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EDITORIAL

It is probably natural to think that we are working harder than everyone else! This is more often true in the voluntary area than in employment. There is so much work and thinking going on, often behind the scenes in this go-ahead area (and that's not tongue in cheek) and there are some examples that for sheer determination and commitment, ought to be highlighted.

The first is the **railway**. There will always be some who will question the reinstatement of the line, but now that trains are to run once more, that is a tremendous psychological boost; and the recent celebration of the hand-over from Network Rail to the Wensleydale Railway of the lease to run trains is a ground-breaking arrangement for the running of rural railways and is a great cause for pleasure. The planning and documentation for this have been immense, and the dedication, hard work, physical and mental, and long-term commitment – where most of us would have packed up years ago – are cause for real congratulation. One thing is beyond doubt; areas that already have a saved or reinstated railway benefit greatly in tourism, local economy and even better local transport. There seem to be no down-sides. So onward now to the next stage; to Aysgarth!

The second is **housing**. It is easy enough to pick up a three bedroomed house for next to nothing - in an area where most people don't want to live or to move to! Trouble is, most people want to live where it suits them best; the nicest. That usually includes the National Parks, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, smart, convenient suburbs or swish city developments. All the more difficult in areas where local incomes do not match property prices. All credit then to the new Upper Dales Investment Trust (Low Cost Home Ownership) scheme (see page 16) which after years, not months, of hard thinking and discussion by the initiators, is now very much to the fore and fits in well with local needs and the aims and purposes of the National Park. When it comes to

fruition we hope that those of us with investment potential will contribute and so support this exciting community venture.

But these are not all. At a time when national tourism trends tend not to be favouring the Dales and when 'traditional' Dales employment, especially farming, continues to decline, it is great that ventures like arts workshops, specialist tourism, musical events, auction mart developments and the numerous ideas from the Community Investment Prospectus continue to go forward for the benefit of residents and visitors. All these take up huge amounts of volunteer time and effort for the benefit of the community. We need to be glad for them all, and not to be disparaging of others' efforts.

Two other things; we can all help! A recent visitor was heard to say that the best "selling point" for any area or business was **the smile**. Another one, though; an older chap walking from Land's End to John o'Groats last month had been refused breakfast in an establishment, because he wanted it early. Some welcome! However, that wasn't in Wensleydale! Let's all carry on the good work!

A reminder. We are grateful to all our advertisers who support us well. We ask readers to use them whenever possible. It has been our policy from the start to limit adverts to no more than one third of the overall newsletter, and to limit their size to allow for **news, letters, features, events etc.** but we move and spread them about so you'll notice them!

LONDON MARATHON

Once again I must thank all the people who sponsored me for the London Marathon. We raised an amazing **£1,597.98** THANK YOU ALL.

The money was divided equally between Low Mill and the Bainbridge Nursery Extension Appeal, except where people especially donated for one or the other.

I have to say that it was probably the most painful thing that I have ever done but there were parts which I enjoyed!! One thing that I did make the most of was running on the flat! Though nothing can beat running in the Dales with the hills and the views. After it was over I did say that I would never do it again. However as time passes I can see that there are things which I could have done differently and which would help the pain! So I think I shall enter again next year and see how I go. If it is as bad, then I definitely will never do it again. But nothing will stop me running in the Dales!

So, what a team we are and thank you for supporting me as you all do. The next run is the Great North Run in September so "I shall.. Keep on running" (as a famous song once said...if you are old enough to remember!) **Ann Chapman**

WEST BURTON SCHOOL

PUMPKIN SOUP

On Monday, 19th May, the collaboration between West Burton and Bainbridge Schools was strengthened even further, when the two infant classes got together for a highly enjoyable drama day in West Burton Village Hall.

Following a training day their teachers had recently attended, the story of "Pumpkin Soup" was the theme of the drama. The 32 children spent the hour

before playtime in role-play activities getting to know the characters in the story and "making" soup.

The middle part of the story is set in a wood, so the hour before dinner was spent going for a walk through Barrack Wood so they could find out for themselves what it is like.

Playtime and dinner-time are always important parts of the day, when the two schools meet up, as it gives the children (and staff) time to catch up on news and renew acquaintances. After dinner further drama techniques were explored as the story came to its happy conclusion.

