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## Editorial

We did not expect to be here again so soon after 2001. We refer, of course to Foot and Mouth disease. Maybe one 'advantage' of so quick a return is that we all might learn from recent history; although 'maybe' and 'might' say a lot, as already, as we write, there are reports from Surrey of the illegal movement of animals (horses) and of trespass within the forbidden area. Self-interest is a very strong motivator and we are all tempted; but if such actions lead to wider disruption, then everyone is a loser. Just a month ago we thought things were under control, restrictions were relaxed, but it's back, albeit a long way off (as yet, dare we say). We can't be too careful.

One essential difference at the moment, is that all upland sheep farmers are in the same (but desperate) position; and the relaxation of the movement of stock direct to abattoirs is of no help. It is painful to be reminded of the discrimination last time between those compensated and those not, both within or outside the farming sector, and of the culture of blame and recrimination which developed - always an unsavoury activity.

Lessons have to be learnt from the almost certain inadequacies which have led to the outbreak this time (which must be rectified straight away). We can't help wondering how many other establishments dealing with research in extremely dangerous poisons, gases or diseases are properly checked and secure. We hope they are all learning from this.

But for now it's looking forward, not back, which will save the day. The very greatest care needs to be taken, especially and obviously, by all those most closely involved with livestock, feed and transportation. We must all play by the rules. We know it couldn't have come at a

worse time; the implications for keeping the lambs up here - the cost, the land, the feed, the weather - are huge; and for how long?

And this isn't only an individual farmer's crisis. Knock-on effects may well be felt by the whole community. The very future of the Auction Mart is at risk; tourism (a much larger section of the whole community than anything else) depends on the landscape, and what more than anything else governs that?... sheep! As income to the area declines then services and trades begin to suffer. We all share in the uncertainty, the anxiety and the depression, but for goodness' sake let's keep together, giving what moral support we can to see things through.

## W.E.A. - Upper Dales Autumn 2007

### "Wensleydale Villages"

Nearly all present Wensleydale Villages were in place by or in the middle ages and evidence of early habitation remains to this day. The uncovering of such evidence is to be the subject of a series of four one day workshops on Saturdays led by Steven Moorhouse consisting of morning lectures held at Thornton Rust Village Hall **from 10.00am - 12 noon and followed by field visits from 1pm - 4pm:**

6th October - Wensley Village  
20th October - Carperby Village  
27th October - West Burton.  
3rd November - Thornton Rust.

Fees for the entire series are £50 Full Fee: Concessions: £45. Claimants £2.: but it will be possible to enrol for either the first two or last two of these sessions at half the full fee. Students to provide own lunch.

For further information: **Jane Clarke 624393.**



### Eunice

**Megan Bennett** of Newbiggin in Bishopdale was last month's winner. Where am I now?

### Wedding dress display

Dear people of Hawes and surrounding areas, I would like to take this opportunity of saying thank you for all your wedding dresses you kindly loaned to us for St John's Church in Garsdale for the beautiful display for three days in August.

It was absolutely superb and a huge success financially and visually, as I am sure those who came would agree, and also from the book for comments.

**Next issue**  
**The November issue will be produced on October 24th and 25th and will be distributed between October 25th and 29th**  
**DEADLINE FOR COPY: THURSDAY OCTOBER 18TH**

Everyone was delighted in every way, so once again a big thank you to all concerned. **Pauline Hasted, Aisgill Moor Cottages.**

#### Drop-off points and contacts

for news, articles, reports, letters, what's on dates, competition entries, suggestions and comments:

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### **October competition**

#### **Some birds you might spot in the Dales.**

1. Twist a lady sheep?
2. There might be a big one at the Pleasure Beach
3. Make your loud noise, bee!
4. It's name's on page 3... in Carperby!
5. Found in pines?
6. Scot ate cherry
7. Careful how you do it, or you'll choke
8. Main shouter
9. Sounds like a Cockney's aid for smoothing.
10. The wizard
11. Surge doer
12. Found alternately in owl, rye and —

The charity's funds are small and the number of grants will be limited.

Persons wishing to apply for a grant should do so not later than **October 15th by contacting either Rev W Simms (667553) or Ian Fowler (667044)** who will note the details of the claim for consideration by the Trustees.

### **Competition answers**

#### **High places.**

1. Rogan's Seat
  2. Drumaldrace
  3. Wild Boar Fell
  4. Stake Allotments
  5. Lovely Seat
  6. Horse Head
  7. Yockenthwaite Moor
  8. Naughtberry Hill
  9. Addlebrough
  10. Mallerstang Edge
- .. And the winner of the £10 prize was:  
**M.Elphick, Burterset**

### **The Poor's Close Charity**

The Trustees of the charity invite applications from residents in the Hawes and High Abbotside parish who are suffering financial hardship and who require help in paying for essential or unforeseen needs. These could cover items such as expenses incurred by sudden distress, travelling expenses to visit relatives, meeting exceptional bills, purchase of essential household goods or the purchase of educational books, equipment or facilities.

## **Parish Councils and Meetings**

Parish Council Clerks and Chairmen in Wensleydale as from July 2007 are

### **Askrigg**

Kirsten Civil, Yordale, Main Street, Askrigg, DL8 3HX Tel 650803  
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Chairman Christopher Harrison

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### **West Witton**

Mrs Tina Horsfield, Withywood, Main Street, W. Witton DL8 4LP Tel 622279  
Chairman David Bentley

## **Guardian of the Dales! – Food for thought.**

Towering sculptures really do seem to be the order of the day.

The iconic ‘Angel of the North’ has well and truly put the North East on the map. More recently, we have seen the addition of two bronze figures staring out to sea at Newbiggin Bay in Northumberland. These too have been attracting a great deal of media attention.

Landmark Wales is also planning to get in on the act by placing iconic sculptures at three strategic gateways into Wales. They are hoping that Lottery Funds will provide some £18m towards the project.

In view of the above, it may be time that we gave some serious thought to having our very own iconic structure here in the Dales, our very own ‘Guardian of the Dales’.

A 100ft Centurion statue, strategically placed on Brough Hill would, I am sure, add enormously to the appeal of the area. This, coupled with a partial reinstatement of the fort, could help to revitalize and re-energise Upper Wensleydale.

A new visitor centre could, for example, display and sell locally manufactured replica goods such as pottery, coinage and jewellery. The possibilities are endless.

Is this or, something similar worth consideration? I have no doubt that dafter ideas have received much greater attention.

**Andy Monk**

## **Northallerton and the Dales Mencap Society**

Our Christmas cards will be available for sale at:

Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes  
Kitty’s Tea shop, Aysgarth village  
National Park Centre, Aysgarth Falls

Yore Mill Craft Shop, Aysgarth Falls  
Redmire village post office.

28% of our total sales benefit people with a learning disability and their carers within Richmondshire and Hambleton. In addition a further 5% goes to the Royal Society.

I would like to thank all those who supported us last year. Sales in the upper dales amounted to over £1,500. I look forward to your support again this coming season.

Catalogues are available at all centres or from me, **Elizabeth Bradley, 622172**. All sales are done entirely by volunteers.

## **Wensleydale Tournament of Song**

It looks as if audiences and performers in next year's Wensleydale Tournament of Song are in for a lot of fun thanks to the adjudicators, Sylvie Taylor and Dr Andrew Padmore.

At the tournament in 2005 Mrs Taylor was thanked for all her good advice and abundance of amusing stories. And Dr Padmore is renowned for his outgoing personality and sense of humour along with his extensive musical knowledge. As a freelance conductor and adjudicator with the British and International Federation of Festivals he has plenty of opportunity to share his passion for music with others.

In 2008 Mrs Taylor will be adjudicating the speech classes in Leyburn's Methodist church hall from March 4th to 7th and Dr Padmore will adjudicate the music classes from March 10th to 14th.

