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by Tom Purvis

EDITORIAL

Three cheers for Carperby! Why is that, you might ask?

Well, in the **parish council** elections, Carperby actually had a contest! There was a real election and five parish councillors were elected from six nominees. In all the other parishes in our area, there were either only just sufficient members nominated, or, sadly, in most of them not even enough to fill the places available.

This might seem strange in an area where, probably better than any other anywhere, there is such a wealth of volunteering. (*Did you know that June 1st to 7th is Volunteers' Week?*) Hours of time and effort are expended on Community work: think-tanks, new ideas put forward, May fairs, June galas, outings and trips, sporting activities for all ages, musical and dramatic events; those spending their time and money keeping their corner of town or village not only neat and tidy but positively attractive; dry stone walls repaired or trees planted; people cared for and looked after, visited in, or taken to, hospital; lunch clubs and meals on wheels; and, we might add with considerable gratitude, the hours spent by so many of you supporting in all kinds of ways, this newsletter.

So why when it comes to parish councils, do so few people get involved? It might be that they feel the councils do nothing; are too backward looking; too forward-looking; too concerned with only one sectional interest in their community; "Don't speak for us"; over-ridden or 'steam-rollered' if they did become a councillor; see no results for their efforts; too much "stuff" to read and absorb; not wanting to face the inevitable criticisms of decisions or comments!

Well, if any of this is true, it is only

reinforced if more people don't become involved. Where there are not enough councillors **elected** the number can be made up by **co-option**; that's hardly the most democratic way to carry on! Ideally, each council should have a balance of members with long-established links with the area, representing various traditions and employment which we would not want to lose, and members representing the large and varied groups of people who have come to live here and who can have useful experiences from elsewhere, and a balance of men and women, younger and older.

As to what our councils "do" or can't "do", it is true that their powers are limited, but there are moves nationally to increase their role. For example, their impact on planning submissions doesn't really extend beyond "supporting" or not, but they can affect how the area looks by their pressure on district or county about the "infrastructure" of the area and that is most important in keeping the area special and different but without falling behind in services. How 'suburban' do we want to become? How lit up at night? (That's a national worry at the moment), how many road signs and how big? Fewer or more highly visible structures or wires? How much road-marking and lining? They can keep an eye on the improvement or decline in environmental services, health services or the police. The parish councils really can have an effect on our local lives.

So, even if we don't feel we can be an active member just now, remember we can all go to the meetings every now and again, (and that goes for District and County meetings) and keep 'em on their toes! Maybe next time, there will be meaningful elections for all our parish council seats.

THE MAN WITH TWO BIRTHDAYS!

"We crossed over the enormous mountains into lovely Wensleydale, the largest by far of all the Dales as well as the most beautiful", wrote John Wesley in 1774. Nice of him to say so! 50 years earlier he had got lost in a bog and been stoned by the people of Redmire! Then he had been 32 and celebrating his birthday on June the 17th. By his last visit he was celebrating on June the 28th because in 1752 Britain adopted the Gregorian Calendar and omitted the 2nd to the 11th of September to make up for 18 hours per century which are lost if one celebrates a leap year in centennial years not divisible by four hundred! This caused rioting. A popish plot to deprive British Protestants of 11 days was suspected (Gregory XIII had persuaded most of Europe to change 200 years earlier, but Britain is always wary of continental ideas) This year the world's 70 million Methodists will celebrate John Wesley's 300th birthday. In Hawes Methodists will demonstrate forgiveness to his holiness by attending Catholic Mass in St Margaret's on 28th of June. There will be other special services that weekend.

Wesley was a remarkable man, saved from a fire at the age of six he regarded himself as special, *"a brand plucked from the burning!"* After school he enrolled at Christ Church Oxford where he formed the Holy Club of serious young men who studied the Bible prayed and did practical work like prison visiting and teaching the poor of the city. After a disastrous period as a missionary in America, where he was accused of jilting the magistrate's niece, he returned to England and underwent a conversion experience on the 24th of May 1738. Though an ordained Anglican he started travels during which he delivered more than **40 thousand sermons!** He gathered 90 thousand people into groups for prayer. He founded schools, clinics and workshops for the unemployed. He was a pioneer in the use of electrotherapy and he published cheap books so that those who were taught to read in his Sunday schools could exercise their skills. (Among them his best selling, and frankly weird, medical textbook 'Primitive physic.')

