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Editorial

“Please to remember the fifth of November...” Yes, what with Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday, this is a time for remembering. It could be argued that with so much information readily available at our fingertips via the web or in countless reference books, that there is less need to remember anything that can be ‘looked up’. Certainly older readers will have had much more to commit to memory at school: dates of historical events, or lists, tables and formulae, passages of scripture and poetry... and these stay with you better than what happened yesterday!

With the huge volume of historical information to hand, so many documentary programmes about past events, so much concentration on anniversaries, especially of national or international tragedies, is there ever a danger that too much looking back raises unpleasant memories better forgotten? Is there a case to be made for forgetting? Certainly it’s a good idea to read more than one account of historical events from different viewpoints if we really want to learn truths. Mind you, that’s also true of today’s events. Better still to read reports of people who were there, real-life witnesses.

There might be a danger now that with so much communication being brief and quick- and for that matter easily lost or deleted- and not kept in hard copy form that today’s events, and observations about them, might get lost. Yes, we store more pictures than ever, but those alone, and because they can be doctored, may not give the whole story.

The other aspect of memory and looking back is the great growth in studying our ancestry, made so much easier by computer records. We get fascinated by who we are, where we came from, who we are related

to, who else there was around at the time. What these records do not have are details of lifestyle, what it was like living then, the pastimes, the joys, the hardships, the squabbles, the local responses to national or international events. We’ve to look elsewhere for these, and thanks to those who wrote letters, kept diaries and logs, or account books, or copies of deeds and wills ,(or old newsletters!) we are enabled to get a fuller picture.

Where’s this leading? Two ways: the first, let’s look back remembering what is good for teaching us lessons for today, and forgetting what only hinders; and second, let’s keep records now, personal reflections, events witnessed, conversations held, characteristic sayings of relations and friends, so that future generations will have the truest possible picture of life today; it’s the details that are so revealing – and, children and young people, get your grandparents and great aunts and uncles to talk now about the past before it’s too late, or rather should we say, listen to them when they do which is quite often! So write things down, better still record them talking! You’ll never regret it! Even start keeping a diary yourself.

Reminder

Newsletters by post. If you haven’t yet done so, please send your £8 to the treasurer Peter Jackson, The Overlook, Gayle, Hawes, DL8 3RZ as soon as possible.



Eunice

I was hiding in the 'Letter too many' last month and (for once) hid so well, I was not spotted! How many of you can spot me this month?

Tea Dances at Leyburn

These have proved most popular over the last two or three years, and we now have a regular following. The local committee of Action Medical Research, which has been the organiser, has now sadly disbanded. Several members are so heavily engaged in other organisations and have felt that "something had to go". However, the good news is that a small team from St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth, has agreed to take it on, so things will continue as before, but with a change of management.

So, come and join us on **Tuesday, November 21st** in the **Oak Room of Thornborough Hall** from **2 'til 4 pm** as usual. Admission is still **only £5** for the music of the estimable **Mike-Rose Trio** and our **Afternoon Tea**, every bit as good as our dancers have come to expect. Do come along – and perhaps bring a friend.

Michael Mason.

Competition

“NO-vember” This month all the answers begin with NO.

1. Lace place
2. National Trust property in Yorkshire
3. Nil
4. Super Al Bireo would tell you about it
5. Groove in timber
6. Dimon of the N.C.T.
7. He only needed to count to two!
8. Henges village
9. Hooter
10. Can't!
11. Gumption
12. At this very time
13. 0
14. H₂O above zero!
15. Snore differently across the water
16. Explosive chap.

Competition answers

Jack Spratt could eat no fat
One, two, buckle my shoe
Little Jack Horner sat in a corner
To market, to market, to buy a fat pig
Little Polly Flinders sat among the cinders
Ride-a-cock horse to Banbury Cross
Jack and Jill went up the hill
Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake, baker's man
Pussy cat, Pussy cat, where have you been?
Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard
There was an old woman who lived in a shoe
Wee Willie Winkie runs through the town
Hey diddle diddle, the cat and the fiddle
The Queen of Hearts she baked some tarts
I love (little) pussy, her coat is so warm
Little Tommy Tucker sang for his supper
Tom, he was a piper's son
Little Boy Blue, come blow up your horn
Lavender's blue, diddle, diddle, Lavender's
Green
Boys and girls come out to play

Our readers certainly know their nursery rhymes! We've had the biggest response ever to last month's competition.

However, this was counter-balanced by our nasty little Eunice who hid so well that no-one found her!

The name of the winner, (selected from a bowl made by the Askrigg Pottery!) is **Margaret Haygarth, Hawes.**

Hawes Market House

The Trustees were delighted to receive a letter from the National Lottery 'Awards For All' to confirm a £10,000 funding, to be spent on specific areas of improvement over the coming 12 months. Improvements are to be made to the kitchen, a new outdoor play area is to be created for the Playgroup, improved security is to be installed internally and externally, and some finishing touches are to be made to our new office area.

None of these could have been achieved in the short term without this extra funding. The Trustees hope that all users will see benefits from the work to be done.

Introducing our new Bursary Student, Belinda Bond. She continues the impressive work of Alix Peacock, Ruth Middleton, Cecily Pearson and Megan Price. Read on.

Is small really beautiful?

The answer to that question is Yes! When it comes to the exchange project at the Wensleydale school, small really is beautiful.

Small is Beautiful (SIB) is the name of a ground-breaking new project which creates links between small schools all over Europe. There are six schools within the project including schools in Norway, Hungary and Finland. Every month each of the partners contributes to a newsletter that is distributed to each school, containing reports about school life, recipes and phrases to use in the various countries; should you ever get the opportunity to visit them.

The main aim of the project is to create awareness of the benefits of attending a small school and the important part small schools play in communities all over Europe. Another aim is to set up exchange links between the schools; which I was lucky enough to partake in last October.

My exchange was to Finland and I stayed in the house of a Finnish girl and attended her school. I experienced all aspects of Finnish culture and even had the chance to sample reindeer meat - a local delicacy that was surprisingly tasty. The exchange gave me a chance to develop my communication skills and has made me grow in confidence in myself.

When it was time for the return leg of the exchange I was apprehensive about having someone staying in my house but I was pleasantly surprised, as the week went without many hitches and a fun time was had by all. Students from Hungary, Slovakia, Norway and Finland all came over in the same week, so there was a great

sense of community spirit within the school to try and make our international visitors feel welcome.

The programme is ongoing within the school and some students have recently come back from successful exchanges to Hungary and Slovakia with stories to tell and experiences to share.

The Small is Beautiful project shows us all that just because a school is small it doesn't necessarily mean it isn't a great place to be.

Belinda Bond, Bursary Student

Adult Learning in Wensleydale

For those of you following the changes that are happening in Wensleydale you will not be surprised to learn that the financial coffers for post 19 Education are being squeezed and squeezed even further to fund initiatives in the 14-19 and Higher Education agendas and that this statement applies to the whole of the country. It is with some sadness that I re-call the tale of how five years ago Mondays used to be so busy with Creative Stitchery and Art classes; Tuesdays, Upholstery and Ceramics; Wednesdays, Spanish and a computer class during the day and most evenings, not forgetting residential parties of 26 coming to sample learning and the night life of Askrigg. Even though these are turbulent times the Wensleydale Centre seems to have a spirit of its own carrying it through year on year. Who would have thought in the last ten or so years when community representatives had the drive to put in place a facility that would provide better learning opportunities to the Upper Dales that it would come so close to closure yet still resist it?

There are, of course, many different reasons why things are changing, and they are not done changing yet, but I wanted to share with you the latest developments at Askrigg so that you can help keep the messages positive and encourage everyone who lives, works or visits the area to see The Centre as a key part of their learning needs. During the past few months Brin and his team have done an amazing job refurbishing what were the Dormitories (or should I say Science labs?) to transform them into the new Gym and Fitness Suite for the Yorebridge Sports Development Association to deliver a Community Gym Scheme along with a range of fitness related classes. The future strongly lies in 'partnership working', the sharing of resources and to this end we are moving our

activities out of the Caretakers House and are busy making preparations for what we hope will be a collaboration *as a* new base for the Children's Centre for Wensleydale. While plans are still in their infancy this facility will help support and build on the excellent services already offered by Dalesplay, the areas Childminders and other young peoples activity providers to ensure even better access to services are offered to dales families.

