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Editorial

Sticks and stones may break my bones, but calling names won't hurt me". Not sure! This saying, to our mind, is a plea to stop the name calling, not physical battering! Words have power much more than we imagine and with modern communication can be either very encouraging or very damaging, causing panic to large numbers of people.

Let's start on a (fairly) light note. Although fair and light hardly spring to mind. We refer to the weather, or more properly to the forecast thereof! Words! It sometimes seems that when they alarm us, nothing happens except that people don't visit the dales, and when "it will be generally fair with light winds" it dollops, at 45 degrees, a month's rain in a day! Forecasting can be a tricky business. They say that prophets 'read the signs of the times' and then deduce what might happen "if this... then that". We could be forgiven for thinking that there is too little 'reading the signs' before offering the predictions. Words can easily frighten or destroy confidence and well-being. Even 'News' broadcasts partly become predictions rather than reporting what has happened. Why can't we wait and see? Jumping to conclusions can be a hazardous business!

Even more worrying is the over-use of some words. Is every 'incident' really a catastrophe? Every 'hiccup' really a crisis? Every mild accident really a drama? Every downturn really a 'crunch'. Do we exaggerate or use these words out of place just to attract attention, or readership and viewing figures? They say good news never sells papers. It might be worth a try now and again!

The trouble with this over-use, this 'crying wolf', is that when something really momentous occurs, what words have we got left to describe it?

Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious? (Please do not write in if you detect a slight spelling mistake.) We have to invent some, and there are enough new words and terminologies for most of us!

Seriously now; with all these so-called crises, tragedies, calamities and traumas, have we got a 'death wish', are we losing those once-held, presumed, characteristics of us all; stiff upper lip, putting up with things, making do and mending, looking on the bright side, making the most of a bad job, turning the other cheek, not paying back evil for evil, pulling together when the going gets a bit tough, etc.? These characteristics aren't good for those making money out of our dissatisfactions but they go a long way in building one another up. This Newsletter is an attempt to do that.

We are so far ahead of ourselves that we think next month's editorial will be about energy saving in the home. We would like to hear of any new or unusual ideas you might have.

Mr Alex Dinsdale

Alex, who has just died at the age of 73, was one of the original members of the Upper Wensleydale Community Partnership, out of which sprung this Upper Wensleydale Newsletter in November 1995. For the first six years of its existence Alex served on the Newsletter committee. We send our condolences to the family.



Eunice the Ewe

Last month I was in Kitty's advert on page 18. The winner was T A Carter from Keighley. Where am I this month?



Join us at one of **'The Biggest Coffee Morning in the World'** events for Macmillan Cancer Relief. Raffle and Tombola as well as delicious coffee and cakes ! **From 10.00am at Gayle Institute or from 10.30 am at River View, Worton.on Friday, 26th September**

Next issue
The October issue will be produced on
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THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 18th

September's competition

Yorkshire towns and cities. There is only one anagram; for the rest you need a warped mind or a bit of knowledge! Good luck.

1. Eureka! It's here
2. Always in bley
3. I grub shoe
4. War! No 'T' - a 'Y'
5. Look down on me from Wesley's octagonal chapel
6. Nail beck-crossing
7. Twisted pig?
8. It has an E and a W cliff
9. Hill lass's town?
10. Donald chucked her
11. Wednesday's place
12. 'igh drama match; '——— contested!
13. Worth a ride up from here
14. Canal end city; not Leeds
15. I wonder if there is a stray cat
16. Church town beside hills
17. Resurrection community town
18. Ship's bottom

Corrections and omissions

As if there weren't enough puzzles last month — mystery picture, treasure hunt and 'Who knows' - it was not our intention to leave the short article "Interesting visitor" unfinished! If you could have seen underneath the advert below it (on page 30), you would have read "... An **osprey**"

Calling students

A. Students about to go to Higher Education (after A-levels). If you live in the Newsletter area please contact us to ask for information about our Book and Equipment Award Scheme; up to £150

B. Students just starting in year 12 (first year Sixth Form). If you live in the Newsletter circulation area you might like to be considered for the position of

Bursary Student for the year. It entails writing a regular article, attending some Newsletter committees and showing a general interest in the Newsletter's work. You will be following in the footsteps of some eminent past Bursary Students who have all gone on to do great things! And it looks good on a future C.V! Full details are sent to your school, but you may contact us directly if you wish.

Dale Head Garage Looking Back.

John and Shirley Brayshaw have been at the petrol station in Hawes since 1990. They are now retiring, and looking forward to having a bit of free time.

"And not having to get up at 6.30 on a winter morning!" said John, with feeling! John (who incidentally 'doesn't like cats') sat with Holly, their black and white cat on his knee and told me about those winter mornings when he would gladly have turned over for another few minutes snooze. John, born and bred in Low Bentham, not to be confused with High Bentham, (it does matter!) made a career in the Police and lived and worked in Leeds, where he and Shirley met. They were frequent visitors to Hawes and formed some friendships. In fact, this led to their hearing that the garage business was looking for a new owner. They have been only the second owners since it was built, following on from Jim Alderson.

Shirley had run a garage in Leeds but had suffered a few bad experiences. She had been robbed a number of times and suffered break-ins and vandalism. It was time to go. John's retirement from the Police was coming up, so, they decided to take on Dale Head Garage and it proved to be a good move. "We shall be sad to go", said Shirley, "but we are definitely NOT leaving Hawes, we love it here". John, (who doesn't like cats) echoed this as he gave Holly a stroke, "We'll miss the day-to-day contact with people, but I shan't be putting my feet up, I'm looking forward to finding some sort of work to do, but more at my own pace."

"What changes, if any, did you make to the business when you took over?" I asked. "Not many," was the reply, "only really to sell sweets, drinks and bits and bobs; we tried to keep it much the same. We were aware of being looked at with suspicion at

first from the locals! But they soon came round." Shirley said how touched they had been since it got round that they had sold, with many people expressing regret at the news and even offering gifts along with their good wishes.

"We were determined to sell the garage to someone who wanted to keep it going," they said, "and the National Park were also very keen not to lose a valuable amenity". Holly, the cat who had now jumped down and lay sprawled on the carpet, was having her tummy tickled by John (who doesn't like cats). "I used to like going to the Auction Mart on a Tuesday," he told me. "I shall be able to do that again...and watch Rugby League!".

"How have Hawes and Gayle changed over the years?" I wanted to know. Shirley thought that it was a bit more 'built-up' than before, and Hawes and Gayle were almost joined together now. "But it still has the same character and the people are just the same; there when you need them." Shirley has some health problems which mean she's not as mobile as she would like, but has found neighbours and friends to be so kind and helpful.

Looking out on lambs frisking in the fields beyond the mill-race they agreed that it was a grand place to live.

Holly purred in agreement. We wish them well in their retirement. **S.H.**

New owners

The owners of the garage premises are 'Three friends from school days': Bob Tunstall, Keith Johnson and David Cooper. They have set up a small company 'Cojont Trading Ltd' to run the garage, and tenants will be installed. (John and Shirley are employed there temporarily).

There is outline planning permission for a house on the site (which could be for the garage tenants) and the possibility of a small workshop. To quote Bob Tunstall, "Petrol will be available as long as there are cars on the road". (i.e. no worries). They intend to have a 'strategic review' ('admittedly a rather grand title!') to look at the running of the filling station and to find a formula for this community resource. It is well-known that rural petrol stations are hardly profitable and in some remote areas become un-manned.

Bainbridge and District Motor Club

The Signpost Rally was well attended as 13 cars turned up at Swan Farm where the 1st of the tasks was to reverse into a 'Garage'. For the 2nd task the driver was blind-folded and had to rely on the navigator to guide them through 4 sets of bollards. This proved quite an experience for both driver and navigator! When you are blindfolded it is hard to tell how fast you are moving and even what distance you have covered. However all managed to complete this task without too much difficulty.

The route then took us over to Swaledale, back to Bellerby, over to Coverdale and finishing up at Jim's in Askrigg. There were some questions to answer on route and marker boards to watch out for. At a lay-by near East Witton there was another task to perform, this time it was to change a wheel in the shortest possible time, Dave and Tom just pipped Fred and Andrew by a

few seconds and clocked up a time of 1minute 24 seconds. (One team took over 5 minutes!)

It was the first attempt of organising a rally for Matt Foster and Neil Pearson and what a great job they made of it, so a big 'Thank you' goes to them.

Next month's rally (the last rally of the season) is on **Wednesday 17th September** and will be organised by Angela Lee and Ann Huntbach, telephone **667009** or **667437** for details. All Welcome.

Netta Davison

A very advanced notice!

