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Editorial

Maybe it's the Spring that's doing it but we are having some ideas! It isn't that our area is dying on its feet - far from it - but let us share with you a few thoughts about what might be possible to enhance the whole area.

This is being drafted just as Fairtrade Fortnight is coming to an end. Many areas and small towns proudly boast with notices as you approach: 'Fairtrade area', and it is pleasing to note that already (and in fact for some years past) local individuals or groups in our area sell Fairtrade goods or raise money for the Fairtrade Foundation. There is sometimes the misconception that the scheme only applies to goods from overseas, which is not solely the case. Elimination of poverty through fair trade is to be encouraged everywhere. "Upper Wensleydale; a Fairtrade Area"?

Question: what else have we NOT got? Some areas have too many, some of which are very classy and others not quite so.... Answer, a charity shop. One somewhere in the Upper Dale? Have we an empty set of premises in one of our villages crying out for a new use? Is there a well-known and worthy charity not covered by one of their shops in any of the big towns round about? Save the Children? Shelter Box? etc.

Now, as they say, for something entirely different. There is the on-going debate about the relative tourism success (or otherwise) of the various parts of Hawes from the Creamery and Gayle Mill, via the town centre to the lower end at Town Foot and the Museum area. Many other areas, especially in their high tourist season, manage to hire and operate a little trackless road train. Wouldn't this be a huge asset to the Hawes area allowing tourists to experience the whole without parking or mobility problems?



Now we realise that these are only ideas! But ideas have to come before action, and they all cost money. Do we have people of action? Do we have money? Even in times of austerity there are funds available, especially for new developments that benefit the whole community. These are just three ideas to get you talking! We are sure there could be more! Thinking caps on.

Flower Festival Returns for Eighth Year

The hugely popular Flowers of the Dales Festival, coordinated by local charity Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT), commenced on March 13th and runs until the end of October with more than 120 nature and wildflower themed events across the Yorkshire Dales.

The Festival showcases the hay meadows, ancient woodlands, limestone pavements and moorlands of the Yorkshire Dales and highlights their importance not only for wildflowers, but also as nationally and internationally important habitats for many rare species of insects, birds and mammals.

There really is something for everyone to enjoy in this annual Festival, with events ranging from walks, talks and family activities, to identification courses, arts and crafts and photography workshops. There are also opportunities to take part in hands-on activities to help conserve some of the region's important wildflower habitats.

The free Flowers of the Dales Festival programme can be downloaded from www.ydmt.org/festival2016. Or to receive a printed copy of the programme please send an A5 stamped and self-addressed envelope to: Flowers of the Dales, Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, Main Street, Clapham, LA2 8DP. Copies will also be available from National Park centres and other outlets across the Dales over the coming weeks.

News from the BAWB Schools (Bainbridge, Askrigg and West Burton)

For the past two years, the schools have been operating within the BAWB Collaboration, but have recently undertaken a consultation process on the proposal to become a Federation (a legal agreement to operate as one body). On March 16th, the Governing Boards of all three schools met to discuss the outcome of this consultation and to vote on the way forward. All three Governing Boards voted to enter a Federation and therefore from April 1st, the schools will be known as the **BAWB Federation** and a new single Board of Governors will be formed to manage all three schools. There will be no noticeable changes to any of the schools which will continue to operate very much as they have been, sharing staff and resources for the benefit of the children. **K.P.**

Don't use a big word when a singularly unloquacious and diminutive linguistic expression will satisfactorily accomplish the contemporary necessity.

Charity Recognised as Investor in People

The Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) has once again been awarded the Investors in People Standard, demonstrating their commitment to realising the potential of their team.

Since establishment in 1996, the team at YDMT have helped to deliver more than 1,900 varied and inspiring projects that benefit the Yorkshire Dales, worth around £27 million. The Clapham-based charity currently employs 18 staff (growing to 22 by April) who work to care for the landscape, environment and communities of the Dales.

Dave Tayler, Deputy Director at YDMT, said: “We are extremely proud at YDMT to have another successful recognition from Investors in People – our fourth since 2005”.

Investors in People is the UK’s leading accreditation for business improvement through people management, and provides a wealth of resources for businesses to innovate, improve and grow, with a focus on good people making great business.

Steve Burrows, Managing Director of Investors in People North of England, said: “This is a fantastic achievement for YDMT and I would like to congratulate the team on their success. We believe that good people make a great business and as a proven organisational development framework, Investors in People is designed to help organisations and their people to realise potential, enhance performance and meet goals. With their accreditation success, YDMT is certainly working to realise their people potential.”

Leyburn Arts and Community Centre

Singing for Pleasure - The group meets fortnightly on a Monday at 7.30pm at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre, The Old School House for informal singing for pleasure. April’s dates are the 4th and 18th. Please contact **Diana 623897**

On **Saturday April 2nd** there is a special screening of *Coverdale, a Year in the Life*, filmed in Carlton, at **5.00pm**. supported by funding from Film Hub North and the British Film Institute.

It is for Everyone

We think sometimes that readers assume we only have articles in the Newsletter prompted by us, like the ‘standard’ monthly features.

Not so; we are happy to consider articles, features and interesting local news from any readers. If you don’t feel confident, write in. We are experts at correcting and ‘tidying up’.

Eunice the Ewe



I was on page 34 in March, on the catkins amongst the Prunings. The winner was **Sam Dadomo** from Pinner in London.

Where am I this month?

From the End of Empire!

It’s a bit nearer to get from the top of Swaledale over to Hawes than down the dale there, and because of the doctors and the Auction Mart people tend to come this way—thus the Newsletter has an outlet in Muker at the village shop. So here is a short feature from an outlying bit of our area!



The Old School in Muker has new(ish) owners. This is the first full year of trading for Jon and Barbara. She was a maths

teacher and Tom a graphic design artist, and with all their children having ‘flown the nest’ they were ready for something new when the Old School for sale came up ‘on their radar’.

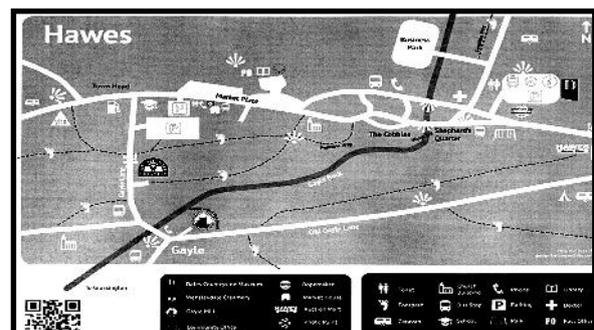
Their craft shop has a range of unique gifts—jewellery, glass, bronzes, cards, pottery and felt—and the gallery includes original works, prints and sculptures.

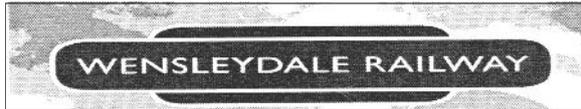
Something new is the recently opened little teashop for tea, coffee and a cake, with the opportunity to sit in the sheltered garden at the back with the view up to Kisdon Hill.

The opening times are: daily, from now to October, 10.00am to 5.00pm. **A.S.W.**

New Map for Hawes

A brand new A4 full colour map of Hawes showing details of all the facilities is available now from all the usual information outlets. It might be a good idea for all B and B and holiday cottage owners to collect a few to have them ready for their visitors.





Printed Train Timetables for 2016 are available free at Leyburn and other WR stations, as well as from TICs etc. Dates when trains will run are shown colour-coded on the calendar to indicate different operating timetables. Different timings may also apply for special and on-train events, for some of which advance booking is essential, including Afternoon Tea (**April 10, June 12 and Aug 14**); Lunch (**May 8; July 10 and Sept 11**).

In April, scheduled trains will run on Friday **April 1, Sats 2, 9, 16 and 30; Sundays 3, 10 and 17; and all Wednesdays**. There are special events on Sat/Sun **April 23/24** - see www.wensleydalerail.com or phone **01677 425805**. Key events during the summer include an Ale Festival (**May 27-30**), an evening jazz train (**June 18**) and Diesel Gala (**July 15-17**).

Annual membership of the Wensleydale Railway Association (Trust) remains unchanged at £17.50, with benefits including discounted fares, Relay magazine (also available to non-members at Leyburn station shop) and opportunities for volunteering.

