

## RETURN HOME

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## EDITORIAL

“And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles”. That, of course, is the origin of going the extra mile”, which is this month’s topic. Obviously we’re not talking about walking but about all the extra ‘above and beyond’ jobs, services and kindnesses that this area is renowned for. As you can see, we are in a cheery, late summer mode of unsung heroes.

Last month’s story about the dreaded ‘triangle’ in Hawes prompted immediate volunteer action (see page...) which is great news, and there is a lot of this goes on all the time with visitors to our area quite amazed at the range of events and clubs, groups and societies that there are to join, all run voluntarily; (though it has to be said that some village hall, and other, committees could do with more support).

But there are so many other ‘extra miles’ going on that we would like to mention. Somewhere near the top of the list must come the various carers and visitors of our older people who seem oblivious to ‘un-social’ hours and contracts and are always ‘on the go’; shopkeepers who don’t only keep the shop clean, tidy and attractive but can be seen sweeping up and cleaning the street outside. (This goes for some householders too). What about most of our builders, (all the local ones are more than keen to build in the correct style and stone), who will make sure that after each day’s work the whole area is cleaned up; no scrow.

Let’s mention the farmers! Some ‘extra miles’ here; all finished-with plastic disposed of out of sight; walls kept in tip-top condition and crossing points made safe and easy and tracks not ruined. Many garden-owners add to the appearance of our town and villages with hanging baskets and window boxes and lovely gardens. Not that we have much graffiti or litter, but even here un-sung heroes are doing their extra

bit cleaning or tidying.

Maybe best of all, we have many traders and service-providers who come when they say they will, (provided we have paid up when we say we will!) and whose charges are always reasonable.

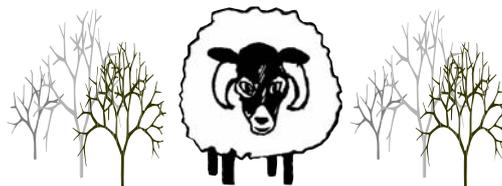
But it isn’t quite heaven! You know what a face looks like with just one or two front teeth missing or black; spoils the whole appearance .So it is with just one scruffy garden, shop front, pub, church building or farm-area dumped up; they spoil the whole. Just one off-hand glower as just one assistant is having a “the customer is always wrong” day, or doesn’t feel like smiling, or just one bit of over-pricing, someone not turning up when they said they would, or the odd piece of very inconsiderate parking across the footway; any one of these can mar the whole day or experience in the area.

“Extra miles” mean extra smiles!

### Staff changes

This month we say farewell, as a committee member, to Angela Le Grice who has served us so very well for seven years. Her contributions to our meetings have been very valuable. We are also sorry to lose Cecily Pearson this year’s Bursary Student, who like all the ones we have had, has written some great articles. (*See p 15*)

We are pleased to welcome as a member Janet Thomson from Thornton Rust who has now joined the committee.



### EUNICE

I was hiding on the dog’s nose on page 34!  
The winner was **Katie Dixon** from Thornton Rust. Where am I this month?

# HAWES SCHOOL NEWS

## School Prom. for Y6 pupils at Hawes School.

Sixteen Y6 pupils left Hawes Primary School in style on their last day their. Parents arranged a very special Leavers Ball which was held on the new school hall which parents had decorated and provided a buffet and disco. All the pupils were formally dressed, many of the boys wore suits and the girls wore ball gowns. One pupil arrived in style in a horse drawn carriage! They had a wonderful evening which had been carefully and thoroughly planned by their parents. The ball was to end their time at Hawes Primary School which we hope will always provide very happy memories for them. We all wish them the greatest success in the future as they move onto their secondary education.



### DOCTORS' ROTAS FOR SEPTEMBER

HAWES SURGERY ROTA										Wb - week beginning				
	wb05 /09		wb12 /09		wb19 /09		wb26 /09		wb03 /10					
Day	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.				
Mon	A+F	A+F	F+W	W	J+W	J+W	A+J	J	A+F	A				
Tues	J+W	J+W	A	A	A+F	A	W	C	J	J				
Wed	F	F	W	W	J+W	J+W	A	A	F	F				
Thur	J	J	A	A	F	F	W	W	J	J				
Fri	A+F	A+F	F	F	J+W	J+W	J	J	A	A				
Sat	Emergency service only													
<b>Doctors:</b> A - Arblaster, F - France, J - Jones, W - West, C - Closed <b>Morning S'y:</b> 8.45-10.15 Tues till 10.45 (no appointments) <b>Afternoon S'y:</b> 5.00-6.00 Tues 1.00-4.00 (appointments only) <i>For appointments and all enquiries ring 667200</i>														

AYS GARTH SURGERY ROTA										Wb - week beginning				
	'wb 05/09		'wb12/ 09		Wb19 /09		wb26 /09		Wb03 /10					
Day	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.				
Mon	J+W	W	A	W	A+F	A	W	A	J	F				
Tues	A+F	A	F+W	W	J+W	J+W	A+J	C	A+F	A				
Wed	J+W	W	A	A	A+F	A	W	W	J	J				
Thur	A+F	A	F	F	J+W	W	J	J	A	A				
Fri	W	W	W	W	A	A	A	A	F	F				
Sat	Emergency service only													
<b>Doctors:</b> A - Arblaster, F - France, J - Jones, W - West, C - Closed <b>Morning Surgery:</b> 9.00 - 10.30 a.m. (no appointments) <b>Afternoon Surgery:</b> 4.00 - 5.30 p.m. (appointment only) <i>For appointments and all enquiries ring 663222</i>														

## THE WEEDS ESCAPE WITH A LITTLE OUTSIDE HELP

“Where have all the weeds gone,” one might ask. The Escape Committee, reported on in the Newsletter last month, are believed to have heard on the grapevine that the Authorities were considering erecting machine gun posts on the corners



of the perimeter railings to prevent further weed escapes and decided on immediate action. With a little help from friends on the outside - who must remain nameless for their own safety - the weeds quietly disappeared early in August.

