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Editorial

Let's stir it a bit!
Do you remember the advert "We won't make a drama out of a crisis"? How things have changed! You could be forgiven for thinking we make a drama out of everything these days.

All this talk about 'Britishness' and allegiances begs the question 'what are our strong 'British' points nowadays'? We used to be good in crises. It was something to be proud of to cope with snow, fog, frost, ice, gales and floods and to get to work or school come what may, even when not feeling too good or the buses or trains were delayed or we had a flat tyre.

Still true? Does the mass media want us to moan and belly-ache for compensation straight away? What happened to putting on brave faces? Is it so bad to have to 'put up with things'? Certainly not when compared to the lot of hundreds of millions of people elsewhere in the world.

They used to say we were good at hard work and at fair play – always hearing both sides; that we were tolerant, patient, polite, welcoming and good at orderly queueing!.. and believing in 'moderation in all things'.

Still true? Or, as the Aussies call us, are we whingeing Poms?

When did anyone last hold open the door for you... or you for them? Or stand aside on the path for the pushchair or wheelchair or the infirm-elderly? We moan about the behaviour patterns of young people; is that fair? Is it just them? They aren't the only aggressive drivers, or the compensation culture addicts, or abusive with language; it's not only they who have forgotten the words: excuse me, after you, please, thank you; or are drinking to excess. And please don't blame the schools. Sometimes they are the only places at all in which some children and young people are taught about manners and respect. It's a pity they

can't spend all their time on the curriculum. When all's said and done, that's what they are there for.

Britishness. Never mind the flag-flying or drum-beating. How about trying a bit of old-fashioned courtesy?

National Park's smaller historic features are recorded

YDNPA archaeology staff and Dales Volunteers have started logging a range of smaller farming and countryside features - such as milk churn stands, stock underpasses, hennery piggeries (combined henhouses and piggeries) and turbary stones that marked areas where people could cut peat. - so they can be added to the Historic Environment Record (HER). These can be viewed on the YDNPA website called Feature of the Season (www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/fos).

Stone water troughs, polegate posts (*gateposts with slots in to hold poles instead of a gate*)*, dovecotes and millstones will also be on a growing list of other features that will be put under the spotlight as the project continues.

Miles Johnson, the Authority's Countryside Archaeological Advisor, said "We needed to collect information about small-scale historic features but, obviously, these small buildings and structures are almost impossible to locate from maps or aerial photographs. Many are now disused and some are threatened, so by recording them in the HER we will have a detailed list that will help us and other organisations to preserve and conserve them and will enable people to learn about them too."

** We'd be pleased to know of any of these in Wensleydale. The posts are generally flattish and the slots tend to be 'upside-down L-shapes' into which horizontal poles are slotted to span the opening; Ed.)*



Eunice the Ewe

The lucky winner this month is **Laura Middleton, Hawes**. Eunice was in Country Cottages, page 36. How many can find her this month?

Junior Disco

Saturday April 19th at Gayle Institute, 7.00- 9.00pm admission £2.00 on the door, (6 years and under must be accompanied by an adult).

Contact **Jennifer Fawcett 667241** or **Colin Bailey 07711 211169**. Proceeds in aid of HAOS.

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and will be distributed between
May 2nd and 5th
DEADLINE FOR COPY:
THURSDAY APRIL 24TH

An evening of "Songs From The Shows"

with the fabulous duo Showstoppers. Live at the Fountain Hotel, Hawes on Saturday **April 19th from 8:30pm**. Come along and enjoy a fantastic evening filled with all your favourite show tunes! Tickets £8, available from The Fountain Hotel, or call **Mick on 07999 691830**. Proceeds to Hawes Gala."

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Last month's answers

MARS

1. Mardale
2. Marsett
3. Mars bars
4. Marsupial
5. Auction Mart
6. Marmalade
7. Marmite
8. Walmart
9. Smart
10. Trade mark
11. Remark
12. Ave Maria
13. Andrew Marr
14. Denmark
15. Marvellous
16. Marx

Triumph for the setter! No-one got them all correct. They weren't so hard were they!

April competition

Rivers in the north of England

1. Belonging to you?
2. In Wales– and in the north of England
3. Sounds like a torment
4. Hawes butcher– with a long 'O' sound
5. Around ten drew
6. Look in your desktop
7. Beside the city of culture
8. It's re-clad, re-done
9. Sounds as if it's breathed
10. He left hidden and swapped
11. Sounds like a baking implement
12. We clad, we change
13. This battery won't work; it's a _____
14. You'll even find it in here.

Raydale Project Update

The steering group is still working on the Cragdale Water river restoration aspect of the project. Tenders for the work have been received but we still need to get over a few hurdles before we can proceed. Not surprisingly in this beautiful area there are many restrictions designed to protect the natural heritage of the site. We are working here in an Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA), hoping to dispose of gravel extracted in both the ESA and in the adjacent Site of Special Scientific Interest. We are also disturbing a stream in which are white-clawed crayfish, a protected species in the UK. So we have a lot of consulting to do over our method of working before we can start moving any material and exposing the cobbled track again.

The identified potential sites for the feasibility study on micro-hydroelectricity generation have been forwarded for inclusion into a larger project. By doing this we can reserve our funding for the second stage when more detailed plans will be needed.

Residents of Raydale and Bainbridge might like to ear-mark April 30th in their diaries, when Professor Stuart Lane of Durham University will give a presentation on Raydale.

Stuart is a trustee of the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust and has shown a keen interest in the Raydale Project. His research has developed methods of examining a river catchment which make it possible to highlight areas where work would benefit the quality of water and the seasonal flow. Anyone who has heard him will know that he has a great ability to put over difficult concepts in a down to earth way. He uses aerial photographs and computer imagery which will show Raydale in a way never seen before. It's not every day that one gets

an opportunity to hear how the cutting edge of science can be applied locally so if you wish to take advantage of this opportunity come to **Sycamore Hall at 7.30pm.**

Deborah Millward, Project Leader

Hawes Grammar School Trust

If you are currently in full time higher or further education and live in the parish of Hawes then you are eligible for an award of £30 towards the cost of books/materials related to your chosen course.

If you feel that you are eligible for the award then please contact me.

Rebecca Alderson 667760

WEA Seminars

The longer I live in Wensleydale (only 14 years so still very very new) the more I find that interesting and erudite people live in quiet corners of many of our villages.

I came upon such a person when asked to write a small piece about the forthcoming WEA seminars. There is to be a series of five evenings at **Sycamore Hall, entitled “Following the Plot – Ways of enjoying music more”**, given by David Blake, who lives in Askrigg. He is a composer, and Emeritus Professor of Music at York University. (Emeritus because he is now retired but still retains his professorship).

Wondering whether the “Plot” in the title referred to the plots of operas, I laughed to myself because we have a family joke about that. “*She Dies*” is usually the main plot of most operas I have ever seen. Often it is “*He dies as well*”; and sometimes “*Most of them Die*”.

Anyhow I visited the Blakes’ home to find out more, and it seems that the evenings will be far from heavy going. Professor Blake will not deliver a series of stern lectures, but illustrate some of his ideas at the piano, and play excerpts from CDs and tapes, of music of all periods from Bach to modern times. As he is a composer of several kinds of music from brass band to opera (I didn’t ask how many of his characters die) the evenings should suit all musical tastes. He looks forward to discussion, opinions and even argument. It should be fun, as well as giving his audience some guidance in improving their ways of listening and hearing – which are not always the same thing.

The only “homework” will be a suggestion that participants try to listen to a certain piece of music, as found in the Radio Times, in the run up to the following week’s session, so that they can come

ready with a brief thought on what they heard. A bit like a book club but with no need to buy the material!

