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## Editorial

**W**e're running out of energy! No, not for writing editorials or producing the Newsletter! But in the whole world. It does now seem certain, that climate change because of human activity is a reality, caused mainly by the enormous increase in use over the years of fossil fuels, i.e.: oil, gas and coal; and just at the time when huge countries like China and India are growing and developing and expecting standards like we have in the use of power - the oil and gas are getting much more scarce.

It's easy to say (and we think most of us have said at times) "What can we do against such huge growth?" There are two main ways: 1. Find more, or alternative, sources of raw materials and use more "renewables", and 2. Use less. We'll consider each, but, as usual, add the odd question!

Even with number 1 we can each do something if enough individual voices speak together: press for more off-shore wind farms (BUT how much energy is used in building them and getting the power ashore?); providing more 'green' diesel (BUT how many square miles of oil-producing crops are we prepared to see possibly taking up more food-producing land?); scouring the world for new areas to exploit (BUT how much sensitive landscape or people's lives are we prepared to ruin?); go for more nuclear power, for which we seem to be being 'softened up' (BUT have you realised that even the uranium supplies are not expected to last all that long?); or return to the use of the most abundant source of all - coal (BUT can we make its use clean enough?). International debate and co-operation, looking at the whole picture and trying to find a balance, seem worth pressing for; trouble is, each country vies for its own

supply and that bodes ill - a future of 'power-wars'

Number 2 (using less) is perfectly possible. We aren't suggesting going back to cave-dwelling, or cutting out all commonly accepted lifestyles or all luxury. How could we when one of us, (the writer of this piece before it's pulled to bits) has just taken a 10000 mile flight to Australia! But there are so many ways that could make a huge difference and, incidentally, save us a lot of money. We all know how the cost of energy is rocketing just now. Consider these: put a jumper on instead of the heating. FACT: a typical window left open overnight in winter will waste enough energy to drive a small car over 35 miles; turn the lights off in the rooms we're not in; switch off all the little red lights at night. (Try counting how many we leave on!). FACT: leaving a PC monitor on all night wastes enough energy to microwave six dinners. FACT: a photocopier left on overnight uses enough energy to produce over 1500 copies. Car-sharing, even buying a bike again; think before jumping in the car for a short journey; travelling a few shorter distances; etc.! Or try managing without the electric whisk in the kitchen, the power strimmer in the garden or the electric toothbrush or Razor in the bathroom!

Everyone's talking about these things; who's doing anything?! Why not pick up a pen and do a spot of lobbying, or try a bit of switching off.

### **This month's competition**

**Places to visit in each of the National Parks of England and Wales.**  
**ANAGRAMS**

Northumberland:

ELF STRIKER RODE

North York Moors:

PAGE AFTER DURLY

Lake District:

AD SHAW ADELE

Yorkshire Dales:

TREAD NEW ROB

Peak District:

CRABS COIN WORTLE LORE

Brecon Beacons:

DREARY WIGS

Dartmoor:

MICE FAIRED BOW

Exmoor:

DANCE ON YE BURK

Snowdonia:

SLAP SERB NAILS

New Forest:

DRAB SHUCKLER

Broads:

DANG DEMON

... £10 prize awaits!

### **Back issues**

Part of a set of back issues of the Newsletter is available. Any reader wishing to have any of the following issues is asked to ring **663311**: 88 to 98; 100 to 111 and 113.

### **Last month's answers**

**TV Progammes:**

Crimewatch UK

Emmerdale

Coronation Street

Desperate Housewives

University Challenge

Neighbours

Home and Away

Strictly Come Dancing

Last of the Summer Wine

Songs of Praise

... and the winner of the £10.00 prize was

Angela Redford, Catterick Garrison.

## **HAOS News**

Yes, we know it's a bit early and while you're all enjoying this warm weather (well at the time of writing at least!) December seems a long way off, but such is the nature of putting on a production that planning has to start early.

The next HAOS show is to be 'SCROOGE', a touching, humorous classic story with a great script and music, to be produced in the Market House, Hawes, in early December.

Our director this year is Howard Firth, who will be known to some of you through his work with various artistic events in the area. Although 'SCROOGE' is definitely NOT a pantomime, the HAOS production team felt that it was time for a change and they are sure you will love it.

So, come along to The Fountain, Hawes on **July 19th**, 7.30 pm (£5 at the door) for a 'taster' evening. Bring the family, have a bite to EAT, hear some of the MUSIC, join in a QUIZ and WATCH scenes from the show on video. If you have ever thought of joining in with a production, be it on or off stage, make it this year! BAH HUMBUG!

Further information on **650443**. **S.H.**

## **Volunteer working**

A Guide to Volunteering While on Benefits' is new guidance from the Department of Work and Pensions. It runs to 49 pages, is mostly in plain English, is in pdf format, and is available at <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/publications/volunteering>.

**The Re-vive Partership.**  
**[www.re-vive.org.uk](http://www.re-vive.org.uk)**

## **Rural Learning**

In partnership with the Yorebridge Sports Development Association, Craven College can now offer '**Sports Training Qualifications**' at the Wensleydale Centre in Askrigg for the forthcoming academic year. These will include a Certificate in Sports Development; a Certificate in Exercise Studies; YMCA Assistant Fitness Instructors Course (Level 1) and YMCA Fitness Instructors Course (Level 2). For more information on these courses including dates and prices, and the many other courses that are held at Askrigg, please contact Colin Bailey on 01969 650060 or email [colin@craven-college.ac.uk](mailto:colin@craven-college.ac.uk)

### **Book addicts beware!**

Having spent most of my courting days in second hand book shops and being now limited to the wall space of a small dales cottage I thought Stuart and I had just about got our shared "habit" under control. But no, as we shall soon be able to get our "fix" much closer to home.

Richard Axe, proprietor of a second hand and antiquarian book shop in Harrogate, has bought the former Youth Hostel at Aysgarth. I visited Richard at what has been the manager's house and he told me about his plans to operate his business from the old Hostel.

Originally from London Richard started in the book trade in 1981, moved to Yorkshire in 1989 and the business and its stock have been expanding ever since. Although there is a particular satisfaction, Richard says, in selling to customers in person, believing that the old fashioned bookshop is a valuable local amenity, he points out that the business is now global with the majority of books being sold worldwide. Buying of books, especially in quantity can however be a more local matter and he hopes more books will now be offered from 'The Dales'. Not that he is short of stock; with around 100,000 books his is one of the largest in England. Nearly all subjects are covered with specialities including literature, travel, art and Yorkshire books.

Apparently Richard had been looking for a new base for some time and after taking a second look at the hostel decided it was suitable being large but affordable and in an attractive rural location. Gradually and in several phases over possibly two years he will close down his Harrogate shop and warehouse and trade fully from the Aysgarth site. Richard told me that the Hostel is fundamentally in sound condition and was built to withstand our local weather. Of course there is much to be

done inside in terms of removing blocks of hosteller's washing facilities, upgrading the electrical system and plumbing and an enormous amount of decorating, not to mention arranging for several miles of shelving.

Ideally Richard would like to be able to live in the main building but this will depend on the decision of the planning authorities. He is also keen to use the lower floor and basement area for a shop although this will depend on finding a couple of people locally who would enjoy the idea of helping to run a Dales bookshop, Richard himself being often away on buying trips. These buying visits are fewer now because of the internet. Richard told me that he used to be able to pick up bargains in the bookshops of eastern Europe and last year he visited Tallin and Budapest. Now their books in English are traded world wide via the web. However, Richard has been away buying as far as New Zealand but apparently the journey there didn't take as long as a visit he made to a very small Orkney island.