The syllabuses are now available and can be downloaded from [www.dalesmusic.co.uk](http://www.dalesmusic.co.uk) Or contact the secretary, **Julie Greenslade, 624982**. In Leyburn the syllabuses are available from Barkers Jewellers, Towlers Newsagents and the Tourist Information Office.

There are no geographical restrictions on entries for the tournament and all will receive a warm reception from the Wensleydale audience which is renowned among the festivals for its friendliness.

## **Milepost project**

Historic mileposts in the National Park are being given a facelift in a £10,000 restoration project.

The mileposts – painted white with black lettering – are a familiar sight on roadside verges, but some were in urgent need of attention. So far, 12 have had varying degrees of restoration work carried out on

them as part of the project funded by the YDNPA and the North Yorkshire County Council Highways, Craven and Richmond divisions.

Some just needed painting, but one or two of the cast iron ones were in a really corroded state and were hard to see. Others had been physically damaged and needed new pieces welding on or had snapped below ground level and needed repairing.

Six of the mileposts are solid cast iron, three are cast iron on stone and the remaining three are made just of stone. Nine of them are listed nationally as 'Buildings of Architectural or Historic Merit'.

Some of them are located on what were main roads like the Four Lane Ends milepost near Sedbergh, currently in the foyer of our Bainbridge office awaiting a decision on its future, and some date back to the old turnpike roads of the eighteenth century.

### Mary Iveson – Centenarian

On Saturday September 22nd, Mary celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at the home of her granddaughter, Alison. Her two grandsons joined the celebrations with family, friends and neighbours, Richard having travelled from Australia, Andrew from London.

Born Mary Moore Metcalfe in Appersett,



Mary came from a large family and spent a happy childhood there, her father repairing and helping build the local bridges and roads, such as the one in Widdale. She attended the school in Hawes, walking there and back each day with “a bit of anything” for dinner. After leaving school she worked in service and later helped in Jim Metcalfe’s grocery store.

At a dance-cum-social in Gayle, Mary met her future husband James Iveson, who worked in road maintenance for the council. They were married at Hawes church in 1928 when Mary was twenty-one, and had a son Nathan and daughter Myra. For a short time the family lived at Town Head, but moved to Gayle, where Mary has lived ever since – Mary was a member of Gayle Chapel Choir for some fifty years. She has enjoyed holidays in various parts of England and abroad such as Spain, Switzerland and Ireland, though her roots are firmly in Appersett and Gayle. Indeed, both grandsons have called this very special visit

“coming home”.

We join with all your family and friends in wishing you a very happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Delia Dubois**

### Bainside Arts News

There will be a **Primary Drama Morning** for 7-11 year olds on **Saturday 13 October** from 10.00am-1.00pm. The cost is £2:50.

We are entering the National Big Draw and are holding a **Come and Draw Day** from 10.00am-5.00pm on **Monday 15 October**. We will welcome anyone aged from 1-100 to join us. There will be professional artists around including Winifred Hodge and Judith Bromley.

Book now for our **Parent and Child Christmas Card Making** morning on **Saturday 10 November**. Cost £5 for parent and 1 child. Extra children £1.

**Mervyn Stutter** will provide 'an outstanding evening of comedy and song' on **Friday 26 October at 7.30pm** at Sycamore Hall. Tickets cost £8. Book now.

There are still places available on **Woolen Memories** a rugging day with Heather Ritchie on **20/21 October**. For all enquiries and bookings contact **Jenny Jackson on 650070**



### **Auction Mart was open**

It was a strange feeling. All was prepared for the massive sheep sales at Hawes, but the only event possible (and checked out with the management) was the Annual Harvest Festival evening service, which this year was planned jointly by Methodists, Anglicans and Roman Catholics in the area.

Although 'joy' was not exactly appropriate, 'thanksgiving' was; as, compared with millions of others we've many blessings to count! Rev. Henry Dubois led the service stressing our solidarity with the farming community, and the smart 'New Voices' children's and young people's group, led by Barbara Roocroft, took part. Their singing of a lovely South African 'Amen' suitably rounded off the service which was followed by refreshments in the canteen.

The focal points to look at were a large banner "Harvest... Give thanks" created by Penny Blanch from Hardraw and flower arrangements brought from the Methodists' morning harvest service. The collection from a congregation that filled the Mart was **£272** which has been sent to the charity "Water Aid".

## **Wensleydale Lore**

Here is your opportunity to discover more about the dale we all love. The Wensleydale Society will increase your knowledge and enjoyment of this wonderful area.

Our winter programme begins on **Friday, October 5th** with a study of the *Wensleydale Sky at Night* by Dr David Woolley. This is followed by talks in November on *Castle Bolton's medieval landscape* and *Farming in Bishopdale* in December.

*You are very welcome to come and sample any of our monthly talks which all start at 7.30 pm and are held on the first Friday of the month at West Burton Village Hall.* Entry fee is £1 and annual membership of the Wensleydale Society is only £5. We also make it easier to get to West Burton by our return coach from Middleham, picking up at Leyburn and West Witton.

For the energetic our monthly **walks programme** lets you discover and enjoy Wensleydale and its wider environs, and is a wonderful way to get to know the area.

For more information please contact **Jane Bastow, (Chairman) 01765 640365** or **Rodney Donaldson, (Secretary) 624609.**

**We look forward to seeing you at West Burton Village Hall.**

## Mobile Library

### Details for October

#### Tuesdays 2nd and 23rd

[WEST BURTON](#) THE GRANGE B&B  
10:15- 10:25  
[WEST BURTON](#) THE VILLAGE CROSS  
10:30- 10:45  
[WEST BURTON](#) GREENHILL HOUSE  
10:50- 11:00  
[NEWBIGGIN](#) THE TELEPHONE KIOSK  
11:20- 11:35  
[BISHOPDALE](#) RIBBA FARM  
11:45- 11:55  
[BISHOPDALE](#) SMELTER FARM  
12:05- 12:15  
[THORALBY](#) THE VILLAGE GREEN  
12:55- 13:20  
[AYSGARTH](#) THE INSTITUTE  
13:30- 13:50  
[AYSGARTH](#) THORNTON RUST LANE END 1 3 : 5 5 -  
14:05  
[THORNTON RUST](#) THE INSTITUTE  
14:15- 14:25  
[WORTON](#) THE TELEPHONE KIOSK  
14:35- 14:55  
[BAINBRIDGE](#) THE VILLAGE SHOP  
15:00- 15:10  
[BAINBRIDGE](#) SYCAMORE HALL  
15:25- 15:55

#### Wednesday 3rd and 24th

[WEST WITTON](#) THE FOX AND HOUNDS  
09:45 10:20  
[WEST WITTON](#) CHANTRY GARTH  
10:25 10:35  
[SWINITHWAITE](#) THE VILLAGE GREEN  
10:55 11:05  
[AYSGARTH](#) THE COACH HOUSE  
11:15 11:25  
[WENSLEY](#) THE VILLAGE GREEN  
11:50 12:15

#### Thursday 11th

[PRESTON UNDER SCAR](#) THE VILLAGE CENTRE  
09:45- 09:55  
[REDMIRE](#) THE VILLAGE GREEN  
10:05- 10:35  
[CASTLE BOLTON](#) THE VILLAGE CENTRE 11:00-  
11:35  
[CARPERBY](#) THE INSTITUTE  
11:45- 12:05  
[CARPERBY](#) THE VILLAGE CROSS  
12:10- 12:25  
[CARPERBY](#) THE GATE HOUSE  
12:30- 12:40  
[WOODHALL](#) THE ROAD END  
13:30- 13:40  
[NAPPA SCAR](#) THE CENTRE  
13:45- 13:55  
[ASKRIGG](#) THE CROWN INN  
14:00- 14:25  
[ASKRIGG](#) OPPOSITE THE SCHOOL 1 4 : 4 5 -  
14:55

