details. **Abi Player, RDC**

Eunice the Ewe



I was on page 8 singing carols last month. Winner: **Barbara Dutton, the Wirral**
Where am I this month?

Email Address for Newsletter

Thank you to all our contributors and correspondents who used the new email address last month - and for those who didn't, a reminder that it is **uwnlinput@gmail.com**

Wensleydale Concert Series

The next concert will take place at Aysgarth Church on **Saturday January 30th 2016** at 7.30pm, featuring cellist Jonathan Bloxham. Jonathan, originally from Newcastle upon Tyne, in recent years has been travelling the world, giving recitals and playing concertos. As I write he is in Australia, but in 2015 he also visited numerous European countries, the Far East, the USA and Canada as well as performing in the UK. He is also increasingly in demand as a conductor. The concert will be based around works by Bach but will include some surprises too. A great way to start the New Year.



Tickets and details are available via the website www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk

Parking is available at the pay and display car park next to the church (£1 in the meter - this is a discounted rate for concerts) and lighting is being installed at the car park to make it easier for dark evenings. There is limited free disabled parking in the church grounds.

Valentine's Day and Half Term Trains on the Wensleydale Railway

Half term will soon be here and there will be train services on **February 13, 17, 19, 20 and 27**. In addition, there will be one train only on **Sunday February 14th** - a special Valentine's Day train for which booking is essential. Phone **01677 425805** for Valentine's Day bookings and other queries; for timetables and other queries, see www.wensleydalerail.com

Notes from Thorney Mire Winter

What a difference the weather makes! The daffodil shoots which normally appear before Christmas and then stop growing until Spring, are now 10in high. Primulas were in full flower in the garden early December and on December 29th I noted a dandelion in flower. The squirrels are finding enough to eat in the wood and don't find it necessary



to come into the courtyard to feed and although the bird feeders have been busy, there has been no unusual activity. A male and female mallard were swimming in a calmer patch of water on the edge of the swollen, fast flowing Widdale Beck, wondering whether they dare venture into the middle of the stream. After a while they decided to go for it and paddled furiously into the choppy water. I don't know if they intended going up or downstream, but the decision was made for them as the water took them downstream bobbing up and down as if on a ride at the funfair, at a speed comparable with surfers riding the Severn Bore. It looked quite good fun actually and they certainly reached the bottom of the hill before we did.

As weather has been mild, I don't feel so guilty as when the temperature outside is below freezing and I'm under a warm duvet, in a centrally heated house, wondering how the small mammals and birds are coping with the extreme conditions outside. I know that they have fur and feathers, but finding food when snow is on the ground must be very difficult.

Once on a walk in the Peak District when the temperature never got above freezing and there had been snow on the ground for several days, a robin joined us on our walk for what seemed like miles. When we stopped for lunch I gave him the pastry from my sausage roll as I thought he needed the fat more than I did. I also gave him some bread and he devoured every last crumb. That was over thirty years ago and I have never forgotten that desperate little robin. I still have his photograph somewhere. We were not near any habitation so he didn't have the luxury of getting food from a garden bird table.

Years ago, the height of sophistication in feeding wild birds was to hollow out half a loaf. Add to the crumbs some currants, suet, add some cheese for the robin, mix it all up, stuff it back into the hollow loaf and hey presto, a gourmet meal for the birds. Now there is so much commercial food, which is big business for the manufactures who make it There are

different varieties of seed mixes for different species of birds. No mess food mix, no grow food mix, nyger seeds, mealworms, peanuts, fat balls and suet cakes. These suet cakes now come in different flavours. Different flavours! Do birds have taste buds? I suppose the idea is to include as many different ingredients as possible so that the birds have a more varied diet. I don't really imagine that a starving bird on a harsh winter day is going to mind what the flavour is. Is it going to look at the suet cake on the feeder and say to itself, "Oh no. That's a disappointment, it's the rowan berry and mealworm flavour today and I was rather hoping it would be the dried insects with bitter chocolate and a hint of chilli." Well not unless it had been watching Master Chef. So however you feed the birds, homemade or commercial, please look after them this winter.

Sylvia Turner

Air Ambulance Clothes Collection

10.00am Wednesday March 16th from St Margaret's Church, Hawes. Please bring bagged clothes, curtains, towels, bedding (not pillows or duvets) shoes, used ink cartridges and old mobile phones. Bags are available in the church. Full bags may be left in the church any-time up to the 15th of March.

Leyburn and District U3A

The February meeting will be on **Friday 19th at 10.30am** in St Peter and St Paul's Church, Richmond Road. Coffee will be available from 10am adjacent in the The Old School House. The talk will be on the joint Rivers Trust and National Park Wensleydale Project. There will be an opportunity to collect information on local, national and area events and sign up for interest groups

Hawes Art Group

Meets each **Wednesday** in the Market House at **1.30pm** for about two hours. Whatever your level of skill, or your medium of choice, you will be made very welcome. **Ian Woolley**

Singing for Pleasure

The group meet fortnightly on **Monday** nights at The Old School House, Leyburn at **7.30pm** for informal singing for pleasure. Ring **624635**.

Christmas Competition Answers “Sing Noel”

Initial letters of first lines of Christmas songs and carols

1. All I want for Christmas
2. Deck the hall with boughs of holly
3. God rest you merry, gentlemen
4. Do they know it's Christmas
5. Angels from the realms of glory
6. Come and join the celebration
7. Rejoice and be merry in songs and in mirth
8. While shepherds watched their flocks by night
9. Grandma got run over by a reindeer
10. I saw mummy kissing Santa Claus
11. The Angel Gabriel from heaven came
12. The Virgin Mary had a baby boy
13. In the bleak mid-winter
14. Love came down at Christmas
15. It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas
16. Have yourself a merry little Christmas
17. O little town of Bethlehem
18. Ding dong merrily on high
19. See him lying on a bed of straw
20. Unto us a boy is born
21. It came upon a midnight clear

And in case many of you solved the above here were two lines taken from within two Christmas hymns:

Born that man no more may die

(From 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing)

God's wondrous love in saving lost mankind

(From 'Christians Awake')

The winners of the £20 prize donated to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance were:

Ian and Norma Fowler, Gayle

Pie and Peas Supper with Quiz Friends of St. Margaret's, Hawes

A Pie and Peas Supper, followed by a quiz, will be held at the Creamery on **Friday February 26th**, supper from **6.30pm**. Tickets £7.50 Adults. £4.00 Child. Chips, desserts, tea, coffee and bar available at extra cost. Tickets available from Whites of Wensleydale and The Old Sweet Shop, Hawes. Proceeds for St Margaret's Church Restoration Fund.

February Competition

Dales of Yorkshire— there are more than you might think!

1. AG
2. From Wales?
3. Galway and Morecambe
4. Yorkshire's a white one
5. Much bubble and squeak
6. Copy
7. Cinders or tree
8. Monarch's
9. Mitre wearer
10. You might sing when coming through it
11. Lid
12. (French) bad from pig
13. Re-stew restew
14. Rotator
15. Daffy famous
16. Lost in the ski slope
17. Williams
18. Sting
19. Fountains or Westminster
20. Beam or fish

Bainbridge Women's Institute

Bainbridge WI meet on the third Thursday in the month at Bainbridge Village Hall. The meetings start at **7-30pm** and new members will be very welcome

Our February meeting on **Thursday 18th** is a talk by Sarah Pelicarić who will be telling us about her career working for International and Humanitarian Organisations.

Other meetings organised for next year include talks on carnivorous plants, Tai Chi, cheese making and a fashion show.

If you would like to join us just come along to a meeting or you can contact **Margaret Preston 650095** or **Carolyn Rukin 650544**

We would like to thank everyone for their warm wishes on the arrival of our new daughter, Eva Elizabeth Cockett. We have been overwhelmed by the cards, gifts and kindness that we have received. Thank you!
Dan Cockett, Amy Swales,
Eva and Callie.

