

Editorial

It isn't an excuse; it isn't because it's holiday time or we've no ideas; it is because we have (gladly) received so many articles over the last few months, that your Newsletter is very full and therefore, with the utmost self-discipline, we give you a short editorial!

September 6th to 9th is the annual season for Heritage Open Days when places either with admission charges or usually closed to us, are open for free. Whether they are a cross-section of our common heritage is open to question. *English Heritage* essentially looks after ruins, castles and large properties; the *National Trust* has a huge number of stately homes, coastline and open spaces, but only recently with the acquisition of, for example, a Beatle's house has it represented a wider scene.

When you think about it, much of our older history has been concerned with monarchs, bishops or generals and the lifestyles of the rest have been hard to piece together. But that seems to be changing now; and so it should also with 'heritage'. Some of us are obsessive 'throwers-out', often having to retrieve things from the bin etc. We mustn't extend that to the wholesale demolition and destruction of things that presently seem sub-standard, 'sixties' or of little worth or beauty, or we might lose for ever great chunks of our true heritage.

So although it is good to visit the grand and the stately why not seek out the small cottages, stores, halls, chapels or shops, all of different periods; they are often hidden gems, often open. Or better still on the 6th to 9th if you've got, or if you know of, a heritage treat... put a sign out: "Come in and look round"! Let's see how not the other half, but the other 90%, lived!

Back to Church Sunday.

Back to Church Sunday is a Project which began in the Manchester Diocese three years ago and has spread.

It is often said, "I can be a Christian without going to church" and "God is everywhere, not just in church" Absolutely true, and many who claim to be Christian leave it at that. But how much more could it be to meet like-minded people in worship? We can all gain strength and encouragement by working with others, imperfect like ourselves, but striving to do better. To sing and pray together often generates an uplifting and rewarding experience you could never achieve on your own, and of course, you can make new friends.

A recent 'Tearfund' survey found that 3 million people in the UK would go to church if invited. Well here is your invitation! The official date this year is Sunday, 30th September, but we at Aysgarth are combining ours with our **Harvest Thanksgiving at 11am on Sunday, 23rd September**. Do come and join us at **St. Andrew's Aysgarth**, bring some produce if you wish, sing some well-loved and familiar hymns, and be assured of the warmest of welcomes

Michael Mason.

At last!

Town Foot at Hawes is looking much better; it's been turfed and a few local people have been watering it. Now let's keep it smart and weed-free.

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Eunice

...was on her way to Herriot's Bistro. The winner is **Gemma Millman from Horton in Ribblesdale.**

Have your say

Internet users who click on to the National Park's website are being given the chance to say what they think about it.

The survey aims to establish whether the site is easy to use and contains the information people want.

The site – at www.yorkshiredales.org.uk – is a key communications tool that the YDNPA uses to promote its work and the National Park, and new sections are being

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Competition

Unravel the following ten places. They are all high, and in or around the Newsletter area:

1. EAT NO GRASS
2. CLAD A MURDER
3. DIOR FLEW BALL
4. TALKS LEANT SMOTE
5. TOE VALLEYS
6. DASHER HOE
7. MOTHER TOOK NICE WAY
8. RALLYING HERB HUT
9. DRUG DALE HOB
10. GRANT GLEAM LEEDS

Treasure Hunt answers

Cotterdale: A) Troutbeck B) Brunskills cottage C) Shepherds cottage D) "These trees have been planted in Memory of Bill Ashcroft who died 26th May 1978 Aged 59 years (*Plaque in small plantation as you turn into village*)

Thorney Mire A) Footpath legally diverted. B) The sum of the distances to the BW and the FP C) The Barn

Sedbusk A)75 panes B) Presented a seat C) Mosaic on the wall of Four Oaks D) Wagtail cottage or Clematis cottage.

Castle Bolton A) The post box gets emptied B) Balderston Vicarage, Blackburn C) Fred Lawson and his paintings D) The Dale Players

Wensley A) 16 posts and 4 inside B) 5 spikes missing on the entrance fence to Bolton Hall C) 06145 *on bench mark* D) ... such is life E) At the new village hall

West Burton A) On the manhole covers B) "Proud to serve British Beef" C) 4x4s D) R.O.W closure in 1983 E) Inglenook Cottage— for leaving the gate open.

Aysgarth A) Three bridges in the rock garden B) James Backhouse and Son of York C) Annie D) Cherry tree cottage E) Performing Rights Society

Stalling Busk A) Evening meal B) Stone

mole C) 1 mile D) Fire Extinguisher

Cubeck A) 1½ miles

Burtersett A) Sir William Hilary B) 1870 -1904 C) Hawk (alarm) D) Keep access clear at all times E) Altered Middlegate House, 1971.

We thought we had produced a harder hunt, but apparently not so! The first prize is shared equally between Robert Walker and Andrew Ferguson both from Aysgarth. The runners up are Sue Airey and friends from Hawes. Just behind and highly commended are Nelson and

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Steve Messam, a local artist from Fold Gallery in Kirkby Stephen, recently visited Shanghai in China, where he installed artworks at the German Trade Centre and French Consulate for a visit by the German and EU President.

Whilst there, he laid on a Yorkshire high tea for the Chinese artists, providing Yorkshire Tea, a selection of cheeses, including Wensleydale (with fruit cake, of course!) and curd tart.

A British artist was also present, known as Bob, and Roberta Smith, who coincidentally used to live in Bainbridge, and he commented, "I haven't had curd tart in years. The best Yorkshire curd tart used to come from a place called *Cocketts* in Hawes." Steve took great pleasure in telling him that this was indeed the very same, from Cocketts!

The Chinese, when asked which was their favourite cheese, replied "The one labelled 'Butter'". They all very much enjoyed the spread, and Steve should be congratulated on taking tea to China! He is involved in organising *Fred*, the largest Festival of its kind in Europe, possibly the world, with art installations all across Cumbria and Northumberland. Fred runs from September 28th to October 14th, more details on fredsblog.co.uk.

L. Annison

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Birthday celebrations

Tony Routh would like to thank everyone who came to celebrate his 60th birthday on July 14th. "I would like to thank them for their generous donations which raised **£1200**. The money has been divided between the Air Ambulance and McMillan Nurses. Thanks for supporting these great causes."

Beware of this scam!

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Details of this annual award will be sent to local Sixth Forms for the start of the new term but if any students about to enter year 12 after GCSEs would like to be considered, they are invited to telephone the Newsletter.

The award carries a £250 bursary provided that articles are submitted each month (October to August) and that some committee meetings are attended. It's great fun! Just ask Alix Peacock, Ruth Middleton, Cecily Pearson, Megan Price or Belinda Bond! Students must live or have contacts within the Newsletter area.