Please note, to avoid clashes.

"Sensational Silks and Snowball"

Simonstone Hall, **Friday, January 30th 2009** in aid of Hawes Gala and the Injured Jockeys Fund.

More information : **667192**

It's a Wonderful Dale

Here is your opportunity to discover more about Wensleydale, the dale we all love. The **Wensleydale Society** will increase your knowledge and enjoyment of this wonderful area.

Our 56th winter programme begins on Friday October 3rd with a study of *The Four Seasons in the Dales*, by Hughie James. In November Tony Keates speaks on *Wensleydale – an Industrial Landscape* and in December Dr Peter Annison talks about the *Postal History of the Dales*.

You are very welcome to come and sample any of our monthly talks which all start at 7.30 pm and are held on the first Friday of the month at West Burton Village Hall. Entry fee is £1 and annual membership of the Wensleydale Society is only £5. We also make it easier to get to West Burton by our return coach from Middleham, picking up at Leyburn and West Witton.

For the energetic our monthly **walks programme** lets you discover and enjoy Wensleydale and its wider environs, and is a wonderful way to get to know the area.

For more information please contact **Jane Bastow, (Chairman) 01765 640365** or **Prof D Milner (Secretary) 624361**

Upper Dales Family History

The meetings of the Upper Dales Family History Group begin again **on Wednesday, September 24th**, when the speaker is Mike Wood on, "The Butcher, the Glover and the Candlestick Maker - Medieval Guilds". **The meeting is at 2.00pm in the Middleham Key Centre** and is open to all. Non-members pay £1. For further details contact **Tracy Little (01748) 884759** or see the group's website www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk



**Mystery picture. O.K. you know where it is. The question is: what year.
Last month's picture was of Badger Dub, Garsdale.**

Left over from last month:

Children from West Burton School in the Monks' Infirmary at Jervaulx Abbey where they followed the Monks' life-path.



Very wet!

Rain,rain go away come again another day. If only it would. Almost half an inch of rain fell on the gardens in Carperby on Open Day. However it did not stop the hardy perennials from turning up in their waterproofs and wellies. We raised a sum of around £1,600 and thank everyone for their efforts.

Pat Jackson

Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society

If you love the arts you will enjoy the Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society (WDFAS). If you want to increase your appreciation and knowledge then WDFAS is for you. Through nine lectures each year, study days and a series of visits to galleries, stately homes and gardens, members participate in the amazing historical perspective of art history. Lecturers are chosen for their first class lecturing ability and academic knowledge.

The season starts on October 14th with *George III – art collector*, by Oliver Everett. *Once Upon a Time: Victorian Narrative Painting* by Lizzie Darbyshire follows in November and *The Christmas Story: Renaissance paintings of the Nativity* in December. Lectures are held at the Middleham Key Centre and start at 2.00pm

Subjects for 2009 are as varied as Edward Lear; the Punch and Judy show; the Lindisfarne Gospels and Chinese Ceramic Art. Members, who are drawn from throughout the Dales, also receive the quarterly NADFAS Review and our local newsletter.

Membership information and application forms are available from Elaine Frances tel. 624203.

Raydale Project

This report is being written in mid-August and it seems highly unlikely that the proposed works on Cragdale Water will proceed as planned later in the month. Water levels are just too high for the pumping gear to be effective and we must hope that September brings a long enough dry spell to complete the work.

However it is good to report that the proposed work is well supported and thanks must go to CPRE Wensleydale branch for £500, to the Upper Dales allocation of North Yorkshire County

Council Richmondshire Area Committee budget for £750 and to the Leyburn and Mid-Wensleydale Partnership for £1,000. The Yorkshire Dales National Park and the Raydale Project will co-fund the remainder of the costs. With funding in place, contractors lined up, approval given from all agencies, if it would just stop raining we could get on with the job.

It is hoped that next month's report will include action on the ground.

Deborah Millward, Project Leader

Sad loss

The Newsletter committee wishes to join with many in the upper dale in expressing its condolences to Stephen, Val and Rob Ward following the tragic death of Ruth, Stephen's wife, on honeymoon in Canada; and to the family of Robert Kirkbride.

Periwinkle

All Creations Great and Small

A new venture has opened in the old post office in Askrigg. "Periwinkle" which is owned and run by Lesley and Gary Blissett opened recently and so far business seems to be good.

Lesley, the florist, trained initially in Printing and Textile Design. After being made redundant, she then trained in Floral Arts and Design at Myerscough College, intending to work in a florist's shop. Her husband, Gary, then found the premises at Askrigg last December. They came to view it in the snow and despite the poor weather instantly felt it was right for them.

Along with three new businesses that have opened in Askrigg they hope to develop and maintain village life. While Lesley serves in the shop and creates floral designs, Gary who worked at the Bradford College as an Education Liaison Officer, will attend to the accounts, deliveries and any other odd jobs. The shop will provide fresh and silk flowers and supporting items including candles and vases, as well as providing a service to local businesses.

Lesley is hoping to source British flowers, although at the moment some of them are obtained from a Dutch wholesaler.

Opening Hours ,for the shop are

Tuesday –Saturday 10.00am-5.00pm.

Sunday 10.00am -2.00pm

Closed all day Monday

Tel. 650441

S.E.D.

Return of the Needwood Singers

The Needwood Singers from Staffordshire, under the direction of Margaret Langford are returning to sing at St Andrew's church, Aysgarth. James Yeadon will be the guest soloist on the trumpet with John Foster on the piano. The concert will take place on **Saturday 20th September at 7.30pm** and tickets will cost £7.00 with school age children £3.00. All proceeds will go to church funds

Hawes Christmas Festival

Please make an early note in your diaries that on **December 6th** when Father Christmas comes to town and the Christmas lights are switched on, we're hoping to make the day extra special by having a street market, late opening for as many shops as possible, a hog roast in the market square, music and entertainment for all the family. This will also tie in with special events being planned at the Dales Countryside Museum over the week-end (details in due course). Please see our new web-site: www.haweschristmasfestival.co.uk for information (and accommodation providers, please encourage your guests to re-book for the week-end!)

Help and suggestions on how to make the day a success would be most welcome, please contact any of the Christmas Lights committee, Judith at The Crown or Andrea at Herriot's.

King's Club Reunion

A reunion dinner to celebrate 20 years of King's Club will be held on **Friday 26th September at 7.00 for 7.45pm** at the Wensleydale Creamery.

If you are 18 to 30 years old or over and attended, get your ticket for this event. See old friends and remember the good times you had together.

Tickets are available from **Jenny Ingleby** on **622075** Jennifer@ingleby.net or from **Mike Hirst** at mikehirst@tiscali.co.uk.

Treasure hunt answers

The clues are given again with the answers in CAPITALS

Simple Simons's pitch= Simonstone. A) What happened at Bliss in 1832? NOTHING B) What shape is King George's red top? SEMICIRCLE ON G.R. POST BOX. C) Where might one man and his dog circulate? ON WEATHER VANE

Some are brass, some are silver— these are up! = High Bands A) Footpath number? 75. B) Where is the suspended two-wheeler? IT IS THE GARAGE DOOR. C) Two; each with a hole. What and where? TWO METAL BRACKETS FIXED ON GARDEN WALL

Maurre's shieling = Marsett A) Where is there one lonely useless, rusty hinge? ABOVE THE V.R. POST BOX. B) What is the minimum flush time? TWO MINUTES; ON MARSETT WTW OUTLET

C) What do you get if you subtract Poland's from Pakistan's? 44. IN THE PHONE BOX THE CODE FOR POLAND IS 0048, AND FOR PAKISTAN 0092. D) How many beams support the bridge? TEN, CONCRETE. E) L.H. stoned; R.H. rendered; where? THE BACK WALL OF THE CHAPEL

So chase Mu =Cams House A) How many typical metal railway posts on the laneside from 'Angling' sign westwards? 22 AND NUMBERS 12 AND 13 MUCH CLOSER TOGETHER B) What is below R but above AK? 2000 ON PLAQUE ON NEW BARN C) What improper fraction accompanies ABUS? 65/40 ON GATE LOCK D) Find a latch without a gate. With what shaped bolt-heads is it fixed? SQUARE

1086: Chirprebi = Carperby (East End) A) What stands on each of the flight? A POT OF GERANIUMS ON EACH STEP OF SPRINGFIELD BARN. B) ON the osculating portal under the ash, how many metal posts on the curve? 21 ON THE KISSING GATE FENCE. C) HM Coastguard sticker on the right; what on the left? RSPB SIGN ON UPSTAIRS WINDOW. D) Where do the hare, the owl and the horse all have the same address? CHERIBI. E) What was made in Barnsley? LITTER BIN. F) What does it read under BCC 38? INTER-AX; ON GRID COVER

The red teas may be served here = Streethhead A) How many panes look east at the inn? 89 B) What's the possible link with just south, off junction 33, of the M6? 'BAY HORSE' ON A MILK CHURN; WITH AN INN OF THAT NAME NEAR GALGATE C) In the event of an emergencyFREEPHONE 0800 526151

Sfenjsf= Redmire A) Who was Elizabeth's beloved? ISAAC DINSDALE; PLAQUE ON SEAT.