Police Report - January

Firstly let me wish you all a Happy New Year. Let's just hope it's a little drier than the back end of last year !

We have had a little crime spree over the last couple of months during which a phone box was broken into in Hardraw and a sum of cash stolen. Two burglaries of business premises, Dales Play and The Bay Tree Café, where a microwave oven, a Bose sound system and cash were taken, and theft of power tools from a motor vehicle at Mill House, Hawes. One of the little white buses parked off Gayle lane had a window damaged making it unsafe for use until repaired. There was also a theft of office property from Simonstone Hall. If you can provide any information that may assist in the detection of the perpetrators of the above, please contact us on the numbers provided below.

On the enforcement side of life, two vehicles were seized, one for being driven with no insurance and the other for being on the highway whilst SORN and uninsured. One person was arrested for driving over the prescribed limit.

It has been a bad couple of months for floods and unsafe conditions on the roads due to potholes and roads subsiding due to the water levels. When you are aware the weather is bad , think whether or not you actually need to make the journey and if by some chance you find yourself driving up to a barrier saying 'Road Closed' it's not meant as a joke, it is for your safety. The one real fall of snow that we had caught everyone napping, with roads becoming impassable and vehicles stranded, even on the main roads. It is at times like these when any assistance by local people is appreciated. Temple Bank on the A684 became a log jam of cars which I was tasked to assist in towing clear and was happy to see Les Bell from Sorrell Sykes, with his JCB, turn up. Between us we cleared the bank of cars and Les then scraped the packed snow off the road to allow the passage of traffic. So a big thanks to him.

As always, can I ask you to report anything you deem suspicious to the Police as it happens or as soon as possible. **101 (Non Emergency) or 999 (Emergency only)**. If you have any community issues you would like to address or discuss, contact me, **PCSO 5232 Don Watson** via the Force control room or e-mail, donald.watson@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk.

Singers Needed

Richmond ladies' choir, Musicality, have vacancies for two sopranos and two mezzo sopranos who will ideally have experience of choral singing and ability to read music. Rehearsals take place at the Richmond Operatic hall on **Mondays 7.00 to 9.00pm**. Concert venues for 2016 include the Georgian Theatre Royal. Tel: **07849 490472 or 01748 832092**.

Gayle Mill

Demonstration Tours Sunday February 7th 11.00am and 2.30pm, £12



Come and join our first Demonstration Tours of 2016. A two hour tour of the mill where you get to see the original 1879 machinery working! Includes light refreshments.

Nest Box Building – Wednesday February 17th 10.00am – 1.00pm Admission for Adults £3 Children Free Nest Boxes £7 each . As part of National Nest Box Week, come and have a go at making your own nest box to take away and hang in your garden. This event is for children under 16 years of age accompanied by an adult.

The mill opens again on **Monday March 21st** for daily tours at **1.00pm and 3.00pm**.



Mystery picture. The December/January picture was of the well in Carperby



Let's start the year with a spring clean



Let's start off the New Year with a bit of a spring clean for your computer, tablet or phone.

The most useful tool I have found for clearing out rubbish is CCleaner. You can download the free version from these links:

For Windows: tinyurl.com/ccleaner-windows (note it says TINYURL)

For Mac: tinyurl.com/ccleaner-macos (the free version is fine).

Do copy the addresses carefully into the address bar of your browser (not a search box). Once downloaded you need to install the programme – find the file you downloaded and double click on it and follow the instructions.

A CCleaner icon will be added to your desktop – make sure all windows and programmes are closed and then double click the icon to start the programme. When the window opens just click “Run Cleaner” and confirm you want to delete files. The default settings of the programme are safe (don't change any of them unless you know what you are doing).

Note this only removes accumulated rubbish – it does not delete your files or photos etc. and it does not uninstall programmes. It does remove cookies from your computer which means you will need to log in to websites again when you next visit them.

There is a version for Android tablets too which you can download via GooglePlay app store for free. As far as I know there is no version for Apple mobile devices.

Note CCleaner is updated fairly regularly and the company who make it take the opportunity to suggest buying a version. If you find the programme helpful it is probably worth supporting them as they rely on sales for development of their products. There is no need to buy though, there is always a free version to download.

Something else you can do is to uninstall programmes you no longer want or use. You can use the normal method for uninstalling programmes for your device.

Windows CCleaner has quick access to uninstalling programme – open CCleaner, Click on Tools on the left and then Uninstall in the left column. Then click on the programme you want to

remove and click uninstall and follow the instructions. Take care not to uninstall things you are not sure about – a good guide to what can and can't be removed is the date it was installed – if it was installed with the new computer or a long time ago leave it alone but if it is something recent you don't need it is likely safe to remove it if you don't need/use it.

I hope that is helpful. As always if you have suggestions or questions regarding articles I write drop me a line at

carol.haynes@dalescomputerservices.com

LASS -

Leyburn Arts and Social Society

Next meeting is on Tuesday February 23rd at 7.30pm in the Oak Room of Thornborough Hall when the film ‘Secret Life of Bees’ from the novel by Sue Monk Kidd will be shown. The meetings are monthly, for further information please contact Jeannie Bishop: 622023.

Swaledale Festival

There is an amazing line-up for the 2016 Festival and some names, such as the Halle Orchestra, have been published already. The full programme is on the website. The 2016 Festival runs from May 28th to June 11th.

Our online booking service opens on March 1st for Friends of Swaledale Festival who have a priority period until March 20th. If you want to be sure of getting tickets for events that you think will be very popular, you can join the Friends via the website at any time.

Booking for everyone else opens online on **Monday March 21st** with the 'walk-in' box office and telephone ordering opening on **Monday April.11th**. As well as the website, news and information about us is also published on our Facebook page and Twitter feed @SwaleFest

One Liners

He gets offended when others talk whilst he's interrupting.

If it squirms it's biology; if it stinks it's chemistry; if it doesn't work it's physics and if you can't understand it, it's mathematics

There is a fine line between fishing and standing on the riverside looking like an idiot.

Gossip: hearing something you like about someone you don't.

Rainfall Figures: Readings in millimetres

	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total for year
Hawes	102	164	41	97	393	623	2185
Carperby	92	89	28	90	248	314	Mar-Dec 1135
Bainbridge	108	121	33	81	290	518	1827
Askrigg	88	108	34	80	229	441	1454
Thornton Rust	102	119	36	102	316	455	1717

John Turner writes “I have been living at Thorneymire now for over 19 years and in that time have never seen rainfall amounts like those in November and December. On 15th November 75.5mm fell, which was the highest I had recorded in that time, but then on 6th December that record was broken with a fall of 88.6mm. In the two days, 5th and 6th December I recorded 158.8mm (That is over 6” in English!)

I have talked to people who have lived in Hawes all their lives and who cannot recall seeing rainfall of such intensity and persistence for such long periods at a time.”

...We are always on the lookout for more people to record the rainfall figures. If you think you could help with this, please let us know. **A.S.W.**

Yore Past – Ure Future

An exciting new project to enhance the River Ure is being launched in Upper Wensleydale by a partnership of local farmers and interested organisations, led by Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust and the National Park Authority. The project, **Yore Past - Ure Future**, will focus on encouraging and supporting water-friendly farming, ensuring clean and safe water, and enhancing Wensleydale’s special wildlife and habitats.

In the last 60 years agricultural practices have modernised and tourist numbers increased. These developments, along with climatic change, have put pressure on the landscape, particularly on the River Ure and its tributaries. Pollutants from agricultural land and sewage works have affected the water quality causing excessive seasonal growths of algae. This produces low oxygen levels and, together with an increase in fine sediment in the river channel, has reduced the amount of habitat suitable for fish and invertebrates.