WENSLEYDALE RAILWAY

The junior class are currently really enjoying their humanities-based project on the Wensleydale Railway, which they are working on with Bainbridge and Hawes schools, in collaboration with the National Park Authority and Hawes Countryside Museum. On Friday 20th June, a joint fieldtrip was organised by the Heads of West Burton and Bainbridge, exploring the former site of Askrigg Station, drawing field sketches and interviewing a nearby resident. The 3 schools are currently developing resources to be kept at the museum and made available to other teachers interested in this aspect of local history. Some of the children's work will be on display at the museum from 2nd July.

SUMMER DAYS IN SNAIZEHOLME

Recently I have taken to going to sit outside for a while between 10.00 and 11.00 at night. The last of the daytime birds are usually singing very gently— first blackbirds, then robins. They sing rather short evening messages to each other for some time after all the other birds have settled down for the night. And then there is snipe drumming, and then another and another. In my early days in Snaizeholme I used to worry that they were lost lambs and would search all round trying to find them. Then the woodcock will come roding over with his strange jerky evening flight and his odd “chirrup, chirrup/croak, croak” call.

Meanwhile the curlews are soaring in the sky and calling their lingering calls. Then a heron may fly slowly by, eerily screeching. Finally, all the tawny owls in the valley will begin calling to each other; this may go on for hours. If I am lucky, I may see and almost feel, the bats that often hunt round the house. Although I can't hear their calls, I can hear their wings as they swoop down and fly really close to my head. This may account for the old stories of bats getting tangled in women's hair. There are least two very tiny bats, perhaps pipistrelles, and one much larger.

In the early mornings— sometimes about 5.00 am I have a short stroll outside. The red squirrels are usually out and about visiting the feeder, waving their tails angrily at each other, or at me, and belting about the branches bubbling with energy. Although the dawn chorus is virtually over, the early birds are seriously on the move, but the pheasants are rather late risers.

Some weeks ago I was enchanted that we had a pair of long-tailed tits collecting nesting materials and finally spider's webs

from under the eaves and round the windows of the house. Clearly they were building very close; and then one day Hugh, walking down the hill, found the nest in the middle of the road. A beautifully formed balloon-shaped container with a small hole near the bottom. I felt inside with my fingers the soft feather lining, quite empty; and the outside was pale blue lichen sewn together with spiders' webs. What a sadness! I haven't seen the birds since and hope they are nesting somewhere else. The squirrels found the abandoned nest and took it away for bedding.

We have a stoat living near living near. I saw it in the early spring, still blotchy with its winter coat half gone. Hugh met it on the road the other day. They both froze and eyed each other, the stoat blinking and sizing him up. Then it decided he wasn't dangerous and bounded up the road straight past his feet.

There is a very bad caterpillar infestation on many of the young bird cherry trees in the woods. Many of them are completely denuded of leaves and draped in shrouds of the silky tents that the caterpillars weave for themselves. But I have seen a flock of redpolls making a feast off one tree; so I'm sure that many birds are benefiting from them and we hope that the tree will manage to produce a new crop of leaves.

Meanwhile many of the late arriving birds have settled in for their breeding season, and we will look forward to enjoying meeting their young later in the year.

Jane Kemp

OPENING OF THE HARRISON TRAIL AT SHAW GHYLL 1ST JUNE 2003

The Harrison Trail at Shaw Ghyll, Simonstone, Hawes, sets out to celebrate not least the joy of five grandchildren. It was opened by Baroness Harris of Richmond, a long standing friend of the Stott family. Before cutting the tape Baroness Harris identified each child by name and their part in the success of the Trail. While the Trail was named after Harrison you had to cross Bradley's Bridge to get on it and a resting point was Katherine's seat. At Henry's hut a table and four chairs provided a learning resource and an opportunity to learn about the birds, trees and flowers that have been recorded round about. The trail ends at Olivia's pond which at present is vibrant with aquatic life. There are over 400 trees in the reserve: Ash, Rowan, Birch, Oak, Hawthorn, Elder, Hazel, Elm and Bird Cherry...and others such as Willow and Holly, have introduced themselves. The Sitka from the original plantation created over thirty years ago are all felled with the exception of four rows of mature trees left to act as a wind break and nursery species for the deciduous woodland. These in their turn with a careful use of a chainsaw have created a tunnel effect and will in time provide a discreet observation area for wildlife in the meadow beyond, as well as the woodland. The inspiration for the Trail comes firstly from our Grandchildren who now have a physical stake in a family home. Henry's Hut houses a wealth of data provided by English Nature and the Dales National Park.