B) Where might you relax with your back against a cart wheel? GARDEN SEAT AT APPLGARTH.

C) They fell, then what? THIS LIGHT WAS ERECTED IN MEMORY OF THE MEN OF THIS VILLAGE WHO FELL IN THE 1939- 1945 WAR. (PLAQUE) D) There are three on the door and two on the wall to the right (Good luck!) HORSESHOES ON

OLD SMITHY. E) Why might the shoe-mender give you a ring? THERE'S A LARGE BELL ON THE TOP OF 'COBBLERS'

Dead centre of the village beneath the scar=

Preston Cemetery. A) Who is commemorated by Betula? CAPTAIN PHILIP STUART GUY (TREE PLANTED). B) He ought to be in the corner, but isn't! When did he die? JOHN (JACK) HORNER 1972. C) When did Bessie, 'dear sister of the above', die? 15TH FEB. 1971. D) Nelson D-ton. Where? ON CORNER OF BASE STONE ROUND GRAVES OF JANE ANNE WARD AND CHARLES THOMAS WARD. E) Who was number 1534153? LEADING AIRCRAFTSMAN GRJ TORODE

Roschil's farm by the thorns (West End)=

Thornton Rust A) Two smokers beside the door; where? TWO CHIMNEY POTS AT LONGRIGG. B) How long is the sliding bevel? 178MM. ON CARD IN WINDOW OF OUTBUILDING UP OUTGANG LANE. C) Where might you find four streams? ON BIN AND LINER SYSTEM CONTAINER. D) "Any inappropriate use may lead to this goodwill being withdrawn" What scale did Matt produce it at? SCALE 1:17917 (SIGN RE ADDLEBROUGH PERMISSIVE PATH AND MAP (23 AUG. 2007 MATT NEALE)

Dee see em= D.C.M. (Dales Countryside Museum)

A) What goes with Boot wash? WATERTAP

B) Where's the big Nutkin? LARGE RED SQUIREL SCULPTURE BY ENTRANCE. C) How long to wait for your next bus? TWO MINUTES; ON BUS TIMETABLE INFO. D) What's the post code of the environment unit? DL10 4RT E) What's between the door entry system and the top office? PRESS ONCE F) What number is above the red 23? 40 ON THE ACCESS AREAS MAP

Bonus point: No location given. It's a circle; it's red round the edge; it contains a number. What in millimetres is its total diameter? 296; ACROSS THE 10MPH SIGN AT STREETHEAD CARAVAN SIGHT.

The winner was **Andrew Ferguson** and he was very closely followed by Nelson and Heather Caplin and their grandchildren!

Carperby, Redmire and Castle Bolton NSPCC

Afternoon teas and stalls at Redmire Village Hall on **Thursday October 2nd** between 3.00 and 5.00pm to support the work of the NSPCC in North Yorkshire.

Use of bath at Sycamore Hall

If you are struggling to access your bath at home owing to mobility problems or illness, (then if so) the bath at Sycamore Hall is available to use for a small cost of £2.00.

The bath is an Arjo Malibu bath with lifting hoist. You must be accompanied by your own carer i.e. friend or member of family. If you would like to book this facility then please ring **Michelle the Manager on 0370 192 4055**

**The Business Association
Charity Ball Tickets on sale now**

Tickets for our Masquerade Charity Ball at the Wensleydale Creamery on October 25th, to raise money for Yorkshire Air Ambulance and local projects in Upper Wensleydale, are now on sale and numbers are limited!

Tickets are £25.00 per person, includes welcome drink, Live music with **Sounds Familiar, a four course meal and Guest speaker Katy Cropper. For further details, tickets, menu choice and booking contact us on **667676**.**

You can also purchase online at our website, www.wensleydale.org

From the money raised by our Charity Ball last year we donated £200.00 to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. A further £300.00 was split between Hawes Gala, The Upper Dales Childcare Partnership, both for on-going expenditure, and Askrigg Primary School towards the purchase of djembe drums. This year we are hoping to raise much more, and have already made an early start by joining the Bag It Up Campaign, collecting unused and unwanted bras for resale. Funds from this campaign also go to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. (We are still collecting bras till the end of the year, so please keep de-cluttering. Bras can be left at the Community Resource Centre, Hawes, Yorebridge Sport and Fitness, Askrigg, Victoria's Lingerie, Leyburn and with the Business Association Chairman, Rima Berry at 8, Mill Lane, Askrigg.)

Fundraising for the Air Ambulance in Newbiggin

On Sunday 20th July, Brian White and Peter Waterfall once again held a party in their garden in Newbiggin in Bishopdale to celebrate their birthdays. Some sixty neighbours and other friends helped them celebrate in spite of the poor weather.

The hosts suggested that a donation to the Air Ambulance Services would be more appreciated than cards or presents.. Their friends responded magnificently by giving donations to a total of £835, which has been sent to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. As most of the donations were accompanied by Gift Aid declarations, the taxman will also have to contribute a further £217, giving an overall total of a superb **£1052**

Brian and Peter first became interested in supporting the Air Ambulance three years ago, when their neighbour fell downstairs and was taken in the helicopter to Northallerton. They have held parties each year and have now raised a total of £3200 or a little under **£4000** with gift aid supplement.

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

Hawes Playgroup Fundraiser

Thursday 18th September

7.30 pm onwards

At the Fountain Hotel Hawes

Phoenix Trading will be selling their 2008 Christmas Range of wrapping paper, cards, gifts and everyday products in aid of Cancer Research UK and Children's Hospices UK. Also Usborne books will have their latest catalogue to order from.

Help support a local group for children

Everyone welcome.

Dales Harvest 2008

- a celebration of food, drink, crafts
and culture in the Upper Dales

This second annual event is to be held on the weekend of **September 20th and 21st** and will be centred around the Market House and Market Place in Hawes. It will be open on both days from **10.30am – 5.00pm**, and it's FREE to the public.

There will be lots of interesting things for all the family, including the strolling LA Jazz Band, who were so popular last year, a number of children's entertainers, and of course our inimitable traditional funfair. We hope to have a rolling programme of video footage of local interest, and (crossing fingers) some NEW local red squirrel footage, as well as displays and photos of local historical interest. Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum will be dressing up and talking about working and preserving in the Victorian kitchen at the DCM between 2.00 and 4.00pm on both days. In addition there is an art exhibition at the DCM, 'A Brush with the Media', with 45 artists' interpretations of a bird's nest in a broom! *(See page 20)*

The weekend will finish in grand style with a joint Harvest Festival service in the Hawes Auction Mart at 6.30pm. Methodists, Anglicans and Catholics all taking part. Service led by Rev. Henry Dubois. There will be a collection the aim of which is to raise £150 for Farm Africa, an amount which provides for a Village Vet Starter Pack which gives the Community Animal Health Worker the basic skills and tools to look after all the village's animals. 'Wensleydale' refreshments to follow the service.

If you would like to exhibit, or if you have a business to promote or have a craft skill you'd like to demonstrate, or you represent a voluntary organisation and would like a stall, or if you would like to

volunteer in any capacity, contact us by tel: **667400** or email: uwcp@hotmail.co.uk

We are looking in particular for:
A First Aider (for payment), Collectors of money at the Punch and Judy, Face Painting and Balloons, etc (suitable for families - who'll get freebies!), Handsome Hulks to help with any heavy setting-up jobs on Friday evening and clearing away on Sunday evening, (a few beers available!) **This is a party weekend - so invite your friends and relatives to join the fun.**

Teachers from West Burton and Bainbridge Schools visit Zambia

Connecting Classrooms is the name of a project run by the British Council involving clusters of schools from the UK and sub Saharan Africa. The **BAWB** (Bainbridge, Askrigg and West Burton) schools were fortunate to be accepted for a project beginning in April 2007 along with 3 schools from Zambia and 3 schools from Zimbabwe. In December 2008 six teachers, one each from the schools in Zambia and Zimbabwe visited the BAWB schools for two weeks. **The visit to Zambia has just taken place in the last two weeks of July.** It proved to be an experience we wouldn't have missed and we learnt a great deal.

