

Upper Wensleydale Newsletter

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Editorial

It's special. Half of all the remaining traditional hay meadows in the country are in the Yorkshire Dales; half of all the limestone pavements; dramatic railway heritage structures like Ribbleshead; huge areas of caves and abundant waterfalls, becks, ghylls and rivers; long open views and spaces in which to be alone and quiet- a spiritual dimension; unique 'yoredale series' of strata giving our area its giant-stepped fellsides; tightly packed interesting villages and long winding walls all in local stone; lovely sheep-manicured meadows; locals with tales to tell in continuing dialect; archaeology of ancient settlements and mines; a huge richness and diversity of birds and flowers; and a remoteness which can be as much a boon as a drawback.

Why this sudden reminder, then? Because these things must be kept in mind by the 'authorities' – that is any who could threaten or seriously alter such a national resource; County, District, Park, Water, Electricity, large land-owners or developers. That is why national parks, state parks and outstanding areas and heritage sites are set up all over the world. It is so much quicker and easier to destroy than to re-create, and to standardise or blue-print all necessary changes to county-wide, or worse, to country-wide, semi-urban designs. Even National Parks are not immune to occasional large scale development, as a recent permission (agreed by the park authority!) for a large-scale holiday village scheme in the Pembrokeshire Coast shows or for example the "up-grading" of green bridleways and long enclosure fencing across 'the tops' can eat away at the 'specialness'.

It is possibly true that we don't always appreciate the privileges of living in such areas- until a threat appears 'in our own back yard'- and can only talk of the

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drawbacks. Sometimes those living outside the area are the greater voices for the protection of what we have.

As spring draws near; a suggestion: have a good look round at just what's on the doorstep for outdoor enjoyment, interest, inspiration and challenge and let's all be vigilant to see that 'they', or we, don't destroy irretrievably what makes the area special, raising our voices when necessary; with the proviso, of course, that we don't in the process create one giant museum! There is always change, and need for change; the sensitive management of it is the trick.

College of the dales

Yorebridge Askrigg

Full details of all the courses for the spring term have been published and distributed. Several are still to commence in these categories: creative; computing; business and care in the community; health, fitness, sport and personal well-being.

There is still time to enrol either by visiting Yorebridge, phoning **650060** or **07711 211169** or e-mail to: **colinbailey@craven-college.ac.uk**

The Centre is always on the look-out for new course ideas and tutors.



Eunice

Yes, Eunice was very hard to spot last month as she was hiding among the rocks in the mystery picture at Dent Head Viaduct. There were some correct answers and the selected winner was **Amelia Hunter** of Hardraw. £5 for this month's winning spotter.

Newsletter Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM is to be held on **Wednesday, March 22nd, at 7.00 pm.**

It will be in the Wensleydale Centre, Yorebridge in Askrigg in the room where the Newsletter is produced.

Members of the public are invited to attend as usual. **A.S.W.**

Drop-off points and contacts

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

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Aysgarth:	Garage. 663199
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Thoralby:	Elaine Miller, P.O. 663205

This month's competition

Another of these! Example:

168 H I A W = Hours in a week.

Now try the rest:

1,2 B M S

5,6 P U S

2 T D (and A P I A P T!)

10 C

562 D I Y

6 S R O T-S

25 F S

8 K I F M (approx.)

702 H O B P (M)

190 L O C T C W (M)

65 P A (M, A P)

5 N I T P S

4 F I A O P

11 L I "W"

F14 V D

20 T I T B P

Last month's answers

NEW: age; biggin; church; dawn; England; fangled; gate; Hampshire; ish; Jersey; King; Lanark; moon; Netherland; Ollerton; penny; Quay; Radnor; sam; t; university; virus; world; xylophone; Zealand.

The winner, selected from the correct entries is: **Margaret Proctor**, West Burton who receives the £10 prize.

Don't worry, the fox remains!

The popular interpretive displays at Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre are currently undergoing a complete refurbishment. The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority chose local company Blue Design to undertake the work and we are all very excited about the new look they have come up with. We will be keeping familiar items like the fossils and the stuffed fox but there will be new interactives especially for children. The Coppice Café is open as usual and we will attempt to minimise disruption in the shop and information area. We aim to have the new displays open for Easter holidays, ask at the centre for details. **K. Griffiths**

New offices for National Park Authority

Staff at the National Park Authority in Bainbridge have now moved. It took four days over a long weekend for them to transfer into the new offices.

Paul Drake, the YDNPA Project and Estates Officer said: "Our overall intention was to provide new, comfortable, accessible offices for staff, the community and other visitors and we have incorporated several environmentally friendly features into the building design.

"Part of the new complex – the meeting room – has been built into a grass bank and has a grass roof to try to reduce the impact of the building. The grass layer also acts as a natural insulation.

"At the same time, we have incorporated modern elements into the project like a ground water heat pump built under the new car park which captures the low-grade heat of the ground and uses it to provide under-floor heating to the offices.

The offices, which will accommodate 63 staff, have been linked into a regional scheme to provide wireless broadband coverage for the community.

The name of the offices – **Yoredale** – was chosen by Authority members from a list of suggestions from staff.

There will be an official opening later this year. The new address is:

Yoredale, Bainbridge, Leyburn, North Yorkshire, DL8 3EL. The phone number, **0870 1 666333**, will remain (*but for a while yet you can still get through on 650456;Ed*).

This term at West Burton School lots of interesting things have been happening, the children from Askrigg school joined us to watch the film "Five Children and It"; the film was a new version and was quite funny, many of the Askrigg children were laughing. Since watching the film we have been inspired to start a film project, we are

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filming the character "It" with a video camera called "Digital Blue". We have already made our IT models and I must say they are pretty good, especially those made by some of the Year Threes.

All the junior class are involved in making scenes for the film and the quality of them is amazing.

Well that's all I have to say about this term but there is still more exciting things to come!
Charlie Mayer (Age 10)

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New parking charges

Free car parking for people living in the Yorkshire Dales National Park is to come to an end from April.

Instead, residents will be charged £30 a year to park in any of the National Park's 11 car parks and the income will be ploughed back into the services provided by the Authority.

It has been agreed to issue free permits in exceptional circumstances on a case-by-case basis where residents have no alternative on-street or off-street parking and could only use a National Park car park.

Richmondshire District Council has a £40 pass available to residents and non-residents which allows all-day parking at all 10 of its car parks.

Finance Committee chairman Ann Brooks said: "It is a decision that was made with regret but, with the financial circumstances being as they are, we have to look at ways of generating income.

"We have been asked by the auditors to re-examine our sources of revenue in the light of the fact our grant settlements are expected to be frozen for the next three years and we hope residents will appreciate the reasons for us taking this decision.

"By allowing parking in all the National Park car parks we have retained flexibility for residents."