A dear friend reliably recorded 61 bird species in one spring and summer while English Nature recognised 34 species of plants common to a traditional Dales

meadow. The 53 acres that make up the holding have yielded yet further surprises, not least the site of a Bronze Age sauna and panels in Henry's Hut illustrate the geology and field barn heritage of the Dales as well as the wildlife. Others such as Martin Clarke, an Environment Consultant from Penrith, walked across our land, made notes on paper the size of bus tickets, and went away to produce a report of 12 sides of A4 brimming with practical advice.

But to Professors Viliam and Magdalena Pichler of Zvolen, Slovakia who came to us last autumn and spoke at Gayle Institute on forest management and ecology and are brilliant exponents of Primitive Forest and managed sustainable woodlands, comes our penultimate accolade.

The final word should go to a lady and none less than Olivia who asks on each visit to us if she can see her pond. At four and a half, she is our sternest critic. "Grandpa", she says, "You've only got four chairs in Henry's Hut, and there are five of us!"

Roger Stott

(The Harrison Trail is a permissive footpath and may be viewed on request.)

MAP LAUNCH

A new map of the Yorkshire Dales Cycle Way is now available, launched at the York Cycle Rally last weekend.

The route starts in Skipton or Ilkley and links with Wharfedale, Wensleydale, Swaledale and Dentdale. Prepare for a plethora of pedal power performance!

COUNCIL COMPLETE

All the gaps in our Parish Councils now seem to be filled, with the Hawes and High Abbotside meeting in the Gayle Institute carrying out the business immaculately and openly with prospective co-optees presenting their cases to councillors and watched by a reasonable number of members of the public (who were also there to witness the “fors” and “againsts” for the proposals for four — or maybe fewer — housing units in Hardraw).

Cases for co-option were presented by Mary Grainger, Tony Fawcett, Kevin Nugent, Clive Rudd and Trevor Johnson and the first three were chosen. There was general delight at the appointment of Kevin who is recovering well from his kidney transplant, his statement being read out to the meeting. We all wish him well.

It is fair to say, though, that having only the existing councillors selecting the co-optees, is hardly the best example of democracy! More nominees please, in time, for the next election— and we can all vote!

A.S.W.

JULY GARDENING

HERBS

Full summer is the best time of year to be outdoors and enjoying picnics, salads, barbecues etc., all of which are far better for the taste of home-grown garnish and flavourings picked straight from the garden. All herbs are quite easy to grow and most are simple to propagate. There is plenty of myth and folklore about growing herbs and their uses. Originally very old herb gardens contained plants now considered unwelcome; cats tails, shepherds purse (contains tannate to help stop bleeding), dandelions, daisies and

nettles. All were harvested for their medicinal uses in times past.

Today the choice is different. Favourites include thyme, chervil, borage, summer savory (much prettier and tastier than winter savory), sweet basil (not very hardy), marjoram, chives, mint and, of course, parsley. All can be planted at anytime if sufficient care is taken; even in full flower in midsummer. However spring or early autumn are the preferred times once a bed has been prepared. As usual it's a choice: before or after the winter frosts?

Herbs are probably best grown all together in one bed and arranged in some order, but any small patch can be sacrificed or even a tub or hanging basket. A herb border is best facing south, fairly sheltered and well drained. Only mint and bergamot require moist soil. Rue and fennel thrive in poor soil, sorrel must be lime free. Apparently rue won't grow near basil, but dill, coriander and chervil make happy companions. Basil is a tender annual best grown under cover or in a pot on a warm sunny window sill. It will struggle if left outside in northern areas.

Chervil and parsley are hardier annuals. Chervil being the easier to propagate. To see them at their very best grow from seed in a rich soil, sowing in situ repeatedly between spring and early autumn. **Numerous tales exist about germinating parsley;** just as you despair it pops up in some odd corner. For splashes of colour try pot marigolds—both petals and leaves are edible. Borage has lovely starry blue flowers with a tiny black dot. It is said that once sown you need never sow it again.

