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The Wensleydale Writers Group

The group meets at the Friends Meeting House, Grove Square, Leyburn at 10-00 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. All welcome. Phone Bob Ellis on **667311** for further details

Eng-AGE with us!

Are you over 50 and living in the Hawes area?

There is an opportunity to access advice, assistance and activities to live healthily and happily.

**Tuesday March 24th
10.00am to 1.00pm
Fountain Hotel.**

Free refreshments.

These are some organisations likely to be there:

Age Concern, Richmondshire Senior Forum, Richmond CVS, Community Service Partnership, The Pension Service, Trading Standards, Library Service, County Records Office, H and R Carers Centre, Ageworks Guidance Service and JR Hopper and Co.

Carol Tyler

Chatting to Carol in the cosy kitchen of her newly acquired cottage in Hawes, I couldn't help asking why she seems to have wandered around so much in her life?

"I think it was to make up for the restrictions of my earlier life", was the answer. Stourbridge, Staithes, Whitby, Grizedale, Aysgarth, Walden and most if not all of that time she was a practising artist/painter. 1995 saw her as Artist in residence at Grizedale Forest for a couple of months, a job she says she loved. This experience released her 'wanderlust'. She has lived, and worked from a caravan inside a barn! In a flat overlooking the coast, on a farm, and in 2008 moved into her present home, overlooking the river in Hawes.

Travelling around in a van, (which she

has also, on occasion lived in) Carol seems to have gone where fate led her, some experiences turned out well, some not so well, but all the time she kept working at her painting. "Chance meetings with people, conversations in Post Offices, buses and shops, have all led to new directions", she told me.

"I am attracted to atmosphere, whether inside or outdoors, the marks left, the patina of life", she said by way of an explanation, (when pinned down) of her way of painting and choice of subject.

Carol exhibits widely and her work is often to be seen on display, and for sale, in Herriot's Gallery/ Coffee shop in Hawes. Let's hope that settling in Hawes is as much an inspiration to her as her travels obviously have been!

SH

Upper Dales Family History Society

The December speaker was Dulcie Lewis who treated us to a hilarious (and informative) trip down a culinary memory lane, provoking many reminiscences from the audience about what we used to eat. Bowels loomed large in the talk, particularly the obsession with 'keeping regular' which Dulcie linked to a diet high in meat and carbohydrates and the discomforts of outdoor privies! Castor oil, prunes, syrup of figs, and Turkey Rhubarb all played an important role in the lives of our ancestors.

The first turkey to arrive in this country, we learned, was imported by a Yorkshire man, William Strickland. The more traditional Christmas centre piece, the goose, was prized for the number of things you could do with it as well as eating – evidently a goose wing was ideal for sweeping the chimney while the grease was used for its waterproofing qualities and in home made remedies.

Pigs likewise were used from tail to snout, "everything but the squeal" as the saying went. Families in town and country alike kept a pig in the yard, fed with the help of scraps from their neighbours who then received a joint when it was butchered. Pig killing was a big event, a special cake was made and the children were allowed to stay home from school to help – particularly with stirring the blood for the black puddings!

Oats were a common staple food, often eaten as various types of oatcake. Apparently the dales people who habitually ate the harder, biscuit like, variety were noted for their very good teeth! We looked at the typical workhouse & prison diets which now seem monotonous but, at the time actually compared very well with the diet of an average poor labourer. In complete contrast was a menu in French for

a Wensleydale shooting party in the 1870s – very sophisticated and very rich.

Dulcie wound up the afternoon by looking at drink! Tea had been a valuable commodity and the leaves were dried and reused several times, being passed down from the lady of the house to the housekeeper, then sold at the back door to the poor, who revived the leaves by adding dried blackthorn leaves and a pinch of bicarbonate of soda! Finally she encouraged us all to drink more gin which the Dutch supposedly invented as a medicine – it's made from juniper berries which contain antioxidants and so must be good for you.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, 25 March, at 2pm in Fremington Sunday School, when Alex Eckford will be talking about Swaledale churches. Free to members of Cleveland FHS – visitors £1. Please note that this is a change from the advertised meeting – Joyce Scobie's talk on 'Cow Keepers' has been postponed until 25 November. The next drop-in Computer Club will be on Saturday, 9 May, at 1pm in Hudson House.

Tracy Little

Editorial

Does this sound familiar?

This is about a smallish village - around 500 people. A large hotel/guest house that 'does' weddings, several B & Bs, tea rooms of varying quality, a few 'tourist' shops, a primary school and a couple of churches and pubs. It's 'historic'. You can follow a town trail, and there's a picturesque waterfall a short drive away. The surroundings are lovely - hills, dales and trees.

It could be, as far as the 'feel' of the place is concerned, anywhere round here.

That was a couple of weeks ago. Now? Well, of the properties, 80% have gone; burnt in fires. One fifth of the people have perished. It's called Marysville in Victoria in Australia, and the writer has been there and stayed there several times - and would no doubt have called in again this time. I'm in OZ again and just had to write to you. To see 'disasters' from afar on the TV or in the paper is one thing; to be in the midst, feeling what 45degrees and a gale force wind are, and to see the blind panic of people trying to escape and being cooked alive in their cars, is quite another. Desperate people even dived into their water tanks to escape the passing inferno.

A relation recounts how driving home from a weekend course in the mountains, large red-hot embers were hitting the car, and that was on a diversionary route, not really in the midst of it all. Even in Melbourne at nine at night people huddled, waiting for trains, in any bit of shade and shelter they could find. Some survivors have lost everything; literally their identity has gone. How do you prove who you are when every document, licence, passport, bank record or statement has gone up in flames? The vegetation (gum trees) will survive. They are designed to grow back

quickly from the roots, but houses and all other buildings are heaps of 'Hiroshima' type proportions.

