



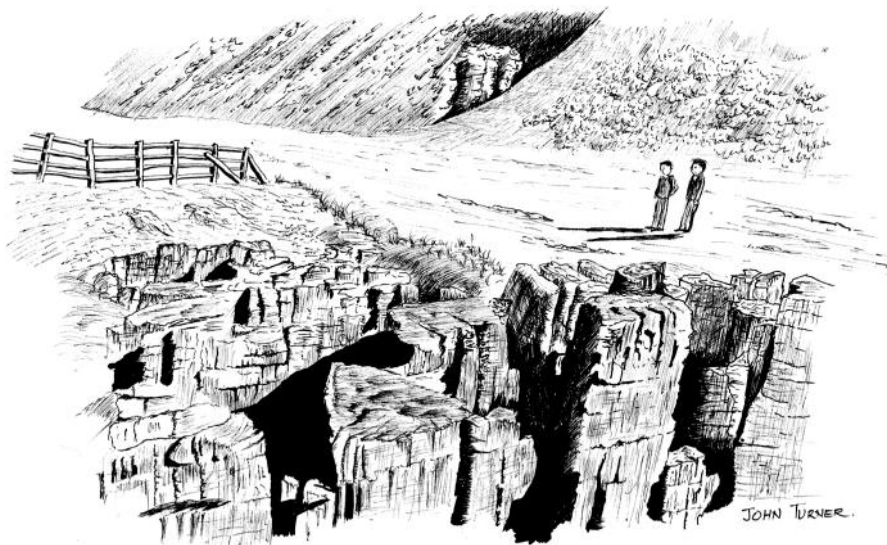
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Guest Editorial

From time to time we invite someone to contribute a guest editorial. We are delighted to welcome

Judith Bromley, Askrigg

I'm writing this whilst on holiday in Cornwall. Feeling honoured to have been asked to be this month's guest editor, it is the only 'job' I have to do except for the basics of existence – shopping for cooking, eating, drinking etc.

We have come from one holiday area to another. The shops are full of 'stuff' for tourists to buy as mementos of the seaside, keeping the local economy going, and the beaches are covered in 'stuff' that has been thrown away. I am reminded that everything we use, make, buy and sell is made of the earth's resources, elements of the natural world. Do we always remember that when we buy and then dispose of 'stuff'. The earth gives us all that we need but we take more. I'm proud of Richmondshire's recycling service, giving us the chance to have the planet's raw materials re-used for other purposes.

How glorious is this planet! What a beautiful island we live on! What a contrast between the moors and dales of Wensleydale and the Cornish coast. We expected it to be much warmer down here, and spring to be way ahead of ours back home, but locals have said it is much later than usual. The sun is really hot if we shelter from the wind, but there is an icy gale blowing and there were hailstones this morning. In three places cliff edges along the coastline have collapsed due to this winter's soaking rain. I don't know scientifically if any of these things are to do with climate change, but I do know that I don't get warm and dry when I'm defrosting the freezer. It is scientifically accepted that our home planet is getting warmer, and that it is happening faster than expected. Whatever you believe the causes to be, and even if you believe it is already too late, I'm sure we could slow the process down if we all worked together. We owe it to our next generation.

How to get everyone to focus on this? Working together?

On television last week we saw city dwellers being congratulated for performing 'acts of wildness'! Do they mean going for a walk in the countryside? Wild swimming? What they do mean, one way or another, is - getting closer to nature - beginning to rediscover how close is our relationship to nature, physically, psychologically and spiritually. Our present day culture, based as it is on 'The Economy', alienates us from the wild. If we had a closer relationship to the Earth, the Eco rather than the money - if all of humanity was first and foremost in love with our planet - would we care for it better?

Eunice the Ewe



I was on page 28 in April in the H&M advert The winner was **Hazel Dwyer** from Crewe.

Wensleydale Chorus 2016

In 2016 the Wensleydale Chorus will be singing Haydn's Creation.

Performances:

Saturday July 16th 7.30pm

St Oswald's Church Askrigg

Saturday July 25th 7.30pm

St John's Church East Witton

Rehearsals:

Rehearsals are in Leyburn Methodist Schoolrooms starting at 7.30pm on **Wednesday May 4th 2016**. The first rehearsal will stop at 9.00pm to enable choir members to have a cup of tea or coffee and to catch up with other members of the chorus or to introduce themselves to new member. All other rehearsals stop at 9.30pm.

During the concert weeks the rehearsals take place in the concert locations with an additional rehearsal with the professional soloists.

We will be holding two Saturday workshops:-
Saturday 21st May from 10.00am until 3.00pm in Hawes Market Hall.

Saturday 18th June from 10.00am until 3.00pm in West Burton Village Hall.

New members are always welcome – no auditions, just a love of music is required!

If you would like further information please contact Gilda Foster **622942** gilda@fosnet.co.uk

St Margaret's, Hawes

Tea and scones will be on sale at the church on the Bank Holiday Mondays at the beginning and end of **May (2nd and 30th)** from **1.00pm** until **3.00pm** in aid of the Restoration Fund.

They will also be held **every Tuesday** throughout **May** from **1.00pm** until **3.00pm**

Following the departure of The Rev Ann Chapman, all Sunday services and most weekday services will continue as normal. In the first instance please contact Margaret Iveson, churchwarden on **667285** for any other church matters.

New Defibrillator in Askrigg

Askrigg now has its own, potentially life-saving, defibrillator thanks to two enterprising residents, Jo and Nigel Hammond, who set up a fund in memory of Nigel's much-loved father, Harold Hammond.

Harold was known to all as the local butcher who delivered throughout the dales until his death, aged 90, in January 2014. In his final days he was cared for at home by Nigel and Jo and so died peacefully surrounded by his family.

They set up a fund in his name with the intention of establishing a community scheme to pay for end-of-life care when the NHS could not, and to help others to do for their loved ones what they had been able to do for Harold. However, it proved too cumbersome, and ultimately impossible.

"We tried for two years to do it, but there was so much bureaucracy and paperwork involved we realised it wasn't going to work. So we decided the next best thing was to use the money people had generously given to benefit the whole community in a different way. It will also be a vital resource for visitors to the area," said Jo.

The £1,700 cost will be met from the memorial fund, topped up by Askrigg and Low Abbotside parish council. It was installed free of charge by Mark Alder of Bainbridge and Stephen Lynch of Askrigg. Parish clerk Karen Lynch said the parish council would shortly be seeking volunteers to familiarise themselves with the equipment. The defibrillator, which shocks the heart of a heart-attack victim into a normal rhythm, is easy to use and designed for people with no specialist medical knowledge. Rapid response in such circumstances is vital for survival.

Betsy Everett

Teachers Required

Freelance teachers or Teaching Assistants are required to lead occasional education programmes at the museum. For more information contact **Fiona or Debbie** at the Museum. **666210** or email dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk

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Middleham and the Dales Local History Group

Middleham Key Centre, Tuesday May 17th at 2.00pm

Life as a Ministry of Defence Archaeologist – focusing on and around Catterick Garrison

Phil Abramson, a member of the Ministry of Defence (MOD) Historic Environment Team, will give a whirlwind Powerpoint tour of the various archaeological sites, ancient monuments and historic buildings which are on the MOD Estate. These range from prehistoric sites many thousands of years old to monuments erected during the cold war and built after the speaker was born!

The second part of the talk will be based on a recent book, 'From Farms to Arms' about the history of Catterick Garrison and Training Area, co-edited by Phil as part of the WWI Centenary Commemoration. Members of the audience are invited to bring along their photos, documents, and maps which could add to our understanding of the military presence in the area.

Phil Abramson is based at the Defence Infrastructure Organisation Northern Area Office at Piave Lines in Catterick Garrison. He has worked as an Archaeology Advisor in the Ministry of Defence for 12 years and, as a Subject Matter Expert, it is his role to provide advice on Cultural Heritage to his MOD customers.

The Yorkshire Dales Leader Programme of Funding

Funding is now available for project applications in three areas:-

- 1) A tourism development scheme.
- 2) An enterprise scheme for farm diversification.
- 3) An enterprise scheme for micro and small businesses.

The Yorkshire Dales LEADER Programme has been set up to address the problems of 'rurality' within the Yorkshire Dales. It is a multi-agency partnership which brings together representatives from voluntary sector organisations, public bodies and private businesses working in the Yorkshire Dales LEADER area.

For further information please contact the programme administrator **Rima Berry on 01524 251002** or follow the link <http://www.yorkshiredalesleader.co.uk/> The deadline for applications is July 25th 2016.

Police Report

A quick round up of crimes in the area as follows:- criminal damage to property at Spring Bank House, Hawes; an assault took place at the Market Hall; theft of a portable generator from out-buildings in Mossy Lane Hawes; a Quadbike was stolen from out-buildings in Redmire.

As the spring progresses more people will be taking advantage of hopefully better weather and getting out and about at some of our beauty spots. North Yorkshire Police will be targeting these areas to help prevent crimes taking place but you can also help yourselves by removing valuable items from view.

