

RETURN TO UWNL HOMEPAGE

Upper Wensleydale Newsletter

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Editorial

It is so tempting to wear blinkers and to put up imaginary walls around our bit of the world and pretend we're OK with our quality of life. Yes, we have our squabbles about which projects attract funding and which don't; who gets planning permission and who can't; or who gets an 'affordable' house or accommodation. But whether we like it or not, we are greatly affected by much wider issues which can't be blotted out; and they are becoming much more significant; take climate change as an example.

The staggering increase in world population from **2.8 billion** (that's nearly three thousand million) in 1956 to **6.5 billion** now affects absolutely everyone. We all, the world over, want a better share of resources. We fight over land, over oil and gas, especially over water, over food, over where we want to live or where we will be safe, as we all seek a better quality of life, and it seems sometimes as if we are racing head over heels in one mad world scramble as the information revolution means more and more of us know what's going on everywhere else.

As for the blinkers: we want to be warm and have all our electrically-dominated lives but without more nuclear power or wind farms near us; we are pleased with our unbelievably cheap flights abroad on oil-guzzling planes for holidays or to live, to add to our quality of life but not so pleased with the movement of people legally looking for a better life here. We don't really believe the oil is running out; we moan about petrol costs but rarely use less! We love our strawberries in winter and our exotic foods from all corners of the world while here land is taken out of food production. Identical foods, goods, services and people move everyday in equal and opposite directions. When did you last

travel in any big town or suburb at rush-hour? Try it!

On balance, there are two ways we can respond. The first: "Sod it. What can I do? So eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die"; the second: "I'll do my bit; individuals can make a difference. I'll use less, I'll recycle more; I'll be more open to understand real need. I'll maybe give something more away to aid the most deprived."

But history shows how individuals acting together and by winning of hearts and minds (for good or ill) can have world-shaking consequences. We all have our part to play.

And from the sublime to the ridiculous. We seem to have reached new heights in sign-proliferation. They are being put up where they can't be seen! Boundary signs hidden by trees or obstructions but how about this in Gayle!

Bring back brains!



30mph sign can't be seen by approaching drivers!



Eunice

I managed to hide myself so well only a few of you found me last month. The lucky winner was **Nathan Baldwin** from Gayle. The question is...can you find me this month?

Air ambulance- Clothes collection

Once again St. Margaret's Church, Hawes will be collecting unwanted clothing, bedding, curtains., table linen, towels, belts and shoes to raise money for the Air Ambulance and the church. Also accepted are mobile phones (with or without chargers), phone chargers and printer ink cartridges.

Please leave your donated goods in bin liners at the church before **July 10th**. If you wish to donate but are unable to get to the church please ring **Janet Middleton 666070**

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**The June issue will be produced on
May 24th and 25th and will be
distributed between May 25th and
May 29th
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THURSDAY MAY 17th**

This month's competition

Natural features in the area; anagrams

Example: Some lefts (5,4) = **Fleet Moss**

Al cad murder (11)
Hurry hog bole (8,4)
String ate pure law (5,4,7)
Kettles slant oma (5,10)
Had bluer dog (11)
Run bee croft (6,5)
Leck nap bap (6,4)
Supper stare not (7,7)
Brew graces (6,4)
Hoe parent (6,3)
Lace red tot (10)
Chalk or gig (6,4)

Readers with the large-scale (1:25000) map will be at a great advantage!

Last month's answers

Blue JOHN Bull
Bi FOCAL point
Don KEY ring
Map CASE load
Robin HOOD wink
Kirkby STEPHEN Fry
Arm CHAIR man
West BURTON Constable
Ribble HEAD teacher
Clarence HOUSE martin
Blank CHEQUE book
Hat STAND at ease
North YORKSHIRE pudding
Blue PETER Pan
Foot BALL oon
Mile POST box
Lip STICK insect
Sheep DIP stick
The winner of the £10 prize was
Sue Lambert, Simonstone.

Swaledale Festival events in Upper Wensleydale

ASKRIGG St Oswald's Church

Friday 2 June 5:15 p.m.

De Jongens Driest, with ConTempo String Quartet
Tickets Full £5 Children £2

Sunday 4 June 2:00 p.m.

Brodsky String Quartet
Tickets Full £10 Children £5

Wednesday 7 June 7:30 p.m.

The Rasumovsky Quartet and Respectable Groove
Tickets Full £8 Children £4

AYSGARTH St Andrew's Church

Tuesday 30 May 7:30 p.m.

Chamber Music 1 ~ Masterpieces Old and New
ConTempo String Quartet and Swaledale Festival
Chamber Players
Tickets Full £9 Children £4

Thursday 1 June 7:30 p.m.

Chamber Music 2 ~ Influences and Inspirations
ConTempo Quartet and Swaledale Festival
Chamber Players
Tickets Full £9 Children £4

Saturday 3 June 7:30 p.m.

Chamber Music 3 ~ M is for Mozart and Friends!
Swaledale Festival Chamber Players
Tickets Full £9 Children £4

Sunday 11 June 3:00 p.m.

Richmondshire Orchestra and the Martindale
String Quartet
Tickets Full £6 Children under 15 free

BAINBRIDGE

Wed. 31 May 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 pm Bainside Arts Barn
Workshop with Raga Nova
Hindustani Classical music .
Tickets Full £5 Children £3

Wed. 31 May 7:30 p.m. Friends' Meeting House

Raga Nova
Tickets Full £7 Children £3

Friday 2 June 2:00 p.m. Friends' Meeting House,

Talk: Aminatta Forna, on Ancestor Stones:
about her childhood in Sierra Leone. Her new novel,
'Ancestor Stones', is also set in Sierra Leone, and
portrays twentieth-century Africa through the
remarkable stories of four sisters.
Tickets Full £3 Children £2

HAWES Market Hall

Wednesday 31 May 7.30pm

'At The Drop of a Hippopotamus'; Tim Fitzhigham
and Duncan Walsh Atkins in an Evening of
Flanders and Swann
Tickets Full £8 Children £4

STALLING BUSK St. Matthew's Church

Wednesday 7 June 5.15 pm

Elizabeth Kenny, lute
Small Island: Italian and French lute music
imported into 17th century England

Tickets Full £5 Children £2

WEST BURTON Village Hall

Saturday 3 June 10:00 a.m. North East Early
Music Forum: Unsung Heroes - a practical
workshop for singers and instrumentalists

Tickets Adult £14 Adult concessions £10 Students and
young people £6

For details and registration, send SAE to NEEMF
Workshop (Swaledale Festival), Eden Cottage, Little
Musgrave, Kirkby Stephen CA17 4PQ, or see
www.neemf.org.uk and follow the Events Diary link

When the wood speaks

Anyone passing **Old Station House** in Hawes recently may have been surprised and delighted by the new garden resident; a carved oak owl standing on its own post. Its creator is Andris Bergs who arrived in Bainbridge last October. He is a chainsaw sculptor and he showed me photos of the many kinds of pieces he produces.

Andris trained as a forester near Brighton. One day out cutting firewood for his parents he started carving small conical trees and soon found himself, from 1998 onward, attending shows with carved mushrooms and trees for sale. From this weekend work came commissions and a lot of varied ideas of Andris' own. Looking at an example of one of his smaller and earlier trees I was amazed to hear that all the intricate leaf shapes were produced by a chain saw. He makes many natural shapes e.g. flowers, birds and animals but also abstract and complex flowing designs such as chains and spirals with a ball captured inside.