The Newsletter Committee commends the actions of these true citizens and thanks them all. When the next batch of prisoner-weeds are transported into the POW camp it is suggested that a few fifth-columnists are planted amongst them. Unsightly weeds and unnecessary, ugly railings are not the welcome visitors expect when they arrive in Hawes. Nor, as residents, do we! Does nobody in Authority care about how our community looks to others? When will some proper planting be carried out?

*(Soon we now hear, and hope)* T.P.

### Correction; August issue

The article headed “A story to prove that the young aren’t ‘chicken’” was by Cecily Pearson, Bursary student and not as stated.

## PLANNING CHANGES

Changes are being introduced to the YDNPA planning committee following recommendations from an Audit Commission report which said there was “cause for concern” over the number of applications being approved for developments outside towns and villages within the Park and it found committee members lacked information on “the potential and actual consequences of its decisions on the sustainability of the Park”. Recommendations include:

Being more explicit about the evidence on which decisions are based; visiting controversial developments once they have been built; establishing more formal links between the committee and other organisations like district councils.

## MONEY GROWS ON TREES

Farmers and landowners are being offered cash to grow trees. Geoff Garrett, the YDNPA’s Trees and Woodland Officer, said: “New woods provide shelter for wildlife and livestock and timber for use on the farm as well as contributing to this outstanding area.” The Authority is hoping to hear within the next few weeks from landowners who have areas they are considering turning over to trees, ideally next to existing woodland.

The next planting season begins in November and anyone interested in taking part in the scheme should contact **Geoff Garrett on 0870 1 666 333**.

**UPPER DALES CHILD CARE  
PARTNERSHIP**

The development of child care services in the area is finally coming to fruition, even though it has taken a lot longer to achieve than we would have first hoped. Those of you who have seen the primary school grounds in Hawes over the past few weeks will have noticed that more building work is taking place. Well underway is the construction of a purpose built facility which will offer before- and after-school care and holiday clubs, wrap-a-round care for those attending pre-school or nursery provision and will also be able to cater for early years.

Even though the main base is in Hawes the facility aims to serve the Upper Dales area for those who live and work in it and will be able to offer care for 0-14yrs from 8.00am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday (further work is in development to cater for those who will need assistance with transport to and from the facility during the working day). A list of those interested in using the facility is being created and more expressions of interest are welcome. The building is on schedule to be completed for Christmas and will open for business in January 2006.

**Appointment of Manager**

**Job title** Childcare Manager  
**Location** Gayle Lane, Hawes  
**Salary** £7.00 per hour (£13,468 p.a.)  
**Hours** Full time, (37 hours per week) variable, during school term and holidays. . Monday to Friday between 7.30 am and 6.30 pm  
**Start date** November 2005  
**Organisation** Upper Dales Child Care

Partnership. Registered  
Charity No. 1104057

**Contact** For an application pack or  
urther information contact:

**Sarah Dinsdale, UDCCP, c/o  
Wensleydale Centre, Askrigg, DL8 3BJ  
Tel. or Fax: 650060 or 07711 211169**

## EXTRA COURSES MIGHT HELP TO SAVE ASKRIGG CENTRE

The courses offered in this supplement to the main College Of The Dales Part Time Prospectus (September 2005) are as a result of your support expressed for the Wensleydale Community Learning Centre, Askrigg, which has been saved from closure for the time being. We need your continued support for the Centre and are looking for volunteers and those who have skills and experience that they would like to share with others.