[ASKRIGG](#) OPPOSITE THE SCHOOL 1 4 : 5 5 -  
15:05  
[ASKRIGG](#) THE VILLAGE CROSS  
15:10- 15:50

#### [Friday 19th

[APPERSETT](#) THE VILLAGE CENTRE  
10:20- 10:30  
[GARSDALE](#) THE MOORCOCK INN  
10:45- 10:55  
[THWAITE BRIDGE](#) THE FARM  
11:15- 11:25  
[HARDRAW](#) THE GREEN DRAGON INN  
11:35- 11:45  
[HIGH SHAW](#) THE VILLAGE CENTRE  
11:50- 12:00  
[SEDBUSK](#) THE VILLAGE CENTRE  
12:15- 12:35  
[COUNTERSETT](#) THE NOTICEBOARD  
13:40- 13:50  
[MARSETT](#) CARR END FARM  
13:55- 14:05  
[MARSETT](#) THE VILLAGE CENTRE  
14:15- 14:35  
[STALLING BUSK](#) THE VILLAGE CENTRE  
15:05- 15:20  
[BAINBRIDGE](#) HIGH FORCE FARM  
15:30- 15:40

#### Wednesdays 10th and 31st

THE LIBRARY IS IN UPPER SWALEDALE STARTING  
AT KELD AT 10.30, DOWN TO CRACKPOT FOR 16.10

### Get your application in!

Application forms now available at the  
Hawes Market House Office for Hopper's  
Sales refreshments for next season.

## ASKRIGG SCHOOL

### Books for Belize

I am arranging for a shipment of books to be sent to a couple of small schools in Belize, South America, hopefully towards the end of October, I have been able to arrange shipping with Fyffes banana people, the boat sails back to Monkey River, Belize. I have arranged transport to get the books from up here down to Portsmouth, with the kind help of Alan Ramsay, who does some of the building work around school.

The schools in Belize are very poorly equipped, however there is a desire to learn. A request was sent to me via my sister, who lives in Belize and I told her that I am confident that we can gather together a really worthwhile van load, I am of course asking colleagues if they want to help.

All the books or whatever suitable materials you can provide for teaching will find their way to a couple of schools. Hopefully some photos of the schools will arrive in due course.

The teaching in Belize is in both English and a local version of Spanish. I was reminded how the teachers make all their resources, so even having pictures is a great help.

If you would like to contact me about this small project please contact **Kath** in the office on **650331**. Many thanks.

**David Eldridge**  
**Headteacher**

### Hawes cricket

The Hawes cricket team's season has in many ways been successful without winning a game. Work that one out!

The midsummer weather caused real problems in getting the games played and all told we had more matches postponed than played. Six games were completed and although not victorious many positives have come out of the season.



For the first time in many years the vast majority of players have all come from with the immediate Hawes area and many of the young lads who found other interests a couple of years ago have returned. A couple of really young lads namely Ryan Richardson and Brett Calvert have acquitted themselves very well with their bowling performances and this together with a sparkling 88 from Rob Monk against Rathmell can only augur well for the future of Hawes cricket.

Captain Steve Raw and his wife Louise together with members of their respective families have done tremendous work both on and off the field to ensure that Hawes cricket is in good shape for future years. They approached several Hawes organisations such as the Hawes 'Summer Bash' and the Conservative club and Lonsdale Health products of Ingleton for help in fundraising and the response has been excellent and money donated has gone towards the purchase of a decent mower. So many thanks to all who responded. It was great to see so many people making the effort to enhance the ground this year and a real sense that Hawes once gain now has a cricket club for Hawes people. Roll on next season.

**Raye Wilkinson**

### Painting for pleasure.

An exhibition of work by students of **Winifred Hodge** at Tennants Auction Centre Leyburn from Wednesday 10th - Saturday 20th October. Charity preview on Tuesday 9th from 6.30-9.00pm Do come along!

## News from the Wensleydale Railway

The 30 day steam train operation in August proved a great attraction to visitors and was a success in all respects. There was significant benefit to Leyburn's economy as several thousand more passengers arrived at the station than is usual in August and then walked up into the town for shopping and lunch. The month-long pilot scheme demonstrated very clearly that the Wensleydale Railway already brings benefit to mid-Wensleydale – and how much greater it will be when the restoration of the full 40 mile railway has been achieved!

Looking ahead in the short-term, it is vital to attract passengers to the services that are already in place. In October, this means DMU services between Leeming Bar and Redmire on Fridays (market day in Leyburn), Saturdays and Sundays and then every day over the local half term from October 19th-28th (trains run daily until September 30th) Special WR events in October are a Guided on Saturday October 6th (booking essential) and Day Out With Thomas on Sat/Sun Oct 20th/21st (booking strongly recommended for choice of journey time). Christmas shopping trip to Northallerton on Wed. Oct 28th. October 31st is the deadline for claiming the Early Booking Discount for Santa Specials in December (tel **08454 50 54 74**).

*In a major step forward in the company's development, Wensleydale Railway is advertising for a full-time General Manager – deadline for applications is October 31st ([wensleydalerrailway.com](http://wensleydalerrailway.com) for details).*

**Ruth Annison**

## Bowling at Carperby

Every Thursday at 7.30pm a friendly group

of indoor bowlers meet at Carperby Village Hall; some also play in a local league.

New members are always welcome, no experience necessary. If you fancy giving it a try, ring **Carol Waterhouse on 623998**.

## What's on at the Dales Countryside Museum

"Waterpower in the Yorkshire Dales" exhibition, organised by the Friends, and the Textiles exhibition continue until October 7th

"Hidden Histories of the Dales" has been on tour through the summer and will return to the museum and be on display from October 11th- November 15th. There are a variety of events organised to tie in with this exhibition, particularly over the half term school holiday - details:

Friday October 19th

At 7.30 pm The Friends of the museum will be holding their Annual General Meeting followed by a talk by Peter Leyland "The story of Bainbridge Electric Lighting Company" all welcome.

Events

Tuesday October 2nd

Spinning and rugmaking and explaining a variety of textile techniques between 2.00 and 4.00pm.

Sunday October 21st

Apple Day. A "drop in" children's art and craft event between 11.00am - 4.00pm

Tuesday October 23rd

Kate Trusson will be in the museum all day demonstrating a variety of Patchwork and Quilting techniques

Wednesday October 24th

Art in the Park. Children's craft afternoon. Booking essential

Friday October 26th

Storytelling for all the family from 2.00pm

**Contact details for further details or to book on to any event: 666210 or [hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk)**

The Museum is open daily from 10.00am to 5.00pm

**As one door closes...**

...like with some local Youth Hostels, a new bunkroom has opened in Horton in Ribblesdale.

This well-appointed brand new building with disabled facilities can accommodate up to 40 people at the very reasonable rate of only £10 per person, per night – ideal for colleges, universities, school groups, scouts etc or for groups of friends. This is the perfect location for walking the 3 Peaks or the Pennine Way, in fact better-placed than the old Stainforth Youth Hostel.

## **More geocache fun in the Dales**

Fans of the outdoor craze of geocaching have even more facilities at their fingertips in the Yorkshire Dales thanks to new computer facilities in Malham.

The fast-growing hobby involves taking the locations of the cache – a waterproof plastic box containing information about the area, a log book and goodies – from internet websites like [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com).

The walkers then have to use a map and Global Positioning System (GPS) equipment to find the caches, which could be in cracks and crevices, behind stones, among tree roots – in fact anywhere that keeps them hidden and doesn't involve disturbing or harming the natural surroundings to find them.

The National Park has created a number of groups of caches in the Malham, Upper Wharfedale, Dentdale, Hawes and Reeth areas, each based on a particular theme like geology or history.

