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### Editorial

“It’s a clumsy road o’ makkin a livin’”

“What is?”, asked the barber. “Wark”, said Owd Thatcher. This classic extract from an old radio programme is the starting point.

Couple that with two subjects that many people, young and old, either can’t do or don’t like – namely history and physics, and the scene’s set for this month; but please don’t despair! Read on.

They say history repeats itself, and just lately there’s been talk of things being as bad as 10,20 or even 60 years ago; true or not there are things we can learn from the past. Just think how much harder life was a couple of generations ago. But people coped! To start with it was colder but they survived! Also it was with relish that ‘labour-saving devices’ were adopted and became all the rage. Now, almost every task in the home, the garden or the work-place has been made easier. Few people scrub floors on their knees, beat carpets each spring, hand-wash the clothes or use a mangle, push a mechanical lawn-mower, clip the edges- or hedges- with shears, chisel or drill their way through stone by hand, manage without power saws, power screwdrivers or even power toothbrushes or power egg-whisks. And who would want to? Maybe some still do! This caused great merriment in the Newsletter committee’s discussion. But surely we could save a bit of electricity here and there.

However, the truth is (and here comes the physics with its ‘conservation of energy’), we all know that physical energy expended turns into heat energy and keeps us warm! You know the old saying that burning wood warms us three times before we even burn it: cutting it down, carting it home and then chopping it up. It just might be that there are all sorts of smaller ways to save energy without the great expenses that many can’t afford of cavity insulations etc.

Keep moving! Are we really in so much of a hurry that we can’t walk for our shorter journeys? How about a bike again? We could all do worse than putting on a few more layers of clothing (three thin layers can be more effective than one thick one; that’s another bit of physics!) Walk to the T.V.! So ‘wark’ or effort, might be a clumsy way of making a living... but it keeps us warm!

Although all our domestic appliances use up energy, and switching off standby buttons is all to the good, it is HEAT energy that is the most demanding. It looks as though we really are going to have to be more careful. Any ideas? Here are a few. Do we have to heat all our rooms all the time? No, but close the doors and make sure ventilation prevents damp. Radiators under the windows lose a huge proportion of heat. Tuck the curtains behind them or get something to reflect the heat. It’s not fashionable, but the best colour to paint them is matt black like wood-burning stoves! (That’s physics again). Use a tall, thin kettle and only put in as much water as you need. In the olden days, there was always a kettle ‘on’, by the living room fire! We don’t even use the heat from an open fire (if we have one) to help to heat the water! Replacing traditional light bulbs saves heat too. All new ‘white goods’ should say how energy-efficient they are. Fridges, freezers, washing machines and dryers all carry an EU energy label, saying how much electricity they use. Check before buying.

As a matter of interest go round and count how many standby lights or ordinary lights are on when not needed. (There are eight as this is being typed... and it’s broad daylight. Or as broad as it’s been this summer!) We just might have to think a bit more, and get into a few new habits. It won’t save the planet but it might save us ‘a bob or two’. (That saying is probably history now).



### **Eunice**

Only a few found me last month (I was in Heugh's advert on page 25). The winner was **Daphne Lanham** from Tadley, Hants. Where am I this month?

### **Correction**

We have been asked to point out that the article by Fiona Reid (nee Miller) about her grandmother should have said that Mrs Miller was in the Land Army for five and a half years; she worked first at Haw Farm up Walden and then at Edgeley Farm, West Burton.

### **99th Tournament of Song**

**Methodist Hall, Leyburn**

**March 16<sup>th</sup> to March 27<sup>th</sup> 2009**

Syllabus available  
from: Ian Barker,  
Jewellers; Leyburn  
Tourist Information  
Centre;  
The Corner House  
West Burton;  
Towlers  
Newsagents  
or visit



[www.dalesmusic.co.uk](http://www.dalesmusic.co.uk)

*Syllabus is out now!*

*This month's tall thin front cover picture is  
by Jack Sutton of Hawes*

**Next issue**  
**The November issue will be produced on**  
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**November 3rd**  
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**THURSDAY October 23rd**

## Last month's answers

### Yorkshire towns and cities

1. Eureka, it's here  
(*children's attraction*) Halifax
2. Always in bley Beverley
3. I grub shoe (*anagram*) Brighouse
4. War! No 'T' - a 'Y' Batley
5. Look down on me from Wesley's  
octagonal chapel (*Heptonstall*) Hebden Bridge
6. Nail beck-crossing Bradford
7. Twisted pig? Bentham
8. It has an E and a W cliff Whitby
9. Hill lass's town? Richmond
10. Donald chucked her Doncaster
11. Wednesday's place Sheffield
12. 'igh drama match;  
'——— contested! Otley
13. Worth a ride up from here  
(*Worth Valley railway*) Keighley
14. Canal end city; not Leeds Ripon
15. I wonder if there is a stray cat Harrogate
16. Church town beside hills Kirkbymoorside
17. Resurrection community town Mirfield
18. Ship's bottom Hull

No one solved all of them, but then they were a bit off-beat.  
Our great puzzler **Margaret Procter** got all but one, and wins £10

## Competition

### Muddled up games and pastimes.

1. DENIED HAKES
2. WIN POD PATH
3. NORSE RUD
4. LOW GENT NIP NIB
5. GREW LINTS
6. GIN IN CANDLE
7. NINE GOUT REMAIN
8. LIL KNEW FLAG
9. BIT LESS PATH
10. SONGS DON'T RUSH CASE
11. I GREET RONNIE
12. ADE DRANK LESS SAND

Some of these are quite hard. Send in your answers, even if you don't complete. £10 might be yours!

## Wild Goose Qigong Wensleydale Centre, Askrigg

**Sunday October 5th  
10.30am to 4.30pm**

Wild Goose Qigong is a beautiful system of movements originating in China. The movements are enjoyable to do and can produce an immediate sense of well-being. These exercises can benefit the muscles, joints, circulation and the organs of the body, making Wild Goose Qigong an ideal health maintenance system. It is suitable for all with an interest in better health and greater ease of movement.

Cost £35. For further details or to book:

**June Parker 01539 620972**

### **God is...**

Four year old boy, at the Askrigg Produce Show, pointed to Ann, the vicar, in civvies (jeans and wet hair): "Is that God?"

Seven year old brother replied, "No, God is love and He is everywhere"

She might not be God but her message has got through to somebody!

### **ABBA Tribute Concert Comes to Hawes**

The huge success of the hit film **Mama Mia** has made a whole new generation of audiences fall in love with the vibrant and uplifting sounds of Swedish supergroup ABBA.

Now, as part of a national tour, top tribute band ABBA 2 are set to thrill local audiences with their highly praised and authentic sounding show on **Sunday, November 16th, 7.30pm at The Market House, Hawes**. Playing all the hits, with costume changes, plenty of fun and dazzling harmonies, this is the consummate ABBA show! There will be a bar available and doors open at **7.00pm**

There are many ABBA tribute bands, all of whom claim to be the best, but this one can seriously make that claim. The most important thing is their accurate recreation of the ABBA sound through all performers being seriously good musicians and singers. Tickets are £13 for adults, £11 for children aged under 16 from the Dales Countryside Museum **666210**

### **Leyburn Amateur Dramatic Society**

**"Murdered to Death"** by Peter Gordon by kind permission of Joseph Weinberger Ltd, produced by Carrol Thomas **640689**  
**at The Picture House, Leyburn**

**October 22nd to 25th - 7.30 p.m. - tickets £6.00**

A shot rings out, a cry echoes around the English stately home, the butler gulps, tears well up, the squabbling begins. A case for Inspector Pratt. A classic whodunit comedy-drama.

**[www.leyburnlads.co.uk](http://www.leyburnlads.co.uk)**

### **Election of National Park Authority members**

Consultations are underway to find out what people think about the idea of directly electing some members of the National Park Authority.

Under the current system, members of the nine national parks in England are appointed by county or district councils or by the Secretary of State for the Environment.

The Government is now asking whether directly-elected members would aid or hinder the performance and the running of national park authorities.

Local MPs David Curry (Skipton and Ripon), William Hague (Richmond) and Tim Farron (Westmorland and Lonsdale) and county and district councils that cover the National Park are among those being asked for their views.