Sylvia Crookes

The dates of the sessions are **Wednesdays April 30th, May 7th, 14th and 28th, and June 4th from 7.00 to 9.00pm**. The cost for all five is £25, concessions £22.50 or £2 if on benefit. Enrolment at the first session. For information contact:

Jane Clarke; 624393

Upper Wensleydale in the 1950s and 1960s

A large collection of photos belonging to the Mason family is to be deposited at the Dales Countryside Museum. These photos which are on loan, remind us of the social life in the upper dale during this time. As much information as possible is being sought about the different events photographed so that this can be added when each one is catalogued. The photos will be on show at the Museum on **April 17th and 18th**. The exhibition is open to all, but especially to those who can remember the dale in those days.

Open Day at Leyburn Station

The Friends of Leyburn Station, who operate the Station as volunteers on behalf of the Wensleydale Railway, are holding an Open Day at the Station on **Saturday, April 12th from 11.00am to 2.00pm**. The event will include a guided tour of the site, an introduction to its history, an explanation of the role the Friends of Leyburn Station play in the operation of the railway and a *free train journey to Redmire and back* with guides to point out some of the lineside features. The principal reason for holding the Open Day is to attract new volunteers to help maintain and operate the station.

If you wish to attend the Open Day, you should meet in Arthur's Tea Bar at the Station at 11.00am on April 12th where complimentary tea or coffee will be served to welcome you. Sandwiches and light refreshments will be available to purchase for lunch in the Tea Bar. If you would like to know more about the Open Day or to attend it, please e-mail FOLS@wensleydalerailwayassociation.com or telephone the station on **625182** between 10.30am. and 4.00pm. on days when trains are running. **Bob Ellis**

Sycamore Mall!

Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge, has now been fully open for two years. In that time it has established a close link with the local community. This link will be further strengthened when Gill Morris moves from the shop and Post Office at Bainbridge to Sycamore Hall. A new shop (excluding the Post Office) will be fitted out and stocked with a wider range of products from April. The opening hours will also be extended. (Mon - Fri 9.00a.m. to 1.00pm.) The shop will be open to everyone.

The Restaurant at the the Hall which is run by Kerry and Lindsey Sleightholm will

carry on providing excellent meals and snacks for the residents, visitors and the local community. They are open every day from 10.00a.m. to 3.00p.m. (Tel **650 782** for further information)

There is also a hairdressing salon run by Gillian Bowe at Sycamore Hall- again open to the general public. It is open Tuesday to Friday 9.00am. to 5.00 pm. with appointments necessary with a "mens only" night on Thursday from 5.00p.m. to 8.00p.m. (No appointment necessary). For details ring Gillian on **650 158**.

Michelle, the manager at Sycamore Hall is keen to stress that anyone is welcome to hire the conference/meeting room at the centre for a very reasonable cost. Anyone interested should ring her on **650809**.

S.E.D.

News from Hawes Playgroup

This term we have been to the library for stories and colouring. We have made currant buns for Mothers' Day and we made cards for our Mums. You may have heard us on Monday 17th March when we rang the church bell. We all walked to the church and had a go at ringing the bell. We have also had a busy time gluing and painting lambs, chicks, bunnies, frogs and daffodils for our Easter and Spring topic.

We are in Hawes Market Hall 9.15— 11.45am Mondays and Wednesdays in school term time; for all 2 and 3 year olds.

Wensleydale Branch

INVITE YOU TO THE
MIDDLEHAM KEY CENTRE TO HEAR ABOUT
THE WORK OF THE BHF AND RESEARCH INTO
HEART DISEASSE

Thursday April 17th at 6.30pm

Free entrance, refreshments and wine.
For catering purposes please inform the
Key Centre if you will be coming:

624002



News from Yorebridge Sports and Fitness

Have you been down to the Wensleydale Centre in Askrigg lately? If not, then you will notice the difference immediately you walk through the doors. A fresh bright coat of paint makes a huge difference and that's before you see the three new showers and toilets, kitchen and refreshment area and consultation/interview room! The work is scheduled to finish very shortly and we would just like to thank everyone attending classes and the Gym for their patience whilst the improvements take place.

Have you ever fancied trying **Belly Dancing**? Well now you can – Carol Malley is starting a series of 10 sessions for complete beginners at Yorebridge Sport and Fitness on **Tuesday nights from the April 15th, 7.30pm-9.00pm**. As well as getting fitter and more flexible, you are sure to get a laugh or two! Ring Lesley for further details or to book a place.

Also due to start on **Tuesday April 22nd**

is an **after school football club** for children aged between 7 and 11. The session will take place on the MUGA and will run from 3.45 – 4.45pm.

Dates for your diaries:

Sunday June 1st – Car Boot Sale at the Wensleydale Centre Askrigg. Ring and book your pitch now - £6 cars, £9 vans. Refreshments available indoors.

Saturday June 14th – YSF Barbeque 5.00-9.00pm – activities for children, refreshments, bar and music.

Friday 18th July – Junior Party on the Pitch.

Saturday July 19th– Party on the Pitch
Ring Lesley on **650060 or/07968 606571**
or email admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk for further details.

What you take off helps them take off!

Wensleydale is joining the Bag It Up Campaign, run by Tradehouse, a recycling charity, to recycle old, unloved and plain unwanted bras. Tradehouse aims to collect 200,000 bras, which will raise £10,000 for the charity the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Tradehouse will re-sell the bras to second-hand clothing markets in the UK and abroad. Used bras are in particular demand in West Africa, where traders can buy and sell used garments at affordable prices.

Please don't be shy about this, bras can be left at collection points at the Yorebridge Gym and Fitness Centre and the Hawes Community Resource Centre. You can also leave them at Mill Lane, Askrigg, or just hand them to Rima Berry anytime.

People can post directly any unwanted bras to Tradehouse, Calder Street, West Vale, Halifax HX4 8AQ.

Have a sort through that drawer and declutter the ill fitting and never worn. What a perfect excuse to buy some more!

Advance notice

Safari Supper, starting at Thoraby Village Hall on Saturday, May 17th, 7.00pm.
Limited supply of tickets (£15).
Ring **663076** or **663565**

WEST BURTON SCHOOL NEWS

School packed with excitement

On Wednesday 5th March the juniors from West Burton School celebrated their success at the tournament of song. The poems ranged from Wes Magee to Spike Milligan and were all said with great expression and everyone enjoyed it. Edward Tiplady came 3rd and Charlotte Stephenson and Libby Horsefield came 1st! The next day we travelled to Risedale where we ran a long distance cross country run and all did extremely well. The year 6 girls celebrated triumph when they found out they had come 2nd.

On Friday was World Book day and everyone dressed up as people from books like: horse riders, Cinderella, Mother bear, Snow White, Captain Underpants and Cruella De Vil. The teachers even dressed up too! Books were for sale in the village hall and altogether the school raised almost £100 for WaterAid!

What an amazing week!

Esther Everitt aged 10

Lunches

Following the 6 lent lunches in the mid dales more than **£1090.00** has been sent to help the work of Christian Aid.

Evelyn Abraham

New members for National Park Authority

The Secretary of State has appointed Peter Charlesworth and Christopher Armitage, who will become members with effect from April 1st. They will fill vacancies left by the departure of Nancy Stedman at the end of March and Andrew Osborne. Ms Stedman has completed her maximum 10-year term and Mr Osborne has resigned following his relocation to Devon.

Mr Armitage, who lives in Easingwold, is 53 and is a self-employed trainer and consultant. He spent two years as a director with the Yorkshire and Humber Countryside Agency and then worked for five years with the Rural Payments Agency.

Mr Charlesworth, 63, is from Bramhope in Leeds and is currently the chairman of the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, the sister organisation of the YDNPA. He is a part-time judicial member of the Parole Board for England and Wales and he previously spent 15 years as a circuit judge.

Clothes collection Reminder

Hawes School are collecting unwanted clothes, towels, shoes, belts, curtains and bedding to raise money for PTFA funds.