Book and equipment awards

Students living in the Newsletter circulation area who, after A levels, are going on to Higher Education, are invited to write in to apply for our £150 book and equipment award. We will then send them the necessary details.

Dogs and cattle; take care

Dog owners planning walks in the area are being reminded to take extra care around cows and their calves. The advice follows

several reports of walkers being surrounded by cattle in different parts of the National Park.

Jon Avison, Head of Park Management with the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, said: "The advice is always to keep your dog on a lead and to avoid going near cattle if at all possible – *and never walk between a cow and its calf.*"

"If they do start to follow you and get too close, let the dog go – it can run faster than you and the cattle will follow it."

Community Play and Musical Entertainment

Hawes Amateur Operatic Society are preparing to put on a Valentine themed evening of entertainment including a play and musical numbers to be performed on two evenings - 14th. and 15th. February next year.

There will be an initial meeting for anyone interested in performing or helping in any way with the production on **Monday, 3rd. September.** This meeting will be held in The Wensleydale Centre, Askrigg at 7.00 p.m.

The A.G.M for the Operatic Society will be held on **Monday, 24th September at 8.00 p.m. in the Fountain Hotel, Hawes.**

There will also be a social event, again at the Fountain, on **October 1st.**

John Drew (Secretary)

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Parents or those who may have professional contact with children with learning difficulties are invited to participate in one of three workshops given by **Razed Roof Theatre from Harlow, Essex**. It will demonstrate the theme 'Every Child Matters' and give excerpts of their production 'Bridge to the Stars'. This is an exceptional opportunity; free to children but £3 for adults.

SEDBERGH aims to offer a unique and very local experience to Festival Goers.

William Hague MP for Richmond will speak about his new biography of Slavery Reformer William Wilberforce. Local authors, Sarah Hall, Peter Hobbs, Mike Barlow, Jacob Polley and Jim Eldridge introduce their latest work.

Everything about Beatrix Potter is celebrated, with talks and a new play, *Beatrix Potter at Home*. Drama workshops from companies visiting from London and Zimbabwe and an original Sedbergh production offer a feast for play-goers. Two wonderful theme-days, the Charter Market Fair and Gypsy Characters— Gypsy Life offer slices of country life as it was and is now.

Festival Booking: Sedbergh Tourist Office
015396 20125 email: tic@sedbergh.org.uk
Carol Nelson

Richmond Festival: Books, boots, walks and words September 21st to 30th

Speakers will include Sir Chris Bonington, Martin Wainwright, Peter Robinson, Diane

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Festival organiser Gillian Howells said "We have something for everyone with walks, talks, literary lunches, book fairs and films.

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NSPCC event

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Lectures for this season start on October 9th with *The History of the Drinking Glass*, and are held at the Middleham Key Centre. *The Garden as an Art Form* follows in November, and *Angels, Cherubs and the Hosts of Heaven* in December.

Subjects for 2008 are as varied as the architecture of Palladio; modern architecture; the Green Man; William Blake and Samuel Palmer and samplers. Members also receive the quarterly NADFAS Review and our local newsletter.

The annual subscription fee is £35 and there is no waiting list, information and application forms are available from **Elaine Frances 624203** or elaine_frncs@yahoo.co.uk

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A Step back in Time

'Did you have a good weekend?', I was asked. You bet. A fabulous weekend spent in Skipton Castle, waking up to the views over Skipton and spending the days meeting loads of interested people (as well as firing a real cannon...but more of that later...). In fact we get to stop in some of the most historic locations all over the country – ours to explore when the public have gone home. Warwick Castle, Whitby Abbey, Scarborough Castle, Castle Rising, Middleham, Rufford and the list goes on.

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1,2 Drawn to abstraction; Lesley Coates-Jones

8,9 Crazy patchwork and embroidery
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For the past year we have taken part in medieval re-enactments all over the country and loved almost every minute. Skipton was a multi-period event; part medieval (Richard III) and part Tudor (Henry VIII), which made for interesting situations with both courts trying to ignore each other. Despite rain on Sunday there were loads of visitors to watch the cookery talks, the odd bit of handicrafts, learn about medieval games and period dress. We demonstrated popular dances of the day to the music of the day and got more than a few members of the public tangled up in the farandole.

As one of the few low status peasants present (we get more fun), the talk on period dress had me doing a fashion parade with younger son totally secure in the knowledge no-one would recognise me anyway. Younger son acted as page and helped arm the knight to a huge audience on both days and then spent all available hours demonstrating arms and armour or in charge of medieval games accosting the public and telling them all about it. Lord Stanley was not happy to lose a game to a 9 year old. Elder son seemed to spend his time posing for pictures and explaining why he wears a fox tail. It's for fleas in case you wondered. And where else can you get to ask questions, with proper humility of course, of Richard III (..now where ARE the princes?) and Henry VIII (...your grace, you appear to be paying undue attention to Anne's Lady in Waiting, Mistress Seymour)? All in character, what an un-missable step back in time.

And the cannon? The master gunner recruited an expendable low status female to fire (several times) the cannon and see how fast we could reload against the firepower of the archers. There was a pile of gunpowder the size of Vesuvius ('Why are you shaking?' I was asked in quick undertones...) and a gust of wind blew my hat off just as the cannon went off. I hope no-one got THAT on camera. **R.B**

'Waterpower in the Dales' Events

This year has seen a big interest in waterpower in Wensleydale with the ongoing works to reopen Gayle Mill and the conferences organised by the Wensleydale CIP on renewable energy use and its potential locally.

The Friends of the Museum are continuing the theme with a free-entry photographic exhibition in the Museum, 'Waterpower in the Dales', running from September 20th until October 7th. The exhibition will cover historic dales mills, how waterpower was used in mills and in lead-mining and also some photos and details of mills that are working today.

There will also be two related evening events at the Museum. On September 21st, 7.30pm, Dr Tom Hey will be lecturing on the evolution of waterpower in the Dales. On October 19th Mr Peter Leyland will be giving an informal talk on his memories of the Bainbridge Electric Lighting Company.

Guided tours of Bainbridge to view inside the Low Mill and the area around the High Mill have been arranged for the afternoons of Sunday September 23rd. and Wednesday September 26th. If you would

like to attend please write your name on the list in the Photographic Exhibition.