Details of the proposals can be found on the website of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs at [www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/np-directelections/index](http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/np-directelections/index).

The issue will be discussed at the next meeting of the National Park Authority to determine its own position on the consultation. The closing date for comments is **Friday November 28th**.

### **Dales Old Time Dance Club**

The new season of the Old Time Dance Club starts at West Burton Village Hall on **Friday October 10th at 8.00pm**.

Dancing includes sequence and ballroom as well as old time. New members from the upper dale would be especially welcome; if you are undecided come for a free first session. Keep an eye on the monthly 'What's on' page for future dates. Phone **650182** for further details.

### **Askrigg School Christmas Fayre**

**Wednesday 19th Nov 2008, 7.00pm**

If you would like a stall please phone Carolyn Teasdale for further details.

**650306**

## H.A.O.S news

### Love Is In The Air DVDs

Anyone who wishes to order their copy (£14 each, cash or cheques payable to HAOS) should contact Jennifer Fawcett ASAP **667241** or email:

[prvhousefarm@hotmail.com](mailto:prvhousefarm@hotmail.com)

### Hopper Refreshments

Thanks to everyone who helped or contributed throughout the day. We raised £365.85 which we are using to help match-fund our singing and radio microphone project.

### Pied Piper

Rehearsals are well under way and the show begins on **December 8th** in the Hawes Market House with performances on Monday to Thursday and Saturday.

Tickets will be available from November 3rd from the Old Sweet Shop in Hawes. Full details will be in the next Newsletter.

### Askrigg and Bainbridge Junior Football 2007-8

End of season awards:

U12 Player of the match: Ryan Alderson  
U16 Player of the match: Tom Hammond  
Best newcomer: James Spence  
Most Sporting: Emily Allen  
Most Improved U12: Ben Fawcett  
Most Improved U16: Mark Alderson  
Coaches Player of the year: Thomas Allen

The full tables and results are listed here at the new Wensleydale Nike Junior Football league web site:

<http://full-time.thefa.com/Index.do?leagueid=1915085>

Many thanks for the support of parents which has been essential for the success of the teams. Thanks also for the fantastic meals that you have sent us for this year and in the past; we have always had a good night and the meal this year at the CB was delicious. **Dom, Lawrence and Bern.**

## Richmondshire Arts Forum



The Forum has recently been set up as a platform for people interested in the arts, whether: artists or performers, audiences, event organisers, or promoters involved in either professional or non-professional arts activity. Also **AiR**, the regional arts development agency, has recently opened a new website - [artsinrichmondshire.org](http://artsinrichmondshire.org) – offering advice and guidance for arts practitioners, as well as an arts events What's On service covering Richmondshire and neighbouring districts. The not-for-profit organisation will also soon offer electronic ticketing facilities for arts events organisers, and a range of other services for practitioners and public.

For all AiR details please contact the office: **625142**

### **Change at Dalesplay**

**Lindsay Capstick** has taken over as the new manager at Dalesplay in Hawes. Lindsay who has had many years' childcare experience comes here from a children's centre in Colburn run by Childcare Enterprise Ltd where she was the deputy manager.

#### **Two events are 'in the pipeline':**

a 12-hour first aid course, probably running over two evenings, sometime before Christmas at the Dalesplay setting. This will obviously only be booked and go ahead if we get enough interest for it, so we need names of anyone interested to contact Lindsay ASAP, **before middle of October** on **667789**.

A Halloween walk has been booked for **31st October**, people to meet at Dalesplay at **6.30pm**, in fancy dress. You are required to bring a torch, and hot dogs and disco will be provided afterwards. This event will be free of charge.

## **HAWES SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Hoodwinked**

**P**upils in years 2,3,4,5 and 6 performed *Hoodwinked* at the end of the summer term. Natasha Sharp played the role of Robin Hood. Bonnie Glendinning the Sheriff of Nottingham and Bonny Dinsdale, Maid Marion. All of the lead parts performed solos, which takes an enormous amount of courage. All played their parts extremely well and everyone learned their parts in a very short space of time as we had an action packed summer term.

The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part. Mrs Dooley and Miss Dooley are to be congratulated and thanked for staging the production. Parents were absolutely terrific helping with costumes and props. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU AND WELL DONE EVERYONE.

### **End of Term Prom**

We bade a sad farewell to seventeen Y6 pupils who left Hawes School at the end of the summer term. Parents marked the event by organising a splendid ball and feast for them. Within hours of leaving, they returned as very grown up young people. Both they and their parents had spent a great deal of time and effort to make sure that each one of them looked wonderful. The pupils were also treated to a visit to Richmond Cinema which was opened especially for them. They watched Kung Fu Panda and then returned to have an Indian meal in Hawes with their parents and staff from the school. In the Autumn term they transferred to The Wensleydale School, Settlebeck School or Kirkby Stephen Grammar School. We wish them well in the future and look forward to hearing how they are getting on.

**More news from Hawes School: page 21**





## **Hawes November 5th bonfire and fireworks display**

As promised, earlier this year, there will be a bonfire and fireworks display on the community field on **Wednesday November 5th**. The Committee has organised an extravaganza of fireworks bigger and better than ever before. It is scheduled to start, as usual, at 6:30pm and hot food and drinks will be available on the field.

We will be holding a BEST GUY FAWKES competition, judged by the committee, with a first prize of £10, so come on kids get started but don't nick your dad's best suit, because it will be going on the bonfire.

Please deposit any combustible materials for the bonfire in the usual spot. As before **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ARMCHAIRS, MATTRESSES, SETTEES, TYRES OR ANYTHING WITH METAL OR FOAM IN**. If you need to dispose of any such materials please take them to the council skip, which will be on Gayle Green on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October**, and they will be pleased to remove them for you. As in previous years we must ask that you do not bring any sparklers, as our insurance prohibits them on the bonfire site.

As stated before, this may well be the last bonfire held in Hawes because the present committee will not be organising any further displays. We are still open to offers from anyone who wants to form a new committee. Money is available to get you started. Enquiries to me on **667499**, Angela Lee, Harry Balderston or Julie Waring.

Please come along and make it the best night ever. We're looking forward to seeing you all and we hope that you will

bring as many as possible to enjoy the fun. See you on the 5<sup>th</sup> November, or before if you want to help

**Richard Waring**  
**Chairman, Fireworks Committee**

## **Hawes Market House**

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the main hall on **Monday, October 6th, at 7.30pm**. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

## **The New Dictionary** **Heard any of these before?**

'Mensa' members were invited to take a word, change or add a letter and get a new definition. Here are few winners.

**Cashtration.** The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period of time.

**Intaxication.** Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realise it was your money to start with.

**Giraffiti.** Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.

**Sarchasm.** The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.

**Inoculatte.** To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.

**Decafalon.** The gruelling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.

**Glibido.** All talk and no action.

**Caterpallor.** Colour you turn after finding half a worm in the fruit you're eating.

## **Trips**

### **Metro Centre Shopping, Sunday November 9th**

Coach leaves Hawes **9.00am** .Seats £10.00

### **Trafford Centre, Sunday December 14th**

**Bookings for both: 667192**

## **VIP visit to National Park**

Jonathan Shaw, Under Secretary of State at Defra, paid a day-long, fact-finding visit to the National Park on September 11th.

The MP met National Park officers and Deputy Chairman Harold Brown before being shown round the former quarry at Craven Limeworks where he learned about plans for its re-development. He then went to nearby Langcliffe Mill and inspected plans for the building – which include construction of offices and a 46-bedroom hotel – and discussed wider economic development issues in a rural/protected area.

## BAINBRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

### **Reception class numbers keep growing!**

Seeing one's 4 year old going off to "big" school for the first time, dressed in a new, oversized uniform and shiny shoes is a significant and often emotional event for any parent. It was no different for me as we took our younger daughter in on her first day but at least I knew she was not alone - this year we have seen another increase in the size of the Reception class to 10! With increases in other year groups as well, the school roll has grown by 10 children since last September – not bad for a village school! I'm pleased to say that all the "new starts" have settled in well and are getting to grips with phonics as well as enjoying the curriculum project of "castles". I have already welcomed home a castle, cut-out sword, and numerous pictures of knights as well as entered discussions about medieval life (no, Mummy is not **quite** that old although she sometimes feels it!) Life seen through the eyes of a 4 year old is quite something isn't it?!