Do not leave hand bags in the car even if you have taken your purse with you. The same applies to binocular or camera cases. Any potential thief may not realise it's empty and still break a window resulting in costs to the vehicle owner.

An obvious sign that there is a Satnav hidden somewhere in the vehicle is the cradle attached to the windscreen and the power cable dangling loose; remove them and hide them away.

If you are one of the lucky few who does not carry the kitchen sink in your glove box, leave it open let the potential thief see there is nothing there.

Once again, if you think a vehicle in the area is suspicious make a note of registration number, colour and type and in the case of a suspicious person a good description of clothing etc.

Very shortly we will have members of the travelling community passing through the area on the way to Appleby Horse Fair, many with slow-moving horse drawn vehicles without lights, so please be aware and drive safely when overtaking.

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

If you have any community issues you would like to address or discuss contact me, **PCSO 5232 Don Watson** via the Force control room or e-mail: Donald.watson@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk



Swinithwaite Healing Collective Gains a New Therapist

My name is Jeanie Emmerson and I'm delighted to be joining Elizabeth and Sarah at the Healing Collective. My primary training was in Psychiatric Nursing and I have worked in the field of health, care and well-being for 29 years.

My interest and emphasis has always been on natural ways to support people in finding relief from pain, trauma and distress. I completed Craniosacral Practitioner training in 2014 and I am a member of the Craniosacral Therapy Association and subject to its strict code of conduct. I also spent several years in a Buddhist monastery as a volunteer and also as a nun, developing a meditation and mindfulness practice which continues to inform my work.

Craniosacral Therapy works with the whole person and changes may occur in body, mind and spirit. People may come because they have acute physical problems, like headaches or bad backs, or long-standing problems, both physical and emotional. Craniosacral Therapy appeals to many because it is a gentle, non-invasive way of working with the body. The light touch used makes it suitable for everyone, especially those who are frail or in acute pain. Mothers and babies often come for problems associated with difficult or traumatic births. Craniosacral Therapy supports the body's innate ability to balance, restore and heal itself, as well as build underlying energy.

Jeanie Emmerson

Letters and emails

Maybe We Should Have Put April 1st!

Your article about canoe lakes around Haylands Bridge and Aysgarth Bottoms caught me out! I was imagining red faced farmers cursing at the Auction Mart as they planned a protest. Thank you for a laugh.

Sylvia Crookes

In response to the letter on page 16 of issue 223, I thought I should point out that I was told by the late Mr Ken Jolley from Thornton Rust that he had been told by my late grandfather, Professor W B R King, that the geology of Wensleydale was such that any lakes created in the valley bottom would leak away. I don't know where lakes were being considered 50 or so years ago, but I suggest the geology is checked out before anything is seriously considered this time round. Best wishes,

Jane Ritchie

Isabel Metcalfe would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and best wishes during her recent stay in hospital and special thanks to her immediate neighbours for their wonderful support on her return.

April Competition Answers

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 ANAGRAMS

TRIKES FEEL ROD	Keilder Forest
GRAHAM BEST CLUB	Bamburgh Castle
SPRINT GREAT OR BRED	Transporter Bridge
CHIEF HORG	High Force
LENDER ALWAYS RANKS	GAVE AS LAID
	Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway
DIGGERS TINED	Striding Edge
GALLEON WANTS FILTER	Ingleton Waterfalls
CARL RODE GAS	Gordale Scar
HALLE CANT HELP POST	Heptonstall Chapel
GIVE SINE BRIEFLY	Bingley Five Rise
HEM BID BURGER	Humber Bridge
NOUGHT RAN LABELS	Burton Agnes Hall
BAKERS MELT YARN	Barnsley Market
PURELY SUCK THIS RARE PORK	Yorkshire Sculpture Park
LIVID BLUE GRIN	Liver Building
O PEBBLE A RUSH CLOAK PLACE	Blackpool Pleasure Beach
LOVERS RIDE BARRY WOE	Ladybower Reservoir
CHUMMY TRUCE WAS IRMA	Crich Tramway Museum
ANDY HUMS SAME	Dunham Massey
MO TREADLES FREE	Delamere Forest

Congratulations to **Ian Halliwell**, last month's winner, who completed the rather hard competition perfectly. £20 goes to the Stroke Association.

This Month's Competition

Farmsteads or small settlements in the Newsletter area.

1. SPIKEY MARSH
2. WOO SLY BERTH
3. SHOP BENCH AND BADGER'S HOME
4. TIMBER BIG HOUSE
5. PIGS IN CLEARING
6. MIX THAN CRY
7. OCCIDENTAL DOOR LOCKED
8. TOME WELSH
9. SIMPLE GUY'S SOUND
10. CROSS FELL'S WIND
11. BAR FLACK PEN MAP
12. O WHY SEEK ME HERE

Wrinklies' Daily Routine

Get up.
 Go to toilet.
 Go back to bed because it's only 2.30am.
 Get up.
 Go to toilet.
 Go back to bed because it's still only 4.45am.
 Get up.
 Go to toilet.
 Take handful of pills for various ailments.
 Have bath/shower, then rub on various creams, lotions, embrocations for various ailments.
 Eat breakfast (no more than one coffee allowed).
 Read paper and have rant about the world going mad, "political correctness gone mad" and people becoming celebrities despite being totally devoid of talent.
 Go to work, complain about the weather, the traffic, the useless bloody public transport system; swear at anyone who dares to invite you to 'have a nice day'.
 Arrive at work and have an audience –enhanced rant about the blooming weather, the bloom- ing traffic and anything else you can bloom- ing well think of.
 Go home ; complain about young people to the wife/husband; swear at the TV; smear on a boatload of creams for various ailments.
 Get into a bed and read your book; it is 7.30pm.
 Go to toilet.



Mystery picture. Last month's was of the Turner Seat at Semerwater

Gayle Mill News

One hour tours – Sunday to Friday at 1.00pm and 3.00pm £6 per person, children 16 and under free.

Demonstration Tours – Sunday May 1st 11.00am and 2.30pm

A two hour tour where you get to see the original 1879 machinery working! Includes light refreshments. £12 per person.

Gayle Mill Summer Fayre – Saturday June 11th 11.00am – 5.00pm and Beer Festival from noon.

A repeat of our first Summer Fayre last year, an occasion not to be missed! Heritage skills demonstrations, wood and craft stalls, duck racing on the leat, a raffle, morning coffee, afternoon teas and from **noon** our second Beer Festival showcasing locally brewed beers. Free Admission. Come and enjoy a fabulous day out in the Dales set amongst the beautiful setting of our 18th century saw mill.



Bank Holiday in Castle Bolton

Thank you all so much for your help, publicity, plant gifts, cooking, and everything else.

We had fairly good weather, especially for March, though we thought there were fewer visitors around than last EBHM: we made £200 from plant sales (to be divided between our mission partners) and £154 from cakes and refreshments (for CB church funds).

Roll on May BHM's plant sales!

Robert Hall

Hawes CC Fixtures in May

Sunday May 8th	Skipton	Home
Sunday May 15th	King James	Away
Sunday May 22nd	Crakehall	Home

2.00pm start for all games.

We also have practice and 20-over games every Thursday night, weather permitting. Anyone is welcome to participate, umpire, score or simply watch. A £1 donation from players will contribute to use of facilities, equipment and help support Hawes cricket.

Heavens Above

We have a rare *transit of Mercury* this month when the tiny innermost planet travels right across the face of the Sun on May 9th. Transits of Mercury are fairly infrequent – there are only 13 or 14 each century. This one is pretty special as it's particularly long; lasting all through the afternoon and ending only about an hour before sunset. An added bonus is that it's visible from start to finish from anywhere in the country. In fact we won't experience another transit matching this one until 2049! Let's hope those clouds stay away for the duration.

Mercury begins its journey across the solar disc just after noon on May 9th when its leading edge touches the Sun's eastern limb at 12.12pm. Three minutes later the little planet's silhouette appears as a minute black dot only a 1/50 of the Sun's diameter, travelling slowly east to west. It takes just over 7½ hours to reach the Sun's south-western edge. Three minutes later it sails free from the solar disc and by 7.40pm the show is all over.

A word of warning – Do **not** look directly at the Sun with your unaided eye or any other optical device (even a camera) as you'll severely damage your eyesight. Unless you've got access to specialised equipment the only really safe way to view the transit is to project the Sun's image onto a shaded white card through the eyepiece of a small telescope or one side of a pair of binoculars. Though nothing quite beats seeing an event like this with your own eyes you'll probably get the best view on the internet – the European Space Agency I believe is planning to show live images from telescopes in Chile and Spain.