Items (bagged) should be taken to the school on **Tuesday April 29th only, before 9.00am.** Further inquiries::

Janet Middleton, 666070



Police Report

I have had several reports in the last two months of the inconsiderate activities of dog owners. From the reports received these owners are locals. Firstly, where there are livestock in fields with rights of ways through them, dogs MUST be kept on leads. Worrying of livestock is an offence (max fine £1000 through the magistrates – or possibly whatever the animal worried is worth if the owner takes a civil lawsuit) and the land owner/tenant may destroy the dog if it is unattended and attacking livestock. Look after your pet.

The second point regarding dogs brought to my attention is that old bugbear - fouling. Firstly, some owners are leaving the little plastic bags they use to clear up their dogs mess just lying around at the edges of footpaths etc. Whilst it is commendable that they are picking up their dogs deposits – these people are now committing the offence of littering . PLEASE put the waste in the correct “dog waste” bins – or failing that use a couple of bags to secure it and put them in normal litter bins if a dog waste bin is unavailable.

Secondly- please clear up after your dog – I have walked around most of the villages on my “patch” and in all there is evidence of fouling. Whilst it is not a huge problem it has been highlighted to me on several occasions. The RDC Dog Wardens can and will issue FINES for this. One major area that is regularly fouled is the path from Hawes to Gayle that runs behind the creamery. If you walk your dog through there – CLEAR UP after it.After this you may think I am anti-dog – wrong, I have a Spaniel !

Moving onto the crime front . Another Land Rover has been stolen within the past month (from Askrigg) – it was recovered in the Bishop Auckland Area. Owners please be vigilant – they are still a priority vehicle

for some criminals -if you can, park it close to home.

A property under renovation in Burtsett Road, Hawes was targeted and tools and workmen’s property stolen. Keys were hidden in the drive to allow contractors access – this is not good security and is a tactic criminals are well aware of. Building sites are always a popular target and tools are readily saleable items. I know it’s a pain but best practice in these times is to take expensive tools home. It’s even more of a pain having to locate or buy replacements.

A car was broken into on the Hawes to Hubberholme road. A handbag and contents were stolen. This is still too common a crime . Despite posters and adverts in the media people continue to leave valuables in cars. Please help us reduce this type of crime by taking temptation away. A car in the middle of nowhere is not a secure place even if locked and alarmed. Even the boot is not secure as there are normally buttons to drop down parts or the whole of the back seats to gain easy access.

If you have any information about any of these crimes please contact us.

Remember if you see something which you think looks out of the ordinary, somebody in an unusual location which appears odd to you, or unusual vehicles in your area which make you think “I wonder what they are up to?” then please report it to us. We will do our best to check out your report and you may be the vital link that either prevents a crime or enables us to catch the criminal.

Thanks for your continued assistance.
PS. Don’t forget the Police Surgeries at the Hawes Community Office . Times and dates are as advertised on the posters around the town.

Andy Foster PC826

**Safer Neighbourhood Police Officer
Upper Wensleydale**

0845 60 60 247 ext 4382

Andrew.Foster@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Drawers on Offer

Askrigg School has a large set of 6 drawers that we no longer have a need for. They would be ideal for storing paper etc. The drawers measure 47" wide, 33" deep and 34" high, and they can be split for ease of movement. If you would like them, a donation to school funds would be appreciated.

Please contact us on **650983**.

Who knows?

An inquiry about flagged paths.

"On the path from Hawes to Burtersett many of the flag stones are thin triangles; why? Also, even when the path is level there are sections about a couple of metres long with the stones set vertically instead of flat; why?"

Surely one of our readers will know.

More queries please for the next issue.

Richmondshire

Citizens Advice Bureau

Rural Outreach Advice Service

Thanks to the Big Lottery Fund the residents of Richmondshire can benefit again from free, independent, impartial and confidential advice provided by Richmondshire Citizens Advice Bureau.

Rachel Hunter the Rural Outreach Caseworker said "this is fantastic, it allows me and my colleagues to provide a service to the more rural communities, and also provides a home visit service which is essential for those residents who for one reason or another can not leave their homes".

The advice sessions are held in the local community centres in Leyburn on Wednesday mornings, Colburn on Thursday mornings and Reeth and Hawes

on Friday mornings. If however you can not get to the community offices we can provide a home visit.

For details and or an appointment please contact Richmond Citizens Advice Bureau on **01748 826532**.

'Laurel and Charlie'

**Saturday May 3rd at
West Burton village hall**

Come along and be thoroughly entertained by a professional theatre company right on your doorstep. Badapple Theatre are touring their new comic-drama 'Laurel and Charlie' which traces the early lives of Stan Laurel and Charlie Chaplin as they tour Yorkshire together, long before their days of Hollywood glory.

These two ambitious young comic actors plot to escape from their rent-hungry landlady when their show is mysteriously cancelled. Music, mischief and mayhem ensues as the two young bucks confront their destiny with their first visit to the moving picture show that has brought their own performance to a halt.

Badapple are a North Yorkshire based company who specialise in bringing top quality performances to rural audiences. Some of you may have seen their James Herriot show, 'An Honorary Yorkshireman', that came to the village last summer and was much enjoyed.

Tickets are available direct from the **Badapple Box Office on 01423 339168 or www.badapple.freemove.co.uk** priced £10 full, £8 conc. and £5 under 16s. The show is suitable for family audiences and although we suggest it is most suitable for age 10+ all are welcome! Group discounts available, please phone for details.

Kate Bramley, Artistic Director

**28th year for the
Swaledale Festival**

Two celebrated guitarists will feature at this year's Swaledale Festival: John Williams, widely acknowledged as the greatest living classical guitarist, and John Etheridge, who enjoys a stellar reputation throughout the jazz world and beyond, will perform on Saturday May 31st at St Andrew's Church, Grinton. Their programme features solo sets and they will play together a selection of their own compositions and some specially commissioned pieces.

The Festival opens on **Saturday May 24th and runs until June 7th.**

Tickets will be on sale from April 14th.
Contact details: **01748 880018** or
www.swaledale.festival.org.uk

Settlebeck High School- Learning Resource Centre

When I was eleven, I went to Settlebeck High School, where I spent five happy, stimulating and inspired years. The school had a good record of high academic achievement and I liked its small, friendly and welcoming atmosphere.

While in year 7 we were all intrigued by the new building being erected just outside the year 7 form rooms; we learnt that it was to be a new unit called the Strategic Facility for students on the autistic spectrum which started in 2003 while I was in year 8.

Although initially it was to be a space for autistic students to learn and develop, many other students in main stream school use it also so instead of the Strategic Facility for students on the autistic spectrum it is called the Learning Resource Centre (LRC) because the majority of the school will use it at least once. This is mainly because it offers a quiet space for private study where students can receive valuable guidance and help. Within the unit students are able to participate in a range of different activities and clubs such as a homework and an art and craft club which are supervised and run by the members of staff who are based in the LRC.

Lessons are conducted in either of the two main teaching rooms like English and Science however catering lessons are taught in the kitchen and ICT lessons are taught in the computer suite. The building also has its own Sensory Room and a disabled physiotherapy room, making it accessible for every student in the school because it is equipped to deal with and cater for diverse individual abilities and needs. For example students on the autistic spectrum participate in small group social skills lessons which are important for their full growth and development. The LRC is also the main place where first aid can be

administered calmly and efficiently, by a specially trained member of staff.

In the Learning Resource Centre there are 10 members of staff (full time and part time) who each possess skills in different areas in all the core subjects- English, Maths and Science. The staff are all very supportive and friendly and happy to be of assistance in any way they can, be it school work or social problems. They are trained in specific strategies, for example anger management and social stories. The LRC is involved in the ASDAN scheme which deals with the teaching of life skills and also the alternative curriculum which is a programme teaching key skills (speaking and listening; reading, writing and numeracy) and study skills.