These are very exciting times and I hope you will be part of them by continuing to support and use the available facilities and encouraging others to do the same. There will be a further opportunity to ask questions and find out more on **November 29th** at Aysgarth Village Institute, 7.00pm - 9.00pm or, as many of you do, when you see me around.

Colin Bailey.
Centre Manager

Heaven's Bells

For anyone who has any interest in ringing church bells there will be an open morning from **10.00 am to noon** at Aysgarth Church on **Saturday November 25th**

**The Wensleydale Decorative and
Fine Arts Society**

Dr Magaret Hoyle at The Doctors House,
Aysgarth DL8 SAB or telephone **663046**

KNOWN AS NADFAS !

Wensleydale NADFAS began a new season of lectures on October 10th at the Middleham Key Centre.

We have a varied and interesting programme planned for the coming months, which we think will inform and interest our members. All our speakers are professional lecturers and are experts in their fields. We would like to invite anyone who would like to take part in our Society, to come and join us. You do not have to be an expert to be a member. Our desire is to inform and entertain and to provide a Society where you can meet new friends. Beside our lectures, we arrange visits to places of interest during the year. **We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 2pm in the winter months and at 8pm in the summer.**

Our opening lecture was given by Mr Anton Gadszewicz and entitled "Two London Porcelain Factories. Chelsea and Bow-A study in contrasts".

This is followed in November by; The Silent Partner-The History of the Picture Frame, by Dr Helen Clifford.

December; The Twelve Days of Christmas; by Mr Peter Medhurst.

January; Yorkshire Seaside Architecture.

February; The Turner Prize explained.

March; The World of Russian Music.

April; Dr Johnson and Hester Thrale, Blue Stocking and Wit.

May; Cosimo de Medici and his Artists

June; A View of the Past. The (Mis)use of Art as Historical Evidence.

Our fee for the nine lectures is £32. If you would like to come as a guest you may do so for £5 per lecture.

For further information contact

Say no to!

Many people are irritated by companies which only give their expensive 0845 or 0870 telephone numbers.

The following website is worth a look; you can quickly find the company and see its equivalent geographic phone number:

www.saynoto0870.com

Bainbridge and District Motor Club

It has been another successful season for the Club with 10 being the average number of cars attending. The AGM went ahead as planned on the 18th October. The Annual Dinner, Disco and Presentation of Awards is to be held at The Wensleydale Pantry, Hawes on **Friday 24th November at 7pm for 7.30pm**. Tickets are £15 each and can be obtained by phoning **650537 or 667009 or 650271 or 622331**. Free bus available from Redmire to Hawes with pick-ups en route.

The winners of last month's rally were Bob Foster & Rachel – Well Done. 2nd were David & Carol Scarr and 3rd were Angus & Joe.

Next Season's events start with a Motoring Quiz on 21st February 2007 at The Crown Askrigg.

Netta Davison

Advent Concert

The Swale Singers are performing Mendelssohn's Hymn of Praise and the Christmas music from Handel's Messiah in St Andrew's Church, Grinton on **Saturday December 2nd at 7.30 pm**. Admission £6.00; contact Elaine Dunn **01748 886699**

Live Music Event

Sounds Familiar play the Fountain Hotel, Hawes on **Saturday 18th November, 2006** Doors open 10.30pm Tickets are £4.00 and the proceeds go towards HAOS. Come along and support the band! Further details from Colin Bailey on **07711 211169**

those older people not now able to send many cards. The offer is also open to any local business wishing to send greetings to customers.

Please get your requests in as soon as possible. The deadline date is on page 2 as usual.

Stalling Busk news

The “Bread for Life” tea party to raise money for a flock of sheep for a family in Somalia raised £800 which was about double what was expected!

There will be a coffee morning , raffle and bring and buy sale for St Matthew’s church funds on **Saturday October 28th from 10.30 am to noon.**

Aysgarth Garage site

Plans have been submitted by **Rejuvenate Wensleydale Ltd** for the change of use of these premises to form a diverse training centre to attract as many training facilities as possible. The progress of the scheme depends on securing commercial sustainability and some funding. We will keep you informed.

For further details contact **667065** or email: ianmellish@uk2.net

Wensleydale Flower Club

There will be a Christmas Open Demonstration at Harmby Village Hall on **Saturday November 4th** with Lesley Smith, National Demonstrator, entitled “ Here Comes Christmas”.

It starts at 2.00 pm and tickets are £10 including delicious seasonal tea.

Val Gladman 663742

Free greetings

Once again the Newsletter is offering a free Christmas and the New Year greeting to any reader. This is particularly useful for

ASKRIGG SCHOOL NEWS

Big Draw Day 2006

On Monday 16th October, Askrigg School had a Big Draw Day. Everyone could do some art but it had to be mathematical. Class 1 made some shape pictures and did lots of patterns and pictures with numbers in them. Class 2 drew the school building and then reflected it. They could use collage as well. Class 3 did lots of patterns based on rotational symmetry. Everyone could choose what they did as long as it was mathematical. Some people did 3d shapes and clay work. Some people even made a big totem pole! Parents were invited to come and draw with their children.

Everyone had a wonderful time and our artwork is going to be displayed at Askrigg school's Crystal Maze Maths Day on Saturday 11th November, 11am-3pm.

Amy Kerr Y5

Wensleydale Railway

November Timetable

Throughout November, scheduled trains run on Saturdays and Sundays only, departing Leeming Bar at 10.35, 12.35 and 14.35 and departing Redmire 11.35, 13.35 and 15.35 (24 hour clock).

Christmas lights and late-night shopping

A busy Christmas programme has been planned on the Wensleydale Railway, starting with an evening special to Bedale on **Friday November 24** for this annual event. Tickets are £5 return from Redmire and Leyburn (child £2.50), £3 from Finghall (child £1.50) and include mulled wine on the journey to Bedale. The train departs Redmire at 5.35pm, Leyburn at 5.48pm and Finghall 6.02pm; the return train departs Bedale at 8.15pm. To book tickets, call in to Leyburn Tourist Information Centre **623069**. For credit card bookings *only*, phone **08454 50 54 74**.

Santa Specials

Mulled wine and mince pies for grown-ups, gift-wrapped presents for the children, on Wensleydale Railway's Santa Specials on Dec 2/3, 9/10, 16/17 (not 18), 19-24. Details on www.wensleydalerrailway.com or phone **08454 50 54 74** (booking essential).



Santa tickets are also valid as Day Rover tickets for a separate journey on the Wensleydale Railway (conditions apply) and can therefore be used for **free travel** from Redmire, Leyburn or Finghall to join Santa's train at either Leeming Bar or Bedale. Don't delay – book today!

Ruth Annison

Dales Countryside Museum in November

Until 16th November

John Potter is exhibiting his excellent photography entitled, "Light, Land and Sea, images of Northern Britain". He will also be teaching 2 workshops on October 22nd and 29th. Contact John on **01904 797222** to book a place.

Details on the website:

www.jpotter-landscape-photographer.com

7th November

Spinning a Yarn. Spinning and rug making demonstration. Examples of weaving, felting, and dyeing explained. 2 to 4.00pm.

19th November

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. 10.00am to 4.00pm.

5th December

Spinning a Yarn. Spinning and rug making demonstration. Examples of weaving, felting, and dyeing explained. 2 to 4.00pm.

Mencap Christmas cards are for sale again in the museum shop.

Open every day 10.00am – 5.00pm.

Telephone number: **666210**.

email: hawes@ybtic.co.uk.

Website: www.yorkshiredales.org.uk.

Watch out for our exciting Christmas programme of events – details available shortly.