Andris likes to use local durable wood with favourites being elm, oak, larch and Douglas Fir bought from the Bolton Estate at Wensley and from farmers. Often the piece of wood itself "shouts" what it should become, perhaps an owl. At other times Andris has a commission to make something from a favourite tree which has had to be felled. Much work is for country parks and for councils. For example there are dinosaur bones and a chess set at Groombridge Place (a bit like our local Forbidden Corner). At Woodmansterne village residents were upset at the loss of a thirty foot cedar tree so after it was felled Andris carved the old trunk with the village name and also made it into a seat. Listening to the wood again Andris carved the seat ends into the shape of a marigold flower. Only later did he find out that the marigold

is the emblem flower of the village. When Andris has completed carving of the second side of the old tree it will amount to about a month's work on a single project. On a smaller scale and at another place the council decided it would save by having a tree stump carved with a decorative non slip pattern, rather than having it removed altogether. Sometimes Andris adds to the wildlife stock in his own way so walkers on Epsom Common may see an owl, a deer and a dragonfly.

Commissions for individuals are also interesting. One man had a 21 foot and 2 ton oak log in his garden. He asked Andris to carve it into a crocodile which now appears to be about to slip into a garden pond. At Gatton Park in Surrey an old gardener is commemorated with a beautiful owl in flight. Closer to home, Owen who has just retired from being the publican at The Crown at Askrigg, was given a very large carved beer jug. So many of the carvings show such movement and balance that I had to ask how many trials Andris has to make a new design. In general though his listening to the wood is such that just one attempt from one piece of wood is enough. Andris also does some furniture, mainly for outdoor use. You can see his work exhibited at The Old School Gallery in Muker and at The Good Life in Hawes. Also he will soon be doing two demonstrations at the Dales Countryside Museum. Prices for carvings start at £10 with only the very large pieces costing thousands.

Andris works mainly on site and from a barn above Askrigg. He retains contacts with the south and is one of a group of four craftsmen there. One of these is John Cadney who has appeared on television in the programme Grand Designs. Andris also helps with the construction of timber framed buildings. Locally he does some work tree planting for David Allen and of

course David and other tree surgeons and forestry workers are very helpful in spotting suitable pieces for wood carving. Andris tells me that he has also been a keen gardener since being tall enough to push a lawnmower and he would be interested in doing gardening work too.

I have tried very hard in this article to avoid puns like branching out etc. but our language is full of appropriate analogies so I'm going to stop fighting and finish off with the story of how Andris took root here. It seems he went to Plumpton College near Brighton with Hannah Fawcett of Hardraw. Andris came to visit Hannah in 2004 and at a Hardraw "bash" met Cathy Bennett. He and Cathy are to be married at Askrigg in May. I didn't ask whether Andris is carving a wedding ring with his chain saw but such is his ingenuity and dexterity it wouldn't surprise me! **P.J.R.**

Subsidised holidays ministry, The Jonas Centre

When the Jonas Centre at Redmire began in 1996, one of its aims was to provide affordable accommodation for those families in particular hardship and crisis.

In 2005 (our first year for the holiday scheme) we allocated 10% of our peak-time availability for this type of ministry and, with the help of referring agencies, we attained 9.7%. We accepted applications for subsidised holidays from churches, groups and organisations who know of families in crisis or those facing hardship, anticipating or experiencing bereavement, or needing a break from caring roles.

Since Easter 2005 we have welcomed over 30 families, many of whom have never had a holiday before. Correspondence received from the visitors indicated how much the families had enjoyed their holiday and that they appreciated the kindness and support provided by the Centre.

In 2006 we are asking agencies to help us exceed our 10% target and provide even more holidays to families in hardship and crisis.

Make a date with the falcons this summer

TV's 'Planet Earth' programme travels to the ends of the earth to film incredible wildlife but a pair of the world's fastest birds can be seen much closer to home - at Malham Cove in the Yorkshire Dales.

The peregrine falcon is the jet fighter of the bird world and is listed in Guinness World Records as the world's fastest animal, with a flight speed of up to 217 mph (350 km/h).

From **April 3rd** visitors can watch a pair of the falcons by visiting a special 'Falcon

Watch Point' set up at Malham by the RSPB and the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA).

To see the peregrines, visit the viewpoint at the foot of Malham Cove any day from now until the end of July. The Peregrine Watch team will be present daily from 10.30 am to 4.30 pm and it's all free. Telescopes have been set up to provide visitors with close-up views of the falcons.

The project is part of the RSPB's *Aren't Birds Brilliant!* programme of events.

YDNPA Species Officer Ian Court said: "...we hope lots of people will turn up over the next few months to see these spectacular birds at home in a stunning landscape. It really is worth a trip out."

Committee news

We are very pleased to welcome back Rima Berry, Askrigg, as a committee member; she will be involved with the final "Publisher" 'jig-saw'.

It's an equal pleasure to have as a new member Alastair Macintosh, Hawes; and we are busy carving out a full role to keep him busy! However, it is with sadness that we shall soon be saying goodbye to Tony Philpott (and Marilyn) who are moving away. The contribution Tony has made over the last three years has been invaluable and we have greatly appreciated his support.

A.S.W.

1st Hawes Brownies

High spirits and great enthusiasm ensued during pancake races.

We made gift boxes for Mother's Day and had fun with Easter activities. Several new songs have been sung and the Seasons Badge gained. We are working on the Toymaker Badge, part of which will include making our costumes for the Gala. Some of the older Brownies are going on Pack Holiday in May. Carol is having a short break pending the birth of her baby and Linda has made it to 20 years service. We have a full complement of 24 very well behaved Brownies who are a credit to the Unit.

Linda Reynolds

Hawes Classic and Vintage Vehicle Club

In past years the annual run has been joined by a single BSA motorcycle. The owner just wanted to join in! So why not? Thus I have changed the name of the club to admit suitable motorcycles.

This year's run meets as usual at the Auction Mart on **May 28th** departing around 10.00 am. This year we are exploring the Dent area. I have contacted all the local owners I know of with details. Anyone with a pre 1980 vehicle is welcome to join us but I would prefer to have advance notice. Just phone **667475**. Membership is automatically conferred by sending an entry fee of £5.00.

Alan Harpley

**“The Harvest of a Quiet Eye”...
a Tribute to Marie Hartley**

As a true celebration of Marie Hartley’s Hundredth Birthday on 25th September 2005, the Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum have commissioned “The Harvest of a Quiet Eye”. Edited by Trevor Johnson this 100+ page book is a remarkable collation of 16 chapters capturing, through words, photographs, engravings and sketches, the extremely full life that Marie has devoted to the history and landscape of the Yorkshire Dales. Contributors include close and knowledgeable friends of Marie and of her late fellow writers, Ella Pontefract and Joan Ingilby.

The Dales Countryside Museum will always be a continuing memorial to what Marie has given to the Dales and her work in founding it is chronicled by the present Curator, Fiona Rosher. Sir Christopher Booth writes on ‘Marie Herself’ whom he has known for over 40 years. Friendship again figures so large in the next three chapters by Ann Holubecki, Christine Hallas and Janet Leyland.

Elizabeth Harvey contributes on Marie’s work as a Yorkshire historian and Geoffrey Moorhouse describes her as a topographical writer. June Hall’s contribution on *The Old Hand-Knitters of the Dales* precedes chapters by Tom Purvis, Trevor Johnson and Mary Farnell on her great talent in painting, drawing, wood-engraving and photography.

Who else but W R Mitchell could tell us about ‘Publishing Marie: early days and *The Dalesman*’, while local journalist, Pip Land describes the ‘Marie Hartley Exhibition held last year to celebrate the 100th Birthday of this remarkable lady.

