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## Editorial

“Time flies”, “Time marches on”, “What’s the time?”, “It seems no time at all”, “8years since the Millennium!”, “I’ve no time”, “Be quick, I can’t wait”, “It won’t take long”, “It’ll come by tomorrow”, “Get a move on”, “I can be there in a couple of hours”.

Yes, we are at the mercy of our clocks and watches. You can blame the Victorian railway timetables and clocks and the companies’ competition for setting the scene... and we’re still at it! “Get straight back to me by email!” “Text me straight away”.

Ever considered what we miss by rushing? And yet, no doubt about it, there are many situations when “Time is of the essence”. Take for example the response of the emergency services- ambulance, police, fire or fell rescue. Consider the essential rush in the wonderful transplant surgery that can now take place, or the rapid response necessary to tragedies and calamities both here and overseas. With these there is no time to waste.

But hold on minute (if you can spare the time). Is it really necessary in all situations to be ‘there’ so quickly? Are we so short of time that we couldn’t walk or cycle instead of getting into the car? Does the thing we’ve ordered really have to come yesterday? Do we need to react so soon to suggestions or proposals made? When governments produce discussion documents why must comment be made so soon? How about taking time to digest them? And what of the financial institutions? You’ve seen the frenetic activity of the Stock Exchanges on a normal day – what about when something

unexpected arises; they go berserk. Oh for time to consider, to think things through!

We are sometimes the same, individually. The world, the country, Upper Wensleydale or even our local lives might just be a bit better if we “count to ten” first; ask for a second opinion or avoid jumping to conclusions. There’s apparently an old Hebrew saying: “Blame not until thou hast examined; understand first, and then rebuke!”.

It’s all a matter of judging when it is essential to rush around like mad, and when to mull things over and take a bit of time. Think about it for a moment! And then let the writer know how it’s done! Don’t forget the deadline!

## On a bright note...

We wish to pass on to the Upper Dales Lights Committee the thanks of many people for the excellent display in Hawes over Christmas and the New Year. And you should have seen the weather on the day they had chosen to take ‘em all down!



### **Eunice the Ewe**

You're hardly going to believe this! Last month another sheep crept into the Newsletter looking identical to our Eunice. Accordingly we allowed all those finding either to have their names put into our hat for the selection of the winner. The second Eunice has now, hopefully, departed to another dale. It's amazing what these computers can do. One was hiding in one of the trees on the front cover and the other invaded Turnbeck Boarding Kennels.

The lucky £5 winner was

**Next issue  
The March issue will be  
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and will be distributed between  
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THURSDAY**

### **Bainside Arts**

It is with sadness we report that the Arts Barn adjacent to the Bainside Meeting House which has been running courses for a few years has permanently closed. Although the take-up of courses has been increasing gently, the project has proved too small to be viable. Permission exists for it to be changed to residential use.

## **December/January competition answers**

12 days of Christmas  
5 gold rings  
9 lives of a cat  
13 players in a rugby league team  
20: XX in roman numerals  
28 days in the shortest month  
39: John Buchan's steps  
50 years for a golden wedding  
21 consonants in the alphabet  
562 dales in Yorkshire  
3 verses in 'Away in a manger'  
8 maids a milking

### **Gunnerside Methodist Chapel**

Next May there is going to be a wonderful display of wedding dresses, christening gowns and flowers at the chapel.

This is to help the chapel to be saved from closure and there is a great deal of enthusiasm, so much so we were wondering if people around the dale, either locals or those married or baptised or having any connection with the chapel would be willing to loan garments— or photographs, if they still have them— to display in the chapel.

Any other help in terms of time, money or gifts of food or flowers will also be welcomed. We will give more details, dates and times, (including a service of 'renewal of marriage vows' ) in the next Newsletter. Offers of help, please, to **Pauline Hasted, 017683 72011**

## **Ancient history— by modern students**

### **A few more uncorrected gems**

The inhabitants of Egypt were called mummies. They lived in the Sarah Dessert and traveled by Camelot. The climate of the Sarah is such that the inhabitants have to live elsewhere, so certain areas of the dessert are cultivated by irritation. The Egyptians built the Pyramids in the shape of huge triangular cube. The Pyramids are a range of mountains between France and Spain.

The Bible is full of interesting caricatures. In the first book of the Bible, Guinnesses, Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. One of their children, Cain, asked "Am I my brother's son?" God asked Abraham to sacrifice Issac on Mount Montezuma. Jacob, son of Issac, stole his brother's birthmark. Jacob was a partiarch who brought up his twelve sons to be partiarch, but they did not take to it. One of Jacob's sons, Joseph, gave refuse to the Israelites.

Pharao forced the Hebrew slaves to make bread without straw. Moses led them to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten commandments. David was a Hebrew king skilled at playing the liar. He fought with the Philatelists, a race of people who lived in Biblical times. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 500 wives and 500 porcupines.

### **Newsletter Christmas card**

Each year the Newsletter sends out a card to all its supporters— our advertisers, writers, distributors and office helpers— and we forgot to say whose picture it was on the front. So here goes: Janet Taylor of Preston under Scar. Several other people have commented on the quality of the delightful picture and would like a copy.

We have a few left so “while stocks last” if you would like one (promising to give a donation to a charity of your choice) then please apply to **Sue Duffield 663504** in Thornton Rust.

### **More opportunities for volunteers**

New volunteers are needed to help keep the northern part of the Yorkshire Dales in tip top condition – and to help others enjoy the area.

A recruitment drive has been launched by the National Park to find people in the area from Leyburn, Richmond, Darlington, and Northallerton, across to Kirkby Lonsdale, Kendal, Sedbergh and Kirkby Stephen who would like to join the organisation's 240 Dales Volunteers.

The work they carry out varies from conducting vitally-important surveys of buildings, public paths or wildlife to organising and leading guided walks for education groups and members of the public.

Traditionally, the majority of our Dales Volunteers have come from West Yorkshire, with very few living in or near to the northern Dales. While we have no difficulty in recruiting for our teams in the south, offers of help are scarcer in the north. This means that our 'southerners' have to drive up to the north when they are needed – meaning more car journeys through the National Park and more carbon emissions.

Anyone who would like more information about the Dales Volunteers can contact **Rae Lonsdale** on **01756 751630** or by email on [volunteers@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:volunteers@yorkshiredales.org.uk)

### **Time for refurbishing**

You will have read on another page of the changes in Hawes at 'Herriots'. It seems to be the time of year for 'renewal'. The Spar shop has undergone extensive change providing more circulation space with wider aisles and more freezer capacity and at the same time Cunningham's outdoor shop has undergone a complete refitting of

the ground floor— new flooring, electrics and painting- "only the second time in over 28 years that we've been in Hawes" says the spokesman in Ambleside from one of their other two shops.

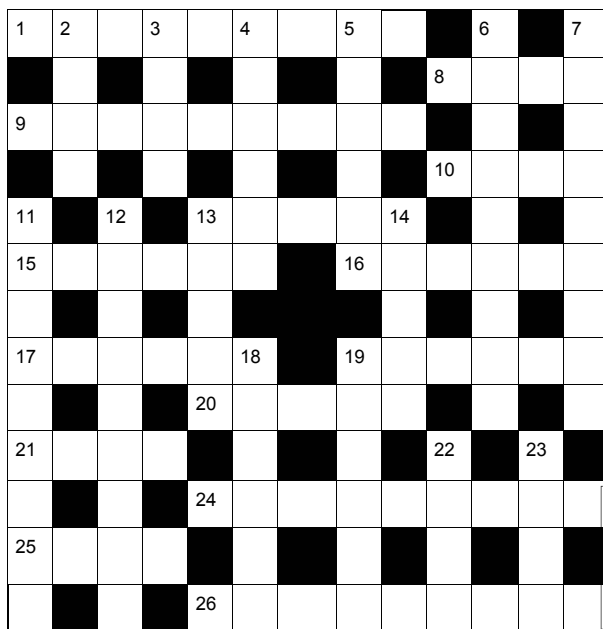
### **Waste Paper collection**

**We thought you might like to know what happens after it's put in the blue bags.**

Richmondshire District Council collects the newspapers and magazines from the blue bags every two weeks. This material is then delivered on a daily basis to the waste facility at Tancred, near Scorton. The papers and magazines are then collected and transported to Shotton on the North Wales Coast. UPM Shotton paper is the UK's largest recycler of newspapers and magazines. The material is then pulped and recycled to make newsprint - the paper cycle in action!

**Reminder: What do I put in the Blue Bag?**

Newspapers, magazines, pamphlets, catalogues, clean office paper, junk mail, telephone directories and Yellow pages. But no cardboard, or envelopes of any sort please.



- ing!
- 12** Clearly, you'll solve this
- 13** A tripod with an amputation
- 14** Mix up twenty up Gayle Lane
- 18** An ourist? Could be dangerous
- 19** Pursed Ernest – only the odds and tidies
- 22** Churn up the soil (and ate and you separate from the rest)
- 23** Gun

**By popular request—  
A crossword**

You might have a few when you read the answers

**Clues across**

- 1** The area's most numerous?
- 8** It follows the freeze
- 9** Do this and you'll be short of hay
- 10** It's spoken in Thoraby
- 13** \_\_\_\_\_ and lodgings; opposite the Market House
- 15** Betrayin— the workhorse
- 16** You'll find them with lives and neutrals
- 17** ASW
- 19** I'll bet all Ed Gardener's are
- 20** The yard I mixed showed the date
- 21** In which to get our trip
- 24** You'll see some of l's trucks here
- 25** A part back in the lorry
- 26** We've plenty in these dales

**Clues down**

- 2** A longing for what you've got
- 3** Common to a reactor and an apple
- 4** The Skirfare flows by it
- 5** En 3; again!
- 6** Rust, Seward— or toffee!
- 7** Ivelet's on it
- 11** Notice-flue-river; could be e x c i t -

**Blow me down!**

The 'moving sculpture' beside the A684 just out of Bainbridge towards Hawes is once again on the floor. It seems that this time it was blown down in the severe weather. The structure is one of several created in North Yorkshire by groups of young people (with input from older residents too). As Yvonne Peacock says, "People either hate it or love it, but they all miss it! We will have to decide if it can be put back in place".