### **PFA Events**

As I write, the PFA are making the final preparations for local band, *Relentless*, who are playing in Askrigg, the first of various events planned for the coming months. Details of our **Christmas Shopping Night** planned for **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November** (yes I know, the "C" word and its only September!) will follow in the next Newsletter. There promises to be something for everybody so keep that evening free!

**Emma Arblaster, Parent Governor**

### **Anniversary Covenant Service**

A celebration of the Anniversary of the Methodist Chapel in West Witton joining St Bartholomew's Church will take the form of a Covenant Service which will take place on **Sunday 19th October at 10.30am** at St Bartholomew's Church, West Witton.

### **A conundrum**

It seemed like such a good idea - so I asked the Newsletter editor what he thought, and he said "What a good idea". But then I did a bit of research and alas, it wasn't such a good idea after all.

What I had thought of was this:- it seems a shame to see five different oil tankers coming to the village, some of them on the same day, and delivering 500 - 1000 litres to five different houses. Wouldn't it save time, effort and fuel, and give us a discount, if a dozen of us - or 20 or 30 - all ordered from the same company and it all came on one tanker. And it would save a lot of people from ringing round all the companies every time we fill up.

I was willing to co-ordinate the first try out of the system. So the day after I sent the article to the Newsletter I phoned round the five companies, to find they weren't that keen; offers of discount ranged from 4p to 1p. 4p was on the company charging 58p a litre, 3p on the one charging 50p, 2p on the one charging 51p and 1p on the one charging 52p.

But they didn't seem to offer more on a 12,000 tankerful than on an order of 2,000 litres; and some of them said they would want payment at the door on the first order from any new customer; and generally I wasn't greeted with rapture.

Still the exercise was interesting - and I found the company I have been using was the most expensive, so at least I know to change supplier. It does seem daft to have to phone round them all every time. The excuse my lot gave for being more expensive than the others was that they had got some of the old expensive stuff left which they have to sell before they can buy some cheaper. I can't help thinking that they will never sell it, if people know they can get it cheaper elsewhere. But then I am not an oil baron.

*(Any other ideas? As Sylvia says, she worries about keeping warm and she's not as poor as some other 'oldies'. Ed)*

### **Run reminder**

Tina Spence and Lindsey Lightowler from Bainbridge will be taking part in the Great North Run on Sunday October 5th. They are doing this to raise money for the Prostate Cancer Charity.

If you would like to support them please see [www.justgiving.com/tinaspence](http://www.justgiving.com/tinaspence) or pick up a sponsor form from Hawes P.O. or J.R. Iveson and at Hammond's butchers in Bainbridge, or phone **650759**

## **Hardraw Scar Brass Band Festival**

The previous month's heavy rainfall meant that the local field could not be used for parking so traffic congestion was worse than usual but nevertheless the Hardraw Scar Brass Band Contest went ahead and was a great success. A full complement of 12 competing bands kept the crowd of over 600 entertained from 10.00am to 5.00pm. The sun even came out for a couple of hours.

Each band played a 20 minute selection of popular and varied music pieces and the main section winners were the *Shepherd Building Group Band from York*. The competition for Class 4 and Ungraded Bands was won by Otley Brass with the local Leyburn band coming a creditable third.

Thanks were expressed to Theakston, the main sponsors, and to Mark and Yvonne of the Green Dragon for their continued enthusiastic support for this traditional Dales event. See you there next September.

**B.C.**

## Masquerade Charity Ball

TICKETS NOW ON SALE for the annual  
MASQUERADE CHARITY BALL

**October 25th**  
EVERYONE WELCOME!

**Wensleydale Creamery**

**7.00 pm to 1.00 am**

IN AID OF

YORKSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE and  
local community groups

£25.00 per person, this includes a welcome  
drink on arrival, Live music with *Sounds  
Familiar*, four-course meal, photographs  
and guest speaker, Katy Cropper.

For further details, tickets, menu choices  
and booking contact us on **667676** or book  
and pay online on our website  
[www.wensleydale.org](http://www.wensleydale.org)

Dressing up and masquerade masks are  
optional. If you'd like to buy your own  
mask however, we have organised a  
discount scheme with Masquerade  
specialists, Samantha Peach, whereby 10%  
of every sale of masks purchased from her  
will be donated to Yorkshire Air  
Ambulance, so further boosting our  
fundraising.

Have a look at her website,  
[www.samanthapeach.co.uk](http://www.samanthapeach.co.uk). If you see a  
mask you like and want to buy, don't  
forget to type in BUSINESS  
ASSOCIATION on the comments section  
or in the ordering instructions of your order  
so that they know to donate 10% of the sale  
to the Air Ambulance! If you'd like to hire  
a mask, or just have a look at some, please  
call **Rima Berry 650980** for further details  
and a leaflet.

Please contribute in any way you can,  
even if a Ball is "not your thing". Tombola  
prizes and unopened bottles will all help us  
raise even more money on the night for the  
Yorkshire Air Ambulance and local  
community groups and projects.

At our Ball last year we donated to  
Yorkshire Air Ambulance, Askrigg School,  
Dalesplay Childcare facility and Hawes  
Gala; help us to give even more this time  
round!

### **Yorebridge Sports and Fitness**

Summer is over, (if it ever began), and it is that time of year where indoor pursuits look much more attractive! During October we have a range of beginners' courses in the IT suite for those of you who would like to learn to use Word and Excel (spreadsheets), create posters, sell on Ebay and surf the net. All courses are £5 for a two hour session and will take place on an evening. Please ring Lesley for further details.

It is now a year since we had our official opening of the Gym and Fitness Club and, because that was so enjoyable, we are holding a similar event on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November between 10.30am and 2.00pm**. This time we have handbags from Firby Designs, jewellery from Olwen Hirst and Body Shop products on offer. There will also be coffee and cakes and a chance to look at the facilities we have to offer the whole community – don't forget you are never too old or unfit to come to the gym or start an exercise class! Inductions are on a one to one basis with a personalised plan created, with advice and help always available.

Something new to the Centre this October is 'Wild Goose Qigong' a system of movement originating in ancient China. According to June Parker who runs the course, the movements "create an immediate sense of well-being.....and is suitable for all those with an interest in better health and greater ease of movement". It takes place on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am to 4.30pm at the Wensleydale Centre, Askrigg. Please ring **015396 20972** to book your place.

For queries or bookings on any of the above, please ring **Lesley on 650060** or email; [admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk](mailto:admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk)

**NEST-  
a brush  
with  
the media  
A bird's nest in a  
besom**



It all started in an old shed at the Bainbridge Meeting House. The nest was woven into the twigs of an up-ended broom. Rumour has it that the broom was about to be used to sweep with but was saved! John Warren spotted it, showed it to Judith Bromley who showed it to Janet Rawlins, who showed it to Sarah van Neikirk....! After Janet had done a chalk drawing, a fabric collage and a hookey rug she had the idea of challenging a number of artist friends working in different media to freely interpret the same subject. And how they rose to the challenge! Artists from near and far caused a suggested 'small' exhibition to become a full scale show in the museum...**and you've still time to see it!**

The circular exhibition space is full of 'besoms' - in watercolour, oils, gouache, ink, pencil, collage, engraving, fabric, embroidery, even one item cleverly made from a shredded Sunday supplement... and jewellery.

The preview, on Saturday September 6th, had added excitement! Remember the weather? At 3.00pm there was hardly anyone around, but then by hell and high water they rolled in. By motor bike from Masham or by hairy three-hour drive from Hexham, artists and friends arrived with tales to tell. Donations received were sent to the Woodland Trust. T h a n k s a r e expressed to the Museum staff and friends, Arts in Richmondshire, but especially to the more than 40 exhibitors who have made this a spectacular show.

**For better, for verse**

Here's a great chance to concoct  
An ode, a rhyme, a little lay;  
So make a note— **the ninth of Oct.**  
It is our National Poetry Day!