We have been working hard over the last year to build a partnership and to write the first draft of *The Wensleydale Project Catchment Plan*. The aims are to :

Support a thriving farming sector which demonstrates exemplary water and soil management,

Provide a haven for a wide variety of wildlife, with a strong network of well-connected habitats,

Have healthier, cleaner rivers that provide drainage, manage flood risk, and support more wildlife

Conserve and showcase its fascinating historic landscape, and provide opportunities to celebrate its hill farming traditions.

Of course projects like this need money and we are talking to the Heritage Lottery Fund and others about funding our plans.

We’d love to hear what you value about our river, what your concerns are about it and how we might all work together to enhance it for everyone.

Please come to our open meetings to share your memories of the Dale and the river, find out more about the Project and how you can help shape it! Free Refreshments provided.

Monday February 22nd, 7.00pm at the Old School House, Leyburn

Wednesday March 9th, 7.00pm at Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes

For more information contact:

Rita Mercer – Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust or Helen Keep – National Park [Ri-
ta.mercer@yorkshiredalesriverstrust.com](mailto:rita.mercer@yorkshiredalesriverstrust.com) [Hel-
en.Keep@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:Helen.Keep@yorkshiredales.org.uk)

Hawes Market Tolls

To Let

Penn House, Market Place, Hawes

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Please submit your tender in writing, no later than

Tuesday, February 23rd 2016 to:

Tina Spence

(Clerk to Hawes Market Tolls Trustees),

10 Holmbrae,

Bainbridge, Leyburn, DL83EB.

Given Away

We include here a list of all the charities supported this Christmas, that we know of:

West Burton Methodist Church:	
Action for Children	£460
Hardraw Church: Children's Society	£60
and 'SASH' homelessness charity	£100
Castle Bolton Church: St George's Crypt	£462
Annual Hawes Carol Concert: Air Ambulance	£2340
Aysgarth Chapel: Action for Children and Children in Need	£135
St Oswald's Askrigg: Children's Society	£259
Carperby Luncheon Club:	
Macmillan Nurses	£250
Friarage MRI Scanner	£150
Air Ambulance	£150
Preston and Wensley churches:	
'Mary's Meals', Air Ambulance and Churches Conservation Trust	£240
St Andrew's Aysgarth: Caring for Life	£530
Thoraby Carol Service: Children's Society	£125
West Witton Carol Service: Children's Society	£249
TOTAL	£5300

Thanks

We want to express our gratitude to the folk of Wensleydale for their Donations to the St George's Crypt Charity for the Homeless in Leeds. My husband Robert helped me to brave the elements for the 7th year of busking, shaking the tin and thanking the donors. Meanwhile I played carols for 2 to 3 hrs on 3 days in Leyburn and Hawes on the Accordion which was an 70th birthday present from our children! It fortunately came with a gifted teacher Harry Hinchcliffe from Crosshills (his orchestra is well known for the charity concerts they give). I made loads of mistakes with cold wet fingers and can't play without music but I never want to stop playing- poor Robert! We raised £462-
THANK YOU **Margaret Hall**

It All Looked Great, But Help Please!

Thank you to everyone who contributes to make Hawes 'shine' over the festive period. Despite December 5th being such a filthy day we managed to put on a small craft market in the Market House and the Children's Party went ahead with Colin Bailey helping with the entertainment. We are indebted to everyone who contributes to make this happen.

"Wensleydale's Got Talent" finished off the day, all participants were terrific and made the judge's decision particularly difficult.

We are already looking forward to this year's event which will be on Saturday December 3rd..

However we do need help putting the lights up. Our committee cannot manage by themselves. Please remember how Hawes looks and then see if you could assist, even a couple of hours would help. It has to be during the week because of renting the cherry picker, which takes care of the larger displays that cannot be managed off a ladder. We already have local lads giving up their working time to help and we hope there are a few more who could do the same.

Last year proved that we needed more help, especially someone to go up a ladder. We didn't get everything done and with the torrential rain on the day it made us all think. If you are willing to give us one day, or even a morning, in November and another in January please contact **Kevin White, Whites of Wensleydale, 667236.** or **Liz Lawson, Wensleydale Press 667575;** there is nothing difficult to do, just our committee are getting 'physically past it'.

Liz Lawson

We've been asked for a 'Funny' each month:

A man takes his Rottweiler to the vet. "My dog is cross-eyed, is there anything you can do for him?" "Well," says the vet, "let's have a look at him" So he picks the dog up and examines his eyes, then checks his teeth. Finally, he says, "I'm going to have to put him down." "Why? Because he's cross-eyed?" "No, because he's really heavy!"

Prunings

Happy New Year to one and all. I hope 2016 brings everyone the best of health and happiness. When I last put pen to paper we were anticipating the cold, but even now it has barely arrived. We could not have expected the record temperatures over Christmas, but I confess there has been a bonus for me: my climbers on the front wall have flowered beautifully, there were even flowers on the white Jasmine on Christmas Day, how good is that?

Warm air of course can carry much more water, and the downside has been the excessive rain; my heartfelt sympathy goes out to anyone who has suffered from the flooding.

On a brighter note, my tubs of pansies have been wonderfully colourful and although the flowers suffered in the heavy rain, the underplanted irises and Tête à Tête daffodils are already poking through. If the long anticipated frost does not get them I'm sure they will flower in record time. If I leave the pansies for now they will provide a green carpet.

We are often encouraged to leave dead heads so they provide structure and interest during the winter months, and berries for our feathered friends. Looking round the bedraggled leavings the other day I was horrified to realise just how many berries have been ignored by the birds. Clearly they have strong preferences, and the black berries on the Hypericum have not been touched. I like Hypericum Calcinium very much as its large open yellow flowers are always cheerful, but the black berried variety which I think is Androsaemum, has turned out to be a complete thug. If I leave it it will self seed everywhere and the roots are strong enough to lift the tarmac! No amount of attractive blooms will compensate for the damage. Large shears required ASAP. In pursuing the correct names I looked up Rose of Sharon. The RHS website lists dozens, but apart from Hypericum Calcinium all the rest are Hibiscus!

The scientists keep telling us that there has been a serious decline in the numbers of pollinating insects. It's easy to observe the decline in butterflies because their absence is so obvious, but I'm not sure I would notice that there are fewer solitary bees or hoverflies, and all are needed in a healthy ecosystem. We plant

growers can help by providing flowers with plenty of nectar and pollen throughout the year. (There are some 15 million gardens in the UK.) The RHS *Perfect for Pollinators* list suggests the best ones to grow. (www.RHS.org)



Even snowdrops provide nectar and pollen for early flying beasts and in spring cowslips and wallflowers are particularly good. Ragged robin is a summer native wild flower and rowans, both wild and cultivars, are rich in nectar. In the autumn there are lots of daisy types to feed the bees, and I was particularly interested to see that Garden News have recommended a perennial sunflower as being suitable for a warm sunny spot. There is really no excuse for not doing our bit! There is, however, a justifiable excuse for not grubbing out all the nettles, - many beautiful butterfly caterpillars need them.

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

Rose Rambler

Hawes Community Primary School

Most readers will know that following a recent Ofsted inspection the school has been put into *Special Measures*.

This, of course, isn't good news but we would like to urge all parents, and indeed all members of the local community, to do what they can to support the staff, and thereby the children, in bringing up the school to at least '*needing improvement*'. It has been shown that in many cases with concerted effort and the strategies that are recommended, the status of schools can be quite quickly raised again after such reports— even to '*outstanding*'. Come on, we can all help!

And on a slightly different matter: the Hawes Pharmacy are offering a new product that can prevent children getting headlice from the outbreak that seems to be going around. It is called Hedrin 'Protect and Go'.



A.S.W.

Pharmacy Developments in Hawes

As many of our readers will be aware Indy Singh has acquired the John Hogg Pharmacy business in Hawes. Indy, who was born in Birmingham, studied in the West Midlands where he acquired his Pharmacy degree. He originally worked for the Co-op Pharmacy operation and then set up a pharmacy business that dealt exclusively with Care Home medication in the Midlands.