Currently, businesses and visitors are charged £75 for an annual permit but residents pay nothing, a system described by Committee member Andrew Osborne as 'unfair'.

"It should be more in proportion to what everyone else is expected to pay," he said. Carl Lis, who is also YDNPA chairman, said: "The days of the National Park having

the luxury of being able to afford to provide free permits for residents is over.

"It costs a significant amount to run the facilities and this charge of £30 will generate income that will provide more money to be spent on looking after the area and attracting visitors – who will boost the local economy."

Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge

I wonder if anyone reading this, like me, wondered why they were knocking down a 'perfectly good' building like the old Sycamore Close development, and spending an awful lot of money on a new one? Well, having had a guided tour of the newly finished and just opened Sycamore Hall, I can now see why. It is a truly 'top-of the range' facility run by manager Michelle Mottershead who kindly took time out of her busy morning to show me around.

There were just five residents at the time, who had just spent their first night there, all happy. And who wouldn't be! Each flat has an entrance hall, one or two bedrooms, en-suite bathroom and fully fitted modern kitchen. There is day and night staff on call and each flat has wheelchair access and up to date safety fittings. Personal care will include a hairdresser on site in a really impressive 'salon', and there is a shortly to be opened restaurant. Lifts, communal lounges, library, laundry room complete the picture and the building is modern, light, airy and warm.

Michelle told me that she was very glad to be working again in Yorkshire having come from Wetherby originally. She has moved back from Cambridgeshire where she ran the innovative 'Extra Care' scheme, which stresses independence and top rate facilities for older people as well as providing care and support.

Applicants must be on the Richmondshire District Council's Housing register and have a housing need with some level of support; they will usually be aged 60 or over.

If you think you, or someone close to you, may be eligible you can phone the R.D.C. on **01748 829100**.

S.H.

'Special' people!

We got a message, "You should go and see Howard Firth at Bainside Arts in Bainbridge and do a bit about him", so I did. It is always a pleasure to start with a blank sheet of paper and to watch, as bit by bit, a pen-portrait emerges.

Many readers will no doubt know that Howard and Anne Firth ran "Specials" in Leyburn (and Hawes) for about 25 years. "It's been very good", he said, "But retailing has changed", and he also wanted a change and since last October he has been finding his feet as Administrator of Bainside Arts. You'll read in a moment that it isn't maybe such a change!

Howard grew up in Wakefield; his granddad was a sort of travelling salesman, "Of anything he could lay his hands on", and used to travel round with the fairs setting out his stall, sometimes accompanied by Howard. For 35 years his father did the Markets (again with Howard) and on one well-remembered winter's day in Leyburn when they were up to their knees in snow, the lad said, "Dad, can't we get a shop up here!" and he's felt at home here ever since.

But there is much more to this family. "Father studied art, and my sister has a B.A. from the Slade (School of Art) in London; she used to use me as a model!" Howard said he could paint if need be.

Now let's turn to things more active. Howard features in both Leyburn and Richmond amateur dramatics and last year took part in Nobby Dimon's touring North Country Theatre production and has helped with the Swaledale Festival and in showing films in conjunction with "AiR" (Arts in Richmondshire). Younger readers will know of his youth club work and his basketball coaching; and his playing of the guitar and bass guitar.

"I'm a juggler", he quietly mentioned.

Not all youth workers could put that on their C.V. Just as I thought we had finished Howard said, "I do ghost walks round Richmond, dressed as a monk". See what I mean about how the picture emerges?

The work at Bainside Arts is developing well with this year's courses now planned (see page 29) and there are plans, not surprisingly, for rather more dramatic ventures. Howard works with Nigel Chorley, the finance manager who, "Is a great help", he said.

Meanwhile, in Leyburn, Howard's wife Anne, with Dawn Clarkson, has just opened, in the "Specials" premises, the Leyburn Natural Healthy Centre, on which Howard did the refurbishment. This includes offices, therapy rooms with up to 20 visiting therapists, a front shop selling environmentally friendly products and, wait for it... a Japanese garden. Howard and Anne live in Leyburn with their two teenage children.

A.S.W.

ASKRIGG SCHOOL NEWS



On Tuesday, February 14th, five of us went to Baliol School at Sedbergh to have a steel drumming lesson, with three of the pupils from Baliol. Matthew played the bass drums which were painted oil drums, these made a dull sound that was the beat for the tune. Ben played the tin drums which also kept the beat. There were smaller drums, called pans, which Lynn and William used to make the tune. There was also a full drum kit which Braedon enjoyed playing. We learned to play Banana Boat Song. We learnt to roll the notes with the sticks. We are going to make some sticks of our own with dowel and rubber gloves! We hope to go again to learn some more.

School liver
Homework giver
Work maker
Toy taker
Student nagger
Loud shouter
Glasses wearer
Knowledge knower
Who is it...?
(this one's
Mrs Cork!)
By Sarah Fawcett Y5

(For readers who don't know Askrigg School too well, Mrs Cork is the Head Teacher.)

Who is it...? We have been looking at 'Kennings' poems. We wrote some of our own to describe members of the class.

Here are two of them:

Trampoline lover
Earring wearer
Friend giver
Laugh maker
Peach hater
Chocolate eater
Sweet sucker
Dog lover
Snazzy dresser
Toy lover
Shoe liker
Speedy runner
Mobile lover
Fruit giver
Youngest Yr 6

By Lynn Alderson Y6

Action Earth in Askrigg

Some of the Northern Spirit Jujitsu Club members and members of the community took part in a litter pick around Askrigg in January. The activity was part of the six month campaign called Environment Agency Action Earth, supported by the Environment Agency. The campaign is organised by the national charity Community Service Volunteers (CVS) and involves over 750 voluntary organisations, businesses and community groups that undertake projects of immediate benefit to their local environment.

Huge thanks to the small band that turned up to clear footpaths and roadways of litter around the village – every little helps and someone has to take responsibility sometimes. Thanks also to Luke and Tom Entwistle for resisting sword fighting with the pickers, not eating all the chocolate, and filling a bin bag between them. In total we collected 6 FULL black bags of rubbish (most from the road into Askrigg and around the football field I suspect) and I discovered muscles in very strange places (I think it was using a litter picker for 2 hours...).

Thanks also to the Richmondshire District Council for lending pickers/bags and gloves. If anyone else does a litter pick, they are very happy to help out (don't lose any of the kit as you will be billed for it). If you have a project idea to improve your local environment, call the Environment Agency Action Earth hotline on 0121 328 7455

Rima Berry

missed a treat

The Sedbergh School Band & Drums, to give it its full title, provided the audience in Hawes Market Hall on a cold winter's night in January, with a rousing evening of wonderful entertainment. This was their encore having played here last year and they were brought back by the Hawes Market House Trustees by popular demand.