In the centre there are six full time students on the autistic spectrum and they enjoy a quiet and un-crowded environment which is important for their progress and also as they can get anxious in the noisy, everyday environment of main school. The support staff are always on hand and so students with ASD (autistic spectrum disorder) can relax and calm down if they need to. There is a notice board which is updated daily as it is important for the students to know about change. The notice board also displays the date and what events are happening on any particular day. ASD students are all expected to go into main stream lessons which is important because the students are able to interact with others and they feel more included, which is one of the LRC's primary aims.

Students come from various places as the catchment area includes Kendal, Sedbergh, Hawes, Kirkby Lonsdale and other places. The LRC is a place where people go to feel safe. It has a secure and friendly atmosphere. **Mary McCullagh, Bursary student**

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Heavens above

April is a good month for viewing the longest of all the constellations - **Hydra, the Water Serpent**. Hydra was the multi-headed monster of ancient Greece mythology slain by the hero, Hercules, as the second of his 'twelve labours'. A daunting task! Apparently the creature had such nasty halitosis that the merest whiff of its breath proved fatal, and when one of its heads was cut off two more grew in its place! In the night-sky, however, Hydra only has one head, a distinct pentagon of 5 brightish stars lying just below the dim constellation of Cancer over in the SW at this time of the year. The rest of its body snakes eastwards right across the low southern sky beneath the constellations of Sextans, Crater, and Corvus ending just SE of silvery-white Spica, Virgo's leader. It's so long— over 100 degrees - that the end of the tail isn't properly visible until well on into June. Hydra isn't particularly distinctive. Apart from its bright yellow-orange leader Alphard (the Solitary One) the majority of its stars are fairly faint, but it isn't too difficult to pick out on a dark moonless night. Mighty Hercules, himself, is over in the SE during April. His kneeling figure nowadays appears 'upside-down' (though this wasn't always the case) with 4 stars - often nick-named the 'Keystone' - forming his body. Lines of

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other fainter stars extend from each corner making up his arms and legs. Hercules is home to M13, a globular cluster containing over 300,000 stars. It's the brightest in the northern sky and easily visible to the naked eye under good conditions.

The planetary scene is a bit of a mixed bag this month. **Mars** is over in the west in Gemini as darkness falls and well past its best. **Venus** has disappeared behind the sun and won't be visible again until it returns as an 'evening star' in the early part of June. **Saturn**, however, continues to put on a good show until after midnight not too far away from Regulus, the bright white leader of Leo; **Jupiter** is becoming visible before dawn but is not very well placed for viewing low down in the constellation of Sagittarius where it will remain for the rest of the year. To make up for this, there's a chance of glimpsing elusive little **Mercury** in the evening sky during the last few days of this month and the opening 2 weeks of May. Look for it very low down in the WNW towards the end of twilight.

We've not had many of them recently but here's hoping for clear skies! **Al Bireo**

Easter Celebrations

By the time you read this, Easter will have already been and gone. It's amazing how we're flying through the year! The term drew to a close with an Easter Collective Worship led by Foundation Governor, Mrs Margaret Ferguson. Class 2 demonstrated their newly acquired recorder skills at the end of the Worship and played a lively rendition of "Hot Cross Buns" in a round. Earlier on the Easter Hat Competition results were announced as follows:

Class 1- First - Kristin Arblaster

Runners up - Lauren Spence and
Chloe Johnson

Class 2 -First - William Moris

Runners up - Thomas Reynolds
and Courtney Bain.

BAINBRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

The judges had an extremely difficult job and were impressed by the very high standard. They looked to see how closely the children had followed their design and how they reflected Easter. I've been assured the judging was impartial! All the children received a small prize for their efforts, with an extra prize for the lucky winners.

Comenius Visitors

Looking forward to the summer term (once the snow clears!), plans are finalised for welcoming teachers from primary schools in Gothenburg, Sweden and Nomos Pellos in Macedonia Greece. Their visit is part of our 2 year Comenius Project, funded by the British Council. The project links many parts of the curriculum and involves joint project work between the children of the different schools as well as professional development for all the teaching staff. In November of last year, our Head Teacher, Elaine Hopwood and Foundation Stage teacher, Sarah Hey visited Gothenburg and it is now our turn to act as hosts. During their 4 day stay we hope to offer them an insight into life at Bainbridge School and the local community. The visiting teachers will join Years 1 to 6 on a walk and picnic to Semerwater to show them some of our beautiful scenery. Let's hope the sun shines!

Ongoing building work

The building work to extend the Junior classroom continues to progress and the builders have now reached the exciting and "no turning back" breaking-through stage. Class 2 have set up a temporary classroom in the hall and everyone is bearing up well despite the noise and unavoidable disruptions. Up until now we were beginning to think they were building an outdoor swimming pool - the

foundations were so deep!

And finally...I would like to say a very special thank you on behalf of us all at Bainbridge School, to Helen and the Mulberry Tree in Hawes for their generosity in donating a proportion of their profits from their recent "End of Season" sale to our PFA Fund. We're very grateful Helen, thank you!

Emma Arblaster, Parent Governor

Wensleydale Railway

Train services on the Wensleydale Railway run daily until April 6th and then on Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays throughout April. These days match the days on which the Vintage bus runs between Redmire and Hawes, with an innovation this year, namely that the Vintage bus includes a journey to Garsdale station on each of its operating days until October 28th. This service departs Hawes station yard at 13.45 and Garsdale station at 14.25. North Yorkshire senior citizen bus passes are valid for this route. The printed timetable is obtainable at Hawes Post Office and Dales Countryside Museum and includes details of special events based on the railway. Bookings are now being taken for David Joy's Guided Walk (Redmire station to Aysgarth, May 17th and October 29th), The Yorkshire Pudding Walks on August 1st and 3rd and many other events. A 1940s week-end is planned for August 30th/31st – details from **Ruth Annison** on **650349**. More information www.wensleydalerailway.co

Spring - The birds return to Snaizeholme

I believe this to be a far healthier Spring for both birds and animals than last year. Then we had brilliant, warm weather far too early, and then wet, wet, wet. This year began in a better seasonal tone. Although the really hard frosts were few and very early, it was cool with wind and rain until very recently.

The Curlews, however, arrived very early. We heard our first calling on February 29th. This was very nearly two weeks before their arrival forty years ago. At the end of February only the Robins were singing. and then, gradually, as March came in Mistle Thrushes, Blackbirds and Song Thrushes began to develop their 2008 songs. Finally, amongst many others, the Chaffinches took up the chorus. I may have mentioned before that we have a small population of which spend the whole year in Snaizeholme. I used to believe that only the rather pale-breasted males stay in the valley over the winter, and that the very bright pinky-red breasted ones have wintered further south, but this year I became convinced that at least some of the bright-breasted ones now stay here the full year. In any case, they are all singing with great enthusiasm now.

Over the last few days, Goldfinches (largely busy in the Willows and Dogwoods), and Siskins (very busy amongst the Larch Cones which are still clinging to their parent trees), have been enjoying (and singing in) the better weather. A few Greenfinches have been singing for some time. We have also seen the odd Crossbill, but I believe that most of them are living this year further up the valley.

The other 'permanent' resident is the Woodcock. I say permanent because Woodcock are seen in the woods all the year round - though it is believed that the winter population go north to breed, and that the ones that breed here may well winter further south. I just don't know.

Since I wrote the above, we have had Easter (or was it Christmas?). There is less snow now, and last night there was a frost, and this morning I saw a Song Thrush with its feathers puffed out and its head hanging down on the grass at the back of the house. I really thought it was dying. Some time

later I looked out again and it had gone, and at that moment a Robin settled at the same place. Immediately the Thrush appeared aggressively from under a nearby shrub and frightened the Robin away. I noticed that there was a small molehill appearing there! I suspect that the Thrush had just been waiting for some nice juicy worms to be pushed up with the soil.