He probably saved this country from the traumas of a French-type revolution. His most recent biographer is Roy Hattersley, an agnostic,

fascinated by the influence he had on our land. He visited this Dale on three occasions, preaching in **Wensley, Castle Bolton and Redmire**. There were several groups of Methodists in the Dale by the time of his death, despite the fact that his first sermon left the people of Wensley debating whether he was a Quaker or an Anabaptist (they finally concluded that he was a Presbyterian Papist). On his last visit the people of Redmire who had originally greeted him with stones were as he wrote *"profoundly civil bowing and curtsying on every side."* There are still 16 Methodist Churches with 250 members in this part of the Dale.

On his 72 birthday he wrote in his diary, "I was considering how it is that that I find the same strength that I did thirty years ago. My sight and nerves are better now and I have none of the infirmities of old age. The grand cause is the good pleasure of God and the chief means are:

- 1) my constant rising at four for about fifty years
- 2) My generally preaching at five in the morning.

(One of the most healthy exercises in the world) (!)

- 3) My never travelling by sea or land less than four thousand five hundred miles a year."

Methodists revere him. We celebrate his birthday but are we worthy of so great a man?!

Martin P. James

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WHAT'S ON AT THE DALES COUNTRYSIDE MUSEUM, HAWES, JUNE 2003

The printmaking group the **INKERS** will continue to exhibit in the main hall at the museum until the **29th June**. If you haven't had chance to view **A LASTING IMPRESSION** yet, it is open between 10am and 5pm every day. For those with a particular interest in printmaking techniques, there is a lecture and workshops to attend. Phone the museum for details **667450**.

Jill Clay is exhibiting and holding "drop in" silk painting sessions every day until 15th June. All are welcome to join in and be creative.

Friends of the Museum will be demonstrating woolcrafts and spinning on the afternoon of the **3rd June**. On **19th June** Friends will be dressing up in the Victorian kitchen display and be explaining work that went on in the Farmhouse Dairy.

On the **10th and 21st of June** there will be an expert stonewaller at work at the museum.

If you have ever wanted to learn about map reading and using a compass, join National Park Volunteers for their Beginner Pathfinding day on **Saturday 28th June**.

On **Sunday 29th June**, there will be a blacksmithing demonstration at the museum. Steve Hopps will be working and will also have his work for sale.

Looking ahead to July, we are working with the Wensleydale Railway Association to host an exhibition on the Wensleydale Railway. It will also include project work done by local schools on the theme, "**A RAILWAY FOR WENSLEYDALE?**"

PANTOMIME 2003

There will be new, interesting and surprising developments in the pantomime **Cinderella** to be performed by the Hawes Amateur Operatic Society at the Market Hall from Monday 1st to Saturday 6th of December. Rehearsals begin on Monday September 1st.

Anyone interested in joining a very keen, go-ahead group of friendly people either on stage or behind the scenes should contact either **Angus McCarthy 667206** or **John Drew 650443** for further details.

WEST BURTON SCHOOL NEWS

News faces at West Burton

This year has been a very successful year so far for the school, as many people have joined our community. There have been three new pupils who have come, as well as one new woodwind teacher Mrs. Evans (as you may already know Mr. Harpley has retired). There is a new reception pupil called Max Landau, from Scotland whose parent now runs the village pub, a year three called Ambithia Firth, who came from Bradford, and a year five called Jessica Simmons who used to go to Bainbridge School, but who now lives at Edgley. Last year, the school only had 34 children but it has grown by 8 so now we have 42. There may be a new girl coming to school after the Half Term as well. We are all very pleased about all these new people joining our school. Hopeful this year will finish off as successfully as last year.

Charlotte Sunter (aged 9) & Charlotte Jackson (aged 10)

Keeping Traditions Alive At West Burton

On Monday 26th of May, the eight children who have participated in the after-school Maypole club finally danced to the routines they have been following for weeks. For years and years, the children of West Burton C.E Primary have followed the Pagan tradition and danced around the Maypole.

Each year, after school clubs are held and pupils come along to practise the dances. Unfortunately, only 8 people (the minimum number for the dances) were able to come this particular year due to clashes with other things.

The May Fair, which attracts hundreds of visitors to the centre of the village, takes place on Bank Holiday Monday at the end of May. Anyone can come along and enjoy the various stalls and games or have tea in the Village Hall.