If you missed this programme then you missed a real treat. Fifteen pieces varying from Mozart to Freddie Mercury and from Duke Ellington and George Gershwin to John Williams were played with total maturity, professionalism and enthusiasm. Particularly to be commended were the three soloists Fraser Precious, Hugh Barbour and Josh Reed.

The Band, which has won many competitions and played all over the world in the past 15 years, owes much to its genial Conductor, Captain Alan Lewis. He also proved an interesting and entertaining host and he - with the Band - richly deserved the long applause at the end. **T.P.**

If you weren't there, bad luck, as you

The Ken Willson Award

Ken Willson MBE (1914-2003) spent the most of a long and active life working and campaigning for the Yorkshire Dales. In order to celebrate his lifetime achievement, the Yorkshire Dales Society and Craven CPRE, two of the organisations with whom Ken was long associated, have established an annual Award in his name to recognise the achievements of young people in the Yorkshire Dales.

Anyone may nominate a young person in the Dales who they believe merits consideration for the Award. The nominations for the 2006 Award will close on **March 31st, 2006**, and the young person concerned must be less than 30 years of age at that date. He or she should live or work either within the National Park or Nidderdale AONB, or in an adjacent community, and have made an important contribution in one of the following five areas of activity:

*The protection and enhancement of the Dales' natural or built environment;

*The understanding and enjoyment of the landscape, natural history or cultural heritage;

*The cultural life of the Dales through the arts or related cultural activity;

*The local economy including upland farming or forestry;

*The care and social well being of Dales' communities.

It is intended that the award, which in 2006 will be a cash payment of £500, should recognise the added value made by the individual to his or her chosen field of work or voluntary activity. More details or to send nominations: **Y.D.S. Civic Centre, Cross Green, Otley. LS21 1HD**

Yorkshire Dales Society Silver Jubilee

2006 marks an exciting milestone for the leading independent charity which has been operating to protect, conserve and promote one of the most precious areas in the country, the Yorkshire Dales Society.

The primary objectives of the Society have been to undertake appropriate action, independently and through other agencies, to help conserve and enhance the beauty and character of the Yorkshire Dales. The economic renewal of the region has been supported through the emergence of appropriate interpretative and tourist facilities, and the development of the traditional skills and culture of the region fostered. The Society has successfully worked to encourage the highest standards of interpretation of the Yorkshire Dales and to create a forum through which interest in the traditional skills and culture of the region can be developed.

As the YDS moves into its anniversary year the Society is seeking to increase its membership base in order to continue to campaign for the Dales and to encourage younger people to be involved in this challenging role. Nominations are sought for the **£500 Ken Willson Award**, (*see previous page for more details*) which is given to a young person (under 30) whose work, either paid or voluntary, has made an important contribution to the Dales. Nomination forms are available on the new Yorkshire Dales Society website, www.yds.org.uk, as are details on how to join the Society. Alternatively the YDS can be contacted on **01943 461938**.

Left to right: Ken Willson (at that time chairman of YDS), Colin Speakman, Fleur Speakman, Eva Pongratz (Director of the European Federation of National Parks) Theo Burrell, (former Director of the Peak District National Park). Taken: June 1991, occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the YDS.



Signs of Spring come to Snaizeholme

By the last days of February, the Winter Silence of Snaizeholme began to be broken. First the Tawny Owls began to call to each other in the night and from all parts of the valley. Then the Tits: Blue, Great and Coal began to sing, and the Robins (only two pairs near the house this winter, last year there were three), began to feel for their songs. Dunnocks sang too and on Feb 6 a very thoughtful Missel Thrush started working on its music, and then suddenly Chaffinches and Greenfinches burst into song. The Blackbirds, though they are feeding with tremendous enthusiasm, are still quiet, but a few Cock Pheasants have begun their spring courting.

It is always strange to me that when the Snowdrops burst through the earth, their white buds appear before there is any sign of green leaves, and then all of a sudden leaves and flowers are inches above the ground, and swaying gently in the breeze. Willow Catkins are appearing and finally we all begin to believe that spring will come.

The Red Squirrel Reserve plans are beginning to come together. At the meeting in the museum (see page 23), plans and hopes for the protection of the Reds, and for the control of the Grey Squirrels were discussed. We look forward with high hopes

Recently we have been seeing members of the Stoat family again. First, about six weeks ago, one was trying to get into two of the downstairs windows, and then, more recently, one, now purest white (except, of course, for the black tip to its tail) was hunting on the wall immediately in front of the house. It was astonishingly beautiful with its bright dark eyes and sharp triangular head. We wonder if they will nest in our wall again. If so, it will be for

the third year running.

Woodcock have risen again from the edges of the woods, and once more we are speculating as to whether these are 'incomers' or whether we have a permanent population. New arrivals of the really brightly coloured Chaffinch cocks are competing for birdseed, and the birdsong becomes daily richer. The senior Cock Pheasants are beginning to offer the most delicious titbits to their favourite females.

I have watched one handsome cock carefully breaking up a peanut, and then picking up the pieces and dropping them in front of his chosen hen. Spring is really on its way.

Jane Kemp

A Country Solicitor with a love of the Moors

Richard Johnson has worked for 40 years in his Hawes office and is the third generation of solicitors in his family. His grandfather qualified as a solicitor in West Burton in 1885 and his father went to Yorebridge Grammar school and then took over the practice in 1931. Richard himself has left the dale only to go away to school and then returned to be articled to his father and admitted as a solicitor in 1970.

As you might expect Richard values working with generations of local folk, indeed some of his work is done for the grandchildren of his father's clients. Much of the work involves conveyancing, wills and probate, and tax matters. Richard works on this with his two partners, Michael McGarry at Hawes and Geoff Mochrie at Leyburn. They are assisted by 5 staff in Hawes and 3 at Leyburn.

However Richard has always had an interest in country matters and in 1981 he bought the Stags Fell grouse moor. From that has developed a wide range of business covering not only legal matters but also moorland management and grouse shooting on them. Richard says although he enjoys shooting he really "gets a buzz out of the management of the estate". In 1996 Michael Cannon, an entrepreneur originally from Bristol, wanted to buy the entire Simonstone Estate. Richard agreed to sell him a half share of Stags Fell and is enthusiastic about his partnership whereby Mr Cannon supplies financial input whilst Richard is able to offer legal and administrative expertise and, most importantly, relationships with local people and interests.

It is true that grouse shooting is popular with the wealthy of Europe and America. Indeed people are queuing to

shoot on well managed moors and Richard has recently had to turn away a potential customer from Mexico. He really enjoys the delicate negotiations required to reconcile the need for a commercial shoot with a harvestable surplus of birds with the local conservation requirements of, for example, such a body as English Nature. Since the sale to Mr Cannon in 1996 Richard's moor management business has really grown. He is now one of three solicitors in England who handle around 70% of the legal work associated with the sale and purchase of grouse moors. Such negotiations are usually highly confidential and have to be conducted in a limited timescale. Recently Richard handled the purchase of Wemmergill in Lunesdale for Mr Cannon.