Nominated for Community Pharmacist of the year in 2014, running his own Community Pharmacy has always been Indy's ambition and he intends to create what he terms a 'healthy living' pharmacy. He will provide a private consultation room where customers will be able to obtain testing for diabetes, cholesterol and blood pressure, have flu jabs, review the effectiveness of their existing medication plans and access a 'stop smoking' service.

Indy has also been working closely with Lynn Irwin at Hawes Surgery and it has been agreed that Indy will act as the Practice Pharmacist at the Surgery. Indy also acts as a dementia trainer with the Alzheimer's Society and intends to make Hawes the first 'dementia friendly town' in the U.K.

Indy will be running the business with his wife Kully and the existing team. Kully is a qualified Accountant and will be handling all of the considerable administration and financial matters now involved in running a Pharmacy operation under the NHS contact.

Kully and Indy are currently residing at the White Hart in Hawes and are looking for more permanent accommodation – any suggestions or offers would be appreciated!

On behalf of our readers we wish Indy and Kully all the best in their new venture and we are sure that the local community will benefit from their enthusiasm and expertise.

B.M.C.

(It is nearly FORTY years since John and Lis Hogg came from working with Boots the Chemists to run the Pharmacy in Hawes. We wish Lis well as she continues to live in the house adjacent to the Pharmacy but now separate.)

MP's Surgery in Hawes

Rishi Sunak, MP for Richmond (Yorks), holds regular advice surgeries throughout the Richmond constituency. The next one will be held in Hawes on **Friday, February 12th**. Please call **01609 765330** for an appointment

News from the BAWB Collaboration

After the excitement and fun of the pre-Christmas events, we have returned to school with renewed vigour to tackle the challenges ahead. At the end of last term, Bainbridge School said goodbye to Mrs Sarah Hey who had worked at the school for nine years. She has moved to Scotland to start a new life and we hear she is thoroughly enjoying herself! So this term sees Mrs Natasha Johnston move into our Nursery teaching the Foundation Class, and she is full of enthusiasm and new ideas to develop the class and give the children a really good start to their education. Replacing Mrs Johnston in Class One is Mr Toby Hubbard who joins us on long-term cover until a permanent replacement is found. Mr Hubbard has already settled into the class and is getting to know the children and the school. West Burton School is to say farewell to Mr Paul Price at half term as he takes a break from teaching. His class will be taught by Mrs Sue Bell and Mrs Jo-Ann Eastwood until a replacement is appointed. We all thank Mr Price for his contribution to the schools over the past year and wish him well in the future.

Meanwhile, a consultation is taking place on the proposal to Federate the three schools from April 1st. This is a formal agreement for the three schools to work together whilst retaining their own individual identities. There will be no real change for the children who will continue to be registered to the school of their choice, but it would allow greater opportunity to share staffing and working practices and resources. It would also mean a reduction in the number of school governors as there would only be a need for one governing board rather than three separate ones. Further details are available on the school websites and if you wish to make comments during the consultation, there is a form to submit. The consultation closes at **noon on February 26th**. **K.P.**

£200,000 for Yorkshire Dales

Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) is delighted to confirm that players of People's Postcode Lottery have awarded £200,000 to support the charity's work across the Yorkshire Dales. The funding will allow the Trust to develop new projects that support the landscape, environment and communities of the Yorkshire Dales, as well as continuing successful long standing projects, such as habitat conservation, education and outreach

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

January 2016

- 28 Singing for the brain; Gayle Institute, 2.00pm
- 30 Wensleydale Concert, St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth. Full details on p.4
- 31 Aysgarth Methodist Church at Bainbridge, 10.30am
- 31 Bainbridge Methodist Church Covenant Service with Aysgarth and St. Oswald's Askrigg, 10.30am

February

- 2 Drop in for Coffee: Priory, Worton. 10.00am to noon
- 3 Coffee Club, Park Lane House, Castle Bolton
- 3 Hawes Drama Group reads "Waiting for Yesterday"-Gayle Institute, 7.30pm
- 5 Wensleydale Society; 7.30pm. p. 17
- 6 Men's Prayer Breakfast, Sycamore Hall 8.30am. Geoff Hirst speaks on Bereavement
- 7,17 Gayle Mill Events. See p.7
- 9 YDNPA Planning Committee, Yoredale, Bainbridge, 1.00pm
- 9 Decorative and Fine Arts Society. p.14
- 9 Shrove Tuesday
- 10 Ash Wednesday
- 10 Ashing Service, St Oswald's, Church, Askrigg, 6.00pm
- 10 Ash Wednesday Service, Preston.7.00pm
- 12 Filling Station; Middleham Key Centre, 7.00pm
- 12 Lent lunches begin. See next column
- 13 onwards: Trains running on various days. See p.4
- 13,14,15-19 Bolton Castle Events. See p.16
- 13 Coffee Morning, Askrigg Village Hall.
- 14 United Penhill Benefice Service, St Andrew's, Aysgarth. 10.30am
- 14 St Valentine's Day; first Sunday in Lent
- 14,28 Bainbridge Methodist Service in Sycamore Hall, 10.30am
- 15-21 Dark Skies Festival. See p.3
- 16 Middleham and Dales Local History Group. See p.22
- 17 Wednesday Club, Redmire Village Hall From 2.00pm
- 18 Bainbridge W.I. Talk- Working for an International and Humanitarian Organisation, 7.30pm. Bainbridge Village Hall
- 19 Museum Friends: "The Bill Mitchell Archives", 7.30pm
- 19 Leyburn and District U3A meets. See p. 5

- 20 West Burton Quiz Night. See p.23
- 21 Bainbridge Methodists to Aysgarth, 10.45am
- 21 Methodists Service; St Margaret's Church, Hawes, 10.30am
- 23 Leyburn Arts and Social Society film. See p.8
- 23 Coffee Morning, Thoraby. See p. 23
- 25 Singing for the brain: Gayle Institute 2.00pm
- 26 BAWB collaboration: Last day for consultation comments
- 26 Pies, peas and quiz, Wensleydale Creamery. See p.6
- 28 Aysgarth Methodist at Bainbridge, 10.30am

Churches Together in Hawes and Surrounding Area Lent Lunches 2016

All are welcome to our Lent Lunches being held in Gayle Chapel Schoolroom, **12.00 noon** on **Tuesdays February 23rd, March 1st, 8th and 15th**, with a soup lunch followed by a short reflection. A wonderful way to prepare for Easter, do join us.

More Lent Lunches

The first Lent Lunch will be held on **Friday February 12th** in Redmire Village Hall from **noon to 1-30pm**. Then at the same time as follows:

- February 19th**, Carperby Institute
 - February 26th**, West Burton Village Hall
 - March 4th** Thornton Rust Institute
 - March 11th** Thoraby Village Hall
 - March 18th** Aysgarth Institute
- Evelyn Abraham 663243**

Charity Flowers

Have you tried recently to send flowers to friends living in remote places?

I have spent several hours trying to get flowers to North West, and North East Scotland only to be told by M&S, Interflora, Flying Flowers, and Prestige Flowers at post codes IV54 and KWI, that they do not have couriers in those remote mainland locations.

I came upon Charityflowers.co.uk, based in the Channel Islands, Tel. 03705300600.

They fly boxes of flowers to the mainland, then use Royal Mail, which has a national coverage AND you choose a charity from a long list, to which Charity Flowers donates 15% of the cost.

DCM What's On



The Dales Countryside Museum will open to the public on 1st February Exhibitions and events to celebrate the Dark Skies Festival over the half term holidays.