We flew to Ndola in Zambia's Copperbelt for a ten-day visit. We were given a warm welcome at the airport on Sunday evening by representatives from all three schools. Our journey from the airport in the dark to Mufilira the town where we were staying had 6 police checkpoints along the way. It borders the Democratic Republic of Congo border and has been the scene of conflict in the past.

The Zambian winter weather was glorious. No rain, sun rise at 6.00am, cool for a few hours then by 10.00am sunshine with temperatures in the early 20s until sunset at 6.00pm.

Our simple guesthouse was a seminary; the boys studying there were out at school all day but Elaine was usually awakened at 6.00am by singing as she was next door to the chapel. We were made very welcome and our breakfasts and evening meals (sometimes by torchlight) were always ready for us. On our arrival there was no water supply and when we got up next day no electricity. This was a taste of things to come but usually not both at once! Our first introduction to Zambia time arose when we expected to be collected at 8.00. Our transport finally

arrived at 10.15. Our late arrival the previous evening was the explanation given!

Over the next 9 days we visited the 3 schools and observed many lessons. We also were taken to many homes for lunch. Nshima is the main ingredient of all meals, it is made from maize flour and is eaten with fingers and used to scoop up other food. Typically chicken and bream, cooked in lots of vegetable oil, were served along with cabbage, pumpkin leaves, ground nuts, beans and polony. There was also often rice or potatoes. Lunch always began and ended with a formal washing of hands. The hostess would pour warm water over each guest's hands in turn. Due to it being winter our vision of lots of tropical fruit was dashed as bananas, apples or oranges were then offered. The mangoes were just beginning to appear on the trees but it will be a few more months yet before they are ripe. **The two town schools were large, about 1600 pupils,** and children had to attend in sessions some in the morning and some in the afternoon. Teachers taught either morning or afternoon but not both. When not in lessons children had the responsibility of keeping the school clean. To our surprise after the first grade (year 2) all lessons were taught in English instead of the local language, Bemba. This meant that as well as getting to grips with, for example, maths, children were being taught in a language that they had just begun to learn. Imagine our Year Three children being taught every subject in French.

Owing to HIV/aids many of the children were orphans and were brought up by grandparents. HIV/aids education is now integrated into all lessons. The children were however delighted to see us and always greeted us with a well-rehearsed welcome. They loved having their photographs taken and two children would rapidly grow into a large group. Classes

were large, often 40 to 50 children. Children were fairly passive and moved from sitting at the front of the class – sometimes on a mat more often on the concrete floor- to sitting at desks with benches attached. Copying from the blackboard featured very highly in each lesson and the teaching style differed considerably from that of the UK. Our children are encouraged to actively participate in lessons whilst the Zambian children were taught by example. Zambian schools have four terms each followed by a four-week holiday. At the end of each term the children have to “write exams” They are not able to progress to the next grade unless exams are passed. We did see older children in the earlier grade classes.

One thing that UK teachers do a lot is drink tea or coffee at regular intervals. We also encourage our children to drink plenty of water. In the more rural parts of Africa water supply is still a problem. One of the schools we visited was attached to a village and had no water supply or toilet facilities. The local supply was about ½ mile away. Although at this school staff did meet in the staff room for coffee and a snack of eggs and bread at lunchtime.

As we were in an industrial area visitors are rare and, along with one of the Zimbabwean teachers, we appeared to be the only white faces in the town. Wherever we went we were stared at and people wanted to shake hands. Zambian people are generally happy and friendly and would ask where we were from. As we were such a novelty we were taken to visit the homes of friends and families of the teachers. We were fortunate to be able to experience the everyday life of people in Zambia.

The mining area of the Copperbelt is in many ways a rich area supplying a lot of jobs. The supermarket shelves of Shoprite are well stocked and clothes and electrical goods are all readily available but there are also many very poor families who although

not starving do not get enough to eat.

We now realise what a culture shock the visit to Wensleydale must have been to the African teachers. Although they have a lot of textbooks with drawings and exercises in them there is no evidence of the photographs and books that we take for granted in England. Better off homes have televisions with Sky TV and a few computers are appearing but many children will not have the wealth of knowledge we take for granted from these sources. Classroom walls are usually bare or may have the occasional hand drawn poster.

Sally visited the internet café in town but it took a long time to send emails to friends and even longer to read anything in the inbox. Any electrical resources are kept under lock and key in the town schools otherwise they are stolen – the fridge in one headteacher’s office had no motor as it had been stolen.

The highlight of the visit was the Zambian Culture afternoon where traditional dancing and ceremonies were demonstrated. This event was attended by staff, parents and local dignitaries from all three schools. We were treated to the most amazing bring and share meal so much that it was impossible to sample it all. The Zambian National Anthem was sung at the beginning and end of the event. The Zambian people are obviously very proud of their country and the singing in harmony of the anthem was a very moving experience. We also were fortunate to hear gospel choirs in the church services we attended at the United Zambian Church. We will be sharing what we have learned with children and staff in our schools during the autumn term. The many photos we took will help to explain the things we saw to our children who live in a very different environment. **Sally Stone, West Burton School, Elaine Hopwood, Bainbridge School**

Who knows?
Suggestions for last month's re
'Stone Men' on the tops

Stuart Lennie writes: The 'stone men' which adorn our fell tops are otherwise known as cairns, beacons, piles of stones or curracks (Welsh word). As far as I know there are three reasons for their construction:

1. It is generally believed that many of these 'stone men' were built by shepherds, lead miners and quarry workers between the 16th and 19th centuries as aids to navigation particularly in hill fog.
2. They may have also have been look-out posts, built by local people, perhaps involving a signalling system, through the lighting of bonfires where they stood.
3. Another view, albeit a rather fanciful one, is that they were built during the period of the Scottish raids (12th to 14th centuries), again by local people, to imitate armed soldiers ready to defend the area (hence the name 'stone men').

A bird's nest in a besom...

has inspired a unique exhibition, entitled *A Brush with the Media*, to be held at the Dales Countryside Museum this month.

Over 40 artists, many of whom are from the Dales, will take part exhibiting work in a wide variety of media thanks to a grant from the Arts Council.

"It is a unique idea," said textile artist Janet Rawlins. "As far as I know there has not been another exhibition where all contributors freely interpreted the same subject."

The object of their efforts is a birds nest woven into the birch twigs of an upended broom (besom) which was found in a shed in Bainbridge, Wensleydale. Calligrapher Richard Crookes has been commissioned to make a banner of the quotation, "To make out of the ordinary something out of the ordinary."

Wensleydale 5-A-Side Football League

The Wensleydale 5-a-side league was originally run during the 2006/2007 season and saw Middleham Town Football Club take the honours. Owing to a lack of teams registering for the 2007/2008 season the league was cancelled. This year we aim to re-establish the league. We are planning to run the league over the autumn period (September to November).

The new season is scheduled to start on **Thursday 25th September** and will continue every Thursday until all the league fixtures have been played (dependent on the number of teams in the league). Every game will be played on the multi-use games area (MUGA) at The Wensleydale Centre, Askrigg with the earliest game kicking off at 6.30pm. The League is open to anyone over the age of 16 from local pubs,

businesses, football clubs or individuals who want to form a team.

For additional information or an application form please do not hesitate to contact Lesley or Steven on **650060**, email admin@vorebridge-sport.co.uk or visit the website www.vorebridge-sport.co.uk/5-a-side-football.

(This article is sent in by Steven Reed, recently appointed as Community and Sports Facilities Coordinator/Coach at Yorebridge. Welcome. Ed.)

Swimming Pool

We have been approached on and off for a long time by readers up and down the dale to have a summary of the monies raised and spent in relation to the proposed swimming pool for the upper dale.

Not everyone might be aware that the account was never called a 'Swimming pool' account but was always the "Upper Wensleydale Sports and Recreational Association".

Here is the 10-year summary of income and expenditure since its inception:

Income

Donations and fund-raising	37,104
Grants received	143,709
Interest received	<u>1,387</u>
	182,200

Expenses

Professional fees: Swimming	
Pool Lottery application	11,926
Purchase of Community Field	109,039
Development of football pitch	25,706
Equipment purchased	14,001
Repairs and maintenance of pitch and equipment	4,503
Insurance	3,288
Administration	<u>1,931</u>
	170,394

Cash in bank 11,806

A cross section of the whole community still feels that a pool is the one sports facility which would be most widely used by residents, visitors and school groups, especially now that the cost of travel is fast increasing.

We've gone through all the surveys and heard all the arguments about running costs, especially heating, staffing and safety, and wouldn't want or need to re-visit them, but isn't this the time, following on from 'Team G.B.'s' Olympic successes, to psyche up ourselves again?