Richard's particular interest lies in the management of the day's grouse shooting. He also runs a pheasant and partridge shoot over in Cotterdale for Michael Cannon. Apart from the outdoor work there is much administration to do. The Simonstone estate is managed as one unit including Stags Fell and there are 6 gamekeepers employed on it. Wemmergill has five gamekeepers. All the administration is handled through the Hawes office and Richard also does work for other grouse moors in the Pennines.

Local family connections continue as Richard's daughter Andrea is married to Fredd O'Keeffe who trains racehorses at Middleham. Richard's son Gavin is in television advertising work in London. Of course Richard himself needs very little advertising as so much of his work is based on developing relationships both with Dales families and grouse moor owners. It is obvious that the life of this country solicitor is very full. He plays golf, although not as frequently as when he was Captain and then Chairman of Catterick Golf Club. Earlier in life he played football for Carperby Rovers. I don't know whether

his international clients are impressed by this, but I know that many Newsletter readers wouldn't want this important fact omitted from Richard's local pedigree. I suspect that Richard could write several books based on his experiences but in view of confidentiality and his own business you'll have to settle for this article at least for now. **P.J.R.**

Another century!

We would like to extend good wishes to Kathleen Davies in Thornton Rust who was 100 years old on February 8th and had a wonderful day.

Ann's ankle

We are sure all our readers will want to send their good wishes to Askrigg's vicar, Rev. Ann Chapman who, while taking her dog for a walk, broke her ankle very badly at a stile- an "unstable break"- meaning bed-rest, without putting any pressure on the floor for several weeks.

This means significant changes to the church services at St. Oswald's. There are no 8.00 am Holy Communion services until further notice. The 10.00 am service on both March 5th and 12th will be Morning Prayer without communion. There will be communion on March 19th with Rev. Paul Carter and on March 26th with Rev. Ken Good.

Ann wants to say thank you to people who have been "utterly fabulous" with their help and concern; "They've been lovely to me", she said. She broke the other ankle when fourteen, so reckons she will at least be balanced; and is finding ingenious ways of getting around the house.

A.S.W.

tea shops and the establishment of a new one in an area devoid of such luxury is to be welcomed.

So we now have, on the north side of the dale, The Old Town Hall in Redmire which is proving very successful especially with visitors from the railway.

Julie and Simon Greenslade open every day except Wednesday from 10.30 am until "the last ones leave, maybe at five or six" with Julie (ex Hawes creamery, Hawes School Secretary and Hawes Laundry!) working full time. The extensive traditional menu ranges from their all-day breakfasts to Grandma's home-baking from Thornton Rust.



Take Tea in the Town Hall

The Yorkshire Dales are renowned for their

**Recycling Books
at Bainbridge Meeting House**

Bainbridge Quakers have decided to make regular dates for the Book Exchanges that we hold twice a year. In future these will be held on the **Saturday before the last Sunday in April and October**. Dates for this year are therefore April 29th and October 28th. Time: 10.00 am till 12.30 pm.

This recycling effort involves anyone who wishes to give away their unwanted books, CDs and tapes, and then take away with them whatever they would like from those left by other people.

Books, tapes and CDs can be left with **Judy Nicholls at Beech House, Askrigg (650266), Sylvia Crookes at 3 Bainside, Bainbridge (650525) and David Pointon at Lyncroft Cottage, Thornton Rust (663830)**.

After the ordinary customers have left, we invite the Book Man from Hawes who has a second hand book sale in the Market Hall, to select from the remainder, and he always makes a generous contribution. The rest are taken to a charity shop. This year we have jettisoned all the left-overs from last year and will be starting afresh with new blood for all you book vampires.

Coffee and homemade biscuits and cakes are always available, and instead of buying any of the items, you are asked to make a donation. The funds raised in this way are split 50/50 between Bainside Arts and another charity. Last year we supported Bainbridge School appeal, and in April we will support the Upper Dales Child Care project in Hawes.

We do hope for your support and contribution of old books - it's amazing what wonderful finds there can be - and not all dog-eared and annotated either! Pass the word around. See you there for coffee on April 29th.

Angela LeGrice

Unicef

For all the world's children; Health, Education, Equality, Protection

Readers will no doubt remember that we are able from time to time to send a donation to the UNICEF "School in a Box" appeal.

The latest letter of thanks reminds us just what the appeal provides, namely a temporary school for at least 80 children during times of emergency. In 2004 more than 10 million children went back to school thanks to kits provided by UNICEF.

In addition to the basic school supplies, such as exercise books, pencils, erasers and scissors, the kit also includes a wooden teaching clock, plastic cubes for counting and a set of three laminated posters (alphabet, multiplication and number tables). The kit is supplied in a lockable aluminium box the lid of which doubles as a blackboard when coated with a special paint included in the kit.

UNICEF believes that war or natural disasters should not deny a child the chance of an education, and the means to lead to a productive and fulfilling adult life. Education can be especially valuable in these circumstances to help children overcome trauma and receive life-saving information about the avoidance of water-borne diseases or landmines.

"Bill payment not approved"

Whatever you do, DON'T open the attachments to e-mails which look anything like the heading above.

Trading Standards have alerted people to such spams which in fact do not defraud but are being used simply to spread viruses to businesses, colleges and to hotmail accounts.

Hawes and High Abbotside Angling Association

Did you know that it is the second oldest fishing association/club in England having been formed in 1844? (The Kilnsey club is one year older). It was intended for locals but quickly became popular with visitors, even in the 19th Century. Relatively few local people fish, but angling is a popular tourist attraction. Prices aim to make it an affordable activity for families.

There has been sad loss of key members (Pinky, Bob, Ken, Wilson) during the last two years. We had a good turnout for the AGM in February showing that the Association is still valued. Andrew Hill became a beakwatcher joining David Dinsdale who remains in office. John Winspear joined the committee.

However Geoff (Phillips) will retire as secretary next February, and it would be appropriate for his successor to join the committee as assistant secretary to learn the ropes this year. (Should that be "learn the fishing lines"?) It is desirable that the secretary is local and possibly a "fisher". An honorarium is negotiable for this position. If you are interested in being involved, please contact **Geoff Phillips on 650117**.

The association is keen to help youngsters and is willing to organise free "starter classes" to teach the basics. Contact **Doug Taylor on 667694**.

Barry Martin
A local Artiste

Please forgive another music-oriented article, but it is one of the things I love and it opens so many avenues of interest! I said recently that I had joined the Richmond Orchestra, where I sit behind a very accomplished front desk of cello players. However the leader, Barry Martin, is not only accomplished. I venture to suppose that he is unique - **perhaps the only person ever to play the cello using his toes**. I should explain...