## Test for Dementia

*Below are four questions and a bonus question. You have to answer them instantly. You can't take your time, answer all of them immediately.*

1. You are participating in a race. You overtake the second person. What position are you in?
2. If you overtake the last person, then you are?..
3. Take 1000 and add 40 to it. Now add another 1000. Now add 30. Add another 1000. Now add 20. Now add another 1000. Now add 10. What is the total?
4. Mary's father has five daughters. Nana, Nene, Nini, Nono. What is the name of the fifth daughter?
5. The Bonus Round . A mute person goes into a shop and wants to buy a toothbrush. By imitating the action of brushing his teeth he successfully expresses himself to the shopkeeper and the purchase is done. Next, a blind man comes into the shop and wants to buy a pair of sunglasses. How does HE indicate what he wants?

**Answers on page 36(so no-one cheats).**

## Dig this!

The Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists Club usually meets once a month in the Museum in Hawes and members have recently taken part in activities such as making Celtic brooches and shields, flint knapping and visiting the site of the Roman fort at Bainbridge with a 'real' Roman soldier. The final event of last year was a trip to York.

A fun-packed programme of activities is planned for 2008 and anyone who would like information on the Club should email the Museum [at dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk) or call **666210**.

## Mystery Box

At the end of last November one of our Newsletter collecting boxes was left for emptying on the doorstep at Old Station House. Fine, thanks. (Over £22 plus rain!), but we don't know where it came from.

It has been nicely re-labelled and is ready for collection. We wait with mounting excitement for the caller.



## **Fire, Fire!**

North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service is a highly regarded frontline service covering one of the largest geographical areas of all the English Fire and Rescue Services.

Most people probably know about the intervention work we carry out, such as attending fires, road traffic collisions and flooding but do you also know about the prevention initiatives we undertake?

We provide advice, education and Community Safety initiatives to try and reduce the incidence of fires, road traffic collisions and other life threatening hazards - after all, prevention is better than cure.

One of our most successful initiatives is the **Home Fire Risk Check**; this is a free service which we offer to every household within North Yorkshire. It involves a fully trained Fire Crew visiting your house giving advice on how to make home safer and where appropriate fitting smoke alarms. All you need to do to get a Home Fire Risk check is to visit [www.northvorksfire.gov.uk](http://www.northvorksfire.gov.uk) call our Fire Safety advice line on **01609 788545** or contact your local fire station.

For further advice or information please contact **Keith Donnelly** at Richmond Fire Station on **01748 829971**.

## **From Burtersett to Tuvalu**

Back in 1969 slide shows of Island life on the coral Islands of Tuvalu and Kiribata (then known as the Gilbert and Ellice Islands) were a regular occurrence in Burtersett. Andrew, my eldest brother did a year with VSO there after finishing his A levels at Yorebridge. He was situated on one of the smaller islands using local labour to build a school. The other volunteer based on the island was organising the digging of wells and latrine's.

The island economy was basically traditional fishing from outrigger canoes, and growing coconuts and were cut off from the world except for the supply ships that visited trading goods.

His photography was carried out using a supply of slide films he took with him, as films were exposed, he sent them with the next supply ship to be posted to Australia for processing and then delivery to Burtersett. He never saw any of his photographs until he returned home at the end of the year, while we did not know the significance of the scenes until he was back to explain them.

The slide shows themselves were carried out with ingenuity, not having a projector, we constructed our own using a home made light box and the lens from an antique large format camera (donated for the purpose by Frank Chapam). Slides had to be held upside down and wrong way round by hand in the beam of light and move back and forth until the image was in focus. Stability of the image would suffer badly if the projectionist suffered from the shakes.

The family connection with the Islands actually went back to World war

2. In 1944, Ted, (my father) then a 19 year old veteran of the North Atlantic convoys joined a British merchant ship delivering supplies to the American troops in the battle for the Pacific Ocean. One incident was to re-supply the American Marines on the initial beach head during the battle for Tarawa (the main island of the Gilbert & Ellice Isles), while the heavy naval guns of the battleships further out to sea bombarded the Japanese's defences. Small world isn't it.

**Gavin Edwards**

## **Seed harvest**

Conservation staff in the National Park have been out collecting seeds from wild juniper bushes – to ensure they survive in the future. Thousands have been collected in the past few weeks from three sites and are currently in the hands of experts in a professional tree nursery in Berwick-upon-Tweed.

Juniper bushes – which produce berries used in cooking and to flavour gin – are on a national watchlist because their numbers are declining dramatically. They are one of only three conifer species native to Britain and on the UK list of priority habitats for biodiversity action.

Nationally there was a dramatic reduction in juniper distribution up to 1960 due to a combination of factors such as changes in land management.

The seeds are currently dormant and will be ‘woken up’ artificially before being grown on until they are about 15cms to 20cms tall, when they will be ready for planting. But the process can take three to four years.

The work is being carried out in partnership with Natural England, local land owners and the Woodland Trust, which owns one of two juniper populations being harvested in Swaledale. The other is in Ribblesdale.

### **Raydale Project report**

The Raydale Project now has a steering group of ten local people and at their first meeting has agreed to initially take forward two proposals.

The first is to investigate the potential for generating hydropower in the Dale. Members of the group studied a report from the Esk Valley and felt that it would be useful to have a similar exercise carried out here. David Mann, who prepared the Esk study, will attend the next steering group to discuss the work. The steering group are aware of the interest in hydropower both for the community and for private use. **Anyone in Raydale interested in having a watercourse on their land investigated for its hydropower potential should contact the Project Leader on 663379**

The second proposal the group wish to investigate is restoring a section of the track linking Stalling Busk and Marsett. The whole track is in a poor state of repair and it is hoped to promote restoration to at least cycle use level in due course. However, at this early stage, it is the section of cobbled track which is currently under water, which is the focus of attention. Returning Cragdale Water to its proper river course, off the historic cobbles, will make a start towards the longer term aim of being able to cycle around Semerwater. The group look upon this as a river restoration project and a heritage project, rather than road maintenance, which is the responsibility of the County Council. It is hoped that by showing this goodwill and community effort, a more favourable attitude will be taken towards maintenance of an important asset.

**Deborah Millward  
Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust**

### **Anxious time for small post offices**

It is a 'waiting game' just now, as the national Post Office authorities keep delaying the announcement of when, and which local post offices will have to close. When the village shop is also attached (which is often not viable without the P.O.) shop-keepers don't know whether to re-order stock and can't make any plans. "The announcement could be any time within the next six weeks, with closure in six months, but we don't know; it's a nightmare" said Jill at Bainbridge.

Meanwhile in Askrigg, Kath at the Post Office there is on a short-term (six month) rental tenancy from the Askrigg. The Parish Office which was also in the premises is now located in the Askrigg vicarage for church business.

### Shop open

From January 29th the shop at Askrigg Post Office will open selling sweets, drinks, greetings cards, stationery and Easter Eggs etc. A dry cleaning facility will also be provided.

This will continue until the end of June and I would like to ask for your continuing support. Thank you.

**Kath Harrington**



### Heavens above

With all the rain we've had over the last couple of months there's been precious few opportunities for star gazing, so let's hope the wet weather lets up for a few weeks as the starry sky is a wonderful spectacle on a clear and frosty February night. The main attraction this February is a **total lunar eclipse on the 21st** of the month. You'll have to stop up late to get a good view of it, as things don't really get under way until well after midnight. Totality— when the moon becomes fully immersed in the Earth's shadow— is reached at 3.00am GMT and lasts for 51 minutes, making this eclipse the deepest visible from the UK until June 2011. Depending on conditions the moon's disc can sometimes turn reddish-orange or take on a deep bronze hue - you can never predict exactly how it will look as so much depends on the amount of cloud and high altitude dust there is in the Earth's atmosphere.

On the planetary front, **Mars** is still prominent high in the south amongst the stars of Taurus, though it's beginning to fade slightly as it recedes from us. **Saturn** is also well on view later in the evening in the SE - not too far away from Regulus, the bright white leader of the constellation of Leo the Lion. It reaches opposition on the night of February 24th/25th. The famous

ring system is beginning to close up (as viewed from the Earth) and will be completely 'edge-on' by 2009. **Venus** is past its best but is still an impressive object in dawn skies.

As ever the bright winter star groups continue to put on a superb show in the southern heavens right through the month. Brilliant Sirius flashes like a diamond low in the SE as darkness falls but dominating the scene is the grandest constellation of all - Orion, the Mighty Hunter of ancient legend. Try spotting the misty patch of the Great Nebula hanging below the sloping line of 3 stars which form his 'belt'. A splendid sight with even modest binoculars. Have clear skies.