February

- 15 Searching for ET: 7.00pm. A talk by astronomer Richard Darn. Booking advised. Adults £5, Children free
- 16 Stellar Kites: 10.00am to 4.00pm. Drop in and make your own star-themed kite. £3 per kite
- 17 Cosmos Planetarium: 10.30am to 3.30pm. See the stars inside a giant inflatable dome. Shows about 40 mins, start: every hour from 10.30am until 3.30pm. Adults £4.50, Children free
- 17 Rocket Workshop: 11.00am to 3.00pm. Learn about rockets and make one to launch. Bring a full litre bottle of fizzy drinks or buy one at the museum.
- 18 Night at the Museum: 5.00 to 8.00pm. Discover the museum by torchlight. Booking essential. Children £5
- 18 Night time Cycle: 6.00pm. Join Stage1 Cycles on a 2-3hr night ride exploring Wether Fell and surrounding areas. Suitable for adults with an intermediate level of off road riding. Specialist MTB Exposure Lights to use. Also bike hire. 12 places. Booking essential. Adults £10
- 19 Bill Mitchell Archives: 7.30pm. A talk by Sita Brand. Part of the Museum Friends lecture programme; free. Donations welcome.
- 27-28 Needle Felt Workshop: 10.00am to 4.00pm. Create your own needle felt stag's head. Artist Emma Fountain will run this two day workshop. Adults £80 for the two days. Booking essential.

In the Waiting Room, beautiful and unique rugs will be on display and for sale until March 10th

NB. All YDNPA Walks £5 per Adult, Children free.

For further information on any activity phone 666210

Happy 90th Birthday
to Grandma Betty of Simonstone
on January 30th
Love from Dave, Claire, Cerys, Nia and Bonnie xx

Yorebridge, Wensleydale Centre, Askrigg.



Take advantage of our offers and Spring Into Shape!

If you sign up for a gym membership at £24 per month and pay six months in advance, have **one month FREE** (cost is £120 instead of £144).

For our Premier and Monthly members all our fitness classes are now **FREE** (apart from those run by independent instructors such as Circuit Training). For Junior members we have reduced our monthly fee to only **£6 per month** from February for a trial period of 3 months.

We have also introduced a new package...for non gym members who enjoy attending classes, pay £30 in advance per month and come to as many classes as you wish (apart from Circuit). Visit our website and Facebook page for a full list of all classes.

For more information on any of the above contact us on **650060**, alternatively you can email: admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk;

Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society

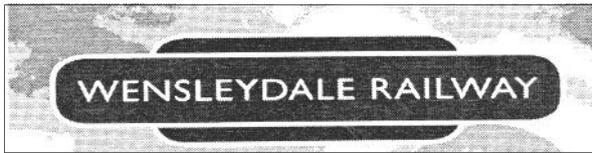
The next lecture is on **Tuesday February 9th at 2.00pm** at the Middleham Key Centre. Title: Durham and Saint Cuthbert, with reference to medieval manuscripts by Sally Dormer.

The 7th century world of St. Cuthbert will be illustrated using Bede's writings and surviving illuminated manuscripts, ivory carvings and goldsmiths' works. The extraordinary events resulting in the saint's body arriving in Durham, where his shrine became a focus of pilgrimage, will be considered, allowing for reflection on the development of a saint's cult and the construction of one of the finest Romanesque cathedrals in Europe.

Sally Dormer read history at Durham University, has a PhD (Medieval Manuscript Illumination) and an MA (Medieval History of Art) from the Courtauld Institute. She is a lecturer on the Early Medieval Year Course at the V&A.

We welcome non-members to this lecture and to any future lectures of interest. Lectures are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from October to June at the Middleham Key Centre. The cost is £8 per lecture.

It would be helpful to inform the Membership Secretary that you are coming, beforehand if possible, on **01765 635244**, rosalindhigson@btinternet.com.



Could 2016 be the year that the Wensleydale Railway progresses westward?

The signs are good. The 'bridge on the move' is from near the old A1 at Catterick Bridge and now at the WRA. The footbridge pictured is from Brigg in Lincolnshire, also on its way and there is the 'before and after' picture of the refurbished coach now residing at Redmire.



TOSH

FILM Special Event - Addicted to Sheep

Saturday January 30th at 7.00pm. A Fascinating documentary about a tenant hill farmer and his family working through the four seasons to breed the perfect sheep in Upper Teesdale. Tickets £8 including cheese, biscuits and a glass of wine, plus a Raffle. Booking recommended.

100 CLUB 2016/17. The forms to join The Old School House 100 Club are available from February 1st to 28th for the First Draw on February 29th, 2016. Annual cost £12 Contact the admin office 624510 between 10.00am-5.00pm at the beginning of February.

Singing for Pleasure. The group meet fortnightly on Monday nights at The Old School House at 7.30pm for informal singing for pleasure. For more information please ring 624635.

Table Top Sale on the first Tuesday of the month.

Exhibitions - forthcoming artists returning by popular request are the Penhill Poachers and Friends of Dave. For information, tel. **624510**



Music Workshops
February half-term 2016

singing | percussion | composition





Bucket Beats

Perform a popular song

Boom Tunes

Get Musical Jam Band

Create-a-song

Sing and play together

Join community musicians *Colin Bailey* and *Julie Simpson* for a fun-filled creative music-making workshop. Sessions are aimed at primary school aged children (six to eleven years old) and 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]. 10.00am till 1.00pm, £3.00 per child.

Friday February 19th 10.00am to 1.00pm
Hawes Market Hall
BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT:
07711 211169 or info@blueboxt.co.uk

HAWES SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning										AYSARTH SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning											
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The Upper Dales Health Watch The Patient Participation Group for the Central Dales GP Practice

Synopsis of meeting November 23rd 2015

An **information sheet for new residents** has been agreed. Copies have been sent to Parish Clerks. The **Aysgarth Broadband** cabinet is in the process of being built. It is hoped the Surgery will be able to access superfast broadband early in 2016. The new website address is www.centraldalespractice.nhs.uk

Referrals to the **Step by Step Project** run by RDC can now be made by nurses as well GPs. Patients will be told about the Yorebridge offer if appropriate.

The bid for HRWCCG funding for the **2 year Nursing Project** had been successful, and nurses from the Central Dales and Leyburn Practices were working with the Community Nurses. IT systems are being improved so they can communicate with each other better. Joint training is also being planned - a positive development for both patients and nurses.

Beds at the Friary –unlike the two Richmond Practices, the Central Dales Practice does not pay to have any dedicated beds as they cannot guarantee daily visits. Central Dales' patients can be classified as temporary Quaker Lane patients, but Practices that fund beds have priority as to their occupation. The HRWCCG are working with the Central Dales Practice to establish a bed at Sycamore Hall that can be used by Central Dales' patients provided nursing care can be organised. If this works, this model is likely to be expanded to get patients as near to home as possible.

Information on **private hire firms** and the **Patient Transport Service** needs to be better publicised for patients to access. The number for the Red Cross when it is necessary to **borrow a wheel chair is 01609 772186**. Parish Clerks and Parish Council UDHW Representatives have been sent a list of licensed private hire firms in Wensleydale.

NYCC Health checks – Central Dales Practice has a contract to deliver these, and their nurses will be attending a training session before the Practice promotes them over a three year period. Patients likely to benefit will be invited to have a check.

The new **Chief Executive** of the HRWCCG is Janet Probert and the **Chief Nurse** is now Gill Collinson, who leads the Dales Project.

NHS services at Brentwood i.e. Podiatry and Physiotherapy was on the HRWCCG Governing Body's November agenda. Dentistry is the responsibility of NHS England. Steps are being taken to find an alternative site in Leyburn for these services.

Jane Ritchie

Bolton Castle Events

Tudor Family Life -**Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th February (10.00am-4.00pm)** Experience a taste of Tudor family life with our fascinating living history event.

Terrific Tudors -**Monday 15th to Friday 19th February (10.00am-4.00pm)**. Learn more about the Terrific Tudors with children's crafts, trails and more.