Some twenty-odd years ago Barry was playing in the BBC Northern Symphony - now the BBC Philharmonic. A musical mother - a concert pianist - ensured that Barry had grown up playing the cello, her favourite instrument, as well as the piano in which she had tutored him. He doesn't advocate being taught by a parent; it's an arrangement too easily manipulated he thinks. Despite playing in the London Junior Orchestra under Bernard Keefe - rehearsing ambitious pieces every Friday evening - and enjoying himself hugely in other youth orchestras, perhaps surpris-

ingly, Barry chose to go to Leicester University to study Science. After graduating he joined the pharmaceutical company, Winthrop Laboratories. He quickly lost interest with the realisation that what he really wanted was to become an orchestral player. His mother, by now a professor at Trinity College of Music, helped him secure an audition as a result of which Trinity offered to fund his first year of study with a review at the end of it "to see how it was going". It went very well indeed with Barry becoming lead cellist in the college orchestra for two years, marrying his wife Barbara, a teacher, and enjoying musical college life immensely. He sees himself as "a perpetual student"!

Soon afterwards, surviving the rigorous selection procedure, Barry became a "rank and file" player for the BBC. He enjoyed the work enormously, although it was often difficult to begin with. In an amateur orchestra music is rehearsed for a long while before a concert, but here the players were given a different folder of music every week and were expected to perform three times in that week, once live and twice for radio broadcasts.

The orchestra embarked upon many tours to Europe and farther afield even to China and Hong Kong (it was on this tour that a typhoon forced their aeroplane to land in Taiwan losing the players' only free day). Such tours were exciting but were also exhausting: staying up too late into the night and having to get up extremely early in the morning to travel to a different destination took its toll. The orchestra also played under some extremely prestigious conductors, such as Kurt Sanderling, Principal Conductor of the Berlin Symphony Orchestra and Principal Guest Conductor of the BBC Northern Symphony. Another, Simon Rattle, was referred to as "**Baby Rattle**" because of his boyish face and mop of hair! Amongst many other concerts, the orchestra also performed at the Royal Albert Hall for the Proms. It was here that Barry went as a child, teenager and student both to listen and play, so it was satisfying to go back as a professional, because, in his own words—"It was special, it felt like home there."

However - after eight years with the orchestra Barry received an injury that threatened to bring an end to his cello playing. DIY was always both a hobby and a necessity and during a period of reconstruction in his house Barry cut off two fingers from his left hand with an electric saw. His professional musical career came to an abrupt halt. Barry relates this event matter-of-factly but it takes little imagination to understand what an overwhelming blow this must have been. However, in a piece of extreme good fortune six months later he was approached through friends by a plastic surgeon whose interest was in reconstructive surgery. As a result, Barry underwent a punishing **eleven and a half hour operation** in which two of his toes were amputated and attached to the joints in his hand as fingers. After the surgery Barry

(still missing most of a third finger) found it very difficult to play the cello as he had to re-learn even the simplest fingerings. Yet now, some twenty years on Barry concedes that **if he had a third finger he wouldn't know what to do with it!**

After this ordeal Barry and Barbara began looking for another home. With a special interest in the holiday business they hoped to buy a house they could operate as a Bed and Breakfast. Eventually they found their current house in West Witton which is predominantly a guesthouse although they also use it to host courses on such things as watercolour painting and classical guitar. Since moving here twenty years ago, Barry's children have all but grown up. He still plays the cello (although as more of a hobby) and even does most of the DIY!

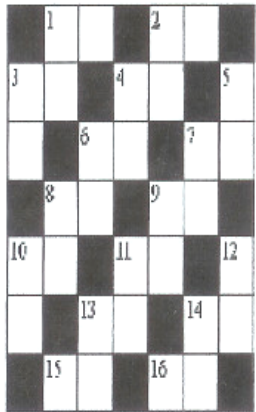
For someone whose life embraced such an upheaval. Barry Martin now appears a contented and light-hearted man. He is philosophical enough to reflect that the era of CDs, financial stringency and ever easier and more necessary touring has made professional orchestral life still more demanding whereas he is able to indulge himself musically in some of Britain's most beautiful countryside. Even so it has to be said that to have overcome so cruel a setback is an inspirational achievement.

Megan Price, Bursary student

KIDS PAGE

HI EVERYONE HOPE YOU ALL HAD A GOOD VALENTINE'S DAY.

An easy starter



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I HOPE YOUR VALENTINE DIDN'T TURN OUT TO BE A TENNIS PLAYER BECAUSE LOVE MEANS NOTHING TO THEM !

Page created by Katherine Head, Bainbridge

Hawes and Widdale Red Squirrel Group

The first meeting of the Hawes and Widdale Red Squirrel group since the recent designation of the area as a Red Squirrel Refuge was held on January 31st. Local land-owners and residents were invited to attend an open meeting to learn more about red squirrel conservation work in the north of England and what the red squirrel refuge area status will mean for red squirrel conservation in the Hawes area. It was also an opportunity for people to meet representatives from the Forestry Commission and DEFRA and to find out more about the different types of management grants that are available.

YDNPA staff are hoping to bring together people in the Hawes area who are interested in red squirrels and are currently working on establishing a local Red Squirrel Group. The aim of the group is to co-ordinate conservation work in the Widdale and buffer area by bringing together land-owners and managers, conservation organisations and local people interested in red squirrel conservation. It is hoped that the Group will enable us to increase our knowledge of red and grey squirrel distribution in the area along with providing advice on a range of management issues to local land-owners.

If you can help with reporting sightings of red and grey squirrels or would like any information on what can be done to protect this rare and threatened species then please do not hesitate to get in touch. For more information please contact:

**Matt Neale, Area Ranger Upper
Wensleydale 666220**

The Wensleydale School achieves Special Status

The Wensleydale School has been successful in its bid to achieve Specialist School status. From September 2006, the school will become a Specialist Science College and will focus on raising attainment and developing learning both in the school and in its rural community.

The announcement was made by the Schools Minister, Jacqui Smith, on Tuesday 31st January when she confirmed that the School was one of 123 schools across the country to achieve specialist status in this round of bidding.

The School will work in partnership with its sponsors and with its partner primary and secondary schools to improve the delivery of Science and Mathematics both in the school and community.

As part of The Wensleydale School's successful application to become a Specialist Science College, staff, students and parents raised over £50,000 in private sector sponsorship and drew up a four-year school and community development plan to raise standards, increase provision and encourage the take-up of the specialist subjects.

The School plans to develop a Vocational Learning Centre on the school site by taking advantage of sponsorship and a capital grant of £100,000 from the Department for Education & Skills towards improving the facilities for the teaching and learning of Science and vocational subjects. In addition, with an annual grant of £129 per student from the DfES, the school plans to enhance staffing and resources for teaching Science and Mathematics by enabling it to share resources and expertise across the school, as well as with partner schools and the wider community.