**Al Bireo**

### **New directions for Herriots**

It's probably quite unusual to find that a hotelier is also a painter of landscapes. Andrea, (one half of the Andrea and Richard Bateson duo, owners of Herriots in Hawes) has always had the ambition to exhibit and sell art-work from the walls of her hotel and this year, she's going to!

When I spoke to her and Richard, the builders were busy re-designing the interior. Andrea and Richard will no longer offer evening meals, instead they plan to provide home-made lunches, teas and coffee all within a newly designed space which will also display local artists' work.

Originally from Sheffield and Cheshire, Andrea and Richard have been at Herriots for two and a half years, providing seven letting rooms and evening dinner. They will still continue with the accommodation but direct their energies towards the provision of an " up-market" venue for coffee, lunch and tea, all with locally sourced ingredients. They aim to be open for Easter and plans include several 'one-man' exhibitions, (with wine and cheese launch, and lunch!) Watch the Newsletter for more details. We wish them all the best.

S.H.

### **Song Recital**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2.30pm**

**St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth**

Song recital by **Richard Frewer** with

**John Foster** - piano.

Richard has been soloist with the London Symphony Orchestra, the Philharmonia and l'Orchestre de la Suisse Romande. He has broadcast in several countries, on radio and television, including solos in televised Messiah from the Royal Albert Hall, London. He will sing songs by Haydn, Beethoven, Schubert, Vaughan Williams (Songs of Travel) and Copland. **Tickets from 01969 663368 and local Tourist Centres. Adults £7.50 School age £4.00**

## HAWES SCHOOL NEWS

### **School Nativity and Christmas Celebrations**

The children of Class 1 performed 'The Nativity' for the rest of the school and their families at the end of the Autumn term. Those who attended thought that it was delightful. The children spoke and sang really well. Megan Iveson and Izzie Dinsdale were the Narrators and were particularly congratulated for learning so many lines. Quite a feat for children so young! The older children also performed a range of seasonal music and there was a massed performance of 'Jungle Bells' played on recorders and a flute. **All** the children were brilliant and thoroughly enjoyed taking part. The Nursery children sang a song called 'The Christmas Tree' and decorated a tree as they sang. They entertained us all by waving to their parents from the stage, but then becoming very shy when it was their turn to decorate the tree. We have good reason to be very proud of all the children. Mrs Woodyer is very grateful to **all** the staff (particularly Miss Caygill who produced the Nativity) for all their hard work and effort during the term and to the PTFA for organising the refreshments.

### **Christmas Party**

The children had a super party culminating in a visit from Santa. We are very grateful that he came at such a busy time of the year for him and also to the PTFA for their support.

### **Active Quality Mark and Inclusion Quality Mark**

We have once again achieved the Active Quality Mark for PE provision in school. We have also achieved the new Inclusion Quality Mark and have been identified as a lead school in the county.

### **Eureka**

The children in class 2 and 3 were lucky enough to have a fascinating demonstration

of how forces work by staff from Eureka. There were lots of rockets firing showing how air pressure worked, skateboards to demonstrate action and equal reaction of forces and a giant catapult used to propel 'Ted' across the hall demonstrating a pulling force. The children learned a lot in a thoroughly enjoyable session.

### **Stone wall needs a new home**

We are having a wall removed at school and have some local stone surplus to requirements. If anyone would like it please contact the school Tel **667308**.

### **1st Hawes Brownies**

The Brownies would like to thank everyone who supported the sale of refreshments at the recent Hopper's auction.

Just over £300 was raised for Brownie funds. Thank you.

### For others

Here's a list of the monies raised for charities from events held over the Christmas period.

Castle Bolton Village Carol Singing for St George's Crypt Leeds **£100**

Collections at the Redmire and Bolton Services shared between The Bible Lands Society and the Salvation Army. **£280**

Thornton Rust Carol Singers Foundation for the study of infant deaths. **£92**

Penhill Benefice held some Advent Meals for Traidcraft. **£149**

Thoralby Carol Service for the Salvation Army. **£73**

Aysgarth chapel for Children in Need and Children in Distress **£186**

St Andrew's Carol Service and Christmas Morning Service for Crisis at Christmas. **£185**

People at St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth did not send Christmas cards to each other this year and raised in lieu of cards, for the Salvation Army. **£138**

Crown Hotel Hawes for Hawes School **£200**

Hawes Market Hall Concert for Great North Air Ambulance **£2511**

Gayle carol singing for Kings Club and Yorkshire Air Ambulance **£288**

West Burton chapel carol singing and church services for NCH Action for Children **£568**

Hawes Methodist Church for Bible Lands Society **£145**

And for R.N.L.I. **£62**

West Witton crib service for Children's Society **£106**

Wensley; for St. Theresa's Hospice **£60**

Hardraw Church for Stop2night **£100**

Marsett chapel for Christian Aid **£10**

Stalling Busk for Children's Society **£112**

***That's £5365***

***If we've missed any, please let us know.***

### You've heard of...

**Liverpool European City of Culture '08**

But have you heard of:

**Sedbergh Tiny Town of Cumbria Culture '08?**

Special Events will take place between April and September; please contact **Carole Nelson**, Manager Sedbergh Book Town for further information about any of our events, contacts **015396 20034, 015396 20125 or 07812558830**



### **Poles apart?**

Not at all! Just before Christmas we (the Newsletter) received an invitation: "I'm having a party— a get-together— for the overseas workers in the area who are in my English class at the Community office", said Vanda Hurn; "Would you like to meet them?". Of course; so S.E.D. and A.S.W. duly arrived at Cupplesfield, Bainbridge, for three o'clock. Several very un-Polish local people arrived as the welcoming party but then after a while a very happy group piled in. Most of our overseas workers are Poles, but we know we have a few Spaniards and Thais too who also were able to be there.

All the ten-or-so Poles work (and live) at Simonstone Hall, having come, not through any agency, but by word of mouth from friends who came initially to Ambleside. Several of them are related. Apart from simply having a pleasant time, mulled wine and mince pies, we were keen to ask what they think of the area... and us.

But first, a pat on the back for Vanda. Admittedly, English is supposed to be one of the first foreign languages taught in schools in Poland, but (they told us) not always by fluent English speakers. However, our conversations went so easily; their grasp of English is good and we learned a lot about Poland— and they told us a few things about living here in the Dales. Coming from quite urban areas to here proves quite hard. "It's so quiet!" "It's so far to go for a big store, a large cinema, a club or a (Catholic) church." They don't have time between shifts to get far. Eyes lighted up, though, at the mention of Lancaster. There's a Polish shop there which they frequent.

That's not to say they weren't jolly! They were, however, sad that on Christmas EVE, when they traditionally have their main celebration, Mass or a party would be difficult to fit in.

As we know, the pay received here is very good in Polish terms, but it is rather sad to learn that some of our overseas friends have one— or even two— degrees, and are here changing beds etc.! Some intend to return, others to stay and maybe find more appropriate work. One sadness is that they don't often meet the true locals— only really speaking to tourists or visitors. But they seem very happy with the welcome... not the weather!

Thank you, Vanda. The party ended speedily as shift-time beckoned. We hope that there will be more opportunity to meet and chat with all those from overseas. Even better, we would like one or two written contributions - experiences of living here: traumatic, problematic, misunderstandings or amusing. Preferably in English! But a sentence or two in Polish or Spanish etc. would look a bit different!

*Information on courses provided by the Adult Learning Service can be obtained from The Community Office, Hawes.*

### **King' Club 2008**

This year is the 20th King's Club in the Dale. The dates for your diary are 4th – 8th August and the venue will be, as in previous years, Askrigg School. If you require any additional information then please contact: **Mike and Pauline Hirst 667841 or Heather Sowerby 650412.**

### **Hands up all in favour!**

Who would like to see a community-owned and run enterprise in a local building with 173 comfortable seats, cosy and warm in winter, with a purpose built auditorium with proscenium arch stage, with disabled access to the foyer and auditorium and two wheelchair bays, gallery space, a bright, modern café and wine bar in the basement with seating for 100 where you can meet with friends for a cosy chat or hold a private function or business event, and a varied entertainment programme which changes every week, getting us out of our houses and bringing our community together, and all within a few miles of every village in Upper Wensleydale. Watch for details of the launch of a Loyalty Card for a free visit!

**Hands down.** Yes, of course, I'm talking about the newly opened community Picture House in Leyburn, previously the Elite Cinema run by Geoff and Jude Simpson. So what's the principal difference between the Elite and the Picture House? The Elite was a private business, the Picture House is strictly a community venture and a registered charity.

In November 2007, after months of research and planning, Leyburn Arts Centre Ltd, trading as The Picture House, negotiated a long-term lease to keep the cinema going and extend the venue into the broader areas of visual and performing arts. The Picture House was able to secure the building lease thanks to several generous donations and loans. I'm one of six volunteer directors and along with literally dozens of local volunteers; together we plan, manage, staff and run the cinema, freely giving our time, as all charity workers do, but the overheads of running the Picture House are substantial. Our estimated overall costs in this first year are £34,026 rising to £44,971 next year.

We're grateful, therefore, for donations

and sponsorship to supplement ticket revenue and help keep the cinema going. Cheques are payable to Leyburn Arts Centre Ltd and can be Gift Aided.

**We must walk before we run.** Once we're bedded down, we intend to host live performance events including theatre, poetry, dance and music. As part of our commitment to the community we'll offer space in the building at low rates to local groups and charities during the day. We're currently seeking funding for our website, our window to the Dales and beyond. We hope to take ticket bookings online, have profiles of volunteers (we have 174) and appeals for others to join them and *A Warmest Thanks Board* for donations and sponsors.