### Best foot forward

The stepped edges along the dale - the famous 'Yoredale series' - aren't just there to be looked up at! Most of them are within the open access areas, and are great for walking along.

A linear walk is so much more satisfying than having to return to the car, or the start. So get a lift to Bolton Castle and walk along to Hawes, like this:

Take the track, referred to as 'other route with public access' which goes west from the castle car park, but be warned that after a mile there is no bridge at the ford over Beldon Beck and it rises and rages very quickly. (The writer once nearly said goodbye to life and to his daughter here.)

The track becomes a bridleway; not that you'd see any difference, probably a change in definition at the parish boundary. If you wish, here is the point to head just south of west and tramp along to your first 'edges' - Wegber Scar after three quarters of a mile and then Blue Scar, a further mile. A less arduous route is along the bridleway known as Oxclose Road below Ivy Scar and through the old lead mines. It is often calm within the hollow, a quite hidden area.

You are soon above Woodhall so follow the bridleway from Beldhaw Hill north west for about three quarters of a mile and then turn off left to start your walk along Ellerkin Scar. This is lovely. It's only when up there that you realise it also falls away to the north; not exactly an arête but nearly a ridge! Drop down (easier north westish) to meet the Askrigg to Reeth road at Askrigg Greets where a not-very-clear right-of-way footpath leads across to the Askrigg to Oxnop road.

This is where you set off due west again for Whitfield Fell on the bridleway above Whitfield Scar and High Scar and after about a mile and a half when you've gone

north west for a bit, make your way down to the very pronounced walled enclosure of Coghill Closes. Do you want an escape route? O.K. another bridleway (not too obvious at first) runs back south east to Helm for Askrigg.

But for those determined to reach Hawes follow the wall more or less west for a mile to meet, at scanty remains of the old Sargill lead mine, the well-defined track leading from Sedbusk up to the remote shooting box a mile due north. (You must go there too, sometime!) This track is well known down to Sedbusk for Hawes, but the 'edges' continue so if you haven't had enough, carry on to Stags Fell for the view over the whole of Hawes.

The only drawbacks of this edgy walk are walking into the wind; well then, do it the other way! Also, it is very inconveniently on the top edge of one side of the map, and the bottom edge of the other.

Truly an edgy walk!

A.S.W.

### Richmondshire Citizens Advice Bureau Annual General Meeting

Members of the public are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Richmondshire Citizens Advice Bureau to be held in Colburn Church Hall on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October** starting at **4.30pm** with an Information 'Road Show' (refreshments available).

**6.00pm** Our guest speaker will be Chris Cunningham from the Royal British Legion: **'Freedom Trial; one mountain too far'**. A trek across the Pyrenees to commemorate the daring exploits of thousands of French civilians and allied servicemen escaping from occupied France.

**7.00pm** Annual General Meeting.

If you would like to attend please telephone **01748 823862**.

## **Operation Christmas Child**

We are again organizing a collection of shoe boxes filled with suitable gifts for children overseas who will have very little at Christmas. Samaritan's Purse will work with national churches and charities to deliver them to children in hospitals, orphanages, refugee camps, homeless shelters and impoverished neighbourhoods.

The boxes are given regardless of nationality, political background or religious belief. It may be the only present that the child receives this year.

Leaflets giving full details of items which are suitable to be included are available from Hawes Post Office and the Community Resource Centre. Please also take careful note of things which should NOT be included.

Boxes should be covered in Christmas paper, lids covered separately and not fastened. Please enclose a cheque for £2.50 payable to Samaritan's Purse (or £2.50 in cash) towards transport, and the completed Gift Aid form if you are able to increase your giving in this way. The boxes must be handed in to one of the above venues by **Friday, November 14th**

**Heather and Nelson Caplin 667625**

## And the sun shone!

At one point the Jazz men were playing a welcome at Town Foot; Punch was attacking Judy, and other fairground attractions, balloonist and cartoonist were providing fun and music in the Hawes Market area for the Dales Harvest weekend.

The Market House was busy with a good variety of food stalls, café area and craft stalls, and all kinds of organisations were providing colourful displays which attracted many people to their cause: Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, Natural England, Gayle Mill, Low Mill Askrigg, The Yorkshire Dales Society, Wensleydale Railway and Yesterdale Yarns.

Videos in the side room provided great interest for both locals and visitors alike, showing pictures of Hawes Galas and of what the working life was like for the doctors in times past, the restoration of Gayle Mill and the red squirrels in Snaizeholme. (Incidentally, a red squirrel has been spending a few days in the gardens around Town Foot in Hawes).

A tremendous amount of effort went in to organising this event, especially by Pat West at the Community Office. Sadly, but inevitably, there were a few who rarely lift a finger within the community or its organisations who found something to moan about, but most seemed to have a great time. A fitting end to the weekend was a very well-attended harvest service in the Auction Mart planned by churches together, with the Hawes Silver Band, and led by Rev Henry Dubois. The collection to provide a 'Village Vet' through *Farm Africa* raised £280  
**A.S.W.**



## Electro Fishing

If you have seen people wading about in the River Ure and its tributaries with long yellow cables trailing behind them and wondered what they were doing, perhaps they were electro fishing. As a National Park volunteer, I was asked if I'd like to go electro fishing. Having no idea what was involved, but always keen to try something new, I put my name on the rota.

The fishing team comprised Dave Higgins from Durham University but living in Askrigg and working in the Dale, a Park Ranger and two volunteers. The Ranger manned a generator connected to an electro fishing control box. From the box emerged two yellow cables. The first was connected to an anode, a metal grid looking a bit like a shelf from a cooker, which was put into the river. The other much longer cable was connected to the "fishing rod" which was handled by Dave. The rod was about six feet long and had a loop of aluminium, about fifteen inches in diameter at its end. When inserted in the water and switched on, it temporarily stunned the fish near to it. They then either floated or swam to the surface where the two volunteers caught (or tried very hard to catch) them in our fishing nets. They were then transferred into large plastic buckets of water for subsequent checking and counting.

For each site that we visited (we went to four in the day, two on the Ure and one on each of two different tributaries) we fished from downstream of the anode, back towards it, scanning across from side to side of the river or stream and covering a stretch of about 50 metres. It was interesting to see the range of fish which we caught—minnows, bullheads (miller's thumb) and stone loach as well as brown trout. We also caught a couple of native white claw crayfish, a species at threat from the American signal crayfish which outcompetes

the native species and carry a crayfish plague to which the native species is very susceptible—they are already in the Ure near Masham and moving slowly upstream. It sounds like the red and grey squirrel story over again!

Thankfully the fish showed no lasting ill effects from their shock treatment and in well under a minute were swimming merrily around the holding tank. At the end of each sweep, Dave checked the health of the fish caught, categorised them for size and counted them before releasing them back in to the river. Soon we were all reasonably competent at identifying the different fish enabling immediate release of all but the trout which were the fish in which Dave was really interested.

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As well as surveying the fish, Dave also takes extensive water samples. From these, oxygen levels and nutrient levels are measured. Nutrients may derive not only from chemicals applied to the land but also from run off from silage or other natural waste. The next stage is to undertake a statistical analysis to ascertain whether any significant relationships exist. From this it is hoped that the locations having the most effect on the river network will be identified, providing the possibility of restoration measures. **AM**

## MORE HAWES SCHOOL NEWS

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### **New exhibition**

**October 10th until November 2nd at the Herriot Gallery Hawes: “Images from the land”** by Carol Tyler and Richard Ross.

### **Craig Iveson Award Winners**

The Craig Iveson Award winners were announced at the end of term assembly. These awards are given to the child in each class who has made the most progress during the year. This year’s awards were given to:

- Class 1 - Cassie Drury
- Class 2 - Elizabeth Winspear
- Class 3 - Calum Iveson

All were very worthy winners. Congratulations!

### **House Trophies**

A trophy was awarded this year to the House that gained the most points during the year. House points were awarded for good work, thoughtfulness towards others, good manners, good effort etc. It was very close, however – the final count went to *Hill House*. CONGRATULATIONS.

### **Sports Day**

We finally managed to hold sports day on the last week of term -the fourth attempt!! The worthy winners were *Hill* with 107 points, closely followed by *Fell* with 93 points and *Dale* with 82. the winning House made a lap of honour around the sports field.