From the first page to the final page, with a poem by Alan Hartley “To Marie: In Gratitude”, this is a book crammed full of

love. As they say today - a ‘must have’ keepsake book **T.P**

Open Day

Yoredale, the new National Park offices in Bainbridge will be open from 4.00 to 7.00pm on **Tuesday May 2nd**. All are invited to look around.

Herb walk

Sunday May 21st at 2pm join local herbalist **Lynda Bayne MNIMH**, and learn a little about the medicinal virtues of common wayside plants and trees. Meet Thoraby Village Hall car park. Participants should be prepared for variable weather and wear suitable footwear for walking in the fields and lanes in the vicinity of Thoraby. Approx 2 hours’ easy walking.

Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. **663324** for details.

A smooth changeover at the Crown Inn, in Askrigg

Owen Metcalfe decided to call it a day after 27 years, as owner of a flourishing business, and the rumours started— who would follow, and what would they do with the food?

Owen and some of his long serving staff, namely his sister Margaret Halton, and Christine Bowe decided also to retire, along with Eddie Baker who also left, and so April 3rd it was all change. They wanted to go out quietly— no photo and no fuss!

In walk the familiar faces of the new licensees Jim and Wendy Paredes from Hawes. Customers were warmly welcomed by them and their staff including Alan Bowe and Hilda Craske continuing to serve up good beer and the same popular menu, assisted by Lindsey and Gillian Ewbank, Helen McKay, Gillian Alderson, and Nicola Scarr, Harry Constantine and Julie Bowe.

I can assure you the steak pie and its delicious crust were just as good as before. Jim donned an apron for Sunday lunch to take the orders. If you go in and wonder where Jim and Wendy are, you may find them hidden behind two huge new pumps!! The only things missing were Black Sheep beers. The owners Scottish and Newcastle Brewery will not permit them to sell this popular local brew, unless it comes on the guest beer list. Shame! What can we do about it?

Jim welcomed the local dominoes teams on his third night, and was overcome by their warm reception. He says everyone has been so helpful especially Margaret Halton and Eleanor Scarr, who spent time with Wendy explaining all about the kitchen, as well as many Askrigg people. He really would like to say a big thank you to

everyone who has helped him make the big leap from Hawes.

Jim intends to serve the locals and all visiting customers with their needs. He intends to do guest ales and some food specials. He has been hands on, cooking lemon meringue tarts and rushing to cash and carry, because due to the busy weekend he had run out of a lot of basic ingredients. He is continuing to buy local fruit and veg. at the Good Life, and meat from Hammonds.

The usual groups have been in, such as the local lead mining group, and the domino team. He wants to start a darts team – any offers? The faithful are still occupying the corner table chewing over their day's work. The upstairs meeting room is available, and funeral teas will be served when required.

In their second week the Easter holidays got off to a very busy start with a sunny day and visiting families tucking into lunchtime food.

Jim came to Hawes 27 years ago and helped his mother Judith at the Crown there, then moved to Masham and worked as a lorry driver where his children grew up. Two years ago he and Wendy came back to Hawes, but wanted their own business. We wish Jim and Wendy many happy years in Askrigg, and hope they will find some time to emerge and join the local events.

Kate Empsall



The pioneering moped loan scheme ‘Wheels 2 Work’ operating in Hambleton, and Richmondshire, aims to help even more people using funding received from the **European Regional Development Fund, via the ‘**Bolton Manor Group**’, for use **principally in areas of Wensleydale and Swaledale**. Using part of this funding, ‘Wheels 2 Work’ has been able to purchase a further 10 mopeds to increase the total fleet size to 50 mopeds. **Priority for the new mopeds will be given to applications from people living in these areas.****

The Scheme loans mopeds to applicants paying a nominal weekly fee. Loan Period ~~varies but typically 6 months giving time~~ for participants to save for their own transport. Extensive safety training is provided, through CBT (Compulsory Basic Training) together with protective clothing. Maintenance and Servicing costs are also covered.

Almost **1000** people have accessed the scheme since 2001 and **400** people have been directly assisted by the scheme, enabling them to take up employment, training or educational opportunities.

A large proportion of participants go on to buy their own mopeds or cars after being on the scheme

Further details on the scheme available from:

Jacqui Ritchie
Rural Transport Administrator
Tel: 01609 761682
Fax: 01609 770570
email: j.ritchie@ndvsa.co.uk

Wensleydale Railway

On Sunday April 16th, rail passengers at Leeming Bar station and members of the Wensleydale Railway Association (WRA) heard chairman Keith Cameron announce that the Duke of York's Community Initiative Award has been given to the WRA.

This Award, which is given for three years, is in recognition of the contribution made by volunteers and members of the Association. In his speech, Mr. Cameron congratulated the railway's volunteers on the many and varied tasks which they undertake in support of the railway: as train crew and on the track, with customers and 'behind the scenes'.

Angus Maude, vice-chairman and work party leader, responded on behalf of the volunteers and John Piper, the WRA's founding chairman in 1990, spoke of his great pleasure in seeing at first-hand the progress that had been made since then. Presentations were made to Mrs. Pauline Cameron and Mrs. Mary Piper, in appreciation of the personal support they had given to the Wensleydale Railway over the years.

On **Friday May 19th**, events arranged by the Friends of Leyburn Station (FoLS) will mark and celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the opening of Leyburn station in 1856. The following day is national Community Rail Day; to mark this there will be bargain Day Rover tickets on the WR (May 19th-21st inclusive) of £5 (all adults) and £3 (child).

A busy programme of travel and events on the Wensleydale Railway is planned for May, June and July, including Children's Animal Safari and Animal Masks (May 20-29th). Trains leave Redmire at 11.35; 13.35; 15.35 on May 1, 5-7, 12-14, 19-29 plus one at 17.35 on May 1, 19-21 and 23.

All WR events' details from Leyburn TIC 623069 and full timetable from all local information centres.

New minor ailments scheme

Patients in Wensleydale with minor ailments are now able to get access to advice and treatment more quickly, with the launch of a new pharmacy scheme aimed at improving patient choice. The Minor Ailments Scheme has been launched at the pharmacies in Leyburn and Hawes to improve patient choice and access to local health services in Wensleydale.

The Scheme has been developed by the Medicines Management Team at Hambleton and Richmondshire Primary Care Trust (PCT) together with GP practices at Leyburn and Hawes/Aysgarth and local pharmacies in Leyburn and Hawes.

Under the scheme, patients registered with a local practice, who are suffering from minor ailments such as nasal congestion, hay fever, sore throat, mouth ulcers and head lice, can go straight to their pharmacy for advice and treatment. As well as potentially saving patients time, it offers them an additional choice to access healthcare at times when GP surgeries may be closed, as the service is available during normal pharmacy opening hours, including Saturdays as well as Sunday and bank holiday additional hours.

Dr Stephen Wild, a GP in Leyburn is enthusiastic about the new scheme, which his practice has signed up to: "I think this is a really positive step. Any initiative which increases choice for patients and allows access to treatments more quickly will always have our full support. The opportunity to have minor conditions dealt with in this way should provide extra capacity in surgery to deal with patients with more complex problems. We are all very enthusiastic about the scheme and its benefits for the local community."

A campaign is now under way to publicise the scheme, with posters and leaflets being distributed locally, as well as information slips attached to prescription bags and repeat prescriptions, and this article in the local Upper Wensleydale newsletter.

