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EDITORIAL

“Huge viaduct proposed across Aysgarth Falls”. This is how headlines might have read in the middle of the 1800s at the time of Railway Mania when such proposals were certainly on the cards and the famous of the day voiced their dismay. Strange how we now think Ribblesdale, Smardale, Low Gill or Monsal Dale (in the Peak District) actually add to the view. What ‘legacies’ are we leaving today? Will future generations have our eyesores and disasters to clear up? How do you feel about the size of the proposed 27 turbines on the wilderness skyline between the Dales and the Lakes? You can’t say the vast lead-mining remains on the sides of, say, Arkengarthdale, are beautiful, can you? And it remains to be seen how the new ‘single payment’ scheme for our farmers affects for good or ill, in the longer term, both landscape and land use.

When the famous landscape architects of a few hundred years ago set out our huge parks, gardens and estates, they couldn’t possibly envisage what their piddling little saplings would look like as graceful elm-groves or giant oaks, but wow, we value them now. We know some of our local ‘tree-men’ plant far more than they fell, and there are some impressive large tree-planting schemes going on (like the huge extension at Freeholders Wood at Aysgarth Falls), and several ghylls being re-wooded. Unfortunately, it sometimes seems that our councils and whoever they are who advise or make recommendations to them, are more keen to cover our ‘Green and pleasant land’ with tarmac and concrete. That can also be the case with us as individuals with our houses and gardens. What will they say of our efforts in the future?

We are not being anti-progress or anti-development, but isn’t it fair to question the appropriateness and the scale of some

of the ‘progress’ in our area which is set aside for its special qualities. “One size fits all” might be O.K. if we are buying socks; it certainly is not O.K when road schemes, “improvements”, alternative uses of buildings or industrial estates are being planned. We are not short of very good ideas in our area; brain-storming is almost second nature! But do we ever stop and remind ourselves of the miniscule population we have here which, even when adding on the visitors, comes nowhere near suburban or urban- or even other so-called rural areas. Hawes has had unnecessary, even ludicrous, traffic-calming ‘bumps’ installed, much new tarmac, big road signs spring up everywhere, large sports complexes are replacing (unused) original ones here and there; industrial units keep being put up beside unused ones. Community Education (Askrigg, Middleham and Leyburn) struggle to fill courses and even more spaces (Gayle Mill and Hawes Auction Mart) have training schemes planned. Somebody said to us the other day we have more public rooms, halls and meeting places than some towns with twenty times our dales population!

It might be time for all those in authority to pause, take a breath and consider overall in the dale whether what we plan is in keeping, sustainable, even necessary, and even more to imagine what future generations might think of our efforts. We want bio-diversity but that shouldn’t include white elephants. And even for each of us, it might be worth pausing before we plant, pull up, pull down, build or redevelop. What “legacy” will we leave?

Discuss! Even write and tell us.

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ASKRIGG SCHOOL NEWS



The Thornton Watlass Football Tournament

On Saturday May 14th there was a football tournament at Thornton Watlass. In it there were Ben Fawcett, Emily Allen, Ross Thwaites, Stephen Moffit, Robert Moore, Shaun Kell and the captain of the team George Handley. There were 16 teams and we played six games. We drew 2 and we won 4. The score in the final was 2-1 against Cathedral. George scored the winner in the last 30 seconds. We won the cup for the second year running and Rob Fawcett took us to Brymor for an ice cream to celebrate. Thank you to Dominic.

Emily and Ben

DOCTORS' ROTAS FOR JUNE

AYSGARTH SURGERY ROTA										Wb - week beginning	
	Wb06/06		Wb13/06		Wb20/06		Wb27/06		Wb30/05		
Day	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	
Mon	F+W	F	J	F	A+J	J	A+F	A	C	C	
Tues	A+J	A+J	A+F	A	F	A	J+W	J+W	J+W	J+W	
Wed	F+W	F	J	J	J	J	A+F	C	A+F	A	
Thur	A+J	J	A	A	F	F	J+W	W	J+W	W	
Fri	F	F	F	F	J	J	A	A	A	A	

Doctors: A - Arblaster, F - France, J - Jones, W - West, C - Closed
Morning Surgery: 9.00 - 10.30 a.m. (no appointments)
Afternoon Surgery: 4.00 - 5.30 p.m. (appointment only)
 For appointments and all enquiries ring **663222**

HAWES SURGERY ROTA										Wb - week beginning	
	Wb06/06		Wb13/06		Wb20/06		Wb27/06		Wb30/05		
Day	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	
Mon	A+J	A+J	A+F	A	F	F	J+W	J+W	C	C	
Tues	F+W	W	J	J	A+J	J	A+F	A	A+F	A	
Wed	A	A	F	F	A	A	J	C	J	J	
Thur	W	W	J	J	A	A	F	F	F	F	
Fri	J	J	A	A	F	F	J+W	J+W	J+W	J+W	

Doctors: A - Arblaster, F - France, J - Jones, W - West, C - Closed
Morning S'y: 8.45-10.15 Tues till 10.45 (no appointments)
Afternoon S'y: 5.00-6.00 Tues 1.00-4.00 (appointments only)
 For appointments and all enquiries ring **667200**

HIGH HALL NEWS

Residents birthdays:

10th April J(Tetley) Metcalfe

20th April M Kinchin

25th April N Ellison - Norman had a party on Sunday 24th and

invited some friends, had a wonderful time, photos to prove it.

High Hall residents and daycentre have been busy silk painting and trying out some old recipes from a 1930s Bero book. They have had a cheese, beer and wine tasting afternoon. The object of the exercise was to try and find an old fashioned cheese that tasted nearest to the old fashioned Wensleydale cheese (from memory).

Sycamore daycentre enjoyed The Mobile Cinema Experience watching SEABISCUIT (PG). This was provided by Film Around Richmond. Pop-corn and ice-cream were available in the interval.

As most of you know The Extra Care Housing complex at Bainbridge will be a replacement for the Sheltered Housing at Sycamore Close and High Hall EPH across the road. This is to be done in two phases; phase 1 is where the bungalows will be demolished along with some flats, the site cleared and the first 16 flats built.