But there is some exciting news:

The 2008 Upper Dales Feasibility Study has highlighted the hugely beneficial impact (on social and economic well being) of a Hawes swimming pool and is to recommend this as one of the key projects that could flow from the Study. Councillor John Blackie is succeeding in getting District Council backing.

He says "Obviously all the work done in the submission to the Lottery could be re-used, updated as appropriate. Our arguments for the pool rested on its paying its way year in year out (with a mixture of paid staff and volunteers) once we had been granted the capital sum to build it. The pool at Epworth near Doncaster has been run in this way for the last 8 years and it still continues to make a surplus on its revenue costs of around £5000 a year."

One final effort? Why not? **A.S.W.**

Gayle Village Institute

A local charitable based venue which needs your support.

Our excellent facility is ideal for parties, special events, meetings etc.

The hall has kitchen facilities with tables and chairs to seat 60. You will find our rates very competitive.

Please contact **Natasha Dinsdale**
667630
for bookings or further details.

A General Introduction to British Archaeology

This Course will cover the period up to the Roman Invasion and will first provide a brief account of how archaeology has developed from being a hobby of the leisured classes to its current status as a serious academic discipline and profession. We will look at dating techniques, site location methods, environmental archaeology and the cultural periods of the prehistoric period. Areas of interest will include: Early Settlement, Ritual and Religion and Death and Burial in prehistory.

The course tutor, Phil Abramson, is an Historic Environment Advisor for Defence Estates, MOD, and he will draw upon his experience to illustrate how modern, sustainable management techniques are employed on MOD land.

Archaeology on your own doorstep can be a lot more interesting than you think!

The course will take place at **Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge, on Wednesdays from 7.00- 9.00 p.m.** for ten weeks starting on **September 24th.** and will include one field trip. Fees: Full £55.00, Concessionary £50.00, Claimants £2.00. Enrolment on the first night. Enquiries: **Jane Clarke 624393.**

Hawes, not Richmond

You might remember the response last month about the longest free bus pass journey in a day. Dennis White has contacted us to say his journey back from Newcastle does indeed get back to **Hawes** at 7.24pm. We mistakenly left him in Richmond.

Spanish Night

Spanish cuisine, Classical guitarist
Outdoors... weather permitting. **Crown Hotel Hawes, 7.30pm. September 17th.**
Booking essential. £12.50. **667192**

Upper Wensleydale Ranger Report

Many of you may have seen the new gates installed on the public footpath alongside the River Ure below Hawes, near Lobla Dub. These have replaced the old metal ladder stiles that were originally installed by the fishing association. The new gates are easier to use particularly for those who are not as agile as they once were. We have also carried out some footpath surface improvements. The old stiles have been returned to the fishing association and no doubt will be appearing on a fisherman's access path in the locality soon. I believe that the metal stiles were constructed by Bob Spencer at the blacksmith's shop in Hawes. I would be interested to hear if anybody knows when these were made. Thank you to the landowners and tenants who have been very cooperative with this project.

We have recently carried out the second phase of drainage and surfacing works on the bridleway out of Burtersett up onto Wether Fell. New cross drains, side ditches and aggregate have improved the bridleway especially for mountain bikes and horse riders.

Barn owls – not something we see a lot of, or certainly not something that gets reported often. They are often confused with Tawny owls, especially when picked up in car headlights at night. I would welcome any current sightings or information on historical locations of barn owls in the area.

Thank you to those who regularly report broken or difficult stiles and gates that you encounter on rights of way and please keep these coming in.

Matt Neale

Area Ranger – Upper Wensleydale

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Best foot forward

There can't be any local person who hasn't been to Aysgarth Falls or Hardraw Scar, can there? Maybe West Burton Falls or Whitfield Gill above Askrigg are a bit less known. But what about two falls with same name?

Aisgill; number one with its extremely pretty tufa waterfall is covered with water like a skirt however much or little tumbles down. Follow the Pennine Way signs out of West End, Gayle, and at the division of paths drop down left to the Duerley Beck (that's its proper name; Gayle Beck is on the way to Ribbleshead). The path, narrow, near the beck then rising above it soon comes to the fall—and there's a stone seat, but you need long legs to reach the ground!

Don't return the same way; follow the beck, now more gentle, upstream via ladder stiles and bear right to join the old walled track from Duerley Bottoms back to Gayle.

Aisgill; number two is a very different, not to say arduous, sort of proposition! It's along the road from the Moorcock Inn to Kirkby Stephen. Park at the little fall (not Aisgill) where the road crosses over the railway to the right.

Just beyond, on the left, a field gate lets you into the open access land where with grim determination you may plod more or less in a straight line to the col on the skyline between Swarth Fell and Wild Boar Fell. It's rough, but not tricky! If there is time (this is a half day trip), you must go along the edge, right, to the 'stone men' at the top of Wild Boar. You'll be lucky this year to see anything, with mist and rain!

It's the next bit where the fun starts. How do we get down to the east? It is too steep. Retrace steps until you think you can manage. That's where the rocks and scree give way to grass. Anyway, the wind often seems to be blowing up in the face, so you

won't fall! The valley we are making for is, wait for it, Aisgill. With a few steepish long-grass descents we are soon at a sheepfold (marked on the map); a sure sign that this is accessible from lower down (I thought!). The stretch alongside the beck (the left side is generally better), is idyllic. I really wonder how many human feet have ever wandered here.

Eventually, after a bit of hanging on to the vegetation or hopping around on stones there comes the noise of the waterfall (or falls). The top area is water-washed limestone and lovely. To look at the main drop, however, is far more risky. The beck drops steeply into a wooded ravine after which it eventually arrives at the railway (near a small viaduct) and then the road.

After pottering about admiring the falls, it's a matter of working out how to get home! I failed to follow the beck right down. My answer, was to climb up to the right to more amenable walking (I thought!) and to make directly to the car. Well, if you like thigh-high reeds, ups and downs, and a few nearly hidden water courses, this is for you. But the walk down this hidden beck and the exciting falls make it all worthwhile. **A.S.W.**

Award for Mrs Miller

Former Land Army girl Annie Miller, of West Burton, has received one of the new Government medals in recognition of her wartime efforts.

Mrs Miller was in the Land Army for four years during World War II and was stationed for much of that time at Edgeley Farm, near West Burton.

She quickly learned how to turn her hand to all the essential jobs on the farm, including haytiming, harvest time, lambing and the slaughter of the cattle, and was a hard worker.

After the war she settled in the village

with husband Alan, who was posted abroad with the Army during the War, and they went on to have five children; Rowena, John, Keith, Wendy and Paul. She is a popular resident and for many years was a dinner lady at the local primary school.

Since retiring she has kept busy with her family (she is a grandmother of nine and great-nana of four), as well as her garden, knitting and baking- and has never forgotten the key skills she learned on the farms all those years ago.

Mrs Miller was delighted to receive the Land Army medal earlier this month (August) and her family are very proud of her and thrilled she has been honoured by the Government.

Fiona Reid (nee Miller), granddaughter

Yoga Classes

Yoga classes with **Sue Lightfoot** recommence for Autumn Term on **Monday 8th September** at the following venues:

Gayle Institute,

Mondays 2.00-4.00pm

Wensley Village Hall,

Mondays 7.-8.30pm

Middleham Key Centre,

Tuesdays 7.00-8.30pm

Wednesdays 10.00-11.30am

Wednesdays 11.45-12.45pm (Gentle

Exercise)

West Burton Village Hall,

Wednesdays 7.00-9.00pm

Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge,

Thursdays 7.00-9.00pm

Yoga is a total health system which can benefit all the functional capacities of the human being, - physical, mental, emotional and spiritual. Regular yoga practice is an excellent way of promoting one's own health and vitality, increasingly recognised and recommended by the medical and other health professions. Whether for backache or bowels, coordination or immune system, equanimity or relaxation, people turn to

yoga and often find the rewards exceed their expectations. Sue is a fully qualified and experienced yoga teacher. Her classes accommodate a range of abilities and new students are welcome.

For further details, advice and enrolments please contact Sue on telephone number **663993**.

Individual tuition tailored to specific needs is also available by appointment. This is a valuable option for people with more acute or demanding conditions less easily accommodated in a class situation, or for rehabilitation after accident, injury or illness. Sue is also a qualified registered Shiatsu practitioner giving treatments by appointment.

Hawes WI Open Meeting

Hawes WI are holding an Open Meeting on **Thursday 18th September at 7.00pm** in the Methodist Rooms.

The speaker is Les Soden on "Gardening for Everyone" and there will be plants for sale. Entrance is £1.50 and includes light refreshments.