St Oswald's Church, Askrigg

Wednesday February 10th, Ash Wednesday – Ashing Service at **6.00pm**

Saturday February 13th 10.30am to 12.00pm – Coffee Morning in the back room of Askrigg Village Hall. Entry just £2.50. Tea/coffee and scones and a wrapped tombola. Everyone welcome.

Christmas

The PCC would like to thank everyone involved in staging a wonderful Christmas period at St Oswald's. As usual, the decorated Christmas trees looked absolutely fabulous and drew visitors from far and near. During the first week of the Festival, soup lunches were served in the church and enjoyed by a good number of people, soaking up the atmosphere with festive music and decorated trees. £441 was raised at the Preview concert; £220 from the decorated trees and £389 from the soup lunches which is a fantastic amount to help maintain the church. Huge thanks go to everyone involved.

Upper Wensleydale Sunday School

We would love you to join us for junior worship at the following locations and times:

Sunday January 31st 4.00pm - Stalling Busk

Sunday February 7th 9.00am – Children's Service, Hardraw

Sunday February 14th 10.30am – Cafe Style Service, Askrigg

Sunday February 21st 4.00pm – Bainbridge Chapel Messy Church'

Sunday February 28th 4.00pm – Gayle Chapel

Refreshments and chat for parents, fun for the kids! Please ring **Gemma 650821** or **Elizabeth 650 671** for information, if required

Goodbye to the Vicar

During her time here our vicar has worked tirelessly for the church and the community, not only offering a range of services across the four churches but also offering her time in meeting the pastoral needs of the community. She is well known for dashing between hospitals visiting members of the community when they are sick or dying, whether they be church-goers or not, and of course, she does the same locally visiting those in their homes who need her care and compassion. She has also worked closely with our local schools providing a valued link to the church

through her school assemblies, special church services, school visits and work as a school governor.

We are all going to miss her when she leaves but have a huge amount to thank her for and can only wish her well in her new home in Scruton. It isn't too far to go and visit and I know she will make everyone feel very welcome. Thanks Ann!

Ann will be moving to her new home on March 15th but will return to take services until her last day which will be **Easter Sunday**. On that day, she has asked to mark the occasion with 'Safari Services' taking in all four churches of the Benefice and finishing at the church she first arrived at, in Askrigg. Ann very much hopes that she will be joined at these events by worshippers and friends and you can even do all of them if you wish! The plan is proposed as follows (times are approximate at this stage)**9.00am** Hardraw Church for breakfast **10.30am** Hawes Church for coffee **12.00/12.30pm** Stalling Busk Church for lunch **2.30pm** Askrigg Church for a service of celebration including a short service of Holy Communion, with tea/coffee.

Please note that there will be no service of Holy Communion at any of the other churches that day.

K.P.

Wensleydale Society

will meet on **Friday February 5th, 7.30pm** at West Burton Village Hall. The talk is entitled 'Skeletons in Closets' What have our ancestors told us about living in Northern England in the past? The speaker is Professor Charlotte Roberts BA MA PhD SRN FSA from Durham University who has written various books including *The Past and Present of Leprosy*. She is currently involved in other research projects.

Lectures are free to members (membership is £5 per year) £1 for visitors and guests.

We make it easier to get to lectures by our return coach between Middleham, Harmby, Leyburn and West Witton. For details please contact **Eileen Jackson: 622287**. The Society has a monthly walks programme for members which adds to the enjoyment of Wensleydale.
www.wensleydalesociety.org.uk

Askrigg Temperance Hall

On December 30th 1899 Trustees of the Askrigg Band of Hope Society bought a house, stable and garden in the village for £185 from Matthew Little. They planned and funded a Temperance Hall on the site for the use of the whole community. Friction between church, chapel and the wider community meant it took five years to agree plans for a main hall and back room. Mr Henry Tennant of York, a Quaker and Chairman of the LNER, donated £400 to the Askrigg Temperance Society which enabled work to start and the foundation stone was laid on September 7th 1905.

The ceremony was attended by local dignitaries and was followed by tea in a marquee on the cobbles. Two bottles were placed with the memorial stone one containing "relevant documents of the day" and the other the names of all Askrigg Band of Hope Children. Construction was completed in a year and the Hall officially opened on August 12th 1906. The total cost was £604-2s-8d. The extra money was raised locally and people provided their labour for free.

Notable dates in the Hall's history:-

1910- Electricity replaced the oil lamps and the 460 candle power main central lamp in the hall.
1920- Hall rules relaxed to allow games with cards and access on Sundays after morning service.

1937- First election of new trustees.



Before original cottage demolished 1904



1906 Askrigg Temperance Hall Opened

1939- Yorebridge Grammar school leased the hall to cope with a large number of evacuees arriving from Sunderland.

1940- Requisitioned by the Army as a hospital.

1962- A new constitution was adopted relinquishing the hall's association with the Band of Hope and relaxing the rules further in line with the changing needs of the community.

1989- Re-arrangement of the toilets which provided much needed public toilets for the village with disabled access.

Today Askrigg Village Hall is used by a wide range of clubs and societies from badminton and snooker to Ladies that Sing for Pleasure. It plays host to meetings, wedding receptions, village fairs, art exhibitions, auctions and the annual Produce Show. The present committee continues to improve the facilities to meet the demands of the community. Recently they have obtained grants from Richmondshire District Council to upgrade the men's toilets and buy new kitchen equipment. They hold a bi-annual fund raising event for the upkeep of the hall that the whole community supports. Long may the Hall continue to serve the people of Askrigg.

K.J.

A quick history of the Temperance Movement and the Band of Hope follows for those of you, who, like me, had never heard of the latter:-

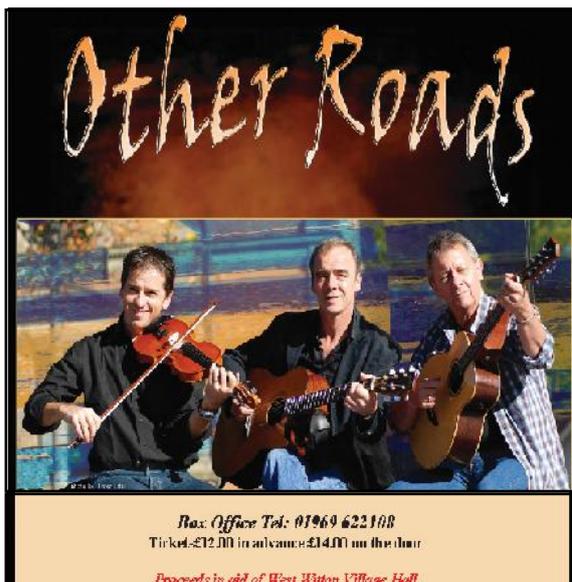
The Temperance Movement

One of the first responses to the problems of excessive drinking in the 1800s was the formation of temperance societies. These usually had a Christian base and were initially composed of people who took a pledge to abstain from spirits, and be moderate in their consumption of other alcoholic drinks. However, social and domestic problems caused by excessive consumption of alcohol in society at that time were considerable and there was controversy as to whether moderate drinking of any alcoholic beverage was sufficient to tackle the problem. In 1832 the 'Seven Men of Preston', including Joseph Livesey, signed a pledge to totally abstain from intoxicating beverages. The idea spread and temperance societies sprang up all over Britain, encouraging people to help deal with the problem of alcoholism by 'signing the pledge'.

Band of Hope

Concern about the amount of excessive drinking amongst children and the effect that adult drinking was having on them, led to a special temperance

group to be set up for children under 16. Its aims would be to teach children about Christianity and also the problems associated with drinking and to encourage them to live a healthy, alcohol-free lifestyle. In November 1847 the first meeting of this group took place in Leeds. About 300 children 'signed the pledge' for the first time and the group became known as the 'Band of Hope'. By 1897 over three million had joined up.