In the Chapel, Mrs Page's new Drama Group (which consists of current or former

pupils of West Burton Primary) performed 'The Life of John Wesley', a production written and directed by Mrs Page. This has been great fun.

By Olivia Burton Year 6

Local schools' football tournament

On Friday the 2nd May, West Burton school took part in the football tournament organised by Mr Jackson of Bainbridge School but held at Askrigg.

It was a great success for our 2 teams with a combined 4 games won, 1 drawn and 3 lost. We entered 2 teams, the Bullets (the more experienced team) and the Wobblers (the less experienced team!).

The scores for the Bullets were 0-1, 1-1, 7-0 and 7-0, whilst the scores for the Wobblers were 0-4, 4-0, 2-0 and 1-4. Our scorers were James Reaks 2, Andrew Rucroft 3, Hannah Yeadon 2, John Sullivan 4, James Yeadon 4, John Sunter 5 and Damon Reaks 2.

Over all it was a very good day and the pupils made loads of good friends. Thanks for organising it Mr. Jackson, and for taking us Mr. Blyton.

James Yeadon Aged 11

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HAWES SCHOOL NEWS

BALLET

We are trying to ascertain the level of interest for ballet lessons locally. If your child is interested in taking ballet lessons, please let the school know as soon as possible. Obviously we need quite a few children to make it viable and we have also asked Bainbridge, Askrigg and West Burton schools.

School Achievement Award

We have just been notified that our school has been given this award **again!** We are one of a very select and small number of schools in North Yorkshire who have won a School Achievement Award **in 2 consecutive years**. David Miliband, the Minister of State for School Standards, said in his letter to us that “the hard work and dedication of teaching and support staff are crucial to a school’s success. The School Achievement Awards are intended to celebrate and reward these efforts”. Congratulations to all the pupils, parents, staff & governors who have worked so hard to make Hawes School into one of the best in the county.

Tesco and Walkers’ Tokens - Reminder

We are collecting the special Tesco ‘Computers for Schools’ vouchers. We are hoping to collect enough vouchers for peripheral hardware. We are also collecting Walkers ‘Free Books for Schools’ tokens. Please encourage family, friends and neighbours to collect them for us. You can drop your tokens off at the **Community Office, HSBC Bank or Hawes School**

STILL LIFE

Last term we made still life pictures in art. We worked in groups of four, five or six. Then we had to discuss in our groups what still life we were going to decide on and who was bringing in what to create it. When everything was collected, we started arranging them. In my group we decided to make a still life of things we use in the bath room. There was Steven Calvert, Keiron Kenneally, Luke Wade, Emma Calvert and I. There were five other groups, “Girl Stuff”, by Gemma Calvert’s group, “Rock Jungle”, by Jason Holliday’s group, “Colourful Arts”, by Lucy Gray’s group, Animal, Mineral and Vegetable by Sam Bown’s group and last but not least “Night at the Opera”, by Hannah Scully’s group.

When we had arranged our still lifes we ran out of time so we took a photograph so we knew where everything was. The next day we set everything out again and had to do a quick sketch in our art books. When we had done that we had to choose which art materials we were going to use. My group chose pastels. When that was all done we had to evaluate all the others.

We hung the photographs up in our classroom on the cloak room door.

**Chloe
Iveson**

FRENCH

Last term we learned some of the French language.

We learned numbers up to 31, days of the week, the alphabet, and the weather.

Here are the numbers up to 12.

Un = 1, Deux = 2, Trois = 3, Quatre = 4, Cinq = 5, Six = 6, Sept = 7, Huit = 8, Neuf = 9, Dix = 10, Onze = 11, Douze = 12

Once Mrs Leeming gave us a test on the

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Vendredi = Friday, Samedi = Saturday,
Dimanche = Sunday

One Tuesday or shall I say on Mardi; we listened to a tape of the French alphabet. A group of French children were singing. It sounded a bit unusual to us, and some people started laughing.

My Grandad Brian moved to France in the Christmas holidays and said it was BRILLIANT!!! When he came back and I told him everything I had learnt he was amazed!!!!

I really enjoyed learning my French!

Gemma Calvert

MORE BALLET!