Surgery News

May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who signed the BMA petition to save local NHS GP practices against the threats posed by government 'reforms' of primary care. Nationally, 1.2 million signatures were gathered and presented to the government. Let us hope that they take notice.

May I also thank all those who completed the questionnaire from the Dispensing Doctors' Association (DDA) about the impact of the proposed Pharmacy White Paper. For those who may not know about this, the government introduced a White Paper at Easter, which is currently out for consultation. *What is proposed is that any dispensing doctor practice will lose the right to dispense medicines if there is a retail pharmacy within 500m of the surgery.* Consequently, your practice is at very high risk of losing its dispensing rights. The loss of your dispensing services is serious enough in itself, but the consequences for your medical practice will be profound. Like all truly rural practices, the Central Dales Practice relies heavily on income from dispensing to cross-subsidise the provision of general medical services. Approximately half the medical and nursing team are paid for out of dispensing. It is difficult to envisage how the practice could continue to offer the present level of medical services should this White Paper become law. The DDA tell us that we were the first practice to send back the questionnaires, that we returned more than any other practice, and that the information you provided is proving very helpful as they make representations to the government. For our part, a deputation from the practice met with your MP, William Hague, in June. We discussed the White Paper and other threats to rural GP practice proposed by the Government. Mr Hague, along with the shadow health secretary Andrew Lansley, has been making vigorous representations

opposing these latest threats.

If you are concerned about these issues and wish to know more, please visit the website www.saveourdispensary.org. As well as extracts from Hansard summarising the debate in parliament, there is a link to the Downing Street website where there is an online petition against the White Paper. If you wish to write to your MP, please do so without delay. Correspondence should be sent to Mr Hague at 67 High Street, Northallerton, N. Yorkshire DL7 8EG.

Lastly, may I thank all those who filled in the survey that the Dept of Health (DOH) posted out to patients earlier this year. Your responses resulted in the practice scoring way above national targets for satisfaction with telephone access, ability to consult a GP within 48 hours, ability to book an advance appointment and ability to book an appointment with a specific GP. This is important because these days a substantial proportion of our funding depends upon these scores. This proportion is likely to increase in future, so please bear this in mind if any government questionnaire about GP services drops through your letterbox.

Clive West
Clive.West@gp-b82045.nhs.uk

Hawes Carpet Bowling Club

The Hawes Carpet Bowling Club meets every **Tuesday at 7.30 pm** in the Market House. New members (male and female) are always welcome. No previous experience necessary, so why not come along and have a go – you might have a hidden talent or just enjoy the company. Ring **667458** if you have any queries. **B.C.**

Monthly fun!

The coffee morning, stalls and organ music drew the usual crowd of locals and visitors to the Hawes Methodist rooms last week. They all helped to raise £236; on this occasion for church funds.

Doctors' rotas as supplied by the surgery

AYSGARTH SURGERY ROTA										Wb - week beginning	
Wb	Sept1st		8th		15th		22nd		29th		
Day	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	
Mon	J	F	A	W	FA	A	W	A	W	W	
Tues	FA	FA	WF	W	WJ	WJ	JA	JA	FA	FA	
Wed	J	J	JA	J	FA	A	WF	F	WJ	W	
Thur	A	A	WF	F	WJ	W	JA	J	FA	A	
Fri	F	F	J	J	A	A	A	A	W	W	

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

HAWES SURGERY ROTA										Wb - week beginning	
Wb	Sept1st		8th		15th		22nd		29th		
Day	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	
Mon	FA	A	WF	F	WJ	WJ	JA	J	FA	FA	
Tues	J	J	JA	JA	FA	FA	WF	W	WJ	WJ	
Wed	F	F	W	W	J	J	A	A	F	F	
Thur	J	J	A	A	F	F	W	W	J	J	
Fri	A	A	WF	WF	WJ	WJ	J	J	FA	FA	

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

Chemist news

If you have to pay for prescriptions, and regularly get 2 or more items a month, a Prescription Prepayment Certificate (PPC) will save you money. Even better news is that you now have the option to purchase one at the Chemist in Hawes. All you need to do is call in, pay the fee (cash, card or cheque), and we do the rest. A 3 month PPC costs £27-85 and a 12 month PPC costs £102-50. You do not have to be getting your prescriptions from us - even visitors on holiday have made use of the service - we'll take anyone's money!

You can still ring the PPC order line on **0845 850 0030**, or visit the website at www.ppa.org.uk/ppc and apply directly. Direct application also gives you the option of paying for the 12 month PPC by 10 monthly direct debit instalments of £10-25 each. (This option is not available when applying via the Chemist).

Angus, The Pharmacist. Tel : 667213

King's Club Extras

' I really enjoyed the whole week at King's Club and especially as we were down at Low Mill ! The high ropes were fantastic and I got thoroughly wet at Semerwater ! At the same time I learnt a lot about Christianity and the people involved in it. Best of all I made loads of new friends and can't wait till next year for the wet games and another soap fight. **Hannah Hughes Age 14 King's Club Extras.**

I had a great time at King's club. I did great things like making puppets and watching a funny cartoon called Simon's cat. I enjoyed watching the puppet show.

George Sowerby Age 9.

Railway news

Steam trains run every day on the Wensleydale Railway until Sunday September 7th between Leeming Bar and Redmire, including the 1940s week-end on August 30th/31st. On Saturday September 6th the *Brian Redhead Memorial Train* will be run. This event will pay tribute to Brian's significant contribution to the Wensleydale Railway through reporting of its news and progress in the Darlington and Stockton Times and latterly in the Northern Echo too. Other September events include rail-based excursions (with onward coach travel from Redmire station provided by Foster's coaches) to Hardraw Scar Brass Band Festival on Sunday September 14th and Richard Fawcett's Sheepdog Display, Hawes. Diesel Multiple Unit (DMU) trains run 7 days a week from September 8th, reducing to 4 days a week in October. *For timetable and events, see www.wensleydalerailway.com or tel 08454 50 54 74.*

Hardraw Church Celebration of Organists

On **Friday, September 26th at 7.00pm** Hardraw Church will be holding a celebration – organists in the area and visitors will each play a piece of music or a song – and the audience will be invited to join in the singing. Everyone will be very welcome to come to what should be a really enjoyable occasion (there will be no charge although donations will be very happily received!). Following the music, wine and fruit cake/cheese will be served. The event will celebrate our new organ which was installed in the church last year and it will especially celebrate the wealth of talent that people have!

Penny Blanch

"Relentless" coming to Askrigg!

Bainbridge School Parents Friends

Association (PFA) are hosting a social event, featuring the Band "Relentless" on **Saturday 20th September** at Askrigg Village Hall. Doors open from 9.00pm until late. Bar available. Tickets priced £5 from **Lynette Spence, 650506** or **Amanda Scarr 650539** or £7 if bought on the door. Come along for what is sure to be an enjoyable evening!

Emma Arblaster

"Relentless" again!

are playing at The Green Dragon Inn on **Saturday 4th October**. Tickets on the door. Proceeds in aid of Hardraw Church.

New Faces at the Stone House Hotel

The Stone House Hotel is celebrating the 100th anniversary of its construction this year but it is also a time for looking forward as well as back.

In April, Patrick Alderson who was 'front of house' left to take up the opportunity of running their own business in Scotland (it's the Thistle Stop Tea Room near Fort Augustus for anyone visiting that area).

Although sad to lose Patrick's services after a long association of over 20 years, manager Chris Taplin said their departure offered the opportunity for the hotel to take stock and develop their business in new areas. "We had a tremendous response to our adverts for a couple to replace Patrick and Julie and we are delighted to welcome Andrew and Helen Macleod to our team" says Chris.

Liverpudlians Andrew and Helen, having worked in busy cities, were keen to come to live and work in the Dales which they had visited many times. New Head Chef, Andrew worked in London at Gary Rhodes restaurant 'City Rhodes' and at the Dorchester.

Helen worked alongside Andrew at 'City

Rhodes' and additionally has been 'front of house' at Gordon Ramsey's 'Petrus' in London and in Liverpool at Paul Heathcote's 'Simply Heathcote'. She has now taken over responsibility for 'front of house' at the Stone House. Andrew is gradually introducing some of his own favourite recipes into the hotel's 'Table d'hôte' evening menu and the hotel is now offering light lunches and afternoon teas for the first time to both locals and residents. "We have also extended the evening dining hours (now 6.30p.m. to 8.30p.m.) which provides increased opportunity for non-residents to visit us for an evening meal" says Chris.