The plans for the business depend on several people being employed both in the possible shop and cataloguing on the upper floors. If you have a keen interest in books in general or in a particular subject area Richard would like to hear from you and he can be contacted on 01969 663908 or by email to [rjaxe@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:rjaxe@tiscali.co.uk). He hopes to have phase one of the business running by the end of this year.

I wondered how Richard might adapt to living in a more rural area. He had enjoyed living previously in a village near Castle Howard but he is new to the Dales. It seems he has a lot of outdoor interests being a keen walker, climber of manropes and a member of the Harrogate Fell and Dale Club. He also likes country pubs and tennis and has already joined the Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum. As the Hostel site came with a large and

undeveloped garden it seems that this will have to be an interest too. Richard told me that intends to be fully engaged in the local community as soon as the phasing of the move allow. Whether you have books to sell or to buy, watch this space! **PJR**

### Calling all artists!

Why not exhibit at St Matthew's Annual Art Exhibition at Leyburn from Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sat **August 5<sup>th</sup>**? This friendly exhibition of local artists is looking for new talent to supplement our regular exhibitors. For details ring 01969 622251 or email [c.huggett@freenet.co.uk](mailto:c.huggett@freenet.co.uk)

### Changes at the Market House

There are changes ahead in the way that the Market House in Hawes is run. From **September 1st**, 2006, commercial and community clients will deal direct with the MH through Les Bartle, the Caretaker/Manager, supported by the nine Trustees.

Les Bartle, with his newly set-up office in the Market House, will be the customer contact point for Market House business. He is already well known to existing hirers and is looking forward to extending his contact with the community. His office will be fully capable of receiving telephone and mail enquiries as well as providing a 'front desk'.

Over the coming weeks, it is hoped that the 'hand over' from the Community Office will be as smooth as possible and we will take the opportunity, through this Newsletter, to update the public on progress. The Trustees would like publicly to express our very sincere thanks to the past and present staff at the Community Office for all the help they have so expertly provided over the past years and stress that this change is taking place for very

practical reasons.

The Market House is a registered Charity, depending on income generated by lettings. It seats 160 people in the main hall, smaller rooms are available for hire at very reasonable charges. Whilst there are a good number of lettings booked for 2006/07, enquiries are always welcome. The Market House has a non-smoking policy.  
**Market House Trustees**

### Jazz at the Castle

The ever-popular Jazz at the Castle Event will again be at Bolton Castle on **Sunday, July 16th** from 7.00pm. This is our fourth year, and a year with a difference. In the past we have had the excellent Wensleydale Stompers, sadly they cannot come this year, so instead we have invited a section of the Portsmouth University Big Band. They are a band with a formidable reputation in the Portsmouth area, having played at many prestigious occasions and undertaken a number of foreign tours. Look at their web-site, [www.music-society.co.uk](http://www.music-society.co.uk) where you can hear samples of their music.

There will be a two-course buffet supper, included with the ticket. A bar will be available all evening.

Tickets are £10, from **Towler's, Leyburn**, or by telephoning **01677 422879**, Jackie Robinson, or **01969 663457**, Michael Mason.

This Event is organised by the Wensleydale Branch of Action Medical Research. Future events are **Saturday, August 12th**, 2.00-5.00pm for a Strawberry Tea in the beautiful garden of Talworth, Carperby.

## ASKRIGG SCHOOL NEWS

### Seaside Day

On 26<sup>th</sup> May, Class 1 were joined by the Infant children from Gunnerside to enjoy a Seaside Day. It was typical seaside weather in that it was cold, windy and damp! The children refused to let this stop them having a fantastic time, including a picnic lunch (which unfortunately had to be held in the hall!). They also had paddling pools, sand pits, and parasols.

### **Cluster sports**

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2006 classes 3 and 4 went to cluster sports at Wensleydale School. We got there at 2.05 pm and we were going to listen to the tannoy when a big shower came so we had to go to the hall for a while, then it came out fine. The events started and we managed to finish them before the rain came back, but I think everyone really enjoyed it. We hope next year it should be better weather and thank you to the Wensleydale School.

**James Middleton**

We arrived at the Wensleydale School at about 2:05. As soon as we got out of the bus it started to pour down. We were told to go into the hall to stay dry, the sports teacher checked to see if all the schools were there. Then we went outside to do the activities. We had a great time and we would love to come again next year!

**Henry McCarthy**

On Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of June 2006 most of the primary schools went to the Wensleydale School to take part in the cluster sports. We all enjoyed the activities and the fact that we got to show some of our true talent and my teacher, Mrs Dooley was helping someone in the sack race when she slipped over, but came up laughing.

Thanks to the Wensleydale School for inviting us to take part. **Brett Calvert**

## Have your say on National Park Authority website

Visitors to the new-look website launched last December by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) are being asked to help improve the services it provides to the public.

A survey is being carried out to find out what people think about the re-vamped site – its appearance, its content and the ease with which they can find the information they want.

The overhaul of the site – still at [www.yorkshiredales.org.uk](http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk) – took several months and was funded through the Government's Implementing Electronic Government (IEG) initiative, which aims to use new technology as a driving force to help deliver services to the public.

Authority Communications Manager Kath Taylor said: "Now that the site has been running for a few months, we want to make sure we are providing the best service to users. We want to know how we can improve it in the future.

"It's an evolving service that should get better and better – with the help of our users.

For that reason we would like people to tell us what they think of the site and to make suggestions about what they think is missing from it at the moment."

For more information please call the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's Media Office on 01756 751616. Alternatively, please email [media@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:media@yorkshiredales.org.uk).

## Dalesplay News

From **July 1st** Dalesplay will be offering a flexible hourly rate along with the existing sessions. Bookings will be taken and paid for in advance at the following rates per

hour: £3.50 for a single 1- hour sessions, £3.00 per hour for two or more hours.

Our Summer Events are as follows:

### **FUNDamentals**

Fun/play sports sessions for children aged between 2-6 years old. **£3.50 per session.**

Wednesday **July 26<sup>th</sup>** 10.30-11.30

Wednesday **August 9<sup>th</sup>** 10.30-11.30

Monday **August 21<sup>st</sup>** 1.30-2.30

### **Multi Sports Coaching (7-11yrs)**

This will include sports such as football, kwick cricket. **£6.00 per session**

Monday **July 31<sup>st</sup>** 12.00-2.00pm

Wednesday **August 16<sup>th</sup>** 12.00-2.00pm

A table top sale was held in the Market Hall on Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup>. Dalesplay provided the refreshments we raised £90.

Thank you to all who gave up their time to help support this event.

We will be providing refreshments for another table top sale on Sunday **July 30<sup>th</sup>**. Donations of food and help would be appreciated. Please speak to Di or Lou on 667789.

Dalesplay has received **£4320** grant funding from **Awards for All** to help assist in purchasing IT equipment, uniforms and other general resources i.e. Workshops for our 'Out of School' Club. **Di Burton**



**Yorkshire Dales Young  
Archaeologists Club  
Launches on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June  
at the Dales Countryside  
Museum, Hawes**

Have you ever wondered what secrets lay beneath your feet? Ever gazed at an old building wondering what story the stones might tell? Ever watched Time Team and thought you could discover as much as Tony and his pals?

Well, from June 2006, if you're aged between 8 and 16 you could join the Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists Club (YDYAC) – and begin to make the discoveries yourself.

