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### EDITORIAL

**T**his is being written under the most sickening circumstances. We must all be either completely overwhelmed and caught up by the massive amount of press and air time given to the **WAR**, or be inclined to try to shut it all out and just think locally; but even there we seem to be spending more and more time just getting worked up about things like local housing issues.

“**Compare and Contrast**” used to be a fairly standard opening to an exam-type question; a few present-time happenings could maybe do with the same treatment. Some are not unconnected with the above.

You’ve to be brave to write about **money!** But we will try. The other Friday the “Red nose” comic relief was working hard to raise “huge” amounts for wonderfully worthwhile and sometimes heart-breaking causes both overseas and here at home. They raised **millions** to alleviate the conditions of desperate people. We couldn’t help comparing and contrasting that with the news being reported at the same time where **billions** are being spent to be used in conflict to devastate areas by war and even in the aftermath the amount spent to reconstruct will be so much less. (Reported fact: for every £1 raised in Comic Relief £170 is being spent on the ‘war effort’) Then, as you will read elsewhere in this issue, we have been asked to compare and contrast the amount which can be found to “do up” an old mill, with the amount that can’t now be found to support some of the services once provided at the local health centre! We know that someone will point out that grants and support come out of “different pockets”. Maybe we need fewer pockets. As for housing, we are always comparing and contrasting the costs in the Dales with elsewhere; but it depends where you choose! Poorly paid workers in London have a far worse time than up here, and

have we stopped to think **why** house prices have increased so much over the last few years. You can’t only blame the purchasers!

Compare and contrast the amount that now seems to be spent by “authorities”- local, governmental and even some voluntary organisations on *bureaucracy* - administration, evaluation, glossy reports, even the large amounts having to be spent on *applying* for grants in order to (hopefully) get them! all of which mean that there is a lesser proportion to go for delivering the end-product, be it health care, actual beds, nurses and treatment, (it is reported that there are seven administrators for every four doctors) actual teachers in the classroom, building of a local facility, or to be very local, even the upkeep of the environment, removal of rubbish or mending stiles.

We seem to spend more and more on reporting what we do, than actually doing it! We don’t however, want to stifle any thinking that goes on to seek ways of redressing some of these balances. Trouble is, that costs money! And finally, compare and contrast the amount of reporting, evaluating and informing, (using many words where a couple would do) with the amount of it most of us actually read! It’s all part of the “over the top” way we live. We could all do with “tightening up our act”.



**EUNICE**

...is so pleased that many of you saw her last month. The winner of the £5 prize is:

**Amelia Hunter  
Of Hardraw**

**HAWES W.I. 80TH  
BIRTHDAY 2003**

Wanted, on loan, any photographs of past W.I. events for a display later in the year.

If you have any, please contact **Margaret Bridgman 667175.**

**LOCAL METHODISTS SAY "YES"**

The Wensleydale Methodist Circuit, which has 16 churches from Bellerby, Barden and East Witton up to Gayle has voted at its March meeting in Aysgarth, by 28 votes to 17, to say "yes" to the national **Covenant** being put forward between the Anglican Church and Methodism. Local Anglicans have to make similar decisions. In the summer both national churches at Synod and Conference will have to take a decision.

The Covenant is a first step in the on-going proposal which in time could lead to the full organic union of both churches in this country. Despite many examples of very good co-operation at local levels for years, the ultimate coming together will doubtless be a good way off.

**NEXT ISSUE**

The May issue will be produced on April 30th and will be distributed between May 1st and May 5th  
**Deadline for copy:  
THURSDAY APRIL 24TH**

**DROP-OFF POINTS**

for news, articles, adverts, What's On dates, reports, competition entries, suggestions, comments, etc.

- Hawes:** Alan S. Watkinson, Old Station House. Tel: 667785
- Gayle:** Lorna Ward, East House. Tel. 667405
- Bainbridge:** Post Office & Shop
- Askrigg:** Rima Berry, 8 Mill Lane Tel. 650980
- Carperby:** Margaret Woodcock, Bella Cottage. Tel: 663488
- West Burton:** Nadine Bell, Margaret's Cottage. Tel: 663559
- Newbiggin:** Lynda Bayne, Meadow Barn. Tel: 663324
- Aysgarth:** Cheese and Wine Shop. **Redmire:** Ann Holubecki. Tel: 622967

**ADVERTISING RATES**

**Block Adverts:**

**£15 £10 £5 per issue**

But for 6 or 12 issues there is a large (1/3 off) reduction, so 12 issues totals are:

**£120 £80 £40**

**CONTACT:**

For Hawes **Lorna Ward, East House,**  
+ westward: **Gayle. Tel. 667405**

Elsewhere: **Sue Duffield, Thornton  
Rust Tel: 663504**

**Greetings or market place ads: £2.**  
**'What's on' (non-commercial) details are free.**  
**They can be left at any drop off point or e-mailed.**

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**LAST MONTH'S ANSWERS**

All answers had a connection with **March**.

1. March family in "Little Women"
2. The Ides of March
3. March Hare
4. In like a lion, out like a lamb
5. Marchweil- village on A525
6. "loud and shrill..."
7. The composer of marches: Sousa
8. The hymn tune "Marching"
9. River Nene
10. George Eliot wrote "Middlemarch"

**And the £10 prize winner was:**  
**Jane Ritchie of West Burton**

The mystery picture was of **BORDLEY, WHARFEDALE**. Did you get it? And the postcard was from **ORKNEY**

**APRIL COMPETITION**

**Books and their authors. All you have to do is to interpret the initials.**

Example: S L by T K = Schindler's List by Thomas Keneally

1. T H by A B
2. D U by B B
3. T O Y by V B
4. E J by J B P
5. C by A B
6. T T M by H G W
7. I C S L by L L
8. L R T C by F T
9. H P A T P S by J K R
10. F F T M C by T H
11. W O T D by H S
12. A O T L W H by U M W
13. A A T J S by E O
14. T S L by C S L
15. A B by T A

**RAYDALE IN THE PAST**  
**An exhibition at the School Room**  
**Stalling Busk**  
**April 18th, 19th and 20th**

**ASKRIGG VILLAGE SHOP**

**ASKIND LTD**  
**JOB VACANCY**

A vacancy has arisen for a Shop Assistant to work Monday, Tuesday & Friday mornings and Saturday afternoons.

(Job share would be considered)

Further details of the job, including hours and pay, from Mrs Kathleen Harrington at the shop (Tel **650441**)

**NEWSLETTER ACCOUNTS**

**March 2002 to February 2003**

<b>Income</b>	<b>£</b>	
Balance brought forward		4564.74
Donations and postal subs.		265.50
Collecting boxes		1718.89
Adverts		5448.00
Interest		4.52
		12001.65

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£</b>	
Production costs		2068.89
Committee expenses & Honoraria		447.00
Software and computer servicing		195.05
Office rental; Yorebridge; part year		100.00
Distribution costs/donations in lieu		250.00
Prizes		105.00
Equipment- box labels		435.50
Printer maintenance		282.00
Bursary student		250.00
Book award scheme		375.00
Seats donated to community		2299.95
Bank charges etc.		56.70
Balance carried forward		5136.56
		12001.65

Accounts audited and found correct.  
**Barry Wilcox**