We have had quite a lot of interest for ballet lessons and have found a tutor who will come to the school possibly Friday evenings. We are hoping to start the lessons in September. There will be two classes, pre-school i.e. age 3/4 which is for ½ hour and costs £2.70 per session, which is payable termly, and 5 and upwards, which is for 45 minutes and costs £3.80 per session. Children do not need any special clothing or footwear to start with, although they might want to progress and take exams for which they will need suitable clothing, i.e. ballet shoes etc.

Please contact Hawes School on **667308** if your child is interested.

FIRST TRAIN WEEKEND

We will give you all the details next issue, but please note that the WENSLEYDALE RAILWAY starts running its scheduled passenger trains from Leyburn to Leeming Bar on July 4th.

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THE COMMUNITY OFFICE

An update on the work of the Community Office over the past month

We have emerged from May with another month of reliable services for the Community. There have been some changes and developments within the work of the Community Office, but the trusty service has remained the same!

First of all, changes have been made to the Upper Wensleydale Business & Tourism Association, which is no longer called this. The new name is The Business Association. Developments of The Business Association include their new members website, which is a fantastic new site that is jam-packed with information on accommodation, attractions, events and much more. Please do visit the site at:

www.wensleydale.org

The Community Office Outreach service is still in operation at Aysgarth (1st Tuesday of the month), Carperby (2nd Monday) and Thoraby (3rd Wednesday). This is where the Community Office takes a number of its services, including photocopying facilities and Council forms, to further a field villages in Upper Wensleydale. Please do come and use the service, our friendly staff will try and answer any enquiries you may have.

Another service that the Community Office provides is Internet access (which is on an ISDN line, so it's a little bit faster than normal)! There is a small charge for access, which is £1.25 per half hour, and you just need to come along to the office between 9:30 and 4:30.

On the whole the Community Office and its services are being used more and more each month, which is evidenced in the statistics that are recorded on the number of people who use each service.

Also, don't forget that you can come to the Community Office for some friendly business advice, as we are a Local Access

Point for Business Link.

If you would like further information on what is available from the Community Office then please don't hesitate to contact our welcoming staff by either
telephone: **01969 667400**
or email: **uwco@btconnect.com**

HAWES GALA

Have you ever tried standing and even moving on ice skates ?

There's a golden opportunity at this years Hawes Gala on **Saturday 28th June**.

The Street Entertainment starts at the Bull's Head at 12.30 with the Fairly Famous Family Street Theatre and then the Fancy Dress Parade leaves at 1.00 for the Creamery Field.

The Gala will be opened by this year's queen Melissa Barnes and a special guest. On the field will be the fantastic Ice Rink with snow machine, Fairy Tale Puppet Show, "Phatt" Band, Palmist, Bar Fly, Air Brush Face Painting, Vintage Vehicles and many rides, races and stalls. The Jack "n" Jill Toboggan Slide will give the children the chance to leave the Gala drenched !

Our very own successful and popular Hawes Silver Band will be playing during the afternoon.

Admission £2.00 on the day, Under 16's free. **Strictly no dogs on the Gala field.**

Return of trophies

Please can all Gala cups and trophies be returned by **June 21st** to Streetwise or the Fountain Hotel. Make sure all are engraved.

Pet photo competition

Photos of two or more animals, any type, should be taken, as above, by **Tuesday, June 24th**

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MEET THE....

..... New Head Teacher at Askrigg

I don't think there can be a better head teacher's office anywhere. Certainly **Linda Cork** thinks not, as we meet in that room with the sun streaming in over Addlebrough, as she spends some time in the school prior to taking up the post which she is really looking forward to.

Linda Cork comes from Bridgnorth in Shropshire (brought up on a sheep farm) and then "lived all over", including Glasgow but generally only really "passed through the north". She attended college in Coventry and taught there, followed by Bitteswell in Leicestershire; that was the top school in the county. She then became deputy head at a school near Daventry in Northants.

Looking for a change Mrs Cork took up a post as Literacy Consultant for County Durham and has been travelling widely (up to 1000 miles a week), suggesting strategies for raising standards and running courses for teachers, and is presently living in Patrick Brompton where she might remain until she's seen what winter travelling is like.

Although she has greatly enjoyed this work she was having 'withdrawal symptoms' from school; "especially at Christmas time", she said; "I'm not part of this", she thought! So now she is back.

Already she has met the other head teachers in our area and is keen to get to know the community; she will be teaching four days a week and her class have been busy writing profiles of themselves! She is keen to get to know all the children.