Normally, the cache details can only be found on internet websites but the Authority has now installed a computer loaded with the information in its Malham Centre, which has just undergone a £50,000 revamp.

As well as the computer, visitors who want to try the sport will also be able to borrow the GPS equipment from the Centre later this year. The idea of having the dedicated computer is to make it as easy as possible for people to download cache locations and spend the day on a treasure hunt in this spectacular countryside.

It is hoped to be able to offer GPS equipment for hire in Malham by the end of the year and, eventually, in all our National Park Centres.



### **Operation Christmas Child**

**884759, or see the website at**  
**[www.bishopdale.demon.co.uk](http://www.bishopdale.demon.co.uk)**

We are again organising a collection of shoe boxes filled with suitable gifts for children overseas who will have very little this Christmas. Samaritan's Purse will work with national churches and charities to deliver them to children in hospitals, orphanages, refugee camps, homeless shelters and impoverished neighbourhoods.

The boxes are given regardless of nationality, political background or religious belief. It may be the only present that the child receives this year.

Leaflets giving full details of items which are suitable to include are available from Hawes Post Office and the Community Resource Centre. Please also take careful note of things which should NOT be included.

Boxes should be covered in Christmas paper, lids covered separately and not fastened. Please enclose a cheque for £2 payable to Samaritan's Purse (or £2 in cash) towards transport and the completed Gift Aid form if you are able to increase your giving in this way.

The boxes must be handed in to one of the above venues by Friday, November 16th. **Heather and Nelson Caplin 667625**

### **Upper Dales Family History Group**

This month's meeting will be held at 2.00pm on Wednesday October 24th in Fremington Sunday School near Reeth, when Stuart Tate will speak on 'Foreign Fields'. Non-members very welcome - £1. A computer club has been planned for Saturday November 17th at Hudson House for anyone interested in getting some tips to get started with their family tree or for those who would like some company and some fresh ideas to take their research further. No need to book, stay as long as you like, £1 per hour to cover costs. For further details please contact **John Harland (01748) 823263** or **Tracy Little (01748)**



**Mystery picture. Last month's picture was of the River Ure near Bear Park; now where is this?**

### **Guilty!**

We have to apologise for misleading the whole of our readership. Clue number 6 in the annual treasure hunt, leading to West Burton, which was easy enough to work out, unfortunately confused the BUR, coming from BURGH etc. meaning fortified place with BIRK meaning

BIRCH. With etymologically-aware readers around, we can't be too careful.

## **Invitation to Residents of Raydale**

If you live in Bainbridge or Raydaleside then the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust (YDRT) has good news for you. The Trust has £23,000 for a project in the water catchment of the River Bain, that includes the whole of Raydaleside. The area was chosen, not just because of its beauty, but because of the diversity of land use, businesses and leisure activities.

The funding is for the community; how the project develops depends upon local decisions. The aim is to resolve how best to manage the potentially damaging effects of climate change. How we protect the viability of livelihoods against soaring energy prices is important. Equally how we protect the quality of landscape, nature and especially water is vital to a thriving community.

Residents of Raydale are invited to **Sycamore Hall at 7.30pm on Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup>** to meet the YDRT to discuss how to take this project forward.

**Deborah Millward  
Project Leader**

## **October Funding Fayre**

The monthly funding advice session held by the Upper Wensleydale CIP Group has had to be **cancelled** in October. The last event for 2007 will be the annual AGM on **November 12<sup>th</sup>**, 6.30-8.30pm, this year to be held at Thornton Rust Village Hall. Hear what has been going on over the past year in your area with presentations by local groups. Refreshments available. Call **650908** for further details

### The Famous Five!

No, not Enid Blyton's but the Bursary Students of the Newsletter over the past few years. We thought you might like to know how they are all getting on; they are certainly high-flyers, and have all benefited the Newsletter with their articles and attendance at our meetings.

**Alix Peacock (Castle Bolton)** was the first Bursary Student and we were lucky just to catch up with her back in Castle Bolton, enjoying a few home comforts from after camping in Masham with her boy friend.

Alix graduated from York with a 2.1 degree in History and has been working on a job she loves for about a year. After a few years as a volunteer in the Visitor Department at the Minster she is now the Press Coordinator there doing the press releases and producing the newsletter! Well, she learnt a few things with us about that! Alix has to deal with journalists and with requests to use the Minster for filming. With others she updates the website.

It was a surprise to learn that there are between 100 and 150 staff in the departments at the Minster; "A lovely community", says Alix. "You'll remember I like singing; well I'm in the (fairly new) York City Gospel Choir based in Clifton Parish Church." And holidays? "Yes, I've been to Venice!"

**Ruth Middleton (Askrigg)** has been seen around during the summer working in Elijah Allen's, as in previous holidays, plus spells at the King's Arms and the Auction Mart. She has just gained a 2.1 degree in Law from Bristol University. Why Bristol? "I wanted to get away", she told me. "I've had a great time with friends from all over".

Ruth's first year was spent in a Hall of Residence but then two years with friends

in a house in Clifton near the city. Her course consisted of merely 9 hours' contact time each week, so self-disciplined private study was called for; there was, though, time to captain the netball team!

She has now moved to Newcastle for a full-time Legal Practice Course. She will be staying with family: "Mum's from there." After that, travel is planned to South America again (with four or five other girls) before two years on a training contract with a firm of lawyers. Ruth wants to concentrate on commercial law and business issues.

"Being the Bursary Student looked good on application forms... and it was always talked about in interviews."

**Cecily Pearson (Preston under Scar)** has just completed her first year in Oxford at Somerville College where she gained a 2.1 end-of-first-year grade. She's also doing or 'reading' Law! The first year has been "Wonderful, friendly", she says. As you might expect Cecily, as a member of the Oxford Union, has attended the weekly debates. "Have you dared to speak yet?" I asked. "Not yet, but next year..." Famous speakers have been listened to, the most famous, which obviously really impressed Cecily, was a live Weblink with Colonel Gadafy of Libya.

And then there are the Balls with many friends. Next years she is moving into a house in south Oxford, for six, all doing different courses. "I walk about everywhere; there is no need for a car. She has been doing University work during the summer. "I've heard that the second year is FUN... then shock! Year three is hard."

Cecily wants to be a barrister in London where she will follow her Bar Training Course.

**Megan Price (Redmire)** has just finished A-levels and goes to Durham University

on September 30th, having got her first choice, to begin a four-year course in French and Spanish. "I like Spain more, but am better at French" says Megan. The course includes the third year abroad, two-thirds of it in Spain and the rest in France. She told me there is a possibility of studying also Arabic or Russian which she finds really exciting and of course is incredibly useful in this day and age.

She will be living in Castle College accommodation, "Right opposite the cathedral".

This will be a change from a whirlwind summer! A trip to Amala (see page..) with the school; Normandy, Barcelona where her elder sister has a house and there's so much to see, time in Scotland with the family and then back to Barcelona. No time for a holiday job!

**Belinda Bond (Scotton and Bainbridge)** has just completed her AS levels at the end of the first year Sixth Form—and did well—and is back at school studying English, Geography and French in which class there are just two students. "Yes, just two of us but I like the pressure", says Belinda who is going to apply to York University to do either English or a Primary Education degree. There's no doubt about it, she wants to teach— either lower secondary or nursery.

Her holiday time was taken up working at Boots in Northallerton, except for a week's holiday in Devon ("The nice week", she said.) However, the high point was passing the driving test; second attempt and didn't have to do a hill-start!

**And who will be the next? We have two nominations.**

### **Workers gain extra annual holidays**

*(This info. comes from a Yorkshire Post article via Kate Empsall)*

About 20% of workers in Yorkshire could be enjoying longer holidays from next month. The Department of Trade and Industry has announced plans to increase the minimum amount of annual leave.