Based at the Dales Countryside Museum (DCM) in Hawes, and affiliated to the Council for British Archaeology, the YDYAC hopes to educate and fascinate, introducing young people to the incredible variety and scope that is modern archaeology. On Saturday **June 24<sup>th</sup>** from 10.00am till 4.00pm children (and their families) will be able to come along and see just what the YDYAC is all about. The attractions on offer include;

- Historic food demonstration and tasting
- A coil pot ceramics workshop
- Roman pottery handling collection
- An exhibition of artwork by local children
- A logo competition

We will also be able to give people further details of YAC membership, sign them up to the club and provide them with a timetable of planned future events. The Club Leader, Keith Webster, an ex-archaeologist with experience of excavation across London and the South East, along with Fiona Rosher and Debbie Allen of the DCM Hawes, see this as a

prime opportunity to combine their joint interests in archaeology, history and education, and to bring a greater understanding of archaeology to a fresh and keen audience.

Membership costs just £12 for a year which includes a quarterly magazine and special member discounts at archaeological sites. Meetings will not always be at the DCM at Hawes – the club will be doing lots of fieldwork and so venues will vary with the content of the meetings. In our first six months we plan to look at the processes of archaeological investigation before actually digging in the summer of 2007.

But what's the best way to find out who we are and what we are doing? Come along on the 24<sup>th</sup> June, look at the benefits of membership and get yourself signed up. It promises to be a great day out for all the family.

## **BAINBRIDGE & DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB**

What an evening for the “Summer Rally”. It was cold, raining and very windy so a typical summer’s evening! Anyhow 11 cars braved the weather and set off from the Station Car Park in Hawes after doing (or not doing as the case may be) a manoeuvre to reverse into a very tight parking space! There was one new ‘all ladies’ team who were most welcome.

The route took us through Dentedale, Barbondale, Cowan Bridge, Kingsdale, Deepdale and then back through Widdale to the Fountain at Hawes. One contestant who is a coach owner/driver said he had never even heard of some places and certainly had not visited them previously. There were some very narrow roads and quite a few gates to open too. The list of questions held some interesting clues like the one where the answer was “Slow Down – Dux on’t Road” and where Aladdin lived is still a mystery to some of us.

On arrival back at the Fountain there was one last task to perform which was for the driver and navigator to throw 1 dart each, aiming for the highest score. This was something quite different. Again, as last month, if the weather had been good it would have been a lovely scenic ride out. Many thanks to Angela Lee & Ann Huntbach for organising such a good rally. The winners of last month’s rally were Karen & Tim Prudden – Well Done. 2<sup>nd</sup> were Tom Carlisle & Emma Hay and 3<sup>rd</sup> were Dave Teasdale & Tom Fawcett.

The next rally is on the 19<sup>th</sup> July and is being organised by Karen & Tim Prudden, telephone no. 650355 for details. All Welcome.

**Netta Davison**

## **HAWES PLAYGROUP**

On Wednesday 17th May we enjoyed a visit to the Dentist at Hawes. The children all had chance to sit on the dentist chair and were given a pack to take home. Thank you to Pam.

We had a successful fund raising evening at the Fountain Hotel, Hawes with “shiny shoe” party organised by Joanne Middleton and Horton Playgroup. Thank you to them, this money has paid for our trip to Hazel Brow Farm, Swaledale, which took place on Wednesday 14th June. We travelled over by car. In the morning we saw the animals. We fed the goats and pigs, we saw the calves and gave Basil the bull some hay. The children milked a pretend cow and had a cuddle with the puppies and kittens. We saw the hens, the eggs in the nest boxes and some noisy geese. One of the hens had two chicks with her.

After a play on the tractors we had our picnic and a play on the soft play area upstairs. Next we milked a goat and fed the pet lambs.

Lastly we did the nature trail and found the rabbit, water vole, heron, owl fox otter and squirrel. Tired out we all travelled back home.

**Emma Fothergill**

## **Harvesting at Widdale Foot**

Since my article about forest restructuring in a previous newsletter, I have been asked to follow this up with a small article about the harvesting that is now taking place at Widdale Foot on the Ingleton road out of Hawes.

We have completed a Forest Design Plan which involved consultation with all interested parties. The first phase of felling was scheduled sooner but pre-empted by windblow experienced in last year's January gales.

Harvesting has come a long way since axes and two-man cross cut saws. Technology has proceeded apace with mechanisation producing harvesting machines that cut the tree at the base, remove the branches and cut the stem into different products. This has a dramatic effect on efficiency and productivity. On average these machines process 500 to 600 tonnes per week. Once cut the product is uplifted using a specialist machine called a forwarder that picks up the material, using a hydraulic grab, depositing it on the attached loading carriage. The material is deposited at the forest roadside for uplift by a timber lorry. It will be transported in the Ribblesdale direction.

The products harvested from a forest site like this include pulp wood, chip wood, small saw-logs for pallet making, fence material and saw-logs for construction timber. Most of the materials removed from Widdale Foot will be saw-logs and chip.

Restocking will be according to the forest design plan where great care has been taken to enhance wildlife habitat and improve the landscape in the longer term.

**George Hay, Tilhill Forestry Ltd**

## **Travel note**

Further **closure** of the Settle to Carlisle line is scheduled to occur between **July 16th and 30th**. Check before travelling.

## **Tourism boost for Yorkshire Dales and Harrogate**

A new organisation, the Yorkshire Dales and Harrogate Area Tourism Partnership (Yorkshire Dales and Harrogate ATP), has been formed to boost tourism in the area; it is one of six Area Tourism Partnerships in Yorkshire and is a not-for-profit organisation committed to improving visitor experience and to the promotion and development of tourism.

The partnership has an Executive Board of private and public sector representatives, and an operational working group that will carry out the actions identified by the Board.

Executive Board chairman Steve Macaré, who represents the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA), said: "Our main job is to make sure that our visitors have a great time when they are here. That means working with tourism businesses, local councils and the YDNPA to improve our visitor experience.

"At the same time, we will be working to attract cash into the area to give the local economy a welcome boost. . . this is a partnership that will be good for visitors and good for business."

The new partnership arises from a review of tourism ordered by the regional development agency, Yorkshire Forward, three years ago. Its first job is to prepare the Tourism Plan for the area, outlining priorities and identifying ways to make them happen. Consultation with the tourism industry is currently underway.

Executive Board Members include Pam Hague of Stoney End Holidays near Askrigg, Pam Grant of Grants Hotel in Harrogate, Rebecca Roberts of Skipton-based local food promoter FEAST and two vice chairs – Stuart Gill of Newby Hall near Ripon and Chris Fowler from the

National Trust Fountains Abbey.

Craven District Council, Harrogate Borough Council, North Yorkshire County Council, Richmondshire District Council, South Lakeland and Eden District Councils, the Yorkshire Tourist Board and the YDNPA will also be represented.

The Partnership office is at Settle: telephone 01729 825470.

## **Art Show in Leyburn**

This takes place in St. Matthew's church hall, opposite the church, from Wednesday, **August 2<sup>nd</sup>** to Saturday, **August 5<sup>th</sup>** from 10.00am to 4.00pm each day.

The exhibition gives amateur artists over a very wide area the chance to display upto six pictures for sale. There is a preview on Tuesday, **August 1<sup>st</sup>** at 8.00pm (admission £3 including a glass of wine), preceded by a Celebration of Art service in the church at 7.00pm. For more information, including queries from artists wishing to display their work, ring 01969 622251 or contact [c.huggett@freenet.co.uk](mailto:c.huggett@freenet.co.uk)

## Snaizeholme in Spring

All through May, being outside there was a symphony of birdsong the whole day long. Thrushes and Blackbirds, their songs purifying and becoming constantly more beautiful as the season progressed, Chaffinches, (so many of them), Robins, Wrens and Willow Warblers singing to each other from all directions, and then suddenly there was a new song, very short but very musical, and I didn't recognise it. It took me some days to actually see the singer, and then to my delight and astonishment it was a Pied Flycatcher. This was a first here, and he was singing and hunting, both in the trees and on the ground for several weeks. Once I think I saw his mate, but it was too quick and too far for me to be sure.