The clients from Sycamore Close will move in to phase 1. This will also contain the Restaurant, Daycentre and other communal areas. In phase 2 the remainder of the flats will be demolished, the site cleared and the other 24 flats built.

The funding for this project has come from a partnership between Housing 21, The Department of Health, NorthYorkshire County Council, and Richmondshire District Council. Frank Haslem Milan are the builders.

The Building

1st November, 2004. - Work commenced. The first stage was to clear the trees and shrubs. Then a new road was made for the Sycamore clients and staff.

December - The bungalows and some flats were demolished, the site cleared and the footings put in.

January 2005 - The building work commenced.

February - The sub floor was completed and the block work started.

March - Saw the stone work started.

April - Up to the first floor level and work commenced on second floor.

ON THE WINDSWEPT BATTLEMENTS...

of Richmond Castle the writer and director of the community play, **Last Dance of a Dalesman**, and some of the cast were gathered on Monday, May 9th, for the launch of the play soon to be seen at various venues in June and July. The play is sponsored by AiR and supported by Arts Council England and written and directed by North Country Theatre's **Nobby Dimon**, who spoke to me about the story. It is set in 1953, a time of change in the Dales. The National Park status was established, visitors were coming into the area and many locals were emigrating to the USA, Australia, Canada. In the play, the coffin of a lead-miner is being carried down the 'Corpse Way' in Swaledale to Grinton Church. The bearers have to stop halfway and go to the local inn to refresh themselves. It is then, when the dead man's spirit is in limbo, that the story starts to unfold. A story of mining, the war, of guilt, the past, and the future. **V e r i t y Higgins** who is the assistant director herself comes from Australia. She confirmed that many Australians who can trace their roots back to the Yorkshire Dales are very proud of their ancestry.

Some of the cast members who were there remembered being in the Passion plays a few years ago, also directed by Nobby, and were very happy at being able to renew the experience. There are some 42 players in the cast plus 4 musicians and 4 professional actors and all are learning from each other, according to Nobby.

People have come from all over: Middleham, Reeth, Gunnerside, Catterick, Hawes and all seem to be thoroughly enjoying the rehearsals. **The first performance (open-air) is at Middleham Castle on June 16th and 17th. Other venues are Hardraw Scar on June 18th, Richmond Castle, June 23rd-25th, Forcett Hall, June 30th , Kiplin Hall, July 1st and 2nd.** Tickets are now on sale. Contact AiR on **625142** (mailto:air.office@virgin.net) for details. Go along, I am sure it will be a memorable experience. **S.H**

WEBSITE LAUNCH FOR FARMING AND WILDLIFE PROJECT

A new website has been launched to boost a unique conservation scheme in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

The Limestone Country Project is a joint venture involving the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, English Nature, the EU LIFE-nature fund, the National Trust and other partners.

The five-year programme aims to preserve species of plants and flowers currently at risk from heavy grazing by sheep by encouraging farmers to return to mixed livestock grazing using native cattle breeds.

The project – the first of its kind in the country – started in 2002 and has so far recruited 13 Dales farmers to take part.

Now all the details about the project have been launched on the Internet.

The website:

www.limestone-country.org.uk – explains the aims of the scheme, how it works and what the benefits will be for farmers and visitors to the beautiful limestone Dales.

Limestone Country project officer Louise Williams said: “The website is there to promote the project to a wider audience. We hope it will be a good tool for people who want to learn more about the work we do. It’s full of information and will be regularly up-dated to keep people informed on the project’s progress.”

Paul Evans, joint project manager for English Nature, said: “I think the project is probably the most important nature conservation scheme in the Dales for quite a few years in terms of innovation and impact on the ground for wildlife and farmers.

“The website has been created for three main audiences – the farmers, the general public and the farming and wildlife policymakers – and we hope it will be of use to them all.”

BURTERSETT SHOW 2005

Mr and Mrs Richard Dinsdale (Gayle) will open the show on **Sunday July 31st at 2.00pm**. There will be Show Entries, Table Top Sale, Tombola, Games, Dog Show and Cream Teas... and much more. Please watch out for posters and leaflets giving further information. **Jack Dewhirst**

LOCAL REAL ALE

Herriot Country Ales is a start up Micro Brewery looking for a home in the Yorkshire Dales. Wensleydale has strong links with James Herriot and his 10 million book sales and 13 years of television programmes are a good basis for an identity with “All Creatures Great and Small”.

With 28 Million pints of Beer consumed daily in the UK and 2000 different beer brands we are hoping there is a market for some quality Yorkshire Dales brewed, Real Ale. Our intention is to produce up to 1152 pints (4 Barrels or 16 Firkins) of Cask Conditioned Real Ale every week. Our products would include a range of 3 cask ales initially and expand into seasonal brews. We will also be introducing bottled conditioned beers in the future.

Cask Sales are increasing with the continuing growth in local brewers’ share of the cask-conditioned beer market. When first reported in 2002 local brewers took an estimated 14% of UK cask ale. This has now grown to a share in excess of 20%. There has probably never been a better time to enter the market with a renaissance in the brewing of cask ales and a higher profile of local produce.

A recent CAMRA survey certainly appears to back this viewpoint up :

More than 6 out of 10 regular pub-goers believe it very important or important that at least one beer in every pub should be locally brewed; this level of importance increases with frequency of pub visits suggesting local beers have a role to play in encouraging footfall.

Support for local and regional breweries is a factor in choosing real ale for more than 1 in 4 cask ale drinkers. Reasons for drinking cask ale as indicated below, are dominated by:

taste preference and quality perceptions;
a wish to support local and regional breweries; a desire for experimentation and positive associations between cask ale and the types of pubs serving it.

We are primarily looking for sales to Yorkshire Free Houses serving real ales. In addition we shall be looking at alternate sources for sales and publicity by attending Food festivals, and Real Ale festivals where possible.

So it would appear there has never been a better time to be a real ale brewer or drinker !