### ENROLMENT EVENINGS are at 7.00-8.30pm at the following venues:

Tuesday 13th September - Wensleydale Community Learning Centre, Askrigg

Thursday 15th September - Wensleydale School, Leyburn

Tuesday 20th September - Wensleydale Community Learning Centre, Askrigg

Wednesday 21st September - Wensleydale School, Leyburn

**How to Read the Timetable:** Course Title, Day, Start time, Finish time, Fee, Venue, Start date, Finish date

### ADDITIONAL NON-VOCATIONAL COURSES

**Line Dancing For Beginners** Monday 7.00 9.00 £25 WCLC 9-Jan-06 6-Feb-06

**Literacy & Numeracy Classes** Wednesday 6.00 8.00 £FREE HPS Sep-05 TBA

**Manage Your Garden** Friday 6.30 9.00 £60 WCLC 7-Oct-05 2-Dec-05

**Manage Your Time** Friday 9.00 5.00 £75 WCLC 4-Nov-05 04-Nov-05

**PTC "Training The Trainer"** Saturday 9.00 5.00 £110 WCLC 5-Nov-05 19-Nov-05

**Project Management** Thursday 6.30 9.00 £45 WCLC 6-Oct-05 30-Nov-05

**Rag Rugging** Saturday 10.00 4.00 £30 WCLC 15-Oct-05 15-Oct-05

**RIPH Foundation Certificate In Food Hygiene** TBA 9.00 5.00 £FREE WCLC TBA

**Self Defence For Beginners** Tuesday 6.30 8.30 £45 WCLC 4-Oct-05 13-Dec-05

**Singing For Fun** Tuesday 7.00 9.00 £25 WCLC 4-Oct-05 8-Nov-05

**Spanish Conversation** Thursday 7.00 9.00 £42 FHH 27-Sep-05 13-Dec-05

**Webpage Design** Wednesday 6.30 9.00 £45 WCLC 28-Sep-05 7-Dec-05

**You Are What You Eat** Monday 7.00 9.00 £25 WCLC 10-Oct-05 14-Nov-05

**Cut out and  
keep these  
two pages  
of extra  
courses**

### ADDITIONAL VOCATIONAL COURSES

**British Horse Owners Certificate – Level 4** Wednesday 7.00 9.00 £78.50 WCLC 28-Sep-05 18-Jan-06

**Church Architecture** Wednesday 1.30 3.30 £45 WCLC 28-Sep-05 7-Dec-05

**Computer Workshop** Tuesday 4.00 6.30 £45 WCLC 27-Sep-05 22-Nov-05

**Coping With Stress (CIEH Stress Awareness)** Friday 9.00 3.30 £35 WCLC 21-Oct-05 21-Oct-05

**Creative Stitchery** Monday 9.30 12.30 £45 WCLC 26-Sep-05 7-Nov-05

**Dealing With People – ‘Assertiveness’** Saturday 9.00 5.00 £75 WCLC 22-Oct-05 22-Oct-05  
**Dry Stone Walling** Saturday 10.00 3.30 £33 MKC 15-Oct-05 19-Nov-05  
**European Computer Driving Licence - Part 1** Monday 6.00 9.00 £81.50 WCLC 05-Sep-05 12-Dec-05  
**European Computer Driving Licence – Part 1** Thursday 6.00 9.00 £81.50 WCLC 29-Sep-05 19-Jan-06  
**European Computer Driving Licence – Part 2** Monday 6.00 9.00 £112.50 WCLC 09-Jan-06 26-Jun-06  
**European Computer Driving Licence – Part 2** Thurs 6.00 9.00 20 £112.50 WCLC 26-Jan-06 6-Jul-06  
**ECDL Advanced – Databases** Thursday 6.00 9.00 £81 WCLC 29-Sep-05 26-Jan-06  
**ECDL Advanced – Presentations** Thursday 6.00 9.00 £81 WCLC 29-Sep-05 26-Jan-06  
**ECDL Advanced – Spreadsheets** Thursday 6.00 9.00 £81 WCLC 29-Sep-05 26-Jan-06  
**ECDL Advanced – Word Processing** Thursday 6.00 9.00 £81 WCLC 29-Sep-05 26-Jan-06  
**Energy Saving In The Home** Thursday 10.00 12.00 £25 WCLC 29-Sep-05 02-Nov-05  
**Flowers For Christmas** Wednesday 6.30 9.00 £25 WCLC 9-Nov-05 7-Dec-05  
**Getting The Best From Your Digital Camera** Saturday 10.00 4.00 £30 WCLC 12-Nov-05 12-Nov-05  
**Greek Conversation (No Assessment)** Thursday 7.00 9.00 £45 WCLC 29-Sep-05 24-Nov-05  
**Introduction To Word Processing** Thursday 9.30 12.00 £12.50 WCLC 1-Dec-05 22-Dec-05  
**Introduction To Desk Top Publishing** Thursday 9.30 12.00 £25 WCLC 11-May-06 6-May-06  
**Introduction To Computing** Thursday 9.30 12.00 £25.00 WCLC 29-Sep-05 24-Nov-05  
**Introduction To File Management** Thursday 9.30 12.00 £25.00 WCLC 19-Jan-06 16-Mar-05

#### **COURSES THAT COULD BE RUN WERE THERE TO BE ENOUGH INTEREST**

**Food Hygiene** 1 day free courses  
**BIIAB Level 2 National Certificate For Personal Licence Holders** 1 day course £90  
**BIIAB National Certificate For Door Supervisors Units 1 And 2** 4 day course £180  
**Community Fitness Instructors “Training The Trainer”** details TBA  
**Electrical Installation - C&G 2377 Portable Appliance Testing** - coming soon  
**Electrical Installation - C&G 2381 16th Edition Wiring Regulations** - coming soon  
**Electrical Installation - C&G 2391 Electrical Installation** - coming soon

The key to the list is as follows: WCLC = Wensleydale Community Learning Centre, Askrigg, HPS = Hawes Primary School, FHH = Fountain Hotel, Hawes, MKC = Middleham Key Centre and PTC = Professional Trainer Course

Because of the recent changes to the way courses are funded you may be eligible for some financial assistance - this will vary for each course - please ask.

If you would like more details on any courses or to discuss your requirements please contact us, we will be more than happy to help.

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## **WENSLEYDALE TO INDIA** **- the experience of a lifetime**

I arrived at the Amala Children's Home in Tamil Nadu, Southern India, late one evening, along with all the "Amala Action" Team from the Wensleydale School. Led by Vanda Hurn, our English teacher and an Amala trustee, we entered the campus to be greeted by a mass of smiling faces, teeth and eyes gleaming in the darkness. Names and faces flashed past us in a blur as we greeted every child, unable to remember which was which as they crowded around us.

Over the next two weeks, those anonymous faces became friends, and by the end of our trip it was astonishing to think that once we couldn't tell Anbu from Arul Selvi. Teaching the children was our main aim for the trip, in particular improving English skills among both children and staff, but we also made time to play games and introduce the children to new materials, such as paints! Winifred Hodge, local artist and primary school teacher, made great progress teaching art and painting to children whose previous art lessons had consisted of copying pictures from books, instead of using their imagination.

**The children who live at Amala**, around 150 in total, are either orphans or from seriously disadvantaged backgrounds, and come from the district around the Amala home. Another 350 to 400 children are bussed in to school every morning, as class sizes are much smaller at Amala than at local state schools, so parents are keen to send their children there if at all possible. Their eagerness to learn and immaculate behaviour comes as a real surprise to anyone used to English schools, and shows how much education is valued in a developing country.

**I taught English to the older pupils,**

Standard 10, who are aged 15 to 16, and the difficulty of the compulsory textbooks we used was astonishing. Badly written, with some sentences incomprehensible to a native speaker,

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*Photo by Sarah McCallum, Hawes* they are both overly difficult and extremely boring. It is clear that the standard of English spoken in Tamil Nadu is never going to improve until radical changes are made to the curriculum. To make things worse, the younger children are taught not in their native Tamil, but in English, which they barely understand; yet despite all these problems, the exam results at Amala are exceptionally good and the pass rate is much higher than at most state schools.



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**Leaving Amala was naturally very distressing** for all of us, and anyone who would like proof of this can apply to Raja, who was wandering around with a camera snapping pictures of all of us in tears on our last morning. We had one week more to go in India, travelling around the rural state of Kerala, and all we talked about for the week was our friends at Amala.