Many local people have kindly provided us with photos and other information. Many thanks to them all. We will be putting it all onto a CD so that the details are not lost.
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Community office news

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Our MP, William Hague, will be opening the event. There will be displays and demonstrations; we have Carol Klein, the TV gardening celebrity, the horse whisperer, Sarah Kreutzer, Richard Fawcett and his sheepdogs, writers Stuart Lennie and Susan Haywood. There are competitions for vegetables, cakes, jams and chutneys, children's painting, flower displays in St Margaret's (entry forms from the community office); for the children, a traditional fun-fair and a bouncy castle, puppet theatre, face painting; pony rides; mountain bikes and skateboard taster sessions with prizes and free gifts and music to dance to in the Market House on both afternoons; lots of food and drink AND LOADS MORE.

The ticket price of £5 (accompanied children under 14 are free) includes parking and entry to all venues (including the visitor centre at the Creamery and Richard's dog demos), transport by vintage bus to any of the venues, though you can pay a tiny bit extra to use the horse drawn Hackney Carriage.

What a bargain! All in all, it will be, 'A Grand Day Out, Gromit'. Keep an eye on the website, as it will be changing from time to time: www.dalesharvest.co.uk

If anyone would like to help in any capacity, for any length of time please contact Mick or Pat

Skill Share will start again in September, so if you have skills to share, or skills you would like to acquire, please let us know ASAP. From computer skills to crafts, from photography to literature, or absolutely anything, the choice is yours. We don't need huge numbers to run our sessions, so whatever you need, we'll try to oblige.

Our Job Notice Board in The Neukin in

Hawes is back in operation, and we have a file inside, with lots of job vacancies listed. If you want to advertise a job vacancy let us know, there is no charge.

Lap tops are still available for loan, as are the projector, the screen and the hearing loop. Tel **667400**

Nominated for award

The Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre has been entered in the Tourist Information Centre of the Year category in the Yorkshire Tourist Board's White Rose Awards for Tourism.

Delighted centre manager Geraldine Coates said: "It's great news that we have been nominated – it's very satisfying to know we have managed to meet the high standards required in the awards."

The National Park-owned centre, which also includes the Coppice coffee shop and acts as a Tourist Information Centre, was visited by 140,000 people last year.

The winners of each of the 17 categories will be announced on September 11th at a glittering gala dinner and awards ceremony at the Magna Science Adventure Centre in Rotherham.

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It is important that large numbers of the public become involved to help to shape the services provided, and one of the public meetings is to be held in **Hawes Market Hall on Thursday September 6th at 6.00pm**

For further details ring **01642 835598** or see www.southtees.nhs.uk

The closure of the village shop

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“Marbles” man

“Come in, I live upstairs”, said Michael Weatherald. We had decided it would be good to feature him after having read of his early memories in Askrigg. “The view’s better; I’ll make a cup of tea.”

The view south to Addlebrough from his recently converted cottage right next to Askrigg churchyard is indeed good and the property is literally a stone’s throw from Michael’s birthplace in 1922. “Empire Day, but you won’t know the date”, he said, “and Wesley’s conversion”. It so happens that I do. “May 24th” I was pleased to offer. “I’m the second oldest man in Askrigg”, said Michael, and with the exception of five years in the R.A.F. he has lived nowhere else.

His school years from eleven to seventeen were spent at Yorebridge Grammar School where he met his wife, Mary, from West Burton (who died ten years ago). This was followed by studying building management in Durham which of course led eventually into the established family business. Meanwhile service in the R.A.F. was shared between the Shetland Islands and Ceylon (Sri Lanka) which was ‘interesting’ rather than dramatic. (But then Michael understates himself and is happier sharing his observations and telling me about others- or asking about me!). In the 1940s the Shetlanders were cutting peat and stacking it in panniers saddled on the ponies, to burn at home; he’s had three holidays there since. “In the 1970s they were still cutting peat... and stuffing it in the boot of the Mercedes! Oil money, you know.”

But then it was to the family business; grandfather Weatherald started it in 1870 and bought Low Mill then a water-powered woollen mill, reputed to have made blankets for the Napoleonic wars. It was converted to oil in the 1920s. Michael worked there with his father until 1958 and in the

1970s it was sold and developed to the outdoor centre we know now, chiefly by Rev Malcolm Stonestreet. The company, a ‘joinery-orientated building business’ expanded at the old railway station yard supplying precision components in wood. Michael sold his interest in the company in the early 1980s and has been pottering around Askrigg ever since! The company now also has premises in Spennymoor.

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“Weatheralds” in earlier days took on local building contracts, one being the development of “Shaws” at Lunds into the then Garsdale Head youth hostel. “I began my working life with a horse and cart”, Michael said. There was no other way to convey the materials there. The company also had contracts for the local North Eastern railway buildings.

I wondered what Michael would see as the major events or changes in Askrigg over the years. Mention of the famous fire at the Old Hall in 1935 brought a lively personal account. “ We were woken up at 5.00am... ‘Get some buckets’ they shouted. The policeman was there but poorly, and his wife had to bring a basket with sandwiches and brandy to keep him going. The Hawes Fire Brigade only had a small fire-cart. They had to bring the equipment on a lemonade wagon (there was a lemonade works in Hawes). *(I thought he was going to say they put it out with lemonade!)* When the ‘proper’ engine arrived from Catterick with the crew’s hands frozen from hanging on the back of the engine



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outside, there was a big row because Hawes had plugged into the hydrant and Catterick had to go to the beck. Then the roof fell in. If it had been today, it would have been saved.” Michael showed some regret at that. Another change is the development of Lodge Yard. “It’s a great asset to Askrigg” he says.

The Weatheralds were involved with the Methodist chapel opposite St Oswalds’s. “Grandfather built it in 1870; it cost £800. Mary was an Anglican. I enjoy the Anglican liturgical discipline, but go to Bain-

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I was unaware that 'Weatherald's' also had a couple of hardware shops, one in Askrigg and the other in Hawes. Many readers will remember Reg Hugill's shop on the corner in Hawes where the teashop is now; it might not be well known that that used to be Weatherald's.

Michael's wide-ranging interests still extend to walking (not so far now), digital photography, travel- and water colouring. He always takes his paints on holiday (often to Malta), "I don't always get round to using them!" He is one of the three remaining founder members of Wensleydale Rotary.

"Weatherald means 'shepherd', he told me. "Grandfather was Wetherald, but an 'a' got added. I researched the family tree for a bit, but it got too embarrassing... had to pack it up!" Then Michael spoke with pride of his two daughters and four grandchildren

This had been a most enjoyable meeting, although with Michael's great interest and concern for others, and his questioning of me as well, I'm not sure you'll have the full picture. As we went downstairs we paused to study the 1937 photo of Yorebridge Grammar School- staff and

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pupils- and that was a further trip down memory lane. Thank you, Michael.
A.S.W.