Casino Night

Roulette, Blackjack/Pontoon, Poker
Tournament at the Fountain Hotel, Hawes.
4 November at 7.30pm, Tickets £10
In Aid of Hawes Firework Display
For tickets contact
Griff 667047, Richard & Julie 667499 Harry
667009, Julia 07999 222302

Water, water everywhere

Exciting things are happening at Bainside Arts Barn in Bainbridge. No we have not been flooded, but we are holding a children's art exhibition on the theme of WATER. This is going to take place from **Friday 24th – Sunday 26th November** from 10:00am to 4:00 pm. All eight Wensleydale primary schools have been invited to take part. Children from 3 – 11 years of age have been asked to produce a picture, in any medium, no bigger than A4 on the theme of 'water'. The exhibition will be open to the public, there will be no entry charge but refreshments will be on sale. There will also be some prizes. We are very excited about the opportunities we are hoping to offer young people in the coming year. These include a Mosaic project in March, for some older primary children, a summer drama week, art days in the school holidays and possibly an after school art club.

I would love to hear from children or parents about the sort of activities they would like to see taking place at the Barn. We are also hoping to have more involvement with the students at the Wensleydale School in art, music, drama or creative writing projects.

Bainside Arts Barn is available for hire from any organisation or group. We have a lovely, peaceful studio in our renovated barn, which is ideal for meetings.

We offer art, music, drama and craft courses as well as many others from February to November. Our new brochure will be out in January, and information can be

found on our website:

www.bainside-arts.org.uk

Like folk music? Then here is a date for your diary. **Friday November 17th at 7.30pm** the 'Dalesfolk' will be playing at the Quaker Meeting House. Tickets cost £3.00 and are available from Jenny or Nigel at the Barn, **650070**

If you want to have a look around the Barn, then please call in over the exhibition weekend, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake, and enjoy the creativity of the Dale's children. For more information contact: **Tel 650070**

Jenny Jackson

Update on Classes (Craven College at Askrigg)

Card Making Workshop: New date, a Saturday in November (to be confirmed) 10.00am-4.00pm, £30.00

Dancing, Salsa: If you are interested in attending this very lively class please register your interest with us. It is likely there will be a taster session first.

Dancing, Tap: If you are interested in attending a taster session please register your interest with us.

Dancing, Belly: (Mondays 4.00-6.00pm is the likely time) Let us know if you are interested in this alternative form of movement and exercise. Get in shape for the Christmas party season!

We are also interested to know if there would be any interest in a general dance class, any age groups considered, it is envisaged that this would explore dance movement and the stages of preparing a dance piece.

Ebay - A guide to online selling: Saturday 11th November 10.00-12.30 £12.00

Flowers for Christmas: New start date, Wednesday 8th November 6.30-8.30, 5wks £38.00

Food Hygiene: Foundation Certificate In Food Hygiene (Basic One Day) Tuesday 14th November 9.00-5.00pm £40.00 - places still available.

Play Work: New date (Mondays TBC). An introduction to Play Work, this is our final attempt to build enough interest to deliver this course at the current time so if you are interested, this is the final opportunity this year. £38.00 5wks

Rag Rugging Workshop: New date, Saturday 2nd December 10.00-4.00 £30.00

Web Page Design: We have a few places still to fill so we can run this course, please register your interest, Wednesdays 5wks £38.00. Call for further details **650060/07711 211169**.

Last month it was sent from Matlock Bath in the Peak District. *No space for a post-card this month.*

Postcard from...

'Increasing Opportunities'

This is a new project run by the Upper Wensleydale CIP taking funding advice surgeries out into the community. On **Wednesday 29th November** at Aysgarth Institute, 7.00 pm to 9.00pm we are launching this pilot to coincide with our annual community event. There will be presentations by local groups, followed by hot light supper and more information about the Increasing Opportunities project. If you have a community project and are struggling to finance it, why not come along and see if we can help? No matter how big or small.

Booking is essential (not least because if you don't book the caterer will not have enough hot supper for everyone!). This is a free event and a good opportunity to see what has been going on in the area this year and hear about real actions in our community. There will be presentations by successful Wensleydale Community Project Groups and organisations serving the Wensleydale community

- * The role of community buildings *
- * Involving the community *
- * The Evolution of Fitness *
- * Triumphs in Childcare *
- * Rural Learning *

Don't delay—book today!

For further details of this and to reserve a place, **tel: 650980**

E mail: info@re-vive.org.uk

RB

Your age by eating out!

**Don't tell me your age; you probably would
tell a falsehood anyway - but your waiter
may know!**

DON'T CHEAT BY READING THE
LAST LINE FIRST!

It takes less than a minute.

Work this out as you read ...

This is not one of those waste of time things, it's fun.

1. First of all, pick the number of times a week that you would like to go out to eat. (more than once but less than 10)

2. Multiply this number by 2 (just to be bold)

3. Add 5

4. Multiply it by 50

5. If you have already had your birthday this year add 1756

If you haven't, add 1755.

6. Now subtract the four digit year that you were born.

You should have a three digit number.

The first digit of this was your original number

(i.e., how many times you want to go out to restaurants in a week.)

The next two numbers are **YOUR AGE!**
(Oh YES, it is!)

(With thanks to Tony Philpott, ex Gayle)

North Yorkshire Police

Things have quietened down over the last couple of months which is very good news so this is a short newsletter, however we still are having unwelcome visitors so we still need to be vigilant.

Repeating my last newsletter - I am concerned about the amount of vans which are being broken into, although we have had no repeats, I really cannot emphasise enough the need to ensure that your vehicles are secure and that you remove any valuables if at all possible. It is a well known fact that the villains like to start their Christmas shopping early; do not let yourself be the donation to their cause.

Market days are becoming a trend for criminals as recently we had a mobile phone stolen from a member of the public. It is very easy for the thief to operate in the busy street and you can be a victim in a very short space of time. Please ensure that your valuables are secreted properly and do not give them the chance. So far we have had two thefts and the afore mentioned phone being stolen.

One of the local caravan sites has had 5 caravans broken into sometime during September (not exactly sure when). These can be an easy target as they are not difficult to break into. I would ask all campsite owners to ensure that you obtain details of all visitors to your site, it could well be the case that some of your punters could be the criminals we are looking for.

The winter months are upon us again and no doubt we will have the usual bad weather to contend with. It is well worth checking your car over and ensuring that all the lights work and that the tyres are up to scratch. Likewise do not ignore the old push bike – parents please ensure that your children have a well maintained machine

and that if they go out in the dark they have lights fitted as well.

Lastly as we all know mischief night will arrive at the beginning of November. I must admit the terrible damage that we had a few years ago has not been repeated recently and I am sure everyone is grateful for that. What I would ask is that the parents be aware of where their kids are and that the kids behave themselves. We will be out patrolling the area and if you don't want squashed eggs in your pocket as one unfortunate soul did last year, then keep out of trouble.

Anyway that's all for now, if you need any help or information please contact me or any member of staff at the community office and we will help you all we can.

Dave Cousins

**PC141 Community Beat Officer for
Wensleydale
How it's all done**

It was suggested at the last Newsletter Committee that some readers might just possibly like to see how each issue is produced, namely the blood, toil, tears and sweat of the office team.

So we are inviting anyone to come and see. The copies are printed on the last Wednesday of the month taking about six hours from 9.00am to 3.00 pm and collated, folded, stapled and packed on the Thursday until about noon by our intrepid team. All this takes place at the Yorebridge Centre in Askrigg.

contact info for anyone not on a junior team who is interested in getting involved.

Casino and Games Night

This will be held at Thoraby Village Hall on **Saturday, November 11th from 7.30 pm**. This is a TICKET ONLY event, adults £5 and children £2.50, including a pie and pea supper.