The cinema will largely depend on ticket sales for income but we also need additional funding for a sign for the Picture House on the front of the building, essential in identifying the change.

*As a not-for-profit voluntary based organisation, we need support and funding from local businesses and organisations, and local people across the Dale to ensure the project's ongoing survival. If you're organising a fund-raising event during this year would you consider donating Gift-Aid funds to The Picture House? Without community support, we all know what will happen...*

Would any of us want to be without this wonderful community facility?

**Colin Brannigan**

### **Gayle Mill Opening! - and request for memorabilia**

Well, we've done it! After what seems like an eternity, it looks as though everything is coming together and we have committed ourselves to opening Gayle Mill on Tuesday 18th March 2008, just before Easter. Further details of ticket prices and

of the days and times of opening over the Easter period will appear in the March Newsletter and on our website [www.gaylemill.org.uk](http://www.gaylemill.org.uk). However, the important thing to stress is that all visits will be as conducted tours and **all** visitors **must book in advance**, through the Dales Countryside Museum.

One of the key jobs we have to complete within the next few weeks is to get information panels prepared. In addition, as part of a continuing programme, we shall also be preparing guidebooks and promotional literature. We are keen to obtain any background information relating to the Mill – photographs, images, old postcards, paintings, diary extracts, old invoices etc. - to bring in the local perspective. **If you have any such material** you would be prepared to donate or lend, please contact the Mill Manager, **Paul Bisson, 667320**. The source of any items used will be acknowledged. If you do not wish to part with treasured possessions then please would you allow us the opportunity to scan them in for our use. Please rummage in the attic without delay.

**Michael Thomson**  
**Gayle Mill Trust**

### **All through the night**

Here is advance notice; next May the Long Distance Walkers Association is organising a 48 hour, 100 mile walk in the Dales. This will be passing through our area **during the night**. If you would like further details please contact **John Sparshatt, 01943 864613**.



Mystery picture. See page 35 for replies

### **African Teachers Visit Wensleydale**

Two weeks before the Christmas holiday, six African teachers visited West Burton School. Three were from Zimbabwe and three were from Zambia. They were with us for two weeks and rotated around two other schools in the Wensleydale area. They told us about where they were from and their schools. They told us that a lot of children walked 1 and half miles to school and back. The schools over there have up to 3000 children in a school and about 50 in a class. In Zimbabwe at the moment they have a shortage of food and petrol and have not much electricity each day. The prices of food there are very expensive. They taught us some African language and they showed us and left some things of theirs like books, woven baskets, necklaces and a thumb pluck. We enjoyed our time with them and wished them a Happy Christmas.

**Hayley Moore and Esther Everitt**

### **Yorebridge House opens its doors**

By the time you read this article the extensively refurbished Yorebridge House will have opened its doors to guests and to locals. The owners, Charlotte and David Reilly, will be pleased to welcome locals who are curious to see the outcome of nearly eighteen months of external and internal building work.

You can pop in for a drink in the cosy public bar with its roaring fire or book a table for lunch or dinner in the newly extended airy restaurant with views over the gardens. The restaurant seats 40 and there is also a private function room with room for a further 20 guests.

The hotel has ten individually designed bedrooms with large bathrooms and the

three ground-floor rooms have private terrace hot tubs. The old school across the car park has three further bedrooms and will house a spa facility that will soon be open to locals who wish to book themselves in for a 'pampering'. The reception area will also house a small shop selling gifts and home accessories.

The hotel will soon have a wedding license and Charlotte and David will be offering this facility from summer onwards. You can see sample menus on their web-site [yorebridgehouse.co.uk](http://yorebridgehouse.co.uk) and there will be a special menu for Valentine's Day. Please call **Dave and Charlotte** on **650680** and they will be delighted to tell you more about all that Yorebridge House has to offer.

**B.C.**

### **Who wants to be a volunteer?**

A few of us wondered this as we trudged through the driving rain up the narrow lane to Helm one morning in early December. About a dozen of us, plus two dogs, were on a guided walk, part of a Christmas 'treat' to its volunteers from the Dales Countryside Museum.

The walk was led by Dave Jackson, who gave us a fascinating tour of the north side of the dale, from Breconbar to Skell Gill and back via Yore Bridge to Bow Bridge. Stones from old cheese presses were found in unlikely locations (e.g. in a stile and on top of a wall), we saw a superb example of beeholes (those square spaces let into a stone wall to hold bee hives), a derelict lime kiln, and many other interesting relics of former life in the dale.

Wet and bedraggled we retired to The Crown Inn at Askrigg, where we were joined by other DCM volunteers, and enjoyed a wonderful lunch, the other part of our Christmas treat from the DCM. So, what had we done during 2007 to deserve this treat?

Some stalwarts had helped to re-paint the exterior of the train carriages outside the museum whilst others had participated in the gardening project at the Museum. Those wanting a more comfortable life had spent time inside the museum demonstrating crafts, cleaning exhibits, working with the collections in the archival store (labelling, photographing, conservation of textiles, database work). A new venture will prepare material for on-line viewing of the museum's collections in 2008.

Volunteers usually work in small groups. We have fun and we see parts of the museum's collections that are not normally on view to visitors. If you would like to join the volunteers at the DCM, please

phone **Fiona Rosher or Debbie Allen (tel. 666210)** for further information about the work involved.

**J.W.T**

### **Sick of Bad News? Well Here's a bit of Good News!**

#### **Hawes to get a First Responder Group.**

##### **What is a First Responder?....**

It's someone called upon by the Ambulance Service to attend medical emergencies in their local community, to provide care and support as quickly as possible before the Ambulance arrives.

A thorough and continuous training in the use of all the equipment is provided to the Group .

Generally responders are sent to life threatening conditions like cardiac arrests, people with chest pain, unconscious patients (priority Category A cases), but also to less serious cases to provide support and reassurance until the arrival of the ambulance. Support for these cases must be prompt and near at hand.

The Ambulance Service always despatches an ambulance, a Rapid Response vehicle or Air Ambulance to back up and support the Responder every time.

Responders will be trained locally in Hawes by an 'In House' Trainer.

They will operate as a Group, with an agreed Rota under the guidance of a Scheme Leader .The 'on call' Responder is activated directly from the emergency control room by mobile phone or pager, the Responder attends the call in their own transport respecting road regulations and traffic conditions. Locating the patient and looking after them until the Ambulance arrives.

**How do I get Involved?** Initially please contact ;

**Gordon Tel 667348 /07968625751**

**Darren Tel 667433 /07814028834**

**Philip Tel. 623139 /07726339134**

### **National Park Ranger Report**

Some of you may have noticed that we have begun the path restoration works at Cotter Riggs, on the Lady Anne Highway. The initial machine work involves creating a raised path along with an adjacent ditch (vegetation lined, as opposed to bare soil). This is the fundamental work which will help to keep water off the surface. The next phase of the work will see stone added to the surface, followed by a thin soil and seed mix which will hopefully result in a grass surface across the path. This is important in order to reduce the impact on the landscape of such works. The majority of the works should be finished by the end of March, but it will take a couple of years for the grass to establish on the surface. We carried out similar works in September 2004 above Lunds, and that section of path now has a good grass surface above a decent aggregate base that is resisting erosion. If anyone would like further information on this project, then please get in touch.

We will also be carrying out maintenance to the path at Cotter Force, surfacing and fencing works in order to keep the path to a suitable standard. This route has 450m of flat, level, stile free surfaced path that gets much use from those who perhaps aren't as agile as they once were. If you walk your dog there, please clean up after it.

Within my patch there are approximately 1500 'items' (stiles, signs, footbridges, gates etc) on the public rights of way network that we maintain. The condition of these are surveyed by volunteers and then recorded on a map-based database,

which helps plan our work. Our volunteers are also commencing a survey of existing gates or stiles that are on Open Access land. This information will be useful to us so that we can approach landowners in the future to discuss possible ideas for improving access in these areas. If you own land that is designated as statutory open access land (usually fell), you may meet one of our volunteers.

If you have any queries regarding public access either on rights of way or open access land you can contact me at Hawes 666220; [matt.neale@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:matt.neale@yorkshiredales.org.uk)

**Matt Neale**  
**Area Ranger - Upper Wensleydale**

### **Bikers stopped**

Motorbikes being used on unsurfaced green lanes in the Dales came under scrutiny when North Yorkshire Police and Rangers from the National Park Authority carried out spot checks during December.

Eight bikers were stopped during the operation, which took place in four locations in the Wensleydale area of the National Park. Three were found to have no road tax, two possibly had no insurance and another had an illegal number plate. Two other bikers were seen riding illegally but failed to stop.

Matt Neale, Area Ranger for Upper Wensleydale, is co-ordinating the joint action days, which are aimed at raising awareness of new legislation relating to the use of green routes in the National Park for recreational purposes by drivers of motorbikes and 4x4s. More checks are to take place during the winter months. He said "The illegal use of motor bikes and 4x4 vehicles in the National Park is a big problem and they can have a serious effect on the landscape, wildlife and other users."

A useful explanatory leaflet is available in

some petrol stations and cafes or on the website [www.yorkshiredales.org.uk](http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk)

### **Be aware of new car-jacking scheme.**

You walk across the car park, unlock your car and get inside. Then you lock all your doors, start the engine and shift or put into reverse. You look into the rear-view mirror to back out of your parking space and you notice a piece of paper stuck to the middle of the rear window. So, you shift the gear stick back into park or neutral, unlock your doors and jump out of your car to remove that paper or whatever it is that is obstructing your view. When you reach the back of your car that is when the car-jackers appear out of nowhere, jump into your car and take off!! Your engine was running, you would have left your purse in the car and they practically mow you down as they speed off in your car.