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Thousands took advantage of a special, free Falcon Watch viewpoint set up by the RSPB and the National Park at the Cove during the summer to watch the peregrines through powerful telescopes, but the viewpoint, normally open every day from April to August 5th, had to be closed for a number of days because of flooding caused by the torrential rain. But peregrines and the two offspring they hatched during the summer still attracted over 27,000 visitors.

The viewpoint is part of the RSPB's *Aren't Birds Brilliant!* programme of events, which make rare and spectacular birds accessible for everyone to see. As well as the peregrines, visitors to Malham were able to see green woodpeckers, little owls, redstarts and cliff-nesting house martins.

Sadly, despite the obvious public interest, away from well-watched sites such as Malham birds of prey such as peregrines still face illegal persecution and the RSPB is calling for an end to illegal killing of birds of prey. It is asking members of the public who care about our birds of prey, such as the Malham peregrines, to pledge their support for an end to illegal killing at www.rspb.org.uk/birdsofprey

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Fundraising for the Air Ambulance in Newbiggin

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The hosts suggested that a donation to the Air Ambulance Services would be more appreciated than cards or presents.. Their friends responded magnificently by giving donations to a total of £855, which has been sent to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. As most of the donations were accompanied by Gift Aid declarations, the taxman will also have to contribute a further £212, giving an overall total of a superb **£1067**.

Brian and Peter first became interested in supporting the Air Ambulance three years ago, when their neighbour fell downstairs and was taken in the helicopter to Northalerton. They have held parties each year and have now raised a total of £2400 or a little under £3000 with gift aid supplement.

They would like to thank all their friends from Newbiggin, Thoraby and as far afield as Sheffield for their generosity and support for this worthwhile local charity, far exceeding their hopes.

October trip

A trip on **October 4th** will call at Kirkby Stephen for coffee, lunch at Middleton in Teesdale, ride through Alston, down Hartside for a buffet tea (£6.50) at Culgait. The coach will leave Hawes Town Foot at 9.15am picking up at the Market Hall, School corner and Gayle.

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Dalesplay

We have had a lovely time experiencing some of the workshops at Dalesplay this summer holiday. The first one was the *Zoolab*, when the children got the chance to handle animals and creepy-crawlies such as a snake, an enormous toad and a giant centipede. The *clay workshop* was messy but great fun and everyone got a go on the potters wheel. The younger children have enjoyed the *fundamentals* with Stevie and James and we had two very successful and interesting afternoons with David Jackson when we made *kites and periscopes*.

The minibus has been parked up for the summer and is ready to set off on the road again on September 4th. It runs children to and from nursery and can also be used for collection from Askrigg playgroup. Please ring Dalesplay with your enquiries or to book a place.

We would like to say a big thank you to Sarah Brown for her kind donation of a pushchair. If any parents have any baby equipment, in particular a high chair, that they are no longer using, or you have clothes that your children have grown out of, we would really appreciate your donations. We would like to ask anyone wishing

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New Committee members very welcome and any support much appreciated!



Mystery picture. Last month's waterfall was on Mossdale Beck. Where, precisely is this? (Photo courtesy of the Unnetie project)

Funding advice— meet the expert

On Monday, September 3rd, the Upper Wensleydale CIP group are continuing their monthly funding advice events, held at community venues all over Upper Wensleydale. This one runs from 6.30 to 8.30pm at Bainside Arts Barn in Bainbridge. Local light refreshments will be served.

We will have our usual displays on current funding, background to this project, historical 'regeneration' publications about our region to browse, children's corner (the stick men have arrived - ask your youngster), current 'regeneration' documents and policies about our area. We are available to give professional confidential advice and support no matter what your project you are seeking funding for. The expert in all matters relating playgrounds and playing fields will also be present. Further details call Rima on **650980**.

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None of the stars marking the Square's corners is particularly bright or at all remarkable except perhaps for Scheat, the top right-hand corner one, which has a slight orange tinge and which varies slightly in brightness over a period of 40 days or so. Halfway down the right-hand side of the Square, however, is a really remarkable star - 51 Pegasi - the first one (apart from our own sun) discovered to have a planet circling it. Even though it's fairly faint you should easily be able to spot it with a decent pair of binoculars.

One of the tests keen star-gazers use to determine 'seeing' conditions is to count the number of stars visible to the naked eye within the Great Square. On a really fine night from a site well away from artificial lighting there should be 12 or 13. **How many can you spot?**

In ancient Greek myths Pegasus was a beautiful winged horse which the hero, Bellerophon, rode when he famously slew the Chimera, a rather nasty fire-breathing monster. It's a shame he didn't ride him at Catterick last month as well. I might have made a bob or two instead of throwing my money away on a set of broken-down nags.

For early risers this month there's a lovely sight just before dawn on the morning of September 9th when the planets - Mars and brilliant Venus - along with a slim crescent Moon and the bright, white star Regulus appear close together in the sky. Look for them over in the east around about 6 am BST but be quick about it as the rising sun will soon put an end to what promises to be a grand spectacle. Here's hoping for clear skies! **Al Bireo**

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John Blackie Interview

How did you come to land up in Hawes John?

Truthfully, because I'm a railway 'anorak'! Always been interested in old railways and the story of the old railway turntable at Garsdale which had to have a 'stockade' built round it to stop trains from being whizzed round in the wind fascinated me! I came up to look at that in 1978, had a look at Hawes and the Dales and saw a business opportunity here in holiday cottage management. So, with my wife and young family, I settled here in 1985 having had a good offer for my business in Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

What are the main issues facing the Upper Dale in the near future?

Four things mainly, which are: affordable housing to attract and retain young families; access to services, for all sections of the community; jobs, meaning real career opportunities, this is connected to education and training of course; lastly, tourism, on which this area is so dependent. We need to look at the expectations of people with children holidaying here, and also that 'extra quality' experience that people expect today. To be blunt, if they are 'voting with their feet', and I think they are, we need to ask why that is so. There is a lot of competition, not only from 'Easy Jet' holidays abroad, but also within in the UK. We must meet the challenge.

To return to housing, even with two incomes young people cannot afford to buy locally, and this will have serious consequences for the sustainability of our community. Services and facilities; people today expect access to entertainments, culture and other 'goodies', especially the young. We in the Upper Dale have a population of 3500 and yet the Sports Lottery did not think that was a sufficient

number to fund a swimming pool in Hawes, suggesting pools 27 miles away were close enough. Deeply rural communities in a funding by numbers approach.

I feel that our educational establishments are not addressing the problems of vocational training of our young people. This is not necessarily their fault, it is yet again a funding by numbers approach but subjects such as Leisure/Tourism/Travel/Land Management/building and allied trades should be on offer without students having to travel hours each day.