At present all workers under the Working Time Regulations 1998 are entitled to 20 days annual leave, including statutory holidays, such as Christmas Day, Boxing Day and bank holidays.

The plans increase it to 28 days, including bank holidays etc. It will be introduced in two phases. From October 1, 2007 it will increase to 24 days. and from October 1, 2008 it will increase to 28 days.

Nationwide about 6 million workers will benefit, mainly women, and part time workers.

The new rules come about as a European Directive. Already Irish workers have 29 days holiday a year, and Austrians receive 38 days. It will increase wage bills by 0.4%.

### **National Park plays host to overseas visitors**

Staff at the National Park have been playing host to groups of Russian and German visitors.

Robert White, the Authority's Senior Conservation Archaeologist, met a party of academics led by Professor Yury Vedenin, director of Moscow's Institute of Cultural and Natural Heritage, which is concerned with conservation of landscapes including national parks and heritage sites. He showed the group different areas of the National Park including Dent Village, the Ribbleshead Viaduct and the Dales Countryside Museum.

"Their visit was mainly to learn more about how we manage the landscape and look after sites of historical importance

within the National Park,” he said.

A group of journalists from Germany also spent three days in the Dales looking at ways the YDNPA promotes sustainable tourism. They learned about some of the environmental projects being run in the National Park including the Limestone Country Project, which aims to preserve rare plants and flowers by encouraging farmers to return to mixed livestock grazing using hardy, native cattle breeds.

But it was not all work – they also tried their hand at dry stone walling, went mountain biking and walking with YDNPA staff and visited a micro-brewery.

## Heavens above

Can you remember Sputnik? If you can, you're a lot older than you think! It was the world's first artificial satellite and this month marks its 50th anniversary. The tiny spacecraft was blasted into orbit by the then Soviet Union on October 4th 1957 and the 'bleep bleep' of its radio signal as it sped around the globe created an absolute sensation. Sputnik's success triggered off the so-called Space Race between Russia and America which led to a whole series of epic feats of space exploration - Yuri Gagarin's heroic flight, the Moon landings and the spectacular Viking missions to Mars are just 3 of many that immediately spring to mind.

50 years on from Sputnik it's easy to forget that back in the 1950s Britain also had a very successful space programme, and lay third in the Space Race after the USA and USSR- we launched a satellite of our own, Prospero, in October 1971 which is going strong- (All being well will continue in orbit until at least 2100). Typically, despite showing great promise, the whole programme was abandoned shortly afterwards when the military lost interest and a Government committee reported that it "couldn't see any commercial possibilities arising from expenditure on this type of research". As a result we now spend less on space exploration than any other major country - even less than Belgium!

If you're out and about on the night of October 26th you might notice something different about the Full Moon - it should look slightly brighter than usual. In fact it's the largest and brightest Full Moon of the year. It's due to the Moon reaching *perigee*— the point in its orbit when the Moon is closest to the Earth - the next day. This particular perigee is the closest of the year (356 754km) making the Moon fractionally brighter than normal. See if you can notice any difference yourself. Have

clear skies!

Al Bireo

## Outbreak of Salsa Fever Hits Richmondshire

Following the successful salsa dancing workshops organised by **AiR** as taster sessions in the summer, a full programme of hip wiggling, fun classes is now being launched at venues around the district in Middleham, Reeth and Bainbridge. No previous experience of salsa dancing is necessary and whether people have a partner or not, everyone can come along.

The sessions in our area will take place at: Rose and Crown, Bainbridge on Fridays 2nd and 16th November 7.00 - 9.00pm

The sessions will be a fun introduction to Salsa and tickets for each class are £4 available in advance from **AiR, Middleham Key Centre, Middleham 625142**, or on the door on the night.



cards, stationary, children's clothing and much more. Money raised will go to Hawes Playgroup (and Cancer Research UK for all cards sold). Everyone welcome. We would love to see some Mums' and Dads' faces too!

November 5<sup>th</sup> is rapidly approaching and once again the Hawes Fireworks Display and Bonfire will take place on the Community Field. As tradition states that Guy Fawkes met his end on November 5<sup>th</sup> the celebrations will be held on Monday night, November 5<sup>th</sup> 2007 starting at 6.30 pm.

If you are intending to deposit wood for the bonfire please put it where the bonfire was last year. We have to prohibit certain items from the bonfire, these include anything with metal or foam padding in e.g. beds, mattresses, armchairs, settees and tyres. Anyone seen depositing these types of item will be contacted to remove them.

Unfortunately we cannot allow children or adults to bring and light sparklers as our insurance strictly forbid them on site, so please don't bring them or allow your children to bring them.

Enough of what you cannot do, what you CAN do is come and enjoy the magnificent display that we are going to give you. Everyone is welcome. We'll have hot-dogs, burgers and soup to keep you warm whilst you watch the fireworks and we'll give you a night to remember.

To raise funds we are again organising a Casino and Poker Night as last year. Details will be circulated later and tickets will be on sale from the organisers.

**Richard Waring**

### **Hawes Playgroup**

...are holding a shopping night on **Tuesday October 16th at the Fountain Hotel at 7.30pm.** There will be candles, Christmas



### **National Park Authority needs new members**

Members of the public are being invited to apply to join the National Park Authority. Environment Secretary Hilary Benn is looking to fill two vacancies that will arise on the YDNPA next year. The Secretary of State appointments begin in spring next year and are initially for two, three or four years, with the option of re-appointment for a period of up to 10 years.

Andrew Osborne was appointed to the YDNPA for three years in 2005 and will not be standing again because he is moving out of the area, while Nancy Stedman will have completed the maximum 10-year period allowed when her current term ends next year.

Carl Lis, chairman of the YDNPA, said: "Members of the National Park Authority play a vital role in helping to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the National Park and to help improve public understanding and enjoyment of the area's special qualities. It is a very worthwhile and satisfying job for the right person."

Successful candidates will understand the concept and practice of sustainable development and will be drawn from a broad range of backgrounds that represent the country as a whole.

Applications are particularly encouraged from members of ethnic minorities, young people and disabled people. The successful appointees will be expected to commit a minimum of two to three days per month, most of which is within normal working hours and to provide a national voice, taking a particular interest in strategic issues such as responsibility for conservation, recreation, planning, access, land management and resource issues.

However, whether members are appointed

by the Secretary of State, the constituent local authorities or the parishes, they are all expected to reflect both local and national interests in their decision making.

Application forms and further details can be obtained from: Rosalia Tramontana, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), Block A, Spur 12, Government Buildings, Whittington Road, Worcester, WR5 2LQ. Her email address is [rosalia.tramontana@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:rosalia.tramontana@defra.gsi.gov.uk) and her telephone number is: **01905768822**.

More information on the required skills and experience, and application forms, can also be found at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/appointments/index.htm>.

Applications close on **Monday, October 22nd**.



## October gardening

### Pond life

You've dug the pond, lined it out, set the oxygenating weed in 3 inches of soil at the bottom, then filled with water – so far so good. Be very careful now not to get carried away with an overdose of creative energy, planting the margins and surrounds with all the wrong 'stuff'. You're going to be living with this project for quite a few years, so it pays to make it both pleasing on the eye and a cinch to maintain.

A great success story this soggy old year has been the astilbes. Thriving in wet conditions, they can be planted right up to the edge of water, the purple spikes reflecting nicely throughout summer. Choose a dwarf variety like *chinensis pumila* as too much height at the edge may clutter and obscure the water. This 8-inch specimen is perfect. Another option is *Lysimachia*, the creeping Jenny, which is attractive and behaves impeccably for a year or two, but then decides to conquer the world. Best to avoid and use the carpeting mossy saxifrage instead, an unassuming little coloniser, later providing cover in summer for tiny emerging frogs.