My only other piece of news is to comment on how the Roe Deer (particularly the young ones), have been suffering over the winter months. There seem to be several last year's fawns without mothers desperately searching for food. One has been eating very prickly shrubs round the house in broad daylight. To help the deer, Hugh has planted, and is planting. Willow trees throughout the woodland. These are good food for the deer, and also very useful when they need to scrape the velvet off their new antlers, and it also helps protect Hugh's other trees from these activities.

Jane Kemp, Mirk Pot

Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society

Enduring style

The life of the designer of Venetian churches and palaces, Andrea Palladio, is described in the next Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society lecture. The Italian Renaissance architect's designs have been copied from Philadelphia to St Petersburg and his classical sense of proportion is still as relevant today as it was 400 years ago.

How did a 30year old stone carver become the most sought after designer by wealthy Venetians? What was the background which created this demand and what were the ingredients of this lasting success? In *Palladio: an original unimaginatively copied* these and other



Mystery picture. Last month's milestone was in Low Abbotside, 400m west of Breconbar on the road to Hardraw. David Jackson knew! But then he would. "I take my guided walk past it," he confided. Now where is this one?

questions will be addressed by Hugh Cantile, on **Tuesday, April 8th at Middleham Key Centre.**

Hugh has lectured widely in the UK, Australia and America. He was instrumental in the rescue of Billingsgate Fish Market, on behalf of SAVE Britain's Heritage, and several important buildings for the Monument Trust. He lives in part of a restored Palladian villa designed by James Paine. In contrast, May's lecture will cover *British Architecture Now*. Membership information and further details are available from **Elaine Frances 624203 or elaine_frncs@yahoo.co.uk**

Yoredale Art Club

Annual exhibition of local artists' work in Leyburn Methodist Church Hall, **May 2nd to 4th, 10.00am to 5.00pm; May 5th, 12noon to 5.00pm**

History revisited

An oral record of life in the Dales in the 1950s

Heather Hodgson from The Wensleydale School would like to thank everyone who came to the History Revisited information meeting held at The Dales Countryside Museum in February - it was lovely to meet you all and have so many of you sign up as part of this unique information gathering project about life in the Dales in the 1950s.

The students from the Czech Republic had a wonderful stay in Wensleydale and we look forward to travelling to Belgium and the Czech Republic to continue the exchange and to continue sharing our historical knowledge.

Heather

Hodgson

Bainbridge and District Motor Club

The new season started off with a Motoring Quiz in February. 10 teams took part and it was a very enjoyable evening. Thank you to Ian Betteridge for organising this and compiling a quiz that was challenging to both young and old.

In March David Scarr organised a Go-Karting trip to Teesside Autodrome. Bob Foster supplied the coach and the evening proved a great success. 20 Go-Karts set off and there were some practice laps before the actual races. Tom Fawcett was the star of the event winning the final race over Dave Teasdale by a very small margin of only 0.639 of a second. Tom also clocked the fastest lap time of 51.910 seconds.

Well Done to all entrants. Trophies were presented to the winners and then it was time to celebrate so all went to Teesside Park for refreshments. Thanks to David and Bob for making this outing possible.

The first outdoor rally is to be held on **16th April** and is being organised by David Scarr and Adrien Stevenson, telephone number **650537** for details. New members always welcome, for information ring **667009**.

Forthcoming dates of events.

16 th April	Ladies & Members Rally
21 st May	12 Village Rally
18 th June	Summer Rally
16 th July	Canny Rally
20 th August	Signpost Rally
17 th September	Nat Hutchinson Rally
15 th October	AGM
28 th November	Annual Dinner and Presentation of Awards

Netta Davison

Threefold project

It's all happening in Widdale. An excited Paul Cajio outlined his developments at the Old Dairy Farm. At the side of the property his two-acres have been planted with 1800 trees to create a new woodland of native broad-leaved species (plus a few Scots pines to attract the red squirrels which are around in the area).

Furthermore, 'doing his bit for nature', as he says, there is to be a front area planted to form an arboretum with a wide range of trees and shrubs: eucalyptus, walnut, magnolia, to mention a few, to attract insects and birds.

As he was telling me this there was the constant hammering of the first day's work in the conversion of a barn into his new up-market restaurant, accompanied by the intense noise of the smoke alarm set off by all the dust!

"There'll be morning coffee, lunches and afternoon teas; a little bar area and a new toilet block", said Paul, and eventually a smart patio area approached by a tree-lined drive. The opening date is likely to be

around May time.

A.S.W.

Twofold project!

... and down in Hawes, it's all change at Herriots Hotel where after several months of refurbishment their new gallery and coffee shop is in business.

There is a surprising transformation which makes the whole seem so much more spacious. High quality coffees, light lunches and teas are now served on the newly furnished upper level while there, and on the lower floor, a good selection of the work of various local artists is on sale together with cases of silver jewellery. The residential part of the business continues as before.

Garsdale Station

We hear that this station is in line for a major up-grade, including heating and lighting in the waiting rooms. However, the greater inconvenience of the absence of a crossing over the lines is unresolved.

Flower Festival

'Festivals and Celebrations', St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth. **Saturday 3rd, Sunday 4th and Monday 5th May**

Saturday 10.00am – 5.30pm, 7.30 pm

Concert by Leyburn Town Band

Sunday 12.00noon – 5.00pm, 6.30pm

Songs of Praise

Monday 10.00am – 5.00pm

Light refreshments will be available in the Lady Chapel

Annual Report

This began as an almost full page but in an act of extreme self-sacrifice it is now reduced to this.

It has again been a most successful year; no shortage of articles and news, a very full 'what's ons' listing, and support from our advertisers.

We continue to be blessed with a great team! The total number— committee, office helpers, writers, artists, local village reps. and distributors— is over 80, plus more than 40 places where we have copies and collecting boxes. This large involvement is vital for our success.

There is a gradual change in committee membership but as we say farewell to one or two we gain others and the enthusiasm, and even fun!, continues. We remain entirely voluntary except for minimal expenses and honoria, and are thus able to give grants back to the community in return for its support. A brief history of the Newsletter can be read at the Dales Countryside Museum.

A.S.W.

Good News for the Upper Dales

John Blackie has written to tell us of an enhanced scheme he has negotiated concerning the Mobile Skip Service. There will be a skip monthly on the third Saturday (except December and January); every other month in the Hawes area, three times in Reeth and two visits to smaller villages— this year to Askrigg and Muker. Full details will be in the Newsletter. The first visit is to Gayle Green on **Saturday April 19th**.

A further enhancement will be an increased focus on recycling and from June 21st when the skip re-visits Hawes you will be able to take along cans, bottles, glass, newspapers and green waste, **and at long last plastic bottles and the like** for the first time in the Upper Dale.

With the advent of alternate-week collections in June, it is hoped the mobile skip service will provide a monthly focus to relieve the inevitable build-up of refuse or recyclable materials.

Hawes Fireworks Committee

It is over three months since the Hawes Bonfire and Fireworks Display and I would like to offer a very belated thank you to everyone who made donations to our funds - individuals and businesses - and to all volunteers who helped on the 5th November.

After being involved with the Hawes Fireworks for the past four years I have reluctantly tendered my resignation as Chairman of the Hawes Fireworks Committee, as have the Treasurer - Angela Lee, the Secretary - Julie Waring and Harry Balderston. I would like to thank the members of the Committee for all of the help that they have given to me.

We have resigned from the Committee to allow other members of the community to become involved and give their input into organising the next display, this year. However we are all available to give help and support to the new members who may become involved.