So don't be daft by saying "This winter is colder, global warming's a myth". Looking at the wider picture the world over, it's truly deadly, and predictions are not good. The irony is, the world has enough water; it's just in the wrong places. Even in Australia there are floods a few thousand miles away. Oh for the will to turn weapons into water pipes!

On a brighter note, the outpouring of money and sympathy and practical help is amazing. They'll survive and bounce back; there are still smiles and fun, and they still have a 'life has to go on' attitude, but the hurt and suffering have shocked 'em down under.... and me too.

A.S.W.



Eunice

I was hiding in the Aysgarth Surgery part of the Doctors' rotas last month.

Last month's winner was sharp eyed **Miss Hilary Forrest of Sycamore Hall.**

Where am I now?

Use it or lose it!

The Mercury Concert in Hawes was cancelled with only 29 tickets having been sold. Many more **may** have turned up on the night, but promoters just can't take that chance. If you want live bands and other events to come up the dale, then buy the tickets ahead. If you don't, they'll just stop coming!

Competition

Numbers and letters. We have been asked for some of these again.

1. 3 F in A (U, M,L)
2. 1 P in W B (2 in W W!)
3. 20 P C = O F
4. 18 = V A in G B
5. N 30= S A D
6. 8 = E K H
7. 12 s in a D
8. 3 B M
9. 24 B B in a P
10. 17 M- H to L
11. 100 D C = B P of W
12. 550 in R N = DL
13. 4 = C R of S F
14. 30 D H S A J A N
15. 26 M in a M (approx)
16. 8 L on a S
17. 4 F on a H
18. 4 L in T S

Last month's answers

1. BLEA MOOR
2. GEARSTONES
3. TEN END
4. WIDDALE
5. GREAT KNOUTBERRY
6. CHAPEL LE DALE
7. RIBBLEHEAD
8. SELSIDE
9. INGLETON FALLS
10. DENT
11. WHERNSIDE
12. OUGHTERSHAW

There were no entries for last month's competition. Was it too hard? Let's have lots of entries to this month's (much easier!) competition.

Spring surprise

Askrigg Village Hall committee is raising money in March for redecorating and general maintenance. Our event is a concert taking place in Askrigg village hall

on **Sat 21st March at 7.30pm.** Taking part we have: compère Howard St Quinton; Barbara Roodcroft and Young Voices; Diana Hartley; Howard and Jim; Dulcie Lewis; Eleanor Scarr; Karen and Elaine with James Yeadon.

The cost will be £8 and children £4 which includes entertainment and supper and tickets will be available later in February from **Kath Alderson 650599 or Eleanor Scarr 650216**

Correction

In the last issue we stated that West Burton Chapel raised £249 for Action for Children over the Christmas period. In fact the generous folk of West Burton sent **£646.31!** Well done, a magnificent contribution.

Taize Service

A second service of meditation with Taize style worship will be held in Hawes Methodist Church on Monday March 16th at 6.30pm. Taize is an ecumenical community in France and its own style of worship and music finds a place from time to time in many churches.

Help the needy in Africa

To support Bob and Rosalind Arnold and their work in the Bungokok Rural Development Centre in Uganda, St Bartholomew's Church is holding a Soup and Sweet lunch in West Witton Village Hall on **Saturday 14th March** from **noon to 2.00pm**. The charge is £3 per person and all are welcome.

Sycamore Hall Table Top Sale

A Table Top Sale will be held at Sycamore Hall on **Saturday March 14th** from **10.00am to 2.00pm** in aid of Sycamore Hall funds.

Admission will be 50p for adults and 20p for children. Refreshments will be available. Table will cost £2 and to book one contact Lisa on **663006**.

Everyone is welcome.

That's the way to do it!

In *The Punch and Judy Show: a subversive symbol from Commedia Dell'Arte to the Present Day*, Bertie Pearce introduces us to Mr Punch, the most famous puppet character of all time. His anarchic vitality gave *Punch* magazine its title and has inspired opera, ballet and punk rock. He first appeared in England in 1662 and is descended from the Italian clown Pulcinella of the 15th century Commedia Dell'Arte.

Bertie Pearce is a member of the Inner Magic Circle, and a Professor of Punch and Judy who inherited his fascination with conjuring from his maternal grandfather. He has performed all over the world and has toured extensively as a speaker, sharing his passion for illusion, Victorian pastimes and Punch and Judy.

Bertie will be speaking at the Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society lecture on Tuesday 10 March at Middleham Key Centre at 2.00pm. Visitors are welcome and membership information and further details are available from Elaine Frances tel. **624203**.

Mr Punch continues to this day to use his slapstick to challenge oppressive authority, whether from politicians, political correctness or the devil, while proclaiming his notorious refrain, 'That's the way to do it!'



Barn Dance - great fun!

The Wensleydale Walking Group barn dance on Valentine's Day was a great success. Music and calling was by the Roosters who were excellent and about 90 people had a really fun evening. The evening was set to be a success with the first dance – almost everyone got up with great grins all around. There were several very confusing moments – particularly later on in the evening – but this added to the general hilarity!

Many thanks are due to lots of people who made it such a success. Reg at the Chippy very generously provided the mushy peas, the pies from Cocketts were excellent and thanks also to Sam at the sweet shop – the heart chocs were lovely. The pies were warmed up at the Fountain – they very generously used their big ovens. Les did a great job sorting out the market hall and the balloons from Mick at Rhodes Pet and Garden Supplies made the hall look very festive.

Stuart and Mavis ran the raffle and overall we made £370 – and this will be doubled by Barclays Bank! The money will go to the school – we'll let you know next month what they plan to spend it on.

Finally Alastair did a great job with the tickets and of course the bulk of the organising was done by Anne – fantastic!