Not to be outdone, Mars, also puts on a great display this month. It's at its closest for over 10 years and outshines everything else in the night sky (even Jupiter) apart from the full moon. It reaches opposition (directly opposite the Sun) on May 22nd when it's visible all night long. You'll find the Red Planet low in the SE as darkness falls - around 11.00pm towards the middle of the month. Its deep orange colour makes it really distinctive. The bright star-like object to the left of Mars is the ringed planet, Saturn. With its rings wide open it's a great sight at the moment. Over in the south-west, Jupiter is still on view just below the main stars of Leo the Celestial Lion. Though slightly past its best it's still brighter than any star and well worth looking out for. Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

I Really Needed a Week! .. And not a couple of hours

Listening to Rob Ward as we sat in the lounge above the Hawes Smithy I received a fascinating review of his working life in the area, getting on for 70 years of hard work but with plenty of comical moments.

After his dad died aged only 43 (he was a United bus driver), Rob and his younger brothers James (Dee) and Ed lived in Gayle with uncle Bob Spencer who was in charge of one of the three forges in Hawes and when Rob left school at 15 he went to work with uncle Bob. This was mainly blacksmithing and shoeing horses; he didn't like the shoeing and did his last at 21. In the winter they made horseshoes ready for the summer which were all hung up with the horses' names on them.

But things were changing and diversification was necessary: like installing water mains to new properties for the Aysgarth Rural District Council, all done by hand, the digging, plumbing and filling in; and the rapid change from horses to Fergy tractors led to the fixing of hay sweeps, designed by Kit Calvert, to their fronts. "That was a lot of work." Rob spent five years travelling every Tuesday to Askham Bryan Technical College in York for his course in blacksmithing, engineering and welding; "Tuesday 5.30pm bus, then train to York arriving at 9.10pm; B and B lodgings—eight shillings and sixpence (42½p) per night— college all day Wednesday (I didn't like the theory!) then back in Hawes by 10.00pm. I only ever missed one session— Asian flu!"

Rob did well; as engineering student of the year in year three he demonstrated his skills at the Great Yorkshire Show. His welding certificate came at the right time as they were now going in to structural steelwork making large trusses for the many developing milking parlours. They provided trusses for the Kirkby Malzeard Creamery.

Around this time Rob, Dee and Ed came into partnership with uncle Bob as another significant development was taking place—the change to oil boilers. This meant skills in heating and plumbing were needed as they were to maintain school boilers up and down the Dales— including Dentedale, Swaledale and Wharfedale as far as Kettlewell, also Wherside Manor by Deepdale and Balliol School in Sedbergh.

Rob now launched into some of his best-remembered tales from the sixties and seventies. "Don't forget to mention Val (*his wife*) and Margaret (*Ed's wife*) for their help in the finances"

"The worst bits?" I asked, and that was the winter of 1962/3 when for a few weeks they had 23 properties frozen up and they dragged a defrosting machine around by hand - even up to Sedbusk. In Hardraw the ground was frozen solid two foot three inches deep. Metal strapping round the Hawes School bell-tower (he pointed up to it— still there) was installed 'just with ladders'.

There was no *Health and safety* then, but its predecessor did tell them to whitewash the walls of the smithy!

Each village had its own reservoir and Christmas was spent (no overtime then!) getting water down to Thornton Rust. Rob can hardly believe the lengths now taken by Yorkshire Water to supply very outlying places, like Oughtershaw, and pumping water up to Hawes from Thornton Steward.

"And the best and most amusing bits?" Working on property developer Jack Lund's schemes— being driven round in his flashy car "with a bar in t'back", and the banter as builders, plumbers and electricians were working together. "Dee and me used to argue all t'time, but we nivver fell out. Dee used to shout t'loudest!"

Called to check the flow from a galvanised tank at Bluebridge above Appersett they found it was full of crayfish blocking it up; and an old lady beyond Sedbergh complaining of a funny smell and bits of hair in the water was found to have a decomposed rabbit in her tank. "It nivver did 'em no harm!"

Then there was one old gentleman who used to fry his bacon and eggs on the hob, flicking them over by hand and using no plate or fork. "Them's only to wash up", he'd say.

They would sometimes do oxy-welding on site; at one of the most midgy places they saw old Owen Tom eating his breakfast porridge black on the top with midges. "Added protein!"

Plumbers, of course, have to find their way into odd corners and rooms of houses. That sometimes led to tricky and 'inconvenient' situations— too risqué for this article!

There can be few people in this area, with its haphazard plumbing, who have a better knowledge than Rob of the means of bringing in fresh water or disposing of the dirty and councils or water authorities ignore him at their peril!

Which brings us to plumbing of a more human kind. Rob and Val have not had it easy over the years, including a diagnosis of liver disease for him which turned his attention and interest to 'plumbing

of the innards' especially when on the transplant list. When things were looking bad, a phone call from Newcastle in 2008 "can you get up here in two and a half hours; we've a suitable liver", led to success.

Theoretically retired but not in practice, Rob can't be dragged away from a boiler to sort out or a technical problem to solve, currently working on a bowser to ease the watering of the 'Hawes in Bloom' displays. He loves to be busy. He spent ten years on the parish council. He remembers Kit Chapman was once heard to say, "One hour's long enough for a parish council; I'm going to stoke t'church boiler", and he left. Rob still attends to keep his eye on the issues— "Better than the TV", he says; 28 years as a fireman, a steward at Gayle chapel, and of course his great love of fishing at his private spot on the River Lune at Middleton. There are plenty of stories to be told from there! Incidentally the rivers flowing west into the Irish Sea are doing badly for salmon—but better to the east. Did you know that?

People say there aren't the old characters around like there used to be. Don't you believe it! Talk to Rob for local anecdotes, history, wit and wisdom and present day controversies. It's been such a pleasure for me.

A.S.W.

Little White Bus or Taxi

Are you aware that locals and visitors can book the Little White Bus as a 'taxi' for say linear walks. The Garsdale bus has slack time when not committed to meeting trains, and is available. People book it for trips into Hawes, to go to work etc. Martin (volunteer driver) recently took a group to see the red squirrels in Snaizholme, and had an inquiry when parked outside the Market Hall from a visitor, to use it for a linear walk with friends. All bookings to be made direct on **667400**.

Kate Empsall

Coffee Morning

For Aysgarth Methodist Church

Friday May 27th

At Leyburn Methodist Church

10.00am to Noon

Mel and Margaret on your Ruby Wedding on May 8th

With love from
Kath, Lawrence, Mark and Lynn; Ann, Chelcey
and Alex; Nicola, Richard, Adam and Craig

xx

Learning Curve

Plans to introduce adult learning sessions in the newly refurbished classroom at Yorebridge Sports and Leisure Centre are well underway. Learning Curve is the title of the project, which will run initially for a year. We have already run a successful pilot with a six-week iPad course and have two one-off events in May.

National and international photo journalist, Mike Barker, will show how to take better pictures on everything from a mobile phone to a top-of-the-range DSLR camera in a 'taster' session on **Wednesday, May 4th, from 2.00-4.00pm**. Then, on **Tuesday May 24th** there'll be a chance to debate the forthcoming EU referendum in an evening session, from **7.30-9.30pm**. This will be led by Hugo Radice, economist, writer, and lecturer.

These two very different events will test demand for courses from Mike and Hugo in the summer. Others in the pipeline include managing your money - pensions, savings and budgeting; basic computer skills; Spanish and French conversation and crafts.

The cost of the photography class is £10 pp, based on a minimum of eight participants, and for the EU debate a donation. Call Betsy on **650180** or Jan on **650060** or email

admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk or

jbetsyeverett@gmail.com.

Betsy Everett

Peregrines return to Malham Cove

Peregrine falcons have taken up residence in Malham Cove for the 14th year running. Last year the Malham pair raised three young despite the wet spring weather.

Staff and volunteers from the RSPB and the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) will again be running a special, free peregrine viewpoint at the foot of the cove where visitors can watch the spectacular birds through high-powered telescopes.

Since it started in 2003, more than 218,900 people have visited the viewpoint, which will be open from 10.30am to 4.30pm Saturdays to Wednesdays inclusive (weather permitting) from now until July 31st.

Hawes Silver Band

Songs of Praise
At Aysgarth Institute
Sunday May 15th 6.30pm

Hawes School News

Gymnastics

On Tuesday March 22nd, Year 3 came to school early and travelled by coach to Middleham Primary School to take part in a Gymnastics competition. After a short time to practice, the competition began!

Our first event was Body Management. We had to show the judge we were ready to begin by presenting ourselves. After that, we performed a routine that Mr B had taught us. It included a seat drop into a straddle and a barrel roll into an arch. Then, we had to show



the judge we were finished by standing up gracefully.

Our second event was Balance and Floor Work. We had to walk along the bench, keeping our arms out to the side and our head held high before jumping off carefully and performing freestyle movements for sixty seconds.

After a few minutes to rest, the gymnastic coach took us to our last event, the Vault. We had to elegantly balance along a bench, mount a box, perform a balance and then stylishly jump off. While the judges were calculating the scores (they seemed to take for ever) we were waiting nervously!