As such we are asking for anyone who wants to become involved and organise this year's display to contact either Julie, Angela, Harry, Griff or myself. There are funds available to start the ball rolling but obviously organising the event takes more than just a few weeks so anyone who is interested should contact us as soon as possible in the near future. If no-one comes forward to organise this year's event then the old Committee will organise it as a swansong. It will DEFINITELY be the last one that we organise.

Please become involved and keep the tradition alive for future generations of your

children.

**Richard Waring, Chairman
Hawes Fireworks Committee 2007
tel: 667499.**

**Flower Power :
Hay Time in the Dales**

“Flower Power : Hay Time in the Dales”.
This free exhibition will run from July 25th
to September 3rd .

*If you have memories or photos of hay time and
would be willing to share them, please get in touch
with staff at the Dales Countryside Museum. We will
make an arrangement to visit you to record your
impressions of hay time, either in the past, or now!*

Fiona Rosher

A polished performance!

The Polish Play (performed at Hawes School, last Friday night) is a piece of “nothing up your sleeves” theatre made especially for village halls; an evening that starts as a play and ends at a country dance. It’s a tale of a father and daughter arriving in England as she starts work as a nanny and he worries about her and about the family farm back home.

We’d no idea how it would all develop; basic stage ‘props’ took on all sorts of roles; actors and music emerged from the audience; members of the audience were drawn into the story; washing on the line became the screen for pictures of life back in Poland; and we remembered early space travel and the 1974 Poland v England world cup.

It’s a story about growing up and belonging and our place in our one world. And we were treated to a lovely Polish supper put on by the Hawes Amateur Operatic Society.



April Gardening

I'm trying to make something of a large patch of clay, and up until yesterday I had run out of ideas and was becoming desperate.

Solid clay is horrible stuff and guaranteed to give me the 3.00am panics. Boot-hugging plasticine throughout winter, in summer it playfully transforms into fork-buckling concrete. Best tackled on a warm, dry spring day, but the contract demands a March finish, so enough bellyaching and more action.

Digging deep and adding plenty of compost might help, yet any holes rapidly fill with water so the solution will be to lift the whole border, adding barrow-loads of topsoil and compost. Radical stuff maybe, yet necessary, as most plants hate the extremes of wet and drought. Raising the border, although tough on my scrawny biceps, will lift roots out of the worst winter wet and allow the plant to establish and cope later on.

When planting, dig a hole perhaps 4 times the size of the root ball and half backfill with soft, dry compost. Plant and then top up; no need to water in as moisture will gradually seep in. Siberian and Japanese irises will tolerate wet followed by dry. Clump them around the 6ft *Salix hastata*, a stunning willow which bears masses of springtime catkins. All you workaholics may prefer *salix Britzensis*, which will need cutting back each year to ensure superb orange stems in winter. Discipline regularly by removing suckers otherwise you'll have a thicket. Smaller plants for around the edge include *mimulus*, *primula* and the smaller *polygonums*, particularly affine 'Donald Lowndes'.

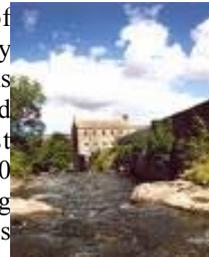
Just a few ideas to attempt on a dry day, otherwise the clay will stick and you'll feel like you're wearing diving boots. Tramping over such a pudding in winter will further compact the site, so hold back and wait until that nasty gang of black clouds which seem to be permanently encamped up the Roman road have dispersed. Then attack.

Time to prune back my buddleia 'Black Night' which I will reduce by a half, cutting back to a bud on each stem. Last year, the dark purple flowers attracted a wealth of butterflies as well as a number of hummingbird hawk moths. Fingers crossed they'll return.

Ed Gardener

Gayle Mill is Open

Just in case you have not seen the notices or read the newspaper, Gayle Mill is now open! On Tuesday 18th March 2008, North of England Civic Trust (NECT), the owners of the mill, formally handed over operations to the locally based Gayle Mill Trust (GMT). Some 60 people, including planners, contractors and volunteers who have been closely associated with the renovation of the mill attended a brief ceremony, with opening speeches by David Butterworth, Chief Executive of the National Park Authority and Graham Bell, Director of NECT.



These were followed by the handing over of a wooden sluice-gate key ("the baton" of office) by Roy Swanston, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of NECT to William Lambert, Chairman of GMT, who responded with thanks to all those who had made the restoration possible.

After the formalities, attendees were

given time to view the mill and then treated to a demonstration of the newly restored Victorian machinery, driven by the original 1879 turbine. Despite an intermission caused by a temporary drop in water supply, Tony Routh and William Lambert were able to put all the machines through their paces, cutting and turning timber as before closure in 1988; all present felt that the restoration had achieved wonders.

Before the company was allowed to enjoy the extensive spread provided by the Wensleydale Pantry, William auctioned three collectors items recently turned in the mill and made from locally sourced timber – a milking stool, a rolling pin and the gavel and block used for the auction. The proceeds from the sale will go to help offset costs of operating the mill.

Before the last crumbs of lunch could be cleared away, the first official guided tour for the public began - a select group of 25 who managed to book before the rush. Since then the mill has been open every



day, drawing a steadily increasing number of visitors who have expressed many appreciative and favourable impressions of the Mill. Do come and see for yourselves and bring all your family and friends!

Gayle Mill is open on the following days:
March to September – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Saturday and Sunday. C l o s e d Mondays and Fridays, except Bank Holidays.
October – Saturdays and Sundays only and every day 25 October – 2 November.
November – Saturdays only

Please note that visitors may only view the mill on one of the five tours each open day, starting at 10.30, 11.45, 13.00, 14.30 and 15.45.

Tickets must be booked in advance at Dales Countryside Museum Tel: **666210**

Admission – Adults £5; Children £2.50 (under 7 free); Disabled £5 with free entry for one carer; Family (2 adults and up to 3 children) £14.50.

We respectfully advise that there is no parking (other than for disabled visitors) at the mill or around Gayle.

Michael Thomson, Gayle Mill Trust

New Sunday Bus Service

**807 Ribbleshead— Hawes— Aysgarth— Bucken /Leyburn
From May 4th to September 7th**

Timetable Details:

Ribbleshead Station	1030			1810
Gayle Mill		1250	1510	
Hawes, Dales Museum	1055	1255	1515	1835
Bainbridge	1105	1305	1525	1845
Aysgarth Falls Corner	1115	1315	1535	1855
Aysgarth NP Centre		1320		
Leyburn, Market Place				1910
Buckden NP Car Park	1145		1605	

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Leyburn, Market Place	0920			
Aysgarth NP Centre			1435	
Aysgarth Falls Corner	0935	1220	1440	1700
Bainbridge	0945	1230	1450	1710
Hawes Dales Museum	0955	1240	1500	1725
Gayle Mill		1245	1505	
Ribbleshead Station	1020			1750

Ticketing Arrangements:

Fares will be advised by the Dales & Bowland Community Interest Company, and may include the requirement to issue and accept multi-operator Dales Rover tickets.

Every organisation is made up of...

Four Bones

1. WISH bones who spend all their time wishing someone else would do the work.
2. JAW bones who do all the talking but little else.
3. KNUCKLE bones who knock back everything that anyone else tries to do.
4. BACK bones who get under the load and do all the work.

(A snippet of wisdom from Australia)

Surgery News

From March 31st, there will be a new system for ordering repeat prescriptions via telephone. From this date, these requests can only be processed between 11.00am and 3.30pm. If you call outside these hours, you will be asked to call back and order your

medication between 11.00am and 3.30pm.

You will still be able to call during surgery hours to make appointments, check test results and for general enquiries, but if you need to order a prescription as well, please make *one* call between **11.00am and 3.30pm.**

Alternatively, you can order your repeat prescription by letter, in person at surgery, **and most conveniently of all, by email.** To order on-line, please ask a member of staff to give you your patient number, and for security reasons always use this rather than your name when ordering via email. At the same time as you get your patient number, you will be given the email address for sending your request.