On another subject, I am pleased to let it be known that the NYCC is taking over the running of the Centre at Yorebridge, which will be known as 'The Askrigg Centre' and one of the changes will be a re-instatement of leisure classes!

After all the hope and hype and hard work, what did Upper Wensleydale get out of the EU?

It got: The Upper Wensleydale Community Office, Tourism Initiatives, The 'Yorkshire Dales Brochure', Computers for businesses. Funding was put into Village Halls, Playgrounds, Gayle Mill, the extension for the business units in Hawes, and Dalesplay. Not everything it hoped for, but not a bad list. Just as well we got it because the next tranche of EU money will be ear-marked for 'Urban Regeneration'!

'Unopposed' at the local elections John, any comments?

It was very strange that, having been 'deselected' by the Conservative Association and never informed as to the reason why, they put no other candidate up. I was disappointed not to be given the opportunity to defend myself before the decision was made and especially that many local people were let down, including Gordon and Mary Pratt and Doreen and

Ernest Whitehead who had worked tirelessly over the years but felt they had to resign from the branch over this issue. I am now an independent which was what I was really anyway. Let's say that 'personalities' were responsible and leave it at that.

What got me involved in politics here was the closing of the Creamery in 1992 when it was owned by Dairy Crest. Someone knocked at my door one day in a frenzy and said, "John they're closing the dairy!" This was and probably still is Hawes' biggest employer. I straightaway printed 30 posters, on yellow paper saying, SAVE THE DAIRY and going up and down Hawes, every shop agreed to display one. That started a very successful campaign.

Is Hawes on the 'Up' or 'down'?

I believe it's doing well in many ways, but there are some concerns. As Chair of the NYCC Scrutiny Of Health Committee, I am concerned about some aspects of Health Care Provision including NH dentistry and also the A and E and Maternity provision at The Friarage hospital. We're into the 'numbers game' here again. I also have

some concerns about the 'out of hours' provision which I know is also very much a concern of local people. We must seek to look at this again.

What, if anything can be done to encourage more young people into local affairs and particularly voluntary

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This is part and parcel of what we have discussed earlier. There aren't enough younger people for a start and many that are living here are too busy earning two wages to pay for their housing to get involved much in anything else. But there is a serious problem building up. Many people who have been the backbone of local life are not getting any younger, who will replace them? We are a very self-reliant community, we do a lot of things for ourselves and always have done. But when these 'community foot-soldiers' retire these voluntary groups will suffer and that is a worry.

The YDNPA, is the balance of power even?

The National Park is much more supportive of the community than it was ten years ago. But locally elected representatives like me still have to be vigilant to ensure that local interests are taken into consideration. They have their own remit after all. I agree that their task of balancing 'greener' considerations and energy-saving issues with their building and environmental preservation principles will prove problematic, and is already proving so. I was very worried that the recent reduction in the size of the planning committee could result in less locally well inclined planning decisions as fewer members live and work within the National Park.

How do you deal with the brick-bats thrown at you and others in public life?

Smile! It goes with the job.

To go full-circle, back to trains, does the RDC support the Wensleydale Railway?

Good question. It seems unfortunate that the impetus for this initiative drained away because there is no doubt in my mind that if this link could be achieved it has the potential to transform Hawes and the Dale and could be the solution to so many of the

problems here. Look at the thriving town of Pickering which is the rail-head for the Moors Railway and therefore is connected by rail to a wider world, a world not reliant on the car either. A rail link off the main-line to Hawes would be a great opportunity for business, employment, tourism, everything. I would be pleased to do what ever I could to promote a discussion between the RDC and the Wensleydale Railway Company as to how we could find ways to progress this.

Finally, can I say that this community has always faced challenges and met them. It has a tremendous ability to address issues, and overcome difficulties, and great self-reliance and independence. It is all about the essential qualities of Dalesfolk— local or recent arrivals— and the strength of our local community. have no doubt that it will rise to any future challenges in the same way.

You asked me about the most satisfying aspect of my life. Well it's the buzz I get out of achieving something for a local person or the community. I really enjoy what I do and never tire of doing my best for local people. **S.H.**

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There was an Archery Competition during the course of the evening and some 'archers' found it hard to even hit the target. On arrival back at Askrigg there was another quiz sheet, which was a memory type quiz with questions such as 'What place is twinned with Middleham?' and 'How many East and West places were passed through?' Thank you to Carol and David Scarr for organising such an enjoyable rally.

Last month's rally winners were Angus and Joe - Well Done. The next rally is on **Wednesday 19th September** and will be organised by Fred Scarr, telephone 650271 for details. All Welcome. **Netta Davison**



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The holidays got off to a cracking start here at Yorebridge with Junior Party on the Pitch on Friday 20th July. We wanted the younger children, who miss out on the annual event for the adults, to enjoy themselves with a dance, a drink and a laugh too. The weather wasn't brilliant (surprise, surprise) but it didn't seem to matter, as performing the 'Cha Cha Slide' with gusto seemed to keep them warm anyway. Many thanks to Colin, who did his usual brilliant job with the disco and to Lawrence and Kelly in charge of 'crowd control'!

This was followed on the Saturday night by THE Party on the Pitch – every ticket sold and a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Many thanks to Jim from the Crown in Askrigg for the bar and all the volunteers – even getting up at 9.00am on the morning after the night before to dig bits of plastic drinks cups out of the dirt with their finger nails – that's what we call dedication! A very successful addition to this year's event,

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was Ian Bell's Hog Roast (Abbotside Events) – many thanks to Ian and his band of volunteers, who were kept hard at it all night!

Leeds United and Middlesbrough Football Clubs were both in evidence during the second and third weeks of the holiday – the pictures in the paper with the smiling faces of the children who took part, are evidence enough of their enjoyment.

Just a reminder –there is a Gym and Fitness Suite here at Yorebridge. Membership is very reasonable and can be paid a month at a time – from 1st October, we will be open four days a week and a Saturday morning too. Advice and guidance is always available and there will soon be free sessions for Gym Members to include – Bums and Tums, Checking your Blood Pressure, Using Gym Balls and many more.....What are you waiting for? Ring Lesley on 650060 or 07968 606571.

Bainside News

A dramatic time was had at Bainside Arts. Bainside Arts held its first Drama Week for young people aged 9-14 and all twelve children who took part had a great time. Props were made, scripts were written and improvisations acted out. On the Friday afternoon the children performed for parents and friends and amazed us all at what they had achieved.

' Jack and Jill went up the hill' will never sound the same again! Andrew, Stella and Gina had us in hysterics.