The Headteacher, David Eaton, said, "This is excellent news for the school and the local community. Achieving Specialist School status will bring many benefits and opportunities. And the Chair of Governors, Mavis Parry, said, "I am delighted for the school and for the opportunities it will provide. I would like to congratulate all the staff for their hard work in achieving Specialist status."

Two bits of good news

1. Following last month's article about facilities for recycling mobile phones and computer cartridges, there has been a good response, especially for the phones, plus a generous donation. Remember the collection points: Hawes and Bainbridge Post Offices, Hawes Community Office and Sykes House, Askrigg.

2. From March 1st there is a new appointee to manage the MUGA, Multi-use Games Area in Askrigg; Richard Shuffleton. We hope to tell you more next month.

Go on, have a smile

If a General is a higher rank than a Major, then why is a major illness worse than a general illness?

Why do people say the alarm just went off when they really mean it just came on?

CIP Meeting

The Community Investment Prospectus community group is holding a meeting on **Monday 20th March**, in the Band Room (upstairs) of the Hawes Market Hall at 12 noon. Everyone in Upper Wensleydale is welcome to attend. It's a good way of finding out what is going on in the local area, what local community groups are trying to, and do achieve in our area and get some good ideas for the issues that can be best dealt with at a LOCAL level.

Soon to be launched - the Upper Wensleydale web forum that will give advice on funding and grants available to us in Upper Wensleydale and very, very much more! Contact for further details:

R. Berry. 650980

The Aysgarth Choral Society
conducted by Stan Roocroft
presents
SPRING SERENADE
with local young singers and
Instrumentalists at the
DALES COUNTRYSIDE MUSEUM
on Friday 10th March at 7.30pm
Admission £3 on the door



New Mystery time. It's easy to tell that it's Hawes Station. But what year?

salon

Kathy Scott and Carol Moore (hairdresser), have at last found premises in Hawes and open their salon on March 31st with William Hague, M.P., coming at 1.30pm.

Hair treatments are now included in Ginger Tree and the salon is in the Market Place, (above the Rock and Gem Shop). *(Hope you didn't think it's in the picture above! Ed)*



Mystery picture

Last month's picture produced several 'spotters' plus this e-mail (name supplied):

“The bridge below **Dent Head viaduct** is easy to spot for a rail photographer. What I can add is this. A few years ago I spotted a strong sapling growing out of this bridge, with stones loosening and 2 or 3 lost already– a sure recipe for eventual destruction of this delicate little bridge. So I took photos and went to the National Park (so hot on conservation of the built environment) and I was pleased to note that it was quite quickly put right and looking sound again.

However, no feedback from the YDNPA and no thanks for my trouble– just like when I did the same thing and took photos over another matter in Wharfedale. How thoughtless. They should remember that the public is their eyes and ears and deserves feedback when they help.

Their attitude gets in the way of the essential partnership required to protect our area. I know most of it is thoughtlessness, not intended offence but that doesn't make it much easier to bear. But it's a lovely little bridge and I'm glad it is protected for a while longer.”

Now where is the picture shown above?

March Gardening



The month of March is an optimistic time to be out gardening.

There's all the new fresh green growth and lots of things coming into bud. Best of all is the fact that the clocks go forward giving extra time to spend outside in an evening. It's reassuring to know that "summer time" has officially arrived.

As with most things today gardening is subject to trends/fashions but a couple of old favourites that fell out of fashion are having a bit of a revival and quite rightly. These are the lovely old-fashioned wallflowers, *Erysimum*, and one for the vegetable garden - rhubarb. March is a good month to plant dormant rhubarb crowns. Although they can be grown from seed it's often easier to buy 1-year old roots. Rhubarb is frost resistant but it does like plenty of well-rotted manure or compost round its roots when planted. If it's in a sunny spot then the stalks will take on a better colour although the best and sweetest stalks are from forced rhubarb. There may be time this month to start forcing plants but they should be at least a couple of years old, new ones need time to get established first. Also once having been forced plants should be rested for a couple of years afterwards to help them recover. Any old bucket or small dustbin will do the job and then those sweet tender stems should be ready in 6 to 8 weeks. It can be picked through to about the end of June but then should be left to rest. Stockbridge Arrow is still a good all round outdoor variety although Cawood Delight has a better colour. Cawood Castle is another good cropper. It's good to see the old traditional rhubarb patch coming back into vogue.

Similarly with the lovely sweet scented wallflowers. There are two main types, English and Siberian but funnily enough

the English wallflower *E. cheiri* originally came from the eastern Mediterranean and the Siberian wallflower *E. marshallii* started as a hybrid in England. These are the best cultivars for shape, flower, colour and perfume. Even though they are perennial, they are best treated as biennial - allowing them to produce leaves during the first year and then flower freely the next. After that they are best composted - this way produces the best colour and scent. There are subtle differences between them - Siberian wallflowers are nearly always orange apricot or yellow and their peak flowering time is early to mid May. English ones have deeper colours, more open flowers and usually flower earlier towards the end of April. Siberian ones tend to be bushier and have stronger perfume. Recommended varieties for *E. cheiri* are the sunset series giving colours as expected from the names.... Sunset white. Sunset primrose. Sunset yellow etc. Red Vulcan or Blood red provide those lovely dark rich velvety flowers.

Wallflowers are part of the brassica family and it's best to avoid planting where there's been any clubroot infection just in case it spreads the disease. Whatever jobs are done this month - pruning, planting or just weeding, it's nice to know that the worst of the winter is over - hopefully. Happy gardening.

Peduncle

Doctors' rotas as supplied by the surgery

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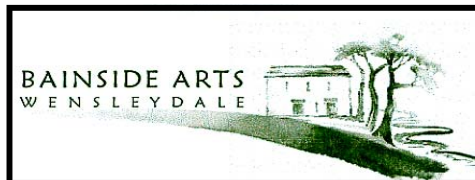
Surgery News

Well Done!

Our Health Care Assistant, Joanne Iveson, has passed her Primary Health Care Assistant Diploma course.

Diane Brough, our practice nurse at Aysgarth, has passed the Diploma in Primary Health Care Diabetes Management.

The skills that have been learned here will help us to provide a comprehensive range of services here in the Dales, rather than sending people to the hospitals.



Courses for March
18 Building a sketchbook;
Lesley Coates Jones
25,26 Developing skills in oil painting;
Andrew Napier
 For details of these, the scale of charges and bursaries please contact **650070**



Heavens above

Rainbows are a familiar sight in the Upper Dales - hardly surprising considering the weather we get in these parts - but have you ever come across a *moon-bow*? I've never seen one myself but apparently they're just like ordinary daytime rainbows except very much weaker, almost colourless in fact. I guess they're rarely glimpsed partly because you need just the right conditions for them to form - showery weather coupled with really bright moonlight - and partly because there are obviously far fewer people about at night to actually see them.