It is hoped that the scheme will offer an additional choice for patients as when surgeries are closed at holiday times.

Head of Communications, Hambleton and Richmondshire Primary Care Trust.

Anne Botterill

New website for Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

A new-look website for the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority was launched recently after several months of effort. The work, funded through the Government's Implementing Electronic Government (IEG) initiative, has resulted in the creation of the new joint National Parks website at www.nationalparks.gov.uk and gave the YDNPA the chance to restructure its own site, still at:

www.yorkshiredales.org.uk

In addition to information on educational resources, the website contains a new section on wildlife – Nature in the Dales – and a new facility which will enable people to check the progress of planning applications and to submit comments online.

YDNPA Member and Chair of a joint National Parks IEG Steering Group, Wilf Fenten, said: "We hope the site will encourage sustainable tourism by helping to make visitors aware of and appreciate the delicate environment of the National Park.

Super!

Mid-dale Lent lunches

Evelyn and Margaret are delighted to report that following a good turn out at each of the six Soup Lunches the sum of **£1,115.63** has been sent to Christian Aid. Added to this is Gift aid money totalling **£114.65**. Many thanks to all who made soup, gave cheese and bread rolls also those who waited at tables and washed the dishes.

Evelyn Abraham

ADVANCE NOTICE
North Country Theatre at the Dales Countryside Museum
North Country Theatre will be performing
The 39 steps
at the museum on Wednesday and Thursday June 21st and 22nd
The performances will begin at 7.30pm
Tickets £7.50 from the museum: 666210



August 7th to 11th

Many leaders and young people are looking forward to taking part in this year's King's Club which will again be held at Askrigg School from 10am to 3pm each day.

Full details and application forms for 6-11 year olds will be distributed as usual through the local primary schools **at the beginning of May.**

Details of **King's Club Extra** for 11-14 year olds and **King's Club XL** for 15-17 year olds will also be available and will be posted to those who were at King's Club last year or the year before.

Please return the application forms as soon as possible. There is a limited number of places and last year some young people were disappointed.

We plan to end the week with a barbecue at the school on Saturday, August 12th from 5pm to 7pm for families and friends. For further information please contact Nelson and Heather Caplin on **667625**.

Recycling makes money for a good cause

The collection of old mobile phones and empty computer cartridges has so far raised over £167 for the WRVS North Yorkshire Meals on Wheels Scheme. Not bad for just 3 months work!

Many thanks to all those people and businesses which have made the effort to take their redundant equipment to the collections points at the Resource Centre and Community Centre, in the Neukin, and the Post Office, in Hawes, Sykes Country Store in Askrigg and the Post Office in Bainbridge.

Please keep dropping them in when you do your shopping. We get £10 for a cartridge and £2.50 for old mobile phones (please take your SIM card OUT). We do not want the transformers, as many of these phones are not re-sold in the UK.

Margaret Johnson and I will happily keep emptying the boxes and posting them off.

Kate Empsall By popular demand...

The **Alma Singers** are back to present: **“MAD ABOUT MUSIC”**.

This concert is in the Market House, Hawes, on **Saturday, May 13th ,7.00 pm**
Pay at the door: £4.50

The programme will include:

- Phantom of the Opera (title song)
- River Dance
- My heart will go on
- Unchained melody
- Plus many more popular songs.

Proceeds in aid of the Upper Dales Christmas Lights.

Two new faces join Authority

Two new members have been appointed by the Secretary of State to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.

Mr William Weston has been chosen by the Secretary of State to replace outgoing member Nicky Grace. His term will last for three years. And farmer Stephen Butcher, who became a councillor for Craven District in 1994, has returned for a second visit as a district council appointee following the death of member John Sayer last year.

Mr Weston, who is currently chief executive of the Tees Valley Community Foundation, is very interested in landscape, sustainability, the countryside, horticulture, heritage and creativity.

Mr Butcher, who was previously a member from 1998 to 2002, was born in Keighley and farms at Rylstone, near Skipton.

Carl Lis said: “We had some excellent applications for the Secretary of State appointed vacancy and I am delighted that Mr Weston has been able to take up the post. The Authority recently lost a very valuable Member in John Sayer who was a district council appointed representative. However we are glad to welcome back Stephen Butcher who previously served the authority for four years.”

BBC team settles into Bainbridge

A development from the popular “Country File” series will be ten daily programmes shown in the last two weeks of August: “**Country File– the Summer Diaries**” and will be centred on the upper dales here.

Research has been going on for weeks already (they’ve actively picked the Newsletter’s ‘brains’!), but from last Wednesday the Series Producer, Amelia, and her team settled into their accommodation for a few months in Bainbridge High Mill above Hammond’s butchers, and very smart it is too! Four people will be based here permanently but overall, with camera- and sound -crews and interviewers there will be at least fifteen working until mid-July. Filming is due to commence on May 1st.

The aim of the series is to depict life and issues of a fairly remote ‘deeply rural’ area but from a more personal viewpoint, and already many local groups and individuals have been suggested and have contributed.

The team is eager not to miss anything or anyone of significance, and ideas are still very welcome. When the filming gets going, word will soon spread about what’s going on. The contact is **Ruth: 650660**

A.S.W.

A delightful piece of news

We are pleased to report that Geoffrey Moorhouse, the very well-known writer,

who lives in Gayle, has just been invited to receive the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Letters (DLitt) of the University of Warwick. The degree will be conferred at a Summer Degree Congregation to be held in July.

It was a special pleasure for Pam Robinson to be able to feature Geoffrey Moorhouse for the Newsletter in 2002 and his support, encouragement and occasional wise words of advice are much appreciated.

A.S.W.

Flower arrangers needed!

A Flower Festival is being arranged at the Hawes Junction Chapel (just beyond the Moorcock Inn) on the weekend of July 8th and 9th.

This event is part of a series to raise funds to improve the chapel, especially the toilet facilities.

The theme for the festival is ‘favourite hymns’ and it is hoped that the flowers will be arranged on the Thursday and Friday before.

Anyone who is able to help with this event is invited to come along to the next planning meeting at the chapel on **Monday May 8th at 7.00 pm** or to get in touch with **Andy, 667291, or Pauline 017683 72011.**



**Last month's picture was of a headstone in WORTON
Where's this in our area?**

Approved science status for Wensleydale School

Many people will recently have read of Wensleydale School's triumphant achievement in that it has been awarded specialist science status and although we students may have had it explained, communication from teenagers is so notoriously unreliable that parents and grandparents all believe that we love to keep them in the dark. So, because this is a really significant step in the school's history, I thought it would be useful to report a short interview with Dr Beverly - who coordinated and championed the school's bid to explain what 'science status' actually means.

Currently, all schools need to seek supplementary funding. It is also the Government's intention that every school will have a 'specialism' by 2010/12. These factors spurred our school into bidding for a specialism in science. This hard-won approval from the Ministry of Education means that an additional large sum of money passes to the school every year to improve resources, facilities, teaching skills and learning skills.

The school has many aims, but primarily wishes to provide an individual and enriching curriculum using as many different methods of teaching as possible. With the money that this new funding will provide, the school has plans to make available an increased number of vocational courses for GCSE students and to develop opportunities for those who wish to follow more practical, applied routes. By doing so it hopes both to stimulate the less academically driven students and significantly raise standards at GCSE and A Level.