Rob Wiltshire

(Premises with mains water and drains plus 3-phase electricity are being sought. Readers with any suggestions might like to contact 622027 or 07818 035592)

MEET THE NEW PEOPLE AT HAWES POST OFFICE

“How would you like the Post Office in Hawes?” shouted Linda Reynolds to her husband Stephen (Steve) as she surfed the Internet looking for a change of employment. Wow! thought Steve; they know the Dales well, their children found their hiking feet in the area as they spent many holidays around here; they’ve shopped in the area and, they said “We don’t feel strangers”.

So it has happened; they had always wanted to settle here but thought they might have to wait until retirement. But no. With three children grown up and well-standing on their own feet, Steve, Linda and the cat, Ellie, have arrived, had a week’s induction and the training, and are now doing the work together.

They both originate from Colchester but for the last twenty five years have been in Felixstowe. (They have been quite surprised at co-incidences and links they are finding –friends and contacts– between the Dales and Felixstowe!). Steve, a production engineer, specializing in pumps and valves has travelled widely representing the company at exhibitions, often in America. Linda has been more or less a “full time volunteer” in the Guide movement, (Divisional Commissioner) — so that could be very useful!

Having started their married life in a village, the attractions of the Dales were overwhelming, so they weighed it up, reckoned there would be adequate remuneration, sold their house (the Post Office insists on that first!), applied, waded through mountains of P.O. paper work, and a mere three days after they were accepted the training had to start. Although it has been a rush, they are amazed at how things have all fallen into place; as for their friends (and looking

round at well-wishing cards filling the place, there are many), they are envious of their location and their plans.

Linda has been excited at the prospect of occasional window-dressing competitions in Hawes and has already been getting to grips with theirs. New regulation-width handrails for beside the steps have been made and are now installed ; there should soon be a bell for the disabled to summon help outside. (They have studied the possibility of a ramp but there is insufficient room for the required gradient.)

With his ‘valves and pumps’ background Steve has already shown interest in the restoration of Gayle mill, and Linda will be involved with her daughter (in Kendal and also into Guiding) in Duke of Edinburgh expedition work around here in the summer. They are most impressed with the friendliness; I told ‘em we’re just nosey! Please note that the Post Office will now be open all day, everyday, Monday to Friday, 8.30 am to 5.30 pm and from 8.30 am to 12.30 pm on Saturday. Welcome! **A.S.W.**

CELEBRATIONS IN HARDRAW

2005 is the 125th anniversary of the dedication of the present church of St. Mary and St. John.

To celebrate this event we will be holding a flower festival on **Saturday and Sunday June 25th and 26th** with a service of celebration and dedication on the Sunday at 3.00 pm with Rt. Rev. James Bell, Bishop of Knaresborough, giving the address.

All visitors and friends will be made welcome; tea, coffee and biscuits will be available throughout most of the weekend and all donations to help with the flowers or to support the church will be most gratefully received.

NEW HEADTEACHER JOINS WEST BURTON SCHOOL

When A.S.W asked me to pop along and learn a little more about the new Head at West Burton School I was delighted at the prospect until he added, "She's called Mrs. C.A.Brotherton". How very formal! It was therefore with some trepidation that I rang the school bell (doorbell) one day last week. You can imagine the pleasure it was for me when the door was opened by a smiling and very welcoming new Head Teacher called Carol.

Carol Brotherton began at West Burton on 1st April after working for twelve years as Deputy Head of a large inner city primary school in Carlisle. What a contrast for her with well under a quarter of the number of pupils to get to know. She has already got to know them but meeting the parents is proving more difficult than in Carlisle. Here many of her new charges are 'bussed' to school; in Carlisle most were met in the playground. So later in the week she is holding a bingo evening to get to know the parents - no formal 'Meet the Head' evening for Carol; and the Air Ambulance service will benefit as well.

She says that the contrast with her previous job could not be greater. Inner city schools are not noted for an abundance of supportive parents whereas at West Burton support from parents has been forthcoming already in many ways.

Carol brings many skills to her new job from the many jobs she had before settling on teaching and qualifying as a mature student. She started work in a Yorkshire Electricity Board office in West Yorkshire (where she hails from) before joining South Yorkshire County Council in their Personnel Management department. After time out as a housewife and mum, a spell of working with voluntary organisations in Barnsley led to working for the Schools Psychological Service supporting parents

with severely handicapped children. It was at this point that Carol decided that she'd like to teach.

After qualifying as a teacher and practising her newly acquired skills in Pontefract for a while, this multi-skilled teacher moved to Cumbria and thence to West Burton. There can be no doubt that Carol's many talents and smiling informality will be appreciated by parents and children alike.

T.P.

LETTER

Dear Sir,

I had a very bad fall on April 17th walking back to "The Greens" from the Newsagents (in Hawes). I want to say thankyou to two locals whom I can't put names to, who came to my aid.



I want to say a big thankyou to 'Dot' at the Chippie and Christian at "Pen-y-Ghent" who downed tools to take Cliff and me home to the Greens. We were both extremely grateful.

Mary Hugill and her colleague and Dr. Jones were very helpful. Thankyou all.

Barbara Ellis, Bottlesford, N. Lincs.



August 8th to 12th We have received a large number of applicants. There are still a few places for 6-10 year olds and for King's Club XL for 15-16s. However, King's Club Extra for 11-14s is now full with several on a waiting list.

Nelson and Heather Caplin 667625

Wensleydale Flower Club
MIDSUMMER 'Safari' LUNCH
Sunday, June 19th
Starter at Kenley House, Thoraby, Main Course at High Green House, Thoraby, Dessert at Manor Farm, Thornton Rust and Coffee at Greyford, Carperby
Price £15.00. Details from Marilyn Philpott 667352

NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

It has been a busy month for the criminal on our patch and we must be ever vigilant and report anything we see as suspicious.

Overnight on May 3rd and 4th, 4 caravans were broken into at a site in Hawes; unfortunately no-one who was on the site saw anything suspicious. Numerous items were stolen and no doubt have graced a car boot sale or two over the last few weeks. Firstly I would ask that all site owners inform their customers of the potential of this type of theft; people who come up here tend to think that crime does not happen here – well it does! Secondly I would ask that if anyone saw any suspect vehicles about on the night and they have a number or description, please let me know.