Rainbows, moon-bows and their like (you can also get fog-bows) are purely optical effects in the earth's atmosphere caused by raindrops bending and reflecting sunlight, though in some cases it's ice-crystals rather than water droplets that do the trick. *Lunar Haloes* for instance, are often seen when the moon shines through ice crystals in high cirrus clouds - the ones called "mares-tails". Occasionally you get a multi-haloed effect which can be quite spectacular. Haloes round the sun are less common but if you do happen to spot one, look out for a *parhelion* or *mock sun*. You'll find these 'sun-dogs', as they're sometimes called, either side of the real sun about 22 degrees from its centre looking like small patches of mother-of-pearl. This same iridescent effect occurs on the fringes of even rarer *nacreous clouds* which form high in the stratosphere in the wintertime. Nacreous clouds aren't at all common though there was a memorable display over much of the country in 1996 which you might have been lucky enough to see.

If your appetite's been whetted and you want to find out more about these intriguing phenomena and you've got access to the internet - you can tell I've become a computer nerd recently - try

looking up www.atoptics.co.uk. It's a brilliantly designed website all about atmospheric optics with some truly spectacular photographs. It'll definitely give you the urge to get out and about with your camera especially with those April showers on their way.

Have interesting skies!

Al Birio

As a result of a prior footnote we have had a good response from readers interested in meeting to chat about astronomy. A group of six readers now meet regularly to talk about telescopes, what is of interest in the sky, exchange information about books and magazines, and help each other generally. We hope to visit observatories and create links with other similar groups. If other readers are interested, give Peter Jackson a ring on 667842.

Bumper Crop of entries for 2006 Tournament of Song

This year's local festival of music and speech is set to be a real feast. There has been an amazing increase in entries in both music and speech: junior music has doubled and speech almost trebled. The tournament takes place as usual in Leyburn Methodist Hall from **March 8th**.

Junior speech classes run from 1.15 pm on Wednesday March 8th to 4.30 pm on Friday March 10th; Senior speech on the Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Junior music classes run from 11.00 am on Monday March 13th to 4.00 pm on Thursday March 16th; Senior music on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday March 13th to 15th.

Whichever sessions you are able to attend you will be guaranteed superb and varied entertainment, and two excellent adjudicators.

Programmes are on sale at various outlets including information centres or from the secretary, **Joan Foster, 663368**.

An opportunity not to be missed!

had its knuckles rapped doesn't often get too involved in matters like this. But this time it's going to because there has been such distress caused by the letter received about the plans from April 1st.

Many people of all ages found the letter somewhat brusque and not exactly in line with what telephone inquiries told them.

We feel that facts and figures could have been more clearly spelled out about the range and coverage of future charges, and the somewhat threatening tone has made some people rush to 'Denplan' although it is possible to register without that.

The Primary Care Trust has confirmed that N.H.S. dentistry will be provided on some days in Leyburn (not at the Dental surgery) and in Hawes where the Central Dales Practice has said it will do all it can to facilitate this. Why could not the full picture have been given all at once?

To register with this N.H.S. service ring the Patient Advice Liaison Service: **0800 0282462**. The Primary Care Trust number is **01845 573800**

Dales Dentists

This Newsletter, having very occasionally



Volunteers roll up their sleeves at the Dales Countryside Museum

Volunteers provide valuable support to the museum in many different ways. Over the last few months the team has been working hard. Lynda Powell, Museums Officer for Richmondshire and Hambleton has led training sessions for volunteers in the documentation of museum objects. We now have two sets of volunteers with skills in labelling and marking objects. One group meets to label all the textile items and another group to mark wooden, metal, glass and leather objects.

After clearing the backlog in the stores we are now attempting to document large scale acquisitions such as the tinsmiths display in the museum galleries. This contains several hundred artefacts that all need to be marked with their unique number. It is a task that needs to be undertaken methodically and that takes a considerable amount of time. Each member of the team therefore contributes hugely to the work of the museum.

Police report

Firstly I must apologise for missing the last few months, the deadline has come and gone at very busy periods; however I am back and will update.

Things have been very busy on the burglary front, particularly in the pubs. We have had the Crown and White Hart at

Hawes and the White Rose in Askrigg broken into and quite a lot of money and other items stolen. I am sure that someone locally has some information that can help us on these enquiries and I would ask if you have any information that you get in touch with us. If you wish to be anonymous, then you could consider reporting the matter through Crimestoppers Tel: **0800 555 111**.

Elijah Allen grocery store had someone steal some cash from one of the staff's coat pockets. It would appear that two offenders were working as a team and distracted the staff. You need to be very wary of people trying to create distractions and if you suspect something is not quite right, then let us know. Your basic instincts are nearly always right – so listen to them.

A household in Gayle had some heating oil stolen from their oil tank in the middle of January. Fuel is very expensive at the moment and if your tank is outside consider having some sort of security fitted to it to prevent theft. Properties which are very vulnerable are holiday homes – if you look after them or have one ensure that the tank is secure. The criminals are not daft you know – when there is a notice in the window saying you can rent this cottage, they know that it may well be unoccupied for long periods of time.

The new fence erected on Bealah Bank has been damaged. I am well aware that there are a few disgruntled residents in Hawes that it has been erected in the first place; that is not an issue for me – but mindless vandalism is. To the culprit – who I have no doubt is local, if you are reading this – don't take your displeasure out on the property - go through the normal means of registering your complaint – like all good honest citizens do. If you persist then the displeasure maybe yours and pleasure may be Her Majesty's.

Boy racers – here we go again! We had a quiet patch, but I am hearing that some of you are at it again. It will not be tolerated as the clan in Leyburn have found out and several youths are close to having their cars taken from them if they drive in a fashion which is considered to be dangerous, annoying, antisocial etc. Do not think that a police officer has to witness this the act – this is not the case, if a member of the public sees some driving which they consider to be antisocial etc., we take a statement from them and the driver gets a notice telling them to behave or we will seize your car. So be warned, everyone is watching – not just the police.

We have had a few suspect vehicles about the Dales just recently; their ruse is to come to the premises enquiring about scrap. I accept that there are some genuine scrap dealers about and as prices are high they are ever more on the increase. However when you get two guys enquiring about scrap and they are driving around in a car then that should ring alarm bells. If you think they are suspicious let us know straight away; you never know what they are looking for. There are a lot of farm crimes taking place in the lower Dales and these criminals are looking for targets anywhere they can – don't let your premises be the next one!

If you need any help or information please contact me or any member of staff at the Hawes community office and we will help you all we can. **Dave Cousins**



Letters

(By e-mail)

Have just discovered your magazine on the website of the Wensleydale area.

My 5th g/grandfather, James Heseltine, son of John Heseltine, was baptised on the 5th of November, 1743, in West Burton. Do you have a section in your magazine or know of a message board for the Wensleydale area that I can ask for any Heseltine families still in the area to contact me?