They bonded well as a group, with older ones working alongside the younger children. Many thanks go to Sue Bedford for the work she did with the children and for Lynzi Ewbank for her help during the week. I am sure that the children would all agree that it was a fun filled week. We are offering a Saturday morning workshop on October 13th from 10:00 - 13:00, for 7-11 year olds. Contact Jenny on **650070** to reserve a place.

There are also still places available on these courses:

Wood engraving;	Sept. 15th/16th
Colour your inner Mandala;	Sept.22nd/23rd
Natural felt making;	Sept. 27th

(See box on page 9) **Jenny Jackson**

September on the Wensleydale Railway

The last date for the daily steam train service is September 2nd. This is your last chance to travel on the train departing from Leyburn at 4.18pm to Constable Burton (no boarding or alighting there) which returns to Leyburn to take on water for the farewell journey. This leaves Leyburn at 5.25pm for the short journey to Redmire and return, arriving Leyburn at 6.16pm and Leeming Bar at 6.56pm (no need to book). Full timetable and fares details are given on www.wensleydalerailway.com or phone **Leyburn TIC on 623069.**

A daily DMU (diesel multiple unit) service runs every day from September 3rd - 30th, with Guided Walks from stations each Thursday. There are four special events during the month for which advance booking is essential. The September 1st event to Ribbleshead was fully booked by mid-August. As we go to press, there are still tickets for the Lancashire Hot-Pot Walk and lunch (Saturday September 8th), the excursion to Hardraw Brass Band Festival (Sunday September 9th), and for both days of the Dales Harvest week-end in Hawes (Saturday and Sunday September 22nd-23rd).



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Autumn leaves

Autumn in New York anyone? I think I prefer to spend it in the Dales, despite that sneaky south westerly, gathering strength as it advances down the Roman road. The softer light at this time of year is perfect for emphasising the rich colours in a variety of plants which have played the understudy all summer, as well as showing up the last gasp efforts of the softies like lobelia, petunia and geranium.

Hand on heart; this is easily my favourite time of the gardening year. You can put away that watering can, rain's never far away and don't worry about hard frost damaging new growth; most plants are preparing to shut up shop for winter and the only things frost will harm are pests and finger ends.

I hope you can take an order; go to a garden centre and buy a smoke bush now. If they don't stock one then get them to order you one, just pester them until you have one because it will excel in your garden from September through to November. Cotinus 'Grace' is the best, with the green/purple foliage of summer an overture before the main work. For about 8 weeks from the middle of August, the leaves turn the richest oranges, reds and yellows imaginable, each bright shade guaranteed to pierce the gloom of an autumnal afternoon. Plain old coggyria lacks the dazzling highlights of 'Grace' but will not disappoint when those big round leaves turn to fire later on. Slightly different is 'Royal Purple', with such deep, burgundy foliage, it seems almost unnatural. A real exhibitionist throughout the summer, and pleasingly ruddy later on, for me it lacks the punch in the solar plexus factor when the days start to shorten.

Quite carried away, I forgot to mention that 'smoke' bush comes from their appearance in summer, when the entire plant is covered in a haze of flowers,

giving it a 'smouldering' effect. Give them lots of room and light and quite a hard prune in March, which may affect flowering adversely but encourage lush, rounded leaves.

Changing tack completely, it's a difficult time for hanging baskets. They've worked like Trojans all summer, flowering fit to bust and have consequently taken just about everything out of the compost. It's difficult to get any moisture into the roots this late, the water simply running across the surface and down the sides. What works for me is to half fill a plastic dustbin with water and submerge the entire basket for about an hour. A strange British custom indeed. Don't worry about the flowers, you won't drown them This will have several positive effects: it will both saturate the roots in the basket and prolong flowering, as well as intrigue your neighbours and lead to a good chinwag – time to get the kettle on.

Ed Gardener

Newsletter and Museum tackles really big subject

Sharp eyes will have noticed that last month we included a short 'What's on' at the museum which included "dying explained." An extra 'e' was needed!



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**St Margaret's church, Hawes
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StMargaret's Church held a very successful Summer Fair in the Market House on Saturday 28th July which raised a net sum of £2183. There were various stalls in the Hall including a cake stall, a produce stall, tombola, and children's stall in addition to refreshments throughout the day.

Graeme Thompson, a retired member of Barclays Bank in Liverpool, raised £585 at a band concert by Muker Silver Band in the evening at the Market House which was very well attended . Barclays will match these funds under the employee £ for £ scheme in accordance with its commitment to local communities The total funds raised will enable the Church to carry out repairs to the north east wall of the building and will also be used for the benefit of the local community. In view of its success it is anticipated that this will become an annual event.

Heritage Open Days

Thursday to Sunday, September 6th to 9th. Once again, this year, many buildings of historical or social interest, and museums (including ones not normally open to the public) will be available to visit FREE as part of this annual event. Look out for local notices or try the Internet: "Heritage Open Day" and then "Find events in your area". There are loads!

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**Come on, Upper Wensleydale,
let's dance!**

The DALES OLD TIME DANCE CLUB started in Hawes approximately fifty two years ago. The venue changed, moving first to Bainbridge, then Aysgarth and recently we have danced in West Burton village hall. Not only has the venue changed, moving 'down dale', some of our members now travel from near Northallerton, but we have very few members from the top end of the dale.

Although the club is called 'Old Time' dance, our programme is varied, with ballroom, sequence and other dances

included. Our main aim is that everyone should enjoy dancing, with its social and health benefits. Why not come along to give it a try on **Friday 12th October at 8 p.m** (West Burton Village Hall). We dance on the second Friday of the month throughout the winter. For further details phone **650182**
Anne Deans

Aysgarth Singers

Rehearsals for the autumn session will start on **Tuesday September 4th at 7.30pm** in the Aysgarth Institute. Why not join us?

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New Village Hall at Wensley Opens Its Doors in Celebration

For fifty years Wensley had been without a village hall in which to hold meetings and activities. So a committee formed, originally comprising members of the ladies village darts team.

Jennie White explained, "We were so enthusiastic and had been donated the land by Lord Bolton, but didn't know how we would find the money. We always wanted a Yorkshire-style cricket pavilion building but some way down the line we met with a few problems and almost gave up."

The Village Hall Association was keen to use sustainable, green technology where possible in the building of the new hall and had a ground source heat pump installed.

In pride of place, suspended from the ceiling is the old village school's flag. Its motto is "help one another" which is a very fitting tribute to a project involving a large number of people and organisations working together and resulting in an already well-loved village hall.

There are still funds available under the North Yorkshire Aggregates Grant Scheme and YDMT are inviting applications before the closing date of Friday 7th September. Please contact Chris Lodge on 015242 51002, email chris.lodge@ydm.org or visit the Trust's website: www.ydm.org for an application form.