Perennial herbs include mint, sage, thyme, savory, marjoram, fennel, sorrel, rosemary and tarragon. The last two may need some winter protection. They all love full sun except mint. Sage will grow anywhere and now comes in green, purple

or variegated forms. They make nice small bushy plants if cut back regularly. Thymes have lovely perfumes and like so many herbs are a favourite with bees and butterflies. One of the most fragrant is lemon thyme but golden thyme, silver thyme ... the list is quite extensive. The dwarf varieties—corcius and montana love to creep about amongst stones. Once planted in a sunny position they should thrive; if they are looking a bit sad, sprinkle some grit around them.

Fennel can grow into a spectacular centre piece. It used to be one of the most popular herbs, apparently King Edward I consumed it at the rate of eight and a half pounds a month. The poor ate it to stave off hunger, fat people ate it to lose weight and blind people believed it to restore their sight. Either way it makes a tall graceful plant with lovely filigree leaves and pretty yellow flowers.

Mints can be rampant if let loose so it's best to curb their enthusiasm by planting first in a pot and then sunk into a bed. Lovely varieties exist—spearmint, peppermint, pineapple mint and eau de cologne. Lemon mint has a most distinctive refreshing perfume. The flowering tops of mints contain a strain of camphor which is soothing and cooling. Cat mint prefers hot sun. This is the one with flowers of a lovely blue that cats love and rats hate. Before tea was imported from China, its leaves were used as a brew but with adverse side effects. **A gentle nature could turn "quite fierce and quarrelsome" apparently!**

A herb border can look as good as any herbaceous border especially if the soft mauve flowers of marjoram and pale blue of rosemary flowers are appreciated. Cotton lavender and feverfew produce masses of yellow flowers which last throughout the summer. Sweet cicely has fern like leaves and flat heads of tiny white flowers, while bergamot provides crimson flowers which

make a lovely patch of colour. Its old name "Bee-Balm" indicates how attractive is its scent and oil of bergamot is much used in perfumery. Lovage is a tall striking plant with clusters of pale green flowers suitable for the back of a border.

Herbs can provide a lot; scent, taste, colour and texture. They can be fun to grow and certainly worth a try.

Happy Gardening!

Peduncle

THE BIG SING!

Wensleydale chorus 2003

This year this combined group of singers is performing two Coronation Anthems:

"I was glad" and "Zadok the Priest"; the Rutter Magnificat and Vivaldi's Gloria.

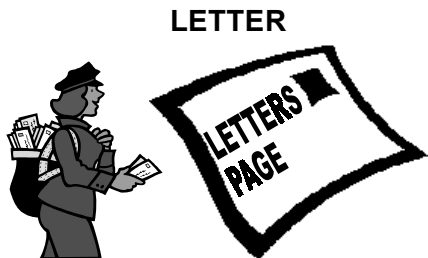
We are told that the performance will include a good "new, young, soprano" and the very accomplished organist, Greg Smith. As usual Stan Roorcroft will conduct.

The two venues this year are:

East Witton, Saturday July 19th

Aysgarth, Saturday, July 26th

Both performances begin at **7.30 pm**



LETTER

A Stranger in Paradise. From Kevin Nugent.

Dear friends and neighbours,

At the time of writing this it will be approximately four weeks since my successful kidney transplant. I have been home for almost a week and confirm that I am making a remarkable and fast recovery. It is great to be back in town and venturing out a little, but it is becoming clear it would take me weeks to meet and thank everyone who has sent me cards, gifts of flowers, fruit and vino to welcome me home, and the many expressions of hope for the future.

I was quite overwhelmed by the level of support for myself and for my wife Loraine in my absence; it was so reassuring to know she was in such good company. I cannot close without a mention of my young donor who in the greatest hour of need spent precious time considering the needs of a complete stranger. I became that stranger, and from that person received a second chance of life; in memory of such a selfless act could I ask you all to consider for one moment:could you, would you, be able to make someone's life complete?

Please consider carrying a donor card.

Words cannot express the difference it can make to keep a family complete.