Thank you, regards; **Phil Sheppard.**
(Australia)

(We have the e-mail address and would be happy to pass on any information that readers might have.)

(By e-mail)

It was really nice to open the magazine and instantly recognise the mystery picture as being the old bridge behind Dent Head Viaduct. It brought back memories for me and also for my Gran who is 90 this year and who lived at Bridge End, Cowgill, Dent until 20 years ago (which is the house just below the viaduct).

She still likes to talk about when the main road bridge was completely closed in the early 1970s for repair work and everyone visiting her used to park up and walk down over the old bridge (including the Doctor) rather than going all the way round by Sedbergh.

Yours, **Melissa Alderson, Hawes**

Action Medical Research Tea Dance

Our next Tea Dance, on **Tuesday, February 28th** will be held in the splendour of the Oak Room at Thornborough Hall, Leyburn. Again, providing the music will be the Mike Rose Trio, who are flattered by the number of people who come, not to dance, but to listen. The dancers themselves will find much more space, so the more skilful ones may dazzle us with their steps. The session lasts from 2-4.00pm with an excellent tea served from 3pm. As it is Shrove Tuesday, it will be the last chance for a while for the more devotional to have a good tuck-in. I am not sure whether pancakes are on offer.....we shall have to wait and see.

Tickets, £5, obtainable from Towler's, Leyburn, or by telephoning **01677 422879** or locally, **663457**.

Michael Mason

The porch is full!

Readers have been very generous in their donating of old computers for recycling but unfortunately it is not as easy to dispose of these at present.

So please, no more to the porch at Bainside in Bainbridge. It's full to bursting!

Dales Countryside Museum

On Sunday, March 19th there will be a demonstration of rug making between

10.00 am and 4.00 pm. Karen Griffiths will be showing how to make rugs from rags and encourage visitors to have a go for themselves. There will be items of her original craft work on sale too.

"Changing Seasons" is the title of an exhibition on show at the museum between March 19th and April 20th. Steve Reeve is a local photographer who works all over the world. This exhibition will focus on his most recent, stunning photographs of the Dales.

Aysgarth Choral Society will be performing at the museum on the evening of Friday March 10th. The concert will begin at 7.30 pm and will include a wide variety of music and will be featuring new young local talent. See box, page 25

MARKET PLACE AND GREETINGS

FOR SALE
 Belling 42S white cooker,
 600mm wide. Excellent condition £50
 Lynx bain marie, as new. Two containers £50
 Tel: 663488

WANTED
 Can you play "flamenco" on your guitar?
 Spanish Guitar player required for Hawes Gala,
 June 24th
 Please ring 667192

FOR SALE
 Compass Omega Caravan 1990
 2 berth, full awning.
 Truma caravan mover (cost £1000)
 Total price £1500 o.n.o.
 Tel: 650333

STRINGS WITHOUT TEARS
 Minimum of six absolutely raw
 beginners sought for lessons:
 violin, cello etc.
 Proposed place: Carperby village hall on
 Friday mornings.
 St. Cecelia Music Trust. Full details from Joan
 Foster **663368**

For friends in Hawes who knew her:
 Anne Turner sadly passed away on
 February 16th. Thoughts and prayers are
 with her family down in Bedford.

Chain store Kids' clothing sale
 Famous High Street names
Askrigg primary school
MONDAY MARCH 6TH
6.30 pm Free entry
 Refreshments for sale. For PTFA funds
 Details: ring **663531**

Fashion Show, Thoraby W.I.
by Maxine's of Middleham
Tuesday April 4th, 7 for 7.30 pm
Tickets £5 from 663142
 For Yorkshire Air Ambulance

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FRIDAYS in the village halls.

MARCH 3rd	WEST BURTON
MARCH 10th	THORNTON RUST
MARCH 17th	AYSGARTH
MARCH 24th	CARPERBY
MARCH 31st	REDMIRE
APRIL 7th	THORALBY

You are invited to join in any of these; not
 just in your own village.

Evelyn Abraham 663243

WHAT'S ON LISTING

Transfer these dates to your calendar!

February

- 25 Coffee morning; Aysgarth. See next column
28 Shrove Tuesday

March

- 1 Ash Wednesday; first day of Lent
3 Wensleydale Society; Bell ringing and Aysgarth, Rodney Donaldson. West Burton village hall 7.30 pm
3 Lent lunches begin. See page 36
3 Pie and Peas at the Crown, Askrigg, for Low Mill. 7.30 pm
4 Yorkshire Dales Society: 'Dialect in Emily Bronte'; Cowan Bridge village hall, 2.15 pm
4 X-Pulse Band at the Fountain, Hawes
6 Clothing sale, Askrigg. See page 36
7 Hawes Drama Group reads 'Billy Liar'; Gayle Institute, 7.30 pm
8 Tournament of Song starts; see page 31
8 Lent course starts; see page 38
10 "Spring Serenade"; Dales Countryside Museum. See page 25
10 West Burton village hall AGM 7.30 pm
12 Winter walk; Worton, Mill Gill and Bainbridge. Meet Worton bus stop at 12.00 noon
14 Coffee day for Marie Curie Cancer Care; Hawes Methodist rooms, 10.00 am to 2.30 pm See page 39
14 YDNPA Planning committee; Dales Countryside Museum, 10.30 am
16 Hawes and Bainbridge W.I. Joint meeting in Bainbridge
17 "Food for thought" meetings begin. See page 39
17 Museum Friends 'Early postal services in Wensleydale', 7.30 pm
18 Gift day; Aysgarth. See next column
18 Gayle Fellowship rally. Alston Male Voice Choir 7.30 pm
19 "Rugs from Rags" Dales Countryside Museum; see page 35
19 "Changing Seasons" exhibition starts. See page 35
20 C.I.P. meeting; Hawes Market Hall. See page 25

- 20 Carperby Parish Council AGM 8.00 pm
21 Coffee morning and stalls; Hawes Methodist rooms, 10.00 am to noon for Yorkshire Air Ambulance
22 Newsletter A.G.M. See page 3
24 "Singing Farmers"; Hawes Market Hall
26 Mothering Sunday
26 **Clocks go forward one hour**
26 Winter walk; around Aysgarth and Carperby. Meet Palmer Flatt Hotel at 11.55 am
28 YDNPA Full Authority meeting; Bolton Abbey village hall, 10.30 am
30 Gayle Ladies; Sue and Roger Iveson show videos, 7.30 pm
31 Wensleydale Society AGM and talk on Sites of Special Scientific Interest; Aysgarth village hall; 7.30 pm

**Support
The Yorkshire Youth Orchestra:
Coffee Morning
At the home of the Fosters,
Holmsgarth, Aysgarth
Saturday, February 25th
10.00 am to noon**

**Gift day
for new kitchen at Aysgarth
Methodist Sunday school
Saturday, March 18th 10.00 am to
noon
Free coffee**

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