### **Sticky Ginger back in Business**

#### **But not in Askrigg!**

Julia and Richard have sold the premises in Askrigg – the house and shop – but are now living in Aysgarth. This is at the very end of Thornton Road in larger premises, especially appropriate now that there is also a new arrival, Lenny! This also means that at present they are offering a limited service, but all enquiries are welcome.

## Digital Photos Galore

Summer is over and if you are anything like me you have a digital camera full of hundreds of photos, despite the weather. The question now is what to do with them all?

One of the advantages of digital photography is that you don't have the cost of processing; however, there is a tendency to get 'snap happy' and end up with hundreds of disorganised photos on your camera card and computer, all with bland names like IMG3245.JPG and over time it becomes an unwieldy mess.

Here are a few quick tips to keep you organised:

Have a single folder where you store your digital photos and inside that folder create subfolders each one containing folders from a particular occasion.

When you copy photos from your camera make sure that you sort the photos into properly named folders straight away. If you leave them you suddenly find there are hundreds to sort out.

Delete useless photos immediately unless there is a very good reason to keep them.

There are numerous ways you can better organise your photos. One of the most flexible methods is the use of tags and there are many totally free software packages to help you.

One of the most popular free programs is **Google's Picassa 3** (download it from <http://picassa.google.com>; there is also a quick video to give you an overview of how it all works). When you install Picassa you will import your photos from your hard disc. It will also import short videos you record with your camera. Initially Picassa shows a folder list so you can find your photos easily. The folders may appear a number of times because photos are also automatically classified into the years they were taken. You can

now tag your photo collection. *For example individual or multiple photos can be tagged, with the name of the person photographed, or the location or any other word or phrase you like by clicking on a the photo (or control + click on multiple photos) and then clicking on the luggage tag icon at the bottom of the screen. Photos can have many tags applied to them so you have a very flexible system for organising and finding your pictures.*

Once your photos are tagged it is very simple to find all related photographs by typing the tag into the search box (top right).

As well as searching tags it also searches folder names and photo names and so your choice of folder name when you import your photos is important and can be useful.

**But there is more!** You can quickly edit photos to remove those demon red eyes with just two clicks of the mouse, crop your pictures to the size and shape you want, correct the brightness and contrast of your photos. Why not combine photos together in a collage? Print your photos the way you want and you can create multiple albums of photos by simply dragging the photos from the folders into albums (or collections) you create. This does not move the photos on your hard disc but just makes a collection of your choosing. Create a screen saver of your favourite photos. How about a slide show or create a video of your photos? Or make a CD slideshow to send to friends. See, for more ideas:

[www.dalescomputerservices.com/uwn.html](http://www.dalescomputerservices.com/uwn.html).

That's all for this time – if you want to ask questions about digital photos or would like another article on how to use your computer why not send me a quick email via the contact link on my website.

Happy clicking.

**Carol Haynes**

## **Askrigg and District Indoor Bowling Club**

The new season starts on **Tuesday, October 7th from 2.00-5.00pm** weekly in the village hall. New members contact Kate **650565**, or Anne **650333** for details.

### **Dead in lead!**

Friends of the Museum had the most fascinating talk last week. Prof Mike Green, renowned world-wide for his work in forensic pathology, presented 'How the other half died'. In the 1970s members of a huge chapel in Huddersfield were moving to new premises and the new University saw the possibility of using the building for a theatre; the trouble was, underneath it were 70 lead-lined coffins from the 1800s. A team of workers had just 72 hours to move and investigate the contents!

The results shed amazing- and disturbing-light on the causes and ages of death of people of various social classes: manslaughter, T.B (rife), typhoid in various forms and of course the more unspeakable (at least in Victorian times!).

Even in the 1970s there was little consideration for the health and safety of the team; mind you, as Mike Green pointed out, rules, regulations and suing by relatives is seriously hampering research today.

### **Who knows?**

**Apparently nobody!** We were surprised that our question last month about the first or very early places in the area where tractors appeared seemed to find no respondents. *Surely someone can remember?*

## **Bainbridge and District Motor Club**

The last rally of the season started off from Aysgarth National Park Centre and 8 cars turned up to compete. The route took us to West Witton, Coverdale, East Witton, Thornton Watlass, Middleham, back up to Coverdale and then to Wensley, Preston-under-Scar and finishing up at Jim's in Askrigg. Questions had to be answered on route and also count the number of road signs of a cow, a horse and a person with a child. The usual total mileage had to be taken into consideration.

On return to The Crown there was another quiz. We were given a list of eight cars which were up for sale in the local press with the price erased and we had to guess what the sale price had been. This included a 2005 AUDI A3 2L Tdi Sport, Metallic Black, 40k, FASH, Immaculate condition with 1 owner which was priced at £10,750 and one team thought it was only worth £6,595! A very enjoyable evening and thanks to Harry and Angela for organising it. Last month's rally winners were Fred and Andrew – Well Done. 2<sup>nd</sup> were Bob and Rachel and 3<sup>rd</sup> were Dave and Tom. July's rally winners were David and Adrien – Well Done. 2<sup>nd</sup> were Matt and Tom and 3<sup>rd</sup> were Dan and Foz.

The AGM is to be held on the **15<sup>th</sup> October** and the Annual Dinner and Presentation of Awards is on the **28<sup>th</sup> November**.  
**Netta Davison**



## Police Report

Owing to my summer holiday in sunny Catterick (what sun and what summer?) I now have two months to cover. The lousy weather has not deterred our light-fingered visitors. There have been numerous thefts of diesel from lorries parked overnight around Wensleydale – Leyburn Auction Mart being a “hot spot”. Although fuel prices are now beginning to drop (not as much as the oil price though – someone is making a fat profit at our expense!) it is still a valuable commodity and in quiet rural locations easy pickings. Lockable fuel caps are little deterrent to a determined thief. Even private vehicles are not immune – one was attacked at Fremington and the offenders, from South Yorkshire, were caught shortly afterwards near Richmond. Hopefully they will get their just desserts.

Two crimes that have occurred have been needless and circumstances would indicate they were caused by drunken mindless locals. The first was after the party on the field at Askrigg – when someone thought it would be fun to smash a window in the shed at Low Mill and wreck the footbridge. A similar piece of vandalism was caused to a window in the telephone kiosk in Hawes Market Place. Any information as to the culprits would be welcome.

Car Park machines are being targeted for the cash they contain, much the same way as payphones were in the past. Offenders are drilling their way into them. It takes time so if you see anyone crouching by these meters or otherwise acting suspiciously around them please ring in.

Another builder’s storage container was attacked over this period and as I am writing this I have just received a report that eight similar containers have been targeted overnight at Bellerby. These containers, which are shipping containers, maybe

strong for transport, but they are only as strong as the padlock that secures them. If left on sites in the middle of nowhere then this affords the criminal time to break in. It is just something to bear in mind especially at weekends – Friday nights are the peak night locally for crime.

Vehicle crime is back with us. A Ford Escort van was stolen in lower Wensleydale. Overnight on 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> September a Land Rover parked in The Holme at Hawes had its spare wheel taken from under the canvas roof; the offender would have had to climb into the back to do this.

A van left overnight on Brunt Acres was broken into and items taken. Brunt Acres was the scene of a series of crimes a week later. This time the offenders spent a lot of time at Town Head Garage trying to steal a recovery wagon. They made a right mess of one, taking bits off which they used to get another started. They then even had the “brass neck” to nick fuel to get it going. It then seems they went to another unit where they used the recovery wagon to take away a builder’s site dumper truck – a yellow one that steers with the rear wheels.

If you can help with any of these crimes, any information however small will be gratefully received. Thanks once again for your support and assistance.

Finally, a road safety message. It is becoming increasingly commonplace for drivers to overtake cyclists, slow moving vehicles and parked vehicles by crossing into the opposing carriageway when vehicles are coming towards them. IF YOUR SIDE OF THE ROAD IS BLOCKED BY AN OBSTRUCTION THEN YOU MUST GIVE WAY TO OPPOSING TRAFFIC. This means that unless it is clear or safe to overtake then you slow down to the speed of the cyclists until it is safe to pass them. Do not overtake cyclists on bends that you cannot see around. Causing another vehicle coming

towards you to slow down or alter its course would lead to a failure in the driving test as it is considered dangerous. It may lead to points on your licence and a day in court for careless and inconsiderate driving. YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED.