Tickets from: **B. McGregor 663565 or 07866 010638 or N.Piper 663747**

Trips to come—

to go on!: **Sunday November 19th** to the Metro Centre. Coach will leave Hawes Market Hall at 9.00 am picking up en route to Leyburn. Seat £10. Please book at Streetwise **667192**

Sunday December 10th to the Trafford Centre, Manchester; booking as above, all are welcome!

**New name and Web site for
Wensleydale Junior Football
League**

For news, results, fixture lists and league tables for the "Wensleydale Gilsan Sports Junior Football League" visit the new web site:

<http://www.communigate.co.uk/ne/wensleydalejuniorfootballleague/index.phtml>

Check out the league tables - Hawes are currently top of the U12 league. Check the fixture list and go along to give your local team your support. The web site has club

Dale End ends

Yes, the Dale End Club which has been meeting the needs of older people at the top end of the dale, has closed down its activities.

As time went by the club changed its venue, first to the National School (Church Hall) and then for several years until closure in the Methodist rooms for easier access.
A.S.W.

“25th October, 1972

A temporary committee which had been elected at a public meeting on 17th October 1972 met to discuss plans for the formation of a club in Hawes for people over sixty. Mrs Mason was in the chair and the following members were present: Mr C Calvert, Mr T Jackson, Mrs Lockyer, Mrs Newton, Mrs Thwaite, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Kinchin (Secretary).

The room to be used at the Council Offices (that's where Littlefairs is now) was inspected and an informal discussion took place concerning the furniture and the drought-proofing of the room. Members offered gifts of chairs, tables, carpets crockery etc. and a piano.

It was decided to order 2cwt of coal and to hold a coffee morning... in order to raise funds to start the club. Mrs Newton suggested that the name 'Dale End Club' would be a suitable one. It was decided to consider this at the next meeting.”

So reads the very first entry in an interesting first minute book which continued to recount the goings-on until 1988. *(It has been passed to the Dales Countryside Museum)*

At its height there were about 65 members and meetings consisted of talks, entertainment and games. Each year four trips were organised.

The club soon attracted well-remembered members— Mr and Mrs (Mollie) Baker and Ruth Powell from Sedbusk, Rev James Alderson, Mr and Mrs Outhwaite and Norrie Walker and many others. Committee meetings and the AGMs were often lively affairs with (according to the minutes) protracted discussion about subs.(5p per session to start with!)- or where to hold the Christmas meal!

HAWES SCHOOL NEWS

OFSTED say-

Hawes School is OUTSTANDING

Our School has been graded as an outstanding school nationally, the highest grading possible. The school was chosen as part of a trial of short inspections for 20% of higher achieving schools in the country. The Inspector found the pupils' personal development & well being to be outstanding. The care, guidance & support given by all staff to the pupils was also outstanding. Leadership & Management of the school was also found to be outstanding with the Headteacher providing excellent leadership. Pupils make above average progress throughout the school with standards at the end of KS2 being above both national and LEA averages excepting the number of pupils who achieved above average in writing and this is the only area identified by the school to develop further. The school is able to track pupils' progress with an excellent tracking system, which is used to monitor pupils' progress effectively.

The Inspector recognised that parents, governors, staff and the community all work together to give our children the education they deserve. She found the pupils have an exceptionally good understanding & experience of a healthy lifestyle supported by high quality & much enjoyed lunches prepared by the staff at the school. The food they eat is particularly nutritious. The **pupils say** they are extremely well cared for in school and **most importantly they say that everyone is happy here at school.**

The school provides excellent value for money.

Mrs Woodyer would like to thank **EVERYONE** who has supported the

school over the years (governors, parents, & community) who have helped make Hawes School one of the very best in the country. Particular thanks **must** go to the teachers & staff, who are determined to provide our children with the best possible education, and who always give **much more** than 100% to achieve this and of course the children for all their hard work and commitment to their school.

Mr Derek Nevill

We were deeply saddened to hear of the death of Mr Nevill, who was a greatly respected former headteacher of the school. Our thoughts and condolences go to Sara and her family. We would also like to thank them for dedicating half of the donations they received to the Diabetes Society and Hawes School.

News from the Community Office

Skill Sharing: We are looking for people who are willing to share their skills - we all have them! - for a modest payment. We are preparing an ongoing schedule of skill sharing sessions to be held at the community Office/ Library. The sessions will be friendly and casual, and those who attend will also have the chance to share what they know - whether it is knitting, computer skills, internet-based skills, photography, or any number of topics. We'd also like to know what subjects you would like us to do and we'll do our best to arrange something. Please contact Maureen, Abbie or Pat

Reading Group. There will be a reading group starting in January 2007 at the Community Office/Library. For anyone interested, please contact Pat West.

LapTop Loan Scheme: The Community Office will soon have NEW laptops available for loan. Put your name down NOW if you would like to borrow one - first come - first served.

For information contact: **The Upper Wensleydale Community Partnership Ltd., tel: 667400**
e-mail : uwcp@btconnect.com

December/January 07 Newsletter!

The next issue spans two months; don't forget to send in January events also!

Get your bids in

Please note that the deadline for groups wishing to bid for providing the refreshments at the monthly Hopper's sale in the Hawes Market Hall is **Friday, November 3rd.**

Forms are available from the Market Hall office or by ringing **667040**

Wensleydale whites

L.U.F.C. fans past, present and future... we have formed a branch of the Leeds United Members Club. Anyone who is interested in joining should come and join us for a couple of hours at the White Rose in Askrigg on **Wednesday November 15th at 7.30 pm.**

See what it's all about.

Laura Mason



Mystery picture. Last month's was taken in Oughtershaw, and the first person to tell us was Melissa Alderson of Hawes.

Household tip

(The first of an occasional 'ideas' series)

Ten uses for denture cleaning tablets!

To clean slimy flower vases.

Freshen dishcloths and face flannels.

Sparkle costume jewellery- not pearls or precious stones.

Destain tea or coffee pots if left overnight to soak- rinse well.

Clean and freshen the inside of vacuum flask.

Whiten net curtains-soak in handwarm water.

Destain enamel pots and casseroles, plastic and china cups - add 2 tablets to very hot water and leave to stand for 5-10 mins.

Dissolve grease on combs and hairbrushes- add half a tablet to the wash.

Clean residue inside wine carafes.

Clean false teeth.

Success!

Very many thanks to all those who contributed so generously to the Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support on 29th September in Worton - part of the 'Biggest Coffee Morning in the World'.

We raised the record sum (for us !!) of **£347.40.**

Margaret Meek

1st Hawes Brownies

Brownies have been working on the environment badge this term. You may have seen us visiting the recycling centres and testing out the can-crusher at the Youth Hostel. We've made weaving looms from shoe boxes, painted stones and tried to use less energy and water at home.

We are looking forward to a talk by Hugh Kemp about the red squirrel to complete the badge and five girls will be making their Brownie Promise.

Linda Reynolds

Secrets and Lies and DIY

The Misfits Theatre Company will present the comedy Secrets and Lies and DIY for one night only at West Burton Village Hall on **Sunday 26 November** at 7.30pm. The performance is suitable for anyone 14 years old or more. Tickets cost £7 and will include supper. Contact **Rachel on 663753** or **Christine on 663792** to book your tickets.

Derek Nevill

Newsletter readers will have heard of the death of Derek who had very bravely put up with diabetes for his whole life.

Much has been recorded of his early days, his evacuation, his long years in teaching, ending up as head of Hawes School for over 20 years, and his close involvement with the town, its Gala and the Market Hall.

Here we want to record our thanks for Derek's long involvement with this Newsletter; he helped to print and staple with great enthusiasm and fun until quite recently, and enjoyed giving his opinion on the articles! We miss him and send our condolences to the family.
A.S.W.

WEST BURTON SCHOOL

TUDOR DAY

On 9th October we went to Bolton Castle to experience life in Tudor times. We met Master David and Mistress Fiona who had traveled a long way. We had a tour of the castle then split into two groups, one group looked at artifacts with Master David and the other group made "rich peoples" air fresheners out of oranges and cloves. Lunch was chunky vegetable soup with brown bread buns, cheese and biscuits and green apples. After lunch we explored the maze in the garden then back to do some activities including pike drilling, candle making and Tudor style writing. We all had a great time at Bolton Castle.