Now on a more cheerful note I must end by mentioning what a young nurse asked when I was packing my things to come home, "Well, Kevin, now you are leaving us what is the one thing you would like to do most?" I replied, "Just take me home to

my family and my friends in my little paradise that is 'Hawes'."

All else can wait because I now feel that I have all the time in the world.

With love to you all from

Kevin

LETTER

Carperby Open Gardens

It's that time of year again; just writing to tell you about our event in the hope that you will give us as much publicity as possible.

It's the eleventh year for "our do" and each year it just gets better, it's a fantastic fund raiser for our village hall and a social event for the villagers.

We get a lot of people who return year after year and many of the comments are about the wonderful atmosphere in the village, the friendliness of the natives, and the superb food which we offer as refreshment.

This year it takes place on the **6th July between 11am and 5pm** with around 12 gardens open. Admission is £2.50 and accompanied children go free. Refreshments will be served throughout this time and there will be a plant-stall.

Hope you can advertise us; thanks in anticipation.

Pat Jackson

LETTER

Greetings

I have a house in Askrigg, but teach at Manchester Grammar School. I spend as much time here as I can, which is most weekends and holidays, and am an regular reader of your newsletter. I am writing a Science exam for our year 8 and would like to use an extract of the May issue 'Heavens Above' article if I may, for a question on eclipses. If nothing else, it will set them thinking 'where on earth is Wensleydale'!

Feel free, if you wish to mention the

spreading fame of your publication in a future issue!

**Yours,
Alan McDonald,
'Peninver',
Askrigg.**

HAWES CELEBRATES

The commemoration of the Queen's Coronation fifty years ago was marked by three events. The first on May 26th was a display of memorabilia, videotapes of the Coronation and music, Hawes at Play, and painting and poetry competition entries in the Market House. There were also cakes, toys, books and artwork for sale, together with commemorative china mugs; there was a steady flow of locals and visitors throughout the day. The afternoon ended with Hawes Prize Silver Band playing an enjoyable programme of music. Special thanks to Barclays Bank for pound-with-pound matching of the £190 raised, and to Pearl for all her help.



The second event went off very well on June 1st with the "Coronation Car Run" of twenty classic and vintage vehicles. It started at the Auction Mart and went to Muker via Semerwater and Askrigg. Many of the drivers commented that it was a marvellous way of seeing the Dales, and the weather co-operated too! There were some "trials" afterwards at the Mart; stalls and refreshments, and a good afternoon was had by all. Many thanks to all the marshals for their assistance and to the staff who opened the Mart canteen.

Lastly on June 2nd the children from Hawes School came down to the Market

Hall to be presented with their commemorative mugs by Mary Burrow, Derrick Nevill, Roger Stott and Julie Woodyer. Commemorative stamps and coins were presented to competition winners. The committee would like to thank everyone who gave their support, especially various organisations who made donations and traders who gave raffle prizes. As someone was heard to say, "A real community day for Hawes". When the accounts have been finalised if there are any funds remaining they will be put into a 'Celebration' account for use on a future occasion.

S.H

COUNTRY CODE TO BE REVISED

The present code, changed little since the 1950s, is to be updated by the Countryside Agency. This will coincide with the CROW (Countryside and Rights of Way) Act and is likely to lead to a complete overhaul, giving information, advice and encouragement as well as a list of *dos and don'ts*. The document will therefore be quite long, but there is likely to be a set of shorter 'bullet-points' for particular activities or audiences like walkers & visitors, mountaineers, land-managers, or particular age groups.

Some of the key themes considered are:

- *Safety awareness
- *Positive messages:- enjoyment, respect, welcome, awareness, protection
- *Reaching wider audiences
- *Education
- *Issues of mutual responsibility and sustainability
- *The need to communicate the new arrangements arising from the CROW act.

A draft code will be published and the finished code should be ready by the summer of next year.

**THE UPPER DALES
INVESTMENT TRUST
(LOW COST HOME
OWNERSHIP)**

A new way of providing low cost housing in Wensleydale, Swaledale and Arkengarthdale is to be investigated. A feasibility study to look at the local problems and commissioned by the Upper Wensleydale Community Partnership, will start shortly. **The study has been made possible by funding from The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, Yorkshire Forward, The Countryside Agency, The Joseph Rowntree Foundation and Richmondshire District Council.**

The aim is to examine the feasibility of setting up an Investment Trust to help people who live locally overcome the problem of house prices outstripping wages. The Trust will assist local people and necessary key workers (such as teachers) moving into the area from elsewhere, to buy existing properties when they come on to the market.