Penny Blanch

HAWES SCHOOL NEWS

Breast Cancer Fundraiser!

On the 13th of February we had a fundraiser to raise money for breast cancer. It was a non-uniform day and we all had to bring in 50p for the cause. Because it was for breast cancer, we all had to try to wear an item of pink clothing. It was very successful and we raised £35.55. I for one had a fun time, and we hope our donation will help a lot.

Gina Thomas

Farewell Miss Pickard!

On the 13th February we gave a sad farewell to Miss Pickard, we all appreciate the time that she's spent with us. To say thank-you for having her, she gave the school a big wicker box full with lots of fabulous books. For a reward for her putting up with us, we gave Miss Pickard a big box of chocolates with a card from class 3. We will miss spending the time with Miss Pickard, but we hope all the best for the future.

Katie Bown

Hawes School Book Fair

From the 9th until the 12th of February, at Hawes School, a great book fair was going on. Altogether we had a great number of young readers to come and buy the books, raising £193 worth of books for the school. The school are sure to spend the money wisely on great books for children of the school.

Bonnie Glendinning

Sponsored Book Read

We held a sponsored Book Read in School organised by Usborne Books. The children were sponsored to read or listen to stories and were rewarded with new books they had chosen. The school also benefited and have chosen books to the value of £380. Thank you so much.

Tesco Computer Tokens

We are avidly collecting the Tesco Computer tokens to try to get another visualiser

so that every classroom has one. We need approximately 19000 tokens to get one and we would be **REALLY** grateful if you could collect them for us. Please hand them to anyone who goes to Hawes School or drop them off at the school office. Many, many thanks.

Keeping alive the tradition of knitting!

The Wensleydale knitters of old were quite famous for their knitting skills. Sadly children today do not have the opportunity to learn in a very crowded curriculum which includes many new subjects eg Computer skills, Modern Foreign Languages, Personal, Health, Social, Emotional & Citizen Education. We would really appreciate a volunteer/s who would give 30 minutes per week teaching the children how to knit during lunchtimes, 12.30pm -1.00pm. It seems a shame that this skill should be lost to the younger generations. If you are interested in teaching the children this important skill, **please**, please contact the school tel **667308**

Level 2 Maths and Literacy Training

We will be running some numeracy and literacy accredited training in school in the near future. If you didn't get an A to C, GCSE in Maths and/or English, this is an opportunity to achieve a level 2 with support. This level of qualification is one that the government is aiming for everyone to achieve. Further information will follow as soon as dates are confirmed.

The North Yorkshire LINK

The North Yorkshire LINK is the Local Involvement Network for North Yorkshire.

The North Yorkshire LINK will give all residents across the County an opportunity to influence local health and social care services.

The LINK is made up of individuals and community groups who work together to improve local health and social care services. The job of the LINK is to find out what people like and dislike about local services, and to work with the people who plan and run them to make them better. The LINK does have powers that will help it do its job and make sure that changes happen.

In North Yorkshire the LINK will operate in each of the seven County Districts all of which will be represented on a County Management Board.

The first Annual General Meeting of the North Yorkshire LINK will be held on March 25th at the Galtres Centre in Easingwold. At this meeting the County Management Board will be elected and members of the District communities will get together to begin planning how they will operate. Do telephone the LINK office on 01904 621631 if you would like to find out more.

The more people who get involved with the North Yorkshire LINK the stronger and more influential it will be.

You can find out more about the work of the North Yorkshire LINK by meeting representatives from the North Yorkshire LINK Interim Steering Group at the Hawes Eng-Age event on **24th March 2009 between 10.00 and 1.00pm** at The Fountain Hotel, Market Place, Hawes.

Come and join us

The Newsletter AGM will be held at Sycamore Hall on **Monday 16th March at 8.00pm**. This is an open meeting so please come along and hear what we've been up to in the last year.

Pie and Pea Supper and Quiz

Parents of Dalesplay are having a pie and pea supper and Quiz night at The Crown in Hawes on Friday 6th March from 6.00pm to 9.00pm. £4 for adults and £3 for children to include Quiz.

Tickets are available from Dalesplay or any POD member listed on the posters dotted around Hawes

Sharon Guy

Table Top sale - Hawes School

There will be a table top sale in Hawes market Hall Sunday 15th March 10-4 proceeds to Hawes Community Primary School, Tables £9 and £6, for further information or to book a table call Sharon on 667642, This year we are holding 9 Table tops; if you would like to raise funds for your Charity or Club by providing refreshments at any of these sales please contact me and I will give you a list of available dates.

Sharon Guy

The Business Association (Wensleydale) Ltd...

...are holding their AGM on Wednesday March 11th at Gayle Institute, Gayle at 11.30am. All Association members are welcome to come along on March 11th. Or if you are in business in Upper Wensleydale, why not come along and find out what we do to help business in the area?

It has been a very active year for the Association. We have supported local projects through funding raised by the annual charity ball last October.

£526 was donated to Yorkshire Air Ambulance and £150 went towards a community projector project run by UWCP Ltd. Donations of £50 went to Askrigg VC Primary School and Hawes Christmas Lights. £150 each was given to Blue Box Productions, Hawes Amateur Operatic Society, The Midsummer Bash Group, and Carperby Sports Association. Last year's ball was a sell out (and this year's is already booked for October 31st).

Refreshments will be available after the AGM, so please call **667575** by March 9th to help us cater for numbers.

For further information call the Chairman on **650980**. **R.B.**

Best foot forward



rest—a bit of challenge!

As spring beckons true walkers will be getting itchy feet. Here's a tramp that covers some well-walked paths; as for the rest—a bit of challenge!

Start at Oughtershaw (the writer's wife says she'd rather be sent to prison than live here!) and walk along the damp lane to Beckermonds. It is such a shame that no permissive path has ever been found for this stretch of the Dalesway.