Linda loves writing! In fact she has written books on Primary maths and science, and teachers' books on language and science which for many children in Leicestershire, who have English as a second language, was most important. She also did some PGCE science teaching.

She is well-placed for visiting her children; Helen works in Estate Agency in Leicester and David is just finishing year 1 at Newcastle University, studying bio-medical science. A recent tea-time spent with him became an off-

putting session on immunology and viruses!

As we looked out again at the hills, Mrs. Cork said she had already had the chance to explore. "I've got all the maps", she said. "I'll be walking".

A.S.W.

MARTIAL ARTS CLUB

The Northern Spirit Jujitsu Ryu martial arts club through its funding by the Millennium Awards scheme and kind support by the now disbanded Hawes Sea Angling Club, is about to start its first training sessions in the art of jujitsu at Askrigg Village Hall on Thursday the 19th June. Everyone is welcome to come along to these sessions. The initial training is free and 10 students will receive free licences and insurance for a year.

Children 6pm till 7pm

Adults 7pm till 8pm

Any Enquiries, phone: 01969 650980 or email: northern.spirit@btinternet.com

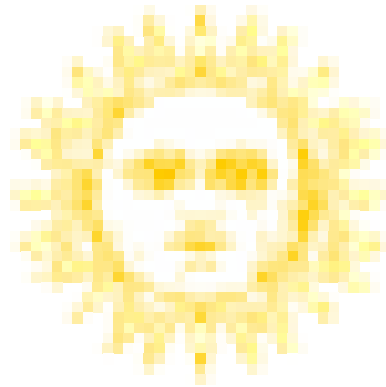
Adrian Janke & Rima Berry

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Richard's
Children's Page

June 03

Hello and welcome. This month we've got an article about Hazel Brow Farm in Low Row., Swaledale. It's a great family day out for people of all ages.



There is a nature walk where you can find protected animals and find out about their natural habitat. We also saw milking time and fed the lambs.

You can also try milking a goat!

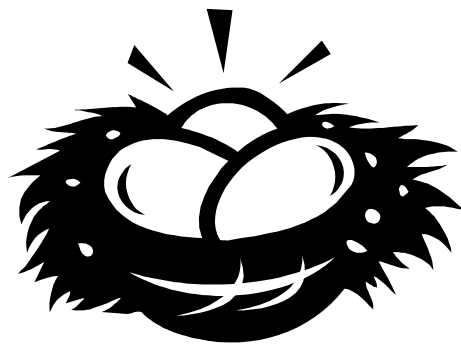
Visit the shop and discovery room to find out more about the farm..

We had a great time and would love to go again.

This was sent in by Katherine Ellison (age 9).

Hazel Brow Farm

Hazel Brow Farm is an Organic farm. That means no chemicals are used. Visitors can not only see but also meet the many animals on the farm. When I went recently with my brother, and friends Kizzy & Tara, we were given a bag of pig and chicken food to feed the animals with.



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YORKSHIRE DALES SOCIETY BRANCHES OUT

The Yorkshire Dales Society, founded to promote and protect these precious acres, is striking out to develop and strengthen additional membership sources in the new millennium.

Businesses based in or around the Dales are invited to join the society as Corporate Members. To qualify companies must support the Society's twin objectives 'To advance the public knowledge and appreciation of the social history and the physical and cultural heritage of the Yorkshire Dales and to preserve its condition, landscape and natural beauty'.

With new support and input from corporate membership the Society can further support the sustainable economic development of the Dales with the introduction of innovative communications and transport development ideas. The scheme has already attracted new memberships from committed companies across a spectrum of enterprises, from technology companies such as QDK Ltd., developers of the Daelnet website, www.daelnet.co.uk through to local produce providers such as Redmire Farm.

Businesses wishing to participate in the Society's activity in the Dales and programme of corporate network events can join for as little as £26 (1-10 employees), £52 (10-50), or £100 for companies with over 50 full time staff. Members will be included in the annual Dales Business for Conservation Directory.