They told us that the scores for first and second place were really close. The judges announced which schools had come in fifth, fourth and third place. They hadn't read out our name yet. The tension was building inside the room. Abigail and Lottie were heard to say, "We might have come second."

Finally, the judges read out the scores for the second and first places. There was only four hundredths of a point between first and second place. All the schools did extremely well but we WON! The judges said the children from Hawes Community Primary School worked really well as a team and their behaviour was fantastic.

By Class 3

Rishi Sunak visit

Rishi Sunak, our local MP visited our school on Friday April 22nd. He talked to the children in Class 4 (Y5/6) about his journey into politics and discussed some aspects of British values, such as democracy, with them. He then talked to all the school during our assembly, which parents were invited to. Afterwards there were refreshments and an opportunity to meet informally with our local MP.

Message of Thanks

Can I just say a big thank you to you all for the wonderful day that I had on Easter Sunday? I really enjoyed every minute of it. I loved the tree and all the cards were wonderful.

I planted the tree when I got home so that it would get settled as soon as possible. It seems to have fitted into the orchard really well as if it has always been there. I hope it is happy where I have put it!

The cheque you gave me is mind blowing and there was money in some of the cards to add to it - amazing! Thank you all so very much. I was so looking forward to the greenhouse coming. It arrived on Friday 8th April and is now in place (see photo). I do hope that you will call in the see the garden.



Thank you again for the most fantastic day - an Easter to remember

With Easter Blessings

Ann Chapman

Number 856 DalesBus Saved

The Hawes to Northallerton through bus service on Sundays and Bank Holidays has been enabled to continue until the end of October thanks to sponsoring from, among others, the Ropemakers, Aysgarth Falls Hotel, Lord Bolton Estates, Leyburn Town and Hawes and High Abbotside Councils.

Buses leave Northallerton at 9.30am, 12.30pm and 4.00pm and from Hawes at 11.10am, 2.10pm and 5.30pm.

The full details of this, and all DalesBus services, are on the website: dalesbus.org or pick up the very comprehensive DalesBus Summer Timetable from Information Centres

Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society

Tuesday May 10th 2.00pm

TITLE : JMW Turner at Farnley Hall

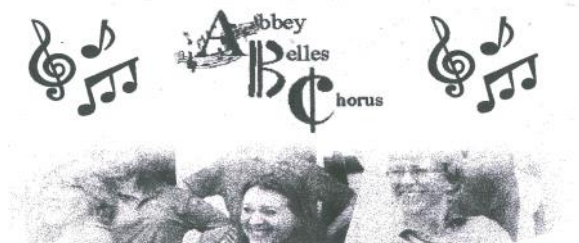
MIDDLEHAM KEY CENTRE

Farnley Hall played an exceptionally important part in Turner's personal and professional life. Its owner, Walter Fawkes, was one of Turner's closest friends and the artist spent a month there every summer from 1808 until Fawkes' death in 1825. Not only was Fawkes an intimate friend and one of Turner's most important patrons, they shared a similar political outlook.

Farnley Hall became a refuge from the pressures of Turner's professional life and he recorded the pleasures of those summer holidays in a series of informal watercolours that give a unique insight into a little known aspect of his life and career.

Barry Venning is a British Art historian with a particular interest in JMW Turner on whom he has published widely. He is an Associate Lecturer with the Open University.

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



*Performing At
Hawes Parish Play Park
Monday 2nd May From 2.30pm
To Celebrate The Naming Of The
Shepherds Quarter At Town Foot
Follow The Sheep Trail Through Town And
Try To Find All Of The Sheep In Local
Businesses.*



Funding Available for Community Initiatives

Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) has launched the *Roger Stott Community Grants* programme which will distribute £25,000 to support communities in and around the Yorkshire Dales.

David Sharrod, YDMT Director, said: "The aim is to enable grassroots groups to continue or expand their activities to benefit local people. Successful applicants will have a cheque in their hand by the summer, enabling them to start making a difference in their local community straight away. Grants of between £250 and £1500 will be available and there is no match-funding requirement, meaning that groups can apply for up to 100% of the total project cost"

Small voluntary organisations and community groups with an annual income of less than £30,000 are eligible to apply for projects in or near the Yorkshire Dales National Park – including within the boundary extension – and in the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Funding can be used to cover revenue expenses, such as staff costs, rent or training, or for capital investment in assets such as furniture, computers or catering equipment, to name just a few.

The grant programme has been launched in memory of Roger Stott, the founding Chairman of YDMT who sadly passed away last year.

Commenting on the new grant programme launched in her husband's name, Brenda Stott said: "The family were delighted to hear about the plans to launch a new grant scheme in Roger's honour. I know that Roger would have been thrilled."

Funding with a maximum grant request of £500 and no more than 75% of the total project costs is also now available via the Area Partnership Small Grants Scheme 2016-17. The application deadline is September 2nd 2016. See the website below for more info :-

<http://www.richmondshire.gov.uk/community-and-living/funding-grant-schemes/1983-richmondshire-area-partnerships-16-17>

Quiz at The Crown, Hawes

Wednesday May 11th

From 8.30pm

£1 entry fee per person

Maximum of 6 in a team

In aid of Hawes and District Gala

Please come along to support us.



Leyburn Arts & Community Centre - *Events Calendar* -
Richmond Road, Leyburn DL8 5LD - Film Tickets: Adults £6 - Concessions £5

F I L M S

Friday 06 May - 4.30 pm & 7.30 pm - **Star Wars** (12A) 2hrs 15m.

Friday 13 May - 5.00 pm & 7.30 pm - **Carol** (15) 1hr 58m.

Friday 20 May - 5.00 pm & 7.30 pm - **Room** (15) 1hr 58m.

Friday 27 May - 4.30 pm & 7.30 pm - **Spotlight** (15) 2hr 8m.

Films to Look Forward to Later this Year In the Heart of the Sea, The Revenant, The Danish Girl, Dad's Army, Trumbo and Eddie the Eagle.

E V E N T S

Tuesday 3 May - 1.30 pm to 4.00 pm **Table Top & Book Sale**

Come along and have a look at what there is on offer at the monthly table top sale. (1st Tuesday every month) Donations are welcome but entry is free.

Until Thursday 5 May **Art Exhibition by West Burton Art Group**

An eclectic mix of oil, acrylic and watercolours now showing in the cafe bar.

Saturday 14 May at 7.30 pm **Millefleur & Richmond Jazz Quartet**

An evening of electro-acoustic music by young musicians. Tickets £10.

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

Leyburn Arts and Community Centre, The Old School House, will be showing films on the first Tuesday of the month as part of their new Exploring Film Season. Films screened will be from independent producers and include specialist films, foreign language, cult classics and documentaries. All tickets will be £5 (unfortunately complimentary tickets cannot be used) and can be booked in the normal way by ringing **624510**. The Film Season is "Supported by Film Hub North, led by Showroom Workstation. Proud to be part of the BFI Film Audience Network".

The first film on **Tuesday May 3rd at 7.00pm** is 'Into the Wild' directed by Sean Penn, based on a true story about a young man chasing after his dream and ultimate Alaskan adventure. Christopher McCandless gave away all his possessions and savings to charity and hitchhiked to Alaska to live in the wilderness.

Beware– Poisonous Laurel Leaves

Do you have a laurel bush, and does your garden adjoin fields? If you have sheep as neighbours, they are often inquisitive as to what is over the wall. In the last two years several sheep in the upper dale have been poisoned from laurel which contains cyanide. The sheep foam at the mouth, are unsteady, and go into a fit and die. There is no antidote. Please don't throw grass cuttings over a wall if they could contain laurel or other leaves.

Kate Empsall

DCM What's On



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

May

- 2 Celebrating the launch of 'The Shepherd's Quarter'. Sheep crafts and lambs to feed See p.11
- 15 National Park Event: Rugmaking; 11.00am to 4.00pm. Learn the basics in a day workshop with Heather Ritchie. Materials and lunch included. £40
- 20 Tan Hill Tales: 7.30 to 8.30pm. A talk by Neil Hanson. Part of the Friends lecture programme
- 27 In the kitchen: 11.00am to 3.00pm. Join the Museum Friends in the traditional farmhouse kitchen
- 29 In the Meadow, Print workshop: 10.00am to 5.00pm. Working with lino artist Helen Roddie using the dales meadows as an inspiration. Locally-sourced lunch included. £50
- 31 Drystone Walling Demonstration: 11.00am to 3.00pm. There will be five short drop in sessions through the day.