Phone between 11.00am – 3.30pm for repeat prescriptions.

Doctors' rotas as supplied by the surgery

AYS GARTH SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning										
Wb	7 April		14		21		28			
Day	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Mon	WF	F	WJ	W	JA	J	FA	A		
Tues	JA	JA	A	A	WF	W	WJ	WJ		
Wed	WF	F	J	J	JA	J	FA	A		
Thur	JA	J	A	A	WF	W	WJ	W		
Fri	F	F	W	W	J	J	A	A		
Doctors: A - Arblaster, F - France, J - Jones, W - West, C - Closed Morning Surgery: 9.00 - 10.30 a.m. (no appointments) Afternoon Surgery: 4.00 - 5.30 p.m. (appointment only) <i>For appointments and all enquiries ring 663222</i>										

HAWES SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning										
Wb	7 April		14		21		28			
Day	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Mon	JA	JA	A	A	WF	WF	WJ	WJ		
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Thur	W	W	J	J	A	A	F	F		
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Doctors: A - Arblaster, F - France, J - Jones, W - West, C - Closed Morning S'y: 8.45-10.15 Tues till 10.45 (no appointments) Afternoon S'y: 5.00-6.00 Tues 1.00-4.00 (appointments only) <i>For appointments and all enquiries ring 667200</i>										

Overheard...

...on Main Street, Hawes, outside the Methodist Church, between two passers-by:
 "Why do you think all those people are going into the Church?" It was 10.20 on Easter Sunday morning

Hawes Electric Company

Following the request in the last Newsletter we now have some details and information and if Meg Pettitt would like to make contact again we can help.



HAWES SCHOOL NEWS

Tournament of Song

On Thursday March 13th we went to the Tournament Of Song. We got five 1^{sts} and two 2^{nds}. We really enjoyed listening to the other schools sing. We won the Richmond plate for the Best Small School and the Margery Burrill Challenge Cup for the highest average points scored. We think that Barbara Roocroft is a **star** -so thank you sooooo much!

Jasmine

I thought that the Tournament of song was great, I think everybody enjoyed it. Fortunately we were the overall winners and were given £100.00 to spend on new music we are very grateful so we would just like to say a huge thank you to Barbara and to the people who organise the Tournament of song it was a great experience we hope to do it again some

time. Barbara said she is very proud of us especially for winning a cup and a silver platter and we also got 5 distinctions out of 7, which was great! We hope to carry on singing with Barbara.

Mary Sunter

An Additional Award for Hawes School Choir

At the end of the Tournament of Song, Dr Padmore, the adjudicator, who is an internationally renowned choral specialist, awarded Hawes Choirs the Marjorie Freeman Memorial Bursary of £100.00 to help to continue to produce such an 'excellent standard of choral singing'. We will put this to good use buying more music or anything special that would benefit this wonderful group. Grateful thanks once again for Barbara's **brilliant** teaching. Words cannot express how much we value her.

Out-door education

Every Friday we go out with the school and

do different activities. So far I have been zip wiring, abseiling and canoeing. I really enjoyed abseiling, it was good! The scariest part of abseiling is lifting your leg over the viaduct, it felt like you were going to fall. When we went canoeing my boat nearly tipped over, and we all got soaked. I had a lot of fun!"

Gina

London Residential

We are very grateful to the Crown Hotel in Hawes who have raised money from quiz nights and also for a donation from The Market Toll Trustees which will both help to subsidise the London residential visit in June. Thank you.

News from the Community Office

A new series of **Digital Photography Sessions** will be held at the Office on **Tuesday afternoons, starting from April 22nd to May 20th (except May 6th), from 2pm to 4.30pm each day.** The cost is £45 for the whole series, which include the use of lap top computers.

The first of the **Tea Dances** was held on Wednesday 26th March.

There was a very positive response from all who attended. The music was varied, some people danced and some didn't, the raffle prizes were abundant, and the refreshments, provided by Jennifer Fawcett and her team from Hardraw Church, were extremely good. It was a brilliant place to catch up with old friends and meet a few new ones. Jenny Harper was collecting stories from people's childhood to put on a website and hopes eventually to get some pictures too. It promises to be a good social occasion with music. Next month Leslie from The Sports Association will be there and talk about possible exercise sessions. You don't need a partner and you don't need to dance, come along for the chat, and the cakes!

Future dates : Wednesdays April 23rd, May 28th and June 25th, 2.15 – 4.45 pm

£3.50 including refreshments or £9.00 for all three, from the Community Office, 667400

Don't forget, you can borrow a projector, a screen, a hearing loop, have free lap top loan, send and receive faxes, pay for your TV licence, pay utility bills and top up your electricity key, pay rents and rates and all manner of other things. The Community Office and Library always has a warm welcome for any enquiry, As a member of the Library, you can use the internet for an hour at no cost every day and take out up to ten books. There is a range of DVDs, Videos, talking books and CDs.

Keep dogs on leads plea during breeding season

Dog owners are being asked to keep their pets under close control in the National Park during the breeding season.

The breeding season, which lasts until the end of July, is a very sensitive time for domestic and wild animals as they give birth to and then raise their young. ***Although dog owners are entitled to keep them under close control but off the lead on public paths, we would ask them not to do this to reduce even further the risk of wildlife and farm animals being unintentionally disturbed at this crucial time.***

There are some simple rules under the Countryside Code that pet owners must remember. The most important is that, on most areas of open country and common land – **known as 'access land'** – you must keep your dog on a short lead until **July 31st**, and all year round near farm animals.

More information about the Countryside Code can be found on the National Park website at www.vorkshiredales.org.uk.

Newsletter by post

*If you've forgotten to renew your £8
annual subscription, please do so now,
before you're struck off!*





Letters

To the Editor;

Re: Terry family, Askrigg
Ray Terry who lives in Tasmania would like to hear from anyone with photos, stories or family connections to the Terry's who once lived at Beck Bits and Lease House in Askrigg.

Associated family names so far, are: Hogg, Chapman, Tiplady, Fawcett, Dinsdale, Moore, Lupton, Handley and Durham.

Anyone interested in the name or properties should contact **Ray Terry at GPO Box 17, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia 7000 or email at: info@ozmigrate.com.**

(If Peter Jones ,who wrote to us last month about Jonah Jones and Fred Lawson, would like to get in touch again we have some information. Ed.)

Dear UWNL,

Late last Tuesday evening returning home from a meeting over in Swaledale I was driving over Oxnop when I saw two white vans parked near the top.

Being on my own, I was a bit nervous about stopping and asking what was going on. I parked a little distance away and turned off my lights. As my eyes adjusted I saw two people off-loading quite a lot of small bundles and dropping them beside the road in the rough grass.

I decided I must go and see. I was surprised that the two— a man and a woman about the forty mark— were quite approachable.

“What are you doing?”, I asked, a bit warily. “Hedgehogs”, they said. “We’re saving young ones from the hazards of busy roads. We’ve been collecting them up for months... you might have noticed there aren’t many about.... And we’re releasing them up here where they aren’t in any

danger. Please don’t tell anyone; we don’t know whether they would be classed as ‘litter’.”

Nevertheless, I decided it was a story worth telling you about.

(Mrs) Avril Primer

Morning,

Eunice is on p.36, in the ‘o’ of the Cottages advert.

Good to hear that Kings Club is 20. Some of us remember a similar holiday activity organised by Malcolm Stonestreet, then Vicar of Askrigg, with the help of students from King's College, London, around 1970. Our son Richard, then about 5 and now 41, still talks about an expedition to Cotter Force in Tucker Metcalfe's bus.

David Sharpe, Cockermouth

I wonder if any of your readers would care to help me by commenting about the origins of the early pottery firm Miles Mason and sons and about links back to a marriage of Elizabeth Thompson of Marsett to John Mason (Jon Mayson) of Dent at Askrigg on the 8th of July 1682.