The Woodcock has been, and still is, roding both at nightfall and in the early morning, and I have been listening to several Snipe bleating like lambs from all directions. The valley is full of curlews, but again this year no Lapwings, though there do seem to be more about further down Wensleydale. Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Siskin and our three regular Tits (Great, Blue and Coal) are all flourishing.

On two occasions I have watched a Hare, both in Jane's Wood and the field beyond, but one day I was walking home down the road, when a large Leveret loped towards me, closely followed by a baby Rabbit. The

Leveret, (who I had seen before) was about the size of a full grown rabbit, and I think that the baby must have made a mistake. I did my best to pretend I was a tree, and the Leveret came quite close, and then went off into the Larch. It went calmly, nibbling here and there, so I had obviously convinced it that I wasn't dangerous.

In spite of our late and broken spring, and the hail showers and the cold, the trees were so beautiful in May, Copper Beech pinkie leaved, Rowan and Dogwood soon to be in flower, and so many different greens to be seen. Now in June many trees are in bloom, with lovely scents all round us. It is a glorious time of year.

The Squirrels thrive, but unlike last year, we have seen very few young. I did see two at the feeder at the same time. they argued a little, but were clearly happy to be there together. their coats are now shining and beautiful. The Roe Deer now have on their burnished summer coats, and the Bucks have been heard barking at each other. The Pied Flycatcher has disappeared, but in the first few days of June the Blackcaps have returned to nest, our local male sings his lovely song day after day. I have also heard a Chiffchaff, which is a very rare visitor to Snaizeholme, and even more exciting to me, a Whitethroat has been singing to us. The books describe its song as an 'unmusical jumble' but I find it beautiful.

The baby Rabbits have disappeared and one of the Stoats has recently been seen about. Perhaps there is a connection!. The other morning, at about 5.45 all the birds in the Larchwood stopped singing. A moment later a Sparrow hawk flew across the wood. When it had gone they all began to sing again.

**Jane Kemp**

## **The Playtex Moonwalk 2006**

30,000 trainers, 15,000 bras, one goal...to raise £6million for breast cancer research and cancer care in the world's largest power walking marathon.

Team Thwaite (Gill and Jenny Dodsworth, Eileen Knox, and Carol and Becca Hastie) took part in the 2006 Playtex Moonwalk. On May 20<sup>th</sup>, London played host to this extraordinary moonlit marathon which started and finished in Hyde Park. A total of 13.1 miles were power walked.

More than 15,000 women and men united in their aim to raise money, get fit and have fun! Striding out together in our uniquely decorated bras.

After a long train journey to London and our fill of pasta, pizza and rice, we approached Playtex City, Hyde Park. A vast pink tent stood before us and a sea of pink and white hats entered its gates. The atmosphere was amazing. Almost 15,000 men and women clad in their home designed bras were waiting for their start time. We collected our rain coats and foil blankets before enjoying the entertainment and completing the first warm up – this was it, the first groups were starting!

Several warm ups later, the clock struck midnight and it was our turn to start. We crossed the start line and the pink group walked off into the night of Hyde Park and an incredible 13.1 miles awaited us. We passed many sights and landmarks along the way: Speaker's Corner in Hyde Park, Buckingham Palace, Tower Bridge, The London Eye, Big Ben and St. Paul's Cathedral to name but a few! And the support we received on the walk was fantastic. Hundreds of Playtex volunteers were posted around the route cheering everyone on, handing out bottles of water and wishing us well. There was a band and a Scottish piper on the route and the

support from the public was second to none! We couldn't believe how many people were awake, wandering the streets of London and beeping their car horns in support at 3 o'clock in the morning! Those men must not have believed their eyes when they stumbled out of the pub and 15,000 people walked past in their decorated bras.

Then at 4.45, we reached that pink tent once again. We had completed the 13.1 miles and returned to Hyde Park. We received our medals and very generous goodie bags before heading off to Kings Cross to catch our train, deciding that next year we will complete the full 26.2 mile marathon. It was a brilliant experience and not one of us suffered a single blister! The weather held out and although it was a little cold, it didn't rain!

We would like to say a really big thank you to all the generous people that sponsored us on our walk as it was very much appreciated. As a team we managed to raise a total of £925.00 in aid of breast cancer, which I'm sure you will agree is a very worthy charity.

**Walk the Walk**  
(reg charity no. SC 029572)



## Richmond Kite Festival

Richmondshire Building Preservation Trust are putting on a Kite Festival at Richmond Racecourse on **July 22-23**, 11.00am - 4.00pm by kind permission of the Burgage Pastures Committee and with support from Community Foundation Local Network Fund, Richmond Town Council, John Ward, J & B Farnaby Trust, Richmond Motor Company Ltd & S G Petch.

Come and see dragons and dancing legs flying high, as kite professionals bring their show to Richmond Racecourse.

Bring your own kite, or join our FREE 'kite making for kids' workshops.

This event is organised with the help of world renowned kite professional Malcolm Goodman. Parachuting teddy bears - If your teddies are brave enough, bring them along. Some of the world's largest kites, synchronised kite flying, Chinese and Japanese kites and many more.

Plenty of other activities and displays are on offer, such as Irish Dancing, fairground activities, face painting, bouncy castle, jugglers, kites and other goodies for sale. Entry is free, parking is £4.00, refreshments are available.

Further details from Richmond Tourist Information Centre, 01748 850252.

## More from Dalesplay

At Dalesplay we are holding some workshop sessions for the children during the summer holidays. We expect these to be very popular, particularly the circus skills and performance workshops with Howard Firth. Cost for each session is £6.00.

### Performance Workshop

Improve on those drama skills working with a variety of props, to produce an end of activity performance.

Tuesday **August 1<sup>st</sup>** 11.00am-1.00pm

### Circus Skills Workshop

Scarf juggling, face painting, plate spinning and circus performances.

Friday **August 25<sup>th</sup>** 11.00am-1.00pm

There are 10 places available for **Art in the Park**; we will be working down at Hawes Countryside Museum on Wednesday **August 30<sup>th</sup>**, 1.30-4.30pm, costing £9.00.

Dalesplay are organising a Sponsored Walk 10.00am-1.00pm on **July 7<sup>th</sup>** followed by a picnic at Hawes Park, (weather permitting) to help raise money for Meningitis. There will also be a mask making competition. Call 667789 for further details.

Snacks will be provided on all of our sessions. We are working on a first come first serve basis. To book your child on any of the above events please contact Di or Lou on (01969) 667789.

All bookings should be received no later than Friday **July 14<sup>th</sup>**





**Where's this mystery picture? Last month's picture was near Yockenthwaite in Langstrothdale. Mrs Fawcett of Marsett was the first correct answer.**

### **Yorkshire Day**

**August 1st** is Yorkshire Day. Make or pick your own white rose to wear or give a donation to the Wensleydale Railway Trust (a registered charity) in exchange for one of WR's white roses and claim your special discounted £5 fare (child £3). Further details from 08454 50 54 74.

## WEST BURTON SCHOOL

The junior children have been making animation films over the past few months and these were presented at the West Burton Academy of Film Award ceremony in June.

Over 100 people attended to watch the films on the big screen. The red carpet was rolled out and champagne and posh nibbles were served.