Specific methods will be used to reach these targets. There will be interactive,

small-group sessions and workshops in science and maths subjects, as well as student mentors to help coach and tutor other pupils. Accelerated programmes of learning within school will mean that students have the opportunity to begin courses in maths and science earlier, bringing their GCSEs, A Levels and even degrees closer by one year or two. This will increase flexibility for the subjects they can study and aims to afford students a significant head start in the 'world of work'. Another major aim of the school -to improve links in academia -is already underway, and contacts are already being forged, for example with Durham University, St Cuthberts Grammar School in Newcastle, Bedale High School and Prudhoe Community High School in Northumberland. Such links will help to improve teaching and learning in school by sharing advice on the delivery of courses, the training of classroom teaching assistants, development of Information Technology in maths and accelerated learning in science. A contact is also being cultivated with the St Louis School in Giles, Belgium, with whom there are hopes of launching collaborative fledgling projects on computer modelling, water monitoring and... "sustainability".

Ecological sustainability is another important aspect of our new status, where the ambition of the school is greatly to raise awareness, both amongst students and the wider community we serve. By linking school projects on sustainable energy with the community, the school hopes to build upon and support the agricultural purpose of this area. One feature of this project will be a new building for older students to be used as a case study. The whole building will be ecology-friendly and derive its energy from its own wind turbine, with excess energy being sold to the national grid. The intention is for the building to be a haven

for science -general ideas for the interior include glass atriums and moving displays for general viewing.

The school also intends to improve links with the community by providing the building as a centre for activities. Events to be provided will vary from courses in literacy and numeracy, to careers guidance and support for adults, as well as 'family days' at weekends in garden growing, farming and perhaps even rocket building! When the school day finishes at 5.00pm, the school wants the centre to be available to the community. Open lectures will be organised, for example -"how to use maths to your advantage in the world of agriculture and engineering" -and meetings with the community and local pressure or interest groups will be coordinated. Weekend courses will aim to promote benign stewardship of our local environment. The funding for these community programmes will extend outwards from the school as well plans for video conferencing are being arranged, where videos and televisions can be placed in halls around the dales to provide an extra dimension to adult learning. The new centre will thus improve the resources not just of the school but of the community.

However, I know that there are others like myself whose mathematical talent is mainly conspicuous by its inadequacy. Understandably, such people may have some misgiving that these developments have the potential to reduce attention given to subjects more based in the humanities - languages, history, English and music. However, although these subjects are not additionally funded, the new status opens many doors for development in these areas.

One example is the organisation of joint courses that can link these subjects to science, for example a workshop encompassing photography (art) and the development of pictures (science). Hence, this is not simply an improvement for

science but an improvement for the whole school. With the funding to which it now has access, there are opportunities for development everywhere, for students and the community. The result of all the hard work is that the specialist science status comes into effect this September. It is a very exciting achievement for The Wensleydale School and the community it serves. **Megan Price, Bursary student**

(Ideas and further suggestions for community use are invited. The school's phone number is 622244)

Bainbridge and District Motor Club

What a lovely fine evening for the first outdoor rally of the season but of course it was dark early which brings its own difficulties. 10 cars turned up at Leyburn Auction Mart for the event entitled 'Ladies and Members' rally.

It consisted of 2 circular rounds, one taking the cars through Hunton, Finghall and Spennithorne and the other through Carlton, West Scafton and East Witton (Patrick Brompton not on the course but one car felt in need to visit it anyhow!).

All cars then returned to the Auction Mart after the first circle where there was an obstacle course to manoeuvre. This entailed zig-zagging around plastic buckets and then reverse parking into a marked plot. One of the youngest drivers was the star of this exercise – Well Done.

Clues and Marker Boards were to be noted en route. A Celandine Flower was to be brought back and the longest stem to be used as a tie-breaker, however there were 2 with the same longest length. 5 items found en route beginning with the letter 'C' also to be brought back. The items produced always prove to be very ingenious (surprised the organisers that no condoms were amongst the items!!).

There was also a sheet of questions to name the 'make of car' from the pictures of the logo, the logo for the Ssangyong proved the most difficult.

The next rally is on May 17th which is the 12 Village Rally and this is to be organised by David and Carol Scarr, telephone number **650537** for details. All Welcome.

Netta Davison

Re-vive Partnership Web site

The Re-vive Partnership consists of the Upper Wensleydale Community Investment group and Huron (a regeneration consultant based in Askrigg) and was launched last year with a series of trial taster events on environmental issues faced by business and communities. With support from the Local Network Fund and UnLtd- The Foundation For Social Entrepreneurs, Re-vive.org.uk is a new web forum focused on the Yorkshire Dales to help people to access grants, funds or soft loans for any variety of purposes. What is the web forum? Well, there are a series of topics based around regeneration issues (or you can suggest your own) that are open for anyone to 'post' messages onto. You have to register (a very easy, free process, that doesn't involve any personal information). If you have an idea that you think someone could/should be giving you support for (whether money or advice) ask the question on the forum. You will get an answer; you don't have to be part of a group, you don't have to be a business, you don't have to be working in agriculture, you can be ANYONE. What will it cost you? Nothing. Re-vive.org.uk is unique, it gives totally free advice and information on grants (big and small) relevant to our area, in language that makes sense. The site also hosts information on the Upper Wensleydale area, such as the Upper Wensleydale Parish Plans and the Regeneration Update 2004. These are all available for downloading. It is a site in progress that will feature a live web cam view of Addlebrough, a bright Ideas Bank for projects that are waiting for someone to take them on (a champion) and information on Fund of the Month. The forum is run by the Huron group, with over a decade of regeneration experience. If you don't ask the question you may never know

the answer www.re-vive.org.uk. R.B.

www.re-vive.org.uk

A Web Forum giving information and advice on grants for Upper Wensleydale and the Yorkshire Dales.

The Re-vive Partnership is community run, for the community. We hold details of over **7000** Trusts, companies and funds.

Challenge us to find **one** for you.

Here we go round the Mulberry Bush!

Yes, the Upper Dale now has a Mulberry Bush– the name for the re-opened gift shop on the cobbles in Hawes opposite the chapel.

“It’s a long story”, said Helen Iveson, as she showed me round, bubbling over with enthusiasm; she has always wanted work like this and when good friends Andrew and Jill Atkinson had the ‘mad idea’ of opening a shop in Addingham, Helen was going down to help almost daily.

“Why don’t you open your own”, they said. Helen heard that Pat (Tricia Robinson) was thinking of moving. “Will you sell”, she asked, and the answer was ‘yes’, and now the ‘Mulberry Bush’ is in full swing, opened by Auntie Mary Hugill just before Easter and displaying a goodly selection of ‘good luck’ cards.

Helen is having great fun, having learnt from her Addingham experiences, and searching for things ‘different but affordable’, with children’s items close to her heart. (She has five of her own, remember!... *children not hearts*, and says the venture couldn’t have happened without the support of her partner, Roger). She intends to sell only goods she ‘knows about’ and the very well-stocked shop includes ‘Tatty Bumpkin’ Fair Trade goods, ‘Bridgewater’ pottery and ‘Lulu Guinness’, and is one of the only such outlets for miles around selling such designer goods.

Helen was born and grew up in Harrogate and has always lived in North Yorkshire, first coming to know Hawes as a young girl. She says her favourite subject is ‘talking about Wensleydale’, followed closely, I thought, by her selling techniques, and if I’d had any money with

me, I would have had to succumb. But I’ll be back. It’s a pleasurable place to shop.

A.S.W.

DVD to introduce the Dales to Asian visitors

Asian communities in inner cities are being targeted in a new drive to show more people what the Yorkshire Dales have to offer.