**Kerala was particularly exciting as**, for the first time, the Wensleydale students hit the monsoon. We had had rain at Amala, and we had gone out and danced in it, and played cricket, and thrown water over one another, much to the amusement of the Amala staff and students, who thought we

were crazy. Rain in Kerala was different, though - it could rain for most of a day, and although there was little effect on us, a tsunami warning kept the fishermen in Kovalem alert, and lives were lost in landslides a little to the north of where we stayed.

**I would urge anyone** who is given the opportunity to visit Amala to go, as India is an amazing country, (and much better than New York!) The culture and the climate are totally different to Britain: pack a lot of sun cream and remember that queuing is unheard of; everyone just gathers around supermarket tills trying to push to the front. The overwhelming poverty of many of the people and the substandard conditions in which they live is very upsetting, especially when you first arrive, and it is hard to imagine at Chennai (Madras) airport that not all of India is as poor as this vast city housing six million people. My thanks go to Raja, all the Amala staff, and the Amala Trust for all the good works which Amala does. **Cecily Pearson**

## GUY FORKS!

It would be treason to even mention E-numbers or 'additives' to Elizabeth Guy and her team at the impressive purpose-built unit in Hawes. Liz is celebrating her award as the winner of Country Living's 'Best Business Idea' 2005 competition for her 'Betty Guy's Little Pies' idea which is now up and running and producing good, wholesome food aimed at children, (although there's no reason why adults shouldn't enjoy them too). Talking to Liz in her 'kitchen' at the unit, it seems that the idea was a coming-together of many strands in her life, with the added boost from Jamie Oliver's recent campaign against junk food for kids and the general revolt away from processed food.

Her former business 'Humble Pie' in Askrigg, she told me, wasn't really good for family life; she wanted to see more of her three girls, so in spite of giving herself "a year off" after selling up, she almost immediately began working on her idea for frozen meals for children. A NYCC grant enabled her to get established on the Industrial estate in Hawes and start adapting it to her (and the various authorities') exacting standards. At the moment she employs two 'cooks' but sees herself by the end of the year with a team of eight. "At Humble Pie," she told me, "We had a wonderful team spirit which really worked, and I want the same here."

She told me about winning the award and having to go down to Hampton Court for the presentation. "Did you know you had won?" I asked. "No," she said, "only that I was a finalist, it was a very exciting day. The magazine may well feature us again early next year, as a follow-up."

Liz told me that her love of and interest in food came from her mother who was a "superb cook". The meals that Wensleydale Foods Ltd. produces

are made using local meat, vegetables, milk, cream, butter, (and finest quality chocolate etc.) seasoned only with sea salt, black pepper & herbs, resulting in such tempting dishes as Squeaky Lamb Pie and Chocolate Puddle Pudding. Currently they are stocked by various local shops along Wensleydale. But it's early days, production has only just begun, and I'm sure we shall be seeing a lot more of Betty Guy's Little Pies. Congratulations on your win Liz and good luck with the venture .

S.H.

## A CHANGE OF STYLE IN BAINBRIDGE SHOP

**B**ainbridge residents woke up on Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> to a new image at the village shop and post office.

Christine Gordon who had worked hard for several years had decided to call it a day, and in came Darren and Gill Morris from Marsett to step into her shoes of serving the community, but over the weekend Darren had given the place a huge makeover.

Darren and Gill came from near Knaresborough over 18 months ago. Darren is a self employed builder and joiner. Gill was in human resources and general management, and working long hours and not seeing enough of the young twins. They started to look for a house further from work where they could relax, and ended up looking at a house in Marsett on a cold wet and miserable day and fell in love with it. Darren is currently renovating a property in Marsett, and is gradually acquiring clients in Wensleydale. Gill started work at Bainbridge Primary School in January as a teaching assistant, and the children attended the nursery. The family made friends and felt settled. Gill got itchy feet and wanted a challenge working with people and the community. and that meant not working for someone else. They started looking and came upon Bainbridge shop.

Gill's priority is to provide the community with its requirements. She is continuing to have daily deliveries from the Good Life of fruit and veg, bread and confectionery from Cocketts. She has started stocking Raydale Preserves, Betty Guys Little Pies and Suzy Guys puds from Hawes, and Brymoor ice cream. She has a new chill cabinet with drinks and milk, frozen foods, and is making fresh and toasted sandwiches. A new feature is small gifts, post cards and birthday cards.→



→She intends to open in Summer all day Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays (9am to 5pm.) Wednesday will be 9am to 2pm. She will open on Sundays when special events are happening. Darren will be there to assist when possible and help with deliveries to people who have difficulty in getting to the shop. P h o n e : **650909**

Christine continues to run the post office for 3 months until a new replacement is found and Gill will be applying for the job. At the moment business is brisk with local residents and visitors.

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SHOPS!**

**K. Empsall**

## **WENSLEYDALE COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTRE, ASKRIGG**

The past three months have been a turbulent time for the staff working from the Craven College Rural Centre in Askrigg. The Government decision to cut funding for those aged 19yrs and over, wishing to learn, had a dramatic effect on the level of provision that could be offered by the College to residents in Wensleydale.

For now we can turn our attention to September classes and say that in addition to the main College of the Dales programme we have produced a supplementary list of courses planned to take place as a result of the **decision to support the Centre for a further year by The North Yorkshire Learning & Skills Council**. Many households should have now received a copy but if not please contact us and we will be happy to send one to you. *(We have been able to reproduce this as you will have seen on pages 13 and 14)*

A lot of the courses are based on 'leisure learning' which means there is more of an emphasis on what you want to learn without the need to complete lots of paperwork and provide evidence for gaining a qualification you may not actually want! We will be happy to explain this in more detail for those that are interested, but in short we are striving to provide the type of learning that best meets the needs of people in the area.

That said, there are huge changes still to come and it will be a few months until we are able to start to guess the ramifications and effects that the next funding allocations will have.