Elloise Black

WEAR IT PINK DAY

On Friday 6th October we had a fun day to raise money for breast cancer. Everyone in school, including staff, wore something pink! People wore pink hats, pink socks and even pink hair! We had a competition for the pinkest girl and the pinkest boy. The winners were William McGregor and Katie Taplin. There was a raffle and the winner was Pippa Taylor who won "Rosie" the pink rabbit. We had a really fun day and raised over £200 for breast cancer.

Kate Poulter

Iveson

Currently, there is a great interest in the tracing and recording of family histories. Here in the Yorkshire Dales many family roots are still growing where they originally started, decades, or even centuries ago. One such familiar name is that of 'Iveson' and here in Hawes the church register records the marriage of John Iveson to Kathleen Longstaff in 1716. Ivesons in the Hawes parish have descended from this union, and it is interesting to note the other familiar names dotted about the family tree. Names such as Dinsdale, Metcalfe, Pratt and Calvert.

One Richard Iveson of Brough near Hull looked into church records in Coverdale, Giggleswick and Settle and found that the earliest Iveson references are of John Iveson born 1490 and Roger Iveson born 1492. Both fought in the famous 'Flodden Field' in 1513. This was because, as tenants of Lord Clifford, a local landowner, they were conscripted to fight for the King. But back to Hawes and Gayle. From 1717 to 1812 fifty seven Ivesons were baptised and from 1840 to 1900 sixty were baptised. On one Sunday in 1901, out of ten baptisms at Gayle chapel, nine were Ivesons!

The list of occupations reads like a social history. Linen weavers, woolcombers, knitters, quarrymen, wallers, drainers, road-men, butchers, stock-dealers, small holders, farmers, blacksmiths, carriers, shepherds, and miners, and as all families in the 18th Century did, they knew hardship, illness and infant death. From 1817 to 1865, twenty eight Iveson children Died, one family losing six out of seven children. Something hard for us to imagine now.

There were very few Christian names in circulation and there was a tradition of handing names down. This could lead to confusion. Therefore nicknames were often used, or a prefix of the mother's name. So

you had 'Jappa', 'Crackon' and 'Nelse'. This was often very necessary. The 1891 census records ten John Ivesons just at Gayle! The auction mart in Hawes was started in 1887 by TT Iveson and J Pratt. There was an H Iveson, Inkeeper of the Green Dragon at Hardraw.

John Iveson was the last schoolmaster at The National School in Hawes, which closed in 1879. He died in 1904 aged 70. It isn't clear how the actual name 'IVESON' originated. It would seem that it means either 'the son of Ives (or Ive)' or 'Ivy's son'. We just don't know but there are 'Ives' in the Darlington and Richmond area phone book.

As in all family histories there were rivalries and disputes, and sometimes these can lead to very long-standing resentments, the reasons for which have probably been lost in the mists of time! However, the fact remains that the Ivesons have very deep roots in this area, they are one of the longest established families here in Wensleydale and that their family history is also the history of the Dales. (Thanks to Margaret Iveson and to research by James Alderson of Gayle.)

S.H.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP

Eldon Square Newcastle
Thursday 9th November
Leaving Thoraby 8.30am
To book contact
Audrey Bailey **663319**
or Katy Blyth **663411**

including Laura Cloughton (who alone raised over £100 for Club) and Bret Calvert who both completed the walk, and to all the others who completed parts of the walk.

Over **£1,900** was raised for the Club by the event, which is almost the same as last year but since commitments elsewhere meant that there were about a dozen or so fewer entrants, the ones who did take part are to be specially congratulated for their efforts in raising extra sponsorship.

All sponsors and those who made donations (including the Football lads who could not turn up!!) are to be thanked and congratulated for their generosity. Thank you also to all who helped organize and provide transport and marshalling on the day.

Sheila Alderson

Hawes United football club

Once again there was a very good turn out for the Club's Eighth Annual Sponsored Walk, this time from Ingleton to Hawes, when over 50 competitors turned out on Sunday 13th August to raise funds for the Club.

After a 10.00a.m. start (the weather again being ideal) we headed up Chapel-le-Dale and then across to Ribbleshead Viaduct - a route which most of the competitors had never before walked, and which was enjoyed by all. Lunch was taken at Ribbleshead and the next section was the least pleasant - 1 1/4 miles on the B6255 road, followed by a steady but never ending climb up from Gearstones to Kidhowgate where unfortunately the mist came down preventing spectacular views into Snaizholrne and across to Widdale; but it was then all downhill along the Pennine Way and when competitors got back under the clouds there were lovely views down into Snaizholrne and straight ahead to Stags Fell and even across to Wild Boar Fell.

Everybody arrived safely back to Hawes (I will not mention the time scale - some wanted to race home; others wanted it to be a social jaunt) and once again grateful thanks are due to Diane at the White Hart for the welcome "on the house" drink which all successful competitors received.

A special mention should be made of Mr Philip Rocket who again raised the most sponsorship for the Club (part of which was very kindly donated by The Wensleydale Heifer which also deserves our thanks). Also, well done again to the youngsters -

Great hopes for “the hut”

This phone call began with “Is that the Wensleydale Newsletter? I’m Nigel Reeves and I own the *luncheon hut* on the main road”. I paused, trying to think of a mobile roadside café round here, but I soon realised we were talking about the famous building down the Ribbleshead road much featured in the last issue. A friend had seen the newsletter and told Nigel about it.

The hut was bought by Nigel’s father in 1962; Nigel, who has shooting rights over a wide area there, remembers its use as a lunch hut but over recent years has ‘been subject to increasing vandalism’. Nigel, who now lives in Cheshire, is going to speak to the Millennium Trust about the possibility of help for restoration and wouldn’t it be great if other organisations could “chip in”, maybe finding a local caretaker to keep an eye on it. This really does sound hopeful and I’m personally pleased that we highlighted the plight of what some refer to as a shepherd’s dwelling and others call a shooting hut, but all accept that it is a unique building in such an open landscape.

A.S.W.

Letter

(More letters on page 31)

A comment on the article which appeared in issue 119: A sad sight indeed– the neglected bothy in Widdale (*sic*). A few years ago it looked so bright and it stood out on the landscape. It has been featured on picture postcards with Ingleborough in the background.

The photograph (*a highly coloured one sent to the Newsletter and entitled ‘Widdale’- not clear enough to reproduce here*) is of a coaster, one of a set of six of

different dales, which were available and which I obtained from Yorkshire Tea (Taylor’s of Harrogate) with tokens, several years ago.

Was the bothy smartened up especially for the picture on the coaster? Sadly it appears not to have received any maintenance since. It would be splendid to see it restored.



Thank you for an increasingly interesting magazine.

Jean Charlton, Garsdale and Widnes



November Gardening

Grasping the Nettle

I was at the end of my tether. One of those dry, shady areas we all hate in the garden kept shouting at me for attention. Overhung by a dense canopy of sycamore branches, the soil was thin, dry and compacted and provided a challenge I had weakly chosen to avoid on several occasions.

A cold, bright morning in early November, the perfect time for splitting and rearranging plants for the following year provided me with no excuses. I selected Yellow Loosestrife, Bergenia, Euphorbia Griffithii and Lady's Mantle, as all of these 'bruisers' are able to cope with tougher conditions. Next I emptied the entire contents of a compost bin over the site and lightly dug it in. A seven year old mix of vegetable peelings and grass cuttings – delicious! I planted in groups of three to give a touch of symmetry to the proceedings. Too many single plants can look disjointed and fussy and tend to cancel each other out. Adding barrow loads of well-rotted manure to certain areas, I finished with a mixture of snowdrops and winter aconites to provide winter/spring colour.

On the whole the results were a success, although next time perhaps I will miss out the Lady's Mantle. Diligent deadheading is necessary with this opportunist! If the 'flower heads' are not cut off before they turn brown, it will seed into lawns and all over that favourite patio.