Cross the beck at Beckermonds and climb up the path, just about visible for a mile due south to the wall-stile at the top. You might have been here before. But have you turned right (west), to follow the fell-top for two and half miles to the 'trig' point (599m)? By now it is on limestone and a lovely walk. I was once approaching this top, walking into a strong wind, and came incredibly near—almost within touching distance—to two hovering kestrels who couldn't hear or see me!

Go on to Cosh Knott Well and follow the wall down to the forestry. Enter it. There is space to walk (or wobble) down to the access road and ideally I'd like you to cross it and carry on NW but this is very uninviting. So turn left for a third of a mile to meet the track coming from Horton and turn right on it. The forest here is more open with plenty of bird - and flower - spotting possibilities. After another third of a mile (401 on the OS map) take the left hand forest road until you meet the right of way footpath which is on its way due west from Cow Pasture to Ling Gill.

As is normal with paths through forestry it's messy! Tall grass, branches and roots, a bit lost in places, but lonely and pleasant. When out of the woods follow the wall

round SW to join the Pennine Way near Ling Gill. You'll have to refer to a guide book to read the now-worn-down inscription on the bridge. Ling Gill itself is a really deep nature reserve and well worth the flower enthusiasts peering over the fence for a while. By the bridge is a great place for your lunch. (Actually it has always been chucking it down when I've been—so don't ask me to go with you.)

You will be ready for something more straightforward now, so proceed along the Pennine Way for a mile to Cam End and a good view now to Ribbleshead, Wharfedale and Chapel le Dale. Although the Cam High (Roman) Road has a traffic order on it, it is still somewhat eroded, but improving.

For the mile forward round about here, looking to the right, Alfred Wainwright got on to one of his hobby horses about exactly where the watershed is. If you intend to play pooh-sticks, your stick could end up in the Irish Sea via Cam Beck, or in the North Sea via Oughtershaw Beck. Isn't that trivial!

At the signpost follow the Dalesway. It is downhill all the way to Cam Houses, Swarthgill and Nethergill on paths a bit marshy until Swarthgill; but it is better going this way than the usual opposite direction of Dalesway-ers. The walk is about 14 or fifteen miles. The only reason I write in miles instead of kilometres is because planning in 'ks' I never know how tired I will feel.

A.S.W.

New lease of life for Dales barns

An experimental project that could eventually help to bring disused barns back to life in the Yorkshire Dales has been given the go-ahead by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA).

Members of the Authority's Planning Committee have approved the temporary

use of a free-standing ‘eco-pod’ inside an isolated barn on the Bolton Abbey estate near Skipton.

For the next year, it will be occupied occasionally by experts from Bath-based architects Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios (FCBS) who will be testing its viability as a place to stay or work.

If it is successful, it could mark the beginning of a new era for some of the thousands of dilapidated barns in the National Park, according to Gary Smith, the YDNPA’s Head of Conservation and Policy.

“Barns are one of the National Park’s special qualities and, with around 2,000 now in ‘poor’ or ‘very bad’ condition, it is becoming imperative that we find ways of stopping them from deteriorating any further,” he said.

“To that end, the YDNPA, working together with FCBS, has secured funding from Yorkshire Forward for a feasibility study to assess the economic viability of using ‘pods’ to restore and then maintain other traditional barns. The project has the long-term potential to provide very significant economic and environmental benefits within the Dales by conserving and bringing back into use buildings that might be difficult or impossible to rejuvenate by ‘traditional’ conversion methods.”

The Authority’s conservation experts and FCBS staff will monitor the condition and impact of the temporary ‘pod’ and find out just how practical it is as a place to stay or work.

Peter Watson, the YDNPA’s Head of Planning, said: “The beauty of installing a free-standing pod is that it has no material impact on the internal fabric of the barn, and could – at any time – be removed to leave the barn exactly as it was.

“Apart from making the outside of the building weatherproof – which is vitally important to its conservation – there are no material alterations to the external appearance. That means there is no detrimental impact on the surrounding, sensitive landscape.”



Mystery picture. Last month's was on the Askrigg - Harddraw road near to Stone House and is a water supply and reservoir for the Fire Brigade. This was correctly identified by Betty Moore of Simonstone who added that it was built around war time to supply water for the fire engines for Sedbusk, Stone House and Mile House.

Water Feature near Mile House

The following additional information was supplied by Mason Scarr who submitted last month's mystery picture.

Mary Scarr's (Bainbridge) father the late Frank Johnson was the District Surveyor for the then Aysgarth Rural District Council, his first appointment after qualifying in 1930. During the build up to what was to be known as The Second World War one of his responsibilities was to ensure an adequate and easily accessible supply of water for the Fire Brigade. This was in a time when most towns and villages were on their own "private" supply which could be suspect in dry weather. Rivers and streams were o.k. if there was plenty of water and access was suitable .

The site of this reservoir is ideal, next to the road with a constant supply of water which has never been known to dry up

(John Fawcett, Mile House) It measures, in old money, 9ft 6in wide by 22ft 6in long and 4ft 6in deep (2.8*6.8*1.3 mts.) with an extension at the front 6ft by 3ft (1.8*0.9mts). It is constructed in cast concrete, with the walls 1ft thick . The walls of the main tank have holes left in the thickness of them to take ten 6in by 4in posts two of which are still in place) so a wire fence could be put round. The volume of the reservoir has been worked out as approximately 6000gallons (27000 litres.)

The extension at the front is not as deep as the main chamber (recalled by John Fawcett again when a lot of gravel was removed by a J.C.B. several years ago) The 4ft. gap between main and front chambers is fitted with grooves so that a mesh screen could be fitted to act as a stone trap.