"Now that Kathy Scott has relocated her Ginger Tree massage and beauty treatment business to the hotel it means that locals can combine a beauty treatment with a lunch or tea as a special treat for themselves or their visitors"

Helen is also planning to hold a number of special theme nights for locals over the winter months. Ideas include 'Fine Dining' evenings, Music Nights and Steak nights.

B.C.

Letters

attn: Julia Harrison and Valerie Alderson

I very much enjoyed your account of life in Sedbusk and I was particularly interested in Miss Linskill of White House. My mother's family were Linskills and I should be interested to know if you have any more information about her. Can anyone remember her Christian name? Anything you can tell me would be appreciated.

Regards **Pat Lee.**

(Information can be passed to the Newsletter for forwarding)

For Hamlin read Hawes

The Pied Piper certainly is about!

I had the good fortune of being in Hamlin a few years ago and had the experience of following the rat-shaped prints on the ground which led one around the town to certain points of interest pertaining to the story of the Pied Piper. These markings eventually led the follower back to where it all started— in this case the coach station.

The Pied Piper of Hawes has been very busy indeed with his magic pipe guiding the members of the H.A.O.S. five miles down the dale to Askrigg. Surely H.A.O.S. belongs to Hawes and should stay in Hawes regardless.

All the spadework was done in Hawes over the past years by a very dedicated chunk of the Hawes community; including the renovation of the Market Hall stage (props and curtains) which seemed to have been ignored for the production of 'Love is in the Air'.

What a pity Cinderella's Godmother is not about as well as the Pied Piper; we might have had white mice and pumpkins to transport members down the dale instead of having to ask other people for lifts.

Long live H.A.O.S. but let's keep it

where it belongs— in Hawes.

D.Ramsden, former president, H.A.O.S.

Response

Derek Ramsden's expression of concern regarding HAOS is deserving of a considered response.

The local community is indebted to Derek and his generation who, for 20 to 30 years worked hard on stage and behind the scenes to make HAOS the great company it was. They have now, quite rightly, retired and can rest on their well-deserved laurels! But what of NOW? Sadly there are not enough people queuing up to replace the past performers and many amateur societies share the same problem.

It is also hard (not to say impossible) to find technical support, e.g. lights and sound, on a voluntary basis. This and other staging costs can be prohibitively expensive.

The National School (Church Hall) in Hawes will no longer be available, whereas the Wensleydale Centre in Askrigg has been and is. (And generously given free on a couple of occasions) On the positive side, mainly thanks to Colin Bailey and others, there is a keen younger age-group emerging who are very enthusiastic, ably supported by an experienced core of mature performers. Many of them live lower down the dale. (Such a huge distance away!) If Hawes is to mean anything in HAOS in the future it is up to the residents to show that they care. To make a show you need a producer, a musical director, a choreographer, a stage manager, a back-up team and a CAST! Form an orderly queue, please! Or better still, get in touch with the secretary, **Jennifer Fawcett 667241.**

S.H. and R.B.

Pied Piper Rehearsal Reminder

Following our article last month thank you to those who have let us know they would like to join in the fun. We still need more willing adults to step forward so we can provide a fun evening's entertainment for all the family. You don't need to be experienced, just willing to give it a go. We are keen for anyone interested in taking part to get in touch. There are loads of parts you can be involved in both on and off stage from singing, dancing, acting, stage crew, costumes etc.

The show, of course, takes place in the Hawes Market Hall.

Rehearsals start from **Monday 1st September at the Wensleydale Centre, Askrigg** (there will be people willing to give lifts and car share, you just need to ask).

Adults: Mondays 7.30pm-9.30pm; Music and Movement

Thursdays 7.30pm-9.30pm; Script

Juniors: Mondays 6.30pm -7.30pm; Music and Movement

Thursdays 6.30pm-7.30pm; Script

IT'S NOT TOO LATE: If you are reading this and rehearsals have already started, it still isn't too late so please get in touch or come along to see how you can be involved.

Refreshments at Hopper's Sale

We are seeking help and support to run the refreshments on **Saturday 6th September**.

Quiz Night at the Fountain Hotel

A huge thanks to Roger Emmins, The Fountain Hotel and everyone who took part in the quiz night held on Friday 8th August (apologies for misprint last month). £118 was raised to help further the work of the society.

Junior Discos

At the time of writing we have been able to confirm dates but not the venues so please keep an eye on primary school news

bulletins, posters and our website www.hawesoperatic.co.uk for more details.

Saturday 20th September 7.00-9.00pm;

Saturday 1st November 7-9pm – Halloween Theme; Saturday 20th December 7-9pm – Christmas Theme.

Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 29th September, 7.00pm at Wensleydale Centre, Askrigg. All welcome. For more information on how to join our fun and friendly group or to register your interest please contact **Jennifer Fawcett on 667241 Colin Bailey 663181 or 07711211169** or email [das](mailto:das@hawesoperatic.co.uk) above.

MARKET PLACE AND GREETINGS

Cockett

Sheila, Louise, David and Daniel would like to thank everyone who took the time to send flowers, letters and cards, and for the generous donations given on their recent bereavement.

Our appreciation also extends to Bill for his very moving and kind words at both services, to Howard and Andy for adding their own special touches to John's memorial service, and to Jim, Sid, Dave, Graham, Martin and Nick, splendid bearers at the crematorium.

Finally we are immensely grateful to Simon Barningham for his courtesy and kindness. Thank you all very much.

Dalesplay

Childcare Manager

(minimum 2 years' experience with at least NVQ level 3 in Play Work) is required for Dalesplay, Town Head, Hawes.

Dalesplay provides childcare for children aged 0 to 14 years. It is open throughout the year and offers breakfast club, after school club and wrap around care together with a holiday club.

Applicants should be enthusiastic and motivated to work in a busy environment. A CRB check will be required.

Salary will be based on age and experience. A written application should be made in the first instance to **The Chairman, Dalesplay, Town Head, Hawes, North Yorkshire, DL8 3RQ** by **September 8th**.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Helen and Mark on your engagement, and all the best and Good Luck in your new home.



**To Helen, Mark and Natasha
Lots of love
Kath and family x x**

**Sheila (Sedbusk)
would like to thank everyone for their messages of
support, offers of help,
flowers and cards following her
operation.**

**Happy 50th birthday
MICK
September 5th
Lots of love from Liz, Lindsey, Kerry,
David, John and all the family**

Gilbert and Margaret Haygarth

would like to thank everyone who sent them
cards, gifts, flowers and good wishes on their
birthdays and on
Margaret's retirement.

**RUGGING FRAME
AND RUG WOOL
Several bags of assorted colours
Available free
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WHAT'S ON LISTING
Transfer these dates to your calendar!

What's On—includes events at the **Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes (DCM)**.
Contact 666210 for further details.