The snowdrops and aconites soon established themselves and now give a lovely contrast of yellows and whites at the start of the year, while later on in summer the heavyweights thrash it out. The Loosestrife gamely competes with the thick-stemmed, orange flowering

Euphorbia, whilst the more modest Bergenias fill out the front of the border. Tough love is necessary for all of these plants; simply restrict by splitting and thinning but beware of adding any of the unwanted bits to your compost heap as they will probably take root and rapidly colonise it. Now **that** takes some sorting out...
Ed Gardener

Theatre Trips

Two trips are booked to see matinee performances of the Royal Shakespeare Company in Newcastle in November. November 9th to see 'King John' and November 16th to see 'Romeo and Juliet'. Coach pick-up point will be in Leyburn. Contact: **663259**.

Shirley Wilson

Dalesplay News

Dalesplay have had their first Ofsted Inspection. **The Inspector graded Dalesplay as; 2.Good: this aspect of the provision is strong.** To view a copy of our report log onto www.ofsted.gov.uk. You will require our postcode which is DL8 3RQ.

On **Thursday 7th, 14th and 21st December 2006** we are to stay open until **9pm**. This is to help all parents/carers with their Christmas shopping. If your child is not registered with us please contact us on: 667789 and we will guide you through our registration process. **Hours will need to be pre-booked in order for the above to take place.**

Dalesplay is open during normal times for the week leading up to Christmas. From 6pm on Friday 22nd December we will close for Christmas and reopen on Wednesday 3rd January 2007 at 8am.

We had an Usbourne Book Fundraising Event in October and raised £300 worth of free books. A special thank you goes to Mark Burton for donating his winnings to Dalesplay!! (£24 worth of books from the Lucky Number Square). We also received 10% from Phoenix Trading. Thank you to Lynn and Joanne who organised this event. We raised £51.14 on the raffle. Thank you to all who supported this fundraising event

Teddy Bears Picnic

A teddy bears picnic will be held at Dalesplay **Friday 17th November** from 8.00am – 1.00pm.

There will be an opportunity for your child to interact with others through art & craft activities, games, and play. Also face painting and goodies to take away.

Bring your child and their teddy in fancy dress and have a fun day.

(A donation of 50p for taking part in the fancy dress to go towards Children In Need)

Askrigg Playgroup

The Playgroup will be having a cake stall at the Askrigg School Christmas Fair on **Wednesday, November 15th**. All proceeds raised (less £5 stall fee) will go to Playgroup funds. Any donations of baking will be very welcome. These can be left at Playgroup on Tuesday November 14th (9.00 to 11.30am or can be left with Tracey Lambert, Oatcroft Cottage, Carperby; Emma Arblaster, Dene Cote, Aysgarth; Kirsten Civil, Yoredale, Main Street, Askrigg; or Nicola Hunt, 3, Mill Lane, Askrigg. We hope that this event will raise a substantial amount for Playgroup funds, the more baking we have to sell the more we will raise! We are trying to attract new children to the Askrigg Playgroup. Any grandparents or carers who live in the "mid" Upper Wensleydale area who care for their young grandchildren/children midweek are very welcome to join the playgroup.

Emma Arblaster, Secretary

Askrigg Playgroup

Askrigg Playgroup has places available
Sessions run every Tuesday and Thursday
9.20– 11.15 am
Term time only
at East End, Yorebridge.

Playgroup is open to all children from 2 years to nursery entry.

We also run *short sessions* for children from 20 months to 2 years at the same venue, 10– 11.15 am (term time) and a parent/carer must remain with the child

Nicola Hunt 650943

Doctors' rotas as supplied by the surgery .

Aysgarth Surgery Rota Wb - week beginning										
Wb	6Nov		13Nov		20Nov		27Nov			
Day	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Mon	JA	J	FA	A	WF	F	WJ	W		
Tues	WF	W	WJ	WJ	JA	C	FA	A		
Wed	JA	J	F	F	WF	F	WJ	W		
Thur	WF	F	J	J	JA	J	FA	A		
Fri	J	J	A	A	F	F				
Sat	Emergency service only									

Doctors: A - Arblaster, F - France, J - Jones, W - West, C - Closed
Morning Surgery: 9.00 - 10.30 a.m. (no appointments)
Afternoon Surgery: 4.00 - 5.30 p.m. (appointment only)
 For appointments and all enquiries ring **663222**

Hawes Surgery Rota Wb - week beginning										
Wb	6Nov		13Nov		20Nov		27Nov			
Day	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Mon	WF	WF	WJ	WJ	JA	JA	FA	FA		
Tues	JA	JA	FA	A	WF	C	WJ	WJ		
Wed	W	W	A	A	A	A	F	F		
Thur	A	A	F	F	W	W	J	J		
Fri	WF	WF	J	J	JA	JA				
Sat	Emergency service only									

Doctors: A - Arblaster, F - France, J - Jones, W - West, C - Closed
Morning S'y: 8.45-10.15 Tues till 10.45 (no appointments)
Afternoon S'y: 5.00-6.00 Tues 1.00-4.00 (appointments only)
 For appointments and all enquiries ring **667200**

Surgery News

Flu jabs have now arrived at Hawes and Aysgarth surgeries. Please ring the surgery to book your appointment or to check if you are eligible for a jab.

Hidden treasure in the National Park

The National Park Authority has set up its own **geocache trail** to give people a chance to search the area.

Details about the trail can be found on www.geocaching.com by searching for Buckden Rake. The site is also full of information about geocaching.

Support for campaign

The National Park Authority has given its full support to a drive to protect Wensleydale cheese.

The Yorkshire Post newspaper's *Uniquely Yorkshire* campaign is backing a move by Wensleydale Dairy Products to obtain European Union Protected Designation of Origin status which will ban any producer outside the dale from calling its cheeses Real Yorkshire Wensleydale.

Funding for Red Squirrel Habitat

The YDMT hopes that you can make a donation towards the new woodland in

Cotterdale. Support may, quite literally, make the difference for the survival of our native red squirrels – and will also leave a wonderful woodland landscape in Cotterdale for future generations to enjoy. Please 015242 51002/4 or email: info@ydmtd.org for more details.



Heavens Above

High in the southern sky on a late November evening you'll find a bright, compact group of stars called The Pleiades or Seven Sisters. At first glance they appear to be merely a misty patch of light about two moon-widths across, but closer examination soon reveals 6 or 7 stars forming a shape a bit like a mini version of the Big Dipper. In a pair of binoculars they're a really astounding sight with dozens upon dozens of bluish-white stars filling the field-of-view. In fact there are over 500 stars in the cluster all told. For sheer spectacle nothing can beat The Pleiades and though there are lots of other fine "open" star-clusters on show at this time of year for binocular owners to explore you'll find you'll keep returning to them again and again.

In Greek mythology The Pleiades were the 7 daughters of Atlas and Pleione who were placed in the heavens by Zeus to enable them to escape the unwelcome attentions of Orion - the Mighty Hunter of ancient legend. A quick glance at the late autumn night sky soon reveals that Orion, in the shape of the famous constellation of the same name, still vainly chases after them to this very day. In fact you can use Orion's familiar blocky outline to help you locate The Pleiades if you're not quite certain where to find them. Just follow the distinct sloping line of the 3 bright stars forming the Hunter's Belt upwards past reddish Aldeberan (the leader of Taurus the Bull) and there they are.

Interestingly the BBC's Sky At Night programme is currently conducting a survey involving observations of The Pleiades. The aim is to try and check out just how many on average can be seen by the unaided eye - some keen-sighted types claim they can glimpse up to 14! If you'd

like to test your own eyesight and take part in this experiment you can obtain more information and an observation report form from:

www.skvatnightmagazine.com. Closing date is the 31st Jan 2007. Have clear skies!