For further information phone **666210**

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

April

- 30 Pie and Peas Supper. 7.00pm
Thornton Rust Inst. £7 See p.4

May

- 1 Bainbridge Methodist Church
Anniversary, 3.00pm
- 1 Aysgarth Methodist Church at
Bainbridge, 3.00pm
- 1,2 and 29,30 Open days at Aysgarth Station
- 2 Abbey Belles Chorus 2.30pm Hawes
Playpark See p 11
- 2, 30 Bank Holiday Tea and Scones at
St Margaret's Church, Hawes. Also
every Tuesday 1.00 'till 3.00pm
- 2, 30 Plant Sale, Castle Bolton Church.
10.00am to 12.30pm See p.19
- 3 Table Top and Book Sale 1.30pm
TOSH, Leyburn See p.12
- 3 Film 'Into the Wild' 7.00pm TOSH
Leyburn, See p.12
- 3 Afternoon Tea Thoraby Village Hall
3.30pm See p.18
- 4 Hawes Drama Group AGM and supper;
Gayle Institute, 7.30pm
- 4 Wensleydale Chorus rehearsal
Leyburn Methodist Schoolrooms
7.30pm See p.3
- 4 Photography Course, 2.00pm
Yorebridge Sports Centre See p.9
- 5 Ascension Day service, Jervaulx Abbey,
7.00pm
- 5 Elections for Police Commissioner
See p.16
- 7 Guided walk: Birds of Upper Swaledale
10.00am from Keld Heritage Centre
- 7 Gregorian Chant, St. Oswald's Church,
Askrigg. 9.30am See p.17
- 7 Kieren Goss Concert 7.00pm
Carperby Village Institute See p.17
- 8 Gayle Mill: Introduction to Blacksmithing,
from 10.00am. Ring **667320** for details
- 8 Songs of Praise 11.00am
Garsdale Station See p.15
- 8 West Burton Methodists at St Andrew's,
Aysgarth: United service
- 8 Bainbridge Methodists at Aysgarth:6.30pm
- 8 Holy Communion, Penhill, 10.30am.
United service, St. Andrew's Church,
Aysgarth, with the Singing Laughing
Bishop Nathan of Rwanda
- 10 Decorative and Fine Arts Society,
Middleham Key Centre, 2.00pm.
See p.11
- 10 YDNPA Planning Committee, Yoredale
Bainbridge, 1.00pm
- 11 Quiz at the Crown Hawes 8.30pm
In aid of Hawes Gala See p.11
- 13 Filling Station, Middleham Key Centre,
7.00pm
- 14 Orchestral Concert. St Andrew's Church,
Aysgarth, 7.30pm See p.14
- 14 Waterfalls, photography workshop:
Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre
From 10.30am
- 14 Singer in the bar: Fountain Hotel, Hawes
- 14 Gayle Mill: Relief Wood Carving course
from 10.30am. Ring **667320**
- 14 Jazz Concert 7.30pm TOSH See p.12
- 15 Christian Aid Week begins
- 15 Songs of Praise, Aysgarth Methodist
Church 6.30pm See p.9
- 17 Phil Abramson Lecture 2.00pm
Middleham Key Centre See p.4
- 17 Singing for the Memory 2.00pm
TOSH, Leyburn
- 18 Penhill Ladies Fashion Show Carperby
Institute 7.30pm See p. 20
- 19 Bainbridge W.I. 7.30pm See p.23
- 19 U3A AGM Meeting 10.00am
Leyburn Methodist Church Hall
- 21 King's Club seminar, West Burton
Village Hall from 10.00am
- 21 Wensleydale Chorus workshop, Hawes
Market Hall, 10.00am See p.3
- 22 Table Top sale in Hawes Market Hall
- 24 EU referendum debate 7.30pm
Yorebridge Sports Centre See p.9
- 25 Family History Group, Fremington
Sunday School 2.00pm. See p.18
- 25 Blood Donor sessions: Afternoon and
Evening in Hawes Market Hall
- 26 Singing for the Brain: Gayle Inst. 2.00pm
- 27-30 WensleyAle Festival - Redmire Station
See p.17
- 27 Coffee Morning, Leyburn Methodist
Church 10.00am to noon See p.9
- 29 Swaledale Festival Local events. See p.21
- 29 Marsett Chapel Singalong, 8.00pm
- 29 Bainbridge Methodists at St Oswald's,
Askrigg, United Service
- 30 West Burton May Fair. 1.00pm See p.20

For YDNPA Guided Walks see page 29

“Computer Held to Ransom” Scam Warning

Recently it was announced that there is a new ‘computer held to ransom’ scam doing the rounds that is a particularly vicious one. I have mentioned this type of problem before, but if you missed it you usually get attacked by visiting a website that has been designed to get you to inadvertently click on a link that downloads and runs a virus on your computer.

Once the infection lands on your computer it encrypts all of your data files so you lose access to pictures, word and excel files and, depending on what you use, all of your emails. To get them back you have to pay a large amount of money to some anonymous hacker within a certain time limit (and even then there is no guarantee that they will unlock your files for you).

The new infection uses a vulnerability in Adobe Flash Player – which is on almost every computer. It is often used to display videos and animations on websites and other ‘rich’ content and visual effects.

You can protect yourself by making sure you have the latest version of Flash installed and whenever you are offered an update to Adobe Flash you should allow the update immediately – they are often to fix security problems.

To update Flash it depends on which version of Windows you use and also which browser you use:

Google Chrome – includes Flash and updates it automatically – just make sure you have the latest version of Google Chrome. Click the three line icon at the right-hand end of the bar at the top of Chrome, go to Help and About Chrome – it will tell you which version you have and offer to update if there is a new version. If there is an update let it do it.

Mozilla Firefox – you need to download and install the latest version of Flash. It should automatically offer you updates, but if it hasn’t or you missed it you need to download and install this manually. If you already have the latest version it will do no harm to download and install it again.

Internet Explorer on Windows 7 – as for Firefox you need to download and update. From Windows 8 onwards Internet Explorer has Flash installed with a special version and updates should come through Windows Update. Make sure your computer is up to date.

If you need to download Flash you can get it here – don’t forget to untick the optional extra download offered on the page!

<https://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/>

Antivirus programmes and other antimalware

The truth is that most antivirus programmes seem to be pretty ineffective against recent malicious software. I come across a lot of computers where users conscientiously pay for expensive all-singing, all-dancing antivirus packages, but they don’t pick up a lot of this stuff. In my humble opinion they are no longer worth paying for every year. When your subscription runs out uninstall the package – Windows 8 onwards come with a reasonable antivirus built in for free called Windows Defender. Once you uninstall the paid-for programme it should switch on and work automatically. For Windows 7 users you can download it and install from

<http://windows.microsoft.com/en-gb/windows/security-essentials-download>

For Windows XP and Vista users it is really time to move on.

One highly effective product I recommend everyone to buy is Malwarebytes Antimalware (see www.malwarebytes.org). The paid-for version of this product constantly scans your internet connection while you are online and blocks malicious webpages before you see them. This works very well alongside antivirus programmes.

They have a new programme now called Anti Exploit which is worth considering – see <https://www.malwarebytes.org/antiexploit/> for details.

That’s it for this month. Any questions, comments or suggestions for future articles do email me at :- carol.haynes@dalescomputerservices.com

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 by Finzi, Purcell, Ireland and Elgar 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. Full details and tickets are available at www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk.

The orchestra will be here all day and we need to feed them between the afternoon rehearsal and the concert with afternoon tea. Any offers of food or help would be really appreciated. Please contact Carol on **663026** or at concerts@wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk

Anne Dinsdale and family

would like to thank everyone for their wonderful cards, flowers and baking sent during their sad loss of Richard. Special thanks to everyone who helped during that difficult time.

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 25th	May 2nd	9th	16th	23rd
Day					
Mon		C	FP	JB	F
Tues		J	B	FP	BP
Wed		P	F	J	F
Thur	B	F	P	P	J
Fri	P	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
 For appointments and all enquiries ring **667200**

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Wb	Apr 25th	May 2nd	9th	16th	23rd
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Mon		C	B	FP	BP
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Thur	P	B	F	F	P
Fri	F	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
 For appointments and all enquiries ring **663222**

Curlews in Danger

A group of bird enthusiasts in Wensleydale have begun monitoring our seemingly very healthy population of Curlew, which contrary to national and international trends appears to be thriving here in the Dales.

The Eurasian Curlew (*Numenius arquata*) is now classified as 'Near Threatened' globally and is described by The British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) as 'the most pressing bird conservation priority in the UK'. A flock - or herd, as its historic collective noun describes it - of over six hundred birds regularly overwinter in the washland meadows below Wensley. Many of the species breed on the moors and moor edge during the summer, where their ability to rear young to fledging is heavily reliant on gamekeepers controlling predators such as crows, stoats and foxes.



Two other species of curlew, Eskimo and Slender-billed, have almost certainly become extinct in the last fifty years and it would be heart-breaking for the same to happen to this iconic upland bird.

Robin Ward, a BTO licensed cannon netter and member of The International Wader Study Group, visited the Bolton Estate on January 16th and February 27th in order to take the catches, in which 42 birds were captured and marked with leg rings, which are white on the lower left leg and have individual colour combinations above (two colour rings above each "knee"). If anyone sees any of these birds, please report them, accompanied by a photo if possible, to **Robin Ward** at rmward1963@btinternet.com. It is very important not to disturb these birds during the breeding season, so please watch from a distance.