The National Park Authority has produced a 15-minute DVD aimed at promoting the area among minority ethnic communities in cities and towns around the National Park. It features interviews with members of the Asian communities who have become frequent visitors to the National Park and who describe why they like coming back.

Catherine Kemp, YDNPA Outreach Officer, said: "In a survey we carried out in 2004 there were very few visitors to the National Park from Asian communities. Research told us that more people from those communities would like to visit but they needed more information about what was available. In response to this, we have produced this DVD to increase awareness of what the Dales can offer. It may even encourage more people living around the National Park to pay us a visit.

"We want to stress that the Yorkshire Dales National Park is almost on the doorstep of both Leeds and Bradford. We also hope to show that anyone can have a day out enjoying the beautiful scenery and exploring the villages. There really is something for all the family."

The video features children and their families who have taken part in the innovative 'Beyond the Boundary' cricket project which includes arranging matches between teams from Dales villages and urban areas.

Catherine said: "We would like to thank staff at Bradford Council who have played a vital part in the project and the Countryside Agency, which has provided funding.

Last year five clubs took part in the Beyond the Boundary project and this year we are hoping to increase the number."

Anyone wanting a copy of the DVD, which is free, should contact Leanne Fox on **01756 751600**

Questions, questions

Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up, like, every two hours?

May Gardening

It's all in the soil.



Gardening has always been subject to fashions and one that is popular at the moment - recycling garden waste to make compost - is very welcome. Good soil is essential for plants to grow well and adding homemade compost to the soil is an ideal way to reduce the amount of artificial chemicals and pesticides needed to keep plants looking healthy. Sometimes a plant fails to thrive and becomes diseased simply because it's under stress from being in the wrong place or in the wrong type of soil so it's always good to know what type of soil is in the garden and then to plant accordingly.

Soils vary in structure and in pH or acidity or alkalinity and these should be considered when choosing a plant for a given spot. For example if camellias are looking yellow it's probably due to lack of iron. This in turn is because if the soil is alkaline it will bind with the iron and stop it being absorbed by the plant; special solutions watered in will reverse the process only temporarily. A way to identify soil types is seeing what grows well in the surrounding fields e.g. nettles and dog roses thrive in rich soil; bracken and buttercups love acidic soil; whereas old man's beard grows well in alkaline soil. Soils can be sandy, dry, chalk, peat or loam. Verbascums and lavateras love well-drained sandy soil, clematis, pinks, lilacs and scabious enjoy chalky soils, and azaleas, rhododendrons pieris and witch hazels love the acidity of a peat soil. The idea is to work with the nature of the soil rather than to artificially redress any imbalance.

But whatever the soil any garden will

benefit from plenty of homemade compost. Plants grow only in the topsoil, which ideally should be more than a spade's depth, and it's this layer that can be improved by composting and mulching. This adds millions of living micro-organisms, fungi and bacteria plus encouraging worms to breed. Adding humus enables microbes to break down the soil structure and thus release nutrients to roots.

If possible a garden should have two compost bins, one maturing while the other is being filled. The bacteria then get to work breaking it down into rich dark compost. Aerobic bacteria need oxygen so they're vital at the beginning to warm up the process and do the job quickly sometimes in a couple of months. Slower composting happens when anaerobic (no oxygen) bacteria are present and then it will take up to a year before the compost is ready. Anything bar cooked food or roots of perennial weeds (docks, bindweed) can be put on the pile. A good heap will generate enough heat to kill off most weed seeds and pests. Grass cuttings are excellent but they need to be layered with coarser material to ensure there's plenty of air available. This is where garden shredders are useful in breaking up large woody debris so that it can be layered in with the lawn cuttings. Manure will also activate the heap and sometimes forking it over occasionally to get more air in helps. Then it can be covered, kept just moist enough and left to get on with the process of decomposition.

It's very rewarding to see plants looking healthy and happy which is usually the case if they are in the right environment. This combination of soil improvement and careful selection of plants should make gardening a lot easier.

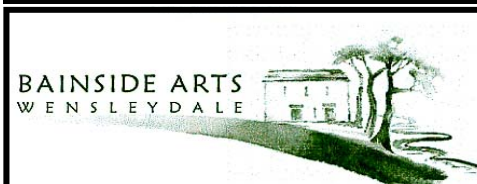
Happy gardening.

Peduncle

Doctors' rotas as supplied by the surgery

AYSGARTH SURGERY ROTA Wb week beginning MAY:										
Wb	01		08		15		22		29	
Day	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Mon	C	C	F+W	F	W	W	A	F	C	C
Tues	J+W	J+W	A	A	A+F	C	F+W	W	W+J	J
Wed	A+F	A	W	W	W	W	A+J	J	F	F
Thur	J+W	W	A	A	A	A	F+W	F	W	W
Fri	A	A	F+W	F	W	W	J	J	J	J
Sat	Emergency service only									
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 MAY:										
Wb	01		08		15		22		29	
Day	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Mon	C	C	A	A	A+F	A+F	F+W	W	C	C
Tues	A+F	A	F+W	W	W	C	A+J	A+J	F	W
Wed	J	J	F	F	F	F	W	W	J	J
Thur	F	F	W	W	F	F	A	A	F	F
Fri	J+W	J+W	A	A	A	A	F+W	F+W	W	W
Sat	Emergency service only									
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										



May Courses

- 6 Animation workshop; David Jennnings
 - 7 Amish Quilting; Kate Trusson
 - 13 Yoga; Sarah Drew
 - 14 Guitar workshop; David Harris
 - 20,21 Enjoying art; Lesley Coates Jones
 - 27,28 Walking and drawing;
Judith Bromley
- For details, scale of charges and bursaries, please ring 650070*

Questions, questions

If the temperature is zero outside today and it's going to be twice as cold tomorrow, how cold will it be?

Whose idea was it to put an 'S' in the word 'lisp'?



Heavens above

The mighty planet Jupiter is the star attraction in this month's night sky. Apart from the Moon, it's the brightest object in the midnight sky and is visible all night long, high in the south, shining brilliantly against the fainter stars of Libra. With a diameter of 88,000 miles, Jupiter is by far the largest of the planets, and more massive than all the others put together. As befits its status as King of the Solar System, the giant planet has a retinue of over 60 satellites, though many of these are miniscule bodies far too small to be seen from the Earth. A good pair of binoculars, however, should let you glimpse the 4 largest moons -Io, Ganymede, Europa and Callisto— strung out around their huge companion like beads on a necklace. A small telescope will show some of the light and dark banding on Jupiter's noticeably oval disc, while a bigger scope might reveal the Great Red Spot - an immense storm which has been raging in its turbulent atmosphere for hundreds of years.

After putting on a really good show this year, Saturn, the 2nd biggest planet, is now only briefly visible in the western evening twilight. In compensation there's a chance later in the month to view one of the less familiar members of the solar system - tiny Mercury. The innermost planet sets over an hour after the sun by the end of May and should be visible low down in the north west if you've a clear, unobstructed skyline. Careful sweeping with binoculars will improve your chances of spotting this elusive little world, but for safety's sake wait until after sunset. We'll be hearing a lot more about Venus - the sun's second closest planet - in the next few months following the successful arrival of the European Space Agency's Venus Express probe. In the meantime, if you want to view our nearest planetary neighbour

yourself, it remains a dazzling Morning Star until well on into late Summer and early Autumn - a beautiful sight if you're out and about in the early hours. Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

Religious Society of Friends
(Quakers)
Friends' Meeting House, Bainbridge
Meeting for worship:
Wednesday, 10.00 to 10.30 am
Sunday 10.30 to 11.15 am
(except last Sunday of month when at
Countersett Meeting House)

Wensleydale and Coverdale Rural Recycling Project

After the success of a recycling project in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale last year where 98% of people felt that recycling was either very important or important, a similar project is being launched in Wensleydale and Coverdale.