Mason Scarr

New chance to learn in the Dales

Young people wanting to learn more about the Yorkshire Dales National Park and the work of its Dales Volunteers are being given the chance to get hands-on experience.

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) has teamed up with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE), the Cumbria Youth Alliance and the educational arm of the John Muir Trust – a UK charity dedicated to the protection of wild land for both nature and people – to provide practical, outdoor sessions for teenagers.

Rae Lonsdale, the YDNPA's Volunteers Co-ordinator, said: "We have been working with DofE in the region for several years, providing residential opportunities for people taking the Gold Award – but these accommodate only 15 young people for one week in the year.

"A very few local Gold Award participants have undertaken what was the 'Service' section of their DofE programme with our Dales Volunteers and we now want to respond to changes within the Award that will enable younger participants to get outside and do some practical volunteering themselves, rather than just learning about 'service' second hand."

The changes mean that, within the National Park, groups of young people doing the new 'Volunteering' section of their Silver or Bronze Award will carry out a series of practical tasks in subjects like path maintenance or woodland management. Back at home, they will learn more about what makes the Dales such a special place, national parks in general, conservation and Scottish-born John Muir, who campaigned to set up the world's first national park.

The YDNPA has just become a provider

for the John Muir Award – so, from now on, young people working towards their DofE Award will also be able to obtain the introductory 'Discovery' level of the John Muir Award.

"Although we are beginning the John Muir Award with DofE groups in the main, we hope eventually to be able to offer this opportunity to other groups of people of all ages," Rae said.

"We are really pleased to be working with Cumbria Youth Alliance, which runs the John Muir Award in this area. The programme will offer groups of young people who live within about 30 miles of the park boundary opportunities to discover, explore, conserve and share their experience of wild places."

Rae Lonsdale 01756 751630

The Potentate's Library

One potentate had the eccentric idea of collecting manuscripts and bound books, scrolls and palimpsests, and had a building erected to house his collection, which increased year by year until it reached 10,000 volumes. Covered in the finest vellum, some volumes contained the latest discoveries of mankind; other parchments were so ancient as to be very valuable indeed, and so delicate and precious that they had to be kept wrapped in cloth to protect them from the light and the dust. This powerful personage walked the corridors of his private library, stopped to open a volume and smell the papyrus, read a few lines and put it back; walked on to the next shelf and selected a heavy great tome, took it to one of the inclined ledges he had ordered to be placed at various intervals for his comfort and ease, and laid it down, opened it and admired the illuminated borders, read a few lines and moved on. Sometimes a line reminded him of something he had read elsewhere, and he went in search of this other tome, reflecting as he did so on how a system of reference, indexes and cross-reference should be introduced to make it easy for him to find what he wanted.

As the years passed, he continued to collect, and to pluck a little here and a little there of all the literary beauty and wisdom of his collection, which swelled to 15,000 volumes. Gradually, the wisdom he read started to have an effect on him, and he began to realise how foolish and selfish it was for one man to possess all those books, all that knowledge at his finger-tips, and barely have the time to read it all. How could he give to each line of each book more than a passing glance: he had 14,999 more! – each one of them full of choice lines of literature and philosophy, of legends and historical events, of religion and ancient languages...

So the thought came to him that, on his death, the library should be left to his people, for their use. He was by then very old, and could afford to relent his covetousness. This enlightened idea filtered down into his most humane depths, and gradually altered into an even more liberal stance. He decided to let his people have access to his treasures before he died: he retreated to his own chambers and made the library open to all. All he kept for himself was one book, *The Book of Prophets*, in order to read it well, not only a few lines and not only once. Some lines were so good that they could bear further reading, and reflection upon their meaning; he should study them and refine his soul. Thus, after giving his people his 14,999 books, he became known as the potentate who had a library of one book!

Victoria Pike

Victoria is a member of the Wensleydale Writers Group. See page 10 for details.



Heavens above

After such a long cold winter it's nice to know the official first day of Spring - the Vernal Equinox - is only a few weeks away. This year the Equinox falls on March 20th and after that for the next 6 months the hours of daylight will exceed those of darkness. In the night sky the seasons are on the turn too. Now's your very last chance to catch the bright winter star groups as by mid-March they're fast sinking into the West and won't return until late in the Autumn.

Replacing them in the evening southern sky are the less conspicuous springtime constellations of Virgo (The Virgin), Leo (The Lion), and Boötes (The Herdsman). Leo is the most prominent of the three and quite easy to pick out with a sickle-shaped pattern of stars - like a backward facing '?' mark - forming the beast's head and shoulders, and a triangle of stars further eastwards making up his hindquarters.

As an added bonus the ringed planet, Saturn, ties amongst the stars of Leo this year. It's by far the brightest object in this part of the sky and is visible for most of the night. Unfortunately its rings are almost edge on at the moment so their full beauty is lost to us. Binoculars might just show you Comet Lulin which tracks between Leo and the southern part of the constellation of Gemini during March. Don't expect to see very much of a tail, however.

Venus has put on a magnificent show this Winter and it's still a brilliant object in the western evening sky during the first half of the month. After that it rapidly becomes harder to see as it heads back towards the Sun and will be lost to view by the last week of March. On the 28th of March the International Year of Astronomy's **Spring MoonWatch** week begins. It's one of the

best times of the year to view the moon as it's at its highest in the sky and the idea is to encourage as many people as possible to go out and view our nearest celestial neighbour. So if by some miracle those clouds stay away why not have a go yourself? For more details and tips on observing the moon visit www.popastro.com/moonwatch. Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

The Real James Herriot

Discover the life-story of writer James Herriot, through the Bellerby Study Group . The much-loved vet and author put the Yorkshire Dales and moors he loved on the map and, through the films and TV series made from his books, created 'Herriot Country'. His son, Jim Wight, will talk about his book *The Real James Herriot* on Wednesday 4 March. There will also be a charity raffle of this and another Herriot related book. The cost for visitors and guests to this meeting is £4 including light refreshments.