On Tuesday May 10th two suspects entered Hawes post office and carried out a deception and got away with some cash. They were male and female aged about 20 years and were both of eastern European descent, in fact thought to be Romanian by a local witness. The male spoke English but the female did not. The male had two gold front teeth and was quite distinctive. They were seen to get into a large beige-coloured car. If you have any information please let me know. Overnight on May 11th/12th a workshop/lockup was broken into near Askrigg where a substantial amount of property was stolen. The burglars were well prepared and had used good quality bolt croppers to get through the security on the building. There is no doubt in my mind that this was a pre-planned burglary and that the offenders have been in the area to ‘case the job’. If you have seen anyone acting suspiciously in the Beckbits area, then again let me know.

I have not written since we have moved into the new Community Resource Centre. May I say what a fantastic building it is and the facilities are second to none. I would like to remind you that the Community Office Staff, namely Hilary, Nigel and Abbie are there to deal with your community and police enquiries. I would like to assure you that they have all been subject of police checks and have signed the Official Secrets Act; bearing this in mind anything that you say to them in relation to a police matter is totally confidential and will never be disclosed to an inappropriate source.

As was mentioned briefly in last month’s newsletter, the single (as well as the double) yellow lines are now in force. We will be enforcing them, so as usual – **WATCH YOUR BACKS!!!**

Lastly I would like you all to welcome our new Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Caroline Pugh. Caroline has joined our Dales team during May and her direct areas of responsibility are Swaledale and Upper Wensleydale. You will see her walking around the town hopefully on a regular basis. Give her a true Dales welcome and get to know her. She is an excellent officer and is there to help, listen to your concerns and provide high visibility patrol. Caroline has been in the Community Safety department at Richmond (my department) for a number of years as our office clerk. Although she is new to the role of PCSO, she’s well aware of how our department works and of the aims which we are trying to achieve – a safer community. **Dave Cousins PC141**

FULL STEAM AHEAD FOR DALES GUILD

22 artists from Richmondshire will be the next arrivals at the old Richmond station building in Richmond, when they open their latest selling exhibition, **Platform**, to be held from June 4th-26th.

Many of the artists and craftspeople are from our area including well known felt artist, Andrea Hunter, and award winning photographer, Emma Amsden. They represent the very best of their craft in a range of media; painting, ceramic, sculpture, textiles, photography and furniture.

A series of practical workshops and demonstrations (in paper sculpture, felt-making, painting and linocut printmaking) has been arranged for the public throughout the 3 week exhibition. One highlight is the unusual opportunity to glaze hand made pottery and witness it being fired outdoors in the spectacular Raku kiln. This workshop is being run by well known local potter and Guild chairman, Andrew Hague.

Platform has been organised with help from the Richmond Station Trust, in order to help fund the development of the historic station building.

Said Dales Guild co-ordinator, Liz Hawkes: 'We are really pleased to secure the old station building for this year's annual exhibition.

The vast, airy space of the building, especially in its current, empty state, makes it the ideal venue for an art exhibition of this nature. It gives individual artists a real opportunity to exhibit their work in different ways.'

The Dales Guild has been going from strength to strength since it was founded in 2004. Formerly known as The Richmondshire Arts & Crafts Guild, the organisation recently changed its name to The Dales Guild in order to widen its remit and build its profile on a national level.

Opening times are 10am – 4pm daily. Admission is free and there is full disabled access.

Exhibiting members for this exhibition are: Debbie Allen (photographer), Emma Amsden (photographer), Philip Bastow (cabinet-maker), Judith Bromley (painter), Piers Browne (painter-etcher), Audrey Carr (painter), Jill Clay (textile artist), Peter Cummings (furniture designer), Caroline Dunn (textile artist), Barbara Gardner (painter), Andrew Hague (potter), Sue Harpley (painter), Winifred Hodge (painter), Andrea Hunter (felt artist), Cathryn Jones (metal sculptor), Wendy Jones (painter), Michael Kusz (metal sculptor), Moira Metcalfé (painter), Nancy Murgatroyd (painter), Sarah Nolson (painter), Stef Ottevanger (sculptor), Phil Robinson (painter), Richard Ross (photographer).

For further information on The Dales Guild, details of the workshop programme, or images of its members' work, please contact Liz Hawkes, project co-ordinator on **01765 676231**,

SPARE BED/CAR...

How do you use yours?



Hambleton and Richmondshire Nightstop is looking for volunteers who can offer a bed for the night to a young person in urgent need of accommodation. We are also recruiting drivers who can offer transport for the same young people.

There are over 40 Nightstop schemes around the country, all offering emergency accommodation to vulnerable young people aged 16-25, in the homes of local trained and approved volunteers. Hambleton and Richmondshire Nightstop has been providing this vital service in the area since January 2004. Young people are referred to the scheme by a variety of local organisations, including the district councils. Nightstop will then arrange accommodation for that night in the home of a volunteer, and transport to get the young person to their host's house. A young person can be referred to Nightstop again, until they have found longer-term accommodation.

Young people leave home for a variety of reasons - overcrowded conditions, abuse, family problems and poverty, or just searching for work. Sometimes they leave on an impulse, when anywhere is preferable to home at that moment. Nightstop offers somewhere safe to stay - a breathing space where problems can be thought through.

Volunteer hosts provide a bed, the chance for a bath or shower, an evening meal, and breakfast. Volunteer drivers provide transport from the organisation making the referral to the host's house, and/or back the next morning. But, most importantly, Nightstop volunteers offer a welcome, and respect, at a time when a young person is in need of support. Volunteers can make a real difference to a young person's life—offering them somewhere safe to stay when they are at their most vulnerable.

Volunteers come from varied backgrounds, but all have in common a desire to offer valuable support to the young person at a crisis point in their lives. According to one family, who currently host with 2 young children, "*so many people say they'd like to help the homeless but haven't got the time. Giving up your spare room for an occasional night takes very little effort but is so rewarding.*" To find out more, contact Carol Robinson on **0870 2406921** or write to Hambleton and Richmondshire Nightstop, FREEPOST NEA10382 York Y01 6ZZ.

(At least one volunteer host is already operating in our area. Ed.)