Al Berio

Wild

The BBC 2 series "Wild" is including in its autumn schedule 'Wild Wensleydale' made earlier this year. At the minute it is planned for Sunday December 10th at 5.15pm but that might change. We'll let you know in the next issue.



Letters and email

The mystery picture last month: Oughtershaw School.

It brought back memories of my school days there.

Betty Moore, Low Shaw, Simonstone

Re the photograph on page 25 of October Newsletter

In the Askrigg School Log Book the entry for 14/5/1942 reads, "Closed the school at noon today for half day holiday to allow the children to do Maypole dances at the opening of Ladies' Day. (War Savings Week)"

Denny Minnitt

To the Editor:

How I enjoyed reading the article by Michael Weatherald; he says the "loo" ran into Annie Sander's garden. This was a large garden as Annie lived with her parents and sisters, Isabel and Maggie in Church House— this was the vicarage before the present one was built. Uncle Sander and Aunt Tib (short for Elizabeth) lived there. His name was Alexander Metcalfe and was called Sander; he was also a keen fisherman and was often called Sander Fisher. He had the dubious honour of being the first person to be buried in the "new" cemetery at the Fir Trees. I have my place reserved at "Nick Top".

My daughter tried to trace that family tree but after about fifty 'Elizabeth Metcalfes', gave up. I was christened and confirmed in Askrigg Church and for the christening was taken from my Grandma's house in Bainbridge in a wagonette owned by someone who went by the nickname of "Old Tommy Trick 'Em". I am older than Michael by two years.

Constance M.B. West, Milton Keynes

Dear Friends

We want to say a big thank you to all those in the Dales who have supported us and especially the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter.

By the time you read this we shall be well on our way to the Gambia to deliver those two minibuses to the only school for the blind in that country. We are also taking supplies for that school as well as the one for the deaf.

We were fund raising right up to departure and may be doing some more afterwards because we want to make sure that the minibuses can be well maintained during the next year.

**The Dales Team of the
Friends of Govi (UK)**

After coming back from the summer holidays we had a lot of events coming up such as the school clubs. We have a computer club at dinner time, at the moment in computer club we are doing a competition to see who can do the best Halloween poster! The school also have a card making club after school on Thursdays run by Netta our school librarian there are two groups of the people that would like to do it and they swap round every week it is for the juniors and infants, and I believe is very interesting. The school has another club that has been going for a long time now, is Paul price's football club. It is a very popular event that is on every Wednesday lots of people enjoy it, in the summer when its good weather it changes from football to cricket which is a good change really.

Another fantastic event that we've had is the harvest festival. I think that it went down very well, we broke in with a song called lord of the harvest which is probably well known by most people. Then we kicked off with some poems from the infants about the goods of harvest, then another song called pears and apples not as well known as lord of the harvest but I think everyone enjoyed it, then from the juniors we had the meanings of harvest and thinking of those starving in other countries, also some prayers from a few people and a little help from our local vicar Ann Chapman.

But the most exciting thing I think is that we are practising songs for the school's Christmas play. After half term everybody will find out which character they are going to play. Last week when we were practising the songs we had only heard the songs a few times and everyone was singing their hearts out! Which I think was amazing, absolutely fantastic!

Football victory!

On Saturday 7th October Bainbridge School football team went to the 5 a side football tournament on the MUGA (Multi use games area) in Askrigg. The teams who played in the tournament were us, (Bainbridge), Middleham, Askrigg, 2 teams from Swaledale, (Swaledale A and Swaledale B). We won the 1st game 2-1 CJ and Ryan scored. We beat Middleham 3-0. Ryan scored 2 goals and CJ scored 1. We lost against both Swaledale teams. We got to the final and we BEAT Swaledale B 1-0 it was a excellent winning goal by Ryan. Altogether CJ scored 2 goals and Ryan scored 4 . The man of the match was Tom Williams Year 3. We all had a great time.

CJ Mottershead year 6**St Bartholomew's Link with Uganda**

St Bartholomew's Church , West Witton, will enjoy a visit of Bob and Rosalind Arnold, their CMS link with Uganda. An evening gathering will be held on Monday 13 November at 7pm in West Witton Village Hall to meet up with our Parish CMS link partners Bob and Rosalind Arnold to hear of their work in Rural Development in Uganda. Refreshments to follow. Please do come along.

David Barraclough

Thornton Lodge

After nearly two years of back breaking work at Thornton Lodge Vanessa and Tim Kilvington think they have almost reached their goal. They have ripped out old partitions left over from its days as a nursing home and completely refurbished the old Edwardian House back to its original grandeur and splendour. Detailed plasterwork has been renewed with fire precautions and soundproofing brought up to date.

At the moment Vanessa has 3 letting en suite bedrooms with 6 more promised by Easter of next year. After viewing these rooms I can tell you they offer a taste of luxury and opulence second to none. One room in particular is especially suitable for disabled guests. Their hard work is now beginning to pay off with bookings from people on a photography course to the Rolls Royce Owners Club of the West Midlands. Enquiries have also been made from local people wishing to run a musical course /holiday in the Dales during the winter season. In 2009, the lodge will be 100 years old and has throughout its history seen many changes. Vanessa hopes to catalogue the history and changes at the lodge and is to produce a booklet chronicling its 100 years. She would be very pleased to hear from anyone who can offer any information and/or photographs of the house during its life.

Vanessa and Tim both feel they are also custodians of the house as well as owners and are here to help it on its way beyond the 21st Century. Anyone with any information or photographs can contact Vanessa on **663 375**.

S.E.D.

Syllabus out

The Wensleydale Tournament of Song Syllabus for the 2007 Tournament is now available. If you would like to receive a

copy they are available from outlets in Leyburn or you can download a copy from www.dalesmusic.co.uk

Thanks **Julie, Old Town Hall, Redmire**

Before I lose my marbles

(I've already lost one!)

ROCCO REA

When I was a lad the Italians had the ice cream business in the UK buttoned up; Wensleydale from Wensley to Bainbridge was allocated to **Rocco Rea**, and to Rocco the round was sacrosanct.

Living in Darlington Rocco travelled to the Dale every day in summer - but how did he travel? A belt-driven Triumph motor bike and sidecar, scarlet red, yellow letters and green-shaded "Rocco Rea's Cream ices".

He would arrive in Askrigg from Bainbridge about 5 pm (if there was not a show or sports meeting in the Dale) and parked near the Bull Ring - the only vehicle! Two honks on his black rubber balloon horn and all the children rushed out if they had a penny - if they hadn't they sobbed their eyes out till they got one!

Wedge in the side-car was a large oak barrel in which salted ice surrounded the metal ice cream canister.

Rocco did not dismount - just sat side saddle. He wore a battered trilby hat with woven hat band (what speed motor cycling in a trilby hat! ... would solve all the problems at Hawes on Sunday afternoon) He had black hair, milky coffee complexion, dark shaven bearded chin like coffee grounds!, white flannel blue striped shirt, no collar but a sparkling brass stud, sleeveless soiled leather jerkin, breeches, polished brown boots and shining brown leggings up to his knees.

He sold a limited selection - penny comets or two-penny sandwiches - six pennyworth if you took a bowl! - no choc ice or lollies. With his wooden spoon Rocco could fill 4 cornets at once.!!

In those days there were no village toilets

- he had nowhere to wash his hands, and he had to tickle the carburettor before the motor bike would start. BEST ICE CREAM I EVER HAD.

But Rocco was not always welcome - he came on Sunday afternoon. In the 1930s Sunday found all shops closed, no work was carried out other than essentials on the farm - milking, feeding etc. But the house wife had to work hard cooking an enormous Sunday lunch - for others it was Sunday suits and short walks. So the children of Askrigg were divided - those who could have ice cream on Sundays and those who could not.

But there was a way round it. Taking care to keep out of sight you went to play at the house of "those who could"!

I never heard Rocco speak and did not know him any better on his last day than his first - but then we realised that our endeared Rocco was not coming any more.