The Society aims to promote the Dales for future generations and works to involve young people accordingly. A family event open to all existing and prospective members is to be held on **7th June** in Ribblesdale in conjunction with Stainforth Youth Hostel. Meeting at Stainforth Car Park at 1pm the afternoon will comprise a 3 ½ mile riverside walk suitable for all ages with tea. For more

information about the afternoon or on how to become a Member - Corporate or private- of the Society, contact **01943 461938** or email tf.leisure@btconnect.com

ECUADOR

(Our Bursary student, through a family contact, had a very special trip; here is her report)

I had little idea what to expect last summer when I arrived in Ecuador, but certainly any expectations that I did have were completely different from what I encountered as I stepped off the plane after 14 hours. Far from being unbearably hot, which I had anticipated given that Ecuador lies on the equator, it was instead just pleasantly warm through the day, while at night it could be bitterly cold. This was not surprising when I found out that at 2850 metres, Quito, the capital of Ecuador, and the place which we were staying, was the second highest capital city in the world. There's a huge monument in Quito that marks the position of the equator and it was strange to be able to step from one hemisphere to the other or even have a foot in both!

The Ecuadorian culture is completely different from ours, nothing was ever planned and organisation was almost non-existent. People in Ecuador lived for the moment and had no sense of urgency, even the buses didn't run on timetable but simply turned up when the drivers felt like it! Dancing was everywhere in Ecuador, in people's houses, restaurants, bars, even on the streets. Everyone seemed to have a in-built sense of rhythm which was not surprising as children danced before they could walk!

Much of Ecuador is covered in tropical rainforest so we decided to spend a few days staying in the jungle. We slept in roofless wooden cabins and ate little more than rice and bananas but it was probably the best five days I spent in Ecuador. In the middle of the first night we had our first, unexpected visitor in the cabin, when I woke up to find a huge tarantula crawling down our wall. It's the first time I've ever seen one in real life, but it definitely wasn't the last. We saw so many other animals too, like snakes, monkeys, parrots and piranhas but probably my favourite was the crocodiles we saw on a night canoe-ride on the river and every time we stopped the boat the whole surface of the river and everywhere around us glowed with the light from the fireflies!

We spent our last afternoon looking for a giant rodent than someone had seen near to the camp. After three hours, we hadn't seen any sign of it but later that night, just as the last few of us were going to bed, we heard something move around the kitchen hut. We switched on a torch and saw two of the animals we has been looking for - they looked just like rats but about the size of small dogs - running around the kitchen!

The time I spent in Ecuador was amazing. I loved the culture, the people and the dancing, the Ecuadorians were friendly, hospitable and lively though certainly not punctual and I would love to go back one day, especially to the jungle!

Ruth Middleton

Hawes Grammer School Trust Fund

Any young person residing in the Hawes Parish and going on to further education at College or University is entitled to a small amount of money towards books etc.

If you have not received a letter about this please contact either Doreen Raw or Roger Iveson. We do not want to leave anyone out. Thank you.

DOREEN RAW 667250

JAMES "WOODY" METCALFE

Thirty three years a fireman

When the new firestation was opened in Hawes on Brunt Acres in 1991/2 James was presented with a 20 years long service medal. I was admiring it alongside the special bronze statuette that was presented to him just a few days ago after he retired from the reserve fire service having served 33 years. James or "Woody" ("Don't ask me how I got the name!") has done a variety of work in his life, from farming, driving, rail track maintenance and now milk-tanker driving for the Creamery. But for the past thirty three years he has also been a reserve fireman on 75% cover. (He explained that some are on 100% and he was on 75%) Born in Hawes and now living in Gayle Lane, James and his wife Jean have two daughters and a granddaughter and grandson. As being in the fire service seems to run in families in these parts, I asked about the young grandson. "Well he is mad about Fireman Sam!" said Jean. Jean said she regrets the passing of "proper uniform," saying how smart they looked on parade. "There's nothing to pin a medal on to now." I asked Woody about other changes in the job. He said that there are more traffic accidents now than there used to be, whereas at one time it was mainly chimney fires and moor land fires. "That's when you need to be fit," he commented, "When you have to carry equipment quite a distance to the fire." But being fit is part of the job and medicals are regular and quite strict; as they should be. Woody also recounted being in "The Musicals" when John Cockett produced them. He was in Showboat, Oklahoma, White Horse Inn and many others. He also played football for Hawes from the age of 15 to 43! Now he plays golf but he will continue to see 'the lads' for a game of snooker on a Monday night. "I can't recall any arguments or bad feeling among the fire-fighting team, in all the years", he said, "They all get on pretty well." At one time, when there was a call-out, a siren was sounded in Hawes and the firemen all had a bell over their front door too which used to ring, so letting everyone know what was up. Now, only the personal beepers that they carry announce a call, and so no-one else knows. This may account, says Woody for the blank stares he gets on Market days when he's trying to get through the crowds to report. When a siren went off everyone knew and used to make way! He recalled one occasion though when he, hearing a bell, jumped out of bed and rushed down to the station only to find he was the only one there. It turned out to have been his father's alarm clock waking him for his shift! The latest story happened the night of Woody's retirement party. There was a call out to High Hall, the firemen attended of course only to find that a spider had crawled into a smoke alarm and set it off. Having extracted the spider they were nearly back in Hawes when they got another call to the same place..... another spider determined to spoil Woody's party! I