Clock is ticking for Dales woodland project

Time is running out for landowners to join a project aimed at increasing the amount of native woodland in the Yorkshire Dales. For further details about the scheme or to contribute match funding please contact **Geoff Garrett at YDNPA 650456 or Chris Lodge at YDMT on 01524 251002**

Re-elected

The National Park Authority has re-elected as Chairman and Deputy, Carl Lis from Ingleton and Dr Malcolm Petyt from near Sedbergh, for the next year.

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North Yorkshire Police

This is the last time I will be writing for the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter. As some of you may have heard I am moving to pastures new, in fact as I write I am no longer the Upper Dales Neighbourhood Police Officer (NPO) and in fact am now responsible for Lower Wensleydale. Now before the rumour merchants get to work – this is of my own choice and no, I have not been kicked out of Hawes!

The reason I am moving is that there have been changes to the staffing levels in the Dales and it has given me the opportunity to do something that I have been thinking about for some time. The demands of the police service and the way

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we work have changed dramatically over the last two years and although I am quite happy to work that way, it is not the way I have worked when at Hawes. You, as the residents of the area, will have seen that my method of policing was very much 'live and let live' – in all fairness that will not do in the current methods of hands-on proactive policing. Although I embrace this positive style I feel that changing the way I work in a community that I have come to love is something that I would like to leave to someone else and I will go and do that elsewhere.

Now for the good news (unless the above was the good news) it is taking two officers to replace me! Well not exactly true; we have had a substantial increase in the numbers of police officers for the Dales and as such two officers are going to be NPOs for the parishes of Hawes and High Abbotside and Addleborough as I was. These officers are **Simon Hudson and Andy Foster**. Simon has already started, but Andy is currently tutoring a student police officer and will be with us at the end of September. This is great news and hopefully they will be able to make a good impact on some of the problems we suffer in the area. I truly see that you as the residents of the upper dales need more policing. John Blackie has been campaigning for it for years; well now you have them I see a brighter future ahead.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for your support over the last 14½ years. I must say that I have enjoyed serving this community and although I may not have got it right every time, I gave it my best shot and hope that I made a difference. You will still see me about when I am on duty as we still patrol the whole of the dales, so do not think I have left the universe as I will still see you about on my travels.

Many thanks. **Dave Cousins** **PC141**

Buxtehude to Brideshead!

An appreciative crowd heard Greg Smith make the Hawes Methodist Memorial organ 'thunder and dance' with a wide selection of pieces from one of Buxtehude's Toccatas and Fugues (he was a teacher of J.S. Bach) to popular tunes from Elgar and the 'Brideshead' theme with German and French organ music in between.



Greg Smith at the organ and a section of the audience in the gallery



Other summer events at the church have included well-attended annual "Dales Discovery" slide-talks on Dales people, buildings, archaeology, wild life and steam trains.

Burtersett Show 2007

Believe it or not we had another fine sunny day which helped to promote a lovely community atmosphere. A big thank you to Jim and Jean Sleightholm for ordering the weather and opening the show.

Cup winners were:

Fiona Lambert; children's overall winner
Susan Hugill; adult cup
Jonathan Grant; dog show cup with 'Charlie'

Hawes Prize Silver Band provided lively incidental music setting the seal on an enjoyable afternoon.

We are most grateful to everyone who supported us in any way. After expenses, £600 was raised towards the upkeep of the Institute.

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This year's King's Club has been a great opportunity for youngsters and teens to have a fun packed week whilst learning more about understanding the Bible and the messages we get from it. The week consists of fun and games (indoor and outdoor), sports, crafts, music and lots more.

The King's Club leaders (who are responsible adults - we think!) set up all the activities and also organised trips to Semerwater for the older age groups. The younger age group (6-10 years) spent the week at Askrigg School and, for the first time ever, the older groups, Extras (11-14 years) and XLs (15+) spent the week at Bainbridge School.

The Extras and XLs enjoyed canoeing (the Extras' leader, Mike Hirst, is a qualified canoeing instructor), river games, a type of treasure hunt and raft building day, which also involved finding clues to unlock a chest full of water bombs that the winning team got to throw at the losing team, which then evolved into a big, fun water fight!

On Friday there is yet another day of getting wet which last year involved a water slide and other activities. Come along next year and remember, first come first served, so book early!

Rachel Dawson aged 13

King's Club is great fun. I really like learning about people in the Bible. The songs with actions are brilliant. I have made loads of friends at King's Club. I LOVE King's Club!

Rachel Lambert aged 7

The best thing about King's Club is in assembly when we watch funny videos and the film. We also like the puppet show and in every assembly we sing some songs which we like. We learnt about Noah, Ruth and Samuel.

On the first day we had to find Noah's animals on the field. ! All the days were great

**Robert Terry,
Alfie Read and
Sean Parker aged 10**

The end of another week at King's Club is here, well nearly as I'm writing this on Thursday night... anyway this year was different for the XLs as there were only FOUR of us. Most days involved an assembly with the Extras, then a discussion set off by Mike Hirst about issues to do with the Bible, then the afternoon was spent helping the leaders with the Extras doing their activities, on site at Bainbridge or at Semerwater on Tuesday and Thursday. All the XLs have enjoyed it this year and hope to return next year for King's Club 2008.

Harry Constantine aged 16

We had a record number of 157 children and young people at King's Club this year and many parents and friends joined with us for the barbecue on Saturday evening. We are grateful to the teachers and governors of both Schools for making us so welcome.

Many thanks to all who helped to make the week a success and to Dr.Hamer for videoing much of it for us.

Nelson and Heather Caplin

Your Village Roots.

Nearly all present Wensleydale villages were in place by, or in the middle ages. Evidence of early habitation, both in literature and on the ground, remains to this day.

How, where and when to uncover such evidence is to be the object of four one day Saturday workshops with indoor lectures from 10.00 -12.00 noon followed by field visits from 2.00 to 5.00pm.

The course is organised by the Upper Dales WEA and led by Steve Moorhouse who will illustrate the theme "Villages in Wensleydale" with specific reference and visits to Wensley Village on 6th October, Carperby Village on 20th October, West Burton village on 27th October and Thornton Rust Village on 3rd November, all sites that he has extensively studied. Fees for the entire series are £50 Full Fee; Concessionary £45; claimants £2, but it will be possible to enrol for either the first two or last two of the sessions for half the full fee. For information telephone:

Jane Clarke 624393

Yoga in the dale

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Gayle Institute, Mondays 2.00-4.00pm from September 10th.