Green boxes will be available to residents from various locations throughout Wensleydale, details of which are provided in the table below. Residents can collect the boxes to use them to store and transport their recyclables.

There are a number of recycling centres located throughout Wensleydale: Hawes (Gayle Lane Car Park); Hawes Youth Hostel; Askrigg (next to Tennis Courts); Redmire (Post Office Car Park); also Leyburn (Car Park); Newton le Willows (Village Hall) and Hunton (Village Hall)

New and Improved Recycling Centres are located at: East Witton (The Cover Bridge Inn) – New May/June 06; Aysgarth (The George and Dragon Pub) – New April 06 and Wensley (The Three Horse Shoes Pub) – Improved April 06

For further information, either about the Wensleydale and Coverdale Rural Recycling Project, or Recycling in general, contact **Andy Turner, Recycling Officer on 01748 829100 Ext 309 or 296.**

Date	Place	Time
Wednesday 17 th May	Redmire Village Hall	10am – 12.30pm
Wednesday 17 th May	Preston-under-Scar Village Hall	1pm – 7pm
Thursday 18 th May	Hawes Dales Countryside Museum	2pm – 7pm
Friday 19 th May	Middleham Town Hall	9am – 12pm
Monday 22 nd May	Carlton, The Coverdale Memorial Hall	2pm – 7pm
Tuesday 23 rd May	Bainbridge Village Hall	2pm – 6pm
Wednesday 24 th May	West Burton Village Hall	12pm – 5pm
Thursday 25 th May	Aysgarth Village Institute	2pm – 7pm

What's on at the Dales Countryside Museum

Pied Piper Project

Children from Hawes Primary School joined us for 2 workshops to participate in an audio – visual experience - the Pied Piper Project. This involved working with professional artists and musicians, recording sounds in the landscape and transforming the recordings onto CDs. The workshops provided a unique opportunity for young people to create a “soundscape” of their own environment.

Wastewatch

We have been working with the educational charity, WASTEWATCH, and 5 local schools. Each school has been exploring its “environmental footprints” and considering the themes of Energy, Transport, Food, Water and Waste. They have been working in school with Gordon MacLellan, better known as Creeping Toad, who is an environmental artist. Schools came together at the museum for a day of sharing ideas and the culmination of their work was exhibited at the museum for 2 weeks.

Archaeology Display

Museum staff have been working with the archaeologist, Tim Laurie, to fill the open storage drawers in a new case in the Time Tunnel gallery. The drawers will contain archaeological finds from pre-history up to recent times and will be enhanced by pictures and text to set the objects in context. We hope to have this work completed shortly.

Young Archaeology Club

We are in the process of setting up a Young Archaeologists Club based at the museum. There will be the opportunity for volunteers to be involved – please phone Fiona or Debbie at the museum if you are interested. We hope to launch the club in June.

Exhibitions

Hilary Fenten will be exhibiting her work at the museum from **May 1st – June 11th**. Her photographs show “**The Dales – this special place**”. There is no charge for the exhibition – do come along and see this very special collection.

Events

May 2nd : Spinning a Yarn. Spinning and rug making demonstration. Examples of weaving, felting, and dyeing explained. 2pm to 4pm.

May 12th : Wash Day Blues. If you hate washing and ironing, then this event is for you! The Dales Countryside Museum kitchen is thrown into turmoil with a demonstration of a Victorian style wash day. 11am to 4pm.

May 19th : The Friends of DCM will be holding an evening lecture on Friday 19th May at 7.30 at the museum, the subject is “Blitz on Fashion” Wartime family clothing. All are welcome. £1 for non – Friends.

May 30th : Butterflies in the Yorkshire Dales. One of a series of lectures exploring various aspects of wildlife in the Dales. 12.30pm to 1.30pm. Admission Adult: £2.

May 31st : Traditional Dry Stone Walling Demonstration. 2pm to 4pm.

Financial Spring Clean

With the 2005/06 tax (or fiscal) year ended on 5th April and the 2006/07 year commencing on 6th, now is possibly a good time to undertake an overall review and up-date of your financial affairs.

Whether you are fastidious in terms of your finances and paperwork, or more casual in your approach to such matters, it is nevertheless appropriate at least once a year to have a good sort out.

Perhaps, the first step is to distinguish what needs to be kept, being documents of value or those containing up-to-date information on your assets or income, as opposed to those items that are either general historic reports of no specific value to you as an individual or merely marketing literature issued in ever increasing abundance by all financial institutions. In addition, particularly for those who need to complete an annual Tax Return or Tax Repayment Claim, an early priority is to collect together all those documents which identify the Income, and possibly Capital Gains, to be reported to the Inland Revenue. For the year ended 5th April 2006, one should therefore collect together all or any of the following documents appertaining to that year:-

- Forms P60 (and possibly P11D) relating to employments held during the year.
- Forms P45 for any employments ceasing during the year.
- Forms P60 relating to any Occupational Pensions.
- Dividend vouchers and contract notes arising from holdings in stocks and shares.
- Statements, passbooks and, preferably, Section 352 Certificates showing details of all bank and building society interest received.
- Documentation identifying State Pensions and/or other Benefits

received.

- Solicitors completion statements in respect of property sold or purchased.
- Chargeable Event Certificates for investment bonds encashed.
- Details of rental income and expenses associated with let properties.
- Details of any interest received on personal loans to private individuals.
- A list of charitable donations under Gift Aid, Deeds of Covenant etc.

This list is not exhaustive but does summarise the main items that most people will need to consider. Obviously, if you are in business, either in an incorporated or unincorporated form, you will also need to have your accounts prepared for the financial year ending within the year ended 5th April 2006. It should also be remembered that the Inland Revenue require these records to be retained for effectively seven years in the case of businesses and three years for individuals.

At this time of year, one should also consider whether any action is appropriate to mitigate future tax liabilities. From an Income Tax point of view, this could involve sheltering investment funds within the annual ISA limits (up to £7,000 for 2006/07) or accumulating wealth within a personal pension plan, using the much more flexible provisions which came into effect on 6th April 2006. From a Capital Gains Tax perspective, transferring and owning assets jointly with spouses is always a point worthy of consideration, as is keeping an eye on the amount of Taper Relief accruing to assets at any particular date. Also don't forget capital losses which may have been suffered in the past and which could be available for carrying forward to set off against current gains.

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Inheritance Tax is, of course, the most difficult of all taxes to plan against due to the uncertainty of its timing. Nevertheless, many more people are now potentially likely to be caught by this tax and the possibility of making exempt gifts, such as the annual £3,000, small gifts of £250 to any individual, and those in consideration of marriage of £5,000 to children and £2,500 to grand-children, should not be overlooked.

In terms of receiving something from the Government, the Child Trust Funds became effective as from 6th April 2005 and these tax exempt investment funds can be supplemented by initial, and possibly subsequent, contributions from the Inland Revenue. The controversial Tax Credit system continues and one's eligibility for either Working, Child or Pensioner Credits should be considered.

Finally, at least once a year, it is worth just having a think about one's invested capital including, in particular, any long held, and possibly forgotten about, endowment policies, pensions, stocks and shares etc. Over time, old investments can tend to lose their sheen, either in terms of the interest rate applying or their active management by the financial institution involved. Sometimes, a change by way of transfer or consolidation can reap significantly improved performance.