Wear your seatbelt or expect a £30.00 fixed penalty.

*Use a hand held mobile phone whilst driving and expect a £60.00 fixed penalty 3 points on your licence (and increased insurance as you have to declare the points).*

**Andy Foster PC 826**

**Leyburn Safer Neighbourhood Team**

**0845 60 60 247 ext 4570 (new extension)**

Andrew.Foster@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

### **1st Hawes Brownies**

We welcomed 8 new Brownies this term and had a fun evening at the Brownie Olympics where everyone received at least one medal. We are preparing for the Crime Prevention Badge, practising to entertain Gayle Ladies on their fundraising evening in October and the new Brownies will be working on the Brownie Promise.

**Linda Reynolds**

## BAINBRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

### Castle Bolton's new recruits

**O**n Monday September 15th the children of Bainbridge School set off for Bolton Castle knowing they had a full day of hard work ahead of them – not school work but castle work! Arrival saw them safely into the castle through the portcullis without anyone being sent straight to the dungeons.

After being dressed in medieval attire ready for their day's toil, the willing workforce was split into teams. The "guards" were put straight on to duty and received intensive training with pikes so as to be able to ward off any attackers. A surveying group was despatched on a tour of the castle to assess the conditions of the various quarters, making sure rooms such as Mary Queen of Scots' were up to scratch. So dedicated were this team that they even inspected the roof, four very high storeys up the endless spiral staircase. The "auditors" were detailed to make a log of the castle possessions and ensure this was all recorded for tax purposes in an historical record. After this there was no chance of a rest as the auditors were now sent out for training, the first batch of recruits being fully up to scratch. These trained guards were given the arduous task of copying out books in calligraphic writing using quill pens, as the printing press had yet to be invented. Meanwhile, the castle surveyors were sent out into the gardens to see if they could unravel the mysteries of the maze and discover if there is indeed any hidden treasure to be found. After all this hard work the Lord and Lady of the castle, well pleased with their new recruits' efforts, rewarded them with a sumptuous banquet lunch, which was ravenously feasted upon by children and staff supervisors alike.

However, the day was not yet done. There were still raw recruits to train in

armed combat and still more surveying to be done and what with winter drawing ever closer, candles had to be made to keep the castle alight in the dark months ahead. Time flies when you're being worked hard (or enjoying yourself) and before long the now fully-trained guards' and castle servants' coach had arrived to return them to their night quarters, which thankfully are roofed, rather than open to the elements (though, unlike Castle Bolton, probably don't have a privy in each room!).

All in all, a splendid day was had and the work the children will be carrying out in this term's castle theme will have a real life feel to it rather than a dry one learned from books. Thanks go to Tom Orde-Powlett and the Castle Bolton staff for hosting us for the day; your recruits are available whenever you need them (as long as the school can 'borrow' the dungeon facilities from time to time!)

**Dave Moore**

## WEST BURTON SCHOOL NEWS

Seven new very happy children are now attending West Burton CE Primary School. The first few weeks have been very exciting as they learn to play with their new friends and toys in school. Jack, Poppy and Rebecca say 'I like playing outside best of all', Fred is particularly fond of playing on the tower and sliding down the pole, Nancy enjoys skipping and learning new songs and rhymes from the older children, whereas Zoe loves the playhouse. Will's favourite activity is playing with the train track and all the trains.

The beginning of term is always a special occasion for the new children and the rest of the school.

**Mrs C. A. Brotherton**  
Head Teacher

### **Another trip - to Newcastle**

**Thursday, November 13th**

Leaves Thoraby at 8.30am. Tickets  
available from Mrs Bailey **663319**

### **Hawes Carpet Bowling Club – Open Evening**

The Hawes Carpet Bowling Club is hosting an Open Evening on **Tuesday, October 7th from 7.45pm** in the Market House. Anyone (male or female) interested in playing carpet bowls is invited to come along and have a go. No previous experience is necessary, Ring **667458** if you have any queries.

## Doctors' rotas as supplied by the surgery

AYSGARTH SURGERY ROTA										
Wb - week beginning										
Wb	Oct6th		13th		20th		27th			
Day	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Mon	JA	J	FA	A	WF	F	WJ	W		
Tues	W	W	WJ	WJ	JA	JA	FA	A		
Wed	A	A	FA	A	WF	F	WJ	W		
Thur	W	W	WJ	W	JA	J	FA	A		
Fri	J	J	A	A	F	F	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	Oct6th		13th		20th		27th			
Day	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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Wed	J	J	J	J	A	A	F	F		
Thur	A	A	F	F	W	W	J	J		
Fri	W	W	WJ	WJ	JA	JA	A	A		

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

### News from the Wensleydale Railway

The railway's 1940s week-end proved a great success, so a repeat event is already being planned for next year.

We are back with the regular scheduled DMU (diesel multiple unit) services now as the steam locomotive has gone home to Scotland. ***During October, trains run on Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, with the bonus of the vintage bus connection (not on Fridays) between Redmire - Hawes - Garsdale.*** Why not take a short trip up to Garsdale and back (or to Redmire), just for the ride, on one of these autumn days? With a senior citizen's bus pass, the journey is FREE! For Garsdale depart Hawes station yard at 1.45pm and back by 3.05pm.

There are 5-mile Guided Walks every Tuesday in October, starting from Redmire station at 11.00am (7th and 14th) and from Leyburn station at 10.50am (21st and 28th). There is a special walk, led by author David Joy, from Redmire to Aysgarth on Wednesday October 29th.

**Santa Specials:** The deadline for the Early Booking Discount of £1.00 per ticket on Santa Specials is **Friday, October 31st.**

On **Saturday November 1st** there will be a **Fireworks Special Train** from Redmire, Leyburn and Finghall to Bedale for their fantastic event - with mulled wine and

parkin served on the return journey. (Trains go both ways and Wensleydale Railway has brought passengers up to Hawes for various events this year: to visit Gayle Mill and Hardraw Brass Band Contest, for lunch and shopping in Hawes and walks from the train to Swaledale). See the website [www.wensleydalerrailway.com](http://www.wensleydalerrailway.com) or call at Hawes Post Office, Ropeworks or Dales Countryside Museum for a timetable.

**Ruth Annison**

## Heavens above

This autumn sees the 400th anniversary of the invention of the telescope. On October 2nd 1608 an obscure German-born spectacle-maker, Hans Lippershey, applied to the Dutch government for a patent on a "certain instrument for seeing far". His 'instrument' was a simple pair of lenses mounted in a tube and though very basic, compared with the sophisticated telescopes in use today, its invention was probably the single most important event in the history of astronomy.

Lippershey didn't get his patent (though he was suitably remunerated for a number of telescopes he subsequently produced) as the authorities thought his design would be impossible to keep secret. They were soon proved right and shortly afterwards 'spyglasses' began appearing all over Europe. By 1609, the great Italian scientist Galileo, had produced an improved version of Lippershey's original design and used it to make a series of extraordinary discoveries in the night sky - the craters and mountains of the Moon, sun-spots, the planet Jupiter's 4 giant satellites and the real nature of the Milky Way which he found to be made up of dense clouds of thousands of millions of stars. Galileo's discoveries would revolutionise the practice of astronomy and change the course of scientific history though contrary to popular belief he wasn't the first to make a recorded observation of an astronomical body.

That honour falls to our own Thomas Harriot who carried out a detailed observation of the Moon on 26th July, 1609. Nowadays we tend to take optical devices such as the telescope, spectacles, binoculars, cameras, microscopes and the like, more or less for granted, forgetting what feats of technical and scientific ingenuity they really are. But without the painstaking work of Hans Lippershey,

Galileo, and all the other early optical pioneers you wouldn't be able to marvel at the astonishing images sent back by the Hubble Space Telescope or bore all your friends to death with your holiday snaps, and terribly short-sighted specimens like myself would be condemned to a lifetime of bleary-eyed fumbling. Let us honour their memory.

Have clear skies!