HAWES SCHOOLNEWS

Yr 5 Batik Work

We have been working on Batik painting with our head Mrs Woodyer. Batik painting is where you melt wax and then put it onto your design, next you paint it with special fabric dye. We really enjoyed putting the wax on and mixing the fabric dyes. It took us a few afternoons to finish our pictures, but when we did they looked great. **Samantha and Amelia Yr 5**

Class 3 have been investigating their local area. In class they have made a book all about occupations past and present.

Knitting in the Yorkshire Dales

In 1590 a school was set up in York to teach the children of poor families to knit in order to try and give the children a new way of earning a living.

Hand knitting to earn money in remote areas was successful because there was no competition with other industries, which had easier ways of earning a living.

Knitting became confined to the more remote dales such as Wensleydale, Swaledale, Garsdale, Dentdale, upper Lunesdale, Sedbergh and the Eden valley.

The carriers who operated in towns like Kirkby Stephen, Richmond and Kendal would travel round the dales collecting the knitted stockings from the cottages and delivering new wool which was known as "bump". **Natasha and Laura Cloughton**

Lead Mining in the Yorkshire Dales

This information is about the job lead mining which was done in the Yorkshire Dales. Quite a long time ago, people used to work in lead mines. They don't any more because people started getting lead from other countries. Until the Elizabethan times, there weren't that many lead mines in the dales. The lead mines got flooded a lot and it was a major problem, so they had to make a drainage system, so that they could

drain it out of the mines.

We are lucky now because lead mining has stopped in the dales and we know our safety. Because if you worked in lead mines you would be expected to have a shorter life than normal people because you were more likely to be killed because of an accident or poisonous gas.

Maisy and Alexandra

Quarrying in the Yorkshire Dales

In the dales there used to be many quarrymen. The nearest quarry to Hawes was Burtersett Quarry. Stone was sent from Burtersett by horse and cart to Hawes railway where the stone was sent to large towns to be used as flagstones. They used the stone to build houses locally.

The quarry at Burtersett was opened in 1860 and closed in 1931. Miners worked by the light of tallow candles made in the local mill. They dug out stone with picks and levers. The quarries were worked for sandstone flags. Burtersett Quarrymen and their families accounted for about 10% of the population of Hawes parish in the 1890s. At the peak of production, 15,000 tons of stone left the quarries in the Hawes area in one year. **Chloe and Briony**

Tesco Tokens for computers

Please note that the School is still collecting these and would be grateful for any that can be passed on.

J. Woodyer

The children in class 2 have been looking at ways of making our local area safer. Part of this work includes writing a letter with some suggestions. Here is what some of our class wrote:

Dear Sir,
We would like to see a pelican crossing in Hawes because the blind people can not see if there is a car or a truck coming and they might get hit.

Also we want to see a pelican crossing because all the cars park on the yellow lines so that the people who want to cross the road cannot see if a car is coming or not.

Yours Sincerely

Miss Gina Thomas

Dear Sir,
We would like to see a zebra crossing in Hawes because elderly people need to cross safely. When I cross the road I feel that I might be run over.

Yours Sincerely

David Raw

BAINBRIDGE AND DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB

There was another big turn-out for the aptly named '12 Village Rally with a Twist' when 16 cars took to the roads. It was again pleasing to see so many young participants as they are most welcome.

The question sheet contained a list of villages in 2 parts, 1 for Wensleydale and 1 for Swaledale. There was also a list of Public Telephone Numbers and you had to match the villages with the telephone numbers. Out of the 2 village lists you had to choose 6 villages from each list to visit. Marks are given for the shortest distance covered and a time limit of 2³/₄ hours was set with marks deducted if over or under the time limit. The Wensleydale villages stretched from Cowgill to Bellerby and the Swaledale villages from Downholme to Tan Hill. On moving from one dale to the other, the road from Redmire to Grinton had to be used and at the checkpoint a reversing manoeuvre had to be performed.

At each village visited there were answers to clues to find and these were very challenging at times. I believe some people are still looking for the 'nude red lady'!

Each car had to provide a plastic bag and gardening gloves and this seemed very mysterious, however all was revealed, as we had to collect as many pieces of different types of rubbish as possible. We were amazed as to how much rubbish is discarded on the roadside. Altogether it was an excellent idea for a rally with the proceeds being donated to Bainbridge School. Many thanks to the organisers, Tim Prudden and family who were also the winners of last month's rally – Well Done. 2nd last month were Bob Foster, Rachel & Abs and 3rd were Foz & Mike.

Next month's rally is on the June 15th..

Details from **Muriel Lambert 650220**
or me, Netta Davison 650204

WEST BURTON SCHOOL

Please find enclosed letters from Key Stage 2 class at this school. These were produced as a persuasive text writing exercise in response to the Times article "Killing in the name of fashion". The children were indeed appalled and horrified by the thought of the cruel deaths of baby seals and would be pleased if it were possible to publish one of their letters. I am sure you appreciate the value of encouraging the children to express their views since they are the voice of the future.

Mrs C.A. Brotherton Headteacher

(We have been sent several letters, all good. Here are two of them. Ed.)

Dear Editor,

I was horrified by the article in the Times on the 31st of March 2005 about the killing of 300,000 baby seals for fur coats and that's why it's called killing in the name of fashion.

Firstly, I'm extremely appalled by how they kill the seals and why it's annual.

Secondly, most people are disgusted about the fact that they are killing so many seals for coats.

Finally, how would you want to be battered to death with a hack-pick? So whenever you go into a clothes shop do not be determined to buy a seal fur coat.

Marcus Johnston, Age 9

Dear Editor,

Killing in the name of fashion

I was appalled when I read the article in the Times about seals, so I have written to you to try to help them.

They are killing the baby seals for fur coats and only rich people can buy them.

If you get a coat made from seals you just think before you buy one.

Yours sincerely,

Hayley Barnes, Age 9

BAINBRIDGE SCHOOL

Nursery news

We had 3 new children start at nursery after the Easter holiday so we now have 17 children. Of these 11 will leave at summer to start their year in reception. The other 6 are younger children who will come back in September for another year and they will be joined by more new starters.