The Best Set was awarded to Sam Taylor and Max Landau; the Best IT Character was awarded to Jodie McGregor, Elloise Black, Michael Pearson and Millie Kenyon and the Best Overall Animation Film went to Matthew Smith, Ross Rucroft, Damon Reaks for the film 'It in the Country'.

### **Gurkas**

In May 2006 Gurkas visited West Burton School from Nepal. The Gurkas showed us how to march and sang us some of their songs and showed us their musical instruments and one of their unusual dances. We got to put on some of their camouflage paint as if we were going in to the jungle to have a fight. We got to find out in Nepal how they would write the name and numbers. At the end of the day we had to join in one of their dances. It was a great afternoon.

**Damon Reaks**

### **The Blue Crystal**

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June the junior class performed the play Blue Crystal to many parents in West Burton Village Hall as their end of term production.

The play was about the future and how everyone will end up relying on computers. The main parts went to the year sixes: Captain Tor (The hero) Charlie Mayor, Aravis (The Princess) Jodie McGregor, Zed (Part of the crew) Ellie Ashford, Thea (Part of the crew) Lucy Burton, Co-Dot (The Robot) Sam Taylor, Grammy (The Newsreader) Harriet Blackburn and the Zarcon leaders were Damon Reaks and Andrew Rucroft.

Many parents gave comments on how wonderful the play was. All the pupils found it great fun and especially the year sixes as it was their last play at West Burton School.

**Jodie McGregor**

## BAINBRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

Since our exams in May, we've been very busy. We had a reporter from the Daily Telegraph, called Paul Stokes and also Curtis Jobling, who designed the characters for Bob the Builder. A musician from the Swaledale Festival came in to help us write our own songs. Some children from our school were picked to go and perform their new song at Reeth. There has been lots of sporting events, such as the football festival and the rounders tournament at Askrigg. We have been lucky to have an athletic coach come into school and show us lots of different skills like crab football. We went to look around the new National Park building. They took us round the offices to see where everyone works. We went to Sycamore Hall to a 1940's tea party, where we dressed up and wore our party hats that we had made in school from newspaper and also had lots of nice food. There was a quiz and Mr Hicks played the piano.

### **Ross Thwaites, Year 5.**

Since the national tests in May ended we have had a very busy term. A man came in to do some singing with us, he was from the Swaledale Music Festival. We got into groups and we had to make our own songs. Jake and I were one group.

We had 25 minutes to make our own song, then he came round and recorded everyone's ideas. He thought they were very good.

The night after some groups performed at Reeth Methodist chapel, they really enjoyed it.

**Tyler Scarr Year 4**

### **Burtersett Show**

...will be held on Sunday **July 30th** to be opened by Mr and Mrs Thomas Raw at 2.00 pm. Here is the schedule of classes:

#### **Children under 11 and 11-16:**

Garden in a tin  
Vegetable necklace  
Decorated flower pot  
“Animal”- Hand-written piece. Max. 50 words.  
Drawing of your house; size A4  
Longest stick of rhubarb; leaf attached  
Homemade fancy bun (i.e fairy cake)  
**Please put age on front of entries.**

#### **Adults:**

Flower arrangement  
Oat biscuit (sweet); 3 on a plate  
Limerick; any theme  
Homemade strawberry jam  
Knitted item  
Photograph of a stile (max. size 7x5 in.)  
Homemade toy  
Homemade wine

Entries to be in 10.00 am to noon on the day of the show.

There will also be a dog show and a junior fell race up to 16 years.

### **Wensleydale Railway**

'Something special' for **July 4th**, the third anniversary of the re-opening of the Wensleydale Railway in 2003. On **July 14th** there will be a special event to mark the 20th anniversary of the re-opening of Garsdale and seven other stations on the Settle-Carlisle line and on **July 27th** an Evening Special Train with Hog Roast - available from either Redmire or Leeming Bar. Details of all these events are available from Leyburn TIC - **623069**.

### **Exhibition of Hobbies, Thornton Rust**

To raise funds for Thornton Rust Institute, items made by residents of the village will be displayed in the Thornton Rust Institute on **July 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 10.00am – 5.00pm. Refreshments, including coffee & biscuits, and cream teas, will be available. There will also be a tombola. Everyone welcome.

### **Surgery News**

The Surgery has enjoyed hosting Medical Students from both London and Newcastle Schools of Medicine, and has received praise from these Schools for providing an interesting and educational environment for final year students. The Partners feel that to provide a placement for students is not only beneficial to the students themselves, but brings new information and ideas to the Practice from these future doctors.

There has been a distinct lack of students over the last 8 months because of the medical students curriculum being redesigned. We are therefore pleased to recommence a student programme later in the year. All patients will be informed should a student be present and will have the option of not being consulted by the student.

We are at the holiday time of year again. Should you think you may need travel medication for your holiday - malaria tablets or vaccinations, please ring the Travel Advisory service MASTA on 0906 8 224100 for details of what you might need. Please then order these medications in good time from the Surgery . For further information please ring the surgery during working hours (667200 and 663222). See also Surgery Rotas on page 29.

**Jonathan France**

### **Upper Wensleydale Community Investment Group**

The next meeting of our group is on Tuesday **July 25th**, 12.00 noon to 1.00pm at the Band Room (upstairs) in the Market House, Hawes. We assist local groups to access funding (through the Re-vive Partnership), keep our members informed of local issues and how local projects are progressing, track social and community trends in our area and support new community projects with representation at district council level. We are a friendly bunch, so feel free to drop into this open meeting!

**R.B.**

## **Christian Aid Week—Hawes area**

One again we have worked together as a community to help lift people out of poverty around the world.

Many thanks to all those who gave and helped in any way, especially the Collectors and the Coffee Morning bakers and helpers. Thanks also to Rev Bill Simms and Rev Henry Dubois for a very fitting and challenging United Service and to the readers from the four churches. Finally, we are indebted to Pearl, Alison and Suzanne at Barclays Bank, who spend their lunch hours counting money and coping with paperwork.

The totals for the week are as follows:-

|                                  |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| United Service at St. Margarets  | £81.00    |
| Coffee Morning & Bring & Buy     | £253.00   |
| House to House collection        | £1,019.00 |
| Gift Aid declaration tax returns | £49.00    |
| Total =                          | £1,402.00 |

## **Parish Plans**

This exercise has now been completed and the plans published. A full copy of all the plans, comprising the Upper Dales cluster plan and plans for the individual parishes of Askrigg, Aysgarth, Bainbridge and Hawes & High Abbotside is available for inspection at the Community Office in Hawes.

Limitations on the grant monies available has resulted in each parish council having but two copies of the cluster plan and its own parish plan. Each parish also has a CD of all the plans so further copies can be made as required. County and District Councillor John Blackie has several copies of the full plans for distribution amongst local and national bodies where the information disclosed will be of particular benefit in assisting such bodies to understand the particular issues affecting the area.

Full details of the plans are also being incorporated on the [Re-vive.org.uk](http://Re-vive.org.uk) and [wensleydale.org](http://wensleydale.org) web sites.

Whilst the compiling and publication of the plans has been a somewhat protracted undertaking the parish councils anticipate that the information they contain will be of assistance in bringing benefits to the upper dales.

The plans are based on the replies of residents throughout the participating parishes and the parish councils are very appreciative of the time spent by those residents in making their response. It is only because of such support that the plans will be useful tools in guiding the making of decisions affecting the area.

## July gardening

July in the garden is one of the busiest months of the year. One of the most important jobs is maintaining the 'status quo' and keeping up a good colourful display in the borders. As plants flower and fade there needs to be others ready to continue the show. There's also plenty of fine tuning to do-jobs such as weeding, checking for viruses and diseases, cutting back spring growth and planning ahead to autumn, plus cuttings to take and some seeds to collect.