I can never get enough of *rodgersias* and plant them in a variety of situations. With those giant horse chestnut leaves, they look perfect, shoehorned into the second row around the pond. Any of half a dozen types will do, but I would go for *pinnata* 'Superba' for the bright pink/red flowers and purple young leaves. Again avoid bullies like *bistorta* or that bleached, variegated grass we all remember from childhood. Perfectly pleasant but it can shoot through a foot of concrete and will probably thrive in the outside lane of the M6. We've already used astilbes, so here I would also incorporate clumps of *ligularia*, particularly *przewalskii* (no kidding). This unpronounceable will soon be showing off her bright yellow flowers and deeply cut leaves

right through summer; keep sweet with a rich mulch in early winter.

Here can also be incorporated *Dryopteris* ferns, particularly *wallichiana*, which I think is simply gorgeous. Not enough space here for me to enthuse; suffice to say with those gold leaves contrasted with the coppery red stems, it will lift your spirits. What's more, care and cultivation are easy; just cut down the fronds in winter and divide in autumn or spring. Treat yourself.

These days *gunnera* has become a bit of a cliché – every new pond boasts a clump of those enormous leaves, as big as Ford Cortinas and dwarfing all around. I would choose instead *rheum palmatum* 'Atropurpureum'. With a burst of exquisite red, velvety leaves in spring followed by tall, flamboyant flowers, it's far more in scale and doesn't need winter protection. Also worth a try is *darmara*, the umbrella plant. Huge round leaves which turn to oranges and reds in autumn are the order of the day here, and a more fuss-free plant I've yet to meet; now with the odd back twinge, that IS a consideration.

**Ed Gardener**

## How does your garden grow?

### Plants have memories too

Over thousands of years, plants have been gathered, introduced and domesticated for food, medicine, clothing, money and decoration.

How to grow and use the plants that work best in the Yorkshire Dales has been handed down from generation to generation. Now these memories are coming together in a new project - before this knowledge is lost, people are being asked to pass it on so others can learn from them.

Throughout October six venues - Malham, Aysgarth Falls and Reeth National Park Centres, together with the Dales Countryside Museum, St. John's Centre in Catterick Garrison and Richmondshire Museum in Richmond - will be hosting displays and encouraging people to share their memories of gardening, plants and their uses, preserving the traditions connected with them for the future.

**The garden memories** project owes its beginnings to the 'Seed to Sheep' scheme currently running at the Richmondshire Museum in Richmond and funded by the National Park's Sustainable Development Fund. The scheme has since developed into a series of garden related activities run by other organisations in the Dales area.

The St John's Centre at Catterick Garrison - a day centre for elderly people and people with disabilities - has recently held a garden open day and display of residents' memories about growing and using plants.

This garden is part of a plan to support people to maintain their independence in

the community. The kitchen is already using the produce that the residents have grown and activities such as watering and simply being out in fresh air are helping with mobility and giving people a lot of pleasure.

Swaledale-based organisation Just the Job, has built a raised bed for residents to grow their own salad materials and raise young plants.

The project at St John's Centre has been funded by Age Concern 'Bright Ideas' and CPP Community Charity Fund.

At the Dales Countryside Museum, Dales Volunteer Sally Reckert who has worked as head gardener in several historic properties, researching plants and techniques appropriate to the ages of those

properties, has been working with other volunteers to create new garden areas. The design of these will be informed by plant traditions and the memories gathered through the project, focusing on the period 1900-1960.

"I chose the dates 1900-1960 because small gardens don't usually follow fashion. Many people are probably gardening as their grandparents did, especially those in remoter areas, where self-sufficient subsistence is still a necessity. My end-date, 1960, is perhaps a little arbitrary, but for me it marks the beginning of consumerism in gardening - the plastic flowerpot had arrived", says Sally Reckert.

The garden project will be a long-term one, a gradual building up of day-to-day, practical plant knowledge in the northern dales that can be archived for use by all users of the Museum. For further information, please contact **Fiona Rosher**,



666219.

### **Fashion Show**

The fashion show, advertised for October 23rd in Thoraby has had to be cancelled.

### **Wensleydale Gun Club**

On Sunday August 5th, Wensleydale Gun Club held a Memorial Clay Pigeon Shoot for the late Andrew Pounder of Constable Burton, who sadly died last year from Meningitis.

There were over fifty entries and the club was able to donate £350 to the Meningitis Research Foundation. Three trophies were awarded. Lee Jackson for Top Gun, Kevin Jobling for the Pool Shoot and Keith Suttill for Best Club Man.

Prize-giving and raffle was held afterwards at the Crown Inn, Askrigg, which also provided splendid refreshments and hospitality.

Kindest regards go to members of the Pounder family for attending, and many thanks to all the sponsors for their very kind generosity.

**David Cockett**

**Doctors' rotas as supplied by the surgery .**

<b>AYS GARTH SURGERY ROTA</b>										
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**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*

<b>HAWES SURGERY ROTA</b>										
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**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*

**Three in One!**

Just in case readers didn't realise it, the Janet Leyland (last issue re her art exhibition at Yoredale) was also Janet Parfitt, and happens to work now as Janet Rawlins! In fact Janet's exhibitions date back beyond the 45 years mentioned; that was just the first round here.

As an aside, Janet ( P, R or L!) tells us that in 1970 with Kit Calvert's help, she with others, was able to rent the schoolroom of Bainbridge Congregational church as a part time studio gallery. "Before the days of grants for this and that", said Janet. "But the 'Cong's', bless them, let us have it for £50 a year! (On condition that no money passed hands on a Sunday...)"

## **National Park Authority faces up to climate change**

achievements in a special edition of 'Dales 2008' newspaper.

The National Park publicly has confirmed its commitment to helping counter the effects of climate change by signing up to a national initiative.

The Authority has joined more than 200 other organisations in supporting the Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change, a voluntary pledge to address the issues of climate change.

Carl Lis, the YDNPA chairman, said: "The impact of climate change is the most critical issue facing the Authority. It will affect every aspect of what we do as an organisation. But, more importantly, it will also affect the environment and the communities right across the 680 square miles of uplands that make up the National Park.

"That land — and the people that manage it — will have a vital role in terms of the way it can potentially be used to help mitigate climate change and its effects. For example, creating new woodlands to absorb carbon and provide woodfuel, or restoring degraded moorland to lock in carbon and help reduce flooding downstream."

The Authority itself has incorporated a number of eco-friendly features in the Yoredale offices and we are currently drawing up other initiatives to be introduced internally.

Deborah Millward, the Authority's Member Champion for Conservation of the Natural Environment, said: "We have a view in the YDNPA that there are some individuals, organisations and communities within the National Park who are ahead of the Authority in terms of wanting to do something about the impact they have on their environment. We will be asking them what they are doing in relation to climate change so we can showcase their

### **Charity Ball in Hawes**

We are putting the finishing touches to our charity ball on November 10th to celebrate business in the dales, and it is shaping up to be really something special. Giving away no secrets at all as we want it all to be a surprise on the night. If you haven't got tickets yet, what are you waiting for?

Support local business and local community projects and have a good time with fine company into the bargain. ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY ARE WELCOME. Call **667676** to reserve your place.

### **Askrigg Youth Club**

The new term has begun at Askrigg youth club, and it's nice to see a few new faces amongst the members. At the time of going to press, the complete Programme for the term hasn't yet been finalised, however it's likely to include a DJ workshop, Disco's, plenty of food, and an ice skating trip. The Programme will be up for all to see on the club notice board soon.

### **Di, Jill & Gareth National Park says thank you**

Farmers and landowners have been given a big thank you for their help in the on-going development of a 52-mile section of the Pennine Bridleway National Trail through the National Park.