More work is planned for spring and summer, with in-bye grassland wader surveys, nest monitoring and hopefully colour marking some chicks. It may also be possible to fit GPS tracking devices to some birds in order to better understand their seasonal migration and inform decisions on how best the species can be protected.

BBC presenter and environmental journalist Mary Colwell visited Wensleydale to see the Curlew and gave a talk about her forthcoming 500 mile walk which aims to raise funds and awareness for this beautiful bird. If you would like to contribute, please do so online at <http://www.bto.org/web-forms/donations-curlew-appeal.htm> or to support Mary's walk, her justgiving page is at https://crowdfunding.justgiving.com/mary-colwell-walk?utm_id=2.

Tom Ord-Powlet

Friends of the Settle - Carlisle Line

Princess Elizabeth approaches Hawes Junction Chapel

140 years

Songs of Praise

on

Garsdale Station Platform

on Sunday, May 8th at 11 a.m.

led by Rev^d Harold Stuteley of Sedbergh
with the

Hawes Silver Band

Buffet lunch to follow in
Hawes Junction Chapel

Prunings

In *The Waste Land* TS Eliot wrote “April is the cruellest month” and it is amazing how quickly conditions can alter from warm spring sunshine to hail and snow. In London at the beginning of April it was much colder than I had expected, but when the sun finally appeared the temperature lifted so quickly it felt really spring like and the Magnolia blooming in squares and gardens reinforced that feeling. Back in the Dales since then we’ve had a covering of snow on the tops as if to remind us to “Ne-er cast a clout till May be out.”

We have the cold sea temperatures round our island to thank for it, and a northerly blast can make it feel very wintry. I shall keep on wearing my warm woollies a while longer.

There are clouds of white blossom on the Blackthorn promising sloes in October if the frost hasn’t got to them, and I am so pleased with the autumn Pansies I put in my tubs. The Irises are over, but the sun has rejuvenated the Pansies into full flower, the brilliant blue providing a glorious contrast with the Tête à Tête daffodils which were under-planted to begin with. Funny how some combinations work well. In my sister’s sheltered London garden a Ceanothus was just showing colour. Remembering that we had lost ours, I bought another on Darlington market but it will be a week or two before it shows much progress.



The roadside vegetation has sprung from nowhere as usual with Dog’s Mercury ahead of the pack, very obvious because of its sharp shiny green, and I gather from the experts in Garden News that there is still time to sow more sweet peas for summer cutting.

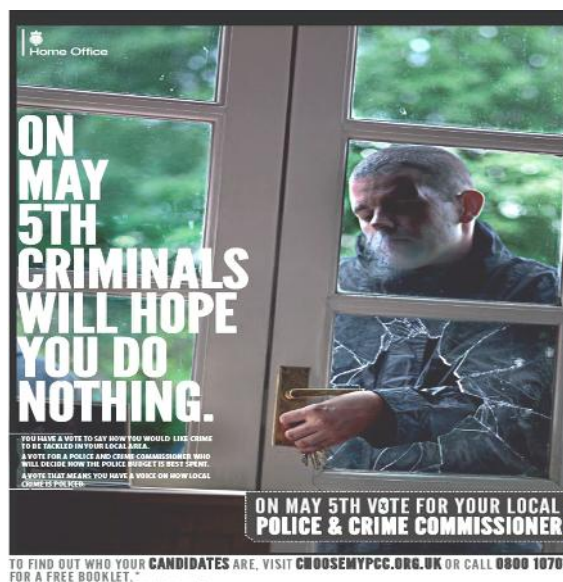
Now is the time when so many jobs are to be tackled: lawn TLC; summer seeds to sow and bulbs to plant; cuttings to be taken as soon as suitable shoots appear; early seedlings to prick out and many young plants to support and protect. I shall get round to some of them when I can. Meanwhile I have a new patch ready to put in some Hellebores and Hostas in the shade, and Bellis and Diascia in the sun. I found an offer for Phuopsis last week and they have arrived. It’s a lovely ground cover plant which

reminds me of my childhood and its pink whorls of tiny flowers are much loved by butterflies.

Most interesting was an article in Garden News about grafted vegetables, in particular tomatoes. Apparently most commercially grown tomatoes come from grafted plants as the process dramatically increases the yield. It is one of the few vegetables I have regularly grown and I am usually let down by the results. It would be interesting to try it as the process is fairly straight forward, if fiddly. Despite giving detailed instructions on how to do it, unfortunately the magazine did not suggest which are the best root-stocks to use. It seems to me that this information is key to the success of the exercise. More research needed!

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

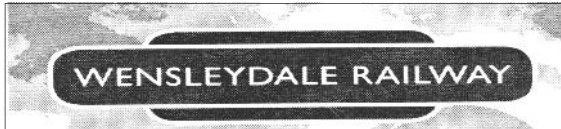
Rose Rambler



Election of Police and Crime Commissioner—Thursday May 5th

The candidates for our North Yorkshire Police area are:

- James Christopher Blanchard from York - Liberal Democrat
- Mike Pannett from Huby, Hambleton- Independent
- Julia Rosemary Mulligan from Skipton- Conservative
- Stephen Howley from Selby- Labour.



Carperby Concerts' Fundraiser for Askrigg School

Kieran Goss with Special Guest

Annie Kinsella

Train services in May.

Trains run on Sundays and the two Bank Holidays and on each Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

Full timetable leaflets for 2016 are available from T.I.C.s, or more information from: **01677 425 805**

WensleyAle Festival

Following on from last year's first attempt at a beer festival at Redmire, which was successful but showed the huge potential for doing future events better, we have decided to run this year's event as a music and beer festival which will bring both money and new people to the railway and increase the awareness of our railway in the wider community. It is fair to say we learned a lot from last year and this year have secured ten music acts who are giving their time free to raise money as the railway pushes towards Aysgarth. We are indebted to these bands who will perform on the Saturday and Sunday of the festival. We have also coined the phrase "WensleyAle Festival" for this unique event and have added in food from local artisans for patrons of the festival.

The event will feature a selection of over 35 real ales and a special train timetable to serve it over the Late May Bank Holiday Weekend, which is **Friday May 27th to Monday May 30th** inclusive. We will be hosting the event in two marquees at Redmire and whilst it presents some logistical challenges, it also gives the event a really unique feel and cements our place in the Dales community.

St Oswald's Church, Askrigg

Saturday May 7th – St Oswald's Church will be hosting another Gregorian Chant Workshop, starting at **9.30am** and finishing at **4.00pm** with a Service of Vespers (open to all). This is always a popular event and if you haven't yet booked a place, contact Mary Rose Kearney (**650880**) for further details.

Interregnum News

We have been very fortunate to secure clergy cover for Sunday morning services at our four churches for the next few months which is great news. Please see monthly service posters for details of the priest taking services. Thank you for your support during this period. **K.P.**

After a phenomenally successful concert with Gigsrunner in March, Carperby Concerts are pleased to welcome back Kieran Goss to Carperby Village Institute on **Saturday May 7th**. Since playing in Carperby four years ago he has enhanced his reputation around the world as a major performer. Anyone who saw him in 2012 will know what an entertaining and engaging presence he is. Long hailed as one of Ireland's leading songwriters and performers, Kieran Goss's music has won him fans across the globe. His albums have won huge critical acclaim and made him a platinum selling star in his native land and across Europe. But it's his live shows that have made him a legend. Live on stage is where Kieran Goss really shines. In the words of Country superstar Rodney Crowell, a longtime friend and collaborator: "I've toured with Kieran and watched him perform many times. I've seen him win the hearts of everyone in the room, not just with his great songs and instinctive musicality, but with his warmth and humour. It's the performance of an artist at the top of his game, delivered with intelligence and integrity... Kieran Goss is one of Ireland's national treasures." Don't miss this chance to see him live in concert and hear material from the new album "Solo".

All concert proceeds to Askrigg Primary School PTFA. Call **663808** for tickets (£13 in advance £15 on the door), but don't wait too long. At the time of going to press there were fewer than 20 tickets left. **Steve Sheldon**

Wensleydale Society

As part of the Summer Events Programme the Society have organised a visit to Drax Power Station on **Tuesday June 28th** which is available to non-members.

The coach will leave Leyburn at 9.45am; return approx. 6.30pm. Cost including coach, lunch and guided tour is £20. Bookings can be made by ringing **Carolyn Waterhouse on 624246**.

Membership of the Society is £5 per year which also includes a Summer Walks Programme.



In April we had a visit from the Easter bunny, enjoyed an egg hunt and had lots of Easter crafts for the children to enjoy. We have had a visit from Don our area Policeman who came to tell the children about what he did and how we can stay safe. The children were very excited when he called in for a second visit and he flashed his lights as we watched him leave the car park in his police truck.

Whilst writing this article we are currently in the process of getting ready to celebrate the Queen's Birthday. The children have been baking for the tea party we have planned and we have some royal activities prepared.