**BE AWARE OF THIS NEW SCHEME THAT IS NOW BEING USED IN GLASGOW AND MANCHESTER AND IS MAKING ITS WAY ACROSS THE COUNTRY!**

Just drive away and remove the paper later! It is stuck to your window and be thankful that you read this email. I hope you will forward this to friends and family especially to women! A purse contains all identification, and you certainly do NOT want someone getting your home address. They already HAVE your keys!

### **Local shops and services.**

#### **(Every little helps!)**

It is as good a time as any to remind ourselves here in Wensleydale how well we are served for goods and services.

Take Hawes for example. You can find ladies and gents clothing, watches and jewellery, building and DIY supplies, books, newspapers and magazines, T.Vs and washing machines, flowers and plants,

gifts of all kinds and of course fresh (locally sourced) meat and foodstuffs. We are lucky too to be able to put fuel in our cars here, go to a bank or 'hole in the wall' and use the services of the Post Office. We can buy Wellies and Windsor chairs; copper kettles and electric ones. We have a dispensing chemist, a weekly indoor and outdoor market, we can even get our hair cut, and all down the dale there are village shops providing a vital service. Spoilt really aren't we!

Of course we all like to go on trips to 'the big city' and have a shop and a look around and why not? But think what our own lives would be like if we lost our excellent shops and services and HAD to go further afield.

Visitors often remark on how lucky we are to benefit from such good shopping, and usually comment on the 'service-with-a-smile' too. Do we take all this for granted perhaps? These days, there are ever more temptations for us to spend our hard-earned cash out of town and this puts pressure on our local shopkeepers to keep their prices as low as possible. When you include the cost of fuel to shop 'away' and the journey, are you really getting value? And what about the cost to the environment of either our journey of several miles or having the shopping delivered?

'Use it or lose it' may be an over used phrase but there's still a lot of truth in it.

**S.H.**

### **Family Food**

With it being winter time, the cold makes the body welcome comforts such as homemade, warming lentil and chestnut pies with rich gravy and roast potatoes - or wholesome soup made with red lentils and an abundance of seasonal vegetables, with a dollop of cream in the middle - or just sitting by the fire with a warm glass of mulled wine or sherry and talking with friends and family. I think this is really



what makes the winter weather enjoyable.

I am part of a big family and several of the female members enjoy cooking and baking. My Grandmother, even with nine children, loved cooking and I am told, had a special day for baking on a Wednesday, when she baked teacakes, scones, pasties and buns. My aunties and my mother have inherited her pleasure in cooking and my grandmother was always handy to have around for tips and advice. One of her specialities for occasions like Christmas or a special event, was to make sherry trifle which we all looked forward to eating as it was delicious. My mother often makes bread and I love coming into the house to smell it newly baked, crusty on the outside with a hot soft centre.

For me, food conjures up different memories and feelings and I can often remember happenings by thinking about what was eaten at the time. My family spend a lot of time sitting around our kitchen table, talking about the day and eating meals such as Spanish omelette and chips or jacket potatoes with salad from the garden in summer. In winter we like eating hot, warming foods like mashed potatoes and pies whereas in spring we tend to eat lighter, more simple food like flans and stir-fries. In Autumn we eat lots of rice with all sorts of sauces and browned nuts and fried tofu.. The different seasonal foods help us to feel warm in winter and in summer more active for biking, walking etc.

As I do not eat meat my diet includes lentils and tofu which are good sources of protein and very enjoyable. Lentils cook quickly and can be added to soups or sauces. Tofu is a soya bean curd which can be used with vegetables or cooked with tomatoes. In our kitchen there is usually some kind of cooking going on and is an important part of family life, as it was for

my grandmother. It is nice to think that we are carrying on the tradition of preparing and appreciating good food.

Learning how to cook is important because when I leave home to go to University I need to be independent and the skills of cooking healthy food will be a big advantage and will also enable me to live more economically. Time spent cooking reminds me not to take food for granted although, at the present time, I feel I have a lot to learn.

**Mary McCullagh, Bursary student**

## From “missing cinema?” to the new Picture House

If you have driven up through Leyburn on a cold, dark winter’s night recently, you will probably have been cheered by the sight of the lights shining out of the old Elite once more. Yes, the cinema is up and running again under its new name, the Picture House. As before, the cinema houses a coffee and wine bar, open from 4.30pm for pre-cinema drinks (plus delicious home-made cakes if you are that way inclined), and also between showings.

If you have already been to the cinema, you cannot fail to have been struck by the friendliness and enthusiasm of the team running it and by the warm welcome extended, as too by their wish to learn as much as possible from us, the public, so as to provide the cinema that *we*, the public, want. Feed-back sheets for this purpose are available at the counter, as are programme notes to inform our choice of films (available too at libraries and many local shops).

A full programme has been running since 1<sup>st</sup> January, one designed to suit all tastes. My own choice so far has fixed on three films which all, in one way or another, exposed the complexities of family relationships: *Into the Wild*, about a young American graduate who reacts against the career expectations and vulgar materialism of his middle-class parents and goes to live wild in nature, amidst the stunning scenery of Colorado and Arizona; *When did you last see your father*, a harrowing (and sometimes very humorous) exploration of the transfixing force of memory as the young writer, Blythe (Colin Firth), assists at the illness and death of his father; and *Brick Lane*, about an arranged Bangladeshi marriage and the twists and turns of feelings and relationships under the impact of 9/11. I missed *Ratatouille*, but have heard some enthusiastic reports about its technical

brilliance.

The January weather, with its snow, gales and floods, has not been as conducive as it might to draw us of an evening out of our comfort zones. But there is nothing like the immediacy of the big screen, with its compelling effects of image, light and sound, to draw us into the lives and experiences of others and, if the film is good, to give us a feeling of enlarged understanding and sympathy. And that surely, leaving aside the realm of magic and escapism, is very much what the cinema is about. As the hero of *Into the Wild* says, “Life is a question of accumulating new experiences.” So let’s make haste while the sun shines (in a manner of speaking!).

**Margaret Parry**

## Little and Largesse

St Matthew’s, Stalling Busk. would like to thank all our very loyal friends and supporters who make it possible for this very tiny church, with a very small congregation, to do so much more than just keep the roof over our heads.

Following the annual “Bread for Life sale”, in late autumn when we celebrate our harvest, by selling home-baked bread and preserves, and serving teas, we were able to send the £705 raised, via Christian Aid, to fund the purchase of three wells for villages in Bangladesh, helping to transform the lives of three communities.

At our first service in December we had a presentation from Amanda Killip, from Askrigg about the wonderful work being done through The Ayries Society, a hands-on group of dedicated workers, making education and basic good health possible for an area in Tamil Nadu. S.India. The society provides walking frames and wheelchairs to enable children to attend school. Education is prized in away many of our children would find hard to believe. The society works hard to combat Aids and other

endemic diseases. Following the presentation we were able to buy Fair Traded goods and gifts and sufficient money was raised to buy a wheelchair to enable another child to have the hope of a different life.

Finally thanks to all those whose donations at our Christmas Eve candle-lit service, which is always "packed to the gunnels" and when we at Stalling Busk feel that Christmas has truly begun, £112 was raised to send as we always do to The Children's Society. The love and support shown by all is passed on "measure for measure".

**Lesley Coates Jones. Sec. St Matthews.**

### **Show time for hay meadows**

Hay meadows in the National Park will be showcased in a Yorkshire Dales Hay Time Festival, which will run from May to September, and will comprise a programme of events and activities for visitors and locals to highlight the biodiversity and cultural heritage of the National Park's hay meadows. The festival aims to recapture some of the tradition and heritage as well as explaining the importance and value of the hay meadows for the future of the Dales.

A Hay Time Project, already set up, aims to restore 140 hectares of upland and lowland meadow to their former glory by encouraging farmers to revert to more traditional management that allows meadow flowers to thrive, supporting a huge variety of wildlife. If any groups or organisations are planning an event that they would like featuring in the festival, please contact **Karen Griffiths 01756 751619**. See also [www.ydmt.org/haytime.html](http://www.ydmt.org/haytime.html).

### **Wensleydale Railway**

From January 7 to February 29, 2008 there will be no public train services, to allow time to prepare the railway's rolling stock,

buildings and track for the 2008 season. Help will be welcomed – especially with cleaning and decorating! (or with donations towards expenses for paint and other materials). Please note that the railway will NOT be closed during this period as works trains etc may run at any time.

Timetables for March onwards are now available.

**Ruth Annison**

### **Get fit in the New Year with Yorebridge Sports and Fitness**

You should by now have had an activity schedule put through your door with a range of classes to suit all ages and abilities. Please do ring and book in for these sessions, as they are filling up fast! New for the New Year is a 'Back Care Course' with Sue Lightfoot running for five weeks and our 'Family Challenge' activity days for all ages running every second Saturday in the month.

Askrigg United have also started a five-a-side session on Monday nights on the Multi Use Games Area, running from 8.00pm onwards. This session is open to anyone over the age of 16 and costs only £1 per week. No need to book, just turn up and play.

If you are thinking of joining the Gym, then get in touch. We would also love to hear from anyone who may be interested in becoming a volunteer at the club. There is no knowledge required but you will be required to undergo a First Aid course. All we ask is that you committ to attending one session a week on a regular basis, (generally 2 hours) and in return, we will give you free unlimited use of the gym facilities. Too good an opportunity to miss?.....Then give us a ring!