Ride2Stride Annual Local Walk

Garsdale Station to Hawes via Mossdale

This one-way guided walk will be held on **Thursday April 28th**, as part of the Settle-Carlisle Walking Festival, with options of a six mile moderate route or ten mile high-level strenuous route. Both walks will be led by members of the Upper Dales Walking Group and start from the station at **10.21** i.e when the trains from Leeds and Carlisle arrive. (Note that the latter is currently a bus between Carlisle and Appleby during major flood repairs; the dual system is reported to be working smoothly but check departure times with care). Also on **April 1st**, the rail franchise changes so trains on the Settle-Carlisle line will be run by Arriva instead of Northern Rail - but still to the present timetable until **May 14th**.

To join the **April 28th** walk by starting from lower down the dale, catch the Little White Bus (LWB) departing Leyburn at **08.15**, Askrigg **08.45** arriving Hawes **08.57** and then the LWB dep Hawes at **09.32** which arrives Garsdale station at **09.55** (concessionary passes valid). Car parking is free at Garsdale station (but probably better to leave the car in Hawes and catch the LWB to the station for the start of the one-way walk). LWB telephone number is **667400**

For the full **April 26th-May 2nd** festival programme of walks, talks and music along the Settle-Carlisle railway, see www.ride2stride.org.uk

Springtime Sheep Trail

The Mayday Bank Holiday weekend will see the re-branding of the Hawes Town Foot businesses as the "Shepherds Quarter".

To coincide with this event, and hopefully the start of a good season for the town, we have asked some business owners to help create a sheep trail to lead visitors from one end of town to the other. If anyone wants to take part in the trail, please feel free. The sheep can be outside or in the window, and the only limit is your imagination! On Bank Holiday Monday we will hopefully have a special guest to judge the best sheep, and the winner will receive a gift voucher for £30 to be used at J W Cockett and Son Butchers and Bakers. The sheep can then, if you wish, stay in place for the whole of the summer as we will be running more competitions during the summer holidays right up to the end of August. More details will be available as we go along on the www.visithawes.co.uk website. If anyone would like to advertise an event on the Visit Hawes website, we have three new administrators running the site and details can be left with Abbie Rhodes at the Community Office, Glen Payne at Herriotts Hotel and Linda Snow at the Shop on the Bridge. Or email them to: hawesbloggers@gmail.com Please check in with me on face book if you require any more info.

Many thanks.

Mick Rhodes

Soil and Stones Available

Over the past few years, whenever there has been a burial in the top churchyard at St Margaret's, Hawes, the gravedigger has put the excess soil and stones under the north wall. The wall is now starting to bulge and the excess material needs to be removed.

If anyone has a use for and would like the soil and stones, they are welcome to remove them but should speak to Margaret Iveson, churchwarden, on **667285** first.

Rocking Horse

Having just started reading the newsletter it came as a nice surprise to read the Rocking Horse letter. After having many years of enjoyment from it my children had long outgrown it and after the other half threatened to chop it up for fire wood several times I decided to put it out to see if it would go to a good home, hoping that somewhere out there a little person might enjoy it as much as my children had. It disappeared within an hour of me putting it out and I was curious as to who might have taken it. It was lovely to see it looking so spruced up and now being enjoyed by another family!

Melissa Alderson

March Competition Answers

Easter eggs. Each answer contains 'egg' or some connection to one!

1. CHRIS, KEVIN, BARRY et al (TV):
Eggheads
2. DID IT COME FIRST?: Chicken
3. ONLY UNDERSTOOD IF DECODED:
Scrambled
4. STOLEN FROM THE RIVER?: Poached
5. WHO LAID THE GOLDEN ONE?: Goose
6. AUBERGINE: Egg plant
7. SOUNDS AS IF IT'S ACROSS THE
NECKS: Yolk
8. I'M IN PLEADED: Begged
9. I'M IN STRETCHY PANTS: Leggings
10. MY HADES: Eggshell
11. "MY TRAIN'S COMING- AND I'M IN
IT", SAYS THE SIGNMALMAN:
Pegged
12. SOUNDS AS IF I'VE GOT A HOOTER
ON THE GRITSTONE TRAIL:
Teggs Nose

No winners in March (which the editor thought was really easy). Better luck this month!

Firebox Café at the Museum

The Firebox Café which is being run on a franchise basis by Stage 1 Cycles owners Helen Pollard and Mike Allenby will have its official opening on the weekend of April 2nd and 3rd. Stage 1 cycles have also moved their cycle hire and repair business from Askrigg into the museum complex.

The official opening will be celebrated with a guided mountain bike ride for participants age 10+ on Saturday April 2nd. Departing from Hawes at 5.00pm, the children will have an opportunity to explore the local hills by bike.

On Sunday April 3rd the couple will host a "Cycle for Cake Day" aimed at encouraging clubs and groups and individual cyclists to get on their bike and cycle to the museum. If they arrive on their bike and have bought a drink, they will also receive a cake.

There will also be a children's cycle trail on Wednesday April 6th from 10.00am to noon when families will be welcome to drop in at the recreational field in Hawes and follow a trail learning about the Wensleydale hedgerows in spring. Children's bikes and helmets will be available to borrow.

April Competition

Two popular places to visit in each of these counties: Northumberland, Durham, Cumbria, North Yorkshire, West Yorkshire, East Riding, South Yorkshire, Lancashire, Derbyshire and Cheshire; all AN-AGRAMS

TRIKES FEEL ROD
GRAHAM BEST CLUB
SPRINT GREAT OR BRED
CHIEF HORG
LENDER ALWAYS RANKS GAVE AS LAID
DIGGERS TINED
GALLEON WANTS FILTER
CARL RODE GAS
HALLE CANT HELP POST
GIVE SINE BRIEFLY
HEM BID BURGER
NOUGHT RAN LABELS
BAKERS MELT YARN
PURELY SUCK THIS RARE PORK
LIVID BLUE GRIN
O PEBBLE A RUSH CLOAK PLACE
LOVERS RIDE BARRY WOE
CHUMMY TRUCE WAS IRMA
ANDY HUMS SAME
MO TREADLES FREE

Hawes Playgroup

Monday mornings in The Market Hall
9.15 – 11.15am (term time only)

Everyone Welcome

Under 1 yr olds ~ £1

1-2 Year olds ~ £3

Over 2s ~ £4

Bring and share a healthy snack drink will be provided

For further information call Steph Bland
on **666928** or **07834158239**

Hawes Playgroup are doing the refreshments at the Hoppers sale on **Saturday May 7th**. Any donations of baking will be very gratefully accepted. If you can spare an hour or so to help on the day, please contact Steph (details above). Thanks.

Calling Hawes Businesses

The Hawes Town team are updating the **Visit Hawes** website <http://www.visithawes.co.uk/> and if businesses want to check their details or add anything relevant and get back to us at hawesbloggers@gmail.com

Ranger's Report

Spring is upon us, which is an important time for both lambing and nesting birds. It is particularly crucial for ground nesting birds such as lapwings, curlews, redshanks, oystercatchers and snipe. Free roaming dogs easily put birds off using an area for nesting, so I would ask all those out walking with dogs to keep them on a lead. Your dog may mean no harm, but nesting birds see dogs as predators and take evasive action. While parents are away from nests, the eggs may get cold and hatchlings could die of exposure. You don't have to head up on the moorland to see these birds, some fields between Hawes, Hardraw and Appersett are home to these birds, so look out for them when you're out and about. The Yorkshire Dales has some of the best habitats in the UK for these birds and everyone can do their bit.

We have been busy working on public rights of way in the Sedbusk area, rebuilding stone squeeze stiles. We have improved a section of the Red Squirrel Trail in Snaizholme by improving access gates, laying stone flags across wet ground and constructing a new footbridge. At Cotter Force we have replaced safety handrails and carried out resurfacing works to ensure wheelchairs / buggies can use the path easily. On the river Ure below Hawes we have been maintaining the willow spiling which is helping to slow down riverbank erosion and protecting the public footpath.

As always, I welcome your reports of damaged stiles, gates, signposts etc along public rights of way and on open access land.

I can be contacted on **666220** or matt.neale@yorkshiredales.org.uk or by calling into the Hawes National Park Centre.