- Until 7 September—Steam on the Wensleydale Railway. See their timetables.
- 2 Spinning a Yarn at the DCM. Free spinning and rug making demonstration. 2.00 to 4.00pm.
- 3 Muker Show
- 3 Spanish for Beginners. 4 week course starts. Crown Hotel, Hawes. 7.00pm
- 5–21 Sedbergh Festival of Books
- 6 Moorcock Show.
- 6 to 1st October “NEST—a brush with the media” at the DCM. See page 20.
- 7 Racial Injustice Sunday
- 7 Marsett Chapel Harvest; 2.00pm
- 9 YDNPA Planning Committee. 10.30am. Yoredale, Bainbridge.
- 9 Aysgarth singers restart. See page 40
- 13 Free children’s workshop at the DCM. 10.00am to noon.
- 11 Wensleydale Country Market. Leyburn Methodist Hall. 10.30am to 12.30pm.
- 13 Landscape photography day. Community Office, Hawes. 10.00am to 4.00pm.
- 13, 14 Boots and Beer Walking weekend
- 14 St Oswald’s, Askrigg, Harvest service at 10.00am.
- 14 Introduction to Digital Photography—use of computers. Full day session at the DCM. Booking essential.
- 14 Hardraw Scar Band Contest. See page 40
- 14 Guided walk: Mossdale, Cotterdale. Meet at Appersett. 11.00am. 13km.
- 14 Harvest Songs of Praise: Aysgarth Methodist Church 6.30pm
- 15 Aysgarth Harvest Sale. 7.00pm.
- 16 Thoraby & District WI. “Wild Britain in Four Seasons”. £3 including supper. 7.30 at Thoraby Village Hall.
- 17 French Beginners’ Course. 10 weeks. Yorebridge, Askrigg. 10.30am to 12.30pm. See page 7.
- 17 Computer starter course. Skills Mobile, Askrigg. 20 weeks. 9.30 to 11.30am.
- 17 Blood Donors needed at the Market House, Hawes. Afternoon and evening.
- 17 Spanish Night. Crown Hotel, Hawes See page 22
- 18 Wensleydale Country Market. Leyburn Methodist Hall. 10.30am to 12.30pm.
- 18 Hawes WI Open Meeting. See page 26
- 18 Playgroup fundraiser. See page 15
- 19 Spanish Beginners’ course. 10 weeks. Yorebridge. 10.30am to 12.30pm.
- 19 Museum Friends. “How the other half died”. 7.30pm.
- 20 Besom making demonstration at the DCM all day. See page 20
- 20 Needwood Singers at St Andrew’s, Aysgarth. See page 11
- 21 Harvest Festival at St Oswald’s, Castle Bolton. 9.30am
- 21 Trinity College Choir sing at Holy Communion at St Andrew’s, Aysgarth at 11.00am followed by a bring and share lunch.
- 20/21 Dales Harvest Event in Hawes. See page 16.
- 20/21 Dales Harvest weekend in the Victorian Kitchen at the DCM. “Working and preserving in the kitchen”
- 20/21 Wensleydale Railway Diesel Gala.
- 21 Hawes Methodist Harvest Festival Service. Rev Martin James (previous minister) 10.30am
- 21 Auction Mart Harvest Service. 6.30pm.
- 21 West Burton Harvest Festival. 10.45am.
- 22 West Burton Harvest Sale. 7.00pm.
- 23 Coffee Morning and stalls. Hawes Methodist Church. 10.00am to noon. For Upper Dales Christmas Lights.
- 24 Upper Dales Family History Group . See page 7
- 24 Fashion Show in aid of Dalesplay. 7.30pm at the Fountain, Hawes
- 24 Introduction to British Archaeology See page 22
- 25 Wensleydale Country Market. Leyburn Methodist Hall. 10.30am to 12.30pm.
- 25 Gayle Ladies. Talk on Bats. 7.30pm.
- 26 Macmillan Coffee Morning. Gayle Institute from 10.00am See page 3
- 26 Macmillan Coffee Morning. Worton. From 10.30am. See page 3.

(SEE PAGE 37 for more WHAT’S ON)

Summer gardening

I love yew

Back in the 1970s, perhaps you were one of the many budding gardeners who were tempted to fill your garden with conifers of every shape and colour, won over by that friendly chap at the garden centre who assured you that they were 'rockery' types and would obediently stay small. Sure enough, the years have passed and the chickens have come home to roost. These 20ft monsters are now climbing in through your bedroom window and thirstily extracting every last bit of juice out of your starved, parched soil. Thankfully, along with glamrock and Morris Marinas, the craze has passed, yet the prejudices remain. This is a shame as there are some choice specimens out there which will put on a year round show and not end up blocking your drains.

I stay clear of anything spruce; those luminous blues of 'Koster' soon fade as the tree succumbs to needle drop and the whole thing turns brown from the inside out. The Norway grows too big and is also guilty of 'hair loss', looking awful whilst surviving for years.

Far better to choose one of the abies, the firs, particularly arizonica 'Compacta', which reaches a miserly 7ft over 10 years and almost glows in the dark. With a



following wind, the more vigorous abies koreana will make 20ft, but will dawdle along the way. If you have the room and are considering future generations, I would plant abies grandis which will make a fine 100ft specimen in 50 years time. Just plant well away from the house and spare a thought for next century's neighbours.

I love pine trees; some terrific examples I

saw in Kew Gardens, the Thorpe Perrow of the south, sharpened my appetite, and I would always accommodate mugo 'pumila' in a sunny area. With that bushy habit and early cone production, this for me is conifer heaven, easy on the eye right through the year and content at 8ft.

If you're a bit of a control freak like me and love lopping stuff back, then you must try taxus, the yew, which has dealt quite happily with my machete assaults over the years, sprouting quite freely from old wood and thumbing its nose at old father time. Decades are but the blink of an eye to this stout old campaigner; grow as a specimen or better still, plant as a hedge. In an ideal world you would use taxus baccata 'Elegantissima', a fabulously golden specimen which seems to ignite on dark winter mornings.

A few to go at there; obviously the real giants i.e. sequoia, cedar, yellow pine etc are beautiful but require a back garden the size of Rumania. Less ambition is the order of the day, as even the smaller varieties need room and, apart from taxus, plenty of light.

Ed Gardener

More WHAT'S ON LISTING
Transfer these dates to your calendar!

- 26 Hardraw Organ event. See page 30
- 26 Harvest theme evensong at St Margaret's, Preston under Scar at 7.00pm
- 26 King's Club reunion dinner. See page 11.
- 27 Free children's workshop at the DCM. 10.00am to noon.
- 27 Traditional dry stone walling demonstration at the DCM
- 27 Hawes Junction Chapel Harvest Supper. "Roving Band of Pilgrims". 7.30pm.
- 27/28 Wensleydale Railway Children's weekend.
- 28 Harvest Festival. 10.30am at St Margaret's, Hawes
- 28 Table Top sale for Hawes School at the Market House, Hawes.
- 28 Gayle Harvest Festival. 2.00 and 6.30pm
- 29 Gayle Harvest Sale. 7.00pm.
- 30 Full YDNPA meeting. 10.30am at Yoredale, Bainbridge.

October

- 1 Introduction to British Archaeology See page 22.
- 5 Harvest Festival. 2.30pm at St Mary and St John's, Hardraw

Upper Dales Mobile Skip Service

**Operating between 9.00am - 1.00pm
on the following dates and venues:**

**Saturday September 20th
Muker Car Park**

**Saturday October 18 th
Gayle Green, Hawes**

**Saturday November 15th
Reeth Village Green**

All Domestic refuse including large items accepted. No bulk trade waste please. Full recycling facilities including green waste and plastics. All enquiries to:

**County Councillor John Blackie
0796 758 9096**

Heavens above

Look out for the **Harvest Moon** this month. It's the name we give to the full moon closest to the autumn equinox - the date in the northern hemisphere when the hours of daylight and darkness are equal and autumn officially begins. This year the equinox falls on September 22nd with the nearest full moon to this on the 15th of September. If it's a clear night and you've an unobstructed horizon you should easily be able to catch it as it rises around 7.30pm. You need to look due east - directly opposite to where the sun has just gone down.

A bright Harvest Moon low on the horizon is a glorious sight. Due to the scattering effect of the Earth's atmosphere it often takes on a surprisingly deep orange hue and then turns pinkish-gold as it climbs higher in the sky. Many people say that it also appears much bigger than a normal full Moon. But this is probably just another instance of the well documented 'Moon illusion' - a complex optical effect which tends to make the moon look a good deal bigger when it's low down than it does when it's higher up. If you've never noticed this before, take a look for yourself - you'll be surprised at the difference in the Moon's size as it climbs higher in the sky. It's an optical illusion of course— known about since time immemorial — but no-one has yet come up with a really satisfactory explanation for it. It's a pity that most of the old poetical names for the different full Moons of the year have slipped out of use. We sometimes refer to the one in October as the Hunter's Moon or Blood Moon, but have you come across the Chaste Moon (March), the Milk or Flower Moon (May), the Mead Moon (July), the Fruit Moon (August), or the Strawberry Moon of June?

My own particular favourite of course is - the Honey Moon - but then I've always been starry-eyed! Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

Who knows?

Try this. Where, and when, did the first TRACTOR appear in Upper Wensleydale? Has anyone any details, pictures or memories?

The Eunice Award

We have received entries for this first award of £500 for anyone in the Newsletter area aged between 18 and 40 involved in voluntary work. (The winner is at liberty to donate the award to their voluntary work, of course, if they wish.)

We would like more entries! Please get in touch for the nomination form. The closing date in SEPTEMBER 30TH.

Aysgarth Singers

Rehearsals start again for the autumn session on **Tuesday September 9th at 7.30pm in the Aysgarth Institute.**

New members are always welcome. Just come along on Tuesday evening and give us a try. For more information call Stan Roorcroft, **667342** or Pamela Thornton, **663576.**

**HARDRAW SCAR
BRASS BAND
FESTIVAL**

Celebrating the 127th anniversary of this famous contest on
SUNDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2008
In The Grounds of
the Green Dragon Inn, Hardraw,
Starting at 10 a.m.

The Twelve bands:

1. Elland Silver Youth
2. Sowerby Bridge Friendly
3. Harrogate Band
4. Leyburn Band
5. N.U.M. (N.E. area), Broughton
6. Otley Brass
7. Shepherd Group Concert
8. Shepherd Building Group
9. South Yorkshire Police
10. Swinton and District Excelsior
11. Wardle Community
12. Wetherby Silver.