For all bookings and enquiries, speak to **Lesley on 650060 or email on [admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk](mailto:admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk)**.

### **RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch**

Each year, at the end of January, the public are invited to participate in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch (BGB) by counting the numbers of wild birds that land in their gardens during an hour on either one of two specified dates. In 2008, the count will take place on January 26-27<sup>th</sup>.

Having taken part in the BGB in our former home in Cambridgeshire, we

wondered what differences there would be between the bird populations using the two gardens. One, at 167 ft above sea level, was surrounded by arable farmland and near a small wood, the other backs on to pasture, has mature trees, and is at about 800 ft.

Essentially, there was little difference in the variety of species observed at the two locations, with finches being the predominant visitor amongst the 15 recorded at each: blackbird, blue tit, great tit, coal tit, dunnock, chaffinch, goldfinch, greenfinch, greater spotted woodpecker, house sparrow, robin, starling, jackdaw and pheasant.

Chaffinches trebled in number between 2004 and 2007 in our Yorkshire garden and the house sparrow was the second most abundant visitor during the 2007 count but we registered only one greenfinch (possibly the effect of a virus that afflicted finches in 2006). Greenfinches were still scarce throughout the summer of 2007 and it will be interesting to see how many visit our garden during the count this year.

Birds that we see regularly at this time of year but which have never appeared during the hour of the count are: wren, tree creeper and wood pigeon. Occasionally we see Brambling and Nuthatch.

Individuals, families and schools can all take part in the event so why not join in this year. For more information, call the RSPB on **0870 600 7108** or visit their website at [www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](http://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch).

### **ASKRIGG SCHOOL NEWS**

**J.W.T.**

#### **Books for Belize**

Many thanks to everyone who donated books to be sent to Belize. Special thanks to the staff at Carrs Billington in Askrigg who provided pallets, clingfilm and weighbridge to ensure the books were securely packed for transportation.

The books have arrived safely in Belize, having been sent on a Fyffes banana boat, and have been very enthusiastically received.

This is a photo of some of the children  
Thanks to the wonders of email and digital cameras the date on the board is only a week ago.

**Askrigg School Council News!**

Guinea Pig Gazette:

After five months of a sore leg which hasn't got any better the vet decided to cut off Bubble's leg! They are in class 3 now happy as larry. Thank you to Nicola Hunt and her family for looking after them both over the Christmas Holidays, They even got Christmas presents there. Next week they will be going into class 2.

Thank you to everybody who's brought their Christmas cards to either the Post office or School we have had to empty the box THREE times!



## New year gardening

I haven't touched the longer ornamental grasses since last spring, when the only treatment I gave to them was a number one haircut, cutting out all old, withered growth right down to ground level, carefully leaving untouched any early new shoots.

'Carefully' is an unfamiliar word in my gardening vocabulary, as I tend to attack plants, pruning my victims with gusto, and then spending a month anxiously watching for new growth and salvation. Almost all plants recover and will actually benefit; hypericon 'Hidcote' for instance, relishes a crew cut and grows back thicker than ever whilst a laurel hedge positively demands this heavy-handed treatment if it's going to reach a decent thickness. Grasses are equally as forgiving, yet cutting back too early in autumn can detract from the winter garden; long stems covered in rime catching brilliant winter sun are a seasonal highlight and guaranteed to banish any nostalgic cravings for summer bedding.

Of the grasses, I've found the best to be the miscanthus, particularly 'zebrinus', the zebra grass, which will reach a regal 4 ft or more. The leaves are a winning combination of transverse yellow stripes against lime green, the whole plant spreading by 2 or 3 ft. Don't worry about an invasion, as it's an ideal guest and won't take over the party, unlike more robust specimens which can spread through and ruin that cherished border. Avoid spartina, unless you enjoy the futile graft of trying to teach it to behave – this brute would probably flourish quite happily in the outside lane of the M6 or even grow through a foot of concrete - you won't be rid of it till you move house. Bit prejudiced maybe, but we go back a long way. Some of the carex are as bad, but I've found if deadheaded before seeding, a specimen like 'triffida pendula' (who decides on

these names?) can excel. I've noticed its half cousin growing up Whitfield Gill. A rampant little sedge, it seems to be advancing inexorably on Askrigg..... Don't confuse the two, as 'Triffida', with her gracefully arching stems will reach well over 4ft, but I repeat, DON'T forget to deadhead before the seeds are ripe otherwise she'll build an army.

Stipa 'gigantea', golden oats, has been a real joy for many months. As they say in the ads, if you get only one, get this one. Very attractive in frosty, winter clothes, she'll reach the height of elegance in midsummer. The golden spikes can reach 6ft or more, and twinned with long, slender leaves, it's just about the queen bee.

Hurriedly drawing a veil over pennisetums (I *can't* keep them alive), I'll finish by recommending the unassuming little festuca 'glauca', a modest little plant for the front of the border. It doesn't flaunt away in winter like the previous prima donnas, but will catch the eye with those deep blue blades, more so in summer. It's a blue unlike anything else in the garden, and like a lot of slow burners, you suddenly realise that you can't live without it.

All plants mentioned are undemanding, thriving in good soil and full sun, and can be used either as centre stage specimens or as a foil for pushy annuals. **Ed Gardener**

### Cash for new ideas

More groups in and around the National Park will be able to get help to launch projects thanks to a Government pot of cash. The £200,000 Sustainable Development Fund (SDF), has been given the go ahead for each of the next three years. It is managed on the Park's behalf by the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust.

Organisations, individuals and businesses are being given the chance to apply. The National Park is especially interested in projects that test new ideas and promote best practice, that involve young people or encourage links between people from different backgrounds.

Past schemes have included river/pollution projects; timber usage/restoration; children's workshops at D.C.M; advice for businesses on environmental impact, energy use and waste. Anyone wanting application forms and further details should contact:

**Isobel Hall on 015242 51002 or email: [isobel.hall@ydmtd.org](mailto:isobel.hall@ydmtd.org).** The first round deadline for funding is **February 15th**. Application forms are also available on the National Park's website at [www.yorkshiredales.org.uk](http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk).



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## **Pagan Nature God revealed**

Discover the fascinating truth behind the myth of the Green Man in a Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society lecture.

The image of a human face, disgorging leaves from its mouth, is found in medieval churches and secular buildings throughout Europe. It is derived from the pre-Christian past, is thought to represent a pagan nature god absorbed into Christian imagery, and is called the Green Man.

Since Tudor times actors, dressed in leaves, and known as Jack-in-the-Green, the Summer Lord or Robin Hood, have appeared in May Day celebrations representing the survival of beliefs in nature spirits and fertility gods. Dr David Bostwick will tell us more on **Tuesday February 12th, at 2.00pm at Middleham Key Centre.**

Other lecture topics for 2008 are as varied as the architecture of Palladio; modern architecture; William Blake and Samuel Palmer; Samplers and Victorian narrative painting. Lecturers are chosen for their academic knowledge and their first class lecturing ability. Wensleydale DFAS also organises study days and a series of visits to galleries, stately homes and gardens. Members, who are drawn from throughout the Dales, receive the quarterly NADFAS Review and our local newsletter.

Membership information and application forms are available from **Elaine Frances tel. 624203 or [elaine\\_frncs@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:elaine_frncs@yahoo.co.uk)**

### **Get knitting!**

Would any experienced knitters enjoy knitting small garments in Wensleydale and other rare breed wool (paid per garment)? Please call Andrea at Herriot's in Hawes on **667536** for details (or call in for a chat).



## Doctors' rotas as supplied by the surgery

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### BAINBRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

#### Christmas play

On the December 13th there was a Christmas play performed by Bainbridge school. It was about Mary and Joseph on their travels to Bethlehem and it was called Hosanna Rock. Everyone enjoyed themselves and had a brilliant time. Lots of people came to watch the concert, the school was really full. Everyone told us after how good it had been.

#### BAWB carol service

We ended the term with a joint service at St Oswald's Church, Askrigg. West Burton and Bainbridge school joined together sang beautifully at Askrigg church. Then they all sang their own songs. Bainbridge sang Mary had a baby, West Burton sang Little Donkey and Askrigg sang Away in a manger. I am sure that everyone that came enjoyed all the singing and a stunning performance by the African teachers that came. All the children that sang were very proud of themselves.

#### Carol singing

We met Mr. Moore and Mrs. Hopwood to go carol singing around Bainbridge. Everyone enjoyed singing to the villagers. And I hope the villagers enjoyed us singing to them. It was a freezing night and our feet got very cold. We went back to school for mince pies and biscuits when we had finished.

Sophie Hey

#### Eureka!

The key stage two children had a visit from the staff of the Eureka! Outreach Project, participating in a science session on the theme of forces. We've had a visit before and they are always enjoyed by the children.

#### Parents and Friends Association

Thank you very much if you supported our collection in aid of the Great Air Ambulance Service. 174 bags of clothing weighing 868 kg took over half an hour for two men to load into their van. We raised £396.74 for the cause and a commission of £65 for PFA funds. Well done, everybody!

Staying with the PFA we had a very well-attended domino drive in the comfortable surroundings of Sycamore Hall and are planning a family quiz night and supper; date to be confirmed.

#### Bonjour tout le monde!

This term Donna Parker is again very kindly running our ever-popular after school French club. This is open to all children and will clearly enhance the French classes our Deputy Head, David Moore, is teaching our key stage 2 pupils.