Meetings are held in the Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bellerby at 7.30pm. Fees are £10 per term, visitors and guests can attend for £2.00 each per meeting (except for 4 March which is £4)

Contact Lesley Irvine on **622216** for further information.

Lesley Irvine

Churches Together - Lent Events

There will be Lent lunches at the Methodist Chapel at 12 noon in Hawes on 4th March, 11th March, 18th March and 25th March. We shall start with soup and end with a short meditation. Everybody will be welcome – church-goers and non-church-goers.

On 6th April at Sycamore Hall there will be a Stations of the Cross presentation. Coffee and tea will be served at 6pm and the presentation will start at 6.30pm. Again everyone will be most welcome to come.

Penny Blanch

Do you have any paying guests?

If so fire safety law applies to YOU, and you must take action.

If you provide paying overnight accommodation, even for a few occasions a year (B & Bs hotels, farmhouses, pubs, self catering cottages, flats, bunkhouses, caravans etc) you must carry out a risk assessment, keep a record of it, and update it in case the Fire Service pay you a visit.

If you are already inspected by the AA or Visit Britain, you will have received a booklet. You can download it free from www.communities.gov.uk/firesafety a booklet and form to help complete for this record.

You need to follow five steps

1. What is a fire hazard on your premises?
2. Who is at risk?
3. What is your plan to keep people safe?
4. Record, plan and train.
5. Maintain your fire risk assessment.

The law changed in 2006 and the government believes you are the best person to take action. COMMON SENSE IS RELEVANT!

What happens if you do not carry out an assessment? You are breaking the law, and the fire service could pay you a visit!

Do you need fire alarms, fire fighting equipment, an evacuation plan and signs? All premises are different, so what may be considered good enough in one premise, may not be good enough in another.

Refer to these websites for help

Visit Britain www.visitbritain.com/quality
Bed & Breakfast Association
www.bandbassociation.org

English Association of self catering Operators www.englishselfcatering.co.uk
British Innkeeping Institution www.bii.org

It's better to be safe than sorry.

Kate Empsall

Faith, Hope and Love

You are warmly invited to join us in sharing this year's **York Course**, a Lent programme with refreshments for everyone in Penn Hill benefice from 7.30pm to 9.00pm in West Witton Village Hall. Speakers include Bishop Tom Wright, Anne Atkins, Abbot Christopher Jamison and Frances Young (via the CD!).

3 rd March	Faith into Love
17 th March	The Greatest of These
31 st March	All shall be well

Further details and course booklets are available from Graham Dear (623960) and John Webster (622491) or as you attend. Please, come for as many of these Tuesday evenings as you are able.

How fit are you?

Do you hibernate in winter, and munch away your days and wait for summer?

This area of the upper dale has the answer to your prayers. Don't look outside and see it is miserable and cold. Go and do something about it, and meet some new friends over a coffee, after riding an exercise bike, or thrashing away on a treadmill, relaxing at yoga, line dancing, circuit training, or aerobics. There is something for everyone of every age.

If you have high blood pressure, exercise can help. If you have had an injury, exercise can help- just check first with your doctor.

Recently over thirty members and directors gathered at the Yorebridge Sports & Fitness Centre, in Askrigg to hear about the latest developments, and the way forward.

The chair, Yvonne Peacock, was delighted that so many members had attended. She explained there were benefits for the organisation which was now a charity, as well as a non-profit making company (a business limited by guarantee)

In planning for the future the directors had arrived at five possible ways forward. One which no one wanted to do, was to close. The centre has recruited over 70 members paying monthly fees, as well as exercise classes, hiring of rooms, hiring of the multi games area outside, and involved in training students.

The building has a gym and exercise room, two teaching rooms and now three showers, with toilets, a kitchen and sitting area. The centre is manned for 5 1/2 days a week.

By 2010 directors were concerned about

balancing the budget. The centre has recently been granted a £7,500 grant from Richmondshire District Council, which will help the viability of the well used centre. The current manager Lesley Williams is leaving for a promotion, which involves working for Hambleton and Richmondshire District Councils. This was an opportunity to re-think the administration of the business.

Members put forward a number of ideas which the directors will discuss further, which included:

- an increase of opening hours from 8am to 8pm over seven days a week, in order to encourage more members;
- recruiting about 30-40 more members to sustain the centre; payment by standing orders to reduce administration and bank costs;
- emailing updates to members to save costs;
- a wider use of free publicity;
- more use of volunteers for manning the centre;
- encouraging local doctors to prescribe exercise instead of drugs, as recently suggested by Alan Johnston, Minister of Health.
- suggested that a men's only exercise class should be started, as some men found themselves in a minority in mixed classes, and often dropped out.
- more use of the soft play equipment for the under 5s
- include weekend courses, and introducing Pilates.
- the main annual money raising events of the Spring barbecue and party on the pitch in July need more helpers.
- younger people need encouragement to join and links with Wensleydale School should be pursued, as such links could involve training which in turn could lead to qualifications.

- more tennis, football and hockey groups could hire the MUGA.

The positive meeting finished with a presentation of a painting to the manager Lesley Williams. The chairman thanked her for her efficient work and pleasant manner with the public over the last 2 1/2 years, and wished her well in her new appointment as Active for Life Officer, for the Richmondshire & Hambleton District Councils. We will still see her around giving help and advice!

Kate Empsall
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BAINBRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

Drums at the Dome

Friday at Bainbridge School seems to have been renamed Funday! First off we had a morning packed with fun courtesy of Drums Agogo. The Foundation Stage set things going with a warm-up session where they learned some basic beats. Key Stage One then took up the running with some advanced rhythms. Key Stage Two then had their turn where they learnt a selection of traditional African drumming patterns. Finally after lunch we all came together for a drumming extravaganza that had them dancing in the streets outside.