Gareth Evans, the YDNPA's Pennine Bridleway Project Officer, said: "The farmers and landowners have played a vital role in enabling us to open up the trail through the National Park. We would not be able to do it without their involvement and co-operation and we are very grateful for their continued support."

### **Information Day at West Burton**

An Information Day will be held in the Village Hall, West Burton, starting at 10.00am and going on until 4.00pm. Among the organisations expected to attend are

Police

Fire and Rescue Service

Richmondshire Senior Forum (who will also have leaflets etc from Age Concern)

Adult and Community Services of North Yorkshire County Council

Environment Services of Richmondshire District Council (Waste Management and Sustainability)

Yorkshire Rural Community Council (including a representative to talk about affordable housing)

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority  
Trading Standards Officers from NYCC (with, amongst other things, details of the electric blanket safety check scheme which will be based in Richmond)

The day is open to any of our neighbouring Parishes. We hope people will be able to "drop in" during the day and look around, ask questions and get information on any matter that they like. Free tea and coffee will be available.

**Sue Ryding**  
Clerk to Burton-cum-Walden Parish

## **Area round up of work from the National Park**

### **New bird feeding area**

Access Ranger Paul Sheehan has constructed a new feeding area on the lawn adjacent to Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre. The frame, with hanging feeders filled with seeds and nuts, has attracted a wide range of birds that can be viewed from the terrace area or from inside the National Park Centre through a viewing window. Already the following birds have been seen: nuthatch, coal tit, blue tit, great tit, chaffinch, robin, treecreeper, great spotted woodpecker, blackbird and pheasant.

### **Freeholders Wood**

In Freeholders Wood some of the original Gen Guards (wire mesh tree guards) have been removed from the more mature hazel coppices in the woodland. The Gen Guards have been stored and will be reused to protect the new coppice growth from deer and rabbits after this forthcoming winter's coppicing. Thistles have also been cut and ragwort pulled out from the adjoining Riddings Field.

Paul has also been working with the Ragged Robin Group, local conservation volunteers who assist the National Park Authority with many practical tasks. They have just completed a board walk on a footpath adjacent to Lady Hill. The path was very boggy in sections especially after heavy rain. The construction of the board walk now allows people to walk on the path without wading through boggy marsh.

Another project that the Ragged Robin Group and our own Dales Volunteers have been undertaking over the summer months is the rebuilding of a large section of the boundary wall around Castle Bolton car park. They have been rebuilding it in sections using the existing stone on site. The walling should be completed by late autumn.

One of the footpaths through Forelands

Plantation near West Burton is still closed owing to windblown trees and forestry works and will remain so for the near future. Alternative routes are marked from each end of the closure. Further footpaths in the plantation may be closed whilst the felling work is taking place. Notices and alternative routes will be placed at each end of the footpaths affected and information will be available from the Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre.

Finally, a reminder - there is now an annual charge of £30 for the residents' car parking passes which are available from National Park Centres. We are regularly monitoring car parks to check for tickets and up-to-date passes.

I would like to remind you that if you encounter any problems whilst using public rights of way or open access land you can contact either **Paul Sheehan on 666226 or me on 662912.**

**Nigel Metcalfe**  
**Area Ranger – Lower Wensleydale**





### **Bags2School**

Hawes Primary School PTFA has organised a collection of unwanted clothes to help raise money for school funds. Please help by gathering up any clothes, shoes, belts, bedding, towels or curtains that you have finished with and bring them to the school before 9.00am on **Tuesday November 27th** for collection.

We are paid by weight. Unfortunately we cannot store the bags at school prior to the date of collection.

Contact: **Janet Middleton 667070**

### Extra buses now running

#### Monday (not Bank holidays) to Friday

Hawes Market Place 0657 1925  
Sedbusk Lane End 0703 1931  
Askrigg 0710 1938  
Aysgarth 0720  
Carperby 0726 1944  
Redmire 0732 1950  
Wensley 0741  
Leyburn 0749  
Bellerby 0754  
Downholme 0804 2008  
Richmond 0814 2020  
Skeebly 0822 2026  
Scotch Corner 0827 2031  
Darlington, Market Pl. 0844 2045  
Darlington College 0852

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Darlington Market Pl. 0535 1725  
Scotch Corner 0549 1739  
Skeebly 0554 1744  
Richmond 0600 1800  
Downholme 0612 1814  
Bellerby 1820  
Leyburn 1825-1835  
Wensley 1840  
Redmire 0630 1849  
Carperby 0636 1855  
Aysgarth 1901  
Askrigg 0642 1911  
Sedbusk Lane End 0649 1918  
Hawes Market Place 0655 1924

**We also include the bus link between Hawes and Garsdale Station. Please note: this service does not satisfactorily link with some of the trains, especially in the middle of the day.**

Hawes Station Yard 0928 *1005* 1145  
Market Place 0933 *1010* 1150  
Appersett 0937 *1020* 1154  
Garsdale Station 0955 *1032* 1212

Hawes Station Yard 1653 *1855* 1900  
Market Place 1658 *1900* 1905  
Appersett 1702 *1904* 1909  
Garsdale Station 1720 *1922* 1927

Garsdale Station 1005 *1045* 1230  
Appersett 1017 *1057* 1242  
Market Place 1025 *1105* 1250  
Hawes Station Yard 1030 *1110* 1255

Garsdale Station 1738 *1930* 1940  
Appersett 1750 *1942* 1952  
Market Place 1758 *1950* 2000  
Hawes Station Yard 1803 *1955* 2005  
Service in *italics* are Saturdays; others Mon-Fri.

### W.E.A.

W.E.A. - Upper Dales Branch cordially invites anyone interested to a free Social Evening on **Thursday October 25th** at 7.30pm. in Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge. Speaker Bob Ellis with Wensleydale Railway Stories and refreshments. To be preceded with the Branch AGM at 7.00pm

## HAWES SCHOOL NEWS

### Alice

Pupils in years 2,3,4,5 and 6 performed *Alice in Wonderland* this week. Ruby Sunter played the lead and sang a number of solos very well. Emma Shaw played the part of the Mad Hatter, Bonnie Glendinning the Queen of Hearts and Sam Shaw the King of Hearts, George Metcalfe played the harassed White Rabbit, Jack Marriott played a very able mouse. Laura Cloughton the Mock turtle, Charlie Allen the Gryphon, Maisy Dinsdale and Megan Marriott shared the role of Lewis Carroll, the narrator. Most of the lead parts performed solos. This takes an enormous amount of courage. All played their parts extremely well and everyone learned their parts in a very short space of time as we have had an action packed summer term. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part. Mrs Alderson and Mrs Dooley are to



be congratulated and thanked for staging the production. Parents were absolutely terrific helping with costumes and props. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU AND WELL DONE EVERYONE.

### **We have the 'Poshest' School Toilets in the Whole Country!**

We had a reversal of planned building work during the holidays resulting in the toilets being refurbished. The children had been consulted last year as to what they

would like and surprisingly they turned down what was supposed to be child appealing toilet doors saying they wanted the toilets to be 'posh' - and they've certainly got it!