Matt Neal
Area Ranger, Upper Wensleydale

East Witton Male Voice Choir and Ladies Singing for Pleasure

Concert

St Margaret's Church, Hawes
Wednesday April 13th at 7.30pm

All Proceeds for the Restoration Fund

Newsletter Accounts March 2015 to February 2016

Income

Balances b/f [includes £64 of Unclaimed cheques from 2014/15]	<u>9971.01</u>
Donations and Postal subs	875.00
Collection Boxes	3363.48
Adverts	10927.50
Interest (Skipton BS)	<u>32.63</u>
	<u>15198.61</u>
	25169.62

Expenditure

Production Costs	9895.00
Distribution Costs	768.51
Donations	670.00
Committee Expenses & honoraria	1163.20
Room Rental	20.00
Prizes	140.00
Book grant scheme for students	2830.76
Equipment	30.89
Computer software and hardware	<u>113.47</u>
	15631.83
Balance c/f	<u>9537.79</u>
	25169.62

The accounts were audited and approved on 9th March 2016 by Barry Wilcox, MCMI.

There is little difference in the bank balances carried forward this year compared with 2014/15 and not much variation in our income streams: money derived from adverts is up, as are donations, whereas income from our collection boxes is down.

Apart from the usual printing and distribution costs, our major expenditure this year has been supporting 12 local students with book and equipment grants, amounting to £2830.76 and we donated to several charities on behalf of our monthly competition winners: Hawes Community Primary School, Robert Dent Memorial Fund for Deaf Children, The Stroke Association, and the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Larger donations all supported local organizations:

£300 Askrigg Book

£100 Wensleydale Chorus

£100 Wensleydale Tournament of Song.

The Committee has enjoyed reading all the letters of appreciation that have been sent to us this year and, as always, we are very grateful for the donations readers have made. Thank you!

J.W.T.



iPad / iPhone Users Beware

I have had a number of people contact me over the last couple of months having managed to lock themselves out of their iPads. I thought it might be worth letting you know what happened and what is required to deal with this.

The problem arises if you have a pin code on your device and you either forget it or someone changes it without you knowing (yes it has happened).

If you enter the wrong pin code a number of times, initially you are told your device is disabled for a short time and then you can try again. If you continue to get it wrong the device simply displays a message saying it is disabled and you can no longer do anything.

For most people this is a reasonable security response – especially for business users who want to keep their data private—but increasingly I am asked ‘should I buy a tablet instead of a computer’ and this is where the problem lies.

If you lock yourself out of an Apple device THE ONLY way to get the device working again is to use a computer and use iTunes to recover the device. If you don’t have a computer you will need to use a friend’s or colleague’s computer, but it must have the latest version of iTunes installed.

This is the procedure to get your device working again:

- 1) Plug the charging cable into your device (but leave the other end loose for the moment)
- 2) Press and hold the on/off switch and the Home button until the screen goes blank but keep hold of the home switch until an iTunes icon and a cable appear on the screen.
- 3) Plug the other end of your cable into a computer USB socket – if iTunes is installed it should load automatically (if not start iTunes manually).
- 4) iTunes should say the device is in recovery mode – use the wizard to recover your device.
- 5) Note this will wipe everything off the device and put it back to factory settings and you need to set it up again as a new device. If you have an iCloud backup you can restore your data from iCloud otherwise everything is lost.

Depending on your internet connection this procedure can take quite a long time.

A better solution to this is to keep a note of your pin code somewhere safe and don’t let people play with your device unsupervised!!

This problem doesn’t really affect Android phone and tablet users as most devices can be restored to factory settings by pressing a combination of buttons on the device.

That is it for this month – if you have any questions or article suggestions please send me an email at

carol.haynes@dalescomputerservices.com

Art Exhibition

The Annual Exhibition by members of Yoredale Art Club will be held in the Methodist Hall, Leyburn from 29th April to 2nd May from 10.00am to 5.00pm daily, Sunday 12 noon to 5.00pm. Special Preview evening on Thursday 28th April with light refreshments to which all are welcome. Free admission on all days.

Yoredale Art Club meet on Tuesday afternoons at Bellerby Village Hall 1.30pm to 4pm. Visitors and new members always welcome. For further details tel. **01748 824514**.

Surgery News

We would like to direct our patients to our new practice website:

www.centraldalespractice.nhs.uk

We did not have any administrative rights to our old website and keeping this updated was proving to be difficult. The new website has more detail and links, including health tools. There is a link to the SystemOnline portal on the front page. You will see a tab on the left hand side for GP Rotas, these are updated regularly. Thank you.

Lynn Irwin

Easter Monday Car Boot Sale

Bolton Park Wensley

Admission from 8.00am

Vans £8 cars £6

Visitors 50p (children free entry)

Refreshments with Tea, Coffee, Cake Stall,

Tombola, and Bric A Brac Stall

All proceeds

in aid of the church and village hall.

Trip to Try

Fell and dale hopping and 'England's last wilderness'. A day trip.

The first few miles need no introduction, just along Mallerstang from the Moorcock Inn to Kirkby Stephen and then to Brough.

It is hard to imagine Brough before the A66 bypass was built; lorries thundering down the hill, and dusty. Mind you, it is a bit forlorn now.

If you have time, look in at the castle. It doesn't get many visitors but it is worth a visit— and there is an ice-cream parlour nearby!

Our trip now really gets going; take the long, lonely, lovely B6276, which climbs out of the Eden Valley, crossing the boundary into Co. Durham with the great mass of Mickel Fell over to the left. (Yorkshire's highest hill until 1974). This huge area, although some on MOD land, is still open sometimes and provides a fantastic walk over and down northwards to the river Tees.



The lonely road winds down Lunedale with good fishing reservoirs on the right (Selset and Grassholme) with few dwellings, and soon the view opens up over Teesdale with the numerous white-washed buildings of the Raby Estate, and down to Middleton in Teesdale.

It depends how you like to spend time in a small town. It is worth a walkabout and a mid-morning snack and there are back lanes and alleyways to explore, but on this occasion we are making for the wilderness! Not for us the fairly popular ride up the Tees via Bowlees and High Force to Alston (That is for another time).

Look carefully for the Weardale road which leaves Middleton at the west end and soon climbs out with a lovely back view over Teesdale before heading for the wide open fells, Monk's Moor to the left and Eggleston Common to the right, before crossing Great Egglehope bridge and then climbing up Little Eggle Hope to the highest point at about 1600 feet—and a Roman Road. You have to wonder what the poor Romans thought of this spot compared to the warmth of Italy!

The road drops down to Bollihope with disused quarries and rises yet again before descending to Weardale past an enormous quarry on the left, and into Stanhope. This is the town with the notorious ford over the Wear. Traffic is now diverted a good three quarters of a mile round to the left to enter the town.

We are not stopping! This is a place for a longer

stay, doing the town together with Frosterley and Wolsingham on another trip.

We are off up Weardale. I like it, but not so much for its rurality, but for its rather more recent industrial heritage villages and its social history— Eastgate with its once-large cement works at the end of the Weardale railway, then Westgate and St John's Chapel with the Weardale Museum and High House Chapel, the centre of remarkable 18th century scenes when the 'fires of Methodism' took hold among the lead mining population.



Not that Weardale isn't scenic, and it becomes increasingly touristy for its difference. Pass through Ireshopeburn, Wearhead and Cowshill, climbing all the time to follow Killhope Burn to the Lead Mining Museum (well worth a visit). This is austere mining country and the road climbs to nearly 2000 feet at the Durham/Cumbria border before dropping (at last) to Nenthead, one of the great centres of mining. It was not built until the middle of the 18th century and was one of the earliest purpose-built industrial villages in Britain. In 1861 it was a bustling village of some 2,000 people, mostly Methodist, and employed by the Quaker-owned London Lead Company. The benevolent Quakers built, amongst other things, housing, a school, a reading room, public baths and a wash-house for the miners and their families. Nenthead was the first village in the UK to have electric street lighting from excess power generated by the mines.

Now to Alston on the South Tyne, the main town of this wilderness area. With its steep cobbled street it feels like the outpost it is! It is worth a stroll around.

Our route climbs once more, relatively gradually and straight, up to the famous Hartside Cross and café (a cyclists' paradise) with the most dramatic view west across to the Lake District. It does a nice line in gale-force winds!



By contrast the descent is both steep and extremely twisty. You will be glad at last to reach lower gentle ground as you approach Melmerby with its bakery.