**Other Roads in Concert
West Witton Village Hall
Friday March 4th, 8.00pm**

(Doors open 7.00pm. Licensed bar)

We are very fortunate to have booked OTHER ROADS on the first night of their UK TOUR 2016. The concert is a fund raiser to help ensure the future of West Witton village hall and the much needed pre-school facility for locals. Other Roads are one of the finest contemporary folk bands to emerge in recent years. These talented multi-instrumentalists incorporate guitars, mandolin, fiddle, bouzouki and harmonica with some extremely fine harmony singing. They perform an eclectic mix of traditional, contemporary and original compositions, ranging from soft lilting ballads to foot stomping Celtic fiddle tunes and choruses. www.other-roads.com

**Grant Humphreys, The Old Vicarage,
West Witton. 622108**

Email: grant.chumphreys@btinternet.com

Hawes and District Gala

The Gala needs YOU! We desperately need committee members, we are currently only six. A lot of work and preparation goes into the gala and it is becoming a struggle as we don't have the man power to do it all. Please help us keep the gala running.

Trophies The gala trophies have been around for a long time and are now beginning to look very tatty and battered, some unreturned by previous winners.

We would like to get new trophies for all of our fancy dress categories, quoits, cherished vehicles, tug of war etc. As there are quite a few to buy, the cost will be high for the Gala. We're a non-profit organisation and it will be very challenging to raise the funds needed.

In the past, some trophies have been in memory of people. So we are asking if anyone would be kind enough to sponsor a trophy either to be in memory of someone, to advertise your business or to show your kind support towards our Gala, now in it's 49th year!

Patrons We are very grateful for the financial support we receive from all of our patrons. If you would like to become one please get in touch with us. All patrons are listed on our Gala programme to show our appreciation.

Upcoming Fundraisers Hoppers Sale Refreshments - **February 6th** Hawes Market Hall from **9.00am**. We will greatly appreciate any food/cake donations and any help on the day to serve refreshments, even if it is just for an hour. Any donations can be dropped off at the market hall on the day from **8.30am**.

Children's Discos

Valentines Disco **February 12th** & Easter Disco **April 16th**. Hawes Market Hall, **6.30-8.00pm**. £1.50 entry fee.

Under 5s must be accompanied by an adult. A selection of refreshments will be available at a small price.

For more info or to offer help, please contact **Emily Pickard 07868568993** or **Emma Guy 0771260**

**Carperby Domino Drive
Friday February 5th 7.30pm**

Carperby Village Institute., all are welcome.

Who would have thought!?

Who would have thought that I would have been in the Dales for nearly 15yrs?

Certainly not the Archdeacon who interviewed me and asked if I thought I would stay working in the country; certainly not my friends and family who were used to me moving around; certainly not me who never thought I would stay anywhere very long!

There is something about the Upper Dales that gets into your blood and holds on. Having lived here for all this time I find that now I feel uncomfortable being in a town or city for too long. I long for the open spaces and the opportunity to do a three point turn in the road without anyone getting in the way!

So you might ask why am I leaving?

It would be a good question. I believe that I was called here to learn a few lessons about myself and my relationship with God. I was called to do that by being in the company of the people in the Upper Dale. In order to learn those lessons I needed to be the Priest-in Charge first of all to Askrigg and Stalling Busk and then to confirm the lessons with the people of Hawes and Hardraw as well.

I have learned so much from you all about generosity of Spirit; about commitment and loyalty; about hard work and making the most of life even when that life is very hard. I have learned about community and sharing; I have learned about simple pleasures and the beauty of the place and the moment. I have learned about hospitality and the giving of oneself either as a listening ear or a pair of willing hands.

Some would say that the most important lesson that I have learned is about cake. Since I have been here I have become a prolific baker of cakes and biscuits and learned the joy of not only making someone a cup of tea but also in offering a piece of cake to go with it.

So my lessons are learned and my work is done. It is time to move on and leave you to teach someone else all that they need to learn about their relationship with themselves and God.

Where am I going?

I am going to be a *house for duty priest* in the benefice of Lower Swale. There are eight churches in that benefice so I shall be a pair of helping hands to the vicar. As a house for duty priest I get the

privilege of living in a vicarage rent-free for doing three days work, Sunday and two other days. The vicarage is in Scruton, a village on the way to Northallerton, so I shall still have the joy of village life and even the joy of riding my bike since that area is quite flat in comparison to the Upper Dale!

The vicarage is a bungalow and there is a lovely big garden, which will provide plenty of room for my hens and my dogs and I shall have more than enough time to increase my vegetable growing to hopefully become self sufficient at least with veg and eggs!

I have been very blessed in being in the Upper Dale. Thank you for all that you have shared with me and taught me. My prayer is that I shall be able to pass on some of what I have learned and that you will continue to be blessed by this wonderful place. God Bless.

Rev Ann Chapman



Volunteers Needed

Hambleton and Richmondshire Carers Centre need volunteers to help promote the work they do. Volunteers don't know all the answers to carers questions but are good listeners and might have used our service themselves.

We have vacancies for three types of volunteer role :

Volunteers to top up leaflets and ensure current posters are displayed in community venues approximately twice per year.

Volunteers to man pop-up information points, in community venues, for between 1 and 2 days during Carers Week in June.

Volunteers to man pop-up information points at specific community locations/events, such as GP vaccination clinics, farmers markets or local fund raising events such as church or community coffee mornings: Approximately 2 or 3 per year, in your own locality.

You are very welcome to come and learn more about our service and/or meet our small friendly team before volunteering. If you would like further information please contact **Fiona on 01609 780872** or email fiona.kaley@hrcarers.org.uk

Back in 1945...

John Gordon Dower (1900 – 1947) was a civil servant and architect, who, as secretary of the Standing Committee on National Parks, *produced in 1945 the first post-war official report which set out what National Parks in England and Wales should be like:*

An extensive area of beautiful and relatively wild country in which, for the nation's benefit and by appropriate national decision and action, (a) the characteristic landscape beauty is strictly preserved, (b) access and facilities for public open-air enjoyment are amply provided, (c) wild-life and buildings and places of architectural and historical interest are suitably protected, while (d) established farming use is effectively maintained.

That's fair enough; the other things which are still of interest for us today are which areas were selected in the first place; just six, with a further four as a second instalment:

	Square miles
The Lake District	860
Snowdonia	320
Dartmoor	310
Peak District and Dovedale	530
Pembroke Coast	100
Cornish Coast (parts)	180
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Craven Pennines (Wharfe, Air and Ribble)	380
Black Mountains and Brecon Beacons	470
Exmoor and North Devon Coast	280
Roman Wall	170

It is interesting to see what are missing, (notably Northern Dales!) and which of the above areas are not now even considered.

Twelve further areas are listed as reserves from which additional National Parks may be chosen:

The Broads, North York Moors and Coast, Dorset Coast and Heaths, Berkshire and Marlborough Downs, N.E. Cheviots, North Pennines (South Tyne, Wear and Tees), Swaledale Pennines, Howgill Fells, Merioneth Coast and Mountains with the Berwyn Hills, Plynlimon and Clun Forests, Elenith Mountains.

Many other "amenity" areas are mentioned but not likely on account of, for example, size: Cotswolds, Mendips, Malverns, hills of South Shropshire, Chilterns, New Forest and South Downs. These last two areas would have been included but it was

thought at the time that they would be adequately dealt with by the Local Authorities and the Forestry Commission. (They are, of course, now National Parks.)

I don't suppose we will ever know now what criteria were used, but it seems strange to us that the North York Moors was only on the 'reserve' list and much of the present lovely Northumberland National Park, especially the coast, hardly features at all!

So you see, the designation at last, this year, of extensions to the Dales and Lakes is part of a very long drawn out process!

A.S.W.