#### Award for Active Mark 2007

We were delighted to be awarded this at the end of last term. It is awarded if 90% or more of pupils across the school are doing at least two hours of high quality P.E. and school sports each week.

Emma Arblaster, Parent Governor

**Rainfall figures from July to  
December 2007**

**Measurements in Millimetres**

	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total for 2007
<b>Hawes</b>	157	72	71	46	106	219	1395
<b>Carperby</b>	95	58	40	33	78	125	1105
<b>West Burton</b>	88	54	42	37	22	91	1007
<b>Bainbridge</b>	95	49	56	42	99	198	1296
<b>Stalling Busk</b>	115	75	79	48	142	212	1512
<b>Askrigg</b>	88	46	56	34	82	164	1092
<b>Thornton Rust</b>	110	71	61	32	102	168	1303

**History Revisited – 50 years in  
the Dales**

This is a project between the Dales Countryside Museum and the Wensleydale School. On the evening of the 5<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30 we will be having an Open Evening where we would like to invite anyone from the community who would be willing to share their memories with young people from the Wensleydale School. Refreshments will be provided. Please come along.

## Christmas Lights Update

This year we have had a very big lights programme, most to improve the displays but some to meet legislative requirements. In broad terms we spent

- nearly £2000 on essential rewiring in St Margaret's churchyard and to provide another four external twin sockets with timers and RCDs
  - over £2500 on the new displays for Town Head and Town Foot
  - £500 constructing a new crib scene for St Margaret's churchyard (thank you Stuart Armstrong)
  - £600 putting the lights up and taking them down
  - £800 on the Children's Party and Father Christmas arrival and gifts
  - £1000 on five more bright white Christmas trees for the Marketplace
  - £350 on insurance
  - £350 on bulbs, ties, rope light etc - items needed for repair and refurbishment of existing displays
- a total of over £8000.

This is a lot to raise in a place the size of Hawes so where did it come from? Basically from you and for your generosity a very big thank you.

Thanks to all of you who became Friends of Hawes Christmas Lights in 2007. £1005 was donated by ninety nine Personal or Family Friends. Jack and Nancy Sutton were the lucky winners of this year's Christmas draw and received a cheque for £100 in good time for Christmas. A further £1355 was donated by forty three local businesses who became Business Friends of the lights.

A big thank you also to the Market Tolls Trustees, the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter, the LVA, Mrs Cannon, The Parish Council, the County Council, Gayle Ladies, The Methodist Ladies, bonus Balls from the Club and The White Hart and all others who have donated or helped or

supported our fund raising activities.

Last, a word about the pyramid lighting displays at Town Head and Town Foot. "Why no real trees?" we have been asked. Last year, adverse weather and vandalism resulted in the trees at Town Head and Town foot being out of commission more than they were working so we looked around for an alternative solution. We found "Cone Trees" – cone shaped structures strung with lots of small LED lights. These, however, were very expensive costing almost £2500 each. So the committee, with Reg Fagg taking the lead, decided that we could make our own. The steelwork was fabricated by Fawcetts of Woodhall and Reg, supported by other volunteers, strung 3000 lights and over 100m of garland over the frames to make the displays which you now see at both ends of the town. Initial comments, before they were powered up, were less than positive but when seen at night, the overall feedback has been excellent. We have also obtained very good value for money as we made the two displays for just about half the cost of two similar commercially made displays. As a bonus they have cut our electricity consumption from 1,500 watts per tree to only 100 watts each.

If, however, anyone has any constructive comments as to how we can improve these or any displays, please tell us what you would like. Even better, come along and help. Please let Kevin White (in Whites of Wensleydale) know if you are willing to give some practical assistance or have a shed or barn where we could store the lights over the summer. We have lots to do for the 2008 Christmas Festival and would much appreciate new ideas and help - after all they are your Christmas Lights, not ours. **A.M.**

## Guide dogs

Unfortunately the costs associated with the collection, storage, sorting and selling the

used postage stamps now outweigh the income received. So the 'GD' have ceased collecting stamps and have started a new collection which involves recycling items to raise funds.

If you have any of the following, in any condition, broken, outdated or simply unwanted, however large or small, they would be gratefully received:

*Old or foreign coins and banknotes*

*Jewellery*

*Watches and keys*

*Mobile phones (remove SIM card)*

*Inkjet cartridges (not Epson)*

Thank you. **Jackie Cook, The Rambles,  
Thornton Rust**



## Letters

To the Upper Wensleydale  
Newsletter

The church in issue 132 is probably known locally as UBRUM

Your picture is a good bit older than mine because the tree it shows in the corner by the tower has gone and the headstone nearest the tower seems more upright than it is now.

Pevsner in his "Buildings of England" begins his description of Hubberholme: "The church nearest the upper end of Upper Wharfedale. Hence the dedication to St. Michael." I wonder if any of your readers can explain the chain of reasoning behind his second sentence? It baffles me. We can't ask Pevsner; he died in 1983. Pity!

Keep up the good work you do.

**John Kirby, Aysgarth**  
*(Thank you for the three very interesting photos dated 1989, 1994 and 1995. You are right about our picture, which is one from the Geoffrey Wright collection and would have been taken in the 1970s. We are much more up to date with the next few, having found a new source! Ed.)*

Gwen Fawcett from Marsett telephoned to say it was Hubberholme. "I was christened, confirmed and married there."

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Charity we would like to thank you for your donation of £15.00 in lieu of biscuit money (*when we collate the Newsletter; Ed*) for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Service Charity.

The Yorkshire Air Ambulance operates two helicopters which are based at Leeds Bradford Airport and Sheffield City Airport and can be airborne in 2 minutes, fly-

ing at speeds of up to 140mph. Wherever the Air Ambulance lands within Yorkshire there is a hospital within 10 minutes' flying time. This means that injured patients can be taken quickly and smoothly for specialist care - it is this swift medical intervention that has a major impact on a patient's chance of survival and recovery. The Air Ambulance can also deliver a fast inter-hospital transfer of seriously ill or injured patients and a high level of patient comfort, especially to those with serious head, neck and spinal injuries.

It is the goodwill, sponsorship and charitable donations that keep this vital service flying and therefore, we are extremely grateful for all your support - without the generosity of people such as yourself we would be unable to continue this valuable work.

You may like to support our Charity further by playing our weekly lottery - for only £1 a week you can contribute to the Charity and have the chance to win our jackpot - you could be our next lucky winner! Once again, our warmest thanks and appreciation to you.

Yours sincerely,

**Marie McParland, Yorkshire Air  
Ambulance, Admin Team**

We would like to thank Margaret Parry for her kind words at the end of her piece (*about Cinema in Leyburn; Ed*) in the December/January issue of The Newsletter.

My wife Jude and I bought 'The Playhouse' (as the building was known since 1970), in 1994 from Brigadier Wilfred Ponsonby, and opened the venue with the business name of 'Elite Cinema'.

It had been used since 1970 as the base for Leyburn Amateur Dramatic Society, but had not operated as a commercial cinema, theatre or music venue since the late 1960s when it closed. From 1994 we operated as a commercial cinema with occasional theatrical and music events.

Every business has a 'get out plan' and we thought, in 1994, that when we retired at 60 we may be able to sell the business as a going concern. However, the Station Cinema in Richmond's plans to open in 2007 made this an unlikely event, because of new competition. Cinemas in rural areas generally only survive because of distance from other cinemas and the loyalty of their audience.

We advertised the cinema for sale in November, 2006, not expecting anyone to show any interest. A group of local people did get together and expressed interest in buying, however this proved to be a time wasting exercise and negotiations with the group broke down citing Insurance problems and the state of the building; another couple also came to look.

There was also the bizarre episode of a Pub owner from the Channel Islands who was supposed to be very keen on buying, but nothing was heard from this source after coming for a look at the building.

A public meeting was called after we closed in May, and a 'Save the Cinema' campaign was started, and a committee formed. After a rocky meeting with the initial members of the committee, we were informed that they may be interested in leasing the cinema. We instructed our solicitor to draw up a draft lease and send it to the 'Save the Cinema' committee. This was in June, 2007.

The leading members involved with the campaign have changed a number of times during the 6 months it has taken us to conclude negotiations. However, the latest committee members have formed a 'not for profit' company called 'The Leyburn Arts Centre Limited', and we have given them a 10 year lease on extremely favourable terms for the first year, and also the loan of all the cinema equipment for the first year, so that they have a 'low cost, easy start' up for their business.

*We are still the owners of the building,*

*but are now just Landlords. We have nothing at all to do with the programme or the running of the venue.*

By the time this is printed, the new business will have opened to offer Cinema and other Arts activities in the venue. They are also, we understand, to apply for planning permission for other uses for the venue. It operates mainly with volunteers thereby keeping overheads to a minimum. They believe that the venue can, in this way, be self funding.

It has been a long road for us to conclude this deal, and we do wish them every success. The rent from the cinema is after all contributing to our retirement fund.

We would like to thank all the people who came to the 'Elite' and hope that the people of Wensleydale will support the new venture operating from the building.

**Geoff Simpson 07958 791012**

### **Theatre Trips**

Anyone interested in joining coach trips to theatre events, including plays, ballet and opera are invited to ring **663259** for a list of a number of trips already planned for March/April.