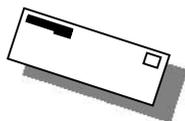
The pleasantest return home is to take the minor road to Culgaith with, to the left, the long range of the North Pennines— Cross Fell, Great Dun Fell with its white 'golf ball', then the conical Knock and Dufton Pikes— thence to the A66 and a quick ride back to Brough.

Places to eat: Middleton, Killhope Museum, Alston, Hartside Cross, Melmerby Bakery and Culgaith Garden Centre.

A.S.W

Letter

To the Editor



Dear Sir,

Over the last few months the North of England has been battered by the worst floods many people can remember. It need not be all bad news. I am writing to invite your readers to comment on a scheme our Company has been successfully putting into practice for a number of years in other places:- namely the establishment of permanent shallow lakes in the valley bottoms for the benefit of the many wading birds that visit the area but also for quiet recreation by canoe, especially for younger people.

We have studied two potential areas and intend to speak with the landowners— the area between Haylands Bridge, Hawes and Hardraw, and the area generally known as Aysgarth Bottoms. We feel that the schemes would be added attractions for both tourists and local people without spoiling the landscape, which anyway in these places is often flooded naturally. Low-level levees or embankments would be needed; some bird-hides and a slipway and small car parks. A small company— *Can-Ouse of York*— is already expressing interest in providing small paddle-craft.

Any comments or observations can be made by contacting me, **Ernest Lake**, at our Company's website : goodinfloods@gmail.com

April - National Park Guided Walks

The Yorkshire Dales National Park organises a series of guided walks throughout the summer months, led by experienced guides with a wealth of local knowledge. The cost of the walks is £5 per adult, children under 16 free.

Wednesday 6th: Hawes Town Trail—a 2 mile walk around Hawes and Gayle looking at the development of the two communities. Starts from the Dales Countryside Museum at 2.00pm.

Sunday 10th: Villages of Upper Wensleydale—a 3.5 mile walk heading out of Hawes to explore some villages to the north of the town. Starts from the Dales Countryside Museum at 1.30pm.

Sunday 17th: Discover Lower Wensleydale—a 5 mile walk starting from the Aysgarth National Park Centre at 1.00pm.

Sunday 24th: By Castle and Byway—a 7 mile walk starting at the Aysgarth National Park Centre at 10.00pm

Further details of these walks and bookings can be made at the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes, 'phone **666210**.

Interested in Your Body?

There's a wealth of amazing information and research out there about our bodies – and most of it slips by unnoticed unless we know where to look! Some of it can be really helpful in understanding our condition or knowing what to ask when we see health professionals. Last week a fascinating news article appeared about an Australian trial using stem cells injected into a knee joint to help re-grow cartilage instead of replacing the joint, which has shown really positive results so far.

Did you know it's quite common for people in their 20s to show spinal disc degeneration? – without symptoms? One study showed that 50% of a group of asymptomatic 25yr olds had disc degeneration. Surprising! This tells us many things – crucially that what is seen on scans is not always associated with pain.

A 2009 study showed that the people with nerve root pain from the neck or lower back often have pain in areas which are not associated with the area affected in their spine. I often come across patients who have been told their pain cannot possibly be associated with their diagnosis as it doesn't follow the normal pain pathways. Our body doesn't know it should be following the text books...

If you are on Facebook, look up Reflex Orthopaedic Massage where I regularly post things of interest which might otherwise go unnoticed!

Jo Lade, Reflex Orthopaedic Massage

Northern Camerata Perform

Wensleydale Concert Series is proud to welcome the Northern Camerata (a Durham based string orchestra) to play a charity fundraising concert - an evening of beautiful English strings music at Aysgarth Church on **Saturday May 14th at 7.30pm**. Also included in the programme are two works for cello and orchestra performed by cellist Corinne Morris who gave such a memorable recital last May. It is good to welcome her back to Wensleydale. Full details and tickets are available at www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk and more information in the May Newsletter.

Cakes and Plants Sale Easter Monday

**10.00am – 12.30pm St. Oswald's Church
Castle Bolton**

There will be a cake stall and refreshments in aid of Church Funds while Robert Hall has his plant stall outside the Church in aid of Church Mission partners.

Margaret Hall



F I L M S

Fri 08 Apr - *4.30 pm & 7.30 pm* - **Bridge of Spies** (12A) 2hrs 22m.

Fri 15 Apr - *5.00 pm & 7.30 pm* - **The Dressmaker** (12A) 1hr 58m.

Fri 22 Apr - *5.00 pm & 7.30 pm* - **A Walk in the Woods** (15) 1hr 44m.

Fri 29 Apr - *5.00 pm & 7.30 pm* - **Brooklyn** (12A) 1hr 51m.

Films to Look Forward to: Star Wars, In the Heart of the Sea, The Revenant, The Danish Girl, Room, Dad's Army, Trumbo, Spotlight, Eddie the Eagle.

E V E N T S

Sat 02 Apr at *2.00 pm* **Frozen Singalong** PG, 1 hr 42m. Adult £5, Child £2.50.

Sat 02 Apr at *5.00 pm* **Coverdale: A Year in the Life** Doors open from 4 pm, cafe will be open for drinks and cake. Tickets £5, booking is recommended.

Sat 16 Apr at *7.00 pm* **Quiz Night** Supper included. Tickets £6.50.

Sat 30 Apr at *7.30 pm* **The Friends of Dave** This acoustic duo play a wide selection of songs, from Jazz Standards to Neil Young and The Beatles. Tickets £6.

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Mystery picture. Last month's was an etching of the original entrance to Lodge Yard, Askrigg,



Leyburn and District Branch

The branch continues to grow, with 185 members and over 20 interest groups. We hold monthly meetings at TOSH with three information boards about what is going on. Come along, we look forward to seeing you.

Our AGM is on **May 19th** at the Methodist Hall: coffee will be available from 10.00am (any volunteers to help serve?). Please let Hazel Derby, our membership secretary, know if you are coming (ted101wed@yahoo.co.uk or **623480**). At this meeting, the present Steering Committee will be replaced.. Your Committee needs members: are you interested? Currently, we need a minute secretary. Please contact us and find out more.

Next meeting Leyburn and District U3A is on **Friday April 15th from 10.00am** in Leyburn Arts and Community Centre, The Old School House. The speaker is Bob O'Brien on 'Friends of the Holy Land' beginning at 10.30am in the Auditorium. The committee will be available to provide information on the various interest groups, before and after the talk in the café.

Bainbridge Women's Institute

Bainbridge WI meet on the third Thursday in the month at Bainbridge Village Hall. Meetings start at 7.30pm. The April 21st meeting will be a fashion show by Kitty Brown of Carnforth. It is an open meeting so come along and bring a friend.

Susan Freer

Eggcellent Easter!

Enjoy Easter at Bolton Castle with eggciting egg hunts, egg decorating, bonnet making and more!

Tuesday 29th March to Friday 8th April
(10.00am-4.00pm)

LASS

Leyburn Arts and Social Society

April's meeting is on **Tuesday April 26th at 7.15pm** in the Oak Room at Thornborough Hall. For more information please tel. **622023**

Hawes School News

High 5 Netball

On Tuesday March 8th, Demi, Ted, Matthew, Harvey, Louis, Rhys and Georgina went to a netball tournament at Askrigg School. At the tournament we played three different schools in a mini league. After winning one game, drawing one game and losing one game we got to the semi-finals and played another school. Unfortunately we didn't get through to the finals because Leyburn School beat us in the semi-finals. Everyone in the netball team played their parts very well and had good sportsmanship. We all enjoyed our morning playing Netball.

Harvey and Georgina

York Residential

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will be going to York in June for their residential visit. The children will be staying in York Youth Hostel and will be visiting the Castle Museum, the Railway Museum, the Sea Life centre in Scarborough, going bowling and also having a bus tour of the city. Hawes Tolls Trustees have given £1500, the Wensleydale Rotary Club £450 and the PTFA £1000, to offset the cost for parents.



World Book Day

The children dressed as a book character for World Book Day. We saw some very well thought out costumes and the prize for inventiveness goes to:-

Class 1 – Reggie Fagg (Rawlence Fox)

Class 2 – Annie Alder (Winnie the Witch)

Class 3 – Elizabeth Lewin (Hedwig)

Class 4 – Nia Moore (Mathilda)

The children enjoyed the opportunity to discuss who they were.

Tournament of Song

On March 11th Classes 3 and 4 went to the Garden rooms at Tennants Auction House in Leyburn to take part in the Wensleydale tournament of song.