We spent 4 days last week in the village hall and the children were very very good. The large space gave us a chance to do a few activities not normally possible inside, the most popular of which were using the parachute and starting to practise one or two races collecting a variety of small PE equipment. We use the village hall so that during the SATS test week there is a much quieter atmosphere in school for those who have to take the tests.

On the Wednesday we went on a trip to Hazel Brow Farm at Low Row in Swaledale. We can only manage to do this thanks to generous offers of help and transport from parents. For this we are always very grateful. We were extremely lucky with the weather as it was a fantastic day. We started with a picnic snack time followed by a little time in the play area which included some incredibly popular 'ride on' tractors. Kath showed us around the farm and we saw lots of different things. The most popular seemed to be feeding the pet lambs. Thankyou to Kath and everyone for a splendid morning out.

Sue Thompson - Nursery Teacher

EXCITING EVENT ON JUNE 6TH

**Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes,
10.00 am-3.00 pm**

Environment & Community event in Hawes brings together some of the best known leaders in sustainable regeneration and enterprise in Yorkshire. This event concentrates on information and idea sharing; developing money from waste, setting up community waste/recycling enterprise and opportunities for minimising waste within business. It starts with SWAP, premier waste management consultancy, setting the scene for opportunities for community to become involved in waste and recycling. Time slots are available to talk to SWAP consultant Pete Stevens, experienced in advising in the setup and management of recycling initiatives and in many other aspects of waste management.

There is opportunity to book time slots with The Business Environmental Forum to discuss ways to minimise waste, identify energy efficiency improvements and learn about waste audits. Also featured is the electronic recycling business RefIT, Bridlington, who collect computer equipment, provide employment and training then supply the refurbished equipment back to voluntary groups, low income and unemployed people in the East Riding.

There is a presentation on Disability Discrimination awareness; vitally important for any premises open to the public. Case studies feature social entrepreneurs Danny Powell, presenting the Community Power Stations initiative turning organic waste (domestic and agricultural) into heat/electricity and Cath Calvert, developing sustainable social enterprise and employment in the Upper Dales. Take the opportunity to talk to some KEY professionals about waste and energy problems, be up to date with the Disability Discrimination Act, right on your own doorstep. Cost is £12.50 with Buffet lunch and refreshments included. Book now on **650980/650060**, email info@re-vive.org.uk for further details.

The day is hosted by the Upper Wensleydale Community Investment Prospectus (CIP) group, supported by Richmondshire District Council, and is part of an LSC funded project managed by Craven College and social enterprise “Re-vive” funded through UnLtd

The CIP group holds monthly open lunch-time meetings at the new Community Resource Centre in Hawes, new faces are very welcome to attend. Why not pop in and find out about community initiatives in this area – perhaps suggest a few of your own? Meeting details in local press and in this newsletter.

Rima Berry

BITS AND BOBS

Serendipity

As a motorist have you noticed the decline in numbers of those old roadside landmarks and peculiarities that once adorned our highways and byways; snippets of yesteryear ancient or modern that marked an event or life pertaining to a particular area. With modern day motoring demanding ever more ring roads and bypasses to transport us from A to B in the least traffic congested time possible their existence today is scarcely noticeable unless you happen to stray off the beaten track.

On the outskirts of one of Bristol's main thoroughfares lies a notoriously busy crossroads. Whilst queuing there can be a nerve-racking experience it does allow the motorist a chance to spy a tiny stone-built curio set back from the pavement; a kennel erected in memory of a faithful canine who during the 1960s daily guided his blind master safely through the bustling traffic. When his master died the dog became homeless and though several attempts were made by neighbouring folk to give him a new one the dog refused, choosing instead to live rough by the busy crossroads and fulfil his new role in life escorting children to school.

Just off the A303 in Devon lies a more sombre memorial; a 12 foot high obelisk given 300 years ago by parishioners of a local village in honour of their vicar's expedition to the African colonies. The priest's aim was to convert heathens to Christianity. The natives responded by placing him on the menu. A detailed inscription at the obelisk's base records the horrific end he encountered.

St. Budeaux on the banks of the River Tamar is an absolute gem. Here, high above the Devonshire shoreline looking out across Brunel's magnificent Royal Albert Bridge to Saltash is in itself a joy to behold. Opened by the Prince Consort in 1859 it still carries the main G.W.R. line to Penzance. Truly a *pièce de résistance* of Victorian engineering. But the jewel I accidentally discovered only recently lies not here but involves descending the steep, twisting narrow lane to the water's edge where an ancient road sign gives the unsuspecting traveller a clue - Normandy Hill. Nearby in a beautifully kept riverside garden stands a memorial stone denoting the embarkation point where on June 6th 1944 thousands of Allied forces boarded vessels for the French beaches. What thoughts I wonder must have been going through the minds of those troops massed on the Tamar embankment 61 years ago beneath Brunel's towering masterpiece.

Today Normandy Hill - the old ferry crossing point - is a shadow of its former self; the ferry long gone with the advent of the road bridge in 1961. 600 years of river tradition came to an end the day it opened with a family from Plymouth making a last nostalgic journey across. Their son was born on the ferry several years earlier.

Happy motoring.

Rob Bennett

NYCC HELP WITH SET UPS COSTS

The Yorebridge Sports Development Association has received a grant towards set up costs as they move forward to the opening of the new Multi Use Games area (MUGA) in Askrigg. Thanks to the efforts of Cllr John Blackie, £1000 was allocated from the North Yorkshire County Council Richmondshire Area Committee Upper Dales division. We will be bringing you an update on the MUGA in future editions.

TASTER SESSIONS – Literally

The Wensleydale Community Learning Centre is holding an information and taster session on **Wednesday June 1st, 6 – 9pm**, introducing the SAGE accounting software and the benefits of learning more about accounting both for business and career. This informal evening, based at the Wensleydale Centre in Askrigg, includes Cheese, Wine and soft refreshments.

Are you in the Hospitality, Leisure or Retail Industry selling alcohol? Are you up to date with the issues around the changes in legislation? Do you know how the new licensing laws will affect you? An information event is being held at The Fountain Hotel in Hawes on **Wednesday June 22nd, 10.30am-1.30pm**, giving a summary of the changes, details of the National Certificate for Personal Licence Holders, the National Certificate Door Supervisors and a chance to discuss common concerns over a buffet lunch.