Everything is eco-friendly with automatic energy saving lights, automatic thermostatic taps, wall mounted two button touch flushing system, built in stainless steel hand-basins on a continuous charcoal coloured work surface with mirrors behind, satin stainless steel effect pillars to the cubicles with charcoal matt toilet doors. The wall to wall matt stone effect tiles and border are worthy of a top event venue -so we are told by the suppliers who **couldn't believe it was for a school!**

## **MARKET PLACE AND GREETINGS**

**Mary Iveson**  
(Burnside, Gayle)  
Would like to thank everyone for  
their best wishes on her 100th birth-  
day (22nd September)

**October 19th**  
**Happy 18th birthday**  
**Nicholas**  
**Love and best wishes from**  
**Mam, Dad, Stuart, Gran, Grandad, Mike,**  
**Chris, Charlotte and Owen**

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
Nigel and Julie  
On the birth of baby Abigail  
Love & Best wishes,  
Mum, Dad and Steve  
xxxxxxx

### **Free to a good home:**

Thornton Rust Institute has a full size table-tennis table, with net, which is free to anyone who would like it. In decent condition, it folds in half for storage on its side. **Contact M.Raine on 663952 or F.Thwaites on 663479**

### **HATFIELD**

Liam would like to thank everyone who sent cards, money and gifts for his recent 18th birthday

**Margaret Dinsdale**  
Would like to thank family and  
friends for making her 70th  
birthday very special

**Bethany Rose Wood**  
**HAPPY 16TH BIRTHDAY**  
**On October 18th**  
**Love from Prince**

### **Wensleydale Duke of Edinburgh Award**

D of E's starting up again after the summer break with an introductory weekend at Low Mill's Bunk Barn near Marsett, November 9th to 11th. It's open to all young people from the area in Year 10, and will basically be a taster of what to expect from the expedition section of the award, including a bit of campcraft, cooking, navigation, walking, fun and games. The cost for the weekend will be £25. If you're interested or want more information, please contact me on **650185**. The weekend isn't a requirement for the programme, so if you're interested in joining the D of E but can't make the weekend, don't worry. Regular Tuesday night training sessions will start at the East End of Yorebridge soon after.

**Heather, Kate, & Gareth**

### **Aysgarth Centenary**

The Village Institute at Aysgarth was first opened 100 years ago on the 6th September 1907. The centenary is being celebrated on the **6th October 2007** as follows:

**3.00pm** Treasure Hunt around Aysgarth. There will also be displays of artefacts and pictures in the Institute, a quiz and a children's drawing competition.

**5.30 pm** an historical address will be delivered by Marion Kirby.

**6.00pm** Bring and Share tea

A "Time Capsule" is being assembled and, with luck, a copy of the October Newsletter might even be included!

## WHAT'S ON LISTING *Transfer these dates to your diary!*

### Museum What's Ons are on page 15.

#### October

- 6 WEA Workshop; see page 8
- 20 WEA Workshop; see page 8
- 27 WEA Workshop; see page 8

#### November

- 3 WEA Workshop; see page 8
- 10 Charity Ball; see page 30

#### October

- 1 Gayle Chapel Harvest Sale 7.00pm
- 1 "Increasing Opportunities" meeting. Gayle Institute 7.00–9.00pm
- 4 Trip to Middleton-in-Teesdale and Alston. [See Page XX](#)
- 5 Wensleydale Society "Wensleydale Sky at Night" 7.30pm West Burton Village Hall
- 6 West Burton Chapel Harvest Supper 7.30pm [See Page XX](#)
- 6 Aysgarth Village Institute Centenary [See Page XX](#)
- 6 West Witton Harvest Supper in the Village Hall 7.00 for 7.30pm
- 6 West Burton Harvest Supper in the Village Hall, 7.30pm. £10.
- 7 Harvest Festival. St Bartholomew's West Witton 9.30am
- 7 Harvest Festival and Gift Day. St Margaret's Hawes 10.30am
- 7 Dales Ecumenical Harvest, Low Gill Farm, Aysgarth 3.00pm
- 7 Seed collecting Day Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre 10.30am–3.30pm
- 8 Hawes Market House AGM at 7.30pm
- 8-14 National Identity Fraud Prevention Week
- 9 YDNPA Planning Committee, Yordale 10.30am
- 9 Decorative and Fine Arts Society "History of the Drinking Glass" 2.00pm Middleham Key Centre
- 12 Dales Dance Club re-starts. West Burton Village Hall 8.00pm
- 13 Primary Drama Morning at Bainside Arts. [See Page XX](#)
- 13 Gayle Fellowship Autumn Rally with Gunnerside Choir. 7.30pm
- 14 Bainbridge Methodist Harvest Festival 10.30am
- 14 Aysgarth Chapel Anniversary. East Witton Male Voice Choir. 6.30pm
- 15 Come and Draw Day at Bainside Arts. [See Page XX](#)
- 17 Bainbridge and District Motor Club AGM
- 19 Museum Friends AGM and "The Story of Bainbridge Electric Lighting Company" 7.30pm
- 20 Yorkshire Dales Society walk to Sedbusk, Simonstone, Hardraw. Meet at 10.30am at the DCM, followed by:
- 20 Yorkshire Dales Society "Red Squirrels" by Ian Court, Species Officer of the YDNPA. 2.15pm at Hawes Market House.
- 20-21 Thomas the Tank Engine on Wensleydale Railway [See Page XX](#)
- 20-21 Woollen Memories Rugging Day at Bainside Arts. [See Page XX](#)
- 21 Table Top Sale for Hawes School at the Market House
- 25 Gayle Ladies fund raising evening 7.30pm
- 26 Mervyn Stutter at Sycamore Hall. See Bainside Arts [on Page XX](#)
- 27 Methodist Circuit Concert. West Burton 7.30pm
- 27 Parish Council Information Day in West Burton Village Hall. [See Page XX](#)
- 27 Casino and Poker Night at the Fountain, Hawes in aid of Hawes Firework Display. 7.30pm Tickets £10
- 28 Table Top Sale for Hawes School at the Market House

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### **Artist on display**

Visitors to the National Park Yoredale offices in Bainbridge are able to see the work of a fresh artist.

Janet Rawlins has recently completed a large collage of Cowside, a late seventeenth-century farmstead in Langstrothdale which the national building preservation charity Landmark Trust wants to restore at a cost of £600,000.

She is hoping the collage - which will be on display at Yoredale as part of her show - will help raise cash for the Trust's appeal.

Janet pioneered the art of painting with fabric 50 years ago and she has been a frequent exhibitor at the Museum in Hawes.

She uses the local landscapes as inspiration.

Janet is the latest in a series of local artists who have been invited to use the reception area at Yoredale to showcase their work. The reaction from visitors has been fantastic and the exhibitions have proved to

be very popular as well as adding another dimension to the purpose of the offices.

## Gaffes and Laffes

### *More actual extracts from English and History students.*

The government of England was a limited mockery. Henry VIII found walking difficult because he had an abcess on his knee. Queen Elizabeth was the "Virgin Queen". As a queen she was a success. When Elizabeth exposed herself before her troops, they all shouted "hurrah". Then her navy went out and defeated the Spanish Armadillo.

The greatest writer of the Renaissance was William Shakespear. Shakespear never made much money and is famous only because of his plays. He lived in Windsor with his merry wives, writing tragedies, comedies and errors. In one of Shakespear's famous plays, Hamlet rations out his situation by relieving himself in a long soliloquy. In another, Lady Macbeth tries to convince Macbeth to kill the King by attacking his manhood. Romeo and Juliet are an example of a heroic couplet. Writing at the same time as Shakespear was Milton. Milton wrote "Paradise Lost". Then his wife died and he wrote "Paradise Regained".

During the Renaissance America began.

Christopher Columbus was a great navigator who discoverd America while cursing about the Atlantic. His ships were called the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Fe. Later the Pilgrims crossed the Ocean, and that was called the Pilgrim's Progress. When they landed at Plymouth Rock, they were greeted by Indians, who came down the hill rolling their was hoops before them. The Indian squabs carried their cabooses, which proved very fatal to them. The winter of 1620 was a hard one for the settlers. Many people died and many babies were born. Captain John Smith was responsible for all this.

### **If you read this in time...**

If you are in Leyburn **on Friday September 28th** you will have the opportunity to be part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in support of the MacMillan cancer charity. We are hosting a coffee morning at the Dales Haven Guest House on the Market Place. The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is one of the charity's annual events. All will be welcome between **10.30am and 2.00pm.** **Martin Crowson**

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