For more information please contact Colin Bailey on **650060, 07711211169** or [colinbailey@craven-college.ac.uk](mailto:colinbailey@craven-college.ac.uk).  
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## HIGH HALL NEWS

**R**esidents' Birthdays: Three birthdays this month: George Wallace August 22nd, Bea Saunders August 25th and Wilson Jones from Day Care August 27th.

Residents and Day care clients have had a few trips out this month. They have been to Kirkby Stephen to the market followed by tea out, small picnic at Semerwater and fed the ducks, outing to the national park centre at Aysgarth followed by tea at the Coppice Coffee Shop. Friends of High Hall have also taken residents out to tea at the Cornmill in Bainbridge.

Ann Chapman came and held a service for residents on August 15th.

Residents and Day Care clients have also enjoyed in-house bingo, dominoes, painting etc.

Sue is planning trips to Kendal and Richmond for September.

I have been asked to give a short update on how the works at Sycamore are progressing; normally I just ask someone, but this month I thought I would go and have a look for myself (not that I was being nosy "but"). Anyway I tramped up to see the foreman on a wet day in sandals and asked him if he would show me round sometime. He was very kind and said to come back at the end of the week (in some decent shoes) and he would give me a hard hat and jacket and guided tour.

Thursday, Stuart the foreman, me in my very decent shoes and hard hat that swivelled on my head set off. What a surprise I got when we walked in; it's massive with nice wide corridors, light and airy, plenty of storage space, lovely big lounge, grand sized dining room and kitchen. The Day centre will be wonderful as there looks to be plenty of space and storage for all kinds of activities. I looked at 2 flats and thought they were a very good size and set out nicely and thought I could live in one. Also I saw the

hairdressing room, laundry and offices. I didn't go upstairs, thinking I would leave that for my next visit. The underfloor heating pipes are all down and I think they will be covered on the 18th (I think Stuart's words were "the scree will be laid", or something like that). I was excited and my mind was too busy decorating and furnishing the place to take in minor details like floors being laid.

North Yorkshire County Care are holding a recruitment day at the Crown Hotel at Hawes on **Tuesday 13th September 10.00am to 3.00pm**. Anyone interested:- go and see what job vacancies there are.

They will include:

Personal Care at Home; High Hall; Sycamore Hall. **Margaret Metcalfe**

## ARTS IN RICHMONDSHIRE

### Want to be the next J.K.Rowling?

The search is on for people interested in writing creatively in any form - plays, poems, novels, short stories, screenplays, or prose.

**Write Around Richmondshire** is a series of creative writing workshop sessions taking place throughout September designed to inspire new writers, to find and explore their talent, as well as help and encourage experienced writers to develop their skills and experience.

People will have the chance to work with experienced professional writers, so whether you've written before or not - perhaps you've been successfully (or unsuccessfully) writing for years, come along, this is for you.

Nearby sessions are at Bainside Arts Barn and Leyburn Methodist Hall. **To book the sessions and for more details contact AiR: 625142**

## YOREBRIDGE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION



**T**he new pitch is built, the lines are sprayed, it looks ready to be played on but the gates are locked shut! Why? Well there are two reasons for this:

- 1) It may look finished but there are still the last finishing touches that need to be done by the contractor before they can hand over the court for us to use.
- 2) It will always be locked because the facility has to be run properly and cannot just be open access like the old tennis courts used to be.

We really hope that as soon as the calendar turns to September 1st that we will have the court and be able to start taking our first bookings and once again people can be seen playing sport all year round at Yorebridge. The new courts can be booked either as one whole or as two separate playing areas for 5-a-side and 8-a-side football, netball, tennis and basket ball and similar sports activities.

The project has been led in recent years by Yvonne Peacock but has been the result of hours of hard work by many members in the community, some of whom have now moved from the area but the common goal was the same – to provide better sporting facilities for those who live and work in the area. But this is just one of the major phases in the Associations vision for bringing improved facilities to the Yorebridge Site. The Project is more than just building a new set of courts and aims to reach all ages from toddlers to those who think they are too old to be able to benefit from playing on the courts, offering advise on healthy eating and lifestyles, loan of equipment for trying new sports, heart rate monitors, and cycling equipment to improve safety on our roads and support for those who wish to train as coaches and other fitness related activities or work as volunteers in the community.

The group have appointed a Sports Development Co-ordinator to oversee the continuing success of the facility and the project. **Paul Price**, is based at the Wensleydale Centre, Askrigg and will be more than happy to answer any queries and provide more information or come and talk to individuals and group about their needs or the work of the YSDA. Bookings can be made on **07968606571** or by emailing [YSDA@hotmail.com](mailto:YSDA@hotmail.com)

It has been a long and hard project for all involved but they can finally see the end result and I am sure their hard work will benefit many individuals for years to come.

**Colin Bailey**



140 children and young people enjoyed a varied programme of activities for a week at Askrigg School in August. Our theme was **The 'K' Files** as we travelled back in time to investigate what can be known about God from the experiences of some Bible characters. Here are reports from some of the young people:

I liked writing and colouring. I liked the puppets and I liked the songs. I enjoyed King's Club.

**Abigail Coates aged 6**

This year at King's Club the theme was The 'K' Files. We learnt about Abraham, Moses, Ezra, Jesus, Peter and Philip. My favourite thing was painting the chariot bright colours and I liked the craft. I made a sock puppet and I painted the model of the temple. We all enjoyed the serial story, 'The Outsider', and we enjoyed watching the puppets and the 'In Flight' movies. We had a lovely week.

**Charlotte Hickson aged 8**

This year the Extras (11-14 year olds) have been at Semerwater for two days of the week. The rest of the week we played games like Twister and Fetch It. The funniest bit was when Simon Eastwood fell off the jetty at Semerwater on Thursday after promising he would not get wet! On Friday we had a water slide and played water games and had a massive water fight with everybody drenched.

**Robert Binns aged 14**

The Extras also took part in some more serious, though probably less memorable, activities!

A large number of parents and friends joined with us for a barbecue at the School on Saturday evening. They were also able to sample some of the crafts and other

activities which the young people had enjoyed during the week.