Robert Tunstall

Have your say

P.C. Dave Cousins will be attending the meeting of the Hawes and High Abbotside parish council on **Monday May 8th**. If you have any concerns or observations to raise please contact a member of the council or be at the meeting.



Letter to the Editor

The (April) mystery picture is Summertree House, Worton “Michael Smith, Mechanick, But He that built all things is God”.

I should recognise this house– as I was born there!

Yours sincerely,

Mary Scarr

West Witton Mission and Praise

Saturday May 27th
on the playing fields from 6.30 pm
Sponden Methodist Praise
Band; Balloon release; outdoor
supper

JOB SWAP DAY

for Yorkshire Cancer Research
Wednesday, May 10th

Watch coal merchants, publicans,
chip owners, sweet shop workers or
abattoir guys etc. doing the others'
jobs!!
Six swaps in all.

WHAT'S ON LISTING

April

- 28 Yoredale Art Exhibition starts. See p28
 28-May 1st St. Andrew's Flower Festival.
 See below
 29 Family BBQ; Yorebridge Sports, Askrigg
 29- May 1st Leyburn Food and Wine
 Festival
 30 Cream Teas; Redmire Village Hall from
 2.00 to 5.00 pm

May

- 1 Plants Stall, Castle Bolton Church; see
 page 36.
 2 Open Day, Yoredale, Bainbridge, see
 page 10.
 3 District Council planning committee
 4 Learn to Salsa dance; book places with
 Sue 667192 or Mandy 667206
 4 Shoe Party; Fountain Hotel Hawes.
 667936 for details
 5 McIntyre Cup; darts final; Fountain
 7 United church service for the dale:
 Leyburn R.C. Church 7.00 pm
 9 YDNPA Planning committee;
 Ingleborough Community Centre
 10.30 am
 9 Christian Aid evening; Redmire village
 hall with Regional organiser. 7.00pm
 10 Wildlife in Snaizholme; 2.00pm
 Booking essential: 666210
 10 Jobs swaps day. See page 35
 13 Mad About Music Concert, Hawes; see
 page 18.
 14 Historic footsteps; 10km walk, meet
 Bainbridge village green. 1.00 pm.
 14 Table top sale. Hawes Mk. Hall
 14 Christian Aid Week begins
 14 United service; Hawes St.Margaret's
 10.30am
 16 Coffee morning and stalls; Hawes
 Methodist rooms 10.00 am to noon
 17 "La Fiesta" Safari-style quiz and cuisine
 evening. See next column
 19 Leyburn Station; 150th anniversary
 20 Pudding Night, Thoralby; see page 39.
 21 Special "Clypping" service of
 'embracing the church' St. Oswald's
 Askrigg followed by sale of cakes for
 Christian Aid

- 23 Hawes Drama Group AGM and "May
 Monologues"; Gayle Institute
 7.30pm
 25 Gayle Ladies: Reminiscences; 7.30pm
 26-28 Hawes Methodist Church 150th
 anniversary weekend; see page 39
 27 West Witton Mission and Praise. See
 page 35.
 27,28 Walking and Drawing; Judith Bromley
 28 12km guided walk. Meet Castle Bolton
 car park. 11.00 am
 28 A Day in the Dales; West Duerley Farm;
 see page 30
 28 Marsett Sing-along 8.00 pm
 29 West Burton annual fair
 30 YDNPA Full committee; Northern
 Office, Bainbridge 10.30 am

June

- 21st-22nd North Country Theatre at the
 Dales Countryside Museum; see
 page 16.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

"Days of Yore",

April 28th Preview 7.00-9.00 pm,
 29th 10.00am to 5.30 pm, followed by Concert
 with Aysgarth Choral Society and Hawes Band
 at 7.30 pm
 30th 12.30 to 5.30 pm and
 Monday May 1st 10.00am to 5.30 pm

St Andrew's Aysgarth

Tickets for Preview and Concert from Pat Hesketh,
 663420; Doreen Mason 663457;

Advance notice **CARNIVAL QUIZ AND CUISINE EVENING**

**Round the pubs of Hawes
 Wednesday May 17th**

**Tickets £10 per place must be booked:
 667192**

Full details next issue

For more information see Sue Wood or Mandy

“Bread for life”

The people of Stalling Busk church have embarked upon a long-term bread-baking scheme leading up to their harvest services later in the year.

Money raised by the sale of the home-baked bread will go towards the purchase of a herd of goats etc. for a needed part of the world. Come, buy!

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...Yorebridge, Askrigg. To book your playing area or court ring Richard: **650060** or **07968 606571** anytime.

**150th anniversary celebrations
HAWES METHODIST CHURCH
26th to 28th May
Friday at 7.30 pm
East Witton Male Voice Choir
Sunday at 10.30 am
Rev Dr. Gordon Gatward (previous
minister and now Director of the
Arthur Rank Centre, Warwickshire)
followed by lunch
All weekend: church open with floral
displays and exhibition.**

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PUDDING NIGHT
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PROGRAMME for MAY 2006

THURSDAY – SATURDAY

MAY 4TH – 6TH

AT 5PM & 8PM

JOAQUIN PHOENIX

& REESE WITHERSPOON

IN

‘WALK THE LINE’ (12A)

THURSDAY MAY 11TH

AT 5PM & 8PM

‘GRIZZLY MAN’ (15)

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

MAY 12TH & 13TH

AT 5PM & 8PM

PHILIP SEYMOUR HOFFMAN

IN

‘CAPOTE’ (15)

THURSDAY MAY 18TH

AT 5PM & 8PM

GEORGE CLOONEY, MATT DAMON

CHRISTOPHER PLUMMER

& WILLIAM HURT

IN

‘SYRIANA’ (15)

FRIDAY & SATURDAY

MAY 19TH & 20TH

AT 5PM & 8PM

CLIVE OWEN, JODIE FOSTER,

DENZEL WASHINGTON

CHRISTOPHER PLUMMER

& CHIWETEL ELIOFOR

IN

‘INSIDE MAN’ (15)

THURSDAY – SATURDAY

MAY 25TH – 27TH

AT 5PM & 8PM

STEVE MARTIN, KEVIN KLINE

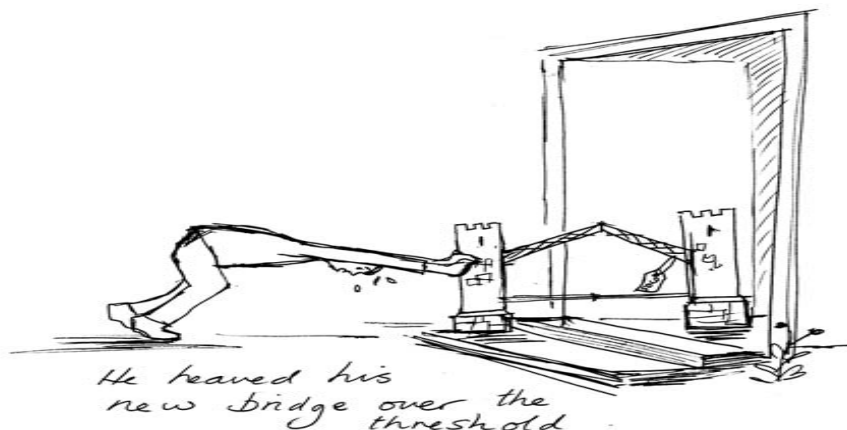
& BEYONCE KNOWLES

IN

‘THE PINK PANTHER’ (PG)



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