During the warm moist weather, weeds are growing at their fastest and can run away very quickly. Invasive ones like couch grass, nettles, thistles and ground elder need to be uprooted as soon as they appear. In a perfect garden it would be nice to be completely organic, but trying to remove these thugs manually is sometimes impossible and a chemical spray on a humid evening may be the only answer. There are specialised weed-killers available for each type. Diseases on roses can also be at their worst this month-rust, blackspot and mildew, the first two thrive when it's humid, the last one when it's hot and dry. Again really bad infestations may need a spray to help them recover, although roses can survive blackspot even if they do look rather sorry for themselves meanwhile.

During this time of maximum growth perennials that have flowered once (eg. oriental poppies or herbaceous geraniums) can be cut right back, including the foliage. Within a few weeks there will be fresh growth and hopefully a second flush of flowers. One exception is peonies. They need to be allowed to die back naturally.

July is a good month to collect seeds if the weather is dry and to take softwood cuttings from shrubs like fuchsia, hydrangea, philadelphus and weigela. They all take well during warm weather but

hardwood ones must wait until later on in the year when the wood tissue has obviously hardened. The best material to use is the tip of this year's shoot and most gardening manuals will have an item illustrating the simple procedure to follow.

Most spring bulbs will have fully died back by now and where necessary can be lifted, cleaned, checked and then stored, but July is also a good time to plant autumn flowering ones such as colicums and nerines. Autumn crocus look particularly good among grass or under trees and shrubs. Having no leaves it's a good idea to put them in among low growing plants which can offer a bit of support for their delicate stems. Nerines give a spectacular display later on in autumn and they prefer a warm sunny south-facing wall where their lovely bright shades of pink flowers on long tall stems really stand out among the autumn colours of russet, yellow and orange. They provide a striking accent among the borders during the mellow days of September onwards-something to look forward to before winter.

Happy gardening

**Peduncle**

## **Carperby Village Open-Gardens Day**

This year there are even more gardens to see; approximately 20 of all sizes and interests.

Muker Silver Band will play on the green from 3.00pm till 4.30pm and there will be plenty of free off-road parking behind the Village Hall, where refreshments will be served throughout the event. Admission to all the gardens is £3.00 and accompanied children go free. A great day out for garden lovers on Sunday **July 2nd** from 11.00am to 5.00pm.

Further details: P.Jackson, 663740

### **Parish Councils**

Parish Council Clerks and Chairmen in Wensleydale as from May 2006 are

#### **Askrigg**

Caroline Rose, Meadowsweet, Station Road, Askrigg, DL8 3HZ. Tel 650575 (Alternative Telephone 01904 626009)

Chairman Allen Kirkbride

#### **Aysgarth**

Mrs A Clarkson, Forelands Farm, West Burton, DL8 4LD Tel 663418

Chairman Brian McGregor

#### **Bainbridge**

Caroline Rose, Meadowsweet, Station Road, Askrigg, DL8 3HZ. Tel 650575 (Alternative Telephone 01904 626009)

Chairman Brian Brown

#### **Burton cum Walden**

Sue Ryding, Long Farthings, West Burton, DL8 4JX . Tel 663551

Chairman Jane Ritchie

#### **Carperby**

Pauline Beckett, Wegber, Carperby, DL8 4DD. Tel 663417

Chairman John Amsden

#### **Castle Bolton**

Brian Smith, Walden View, Castle Bolton, DL8 4ET. Tel 622636

Chairman Anthony Talbot

#### **Hawes and High Abbotside**

Ian Fowler, Hargill House, Gayle

DL8 3RY. Tel 667044

Chairman John Blackie

#### **Low Abbotside**

Ann Middleton, Skelgill Lane, Askrigg,

DL8 3JG. Tel 650523

Chairman James Scarr

#### **Preston-under-Scar**

Rev David Ashforth, Sunnyholme,

Preston, DL8 4AH. Tel 622438

Chairman Christopher Harrison

#### **Redmire and Bellerby**

Sarah Weatherall, Low Thoresby Farm,

Redmire, DL8 4DS. Tel 622355

Chairman Andrew Jordan

#### **West Witton**

Mrs S M Bailey, Barnholme, West

Witton, DL8 4LU. Tel 622366

Chairman Geoff Clarke

## Heavens Above

My esteemed mother-in-law—an elegant, gracious lady who also bakes a mean Victoria sponge-cake! - recently tipped me off about a fascinating book called ‘The Cloudspotter’s Guide’ by Gavin Pretor-Pinney, founder of the Cloud Appreciation Society. (It should be a real best seller in the Upper Dales considering the amount of cloudy weather we get in this part of the world!). One section—about noctilucent clouds—aroused my interest in particular, as the long twilit evening we get at this time of the year offer the most favourable conditions for observing a display of these intriguing natural phenomena.

Noctilucent clouds are distinctly silvery-blue in colour and often show a subtle banded or rippled structure. Unlike ordinary clouds, which mostly form in the lower reaches of the atmosphere, noctilucent ones are found at much greater heights—between 30 and 50 miles up—right on the fringes of space, where temperatures can be as low as  $-120^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Nobody’s absolutely certain why they occur at such great heights, though the most likely cause is water-ice condensing around fine particles of interplanetary dust. Because they are so high they remain sunlit long after ordinary clouds have disappeared into the earth’s shadow and are often on show all night long. Interestingly they’ve become a good deal commoner in recent years which has led some scientists to speculate that their frequent appearance may be linked to global warming.

Whatever their origin, noctilucent clouds are a beautiful sight, so if you’d like to see some yourself try looking close to the sunwards horizon about an hour or so after sunset. Although they can be very bright, NCLs can also be often rather faint and dark adapted eyes will give you a better chance of spotting them. With any luck you

might just catch a glimpse of their ghostly filaments glowing against the soft darkness of the summer night.

For more information on all aspects of clouds try viewing [www.cloudappreciationsociety.org](http://www.cloudappreciationsociety.org). I like the final bit of their manifesto which states ‘Look up, marvel at the ephemeral beauty and live life with your head in the clouds’.

Keep on watching the skies!

**Al Bireo**

People who wish to book  
**Gayle Institute**  
please contact Natasha Dinsdale  
Tel: **01969 667630**  
As she is now the booking secretary



## Yorebridge Sports

Participation at the MUGA is really starting to take off, with **over 100 participants** accessing the facility each week. There are organised activities for every individual and if these don't take your fancy then there is the added bonus of hiring the facilities for your own pleasure (£6.00 half court, £12.00 full court).

There are still places available for the Secondary Children on the '**YSF Football Academy**' and '**YSF Inter-Cricket-Kwik**' sessions. We are planning a '**YSF Netball Coaching**' session in July, please call for details and booking forms. We are also developing the timetable of events for the **Summer Holiday Programme**.

The **Adult Tennis Clubs at Yorebridge** have started successfully with 12 participants turning up for the first Monday evening session, along with numerous other people expressing an interest. The 'Over 55's Tennis' on a Thursday morning, is due to commence at the end of June. Places are still available for both sessions, it is not too late to get involved, both clubs are looking for new members.

We also want to establish a **Circuit Training Class**, which aims to improve all round fitness. Participants work at their own pace, pushing themselves to their own limits and reaching their own personal goals. This means that anyone can attend these classes regardless of, age, gender, fitness level, or ability. This is the perfect opportunity to get involved in physical exercise. A **free taster session** is being organised for the start of July, so please call for further details.