We are grateful to the teachers and governors of the School for once again making us so welcome. Many thanks to all who helped to make the week a success. As usual we still have some items of lost property - please claim them!

**Nelson and Heather Caplin 667625**

### **DALES DISCOVERY 2005**

The annual slides and talks for visitors and residents at Hawes Methodist Church have once again been enjoyable and successful. There is still one to go:

**Wednesday, August 31st at 8.00 pm.**  
**The Dales in slides and music** with Ken Biggs; Richmond.

The session lasts for about an hour and a bit.

Admission: £2.00 adults and £1.50 children

## **NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE**

**A**gain it has been a busy month for the criminal; sometime between July 18th and 22nd an unoccupied house was broken into in Worton and a lot of property, namely antiques and personal belongings, was stolen. Enquiries have not located any offenders, but please be mindful of unoccupied properties near your home and report anything suspicious.

Someone has been busy down at the Dales Countryside Museum - this time they decided to wreck a seat on the platform. I am quite convinced that this is local vandalism and if I find out who it is there may be a name and shame in this newsletter. This type of behaviour will not be tolerated and will be dealt with firmly. If you have any information as to who the culprit is, please let me know.

Gayle had a very unwelcome visitor overnight on August 6/7th where a pedal cycle and numerous planters and pieces of garden furniture were stolen. I must admit I have never heard of this type of crime before, but needless to say - if its not bolted down they'll nick it. There has been mention of a white transit van, but no-one has come forward with any more information. I find it very hard to believe that no-one saw anything. The crimes happened in Little Ings and Beckstones; if you saw anything suspicious I would like to know.

I would like to inform you that persons who damaged the weather vane at Cupplesfield lay-by and the three cars in Askrigg after the party on the pitch, had the decency to come forward and admit their involvement to the police and County Councillor John Blackie. It took these lads a lot of guts to do this and I take my hat off to them as not many in this community

would do it. They were all truly sorry for what they had done and are quite prepared for any sentence that the court hands out. It reassures me that some of the younger element in this community do care and that they do have the strength of character to come forward when they know the possible consequences of doing this could cost them dearly. OK so they shouldn't have done what they did in the first place - who hasn't - but at least when faced with the reality of what they have done - they have held there hands up.

I would like to tell you of a new crime prevention initiative which has been launched by the Richmondshire Community Safety Partnership, it is called the SmartWater Scheme. It is intended to mark property on all farms in the Richmondshire area with the product SmartWater. This product is a scientifically designed product which is applied to any property you wish to identify. The product is unique to each person who enters into the scheme and once it is applied you cannot remove it. It is invisible to the naked eye; however it fluoresces under ultra violet light. It has been used in other areas of the country with great success cutting burglaries in one housing estate in Oldham by 70%. The good news is that we will mark your property and it is free. We are starting with farmers as they are a high risk category when it comes to being a victim of crime. If it is successful we will look at using the product in other initiatives. Farmers - we will contact you and arrange a convenient time to do the marking.

It is with deep regret that I have to inform you that Special Constable Hannah Cousins (that's T'Wife) has resigned her position from the service. She has done this due to work commitments and feels that she cannot give the time the role needs. It is a difficult job to do, and one for which they receive no payment, only the pleasure of

serving the community. I for one am sad

that she has done this as she has been an asset to the Specials and will be sadly missed. I would like to take this opportunity of publicly saying a big thank you for all you have done.

Another one leaving the throng is Sergeant Mick Rookes, who is the Leyburn area commander. Mick is retiring after 30 years' service, most of which he has done in Richmondshire. He certainly is a character and I am sure his jolly face will be missed around the dales. To replace him Sergeant Allan Harder has been appointed. Allan again is a Richmondshire officer and was recently a detective constable in the CID office from where he was promoted. We welcome him to the band of merry men and I am sure he will get out and about and meet you all.

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**  
**PC141 Community Beat Officer for**  
**Wensleydale**

[Dave.Cousins@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Dave.Cousins@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk)

	<p><b>St Matthew's church</b> <b>Stalling Busk</b> <b>FLOWER FESTIVAL</b> <b>Saturday, Sunday,</b> <b>Monday</b> <b>August 27th to 29th 10.00 am to 5.00 pm</b> <b>Theme "Children of the Dales"</b> <b>Morning coffee and afternoon teas</b></p>	
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## **BAINBRIDGE & DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB**

Many thanks to Fred and Chubby for organising such a superb rally. 15 cars and 1 motorcycle turned out at the Station Yard at Hawes and from there the route took us to near Sedbergh via Garsdale and the return route through Dent. Many narrow roads and bridges had to be negotiated.

There were also quite a few obstacles encountered on route including several flocks of sheep, a tractor-driven hedge trimmer, a birthday party at Grisedale, a child cyclist on the wrong side of the road and a cattle wagon completely blocking the road, all adding to the excitement.

There was a 'pit-stop' on a lay-by about half way round and the challenge there was to remove and replace a wheel in the shortest possible time. Times ranged from 1.13 to 3.38 minutes. SLOW road signs, cattle grids and gates opened had to be counted. Marker boards were once again in evidence with one cleverly placed within the Askrigg mill stone. Some teams took wrong turnings and ended up in Reeth and Worton. Last month's winners were Angela and Anne and runners up were Fred & Chubby – Well Done. Next month's rally is on the September 21st. Details from Brian Carlisle **663570**.

## “THE ROOF OF WENSLEYDALE”

Yes, at last we know the title of the new book which Stuart Lennie of Hawes has been working on ever since the publication of “Market in the Hills” in 2001, but that was “only a *booklet*”, says Stuart!

*The Roof of Wensleydale* is an exploration and portrait of Wensleydale’s six fells all over 2000 feet, which are favourites of Stuart who has been walking the dales for twenty years. “They hang together round the head of the dale”, he says, “But though they are major features they are ‘retiring summits’”.