Class three sang a Unison song called 'Hey Escher' written by Barry Russel. The adjudicator said "This was a hard song to sing. It has difficult rhythm and not the most obvious of tunes, it contains lots of difficult words, you rose to the challenge, and your words were clear and your rhythm secure. Well Done."

Class four sang a song with two part harmony, they sang 'Believe' by Lin Marsh. The adjudicator said "Really good singing, a uniform sound that you projected into the room well. The harmony was secure, very well disciplined and organised. Well Sung."

All the children enjoyed the experience of singing on a large stage and in front of a large audience. They were a credit to the School.

Class four received 1st place in their class and class three came 3rd in their class.

Penhill Benefice Coffee Morning

Friday April 22nd at 10.00am – noon

Methodist Church Hall, Leyburn

Coffee/tea and biscuits, £1

There will be a sale of cakes and produce

We welcome any produce and cake donations

(Please take along to the hall on the day)

Do come and join us

In aid of Mission and Outreach funds

Folk Concert and Hog Roast

We are delighted to have in concert for us the renowned Greg Russell and Ciaran Algar who have won coveted Radio 2 Awards for the last three years including Young Folk Award Winners 2013, Horizon Award Winners 2014 and Best Duo Nominees 2015.

Come and join us at Askrigg Village Hall on Saturday April 16th 2016 for this special event.

Doors open 7.00pm. Hog Roast is at 7.30pm (vegetarian option available). There will be a licensed bar and raffle. Music starts at 8.30pm.

Concert only ticket is Adult £10 Under 18 £6 On the door £12 and under 18s £8

Concert and Hog Roast Ticket Adult £15 Under 18s £10 On the door £17 under 18s £12

For more information and tickets please contact **650060**, email us at admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk or Facebook Yorebridge Leisure

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

March 2016

For Easter Church services see page 21

- 25 Good Friday
- 27,28 Aysgarth Station open days
- 27,28 West Burton Art Group; Village Hall
10.00am to 4.00pm
- 28 Plant Sale. Castle Bolton Church,
10.00am to 12.30pm. See p.10
- 28 Car Boot Sale, Bolton Park, Wensley.
See p.8
- 29 'til April 8 'Eggcellent Easter' at Bolton
Castle. See p.11

April

- 1 Wensleydale Society meets in West
Burton Village Hall. See p.15
- 1-3 Settle Stories Festival. See p.22
- 2 Men's Prayer Breakfast: 8.30am at
Sycamore Hall. Speaker, Mr Geoff
Phillips
- 2 Colin Bailey and Friends in concert at
Thoraby Village Hall. See p.14
- 2 Sugartown; live at the Fountain, Hawes
For Summer Bash funds. See p. 22
- 2,3 Opening of Firebox Café and bike hire.
See p.6
- 6 Licensing of Rev Ann Chapman at
Ainderby Steeple. See p.20
- 6 Hawes Drama Group reads "Roar like a
dove"; Gayle Institute, 7.30pm
- 6 Guided Walk: Hawes Town Trail. Meet
Dales Countryside Museum; 2.00pm
- 8 Filling Station; Middleham Key Centre,
7.00pm
- 9,23,30. Gayle Mill events. See p.20
- 10 Guided Walk: Hawes, Hardraw etc.
Meet Dales Countryside Museum;
1.30pm
- 11 Old Grammar School Studio and
Gallery opens. See p.11
- 12 Decorative and Fine Arts Society;
See p. 17
- 12 YDNPA Planning Committee at 1.00pm
- 13 East Witton Male Voice Choir and
Ladies Singing for Pleasure perform
in St Margaret's Church, Hawes.
See p.7
- 16 Kids' Disco in the Market Hall, Hawes
- 16 Folk Concert and Hog Roast in Askrigg
See p.12
- 17 Table Top Sale in Market Hall, Hawes
- 17 Guided Walk: 5 miles. Meet Aysgarth
Falls National Park Centre: 1.00pm
- 19 Middleham Key Centre 400 years of a
Wensleydale Family. See p.19

- 20 Penhill Ladies: Kerry Ellis and Volunteering
with 'Homestart': Carperby Institute,
7.30pm See p.15
 - 21 Bainbridge W.I. Fashion Show. See p.11
 - 22 Penhill Benefice fund raising Coffee Morning.
See p.12
 - 23 St George's Day
 - 23,24 'Medieval Household' at Bolton Castle
 - 24 Guided Walk: 'By castle and byway'.
Meet Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre:
10.00am. 7 miles
 - 26-May 2 Ride2stride Walking Festival from the
Settle-Carlisle Line. See p.5
 - 26 LASS Social in Thornton Hall: 7.15pm
See p.11
 - 29-May 2 Yoredale Art Club Exhibition.
See p.8
- For YDNPA Guided Walks. See p.10
For U3A activities. See p.11

Lavatories in St Margaret's

Phase 2 of the Restoration of St Margaret's Church in Hawes is now complete and we are preparing to move on to the detailed planning of the final, large phase of the restoration. Applications for funding from Historic England (it used to be called English Heritage) take a considerable time and we would hope to be able to carry out this work some time in 2017.

However, because of the generosity of the local community and the support that has been given to our various fund raising ventures and appeals, we still have a substantial amount of money left in the Restoration Account. We believe that this should be sufficient to enable us to start work on provision of lavatories in St Margaret's church and the associated drainage work.

The PCC has thus asked our architect to produce plans for provision of two lavatories in St Margaret's, one catering for disabled access, and to ensure that the work can be completed this calendar year. We have also asked her to ensure that local firms are given full opportunity to quote for the work. Any local builders who would like to be considered for the role of prime contractor (or sole contractor) for this project should give their details to Margaret Iveson (Church Warden) on **667285** or to Tony Pantlin on **667160**.

Thank you for all your support.

A.M.

DCM What's On



Exhibitions and events to celebrate the Dark Skies Festival over the half term holidays. Then from 24 March to 3 July "In Tandem". An exhibition showing the stunning landscape of Malhamdale.

March

- 25 until 10 April. 10.00am to 5.00pm. Kids find bunny rabbits hidden around the museum.
29 and April 5 Drystone Walling Demonstration 11.00am to 3.00pm. There will be five short drop in sessions through the day

April

- 3 National Park Event: Rugmaking; 11.00am to 4.00pm. Learn the basics in a day workshop with Heather Ritchie. Materials and lunch included. £40
6 National Park Event: Hawes Town Trail 2.00 to 4.00pm. Join this easy 2 mile guided walk exploring Hawes and Gayle. The name Hawes comes from the Old Norse 'hals' - a pass between mountains. Free event
8 In the kitchen: 11.00am to 3.00pm. Join the Museum Friends in the traditional farmhouse kitchen.
10 Explore the Villages of Upper Wensleydale. 1.30 to 4.00pm. Take this guided walk to see an old packhorse bridge, early 19th century shooting lodge and the waterfall at Hardraw. 5.6km starting from the Museum
15 Conservation of books in the Macfie and Calvert Collection. 7.30 to 8.30pm. This is a talk by Steve and Pam Allen. Part of the Museum Friends annual lecture programme.

NB. All YDNPA Walks £5 per Adult, For details of further walks see p.10

Children Free. For further information on any activity 'phone 666210 '

Gregorian Chant at St Oswald's, Askrigg

The fourth Gregorian Chant workshop will take place at St Oswald's Church, Askrigg on Saturday 7th May from 10.00am to 4.30pm, ending with a service of Vespers. As usual, the musical director will be Philip Duffy, Associate Director of the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge and former Choirmaster of Liverpool Roman Catholic Cathedral. The music will be that for Ascension Day. No previous experience is required – we even have people participating who do not read music very well, but who manage and thoroughly enjoy the day!

Participation costs just £15 to include tuition and a personal copy of the music. If you are interested in attending, **contact Mary Rose Keamey on 650880** for more information or to book a place.

Police Report

Firstly, a quick round up of incidents within your area. Someone with a sweet tooth made an unsuccessful attempt at breaking into The Old Sweet Shop in Hawes. An RTC was reported which resulted in the driver being discovered and subsequently found to be OPL (over the prescribed limit) and a further two separate minor RTCs, with damage only, were reported. An assault and an occurrence of ASB were also reported and dealt with. One vehicle was seized due to the owner having no tax or insurance for the vehicle. The HSBC ATM in Hawes was attacked, with an attempt to break in through the front and the whole frontage of the machine then covered in silver paint.