John Mason, may have been a great-grandfather of Miles Mason founder of the pottery firm. Alternatively John and Elizabeth may have had a daughter Margaret but fostered three boys born to Quakers John and Mary Mason of Dent in the 1680s who were orphaned in 1697. One of these the first named as son Miles Mason in John's will of 1719/20 (below) could then have been the grandfather of the famous potter.

Many Thanks

Bev Croft

John Mason of Gawthropp in Dent

PROBATE BOND dated primo die Aprilis 1720

Bound: Miles Mason of Butterpots in Dent yeoman

John Mason of Gawthropp calcearium

Sworn: Miles Mason. No relationship given.

WILL dated 12th August 1719

R & R of my personal estate to my loving wife Elizabeth for

life, except the beasts & sheep which I give to my son Miles.
Miles is also to have the property at Gawthropp plus 3 closes:
High Close, Middle Close & Low Close.

To my son Richard Mason my estate at Marsthead in the
parish of Aisgarth in Wensleydale.

To my son John Mason £20.

To my daughter Margaret wife of William Middleton £10.

To my grandson John Middleton son of the said William
Middleton £5; the money is to assist him into some good
trade, as Miles and Margaret should think fit.

To my grandson Richard Middleton £5.

Miles Mason sole exec.

Testator marked

Witnesses: Edward Collinson
George Yeates
duke Smorthwaite [Marmaduke]
Rich. Procter

INVENTORY dated 11th March 1719 £19/9/-

Appraisers: Mat Sidgwick

Edward Collinson

**If any reader can help, please contact the Newsletter
and we will pass on the details.**

WHAT'S ON LISTING

Transfer these dates to your calendar!

Includes **DCM** events. Bookings and details from the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes. **666210**

April

- Until 13 April Duo Tones: The Art of Landscape photography. Exhibition at the DCM
- 1 Spinning and Rugmaking in the DCM 2.00pm to 4.00pm
 - 2 Discover and Do craft workshop for children over 8 years at the DCM. Booking essential.
 - 3 Table Top Sale. Hawes Junction Chapel. [See p. 40.](#)
 - 4 Songs of Praise at Garsdale Station. [See p. 40](#)
 - 4 Wensleydale Society AGM plus Marion Moverley "Hark, hark, the dogs do bark" West Burton village hall at 7.30pm
- Until 6 Wensleydale Railway runs; also on all Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays in April
- 6 Gayle Chapel choir Sunday
 - 6 United Dales Church service; St Matthew's Leyburn at 7.30pm
 - 8 YDNPA Planning committee. 10.30am at Yordale, Bainbridge
 - 10 Wensleydale Country Markets (was WI Market) at Leyburn Methodist Hall. 10.00am to 11.30am
 - 11 Join Museum Friends in the Victorian kitchen in the DCM from 11.00am to 4.00pm
 - 12 Soup and Sweet lunch from 12 noon at West Witton village hall in aid of church funds.
 - 12 Leyburn Station open day. [See p. 7.](#)
 - 13 St Bartholomew, West Witton, church AGM at 6.00pm in church.
 - 15 United Churches coffee morning for Air Ambulance. Hawes Methodist rooms 10.00am to noon
 - 17 Wensleydale Country Markets at Leyburn Methodist Hall. 10.00am to 11.30am
 - 17 British Heart Foundation event. Middleham Key Centre. [See p. 8.](#)

- 18 Dales Countryside Museum Friends. "Yorkshire Humour" at 7.30pm
- 19 Mobile Skip in Gayle. [See p.24](#)
- 19 "Songs from the Shows" in aid of the Gala. The Fountain, Hawes from 8.30pm. [See p.3.](#)
- 19 Operatic Society Junior Disco at Gayle Institute 7.00pm–9.00pm. [See p.3.](#)
- 20 Table Top sale at the Market House, Hawes for Hawes school funds.
- 20 Introduction to Digital Photography 10.30am to 4.00pm at the DCM. Booking essential. Adults event (12 to 16 years accompanied only).
- 21–28 "Our Voices" oral history and dialect showcase from students of Craven College in the DCM main hall
- 23 St George's Day
- 23 Tea Dance at Hawes Market House 2.15 to 4.45pm
- 23 Gayle Chapel gift day from 6.30pm
- 24 Wensleydale Country Markets at Leyburn Methodist Hall. 10.00am to 11.30am
- 24 Gayle Ladies "Dark Deeds in the Dales". Gayle Institute at 7.30pm
- 26 Annual 3 Peaks Race
- 29 Coffee morning, stalls for the Kings Club at Hawes Methodist rooms from 10.00am to noon

May

- 2-5 Yordale Art Club annual exhibition. Leyburn Methodist Hall. [See p.21](#)
- 3 "Laurel and Charlie" play at West Burton village hall. [See p.14.](#)
- 3-5 Leyburn Food and Drink Festival
- 3-5 St Andrew's flower festival. [See p.23.](#)
- 5 Plant stall and refreshments in Castle Bolton church in aid of church funds and Scripture Union (Mission partner). 10.00am to 12.30pm
- 6 Hawes Drama Group AGM and buffet at Gayle Institute. 7.30pm
- 7 Hawes Mothers' Union; special open meeting; Methodist rooms 2.00pm. Philip Beresford speakers on "Christians against poverty"

MARKET PLACE AND GREETINGS

Ramsden
April 30th
Congratulations Andrew and Susan as you approach your Silver Wedding.
Love and best wishes;
Mum

Ramsden
May 1st
Happy 21st birthday, Katie.
Lots of love; Gran
XX

Wensleydale indie covers band
Kurious Incident
Seek vocalist for gigging
In the Dales
Contact Mike on 650424

Spensley
I would like to thank the people of Hawes and area for their support and thoughts, and condolences during the short illness and subsequent death of my beloved Ann.
Thank you all.
Tony Hindle

Liz Blackhurst
would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes, cards and flowers following her recent stay in hospital.

Spensley
The family would like to say thank you for all the cards, letters of condolence and support following the death of Ann. They have been of great comfort during this sad time.

 Happy second birthday
Jessica Ann
On April 12th
Lots of love and kisses
Mummy, Daddy and Lauren
xxx

Happy 70th birthday
Grandad Moore
With lots of love from Stacey, Lewis,
Lucy and Jake
xxxx



Congratulations
Janet and Neil on your
Silver Wedding.
Love and best wishes from Mum,
Ruth, Keith, Wendy and family. XX

Situations Vacant
Care and domestic help required for a young disabled mum suffering from Multiple Sclerosis living in Gunnerside.
Monday and Tuesdays, 3 hours per day.

Best wishes Mum and Dad on
your Silver Wedding 
April 2nd
A racing cert for the next 25.

£8.40 per hour

BRENDA (Hawes)
Would like to thank everyone for their good wishes, cards and presents received on her recent 60th birthday.

For further information and to request an application form please telephone the Direct Payments Support Service on 0845 0349568 and quote reference C001

Pair of leather ladies walking boots
size 6 in good condition for sale.
Tel: **667241**.



Congratulations
Mark and Janet on your
Silver Wedding Anniversary
April 16th
Love from Mum and Dad, Jim,
Sandra, Stuart and Hannah

Hawes Junction Chapel

Table top sale and refreshments, Saturday,
May 3rd, 10.00am to 4.00pm
Tables £5;
Contacts: **667291 or 01768 372011**

Garsdale Station Songs of Praise

(In the chapel if poor weather),
Sunday May 4th at 3.00pm With Hawes
Silver Band followed by tea at the chapel.

Judith Walker-Hutchinson blesses the cross in St
Margaret's Church, Preston under Scar, before the
Good Friday walk of witness round eleven villages—
in biting wind, snow, hail and rain.



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