As well as looking at the two or three special features of each: Wether, Dodd, Great Knoutberry, Lunds, Great Shunner and Lovely Seat, he uses each one, and the area around it on which to hang other general topics relating to the whole dales area creating a very detailed and interesting book. “I’ll challenge you to find something missed out”, he said, and I think he’s on a winner as he mentioned scores of topics from stories, flora, Romans, views, drovers, railways, farming, jagers, Lady Anne, woodland, mines, kilns, walls, walkers, water... See what I mean?

Stuart is an avid reader and has done much thorough research at the libraries of Darlington, Richmond and Leyburn and especially in the Local Studies Room at the Dales Countryside Museum plus much consultation with local people for which he is very grateful and who are all fully acknowledged in the book.

“How did you come to write books?” I asked him. There was a pause for thought and then “ It’s a way of expressing a love of the area, putting a bit back into the community...a positive thing to do in retirement (Stuart was a college lecturer)... a creative outlet...” ...And it’s different.

*The Roof of Wensleydale*, published by “Hayloft” consists of 200 pages with 18 colour photographs and is about to be on sale at all the usual outlets. **A.S.W**

## WHAT A CHANGE!

Last Thursday the latest section of the new Pennine bridleway opened, Stockdale lane in the Settle area. These before and after pictures give some idea of the work needed.



### MISS MARIE HARTLEY M.B.E.

**M**ANY readers of this Newsletter may already know that Miss Marie Hartley M.B.E will soon celebrate her 100th Birthday, on 25th September this year. Not everyone will be aware, however, that she, with her two friends, the late Ella Pontefract and Joan Ingilby, wrote almost forty books about many aspects of life, work and history in Yorkshire generally, more than half of them about the Yorkshire Dales specifically, between 1934 when Swaledale, soon followed by Wensleydale in 1936, appeared, and 1998 when Making Oatcake was published by Smith Settle.

Born near Leeds, she came to love the Dales while still at school, and since just after World War II began, she has lived in Coleshouse above Askrigg. In Yorkshire Cottage (1942) she and Ella tell the story of how they renovated it from an all but ruinous state. After Ella's too early death in 1945 Marie began to work with Joan Ingilby - already a friend. Their first book together was The Old Hand-Knitters of the Dales (1951) a classic treatment of a neglected topic, which has been more or less continually in print ever since, while their next Yorkshire Village [i.e Askrigg] (1952) was in many ways a seminal work of local history, justly praised by scholars as well as the common reader. Thereafter books flowed from their pens. Life and Tradition in the Yorkshire Dales (1968) being only the best-known, and in time they were recognised by the award of honorary degrees and the M.B.E. But Marie was also the artist-illustrator of nearly all these works; her wood-engravings, drawings and paintings adding an original dimension to the printed word. A full and varied life indeed and one which well deserves celebrating.

This is what the Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum, of which she is a

Founder President (and which owes many of its holdings to her and Joan's assiduous collecting when rural artefacts were little prized), hope to do in September. Posters and other publicity will soon appear but the date to note in your diaries is **29th September** when the Lord Lieutenant of the County will open a major retrospective exhibition of all her work, entitled **Marie Hartley - One Hundred Years - A Celebration** in the Museum's Gallery and a commemorative book will be published entitled The Harvest of a Quiet Eye. There will be much to see of someone who has now become, as she said of her friend Phyllis Bentley' a one woman Yorkshire institution'.

**Trevor Johnson**

## DALES COUNTRYSIDE MUSEUM

### Exhibitions

**Wild at Heart** continues until September 15th. Families have been having a lot of creative fun in the exhibition which examines wildlife in the Yorkshire Dales. There are interactives and lots of hands-on things to make and do for people of all ages.

On September 29th we will be launching **Marie Hartley – 100 years, A Celebration**. This is a retrospective exhibition of the life and work of the museum's founder, Marie Hartley and her associates Ella Pontefract and Joan Ingilby. Showcasing their books, paintings, wood engravings and drawings. The work exhibited covers aspects of life in the Dales and across Yorkshire. *See page 33.*

We will be taking an exhibition out to Carperby Village Hall, **Old Wensleydale Schools** is a fascinating photographic exhibiton which was organised by the Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum and local residents. The exhibition will be open on Saturday and Sunday September 17th and 18th. **Events**

September 1st **Butterflies of the Yorkshire Dales** 12.30pm to 1.30pm. Join us for one of a series of lectures exploring various aspects of wildlife in the Dales.

September 2nd **Autumn Jams & Preserves** 11am to 4pm. Join Ann Holubecki in the farmhouse kitchen for a demonstration of traditional preserve and jam making. You may even pick up some tips on what to do with your own autumnal glut of fruit!

September 6th **Spinning a yarn** 2pm to 4pm. Join Barbara Webster at the Museum. Watch a display of traditional woolcrafts including spinning and peggi rugs by local enthusiasts.

September 8th **Upland Birds of the Yorkshire Dales** 12:30pm to 1:30pm. Join Colin Straker, local ornithologist, for a one hour lunchtime illustrated talk. Bring your lunch.

September 10th and 11th **Heritage Open Days**. Museum entry FREE.

September 15th **Lunchtime Wildlife Lecture** 12:30pm to 1:30pm. Join us for one of a series of lectures exploring various aspects of wildlife in the Dales.

September 30th **Farmhouse Food & Drink** 11am to 4pm. Join Ann Holubecki for a demonstration and talk about the delights of farmhouse food and drink.

*Desktop publishing. The Museum Friends are looking for help with the production of the annual NOW THEN booklet. Anyone who might be interested is asked to contact Sue Foster; 667424*

**THURSDAY 6th OCTOBER  
A NSPCC COFFEE MORNING and  
STALLS at 10-30 till noon in  
CARPERBY  
INSTITUTE.**



### **COME AND "AIR" YOUR VIEWS**

The Annual General Meeting of AiR, the Richmondshire Arts Development Agency, is to be held on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2005 at 7.00 pm** at the Middelham Key Centre, Middleham.

This will be an open meeting to which anyone interested will be welcome to attend.