Worrying livestock is an offence.

Under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953, the owner and anyone else who has control of the dog is at the time, will be guilty of an offence if it worries livestock on agricultural land.

Worrying livestock means attacking or chasing any farm animal including sheep, cattle, goats, horses and poultry. There does not have to be any contact. If you allow a dog to worry livestock you can be prosecuted, fined and ordered to pay compensation.

A landowner is permitted to shoot your dog if it can be proved that the action was necessary to protect livestock and if it is reported to the police within 48 hours. When on any enclosed land where sheep are present all dogs must be on a lead or under close control.

St. Gregory's Church in Bedale was damaged recently by persons after the lead off the roof. Could I ask you all as usual to keep an eye out and report anything you believe to be suspicious as the perpetrators may visit the churches in our area.

To contact North Yorkshire Police: **101** (Non-Emergency). **999** (Emergency only). Twitter @DalesPolice and pressing 'follow'.

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**

PCSO Don Watson

Thoralby Village Hall

Colin Bailey and Friends in Concert

Saturday, April 2nd at 7.00 for 7.30pm

Licensed Bar and Raffle

Tickets £10 including light supper

Phone **663747** or **663875**

Archaeology Volunteers Needed

Budding archaeologists are invited to take part in an exciting new project to help unearth important local history. The Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) is looking for volunteers to take part in an archaeological survey of Thorns, a long-deserted hamlet south of Gearstones near Ribbleshead.

Volunteers will be trained in a variety of archaeological techniques including surveying, identifying and excavating features, drawing, photography and recording, as well as botanical surveying techniques.

The project is being led by Dr David Johnson, a local independent landscape archaeologist. Dr Johnson said: "The history of Thorns is both long and varied. Though it has been abandoned as a settlement for over a century it once played an important part in the economy of the Ribbleshead area.

This project gives us the opportunity to unlock its secrets and tell its story. We're very grateful to the landowner for giving us permission for the project."



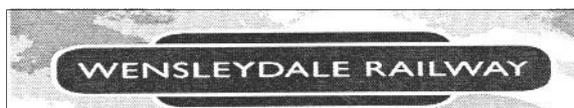
The remains of a house at Thorns
(photo by Don Gamble, YDMT).

Thorns was an important location on a former packhorse route, and records of the settlement date back to 1190, when it belonged to Furness Abbey. Wills, parish records and censuses indicate that there were five tenements in 1538, three households in 1841, and one uninhabited dwelling in 1891.

The survey will start in April and anyone interested in being involved should contact Don Gamble at YDMT on 015242 51002 or email don.gamble@ydm.org.

Penhill Ladies

Penhill Ladies social group meets on **April 20th at 7.30pm** in Carperby Village Institute, when Kerry Ellis will speak about Volunteering with "Homestart". New members are most welcome, with a first visit free of charge. For more information phone Tricia on **622599** or Shelagh on **663958**.



Aysgarth Station Open Days: Easter Sunday and Monday.

Train Services: Good Friday, Easter Saturday and Monday:

Leeming Bar DEP: 10.00; 12.50; 16.05

Redmire DEP: 11.05; 14.15; 17.05

The 12.50/ 14.15 is steam hauled

Easter Sunday:

Leeming Bar DEP: 10.00; 12.15; 15.15

Redmire DEP: 11.05; 14.00; 16.15

Trains run on Wednesday March 30th, Friday April 1st and on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays during April.

Please check the Railway's website for times and for bus links to Northallerton. Because of floods at Morton on Swale there are no trains to Northallerton West until further notice.

On Wednesdays and Saturdays there is a bus link to Aysgarth Station from Redmire.

On Saturdays April 23rd and 30th and Sunday April 24th there is steam running.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Leyburn Station needs more volunteers to help regularly in the shop - selling tickets, selling goods from the shop, and being the 'public face of the Wensleydale Railway' - including answering many and varied queries about the WR.

The job is varied and interesting, and full training will be given before we let you 'fly solo'. We also need one (or more) 'handypeople' to help with the various routine maintenance tasks around the station and keep it looking good. Please contact **Graham Crocker** (grahamcrocker@talktalk.net or **625479**) for more information.

Wensleydale Society

The Wensleydale Society will meet at West Burton Village Hall on **Friday April 1st at 7.30pm**. The speaker is David Winpenny, on Science and Sand - Piazzi Smyth, Astronomer and Pyramid Fanatic. Lectures are free to members (membership £5 per year) and £1 to visitors and guests. There is a coach between Middleham, Harmby, Leyburn and West Witton. For details please ring **622287**. The Society also has a monthly walks programme for members. Information about the Society can be found on www.wensleydalesociety.org.uk.

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					
Wb	Apr 4th	11th	18th	25th	
Day					
Mon	P	FP	JB	FJ	
Tues	F	JB	FP	B	
Wed	J	F	J	F	
Thur	F	P	P	B	
Fri	P	B	F	P	
Doctors: B- Brown, F - France, J - Jones, P- Pain , C - Closed Morning Surgery: 8.45-10.15am Tues till 10.45am; no appts Afternoon Surgery: 5- 6.00pm Tues 1.30-4.00pm; appts only <i>For appointments and all enquiries ring 667200</i>					

AYSGARTH SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning					
Wb	Apr 4th	11th	18th	25th	
Day					
Mon	FJ	JB	FP	BP	
Tues	J	FP	JB	FJ	
Wed	P	J	P	J	
Thur	P	F	F	P	
Fri	F	P	B	F	
Doctors: B- Brown, F - France, J - Jones, P- Pain , C - Closed Morning Surgery: 9.00 - 10.30 am no appointments Afternoon Surgery: 4.00 - 5.30 pm appointment only <i>For appointments and all enquiries ring 663222</i>					

**One Building,
Two Businesses, Four Friends**



On April 11th, The Old Grammar School Studio and Gallery will open its doors on the site of the old Post Office in Hawes. This new venture brings together two artists and two business partners from London. This former school building has gone through many transformations and is now home to Mike and Hilary Reeves, who with their great friends Paul and Julie Taylor, can't wait to get their businesses up and running in Hawes.

Hilary and Paul are the two artists who will be opening the new studio and gallery. Paul will be exhibiting his traditional watercolours alongside Hilary's textile 'Reflections'. Mike and Julie are the two business partners who will be running their well-established debt and insolvency advice and help agency, called 'Free from Debt', from an office in the building.

Paul was born and raised on the Isle of Man. His gift for painting was recognised at the age of 15 when he won the Muriel Dawson Art Prize. He has had a number of one man exhibitions in the London area and has exhibited in many galleries in Essex and Suffolk. Previously he had to balance his painting with careers in the fields of architecture and church leadership, but can now work full time on his landscapes and seascapes. In his watercolours Paul

seeks to capture the wildness, warmth and beauty of his surroundings, so will have plenty of inspiration from the Lakes and Dales. Paul and Julie moved from London to Garsdale a few months ago and are looking forward to being part of the Hawes business community.

Hilary grew up in the Mendip Hills where she developed a love for the natural world. As an infant school teacher and joint principal of an independent school in London, she loved finding creative ways of inspiring children. She has experimented with a wide variety of media, including textiles and the wall hangings and embroideries in the gallery are her latest work inspired by nature. She is always gathering materials to create her unique art, she often starts with a colour or shape and blends different textures to reflect mood, movement and light. She has experimented recently with pieces inspired by the stone walls of the Dales. Hilary and Mike want to thank the people of Hawes for such a warm and encouraging welcome and hope that the gallery will help attract more visitors to the town.

K.J.

<p>Come and join us for an evening of wonderful music...</p> <p>The Dentdale Choir</p> <p>...celebrates its 40th anniversary with a concert just for you!</p> <p>Featuring favourites: <i>Handel - Zadok the Priest</i></p> <p><i>Vivaldi - Magnificat</i></p> <p><i>Magnificent Madrigals</i></p> <p>also works by <i>Fauré, Elgar, and Karl Jenkins</i></p> <p>with <i>John Cunningham, English National Opera and Opera North</i></p> <p>7.30 pm. Saturday 23rd April St. Andrew's Church, Dent</p>
<p>Tickets £7, £2 for children from Dent Stores, TICs at Sedbergh and Kirkby Lonsdale and Ingleton Community Centre</p>

Prunings

Yesterday the 14th was gloriously sunny but today the mist is low and I can't see the hilltops. It has been that sort of Spring. Yesterday we drove out in sunshine and returned into an apricot sunset where the distant hills were hazy' blue and layered: - just beautiful!