West Burton Village Hall, Wednesdays 7.00-9.00pm from September 12th

Bainbridge School, Thursdays 7.00-9.00pm from September 13th.

Middleham Key Centre, Tuesdays 7.00-8.30pm from September 4th; Wednesdays 10.00-11.30am and 11.45-12.45pm from September 5th. (gentler class). **For details and enrolment of the four venues above please contact Sue Lightfoot on 663993**

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Fifth place for National Park

The Yorkshire Dales National Park is the fifth most popular national park in the country, according to a new survey. The most visited national park was the Lake District. The survey, of 1,000 adults from across the UK, was commissioned by the National Park Authority to gauge awareness of national parks in England and Wales.

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The survey showed that most respondents thought national parks were important areas that should be protected from development, and that every child should experience a national park as part of their education. The most common reason for visiting a national park was to go walking or rambling (around 22 per cent). Other reasons included holidays with friends (18 per cent), recreation (16 per cent), a day out (13 per cent), and peace and quiet (12 per cent). The top five reasons given in a similar survey made in 2001 were landscape (36 per cent), recreation (29 per cent), walking/rambling (24 per cent), peace and quiet (22 per cent), and family (14 per cent).

Parish Council Clerks

These details have been omitted owing to lack of space and will be published soon.

MARKET PLACE AND GREETINGS

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Dales Countryside Museum

Exhibitions

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September 20th to October 7th;
Waterpower in the Dales.

Events September

4 Spinning and rugmaking 2.00-4.00pm
7 Chainsaw sculptures 11.00am- 4.00pm
16 Digital photography workshop 10.00am-
4.00pm. Booking essential
21 Friends meeting; waterpower 7.30pm
22, 23 Farmhouse kitchen; 1.00-4.00pm
For further details or to book on to any
event telephone 666210

What's on listing

September

- 1 The Moorcock Show **is cancelled**
- 2 Guided walk; Meet Aysgarth Falls N. Pk. Centre 12.30pm 5k
- 2 Marssett Chapel Harvest Festival 2.00pm
- 3 Increasing opportunities; Bainside Arts Barn, from 6.30pm
- 5 Muker Show (limited by restrictions)
- 6 South Tees NHS Trust meeting; See p12
- 6-10 Heritage Open Days
- 7 Domino Drive at Carperby Village Hall at 7.30pm
- 7-9 Boots & Beer Walking Festival. Info from 01765 680127
- 8 Open Churches Ride and Stride at St Bartholomew's, West Witton from 10am to 4pm
- 8 Wensleydale Society walk; meet Ribbleshead 10.30am
- 9 Harvest Sing-along and Supper at Aysgarth Chapel at 6.30pm
- 9 Hardraw Scar Brass Band contest
- 10 Sale of harvest produce; Aysgarth chapel 7.00pm
- 11 Coffee Morning and Stalls at Hawes Methodist Rooms. 10.00am to noon. In aid of St Margaret's Church funds.
- 11 National Park planning committee; Yoredale, 10.30am
- 15 Breadmaking for children at 2.00pm at St Oswald's, Askrigg
- 16 Harvest Thanksgiving service at 10.00am St Oswald's, Askrigg
- 16 Guided walk; Mossdale/Cotterdale. Meet Appersett Green 11.00am 13k
- 16 Hawes Methodist Harvest 10.30am;
- 16 Hawes Auction Mart United Harvest Festival for the area 6.30pm
- 16 West Burton Harvest 10.45am
- 17 Friends of Gayle Mill. Institute. 7.30pm
- 19 Hawes Gala Committee AGM. 7.30pm at Herriot's Bistro. Members of the public welcome.
- 21 Museum Friends; Water power in the Dales. 7.30pm
- 23 Dales Harvest event
- 25 Coffee morning and stalls; Hawes Methodist rooms 10.00am to noon for Hawes Christmas Lights
- 25 National Park full committee. 10.30am People's Hall, Sedbergh
- 27 NSPCC event; see page 8
- 27 Gayle Ladies; Fair trade evening
- 30 Gayle chapel harvest 2.00 and 6.30pm

October

- 1 Increasing opportunities; Gayle Institute, 7.00 to 9.00pm

Time for a smile

One of the fringe benefits of being an English or History teacher is receiving the occasional jewel of a student blooper in an essay.

Although the Newsletter was over-full again this month, we like to include a few lighter bits sent to us. More next time

The Renaissance was an age in which more individuals felt the value of their human being. Martin Luther was nailed to the church door at Wittenberg for selling papal indulgences. He died a horrible death, being excommunicated by a bull. It was the painter Donatello's interest in the female nude that made him the father of the Renaissance. It was an age of great inventions and discoveries. Gutenberg invented the Bible. Sir Walter Raleigh is a historical figure because he invented cigarettes. Another important invention was the circulation of blood. Sir Francis Drake circumcised the world with a 100-foot clipper.

Without the Greeks, we wouldn't have history. The Greeks invented three kinds of columns - Corinthian, Doric and Ionic. They also had myths. A myth is a female moth. One myth says that the mother of Achilles dipped him in the River Styx until he became intolerable. Achilles appears in "The Illiad", by Homer. Homer also wrote the "Oddity", in which Penelope was the last hardship that Ulysses endured on his journey. Acutally, Homer was not written by Homer but by another man of that name.

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45 years!

One of our local artists, Janet Leyland will be exhibiting at Yoredale in Bainbridge in September, and it was in September 45 years ago, at the Rose and Crown, that Janet first exhibited with Kenneth Parfitt.

The Yoredale exhibition "Fabric Collages and Watercolours" runs from September 6th until October 31st and is supporting the *Landmark Trust* appeal to restore Cowside, Langstrothdale. A collage of Cowside is to be sold for the appeal, plus 20% of any further sales.)

Return of Festival favourites

Expect an evening of exciting music and superlative performances when Kosmos play at Grinton in October. Kosmos, who are inspired by Jewish, Gypsy, Balkan and contemporary music, had their baptism of fire at the Hydra Rebetika Festival, Greece in 2005.

Kosmos are Harriet Mackenzie (violin), Meg Hamilton (violin) and Laura Anstee (cello). Harriet thrilled the audience at a sell-out concert at Keld during this year's Swaledale Festival. The trio will be joined by Milos Milivojevic on accordion and

Jonny Gee on bass. Jonny was the bassist in Zum who wowed audiences at Grinton during the 2003 and 2005 Festivals.

The concert is at St. Andrews Church, Grinton on **Friday, October 5th, at 8.00pm**. Tickets are £10 (£5 students and children) and will be available from the Swaledale Festival Office from the beginning of September, tel: **01748 880019**

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