The way the scheme might work is best illustrated by an example. Suppose a young couple find a house that suits their requirements. Its selling price is, say, £150,000 and they can only obtain and afford to pay off a mortgage for half that, ie. £75,000. They can then approach the Trust to ask whether it is prepared to buy the remaining half of the house.

Assuming this arrangement is agreed, then the house is purchased and is half owned by the occupier (the young couple) and half owned by the Trust. At any time the occupiers have the right to buy some or all of the Trust's share of the house (known as "staircasing") at the current market price. If and when the

house is sold, the proceeds of the sale are split between the occupiers and the Trust in the same proportion as their share in the house.

After thorough community consultation, already begun, the findings of this study will then go towards creating the Business Plan for the Investment Trust.

The study will need input from YOU!

The consultants would like to hear from anyone in need of local housing, any employer needing housing for employees, any persons interested in buying their own home.

They would like to contact anyone who may be interested in investing in this scheme. All information collected will be 100% confidential.

They would also like to hear from anyone who would be willing to join the study focus (discussion) groups. They may contact individuals directly – remember this is a feasibility study which needs to establish the possibilities and requirements of the area – a reality check!

If you can input into this project or wish to be informed of the focus group meetings, please contact **Rima Berry**, the Upper Wensleydale Community Partnership at the Community Office in Hawes for further information or to give your views. Tel: **667400/667899** or call in.

Thank you in advance for your input and co-operation.

CENSUS EXTRACTS

Here are some of the more interesting extracts from the 2001 census now available from the Office of National Statistics website as they relate to our National Park area. *(For further information the contact is Moya Turrell, at YDNPA, Bainbridge)*

Housing (with England & Wales comparison in brackets)

Owner occupied (owned outright)	47%	(29.5%)
Owner occupied (with mortgage or loan)	26.8%	(38.8%)
Private rented	13%	(8.7%)
Rented with job etc.	7%	(3.2%)
Housing association	2%	(6%)
Local authority	4.5%	(13.2%)

Of the total housing stock of 10,236 15% are second/holiday homes. This is a fall from 1991 when it was 18%. The national figure is 0.7%

Employment The proportion of people of working age available for work is 68%

Services:			
Wholesale/retail/motor trade	13.3%	(16.8%)	
Real estate/business	10.8%	(13%)	
Education	10.7%	(7.8%)	
Hotels/catering	10.6%	(4.8%)	
Health/social work	9.0%	(10.8%)	
Public administration	3.6%	(5.7%)	
Other	4.7%	(5.2%)	
Agriculture, fishing, forestry	12.8% **	(1.5%)	
Manufacture	9.1%	(15.0%)	
Construction	7.7%	(6.8%)	
Utilities and transport	4.7%	(7.7%)	
Mining and quarrying	0.5%	(0.3%)	

** This is the only significant change from 1991 (10% sample) where the figure was 20.9%

Age structure	1991	2001	
School/pre-school	16.8%	17.5%	(20.2%)
Working age 16-65	62.5%	61.5%	(63.9%)
Pensionable age 65+	21%	21%	(16%)
Population			
Male	8699; 48%	9746; 49.5%	
Female	9278; 52%	9908; 50.5%	
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NINETY-SIX NOT OUT!

Florence Squires

I felt a little sorry for the gipsy who knocked on Florence Squires' door the other day in the hope of selling her some cushion covers. "Why, I could supply YOU with as many as you like, dear!", she said, sending her on her way with a smile.

Florence was born in South Ossett in March 1907, her father being an engineer at the local woollen mill. "I watched the young women, old before their time, walking to work and I decided I wouldn't work at the mill. One girl pushed her baby in a pram to work, kept it by her all day long, and then pushed it home." Florence remembers the working conditions and the living conditions of those days vividly there being nothing but the Workhouse for those not in work. "I hear you used to do some modelling", I prompted. "Oh that, it was part of working in the Marshall and Snelgrove store", she laughed. "If you were reasonably good-looking and had a good figure you were asked to model the dresses from time to time. We were also allowed to model the jewellery, but not to take it home!"