We have had unseasonal early flowering because of the mild conditions, and of course along with that come early weed invasions. In addition we have had so much rain that the soil is unusually wet, and



this can have the adverse effect of keeping the soil temperature down, which will delay seed germination especially for some of the veg which are sown directly into the ground. It seems that milder winters may not always give us what we want although it is wonderful to see so many green shoots and exuberant daffodils in the middle of March.

Shrubs in containers have done well over winter and I need a serious session re-potting. Many are pot-bound and fighting to escape through the bottom. Several will need to have bigger pots and fresh compost. When I move them on in this way I usually take a sharp knife and run it down the side of the root-ball and across the bottom. This helps the plant generate new roots to take advantage of the new compost. Similarly, if you want to keep a display plant or shrub in the same size container, don't despair. At this time of year it will be raring to go, and you can safely slice off up to one third of the root-ball, give it a nice nutritious mix and stick it back in the same pot. It may even thank you for giving it a fresh start. I have an old serrated bread knife which I keep solely for this purpose.

Some of the gardening programmes through the dark months have been fascinating and I have been intrigued by what rich Victorians designed or invented. In Garden News (March 12th) there is a new take on carpet bedding, showing a stunning display of Echeveria. Such a planting would work well in a sunny situation, but of course non-hardy varieties would need to be taken in for winter protection. I think I might experiment in a long low pot which would be simple to move in the autumn. In any case they are good takers from cuttings.

"Which-Gardening" (March) featured trials of annuals grown as butterfly plants and the two which came out top of the ratings were Verbena bonariensis

and Iberis umbellata. They are both easy to grow from seed, but the trial also showed just how useful a whole range of plants were for pollinators in general. Of course Buddleia is always a favourite, but its flowers come rather late in the year. If we want to help the butterfly population we have to provide a longer season of nectar. We have chopped out most of a Cotoneaster this spring in order to rebuild the wall it had shaken down (with the help of storm Desmond). That will mean an awful lot of buzzing insects will need to find somewhere else to forage, and our regular blackbirds will miss the berries.

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

Rose Rambler

Ingleborough Path Repairs

The British Mountaineering Club (BMC) is launching a crowd-funding campaign called 'Mend our Mountains' to raise at least £100,000 for environmental projects put forward by national parks within the UK. The campaign is being backed by renowned mountaineers Sir Chris Bonington and Doug Scott and TV celebrity Julia Bradbury.

Everyone who makes a donation will be able to say which project they want their money to be spent on – and one of the schemes is to repair the Swine Tail network of paths on Ingleborough

The campaign will run until the May 14th and the money raised will be channelled to the different projects through the BMC's Access and Conservation Trust. Donations can be made via the BMC's Mend our Mountains crowd-funding page at www.crowdfunder.co.uk/mendourmountains

Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society

From Couch to Canvas: Artists and their Models

This lecture on **Tuesday April 12th at 2.00 pm** at the Middleham Key Centre will explore how the works of various artists give us insights into their attitudes to and relationships with their sitters (or 'recliners').

Examples will range from the works of Holbein, Rossetti, Picasso, Gauguin and Augustus John; interpreting signs and symbols reflecting passions, hatreds and frustrations transmuted from couch to canvas.

John Iddon studied at Cambridge University. He is a lecturer and guide at Tate Britain and Tate Modern.

Heavens Above



It's another great month for planet spotting with the innermost planet, Mercury, putting on its best evening display of the year. Mercury is often tricky to spot as it's always low down and can never be seen in a properly dark sky. Your best chance

of seeing it this month is between April 8th-18th. Try finding a spot with a clear horizon and look for it low down in the north-west about 30 minutes after sunset. A good set of binoculars are an enormous help but you should wait until well after the sun has gone down before using them. Early next month on May 9th we're treated to a rare transit of Mercury when the tiny planet passes directly across the face of the Sun as seen from the Earth. Don't miss it as there won't be a comparable event until 2049.

Venus is out of view this month, lost in the Sun's glare, but Jupiter still lords it over the southern sky for most of the night. At magnitude 2.2 it's a splendid object just under the main stars of Leo. After midnight you should easily spot Mars low in the south-east. The Red Planet brightens steadily over the next few weeks as it heads towards opposition on May 22nd. Later in the night you'll find the ringed planet, Saturn, lying to the left of Mars. Its ring system is currently tilted wide open to us – a magnificent sight through a decent sized telescope.

Now that April's here all the springtime stars are on display including the largest of all the constellations – Hydra, the Water Snake. It sprawls right across the southern horizon from west to east covering over a hundred degrees of sky. None of its stars are particularly bright apart from its leader Alphard (the Solitary One) but you should be able to pick out the compact group of six forming the creature's head just below the constellation of Cancer the Crab. In the old Greek legends Hydra was a fearsome nine-headed serpent slain by the hero, Hercules, as one of his 12 'labours'. No mean feat as every time one of the creature's heads was cut off, another three grew in its place! You can see Hercules himself later in the evening over in the east battling with yet another monstrous beast, Draco the Dragon. Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

Wensleydale Music and Theatre Group production of 'The Wind In The Willows'

It was almost certainly the wind in Wensleydale that caused an electricity 'outage' in Hawes the evening we went to see the show! None the less the audience progressed steadily through the doors to the Market House as if nothing was amiss, and indeed in terms of quality of production of this show, nothing WAS amiss.

Colin Bailey gave the audience the option prior to the start of, watching it in the dark, (in the hope of the lights coming on) or having a refund. Everyone voted to stay. This show, written by Kenneth Grahame and adapted by Hazel Waldman, was a departure from a traditional Christmas pantomime and, while there may have been some who missed the 'He's behind you effect', the cast and company did Hawes proud, even in the dark, or should that be *especially* in the dark, because we detected a real community feeling in the hall; a sense of support and appreciation from those sitting around us that maybe wouldn't have been so apparent on a 'normal' night.

Gillian Alderson, Julia Di Duca, Graham Di Duca and Colin Tindill as the riverbank friends gave top notch performances, well supported by weasels, stoats, policemen, washerwomen etc. The children should be congratulated, as ducks, stoats and weasels they were well rehearsed, audible, animated and showed a discipline on the stage that was good to see. Those working behind the scenes were un-phased by the blackout and all seemed to go smoothly. Sadly, the electronic musical instruments were silenced, (someone did dash home for an acoustic guitar!) and the thought flashed through our minds that in the 'old days' when there was a piano in the hall, there could have been music. Ah well!

Congratulations to Colin and Jennifer and the Group who will no doubt go from strength to strength.

Sue Harpley

Sporting Clay Shoot Arngill

Sunday 10th April - 1.30pm Start
Open to non members

Notes from Thorney Mire

Early Spring

I fall for it every year. Twice this time, once at home and once in Hawes. Just for a nano second I think the curlews have arrived early, only to find that it's the starlings doing their mischievous impersonations. I heard the first curlew around Thorney Mire on March 10th although I saw them down the dale a week earlier. This heralds Spring arriving, along with coltsfoot which are growing along the verge up the lane. The rooks and jackdaws have returned to the top wood to find that not so many of their nests have survived the winter gales this year. I only counted about six nests swaying precariously in the wind when normally there are a dozen or more. These birds are so noisy, especially when nesting and when the young hatch they join in as well. Their raucous calls can be heard from dawn to dusk. Then, one day in May, silence will descend, when they all fly away for the summer.

I have had two separate sightings of a hare and a close encounter with a buzzard. The buzzard flew from the wall, over the top of the car, across the field and landed on a tree by the beck. It was lovely to see it so close to and pick out all its feathery markings. Usually they are a distant mewing black speck in the sky.

The squirrels have not been in the courtyard for months. I am assuming they are finding enough food in the wood. In the last squirrel survey taken in the wood, only one squirrel was seen at any one time on any of the photographs. Previously we have seen two together.