To book a place on these free events please contact Colin Bailey on **650060**, mobile **07711 211169** or email:

colinbailey@craven-college.ac.uk

BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Community directory

The Business & Community Directory for Upper Wensleydale is hot off the press and will be arriving through doors by the end of June. We hope you will find it a valuable reference for many of the telephone numbers and contact details of local businesses, groups and organisations to be found in the Upper Dales who wished to have their details published. Thanks to the support of the Rural Business Network, York and Humberside Chamber of Commerce, this Directory has been made possible. The Business Association intend to update the Directory in future years to keep it as current as possible.

For details of the work of the Association and the benefits of joining, please see our notice board on the Market Hall, Hawes or call the Community Resource Centre, Hawes on **667400** and ask for details.

WENSLEYDALE RAILWAY

Here is the timetable until June 30th
From Redmire: 11.35; 13.35*;15.35* plus
an earlier train from Leyburn at 9.48*

From Leeming Bar: 10.35*; 12.35*; 14.35*
Plus 9.05 to Leyburn only

* = connecting bus to or from
Northallerton.

On the Saturday, Sunday and Monday of
the late May Bank Holiday weekend there
is an additional train from Redmire 17.35
and from Leeming Bar at 16.35.

June 4th and 5th Thomas the Tank
Engine (60 years old this year!) runs from
Leeming Bar.

June 4th only at 7.00pm steam hauled
train from Leeming Bar to Castle Hills,
Northallerton.

Leaflets with full details and fares are
available from all information centres and
post offices or by ringing :

08454 50 54 74

HAWES CLASSIC AND VINTAGE CAR CLUB

This year's gathering will be on **June 5th**
at the Auction Mart with a run into
Wharfedale stopping at various places to
indulge in mystery activities. As usual a
bit of fun with prizes for each category.

Phone **667475** for more information.

Alan Harpley

UPPER DALES CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL ACCOUNTS 2004/5

Summary

Income

Balance b/f	155.12
Hawes Market Tolls donation	2000.00
Personal donations	1632.50
Advertising space sale	110.00
Fundraising events	1600.91
Programmes and sundries	92.29
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Expenditure

Printing programmes and posters	231.30
Sound system hire	200.0
Santa's presents	196.82
New/replacement lights	1602.71
Festival entertainment	200.00
Contractors' bill for erecting and dismantling lights display	2100.00
Other expenses	563.39
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Balance carried forward 496.60

*For more information about volunteering with the
Upper Dales Festival and for full details of these
accounts please contact 667756 or 667236*

HOW YOGA HELPS YOUR LIFE WORK BETTER

This is the title of a seminar to be held in West Burton village hall on **Wednesday 15th June at 7.00 pm.**

The folk who attend Sue Lightfoot's yoga classes already experience some of the ways in which yoga benefits their lives. This special seminar is being given by a visiting trainer who has extensive experience of applying yoga in many different contexts of suffering and distress, and especially helping people heal or balance their emotions. It is increasingly recognised among health professionals that unresolved emotions tend to get locked in the cells, joints and tissues of the body, ultimately resulting in stiffness and pain.

The appropriate application of yoga exercise can gently unlock these destructive energies in positive and life-enhancing ways. Dru Yoga is characterised by fluid, graceful movement sequences which help this process, literally freeing one's issues from one's tissues, and strengthening the powerful field of energy around the heart so that different levels of the body, mind and emotions are brought into harmony.

Andrew Wells is a senior trainer of Dru Yoga internationally and is currently touring with a series of workshops, seminars and master classes. His understanding of human relationships and emotions has grown from his work with the United Nations in conflict resolution and he has pioneered the application of Dru yoga programmes in the most troubled relationships – war zones, including Bosnia, Africa, the Middle East and the Chechen/Russian border. These programmes have been found effective not only in assisting the recovery of traumatised survivors, but also in supporting the peace-keepers and staff of humanitarian organisations, psychologists and health workers. But

Andrew will teach how yoga can help overcome painful emotions, showing how it can bring your emotions under control while making your mind feel more creative, calm and ready for anything.

Sue is delighted to be hosting this seminar in West Burton, and hopes many of her and other students will be able to come. But anyone who might be interested in how yoga can make a difference to their lives will be most welcome. Pre-booking would be helpful. Please contact Sue on **663993**. The fee for the evening is £12.50 which includes refreshments.

In addition to the seminar, Andrew will be available for personal mentoring by appointment at The Reading Room in West Burton on **Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th June**. The Personal Mentoring Programme offered by Andrew is designed to give individual guidance in achieving optimum well-being and vitality. Recognising that everyone is unique, and from his knowledge, experience and understanding of human suffering, Andrew can devise an individualised programme to free blocked emotional and mental energy which is then directed towards your optimum well-being and the fulfilment of your inner potential. You will take home a programme of techniques tailored specifically to your needs. With practice this will bring about profound changes in your life on all levels – physical, emotional, mental and spiritual. It is a rare opportunity to work with someone of this calibre and expertise.

S. Lightfoot

MISSION STATEMENT
Thornton Rust Flower Festival

We are holding a Flower Festival in the Mission Room on **June 18th and 19th** with the theme of "Celebration" and we hope as many of you as possible will come and support us. There will be light refreshments available from 10.00am. to 4.00 pm. on the Saturday and from 10.30 am. to 2.30.pm. on the Sunday.

Also on Sunday Rt. Rev. John Packer, Bishop of Ripon and Leeds, will conduct a service of Songs of Praise at 3.pm. in the Institute (the Mission Room itself will be too full of flowers to hold the number of people we hope will come). The village will then entertain him to tea in the Institute. It is probably the first time a Bishop has preached in the village since the original consecration in 1894.

Our little Mission Room is the only surviving building still being used as a Church, although it has been said that at one time there were up to 9 chapels in the village belonging to different protestant denominations.

The building, a two storey barn, was given to the Churchwardens of St. Andrews Church, Aysgarth for the purpose of holding religious services in the village, by a benefactor, Metcalfe Kilburn Iveson of West Witton.