Dalesplay held a Birthday Party during the Easter half term to celebrate being open for 10 years! We had a fantastic day singing songs, playing games, making party hats and the Piñata went down a treat (not to mention the birthday cake which was delicious). We will be holding a fun open afternoon during the Summer to extend our 10th Birthday for everyone to join in. We hope lots of you can make it.

We are also really pleased to report that our new wooden fencing for the front of the setting has now been ordered. We are also looking at ordering some new canopies to help shade the children during the sunny periods. We would like to thank everyone who helped us to raise money at the last Hopper's sale and a huge thank you to the Market Hall Tolls Trustees for their kind donation towards them. If you are looking for childcare please give us a ring on **667789** or email us at dalesplay1@btconnect.com

Canine Partners

This is a national charity which trains dogs to assist adults with physical disabilities to lead more independent lives by performing everyday tasks. Is there anyone living in this area who is already a supporter? If so, please phone **Ruth Anison 650349**

Celebratory Afternoon Tea

Saturday May 3rd 3.30pm for 4.00pm
Thoralby Village Hall

Enjoy piano music and delicious food
Come and help us celebrate the refurbishment of
the hall

Tickets at £7.50 from **663875** or **663747**

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.

Sunday 1st Pathfinder Introduction — An introductory navigation course which covers basic map reading techniques over four hours from **12.30 to 4.30pm**. Outdoor walking gear is essential. Met at the DCM, Hawes.

Children must be over 12 years of age and accompanied by an adult. Booking necessary.

Sunday 8th – “Discover Lower Wensleydale”. Meet at Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre at **1.00pm** for a 5 mile easy walk.

Tuesday 10th - “Aisgill Force” From **1.30 to 4.00pm**. Meet at the DCM and join this moderate 4 mile walk along Sleddale to see the spectacular falls.

Tuesday 17th – “By Castle and Byway”. Meet at Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre at **10.00am** for a 7 mile walk.

Sunday 22nd – “Falls, Freeholders and Flagstones”. Meet at Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre at **1.00pm** for a 5 mile walk.

Wednesday 25th – “Hawes Town Trail” **2.00 to 4.00pm**. Meet at the DCM and join this easy 2 mile walk through Hawes and Gayle exploring the history of the area. Free event.

Thursday 26th – “By Castle and Byway”. Meet at Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre at **10.00am** for a 7 mile walk.

Sunday 29th – “Discover Lower Wensleydale”. Meet at Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre at **1.00pm** for a 5 mile easy walk

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

Upper Dales Family History Group

The next meeting of the Upper Dales Family History Group is at **2.00pm on Wednesday, May 25th**, at Fremington Sunday School near Reeth when Maxine Willett will be speaking on 'Attics and Acres - the archive of the Graham Family of Norton Conyers'. For further details phone 0743 2677 783, email moverley.yorkshire@outlook.com or see the website www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk for details of all events and the worldwide email discussion group.

Gratitude From Herriot's Hotel and Gallery

Wow, where did that five years go?

Sue Iveson, sadly not with us anymore, (and Roger) couldn't have done more for us in those first few weeks, from feeding the kids, and introducing us to some lovely other B and B'ers, and using Peter Sturman's van to get our extra junk into storage in Leyburn.

We arrived bringing a good skill set from previous employments. Liz as head chef in seriously good food establishments from Notting Hill to Bristol's lovely Harbourside. Glenn from selling wine to working as a volunteer in school for five years whilst being a 'dad at home' (or dinner daddy as his daughter referred to him at school lunchtimes) and several years as a butcher-come-fishmonger.

We had never run a shop before, neither of us had even worked in one. Art? – well you looked at it – and loved or hated it, and the B and B – how hard could that be? Little did we know the realities of guests and their weird and wonderful requests – at all times of the day and night.

Our problems became locals' opportunities for finding solutions: John Blackie ringing up, welcoming us and apologising for the two bad 1st summers we endured; Straight talking from Jean, 'well I wouldn't give that wall space'.

We now welcome new people and businesses to the town. It's great not being the Newbies anymore. We love being a small hub of the community on a Tuesday or Saturday morning, with the locals regularly popping in to say hi, and finding out how each other is doing. Alan and Shirley swapping good foodie stories and places to visit including Australia.

We honeymooned here in the Dales, in Barden, just outside Leyburn, 29 years ago.

"You're not from round here," - this is the comment most often heard and the response always is – "We're working on it!" If you give to a community you can take out.

To you all, thank you for helping us fit in and helping us to feel 'at home' in Hawes; are you sure this isn't one big holiday!

Liz and Glenn Payne

Hardraw Churchyard

At the north end of the churchyard next to the river, there is one area that was washed away by past floods and has no depth of soil for burials.

Some years ago we scattered wild flower seeds which did well for a year or two but which were soon overtaken by creeping buttercup, so we have now planted a few trees.

However, the one success was cowslips. The first year we had two, the next year about a dozen, and now there may be nearing a hundred and spreading over the whole area. As I write they are just coming into flower, and I think by the end of the month they will be at their best.

So if you fancy taking a stroll up to the end of the churchyard to see the display you can then sit on the bench by the stone shed to relax in this peaceful place and reflect on the wonder of God's creation.

Sue Foster

Walking for St. Margaret's

As the restoration and renovation of St Margaret's Church continues our next stage includes the addition of toilets and, hopefully a kitchen. We are enormously grateful for the generosity of the wider community of Hawes and Upper Wensleydale.

One initiative, amongst several, to raise funds, is Graham Di Duca walking The Pennine Way, the 270 mile long National Trail. Starting from Edale in Derbyshire on Monday May 16th, Graham will pass through Gayle, Hawes and Hardraw seven days later and finish at Kirk Yethom in Scotland on Saturday June 4th. This includes two days off after reaching the half way mark in Teesdale!

If you feel able to sponsor Graham, please do so. Donations can be made via the link on The Friends of St Margaret's Church, Hawes Facebook page or through the internet at <https://localgiving.org/fundraising/walkingforstmargarets>

Plant Sale

Monday May 2nd and Mon May 30th

10am-12.30pm

Plant Sale Castle Bolton Church

For Bolton cum Redmire Mission Partners with
Scripture Union and MAF

More Letters

Hello all at UWNL. I'm so delighted to have found Eunice in the April newsletter. She is in the H & M Cookshop advertisement on page 28. Exact position is nestling next to the jars on the left - on the top shelf.

Whilst writing, I wanted to say how much I enjoyed reading your Editorial which focuses on 'ideas'. Coincidentally, I had visited the Sedbergh Community Charity shop last week and had wondered if such a venture might work in Hawes. The lady I spoke to mentioned that the shop had raised an average of £20,000 a year over the past four years. This is used for local 'good causes'. As I am only a (regular) visitor to Hawes, I am sadly not in a position to assist on such a venture - but if it was ever established, I'd be keen to help out when I could.

Another 'idea' I had wondered about was the thought of a 'Community Cinema' being created. I know there is one (or something similar) in Leyburn but I reckon Hawes might be a good place too for one. The Market Hall would be a great venue for it. Themed monthly filming seem to be popular but not compulsory - films can simply be ones with wide appeal. The radio clip I heard mentioned bicycle themed films and ones where people can (if they want) dress up in appropriate costume - eg 40s costumes for 'Brief Encounter'! and some groups provide appropriate refreshments - e.g. cakes when watching the Marigold Hotel film.

Sorry to chunter on! Thank you for all the pleasure you give us.

Sheila Birkin

(Part of the Kent / Pinner Eunice Fan Club)

(Thanks, Sheila. Keep writing! In fact films used to be shown in the Hawes Market House in the 1950/60s)

Dear Newsletter,

I would like to thank the kind people of Hawes for patiently posing for Sandra to take photographs to put in the album that she and Jim (Facer) bought me, and brought it for me for my 90th birthday in February.

Thank you all so much. We are still missing coming to Hawes but we have lots of happy

memories of the forty three years we spent time there.

Yours sincerely,

Cliff Ellis, Scunthorpe

Dear Sir

I am writing to ask if any of your readers have ever seen or heard about the mammal the pine marten being seen in N. Yorkshire and if so, please can they contact me at muirhead@richardmuirhead4.orangehome.co.uk as I am particularly interested in the survival of this mammal south of Scotland.

Thank you.

Richard Muirhead (01625 261625)

West Burton May Fair

The fun starts at **1.00pm on Monday May 30th** with a junior fun run around West Burton and ends with a water slide after 4.00pm. Other activities during the day include sheep dog running demonstrations, dog show, egg throwing, face painting, bouncy assault course and castle, may pole dancing by the school children, sing along in the chapel and many side stalls such as white elephant, cakes, tombola, raffle, plants and nearly new. There will be barrel organ music throughout the day and the Leeds Morris Men will hopefully stop by. Sausages and burgers will be served from noon and to follow tea and cakes will be available from 2.00pm.

Great fun for all the family. Lots of parking available, including disabled spaces. Further information can be obtained from cpratt65@gmail.com or telephone **663792**.