The RSPB bird count took place the last weekend in January when the weather was mild and wet. We didn't count as many species as last year and the total number of birds was down. Was this also due to the weather? Since the count, the goldfinches have returned, along with the male and female woodpecker, (Greater Spotted.). We have also had three starlings on the bird table which is unusual and since living at Thorney Mire for twenty years we have never had a house sparrow. These birds are happier where there is more habitation. When the snow came, the number of birds increased at the bird feeders. I suppose birds are a bit like humans on holiday, when the weather is good they are out and about, but when it is bad they head for the nearest feeding station. Peanuts and mealworms, or cup of tea and cake. The principle is the same.

Sylvia Turner

Middleham and the Dales Local History Group

400 years of a Wensleydale Family

The next meeting of Middleham and the Dales Local History Group is on **Tuesday April 19th at 2.00pm in Middleham Key Centre** when Jane Richie will talk about '**A Wensleydale Family**', the story of the generations of farmers, bankers, mill owners, and merchants who people her past. She will include her ancestor Thomas Other 1769 -1834 co founder of what was to become the Swaledale and Wensleydale bank. In addition Jane will refer to her mother Margaret's extensive personal archive. This archive was the basis of the book '*Grit in the Oyster*' by the late Mike Keeble, which also tells the story of this family.

Jane Ritchie, a Cambridge graduate, has led an interesting life. She worked in the careers service in County Durham until her retirement. In 2005 she inherited £9m from her second cousin Margery Freeman and after paying taxes she gave the rest away. Jane has used her inheritance to found the Vocational Learning Trust at The Work Place in Newton Aycliffe, and the Elm House Trust, a charitable trust supporting projects in Wensleydale and beyond.

Margery Freeman was herself well known in Wensleydale. In her youth she left Redmire to attend the Royal College of Music where she excelled in the violin. Returning to Wensleydale she formed the Aysgarth Choral Society.

Margery married Reginald Freeman, a ship's captain, and after his death lived a frugal existence in Wensleydale, tending her garden and making do with old clothes. She invested her money carefully however and became very rich. Margery died in a Leyburn nursing home within weeks of her 101st birthday.

Visitors are welcome at £3 per meeting. For more information contact Tony Keates **640436**

PLUM 13' TRAMPOLINE

This is available for free or perhaps, if you wish, for a small donation to St. Margaret's Church Restoration Fund. Requires dismantling. Hawes area - call **667383**.

Departure of Rev Canon Dr Ann Chapman

At the end of March Rev Ann Chapman will leave the Upper Dales Benefice to take on a House for Duty role in Scruton.

Ann has been in Wensleydale for over 14 years and has made a huge contribution to the life of the church and the community, firstly at Askrigg and Stalling Busk and then also at Hawes and Hardraw.

During her time here she has seen many changes, met many people, and conducted baptisms, weddings and funerals for a huge number of people both local and further afield. She has also worked hard to develop her own career, gaining the accolades of Doctor of Ministry and Canon of Ripon Cathedral.

To celebrate her time here, and to wish her well in her new life, there will be a day of 'Safari Services' on Easter Sunday, each to include short service of Holy Communion followed by refreshments, as follows:

9.00am Hardraw (with bacon butties)

10.30am Hawes (with coffee)

12.30pm Stalling Busk (with bread and soup)

2.30pm Askrigg (with afternoon tea)

There will be a special service of celebration at St Oswald's Askrigg at 3.15pm with musical entertainment and presentation of a gift for Ann.

The licensing service for her new role in and around Scruton will take place in the church at Ainderby Steeple on **Wednesday April 6th at 6.00pm**. All welcome to attend.



Gayle Mill Events

Gayle Mill opens for one hour tours – **Monday March 21st, Sunday to Friday at 1.00pm & 3.00pm** £6 per person, children 16 and under Free.

Demonstration Tours – Sunday April 3rd 11.00am & 2.30pm £12

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

Introduction to Upholstery – Saturday April 9th, 10.00am – 5.00pm £75 per person

New for 2016. The basic principles of upholstery will be explained by Sue Marsden of Tuffett. (www.tuffett.co.uk) Come and spend a day at Gayle Mill making a children's stool or your own footstool. All tuition, materials, lunch and other refreshments are included in this course. You can either bring your own upholstery weight material (non-stretch) or you can buy upholstery material from Sue on the day. (An additional £5). The overall size of the finished footstool will measure 35cm x 25cm. If you are providing your own material you will need to bring a piece measuring a minimum of 70cm x 60cm. You may also like to bring your own favourite scissors and tape measure too.

Hands-on Woodworking Experience Day-Saturday April 16th 9.00am – 5.00pm £175

including tuition, all materials and lunch. - Come for a full day and with expert tuition learn how to use some of the Victorian Machinery here at Gayle Mill. Only one place remaining for this course.

Make a Pig in a Day – Saturday April 23rd 10:00am – 4:00pm £70 per person

Back again by popular demand, our expert Josie will show you how to make your very own willow pig, yours to trot away with you at the end of the course and a wonderful addition to any family home or garden! All materials, tuition and lunch included.

For further enquiries or bookings ring **667320**.

Easter Church Services

Holy Week

Penhill/Mid Dale Area

Meditation Services in church at 7.00pm

- Monday St Margaret's, Preston under Scar
- Tuesday St Bartholomew's, West Witton
- Wednesday St Oswald's, Castle Bolton
- Maundy Thursday Thornton Rust Mission Room (HC)

West Burton (HC) 7.30pm

Upper Dale Area

- Maundy Thursday - Lenten Reflection at St Oswald's, Askrigg from 7.00 to 8.00pm

Good Friday

Penhill/Mid Dale Area

Stations of the Cross Venues:

9.05am Preston-u-Scar, 9.35am Redmire Green, 10am Castle Bolton Green, 10.50am Carperby Cross, 11.20am Thornton Rust Institute, 11.50am Thoraby upper green, 12.15pm Newbiggin waterfall, 12.50pm West Burton Market Cross, 1.25pm Wensley, Bolton Hall Gates, 1.45pm West Witton near Wensleydale Heifer, 2.15pm Aysgarth The Lodge car park

Services: 9.30am Preston; 10.15am Castle Bolton; 2.00pm West Witton; 2.30pm Aysgarth.

Upper Dale Area

10.00am Walk of Witness starting from Gayle Chapel and walking through the town to conclude with a Stations of the Cross Service at 11.00am in St. Margaret's, hot cross buns, tea and coffee after the service.

Easter Day

Penhill/Mid Dale Area

6.30am Son-rise service; Pen Hill Beacon

9.30am St Mary's Redmire (HC)

9.30am St Margaret's Preston u Scar HC

9.30am St Bartholomew's W Witton (HC)

11.00am St Andrew's Aysgarth with Thornton Rust Family Communion

11.00am Holy Trinity, Wensley (HC)

Upper Dale Area

Farewell to Ann - this will be the Revd Ann Chapman's last day in the Benefice and she will take all the following brief services at

9.00am Hardraw Church (HC)

10.30am Hawes Church (HC)

12.30am Stalling Busk Church (HC)

2.30pm Askrigg Church (HC)

Refreshments will be served at each church and the day will culminate in a *Service of Celebration at St Oswald's, Askrigg at 3.15pm* where we will celebrate what Ann has achieved during her time here and wishing her well in her new life in Scruton,

All are welcome to all or any of these short services.

8.00pm Marsett Chapel Singalong

Newsletter Annual Report

March 2015 to February 2016

This was the year that the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter became twenty years old. It seems a long time since a handful of people in a Dickensian upstairs room in Askrigg battled with a second-hand printing machine against un-cooperative ink, staplers and rickety stairs, to produce with no funds to talk about, a rather scruffy journal.

With loans and increasingly generous advertisers, difficulties were overcome, committee volunteers came forward and eventually a move to the Yorebridge Centre helped, with plenty of 'slaves', to improve the product.

However, a few years ago, the difficulties for our volunteers of carting paper and dealing with printing machines led to a hasty decision to ask the Wensleydale Press for help and this co-operation between us has been an outstanding success, and the Newsletter is eagerly awaited each month in Lunds, Upper Dentdale, Upper Swaledale and the whole of Wensleydale, Walden and Bishopdale down to Wensley.

However, as we say often, its strength is you! Without the very large number of people involved it would be nothing: ten committee members, regular writers and artists, distributors and outlets, senders of dates, events and information, and proof-readers; the number exceeds 150. So thank you.

We intend to continue with our clarity of presentation, one-third of each issue for adverts, and a balance of information, education, news and features, with the occasional 'funny' to keep us all cheerful!

A.S.W.

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