For further information please contact  
**Tel: 625142 or email:  
air.office@virgin.net**

### **GAYLE MILL**

Hawes and High Abbotside Parish Council held a public meeting on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August at Gayle Institute to explain details of a draft plan prepared by North Of England Civic Trust for the management of ticket sales, visitor numbers, parking and traffic control when the mill opens for visitors.

The meeting room was full and a lively discussion took place on a number of issues which still concerned local residents. The Parish Council will now take those views forward to a meeting with Gayle Mill Trustees and NECTrust on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August. Further public meetings will be arranged by the Parish Council and by the Gayle Mill Trustees.

**PHJ**

**Are hobbies enough?** Can you help turn interest into passion and add skill to the passion? Can you help other people to use theirs? Do you really believe the arts are good for people and that the arts are essential for peoples' well being? Are you the sort of person who can help absolutely anybody develop his or her artistic talents?

Do you believe there's more than one route to personal fulfilment?

An unusual job in the middle of nowhere, a chance to do something different and make a difference and a chance to help a Quaker group develop its project might be for you. There is a rare opportunity in Upper Wensleydale for an artist or arts sympathiser who needs a part time job:

#### **ARTS ADMINISTRATOR**

##### **Needed as soon as possible**

Part time post approximately 15 to 18 hours. Good rate of pay (to be confirmed). Part of team of two: a part time assistant does the books and the bookings.

##### **Duties include:**

Arts programme development, marketing, some fund raising, course liaison, general administrative supervision.

Developing special programmes (e.g., accommodation provision and Friends' programme)

**Essential attributes:** Able to work well on own initiative and with volunteer committee;

be interested in and broadly knowledgeable about the arts; have an interest in ICT

##### **Desirable attributes:**

Experience of arts and crafts courses and activities.

Marketing experience and interest in rural development.

##### **Qualifications:**

Good level of education

Demonstrable level of communication skills

Flexible approach

Ring Angela on **650070** to find out more.

## WHAT'S ON LISTING

TRANSFER THESE DATES TO YOUR DIARY OR CALENDAR NOW!

For Dales Countryside Museum dates see page:34

- 27 St Oswald's gift day. See opposite  
27-29 Exhibition of local photographs etc.  
12noon to 4.00 pm Hawes Junction  
Chapel  
27-29 Stalling Busk flower festival. See p29  
28 Semerwater Service; 3.00 pm  
28 Songs of Praise, Hawes Junction 3.30  
28 Car boot sale, Bainbridge; see page 5  
28 West Witton fell race; 6.00 pm  
28 Guided walk; By castle and byway; 13k;  
meet Bolton Castle 11.00 am  
28 West Burton chapel; barbecue service  
5.30 pm  
28 Songs of Praise; Hawes Methodist  
Church; 8.00 pm  
28 Marsett Chapel singalong. 8.00 pm  
29 Aysgarth Summer Fair; from 1.30 pm  
29 Church barn saleroom last day; see  
opposite page  
31 Hardraw hike guided walk; meet Hawes  
N. Pk. Centre 2.00 pm. 6k.
- September**  
1 Welcome to new Methodist minister for  
the area ;Gayle Chapel.7.30 pm  
2 Vaco Ensemble concert; West Burton  
7.30 pm. See page 5  
4 Aysgarth stroll guided walk. Meet N.Pk.  
Centre 2.00 pm  
5 Hawes Operatic rehearsals; see page 6  
6 Hawes drama group reads  
"Harlequinade"; Gayle Institute,  
7.30 pm  
6 Aysgarth Choral Society starts; see p.9  
7 Shaping the Dales guided walk; 5k.  
Meet Aysgarth Falls N.Pk. Centre  
2.00 pm  
10 High Hall Fete; see opposite page  
10-11 Exhibition, Burtsett. See page 36  
11 Hardraw Scar Band Contest. See p.10  
11 Waterfalls guided walk; 6k. Meet  
Askrigg Cross 2.00 pm  
11 Racial Justice Sunday  
13 YDNPA Planning committee;  
Middleham Key Centre, 10.30 am  
13 Enrolment; Yorebridge from 7.30 pm  
14 Historic footsteps guided walk; 9k. Meet  
Bainbridge Green 1.00 pm  
15 Hawes W.I. History of patchwork  
quilting. Methodist rooms; 7.00 pm  
15 Enrolment; Wensleydale school 7.00pm  
16 Museum Friends; Steve Moorhouse-  
Reading the Landscape 7.30 pm  
19 AGM of AiR; see page 35  
20 Enrolment; Yorebridge from 7.00 pm  
21 Enrolment; Wensleydale school 7.00pm  
24,25 Metcalfe Muster Weekend  
25 St Oswald's Harvest; open air, by the  
cross; 10.00 am  
27 Coffee morning and stalls; Hawes  
Methodist rooms from 10.00 am; for  
Hawes Christmas Lights  
27 YDNPA Full Authority Meeting. Craven  
District Council Chamber 10.30 am  
29 Gayle Ladies; Alan Hemsworth- "It all  
began with Humpty Dumpty
- October**  
6 NSPCC coffee morning See page 35

### Harvest festivals and harvest sales

- 4 Marsett Methodist 2.00 pm  
5 Marsett sale 7.30 pm  
11 Aysgarth Methodist; 6.30 pm with  
"The Uredales"  
12 Aysgarth sale; 7.00 pm  
18 West Burton Methodist 10.45 am  
18 Hawes Methodist; 10.30 am in the  
church; 6.30 pm in the Hawes  
Auction Mart  
25 St. Oswald's Askrigg; 10.00 am  
25 Gayle Methodist; 2.00; 6.30 pm  
25 Redmire church 9.30 am  
26 Redmire harvest supper in the  
village hall

### October

- 2 United mid-dale harvest at Sorrell  
Sykes, West Burton; 3.00 pm

### ADVANCE NOTICES

October 31st - Pumpkin Parade leaves  
Bulls Head at 6.00 pm

June 24th 2006 - Hawes Gala 2006  
'Carnival' theme so get out your sequins  
and feathers etc.