The YSDA are on the look out for anyone who is **interested in offering their services**. This may be working at one of the coaching sessions (as an assistant) or acting as a referee at a weekly football tournament. For **further information** on

this and YSDA events please contact Richard Shuffleton (Sport & Fitness Development Co-ordinator) on 01969 650060 or 07968 606571. Alternatively email: [info@yorebridge-sport.co.uk](mailto:info@yorebridge-sport.co.uk).

**For immediate bookings of the MUGA on a weekend**, please contact James/ Angela Peacock on 01969 650212, Dominic Gregson on 01969 650285 or Lawrence Alderson on 01969 650699.

## What's on at the Dales Countryside Museum

### Exhibitions

#### July 15<sup>th</sup> – September 6<sup>th</sup>

“It’s Rubbish” is the title of our summer exhibition. There will be displays and lots of interactive things to do for all the family. Themes to explore will be recycling, alternative energies, thinking globally and acting locally, how big is YOUR ecological footprint?

### Events

**July 4<sup>th</sup>** : Spinning a Yarn. Spinning and rug making demonstration. Examples of weaving, felting, and dyeing explained. 2pm to 4pm.

**July 9<sup>th</sup>** : Quilting Demonstration. 'Drop in' and have a go! Watch as your tutor, Kate Trusson shows you step - by - step how to make your own quilting using traditional north country techniques. Kits will be available to buy. 10am to 4pm.

**July 16<sup>th</sup>**: Roman Day. Activities on Roman theme, including preparing a Roman banquet and making mosaics with two Romano-British women. Coincides with National Archaeology week. 10am to 4pm.

**July 19<sup>th</sup>**: Traditional Dry Stone Walling Demonstration. Dry stone walling demonstration. 2pm to 4pm.

**20<sup>th</sup> July**: Birds of the Yorkshire Dales. One of a series of lunchtime lectures exploring the wildlife of the Yorkshire Dales. 12.30pm to 1.30pm.

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>**: Rugs from Rags. A demonstration of various rug making styles. Drop in and have a go! Items of craftwork to buy. 10am to 4pm.

**July 26<sup>th</sup>**: Art in the Park. An afternoon of creative fervour for kids! Join our event leader for cutting, sticking, collecting and general mess making in the museum.

Booking essential. Children under 8 years old to be accompanied by an adult. 2pm to 4pm.

**July 30<sup>th</sup>**: Hawes Town Trail. A 2 mile (3.2km) walk around Hawes and surrounding area looking at the history, industry and buildings in the area. 2.15pm to 4.30pm.

**July 30<sup>th</sup>**: Pathfinder Basics. A full day course learning basic map and compass knowledge, with an opportunity to practise your new skills with an easy 4 mile walk around Hawes, and Hardraw. Minimum age 12, booking essential. 10.15am to 4.30pm. Admission Adult: £5. Admission Child: £2.50. Further information: Stout footwear, waterproofs and a packed lunch required.

### Friends of the DCM

Friends will be holding their annual GIFT DAY on Friday evening **July 21<sup>st</sup>** at 7.30pm. The social evening will include a talk, “Saved for Posterity” Thoraby Manor Papers.

Further details or to book – contact -  
Telephone number: 01969 666210.  
Email: [hawes@ybtic.co.uk](mailto:hawes@ybtic.co.uk).  
Website: [www.yorkshiredales.org.uk](http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk).

### **Bainbridge Millennium Group Presentations**

A presentation of £150 from the profits of the annual Bainbridge Bash was made by Yvonne Peacock, Chairman of the Bainbridge Millennium Group to the Manager of Sycamore Hall, Michelle Mottershead.

Other organisations to receive a presentation were Bainbridge Village Hall Committee £400, Holme Brae residents £200, Bainbridge Playground Association £200, Bainbridge Childrens Christmas Party £100 and the Local Community Web site £100.

### **Business Event**

The Business Association (Wensleydale) Ltd is delighted to host a presentation by the Business Environmental Forum at The Fountain Hotel, Hawes on Tuesday **July 18<sup>th</sup>**, 7.00pm to 8.00pm. Guest speakers will be promoting ways that business can get funding for energy efficiency and renewable technology and free environmental consultancy advice in our area. **You do not have to be an Association member to attend. Please come and support this free event. R.B.**

## Letters

The Mystery Picture in the May Newsletter is of the stone with the cross, the emblem of the Knights Templars, near to Temple Farm, Swinithwaite. There are two more stones, rather smaller, one on the back of a stone seat Layrus Wood above Temple, and the other at Stoney Stoop at the bottom of Temple Bank. This is now covered by a Council grit heap!

I was born at Temple Farm so know the area well. My great uncle, Thomas Ewbank, unearthed the Knights Templars Chapel in 1840 while ploughing the field.

**Thomas Ewbank, Marsett**

*(A further note from Janet Harker agrees with the above and adds that there should be four such markers but the fourth has never been found. Thanks. Ed.)*

The little ad offering free plants and soil paid handsome dividends. David and Jenny Jackson were first on the scene, and took the plants for Wensleydale School and the soil for David's new bit of garden. What's more they left behind a nice clean tidy place ready to be flagged. Three other people wanted some, and one offered to PAY, but were too late, sorry.

**Sylvia Crookes**

I am writing to thank you on behalf of everyone who studies art at the Wensleydale school for your extremely generous donation. We hope the money will be spent on some of the essential equipment our art department is lacking, and we feel that everyone who does art will very much appreciate the boost of necessary supplies required in the school, such as paintbrushes (which there are never enough of), art pencils and other basic equipment. I also hope that this boost in supplies will encourage some of the students, and we will be able to change some of the displays of artwork around school, some of which must be nearing

twenty years old now! Some of the money will also be spent on the development of a dark-room for photography inside school, which will tie in with the new special science college status we have received, as well as giving students another way of expressing themselves artistically.

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I hope that you take the opportunity to come into school at some point and talk to some of the art students to see that your donation is well placed – since they do nothing but whinge about the poor facilities, they surely will appreciate your generosity! I know you have been connected to the school for many years through the bursary student scheme, and I hope you continue to take a keen interest in the students and their creativity. Thank you again for your thoughtful gift, I can only repeat what a difference it will make.

On behalf of everyone at Wensleydale School

**Tom Scrivin (Head Boy)**

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all our friends. You have been marvellous to us and our send off has been second to none. We haven't cooked a meal for the best part of a month and we have been touched by your many kindnesses and gifts of friendship. We will be around for Gala and will make a point of seeing as many people as possible then. Hopefully it won't take us too long to re-shelf these 200+ boxes of books!

We leave with a touch of sadness but so many happy memories. Our address is 165 Greys Road, Henley on Thames, Oxon. RG9 1TE. Keep in touch.

Our love and many, many thanks. God Bless.

**Trevor & Margaret**

## **MARKET PLACE, EVENTS AND GREETINGS**

**ASKRIGG PRIMARY SCHOOL** requires a Clerk to the Governors from September 2006. This is a paid post (£400pa), and involves up to 12 meetings a year.