The D & S Times of that time reported that the upper room of the building was nicely decorated but omitted to mention the origins of the dark oak wooden screen with which the east end was furnished. (It was reputed to have some connection with Durham Cathedral).

Unfortunately 2004 was a very expensive year for the slender funds and the Mission room had to be stabilized and steel plates and rods fixed to the outside walls to prevent it slipping onto the road. Several other major items of work were also undertaken using most, if not all of existing funds.

We are therefore, very anxious to retain our Mission Room for future generations to worship there. The building is unique so please support us on this weekend and visit our Flower Festival and come along to the Songs of Praise on the Sunday. You will be very welcome



HEAVENS ABOVE

There's a spectacular planetary conjunction in the closing week of June when the two innermost planets, Venus and Mercury, appear less than a fifth of the apparent diameter of the moon apart.

Of course it's only a line of sight effect - both planets will still be separated by millions of miles - and there's certainly no chance of them colliding. In fact planetary conjunctions aren't all that rare, and not at all important astronomically, but they're a fascinating sight all the same. If you'd like to see this month's you'll need to look for an unobstructed northwestern horizon on the evening of June 27th when you should be able to make out the close pairing of the two planets low in the sky for up to an hour or so after sunset.

Binoculars will give you a really good view and should also let you glimpse the ringed-planet, Saturn, nearby - about a degree and a half lower down. All 3 planets will stay close together for a few days either side of the 27th and should make an interesting photo opportunity if you're that way inclined.

June is also a good month for observing another fascinating phenomenon - *noctilucent clouds*. These are clouds that form at extremely high altitude (around 50 miles up - much higher than ordinary ones), and are probably caused by water ice condensing and interplanetary dust.

They often appear over the northern horizon as silvery-blue translucent bands and veils, thin enough to show the brighter stars shining through them. Because of their great height they stay illuminated long after sunset when ordinary clouds have disappeared into the gathering darkness. Noctilucent clouds are commonest around times of low solar activity so this year could be a good one for sightings as the current sunspot cycle is presently on the decline. Let's hope the ubiquitous clouds over the upper part of the dale also decline enough to give us some clear nights this summer. Keep on watching the skies!

Al Berio

MORE FACTS FROM THE FARM...

So, after 6 months inside, the cows are out to grass again. It must feel good! The sheep have had the first bite but, at last, there is enough for the cows. I don't know how much each one eats - I think it is about 30 - 40 lbs a day - and with a herd of say 60 cows, you can see why the farmers ask walkers to keep in single file. It may be just grass but it is the cows' larder. To cope with such a quantity of material, a cow's stomach is divided into 4 sections, and the first 3 store and prepare the food for digestion by the 4th. If you watch them when they are relaxing, you will see the ball of cud shoot up the neck to the mouth for thorough chewing, and then see it return down the gullet to the next compartment.

And, of course, within the next six months, there must also be enough grass to make hay and silage for the following winter. One Big Bale of silage will feed 15 cows for a day.

Along with the 60 milkers, there will be about 30 FOLLOWERS, the calves, in-calf heifers and cows. That's a lot of mouths to feed.

Heifer calves are generally retained for the herd. Bull calves will be sold at market for fattening, making about £100 for Friesians but only £20 for Holsteins, which take longer to finish. Some cows may be crossed with a beef breed and the heifers kept for suckler herds. Bull calves from these will make about £200. The most popular crosses are breeds introduced from the continent in the last 40 years or so.

Charolais - ivory coloured

Simmental - sandy coloured with paler faces

Limousin -black, with black or reddish calves

Belgian Blue - roan coloured

Calves are de-horned at 6 - 10 weeks of

age, using local anaesthetic and a gas torch. It can also be done with a paste applied to the horn bud when the calf is less than a week old.

Some farms own a bull or hire one for a time, but artificial insemination is the norm, making top quality bulls widely available.

The price to the farmer for a litre of milk is 19 or 20p. This is the average, and adjustments are added or deducted according to quality. Hawes Dairy needs milk with a high protein content rather than high butterfat, it varies from one dairy to another. Mastitis cell count means money deducted.

And just a reminder to please be patient when you get delayed in your car by a herd of cows. They may be carrying 4 gallons of milk or be heavily pregnant. Some will have aching joints and painful feet. No wonder some of them need time.

T. Tate

FROM WENSLEYDALE TO BEYOND

Seventeen-year-old Jodi Ewart is taking A levels at the Wensleydale School; in-between playing golf for England, of course. One of this country's champions in the field of ladies' golf, Jodi has been playing since she was a child, and her hard work and perseverance have paid off.

Jodi's most recent triumphs include coming in the top ten in the Welsh Ladies' Open, and the Scottish Ladies' Open, playing mostly against adults. Her advice for anyone wishing to emulate her success is to start playing as soon as possible, and keep practising, even if you feel discouraged at first.

We all hear scandals in the newspapers concerning those involved in football. Jodi was very positive about the professional golfing world, insisting that the scandals and corruption found in other sports do not occur in this one. Naturally this led to talk of the media, with Jodi passionately arguing for more golf to be shown on television, as well as golf being taught in schools.

I see enough sport on TV as it is, I told Jodi, but she was adamant that more should be broadcast, especially more women's sport. Inherent in Jodi's speech is her love of all things sporty, and her enthusiasm about golf clearly shows her to be dedicated and knowledgeable; her use of technical golfing terms leaves me lost. (My knowledge of golf: Tiger Woods is cute.)

Who knows where Jodi could be in ten years' time? Assuring me that she wants a sports-related career, it is not hard to see her at the very top of the profession, earning more than the rest of my year group combined and enjoying her work more than any of us as well.

Cecily Pearson, Bursary Student

REDMIRE GARDEN RE-OPENS FOR ONE DAY ONLY

For many years the garden of Marie and Michael Sadler at 2 Church Lane, Redmire, opened to the public on one day each year much to the delight of locals and visitors alike. On **Sunday, May 29th**, the Wensleydale Flower Club - of which Marie is a founder member - will be serving cream teas in the garden from 2.00pm to 5.00pm as one takes the opportunity to view this lovely garden. Price of admission, on the gate is £3.50, including refreshments.