The store was in Scarborough where the Squires family lived during the war, her husband, Edwin, having been posted there. They were married in 1930. Edwin was a friend of her brother. Their small son Michael was with them in Scarborough, Florence, baby and pram having travelled with the furniture in the removal van! Michael, at five, went to a small convent school, returning very puzzled one day, not knowing he had two mothers! (The Mother Superior being the other) Edwin's job in the Air Force was training pilots in navigation. I detected that Florence regretted not having had the opportunity of further education, but in those days it was considered a waste to send girls on to the

Grammar School!

It was while living in Scarborough that Florence became a temporary pea-picker! A nearby farmer had a field of peas to harvest and no-one to do it. He came to her almost in tears and begged her to help. Florence rallied as many friends as she could "Even those with long, red fingernails!" and they spent about a week harvesting the peas. They were paid by the grateful farmer and given a bag of peas each day to take home.

"Do you know", said Florence, looking round her comfortable home "This is the first house we lived in that I was able to choose for myself". The first two homes she shared with her husband were chosen by him, the third went with the job. She has lived in Hawes now for thirty-two years and loves it for the warmth and friendliness of the people. Sadly she lost Edwin ten years ago but she has Michael, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren (and she is very proud of them all!) "Do you know", she confided as I prepared to leave, "My family is believed to be descended from the poet Percy Bysshe Shelley!" This I didn't doubt as I walked down the hill. "There's a wordsmith somewhere in the genes for sure!" **S.H.**

WHAT'S ON LISTING

For events at the Dales Countryside Museum see earlier page

June

29 Hawes Joint Churches Weekend
(Wesley tercentenary)

30 Bainbridge Children's Sports
from 6.00 pm

July

1 R.D.C. Planning Committee

4 Sounds familiar, Hawes. See box

4-6 First Trains Weekend see article

6 Stone mines and stone circles;
Guided walk; meet Aysgarth Falls
Nat. Park Centre **2.00 pm**

6 Carperby Open Gardens See letter

8 YDNPA Planning Committee
Bolton Abbey Village Hall **10.30am**

10 Drugs Awareness West Burton
School; see article

13 By castle & Byway. Guided walk;
meet Castle Bolton car pk. **11.00am**

12-27 Various dates Arts courses in
Bainbridge. See article

10 Moll Flanders North Country
Theatre. Hardraw Force **7.30 pm**
See article.

12 Hardraw Bash Open air concert
See box

16 Bainbridge and District Motor
Club Summer Rally (ring 667009)
See article

17 Hawes W.I. "The Sensory garden"
Hawes Methodist Rooms **7.00 pm**

17 Museum Friends' Gift Day.
Refreshments; talk "A mild case of
bibliomania" from **7.30 pm**

18 Hawes School Prom Night

19 Wensleydale Chorus, East Witton;
See article

19 "Women off the Wall" charity
preview; Museum

20 Dales Community Church
Middleham Key Centre **10.00 for**
10.30 am

21 Upper Dales Walking Group Bash
For booking until July 6th: **667804**

23 Mill Gill and Waterfalls; guided
walk; meet Askrigg Church **2.00pm**

23 Dales Discovery Hawes Chapel;
8.00 pm; see article

24-27 Askrigg Flower Festival. See
article

25-27 Upper Wensleydale Gathering
See article

25-27 Preston Artists' Exhibition see box

26 Wensleydale Chorus, Aysgarth.
See article

26 Party on the pitch. Askrigg from
8.30 pm See box

27 Burtersett Show See article

27 West Burton Circular. Guided
walk; meet Aysgarth Falls National
Park Centre **1.30 pm**

27 Songs of Praise. Hawes Methodist
Church, **8.00 pm**

29 Coffee, stalls, organ music Hawes
Methodist Church **10.00 am - noon**

29 R.D.C. Planning Committee

29 YDNPA Full committee Cracoe
Village Hall **10.30 am**

30 Dales Discovery Hawes Chapel
8.00 pm See article.

31 Gayle Ladies "Rington's Tea Talk"
7.30 pm

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13 Dales spinners see box

16 Bainbridge BASH