As if all that wasn't enough the following Friday we took off to the stars with a visit from Star Dome. This was a huge inflatable silver dome tent, which filled the entire hall! Entry to this place of mystery was down the dark tunnel of discovery. At the end of this we found ourselves transported to the centre of the universe where we learnt the stories behind the constellations and how they were formed. We tracked the Great Bear through the seasons and discovered how to find the pole star so we can navigate our way over the seas in the dark. This has really added to our understanding of this term's theme of space.

Future fun days at Bainbridge include a

visit to Linton-On-Ouse RAF base, days out at Low Mill activity centre, our own four day residential and many other exciting events yet to be finalised. Fridays truly are Funday!

David Moore

SPRING SURPRISE

A GATHERING OF LOCAL TALENT

**SATURDAY 21st MARCH
IN
ASKRIGG VILLAGE HALL
At 7.30p.m.**

**Compere: Howard St Quinton
Barbara Roocroft and Young Voices
Diana Hartley
Howard and Jim
Dulcie Lewis
Eleanor Scarr
Karen, Elaine and James Yeadon**

RAFFLE SUPPER

£8 and £4 children

**Entrance by ticket only available
from
Kath Alderson 650599
Eleanor Scarr 650216
Askrigg Village Shop**

“Restoration” Restored!

Comedian Griff Rhys Jones returned to Gayle Mill in the Yorkshire Dales last week (11 February) to film an update programme for the BBC “Restoration” series which ran between 2003 and 2006.

On a bright and clear day, still with snow on the ground, Griff discovered what had been happening to the Mill since he last saw it during filming in 2004, when it came third in the national final. He was shown round by Tony Routh, one of the directors of Gayle Mill Trust and the last person to be apprenticed at the Mill in the 1960s.

Familiar to millions from such recent TV programmes as “Mountain” and “Three Men In More Than One Boat”, Griff was in fine form, enthusing passionately about everything he saw – from the complete reconstruction of the mill race to the restoration of all the Victorian engineering and woodworking machinery back to full working order. He was particularly fascinated by how the Mill has stuck to its principles of sustainability and continues to use the natural resources not only of water to run the machinery and create electricity, but also of waste wood to fuel the central heating biomass boiler.

Gayle Mill volunteers and Friends turned out in force to welcome the entertainer and in the afternoon he was presented with an inscribed wooden platter, turned from spalted beech by Gayle Mill Trust (GMT) chairman William Lambert. Griff was so impressed by the quality of workmanship that he could not help buying several other products made at the Mill, including a garden trug, bird feeders and a sycamore chopping board.

Mill Manager Paul Bisson remarked: “Much of the success of the project is

down to our volunteers who give so freely of their time and skills. We were very pleased that some of the filming included shots of them working, finishing off a variety of the wooden products we sell, and we hope to attract more people to volunteer to be part of the Mill’s future.”

GMT Vice-Chairman Mike Thomson said: “We’re proud that, with the help of volunteers and the local community, Gayle Mill is one of the few “Restoration” projects to have been completed – or almost completed. We are currently getting the crane and rack saw bench back to working order and we hope the programme will help bring visitors in to see this final phase of the Mill’s reconstruction.”

Part of the filming included interviews with Ian Bruce from the North of England Civic Trust, and David Butterworth, Chief Executive of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, who commented: “The restoration of Gayle Mill is one of the great success stories in the Yorkshire Dales. It combines the cultural and historical identity of the Dales with a forward-looking approach to conservation and sustainability in this magnificent landscape. We hope that, as a result of this update programme, many people will be inspired to come to the Dales for the first time or to renew their acquaintance with it once more

It is not yet known when the programme will be broadcast, but it is thought that it might be in the next few months.

We're still looking for someone to contribute gardening articles. Please contact the Newsletter if you can help.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who came to the Pie and Pea Night on Friday 13th February in Hawes. We had a great evening and raised over £1000 for The Wensleydale School's visit to The Amala Children's Home in India. We are going to teach at the school in July and the money we raise helps us to get there and buy supplies for the home; thank you.

The Wensleydale School's Amala Team



A National Obsession?

Picture the scene; it's Sunday morning, the sun is shining, the frost is melting and on suburban streets up and down the nation men fill up buckets of water. The beginnings of a new health craze? Possibly, but more likely explanations include the neighbours' newly gleaming car sitting on the driveway and the copious amounts of mud adorning our own 'pride and joy'. They may not realise it now, but these overzealous neighbours have started something of a chain reaction; so what really makes Britain reach for its garden hosepipe?

Of course some of us wash our cars because they're dirty, because of the corrosive powers of mud and salt or the need to see one's registration plate. However I doubt these en masse displays of expensive power washers are so straightforward. With a need to 'keep up with the Joneses' the Great British psyche thrives on outdoing its neighbours; we strive to have the best, biggest and shiniest car, the tidiest garden or the latest consumer gadget. Our thirst to make a good impression often drives us to desperate measures.

An urban myth? I don't think so; thankfully The Dales have evaded the extremes of this particular British compulsion, but that's not to say we don't value the cleanliness of our cars. As part of The Wensleydale School's fundraising efforts for this year's visit to the Amala Children's Home we installed ourselves, along with a hired power washer, at the garage in Hawes. The response was great and customers adamantly declared *their* cars to be the muddiest yet. Accompanied with expressions of pride and embarrassment these people both confirmed yet reassuringly bucked something of a national obsession.