**Al Bireo**

## **Wensleydale School of Performing Arts**

**Drama, singing and dance  
Performing arts workshops for children  
and young adults aged 4 to 16**

*“Dramatic arts for the dales”*

Classes are held at The Wensleydale  
School, Leyburn at the following times;  
Wednesday 4.15- 5.15pm; Tots Class –  
Ages 4 to 6

Wednesday 5.30- 7.30pm; Main Class –  
Ages 7 to 16

The **Wensleydale School of Performing  
Arts** has been set up to provide exciting  
and valuable opportunities in the perform-  
ing arts, for children in and around the  
Yorkshire Dales.

Students have the opportunity to learn the  
fundamental skills of performing across the  
genres of singing, drama and dance, and  
just as importantly they are encouraged to  
develop their self-confidence and commu-  
nication skills.

Our main aim is to provide students with  
fun and high quality tuition stimulating  
their imagination and creativity in a safe  
environment.

Contact **Deborah Allenby** to enroll or  
for more information:

WeSPA, Yorecroft, Carperby

**663533 or 07789 071425**

email: [wensleydalespa@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wensleydalespa@yahoo.co.uk)

### **Books and boots; walks and words**

#### **Richmond walking and book festival until October 5th**

The Richmond festival attracts people from around the world and the UK drawn by the opportunity to explore the superb and varied dales landscapes and the range of entertainment and events. These are designed to appeal to all tastes in authors, poets, musicians and films.

**Each day people can choose from a series of guided walks.** For the experienced walker the walks range from 12 to 6 miles in Swaledale and Wensleydale including the Swaledale Chain - a series of 6 circular walks that make their way down the dale from the source of the Swale. There are walks on land rarely walked, others that link with the Wensleydale Railway, or take you to Lovely Seat!

**When not walking people, can hear Words** that come in various guises from poets, playwrights, cooks, crime writers, and journalists. Other well known characters are also remembered such as legendary furniture maker 'Mousey' Thompson and daleswoman Hannah Hauxwell – with Ian Thompson and W.R. [Bill] Mitchell.

*People booking on the longer walks are invited to test pilot newly designed boots from Altberg before they are released in spring next year.*

A full printed programme is available from Richmond Tourist Information on **01748 828742**.and can also be found on the websites:

[www.richmondwalking.com](http://www.richmondwalking.com) or [www.richmondbookfestival.com](http://www.richmondbookfestival.com)

### **Heritage woodworking skills training at Gayle Mill**

Gayle Mill has teamed up with Craven College to offer two short courses in the time-honoured woodworking skills and techniques that craftsmen have used for centuries.

The courses run for five weeks and start on October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

Gayle Mill Manager, Paul Bisson, said: "It was always part of the long term plans for the Mill to make its history live again through training people to keep vital heritage skills alive for the benefit of future generations. We are delighted that Craven College is working with us to help achieve that goal at the Mill."

Further information can be obtained from Craven College on **01756 708932** or Gayle Mill on **667320**.

### **Raydale Project**

It may seem strange to discuss *Pontbren*, a tiny tributary of the River Severn in Wales, in an article about Raydale here in Wensleydale. However the two places have a lot in common; both have a mixed land use of sheep, beef and dairy farms with some forestry, and both lie above the altitude where arable farming is currently considered profitable. What is of interest is the experience of ten farmers who decided to farm less intensively, going down a more environmentally sensitive route. They did actually form a co-operative but that is irrelevant to this story.

Each farm joined the Welsh agri-environment scheme and embarked on a plan of planting hedges, planting small woods as shelter belts, and buffering stream sides with willow trees. Within two years they noticed that after heavy rain their fields no longer had water flowing over the surface, and the streams coped much better with the excess rain. Even



more of a surprise was that in the hot dry summers of the late 1990s and early 21<sup>st</sup> century their streams flowed far better than was previously experienced.

They mentioned these differences to their Project Officer who raised the matter with the Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (CEH). There followed some pretty intensive scientific monitoring which confirmed the farmers' observations. By planting just a single row of trees they could reconnect the soil surface with the underground water. Apparently over the years of more intensive farming the soil had become compacted and more or less impervious to rain but the roots of the new trees had penetrated this crust and let rain through.

It is surprising that such a simple change could have such an effect and we have contacted CEH for advice on where it might be applicable in Raydale.

**Deborah Millward, Project Leader**

#### **New planning committee chairman**

Carl Lis has been elected chairman of the Planning Committee of the National Park Authority. Mr Lis, who has been a Member since 1996, replaces Graham Dalton. Mr Lis stepped down as Authority chairman in July after four years in the post. Will Weston, who lives in Barnard Castle, and joined the Authority in April, 2006, was re-elected as the deputy chairman of the Planning Committee.

## **MARKET PLACE AND GREETINGS**

### **Thoralby Post Office**

Elaine and Keith would like to thank everyone for gifts received and for the support given over the last twelve years

### **SLEIGHTHOLM**

Jean would like to thank everyone for their good wishes, cards, flowers and goodie bags received after her recent op. Glad to say all is going well, so look out Stags Fell!

### **SLEIGHTHOLM**

Mick would like to thank everyone for their cards, presents and generous donations given on his 50th birthday. A total of £264 was raised and divided between Hawes First Responders and the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Thanks again for a brilliant night

**Kevin (Nugent)** would like to thank all his family and friends for their many gifts, good wishes and cards received on his 60th birthday

### **2-bedroom cottage to let.**

Modest rent in exchange for light domestic/care duties, weekly local driving and odd jobs. References will be taken up. Tel: **663385**.

### **REDMIRE PRIVATE HIRE**

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625635 or 07950 662785**

### **SCARR**

The family of Alice would like to thank everyone for their kindness, sympathy and cards. Special thanks to Father Bill for a lovely service; to Brian Good for his guidance and efficiency and finally thank you to all who attended the funeral and donated to Garsdale church and the stroke association.

### **RAMSDEN**

**Happy 80th birthday, Derek,**  
with love from Gladys and all the family  
XXXX

### **CLEANER NEEDED**

for a new holiday cottage in Gayle;  
Saturdays as required.  
Contact: **Richard Alderson**  
**01472 852068** or email:  
**alderson@farming.co.uk**

### **WARD**

Steve, Norah, Bill, Alison, Barbara, Rob, Val, Joanne and families send our sincere thanks to all who supported and upheld us in the tragic loss of Ruth. The help we have had from our community was truly magnificent. The kindnesses, words of empathy and encouragement and the warm caring hugs have meant such a lot to us. Grateful thanks to Father Bill for the warm and moving service. Thanks to Roger for his family memories of Ruth. Lee reminded us of Ruth's beautiful warm personality and the joy she passed to all. Immense gratitude to Jack Thompson for his kindness and guidance, and Ruth's bearers Stephen, Keith, Lee and Steve for their support. Thank you all very much.

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

**September**

- 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 to Yoredale, Bainbridge.
- 30 Blood Donors in the back room of Askrigg Village Hall from 7.30pm

**October**

- ...to 5 Richmond walking and book festival. Several walks within the Newsletter area. See page 32
- 1 Introduction to British Archaeology
- 2 NSPCC tea and stalls at Redmire Village Hall. 3.00 to 5.00pm
- 3 Harvest Service at Holy Trinity Church, Wensley. 6.00pm followed by supper in Village Hall. For supper contact **622338** before 30th Sept.
- 3 Wensleydale Society "The Four Seasons in the Dales". West Burton Village Hall. 7.30pm.
- 4 West Burton Harvest supper and entertainment. 7.30pm in the village hall. Contact **663251** for tickets.
- 5 Harvest service at St Bartholomew's, West Witton at 10.30am
- 5 Harvest Festival. 2.30pm at St Mary and St John's, Hardraw
- 5 Pet service at St Oswald's, Askrigg. 10.00am
- 6 Hawes Market House AGM. See page 9
- 7 Open Night at Hawes Carpet Bowls club. See page 28
- 7 Hawes Drama Group reads "Relatively Speaking". Gayle Institute 7.30pm.