All Wrapped Up

Area rangers and apprentices working in the National Park are warm as toast this winter – thanks to Bingley-based clothing company Damart. The mail order catalogue online retailer has provided 22 sets of thermal 'active wear' long johns and tops for the Authority's team of male and female outdoor staff – just in time for the cold weather.

Alan Hulme, the Authority's Head of Ranger Services, said: "Our Rangers work outside all year round and in all types of weather looking after 2,300km of public rights of way and Open Access land.

"We are especially grateful to Damart for providing us with the clothing that helps us with our vital work to conserve wildlife and the environment and to promote the understanding and enjoyment of the area in what can sometimes be hostile conditions.

Damart New Senior Customer Experience Manager Ben Phillips said: "We are delighted to be supporting the National Park Authority in any way we can – and if that includes keeping the team of tremendously hard working Rangers nice and warm in our famous Damart thermals, then great.

"With our heritage firmly set in Yorkshire for the last 50 years, we have a strong affinity with our local area and we are really pleased to help the Authority and its work."

Danger for Reds

Red Squirrels are gradually proceeding eastwards and lately have been in the gardens around Town foot in Hawes. Unfortunately one was run over and killed a couple of weeks ago.

Please be on the lookout as they cross, or run around on the roads.

**District Council
Community Opportunities Fund**

Here is the list of projects in our area which have been supported in the financial year 2015-2016:

Upper Wensleydale Community Partnership,	
IT Suite	£3245
Bainbridge Parish Council Play Area	£6718
Aysgarth Institute, fire door and signs	£1193
Thorlby Village Hall Upgrade	£3430
Wensleydale Flyer bus	£3970
Yorebridge Sports Refurbishment	£3589
Bainbridge Village Hall, repairs etc.	£11663
Hawes and H. Abbotside defibrillator	£1900
Carperby defibrillator	£1900

**Middleham and Dales
Local History Group**

TALK BY LORD BOLTON:

THE BOLTON ESTATE -

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Tuesday February 16th, 2.00pm

MIDDLEHAM KEY CENTRE

Lord Bolton will take us on a fascinating journey that sees the arrival of the family with William the Conqueror, the holding of high government offices and the building of Bolton Castle during the medieval period. Fighting alongside Richard 111 at Bosworth; the support which was still recognised in 2015, when the family were present at the re-interment of the king's bones at Leicester cathedral. The effects of religious conflicts during the Tudor period; custody of Mary, Queen of Scots at Bolton Castle; the dark days of the siege of Bolton Castle during the Civil War. The life and times of the family during the Georgian, Regency and Victorian period and their involvement in the many conflicts up to the present times. The changes in lifestyle and the challenges the 20th century have brought, and how governance of the estate is resolving these challenges.

Annual membership: £10

Visitors: £3 per meeting

Hawes in Bloom

I am pleased to report that in spite of the weather I have turned my thoughts to summer and have now completed the plant and basket order. The colours will be quite different from last time and I hope you will all enjoy them!

I have also asked for some smaller baskets that I can sell to residents (as many of you suggested) and these, with a good selection of plants, will again be on sale outside Cocketts Hotel in the centre of town. I will of course let you know the date and time as we get nearer.

I am pleased to say I have had additional offers of help (always welcome) and even some cash donations. Thanks to everyone for your kind comments and support generally. I have also been asked many times why I don't enter Hawes in the 'Best Town in Bloom Competition'. Well, I rather think someone else could do that...

Let's hope for a good summer and a really spectacular display.

Your resident Plant Pest

Richard Noble



Exciting Times at Stage 1 Cycles.

We will be moving to the National Park Visitors Centre/Dales Countryside Museum and expanding our business to include the FireBox Cafe.

We will be still trading in Askrigg until this point and are very grateful for the local community support during our time based in the village. ***The new premises in Hawes will open in March.*** We will be based in the old waiting room section of the building. Our established bikes services will be very much available, hire, sales and repair but in addition our coffee shop offering quality coffee and light meals will be open to all. We very much look forward to you visiting for cake, coffee and an a inner tube.

Although we are moving, our community activities with Yorebridge Community Fitness will continue and children sessions restart in March.

Helen Pollard

Job Vacancy	Drop-off points and contacts																											
<p data-bbox="343 297 719 387" style="text-align: center;">Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer Bainbridge Parish Council</p> <p data-bbox="272 421 786 633">Bainbridge Parish Council are seeking to employ a home based, part time parish clerk working a minimum of 4 hours per week. The successful applicant will organise regular parish council meetings, support parish councillors, and maintain accounts and other duties as required.</p> <p data-bbox="272 645 786 795">The salary offered will be based on the NJC pay scales for part-time clerks with a minimum starting rate of £8,61 per hour, with additional allowances for the use of your home as an office.</p> <p data-bbox="272 806 786 952">Written applications by post to: Mr Brian Brown, Bainbridge Parish Council Chairman, Manor Barn, Bainbridge, Leyburn, North Yorkshire DL8 3EE</p> <p data-bbox="331 963 727 1019">Alternatively, details can be found at www.bainbridgeparishcouncil.co.uk.</p> <p data-bbox="284 1030 774 1086">Please feel free to contact the current clerk or any parish councillor regarding the position.</p>	<p data-bbox="807 309 1412 392">for news, articles, reports, letters, what's on dates, competition entries, suggestions and comments:</p> <table data-bbox="807 425 1404 1064"> <tr> <td data-bbox="807 425 949 459">Hawes:</td> <td data-bbox="965 425 1252 481">Alan S. Watkinson, Burnside Coach House.</td> <td data-bbox="1300 481 1396 515">667785</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="807 515 949 548">Gayle:</td> <td data-bbox="965 515 1189 571">Sarah Champion 23, Little Ings</td> <td data-bbox="1300 548 1396 582">667006</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="807 571 949 604">Bainbridge:</td> <td data-bbox="965 571 1173 627">Sylvia Crookes, 3, Bainside</td> <td data-bbox="1300 604 1396 638">650525</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="807 660 949 694">Askrigg:</td> <td data-bbox="965 660 1125 716">Rima Berry, 8 Mill Lane</td> <td data-bbox="1300 694 1396 728">650980</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="807 750 949 784">Carperby:</td> <td data-bbox="965 750 1220 806">Margaret Woodcock, Bella Cottage</td> <td data-bbox="1300 784 1396 817">663488</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="807 840 949 873">West Burton:</td> <td data-bbox="965 840 1220 896">Nadine Bell, Margaret's Cottage</td> <td data-bbox="1300 873 1396 907">663559</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="807 929 949 963">Aysgarth:</td> <td data-bbox="965 929 1236 963">Hamilton's Tearoom</td> <td data-bbox="1300 929 1396 963">663423</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="807 996 949 1030">Redmire:</td> <td data-bbox="965 996 1236 1030">see Carperby above</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="807 1030 949 1064">Thoralby:</td> <td data-bbox="965 1030 1236 1064">Sandra Foley, Shop</td> <td data-bbox="1300 1030 1396 1064">663205</td> </tr> </table>	Hawes:	Alan S. Watkinson, Burnside Coach House.	667785	Gayle:	Sarah Champion 23, Little Ings	667006	Bainbridge:	Sylvia Crookes, 3, Bainside	650525	Askrigg:	Rima Berry, 8 Mill Lane	650980	Carperby:	Margaret Woodcock, Bella Cottage	663488	West Burton:	Nadine Bell, Margaret's Cottage	663559	Aysgarth:	Hamilton's Tearoom	663423	Redmire:	see Carperby above		Thoralby:	Sandra Foley, Shop	663205
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West Burton Village Hall

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday February 20th 7.30pm

Teams of six. Hot Supper Tickets £8 from
Chris Pratt 663792

Coffee Morning

Tuesday February 23rd 10.00am to noon

PEN VIEW, THORALBY

Cakes and books stalls.

Proceeds for Aysgarth Methodist Chapel