Christine Pratt

Penhill Ladies

Penhill Ladies social group meets on **May 18th at 7.30pm in Carperby Village Institute**, with a "Spring into Summer" fashion show presented by "Buzz" of Leyburn. This will be an open meeting, with free entry; visitors are welcome. Light refreshments will be served and there will be a raffle. For more information phone **Tricia on 622599 or Shelagh on 663958**.

Spring in the Dale

It's April and lambs are appearing in almost every meadow in the upper dale. It's one of the busiest months in the farming calendar, but at least, unlike other manic times, by the month of May farmers' workload will have returned to normal, because most sheep will have given birth. New born lambs are amazing. Just minutes after arriving they are able to lift their heads, then get to their feet, a bit wobbly at first but they soon find their mothers' milk.

At the time of writing the weather is perfect, sunny and warm, so warm in fact, sunscreen is the order of the day. The first half of this month however was cold and wet - the worst conditions for lambs born outside as ours are. Last weekend we had snow, but thankfully it didn't last long. We know what to expect from past experience and regardless of the weather sheep will lamb. I love to watch as lambs play, perhaps two or three to start with then more join the gang as the race along the wall sides, some adding jumps and skips along the way. If there is a hillock, tree stump or any type of raised area, they will also gather to play "I'm the king of the castle". There's no better live entertainment, they always make me smile.

During April our favourite little birds come home again. It is amazing to think of the miles they fly from South Africa to find the place of their birth. Swallows usually arrive here the 19th April and this year three are here at this time.

Spring has definitely sprung. Our dairy cows are starting to get uneasy. They sense it will soon be time for them to graze the pastures, having been inside since October. Their release is dependent upon the new grass growing and also when the silage they eat throughout the winter months runs out. All in all it's my favourite season in the farming year and as the Dale bursts with new life there's no place I'd rather be.

Mrs Farmer.

Drop-off points and contacts

for news, articles, reports, letters, what's on dates, competition entries, suggestions and comments:

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

Firebox Opens at the Museum

Sir Gary Verity, chief executive of Welcome to Yorkshire, had high praise for Askrigg entrepreneurs Mike Allenby and Helen Pollard when he officially opened their new Firebox café at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes.

The café, and their existing business, Stage1 Cycles, was, said Sir Gary, exactly the kind of venture the area needed to draw even more people to the Dales after a record year for visitor numbers. "This sort of venture is the real legacy of the Tour de France. It is exactly what we hoped would happen when the race came to Yorkshire," he said. "It will be good for Hawes and good for the area."

The premises are on the site of the old station where the North Eastern and Midland Railways once met. The Firebox offers a range of home-cooked food, all locally-sourced, and is a totally new venture for Helen and Mike who have a six-year-old daughter, Daisy. The name 'Firebox' reflects the history of the site as a station because the firebox was where they cooked the food on the steam trains.

Apart from cycle hire, sales and repairs, Stage1 offers accompanied tours for groups and individuals. Helen and Mike, along with North Yorkshire Police, also run the nationwide Bikeability programme in the area for the Department of Transport and Work which provides training and road safety awareness courses. At Catterick Garrison they have been commissioned to deliver family cycling days and "catch-up" sessions for forces' children returning from abroad, under a government-funded scheme.

Betsy Everett

Swaledale Festival

Events in the Newsletter area

Sunday May 29th 2.00pm St Mary's Muker
Aether Quintet

Sunday May 29th 4.00pm Gunnerside
Chapel; Mr Miller's Edwardian
Recording Studio

Sunday May 29th 7.30pm Askrigg Church
Benjamin Grosvenor, solo piano

Changes at the First and Last Pub in Yorkshire

If, like me, you haven't visited The Moorcock Inn for some time, you won't recognise it when you next go. New owners, Jo Cox and Andrew Bussey, took over on March 18th and spent two weeks frantically updating the ground floor which now has a much more contemporary, open feel to it whilst still retaining the character of this old building. There is a fabulous new bar, crafted from local stone by Darren Percival, alterations to the layout to increase the space, a new ladies toilet, reinstated old fireplace and of course, new carpet, decoration and furniture which all goes to create a wonderfully relaxed atmosphere. Quite an amazing transformation in such a short space of time!

The Moorcock Inn has been a dominant feature of the area for many years, being close to the Cumbria/Yorkshire border, on a main link road between the Dales and the Lakes and, of course, within sight of the Settle-Carlisle railway line.

Jo has lived in Garsdale for 28 years and used to do B and B from home as well as working as a nursery nurse. Andrew is from Bainbridge, being the eldest son of the late Hazel Peacock who used to run Hazel's Roost B and B (now run by Millie & Stephen Bussey). Andrew used to be a Royal Navy engineer but has also worked for the Wensleydale Creamery at both Hawes and Kirkby Malzeard as Factory Manager. He is now a Signaller on the Settle - Carlisle railway line, based at Blea Moor Signal Box, and will continue in that role, working three twelve-hour shifts a week, and working in the Inn the rest of the week.

The whole family were very familiar with the Moorcock, as their local pub, and considered purchasing it when it was marketed twice previously. However, on this occasion, the time was right, with their four sons grown up and able to help with the business. Eldest son, Harvey (24), will be cooking alongside Jo; Charlie (23) will wait on when he is not working at Go Ape in Brockhole; George (22) will be the full-time barman and William (20) will work in the kitchen and wait on alongside his work at Milnthorpe log cabins. The family will be supported by their long-time housekeeper, Ruth Renison; Diane Woodvine who works in the bar and restaurant

and local girl, Lauren, who will be helping in the kitchen.

Jo and Andrew are very clear that the Moorcock is a facility for the local community and they are delighted that the locals are already returning and supporting them. The location is clearly quite remote, but being on a major link road makes it easy to reach and hopefully it will therefore also attract business from passing tourists, cyclists and railway fanatics. Already, there is a regular domino night on Thursdays and the intention also is to form a darts team. An additional facility will be a unisex hairdressing evening with Charlotte Everett on Mondays between 6.00pm and 7.00pm, once a month.

There are six letting rooms at the Inn (five doubles and one single) which are already letting very well. In fact, opening in time for the Easter weekend was a baptism of fire with all the rooms full and the restaurant equally busy. The restaurant will cater for up to 50 people and offers homemade food using local ingredients.. Last orders for food will be at 8.00 pm. Sunday lunches will shortly be launched with the traditional options cooked and served fresh from the kitchen.

The Inn will be open all day from 9.00am every day and as well as the bar and restaurant there is a separate servery where you can get tea/coffee, cake, sandwiches and ice cream. It is hoped that this will be a real benefit to visitors, passers-by and locals alike. The overriding feeling you get visiting the Moorcock is a warm, friendly welcome. It is certainly well worth a visit! Ring **667488** for reservations and more details.

We wish Jo, Andrew and the family every success in this new venture which they are clearly very passionate about. **K.P.**

Thank You

The Charity Concert by East Witton Male Voice Choir and the Askrigg Ladies Singing for Pleasure group, with a guest solo by Emma Cloughton, all organised by their Musical Director, Diana Hartley, raised £641 for the restoration fund at St Margaret's church, Hawes.

Thank you to all who attended, performed and assisted for making this event such a success. **A.M.**

Hawes in Bloom

At last some sun and a little less wind has turned my thoughts to summer and the town floral displays.

Of course all the plants and baskets were ordered way back in January (which required a degree of optimism I can tell you!) and I have been assured that they are on schedule for their public outing in the second week of June.

The garden centres and other outlets are all now full of summer bedding plants but of course it is much too early for them to go outside except for brief periods on the warmest days. The weather has a nasty habit of having a sting in the tail and the plants are much better off growing in their warm, controlled environment so that when they do appear they don't suffer a big set-back.

This year I will again have a really good selection of individual plants for sale to local residents, and also some smaller well-grown baskets that I have been asked for in the past. These will be for sale one evening around the second week of June, outside Cocketts Hotel in the Market Place. I will advertise the exact time and date.

Meanwhile I again thank so many of you for your support, both financially and of course with the vital physical help of getting everything in place in June. Let's hope for less wind and a bit more of that lovely sunshine!

Thanks for the Generosity

Hawes Bonfire and Fireworks Committee would like to thank everyone who kindly donated refreshments, helped out on the day and supported us at the Hopper's Furniture Sale. We raised a fantastic £585.63 which will be put towards this year's events. It is hugely appreciated and everyone was so very generous.

Bainbridge Women's Institute

Bainbridge WI meet on the third Thursday in the month at Bainbridge Village Hall. The meetings start at **7-30pm**.

The meeting on **May 19th** will be a talk by Peter Walker of Wacks Wicked Plants. He will be speaking about carnivorous plants.

Photographic Exhibition at National Park Offices

Selside photographer Hilary Fenten is exhibiting "The Dales: People, Landscapes, Seasons" throughout May in the reception area of the Yoredale offices in Bainbridge., Proceeds from sales go to the Yorkshire Dales National Park and the Yorkshire Dales