### **WHAT'S ON LISTING**

***Transfer these dates to your calendar!***

#### **January**

- 26 CMS Presentation – the work of Bob & Ros Arnold in Uganda. West Winton Village Hall 2.30pm to 4.00pm
- 26 Thoraby Burns Night—ticket only.
- 26 Single Darts Knockout, The Fountain, Hawes
- 27 Song Recital at St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth. 2.30pm. See page XX

#### **February**

- 1 Full Length and Fabulous Winter Charity Ball. Ticket only – sold out.

- 1 Wensleydale Society "The Four Seasons in the Dales" West Burton Village Hall 7.30pm
- 5 Shrove Tuesday
- 5 History Revisited—50 years in the Dales at the DCM, Hawes at 6.30pm. See Page XX
- 5 Hawes Drama Group reads "Abigail's Party" Gayle Institute 7.30pm
- 6 Ash Wednesday
- 9 Table Top Sale, Carperby Institute 10.00am to 2.00pm for Church funds. Private tables £10; Church tables free. Entrance £1. Details from **Joan Foster 663368**
- 13 "Discover and Do" at the DCM Hawes. Children's craft afternoon Make Viking jewellery. 2 to 4.00pm £2 charge
- 13, 14, 15 Love is in the Air at the Market House Hawes. See Page XX
- 14 St Valentine's Day
- 15 Storytelling from 2 to 3.00pm at the DCM Hawes. Free family event.
- 15 Museum Friends "The Real James Herriot" 7.30pm at the DCM
- 15 Ladies Valentine Darts, the Crown, Hawes
- 24 Brownies and Guides "Thinking Day" service, Hawes Methodist Church 10.30am
- 28 Gayle Ladies "Monitoring a Prison" Gayle Institute at 7.30pm

**March**

- 1 Low Mill Charity Dinner. All tickets sold

## **MARKET PLACE AND GREETINGS**

Mary Dinsdale and family and Linda Butters would like to say thank you to everyone for all the flowers, cards, letters, phone calls and visits received following the death of Brian (Alderson).  
 These have been a great comfort and help. The donations at his funeral amounted to £660 which has been divided between Gayle Chapel and the Mowbray Suite at the Friarage Hospital

*Greetings form Henley*  
**Margaret and Trevor wish all our friends in the upper dale all the best for Christmas and the New Year**  
*(This arrived late for the December issue)*

**WARD**  
 Rob and family (*Hawes*) would like to thank all the friends who sent him cards, good wishes and gifts whilst in hospital having a liver transplant.  
 Special thanks for the lifts up to Newcastle, and to Louise and Lee for the sleepovers. Rob is doing well but must avoid infections as his immunity is low, but would enjoy a visit if you're passing by

**Freely available!**  
**One traditional wooden and two plastic sledges, in good condition.**  
 You never know, it might snow more yet!  
**A large number of long garden canes.**  
 Be prepared for spring!  
**Tel: 667785**

**Moore**  
**Tom and Betty would like to thank people who sent us cards and presents for our diamond wedding**

**Sleightholm**  
**Mick and Liz would like to thank everyone for the cards and presents received on their Silver Wedding anniversary**



### **Answers to Test for Dementia**

1. If you answered that you are first, then you are wrong! If you overtake the second person and you take his place, then you are second!
2. If you answered that you are second to last, then you are wrong again. Tell me, how can you overtake the LAST person?
3. Did you get 5000? The correct answer to 4100. Check it on a calculator.
4. Did you answer Nunu? NO of course it isn't. Her name is Mary. Read the question again!
5. He just had to open his mouth and ask.

### **Changes at the White Hart**

With the arrival of a new chef, Ben, a new restaurant menu has been put in place. Of

course some of the old favourites remain but there are some new tasty dishes to try. As the menu in the dining room is different a bar menu will be available during the evening. This offers a less expensive option.

From February 11th an 'Early Bird' menu will be offered from 4.30 to 6.00pm. This offers the opportunity to bring the children out for a meal locally.



### **Lent lunches**

The Annual Lent Lunches will take place on the following days.

**Fridays between 12 noon and 1.30pm**

**February 8th** in REDMIRE Village Hall.

**15th** in THORNTON RUST Village Hall.

**22nd** in WEST BURTON Village Hall.

**29th** in AYSGARTH Village Institute.

**March 7th** in THORALBY Village Hall

**14th** in CARPERBY Village Institute

There is no set charge for the meal. Money raised will be sent to CHRISTIAN AID.

Offers of help making soup or serving and washing up are always welcome.

**Evelyn Abraham 663 243**

### **Police Report**

A Happy New Year to you all. Now that the seasonal festivities are over, for many of us it is now the long slog of short cold days and long nights until Spring. This is a time of year thefts and burglaries tend to be at their most prolific as the offenders predominantly use the cover of darkness.

Vigilance and reporting matters to us can pay dividends. Thanks to observant members of the public an attempt theft of a trailer from Hawes on the 15<sup>th</sup> December was thwarted. Initial prompt reporting of a suspect vehicle and then the intervention of the trailers' owner whilst the offence was being committed, caused the offenders to abandon the trailer. Because we knew what we were looking for, the suspect vehicle was stopped in Lower Wensleydale, and the baddies caught. Three from the Dewsbury area are awaiting a court appearance, and items found when they were arrested may lead to other matters being cleared up!

Similar circumstances led to a quad bike, just stolen from a farm in Swaledale, getting recovered and a male from Darlington being arrested before he had left the dale. These two matters show just how much we rely on prompt information from

you, the residents of the Dales. Thanks and long may it continue.

Crime from the 1<sup>st</sup> of December to date (14<sup>th</sup> January) in the area is a third of what it was for the same period last year (5 crimes as opposed to 15 last year).

Coming soon . A Police Surgery is to be set up . This will give people an opportunity to come and speak to one of us face-to-face. We will be there to discuss any matter that you may think the Police can help you with. The day will be a Tuesday to coincide with Market Day. Please look out for posters which will advertise the times and location.

A reminder to motorists. Fog lights fitted to the front of an increasing number of cars are for use only in cases of seriously reduced visibility. The Highway code defines this as "when you cannot see for more than 100metres (that's 328ft in old money). This does not include mere darkness – that's what headlights are for. The Highway code states "You **MUST NOT** use fogs lights at other times."

In simple terms if you need your front fog lights on, your back one(s) need to be on as well- because it's either foggy or snowing heavily. If you have them on when they are not required you are liable to receive a fixed penalty ticket.

**Andy Foster PC826**  
**Neighbourhood Police Officer,**  
**Upper Wensleydale**  
**0845 60 60 247**

[andrew.Foster@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:andrew.Foster@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk)

## **The Picture House**

**Thursday, Friday, Saturday Feb 7th-9th  
5.00pm and 8.00pm**

### **THE GOLDEN COMPASS (PG)**

Follow the 11 year-old heroine Lyra Belacqua on her journey into an adventure full of witches, jaw-dropping polar bears and world's where people's souls appear as animals. This is the star filled adaptation of the first of Phillip Pullman's Dark Materials trilogy with Nicole Kidman and Daniel Craig taking two of the lead roles. Running time: 113mins

**Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
Feb 14th-16th**

**2.00pm, 5.00pm and 8.00pm**

### **BEE MOVIE (U)**

Barry B. Benson (voice of Jerry Seinfeld), is a bee who wants more out of life than just a career in honey. During his adventure in the big wide world he breaks the rules and finds out what the humans are really up to and takes them to court for stealing honey. The details will make you laugh – Sting being grilled for his waspish name and Larry King popping up in insect form, plus several subtle nods to The Graduate. Running time: 90mins

**Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
Feb 21st- 23rd**

**5pm and 8pm**

### **ATONEMENT (15)**

Set in England the summer of 1935, with the clouds of another world war gathering, 13 year old Briony Tallis irrevocably changes the course of several lives when she accuses her sister's lover of a crime he didn't commit. Starring Keira Knightley, James McAvoy and Romola Garai the story transcends generations following the characters to Dunkirk in 1940 and to London in 1999. Running time: 107mins

**Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
Feb 28th- 29th and March 1st**

**5pm and 8pm**

### **I AM LEGEND (15)**

One man and his dog live in what's left of New York as the only survivors of a man-made virus that has escaped and killed most of the world's population. Will Smith plays Robert Neville who's battling to find a cure for the hordes of affected creatures that now roam the earth at night. Based on Richard Matheson's acclaimed novel, I Am Legend takes the story to new heights from the last film version that some of you may remember – the Omega Man starring Charlton Heston. Running time: 100 mins

***Phone 624488 for tickets***

## Community Office News

Digital Camera Workshops with ROD SMITH (who is an absolutely excellent tutor) will be running from February. Dates yet to be confirmed - so express your interest and we'll keep you posted.

We have packs of light bulbs to GIVE away! One pack of two energy saving light bulbs per household. Make sure you have collected yours!

**Items available for loan:** Lap top computers, PowerPoint projector and screen, Hearing loop Public Address system. Don't forget that you can: Pay your Council tax, rents, fines, apply for your bus pass or travel voucher, pay your utilities here and top up your phone cards and electricity keys with paypoint, do your photocopying, send a FAX, make any type of general enquiry, see the Benefits Adviser, or see William Hague, your local MP. You can leave any articles for the *D & S Times* here for Sylvia Crookes, local correspondent for the Hawes area and use all the library facilities.

**DALES HARVEST** If you would like to be involved in any way for 2008, please contact **Pat West**, administration, Upper Wensleydale Community Partnership, The

Neukin, Hawes, North Yorkshire DL8 3RA

Tel **667400** for all the above inquiries.

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**What's ons (non-commercial) are free**

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