If you think you may be interested, please contact either the present Clerk, Dr Mike Young, on 650335, or the Chair of Governors, Anne Middleton, on 650523 for details, or write a letter of application, and send it to **The Chair of Governors, Askrigg Primary School, Yorebridge, Askrigg, Leyburn, N Yorks. DL8 3BJ**

**I would like to thank all my family and friend for the lovely cards and presents sent for my 90th birthday.**

**Thank you all so much.  
Mary Johnson**

**Thank you to everyone for their good wishes and cards during my recent stay in hospital, I very much appreciated them.**

**Barbara Peacock**

Female archaeology student from Bradford University, non-smoker with own transport, on placement with the National Park Authority in Bainbridge, seeks **accommodation from late August/September 2006 for 6-8 months.** Full week or Tuesday - Thursday night only. Anything considered. Please contact Rebecca Goulding on [R.L.Goulding@bradford.ac.uk](mailto:R.L.Goulding@bradford.ac.uk) or tel: 07786231318

James and Lorna Ward would like to thank everyone who sent cards and presents on the occasion of their Ruby Wedding



**ST OSWALD'S CHURCH,  
ASKRIGG  
FOR SALE**

**FOUR VERY ATTRACTIVE SMALL PEWS**

These pews are to be removed from the choir area during the current development work  
They are solid oak, in good condition and each pew has two ends with carved finials

Dimensions are:

Overall height to top of finial 5ft 0in  
Overall length 7ft 9 in  
Overall depth 1ft 9in  
Seat height 1ft 6in

Offers in the Region of £80- £100 per pew  
Please contact Revd Ann Chapman  
(Telephone: 01969 650302)

**HAPPY 30TH  
BIRTHDAY**

**Daddy  
3rd July**

**Love from  
Daniel and Scott**



**Miss Marie Hartley died 10-05-06**

May we take this opportunity to say a big thank you to the Drs, staff and district nurses of the Aysgarth surgery. To the Vicar Ann Chapman for her constant support, To Simon Barningham the undertaker and to the Bearers and last but not least to all her Friends and neighbours who visited so regularly and gave her so much pleasure (and to all who attended Church)

Thank you again  
Love from Freda and Hilda

**Oleanna, by David Mamet**

Dinner Theatre event on **July 1<sup>st</sup>**  
The People's Hall Sedbergh 6.30pm  
Tickets £9

Book at the Tourist Office: 015396 20125

## WHAT'S ON LISTING

### July

- 1 Gala Concert with Martin Roscoe.  
7.30pm at Aysgarth Church, Tickets  
£15 Tel: 01969 663368 .
- 1 Dinner Theatre Event, Sedbergh; see  
page 36.
- 1,2 Craft exhibition, coffee and cream teas;  
Thornton Rust Institute, 10.00am-  
5.00 pm; see page 24.
- 2 Cricket match, Hawes Cricket Ground,  
2.30 pm.
- 2 Gayle Methodist Church, 2.00pm
- 2 Carperby Open Gardens; see page 29.
- 4 Birthday Special, Wensleydale Railway;  
see page 24.
- 5 Guided walk; historic footsteps. Meet  
Bainbridge green 1.00 pm. 10k
- 8 Flower festival; Mount Zion, Chapel,  
Garsdale Head
- 9 Cricket match, Hawes Cricket Ground,  
1.00 pm.
- 9 Strawberry Teas, Redmire; see page 23.
- 11 YDNPA Planning committee, 10.30 am  
Sedbergh
- 11-13 Great Yorkshire Show
- 12 Guided walk; around Semerwater. Meet  
lakeside car park 1.00 pm. 8k.
- 14 Two Railways Special, Wensleydale  
Railway; see page 24.
- 14 Askrigg School Summer Fair; see page  
39.
- 14-15 Settle to Carlisle musical; see page  
18.
- 14-15 Exhibition of old photographs,  
Askrigg School; see page 39.
- 15 Hardraw Bash; see page
- 15 Barbecue & Treasure Hunt, Thoraby;  
see page 9.
- 15 Wensleydale Chorus in Hawes
- 16 Cricket match, Hawes Cricket Ground,  
2.30 pm.
- 16 10.30 am United Service St.Margaret's  
Hawes with the bishop
- 19 HAOS Social & family evening,  
7.30pm, Hawes; see page 5.
- 19 Guided walk; Skell Gill, Cams Houses.  
Meet Bainbridge Green 11.00 am 9k
- 20 Hawes W.I. 7.00 pm
- 21 Museum Friends Gift Day; see page 28.
- 22 Benefice Garage Sale, Carperby,  
10.00am; see page 19.
- 22 Party on the Pitch; see page 18.
- 22-23 Kite Festival, Richmond; see page
- 23 Songs of Praise at Aysgarth Methodist  
Church, Dales Gospel Choir, 6.30pm
- 23 6.30pm Songs of Praise, Reeth  
Brass Band, St. Bartholomew's  
Church, West Witton
- 23 Wildlife in Snaizeholme. Guided walk.  
2.00 pm. Booking essential: 666210
- 23 'Shaping the Dales' easy walk. Meet  
Aysgarth Falls N. Pk. Centre 2.00pm
- 24 Wildlife in Snaizeholme; *as above*
- 25 Wildlife in Snaizeholme; *as above*
- 25 Coffee morning and stalls; Hawes  
Methodist rooms. 10.00 am to noon
- 25 YDNPA Full committee; Ingleborough  
Community Centre, 10.30 am
- 26 Annual 'Dales Discovery' evenings start  
Hawes Methodist church 8.00 pm
- 27 Evening Special, Wensleydale Railway;  
see page 24.
- 27 Gayle Ladies, 7.30 pm Circle dancing
- 28-30 Preston under Scar Art Exhibition;
- 29 St Margaret's Hawes, Summer Fair  
from 10.30 am. Market hall. See  
page 40.
- 29 Concert; St. Andrew's. See page 22.
- 29 Coffee morning, The Warren Aysgarth,  
in aid of minibus for the blind in the  
Gambia. 10.00am to noon.
- 30 Car Boot Sale, Leyburn; see page 22.
- 30 Burtersett Show; see page 24.
- 30 Cricket match, Hawes Cricket Ground,  
2.30 pm.
- 30 Hawes Town Trail. Meet N. Pk. Centre  
2.15 pm. 3k
- 31-2 The Bible Today; see page 10.

### August

- 1 Yorkshire Day! See page 23.
- 2-5 Leyburn Annual Art Exhibition; see  
page 7.
- 6 Cream Teas, Redmire Village Hall, 2.00-  
5.00 pm.
- 12 Thornton Rust Country Show

### **Old photographs of Askrigg Schools and pupils**

Over the years The Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum have assembled a large selection of old photographs of Wensleydale Schools and pupils, some dating back more than a hundred years.

Many of the schools shown have now closed or been rebuilt, but luckily we have pictorial reminders of how things were in all the old schools, whether they were run privately or by churches or parishes.

By invitation of the School Governors and the Headteacher, the Friends will be showing old photographs and old school records at a special display on the evening of the Askrigg School Fair on **Friday July 14th** from 6.00pm. It will also be open to the public from 10.00 am until 4.00pm on **Saturday July 15th**. Entry is free.

### **Preston under Scar Exhibition**

Artists in Preston under Scar are preparing for their seventeenth Art Exhibition. This will run for three days from **July 28<sup>th</sup>—30<sup>th</sup>** in the Village Hall.

The exhibition will open from 10.00am to 9.00pm on Friday 28th and 10.00am to 6.00pm on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th. Admission is free and refreshments are available.

**A LETTER TOO MANY; for your entertainment**



*Summer Fair  
July 29th for St Margaret's, Hawes  
Market Hall from 10.30 am  
Coffee, lunches, teas and stalls.  
Evening concert by Muker Silver Band  
at 7.30 pm*

**Thornton Rust Country Show**

The 24<sup>th</sup> Country Show of Arts, Cookery, Flowers, Handicrafts, Photography, Produce and Wine will open at 2.30pm on Saturday, **August 12<sup>th</sup>** in Thornton Rust Institute. See the tallest sunflower, the biggest onion and the largest yield of spuds from a single potato, all grown during 2006. Teas will be served throughout the afternoon, there will be a plant stall and raffle; exhibits will be auctioned at the end of the show. Admission is £1 for adults, no charge for children.