- 9 National Poetry Day
- 9 Wensleydale Country Market. Methodist Hall, Leyburn. 10.00 to 11.30am
- 10 Old Time Dancing restarts. See page 6
- 12 Bainbridge Methodist Harvest. 10.30am.
- 14 YDNPA Planning committee. 10.30am at Yoredale, Bainbridge.
- 16 Wensleydale Country Market. Methodist Hall, Leyburn. 10.00 to 11.30am
- 17 Museum Friends AGM and talk "Clicking on Collections". 7.30pm.
- 18 Mobile skip on Gayle Green, Hawes. 9.00am to 1.00pm
- 18 Gayle Chapel autumn rally with Orton Male Voice choir and supper. 7.30pm.
- 19 "One World Week" begins
- 19 Methodist and Anglican Covenant Service, West Witton. See page 11
- 19 One World Week begins
- 19 Stalling Busk Harvest Service and Bread sale. See page 40
- 20 Dance for Bainbridge School in Askrigg Village Hall
- 21 Coffee morning and stalls. Hawes Methodist rooms. 10.00am to noon.
- 22-25 Leyburn Amateur Dramatic Society. See page 5
- 23 Wensleydale Country Market. Methodist Hall, Leyburn. 10.00 to 11.30am
- 25 Masquerade Charity Ball. See page 14
- 26 Table Top Sale for Hawes school in the Market House, Hawes
- 26 Aysgarth Methodist Harvest. 6.30pm.
- 28 Table Top Sale in the Fountain, Hawes
- 29 Toddlers' service at St Andrew's, Aysgarth at 2.00pm
- 30 Wensleydale Country Market. Methodist Hall, Leyburn. 10.00 to 11.30am
- 30 Gayle Ladies fund raiser. 7.30pm.

**November**

- NSPCC coffee morning. Burn Rigg, Aysgarth. 10.00am to noon

**Museum events in October: see page 37**

## Autumn Gardening

It's getting to that time of year when gardening columns are choked with seed catalogue recommendations, the idea being that as the weather rages outside, you can sit hogging the fire smugly, idly planning next year's planting scheme. Well listen up because there are some marvellous new inventions around at the moment: one's a raincoat, then there's waterproof trousers, oh, and don't forget those latest of innovations, wellies. OK when the rain is horizontal and the sheep are hugging the walls limpet-style then maybe it's time to weaken, but until then...

First off I have that wonderful climbing rose, Albertine, to deadhead. She clings stubbornly to the shed and has bravely withstood creosote baths, collapsing trees and a foreign legion haircut, and still manages 5 weeks of apricot/pink bloom. Painstaking work, this clipping, and demanding that most useful of gardening tools, the wind-up radio. All arduous jobs need radio 5's Nicky Campbell to jolly them along. Next on to the hybrid tea roses, and it's a touch of the same treatment. Hold off with rugosas though, as tidying up will spoil the hips and deny the birds their winter feed.

Next in line is my giant gunnera, the prickly rhubarb, which stands guard over the pond and has grown as big as a Foster bus. Off with the radio now, as during hard jobs, Nicky can be annoying. Gunnera is surprisingly tender; cut away the massive, fading leaves and lay them across the new crown to protect from frost; feels like putting baby to bed. A 3-inch compost mulch around the roots will be the bedtime story and complete the job, then it's next please.

Faded annuals are a sad sight; well I remember planting them as young ones, all bright and fresh, but the wet summer hasn't

spared them and they're a mess. Out they come to be replaced with either winter pansies or bulbs. Actually last year I used violets instead of pansies, their compact habit and longevity giving them the edge. I think I'll opt for last year's daffodils, the 6" tête-a-tête, as they don't break and blow over, and will give a smashing lemon splash throughout April. Last year's bulbs I dug up, dried, then stored in the shed over summer, so that should save a bob or two towards my modest electricity bill.

I don't bother covering the pond to keep the leaves out over winter, preferring instead to leave it open for the birds and other wildlife. Just a regular trawl with the kids' fishing net will keep the weeds away and check pondweed. Marginals such as ferns and mossy saxifrage I thin out; such a growy year.

Apologies for the scattergun approach to garden jobs, but then some of us operate better like that, i.e. no plan, just taking tasks as they come.

Plenty more jobs until tea though, and after that, THEN it will be time for that seed catalogue.

**Ed Gardener**

## Bainbridge Bash - Thankyou

Members of the Bainbridge and Raydaleside Millennium Committee would like to thank all those who contributed in some way towards this year's Bainbridge Bash held on the Village Green on Saturday 16th August.

Amazingly, the rain held off for the majority of the event and a good time was had by all. It was pleasing to see that, despite the less than summery feel to the weather, attendance was good both from locals and visitors and as usual the children had a brilliant time on the slide in the water, froth and mud! Everyone was able to enjoy entertainment by *Sounds Familiar* and we are grateful to them for supporting this event.

The event would not go ahead without the support of the community which always comes together to make sure things run smoothly. The Committee would like to thank everyone who played a part in this, particularly those who provided food, helped with the setting up and clearing away and also with help on the night. We do not yet have a final figure for money raised but hope that it will be in the high hundreds allowing us to support worthwhile projects in the area.

**Karen Prudden**  
Secretary

## What's on at the Dales Country-side Museum, Hawes in October

- 5 to 11 Red Squirrel Week
- 7 Red squirrel led walk. 10 miles strenuous. Starts at 10.00am at the DCM. Booking advised. No Charge.
- 7 to 2nd October. Exhibition by a collective of designer makers from the Dales Centre, Reeth
- 7 Spinning a Yarn in the DCM. 2.00 to 4.00pm

- 8 Red Squirrel talk by a Ranger at 12.30pm in the DCM. No charge.
  - 11 Red squirrel walk. Details as above.
  - 17 DCM Friends AGM at 7.30pm followed by "Clicking on Collections" by Fiona Rosher
  - 19 "Discover and Do" - make a "Green Man". Children's activity. 11.00am to 4.00pm. £2. Over 8s only. Booking essential.
  - 20 to 31 Hidden History of the Dales—exhibition for Black History month
  - 25 Chainsaw Sculpture demonstration on the museum forecourt. 11.00am to 4.00pm
  - 25 and 26 Feed the Birds weekend. Come and meet RSPB staff.
  - 28 Patch work and Quilting demonstration in the museum reception area from 10.00am to 4.00pm. North Country techniques by Kate Trusson.
  - 29 "Discover and Do" - make African style beads in the Hidden History exhibition. Find out how the Dales is linked with Africa and the Caribbean. Children's activity. 2.00 to 4.00pm. £2. Over 8s only. Booking essential.
  - 31 Storytelling in the museum 2.00 to 3.00pm
- Contact **666210** for more details.

### **Cakewalk**

A new coffee shop, Cakewalk, is opening soon on the Market Place in Askrigg, owned and run by Judy Kemp. Judy's partner, Peter, has owned Stable Cottage directly behind the coffee shop for a few years. So when the shop came on the market in January this year it seemed a good time to make a more permanent move to Askrigg.

For the present Judy will manage the shop which will be open daily. All food will be home cooked on the premises and, as far as possible, sourced locally using organic produce, with free range chickens and eggs.

Judy and Peter have moved north from Bedford, where Judy worked as the Secretary to the Head of Bedford School, retiring from her career there at the end of August this year. Peter will continue to work 'down south' with John Lewis but will be on hand at weekends and holidays to help with the cooking and waiting; he is expected to add something of his own inimitable style to the running of the shop.

They both look forward to being involved in the life of the village and to making new friends.

### **Hopper's Sale Refreshments**

Application forms are now available from Les at the Market House for next season's catering rota. Local groups and charities can apply. Closing date: end of October.

### **Calling all Fund Raisers**

Applications are now sought from organisations wishing to provide the refreshments at the monthly Hoppers auction sales at the Market House, Hawes. Application forms are available at the Market House. Local groups and charities can apply. Closing date: end of October.

### **Thanksgiving and Bread Sale**

The annual Harvest Service will take place at Stalling Busk church at **2.30pm on Sunday 19th October**. This will be followed with the popular and very successful Bread Sale at about 3.00pm.

It is hoped to raise, once again, a substantial amount of money for a project with an overseas partner. In the past sheep have been donated to needy villagers and wells dug in areas in need of water supplies. All are welcome to support this worthwhile event.

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