left wondering where we would be without people like James Metcalfe who by their long service and high standards of duty, keep us safe.

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MISSING

.....From Bainbridge Village Hall: one kettle and one teapot. Will the person who has borrowed them please return them or contact **Jean Abraham 650317**.

Thank you.

STILL WANTED, PLEASE

**Bottles, jars, tins, unused gifts etc.,
for the Hawes Gala Tombola.**

Please give or take to Ann or Pete Wood
Lane House, Hawes; 667897

POLICE REPORT

Overnight between the 3rd and 4th May, an Ifor Williams cattle trailer was stolen from a farm at Bainbridge. Nobody heard or saw anything. We have had a spate of thefts from farms particularly in the Swaledale area; it would appear that the criminals are moving over the hills. It is very easy to become complacent, particularly when it is quiet on the crime front; but if you do not look after your property - you will lose it.

Early in April a farmer had criminals visit in and attempt to steal his quad bike from his farm at Lunds, fortunately he witnessed the crime and gave chase after the offenders, although he did not actually catch them he obtained the number of the van used in the commission of the offence, and the type of vehicle which was travelling with it. The van which had been trying to take the quad was a white Ford Transit, it was in the company of a green/dark blue Rover 216. The crime happened about 8pm which goes to show that the criminals are not always about in the dead of night.

Also two quad bikes were stolen from a farm in Bishopdale at the end of April, from complainants who have had more than their fair share of tragedy recently; thieves do not spend time researching their victims. Believed involved in the crime was a black Ford Escort saloon. The driver was male believed to be about 25 years with dark brown hair. If you have any information it would be greatly appreciated.

Again in April, a caravan was stolen from a site near Hawes. The audacity of these guys was to go up to the site, hitch up and drive off; it was 6am. Please make sure that the owners of the vans secure them properly and if you have one of your own, employ the same tactics. We had a similar theft in Leyburn earlier this month, we caught the guy, just going over the border into Durham. It transpired that this was the second van he had tried to pinch that day, he was in a stolen vehicle, he was disqualified and had only been released from prison the previous week and was tagged (and who says the judicial system doesn't work!). It just goes to show, these guys mean business so be aware.

Yes folks it is that time of year again! By the time you read this the dreaded yellow lines will be in force again so watch out. As usual I will be enforcing them and issuing tickets to offending vehicles (which are nearly all local). I have said it before and I shall say it again, even though a lot of you do not listen - **YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED.** Oh yes and just to make your day, expect to see a lot more of June our Traffic Warden this year - she just can't wait to meet you.

Lastly Paul Calvert is producing a bi-monthly crime report which gives more up to date information on recent crime, including suspect vehicles etc. Copies are available in the Community Office and I intend to get some up to the Auction Mart and will ask them to put them on display for people to browse. They are brief but to the point and will help you and us fight the crimes in our area.

Anyway that's all for now, if you need any help or information please contact me or any member of staff at the community office and we will help you all we can.

Dave Cousins

P.S. A cautionary tale... There are groups of tarmacers

travelling around the Dale offering their services. They will tell you that they have been on a job and have some tarmac left over and want to know if you would like your drive etc resurfacing. The truth is that they have not got a bit left over, in fact just buy it and carry out doorstep selling. They invariably charge far too much and the quality of the workmanship leaves something to be desired. They normally travel around in Ford Escort vans and have a tipper with them. Don't touch them with a barge pole!

SPONSORED WALK

Support public transport and St. Oswald's Church, Askrigg! There will be a sponsored walk on **Sunday, June 1st.** Meet at Askrigg cross at **1.45 pm** to catch the bus to Castle Bolton and then take the high route walk back to Askrigg