Celebrations! One day a smart Ford van arrived - same colour, this was Emma Rea (Rocco's daughter?) Emma was a pretty plump signorita; she had a sort of chauffeur to convey her and Rocco's old oak tub. Poor Emma— she spent all her time in the back of the small van sitting on a small stool with her back against the spare wheel and knees up to the old oak tub; same delicious ice cream but Emma had a white coat, same prices and same hygiene— or lack of it.

The back of the van sign written - yellow letters with green shading:

EMMA REA
trading as
ROCCO REA
12 CROSBY STREET
DARLINGTON

- no telephone number, no post code, no web site, no e-mail address - however did they manage to live and trade in those

days?

At the onset of World War 2 in 1939 all German and Italian nationals were interned, first to the Isle of Man and then to Canada. A liner conveying internees to Canada was torpedoed and sunk with large loss of internee life. The post-war years never brought Rocco or Emma back to the Dale, so we had to endure Walls and Eldorado in sterilized tubs!

Gone were the days! *Yellow pages* tell me that in Newcastle there is a large manufacturing complex:

"REA'S ICES"

Michael Wetherald

Come and get it!

Anyone needing rough stone for in-filling etc. is invited to collect some from the Hawes Methodist Cemetery where, to the right of the main gates, behind the wall there is a surplus pile.

For more details please contact the cemetery secretary,

Jean Airey 667722

MARKET PLACE, EVENTS AND GREETINGS

THE BAKERY
(Elijah Allen's, Hawes)
Just a few words to say thank you to everyone who has sent their best wishes. We will both be joining the bakery staff at Cockett's Alison and Diane.



LLOYD IVESON
would like to thank all family and friends for the many cards and gifts received on the occasion of his 18th birthday. Hope everybody who came to the party enjoyed themselves as much as I did!

Food & Craft Fayre
At Askrigg School
On Wednesday 15th November
From 7.00pm
To reserve a table @ £5.00 each
Tel: **Carolyn 650306**
Tivoli 663122

I would like to thank family and friends who helped to make my 80th birthday such a special occasion; for the many cards and especially for the donations for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance which amounted to £660
Jean Cockburn, Aysgarth

18.11.06
HAPPY 18TH BIRTHDAY
Annalea
L.U.L.
Mum, Dad and Leanne

November 24th
RAW
Congratulations on your 60th Birthday, Denis
With love and best wishes from Vera and families




Remember to come to
ASKRIGG POTTERY
ZIPPY
CHRISTMAS SALE
OF SECONDS
Saturday November 25th
from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm
Also why not visit our showroom for a special Christmas gift
Tel: 650548

Pie, Peas & Bingo
Yorbridge Centre, East End
23rd November 7.00pm
Proceeds for Children in Need
Organised by Askrigg Youth Club
Tickets £2
Available from Gareth Edwards **650185**

Mary & George Sumner
Would like to thank everyone for all the lovely cards, presents and flowers received on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.
A most enjoyable day was had by all. Also many thanks to Judith and her staff at the Crown for a beautiful lunch and evening buffet.

Do you need occasional help within your business?
Experienced in General Administration, Retail, Reception Work.
Reliable & Adaptable.
Please ring to discuss your needs.
Marnie 667050

JOB VACANCY
Administrative assistant required.
For details phone 650060 or visit:
www.yorebridge-sport.co.uk

Sumner
Geraldine would like to say thanks for all the cards and presents she received from everyone on her "Special Birthday"

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

October

- 28 Coffee and stalls; Stalling Busk from 10.30 am; see pg 9.
- 28 Quaker book exchange and coffee; Bainbridge, 10.00 am to 1.00pm
- 28 Exploring prayer day; Carperby village hall from 10.30 am
- 29 CLOCKS GO BACK
- 29 Penhill Benefice joint service; St Andrew's, Aysgarth 10.30 am
- 29 Table Top Sale; Hawes Market Hall
- 31 Halloween

November

- 1 All Saints Day
- 3 Deadline for Hopper's Sales catering; see page 20.
- 3 Wensleydale Society; Family fortunes in the 14th-17th centuries. West Burton village hall; 7.30 pm
- 4 Casino Night at Hawes for the Firework Fund; see page 12.
- 4 NSPCC coffee morning at Jean Cockburn's, Burnrigg, Aysgarth
- 5 Dales United church service; Leyburn R.C. church. 7.00 pm
- 7 Hawes drama group reads "Murder deferred"; Gayle Institute, 7.30 pm
- 9 Christmas Shopping; see pg 25.
- 9 Theatre Trip, see page 27.
- 10 Organ Recital, Hawes Methodist Church; see page 39.
- 11 Time for Remembrance; Hawes Methodist Church; 10.45 am
- 11 The Cube at the Fountain, Hawes 10.30pm 'till 1am in aid of the Mid Summer Bash 2007; see pg 12.
- 11 Casino & Games Night, Thoraby; see page 18.
- 11 Wensleydale Society walk. Meet at Bordley, 10.30 am
- 12 Remembrance Day service at St Bartholomew's Church, West Witton, at 10.45am
- 12 Remembrance Day service at St Oswald's Church, Askrigg with Bishop James of Knaresborough
- 13 St Bartholomew's parish CMS link in the West Witton Village Hall at 7pm.

- 14 YDNPA Planning committee; Ingleborough Community Centre, 10.30 am
- 15 Wensleydale whites; see pg 20.
- 16 Theatre Trip; see page 27.
- 17 Teddy Bears Picnic, 8.00am-1.00pm, Dalesplay; see page 28
- 17 Children in Need Day.
- 17 Museum Friends: Woodland crafts and industries; 7.30 pm
- 17 Dalesfolk Folk Music Event; see pg 12.
- 17 Shoebox appeal; last day to get boxes to Community office or Hawes P.O.
- 18 Live Music with Sounds Familiar, Fountain at Hawes; see page 9.
- 19 Table Top Sale with refreshments in the Market House, Hawes for Hawes School, 10am 'till 4pm. Contact **Sharon Guy 667642** to book tables.
- 19 Shopping trip to the Metro Centre. See page 39.
- 21 Tea Dance, Leyburn; see pg 3.
- 23 Askrigg Youth Club Pie & Pea, Supper, Bingo for Children in Need.
- 24-26 Bainside Arts Exhibition; see pg 12
- 24 Special shoppers' evening train: Redmire to Bedale: 08454 505474
- 25 Pie and Pea Supper, Bainbridge; see page 39.
- 25 Bell ringing, Aysgarth Church; see pg 6.
- 25 "Soup and Sweet"; West Witton village hall for Romanian families. Noon.
- 26 Secrets & Lies & DIY, West Burton Village Hall, 7.30pm; see pg 22.
- 26 Family Christingle Service, 11.00am Aysgarth Church.
- 26 "Women against violence" Sunday
- 28 YDNPA Full committee. Dales Countryside Museum, 10.30 am
- 29 Increasing Opportunity Event, Aysgarth Institute, 7.00pm-9.00pm.
- 30 Gayle Ladies: Cookery demonstration by Silva and Nigel Metcalfe of Beckindales. 7.30 pm

December

- 2 Father Christmas comes to Hawes, plus Childrens Christmas Party.
- 2 Advent Concert; see page 8.

Organ Recital

To celebrate the renovation of the Hawes Methodist Church memorial organ there will be a recital by Philip Scriven, organist of Lichfield Cathedral, on **Friday, November 10th at 7.00 pm.** This is a free recital, Philip offering his services free, but donations may be given to the organ repair fund at the end of the recital.

Pie Supper

There will be a Christmas Pie Supper at Bainbridge Village Hall on **Saturday, November 25th from 7.00 pm.** There will be entertainment and a raffle. Tickets at £6.50 from **Margaret Preston 650095.** Proceeds are for village hall funds.

Christmas Food and Craft Fayre

...in Askrigg School on Wednesday **November 15th**, from 7.00p.m. The £3.00 entrance fee includes mulled wine, tea or coffee with a mince pie. Come along and do some early stress free Christmas shopping.

A LETTER TOO MANY; for your entertainment