Richard Ellison, Bursary Student

act FAST

Stroke can happen to anyone at any time, regardless of their age. Although more common in those aged over 65, stroke has been known to affect children and even babies. Similar to how a heart attack is caused by the restriction of blood flow to the heart, stroke is caused by the restriction of blood flow to the brain, usually because of a blockage or burst blood vessel. Once it attacks, the stroke spreads through the brain, rapidly damaging brain cells as it is starved of vital oxygen and nutrient supplies.

Because of the way a stroke spreads through the brain, the quicker treatment can be received the better the chances are of survival. 'Act FAST', explains a simple test that can be carried out to identify whether someone has experienced a stroke

Facial weakness – can the person smile? Has their mouth or eye drooped?

Arm weakness – can the person raise both arms?

Speech problems – can the person speak clearly and understand what you say?

Time to call 999 – if the person shows any one of these signs, call an ambulance.

Around 2,000 people living in North Yorkshire and York experience a stroke each year. It is also estimated that around 5,000 people are living with moderate to severe disabilities as a direct result of stroke.

Doctors' rotas as supplied by the surgery

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Wed	F	F	F	F	W	W	J	J	FA	A	
Thur	J	J	A	A	F	F	F	F	WJ	W	
Fri	A	A	F	F	W	W	J	J	J	J	
Doctors: A - Arblaster, F - France, J - Jones, W - West, C - Closed Morning Surgery: 9.00 - 10.30 a.m. (no appointments) Afternoon Surgery: 4.00 - 5.30 p.m. (appointment only) <i>For appointments and all enquiries ring 663222</i>											

HAWES SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning											
Wb	Mar 2nd		9		16		23		30		
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Doctors: A - Arblaster, F - France, J - Jones, W - West, C - Closed Morning S'y: 8.45-10.15 Tues till 10.45 (no appointments) Afternoon S'y: 5.00-6.00 Tues 1.00-4.00 (appointments only) <i>For appointments and all enquiries ring 667200</i>											

THE UPPER DALES HEALTH WATCH

This is the Consultative Group for the Central Dales GP Practice and this is a Synopsis of meeting held on 16th February 2009 when the following topics were discussed:

The proposal to broaden the remit of the Group into the Upper Dales Health Watch (UDHW) was agreed and the final draft has been sent to all member Parish Councils for adoption.

Pharmacy White Paper: Clive West was thanked for all his hard work to preserve the status quo. Patients had responded to the possible threat by writing to the Department of Health in support of maintaining both surgeries and all staff. It was hoped that if a pharmaceutical needs assessment was ever applied for within the Practice area that the PCT would support the wishes of local people.

The Quality and Outcomes Framework for 2008 again bucked the national trend and recorded satisfaction scores well above the national average. The Group congratulated everyone working for the Practice for this excellent result. Comments about unhappiness with the Out of Hours

Service were not within the remit of the Practice to resolve. The continuation of open surgeries was strongly supported and the Group accepted that evening and weekend surgeries would not be cost effective. A revamped web site would soon facilitate on line ordering of repeat prescriptions.

Referrals to Hospitals had to be agreed collectively by all GPs in the Practice. So far all referrals had been agreed. It was explained this rule did not apply to emergencies.

North Yorkshire LINK. It was agreed that the Group should seek representation on the sub group that was going to be set up for Richmondshire. The information about the AGM had been circulated to all Parish Councils in the Group.

Jane Ritchie
Hon Secretary

Police report

Top of the criminals agenda is still the quad bike. The “hotspots” are Coverdale and Bishopdale , but any quad anywhere is a potential target. SO PLEASE SECURE YOURS EVEN IF YOU LEAVE IT FOR JUST A FEW MINUTES – PLEASE TAKE THE KEYS WITH YOU. The lengths that the team(s) which are currently very active in these thefts will go to are many and varied, and will include burglary and cutting chains securing the bikes – so the chain needs to be a security hardened type – not just any piece of chain. These criminals are not even deterred by arrests or the court process.

Alcohol fuelled anti-social behaviour is becoming a bit of a problem within the dales. Over the last couple of weeks various pieces of damage have been caused throughout the Leyburn section (which includes Upper Wensleydale) at or around pub closing time. This will not be tolerated. If you are out in the street whilst drunk and think it’s great to be shouting at the top of your voice (particularly late at night) then you are behaving in a disorderly manner – not everyone finds it as funny as you do. Remember it’s a long walk home from Northallerton Police Station.

A new trend that has appeared within the last month is the theft of wheels from Mitsubishi 4x4 vehicles . Two separate vehicles were attacked on the same night in Finghall and Preston-under-Scar. A week or so later one was stolen from Swinithwaite, taken to the top of Kidstones in Bishopdale where the wheels were removed and the vehicle set alight. Entry was by punching an object through the door skin near the lock to activate the central locking. Then they use the jack and tools from the car to remove the wheels. The economics are such that at £500 a corner for replacement wheels/tyres there

appears a good second hand market for these products . It may be no coincidence that the Mitsubishi Pajero is one of the more popular 4x4 imports!

Remember if you see anything suspicious PLEASE let us know about it IMMEDIATELY, (0845 60 60 247 non-emergency or 999 if crime in progress) because if you give the criminals a half hour head start then they (and their booty whether it be a quad or whatever) might be safely back in their lock-ups 30 –40 miles away by the time we get that information.

Finally a message from PCSO Mandy Hoss:

Working with Richmond Safety Community Partnership, we are hoping to attend coffee mornings or Luncheon Clubs to promote a safety event. All partners, including the Fire Brigade, Dale and Vale, and Youth Council, would be present. Advice would be available on all safety and home security. We can attend and do a full event, or stay in the background with stalls. If you are aware of an occasion when we would be welcome , please contact PCSO 4246 Mandy Hoss at Leyburn Station (on the number below), to arrange.

**Andy Foster PC826
Leyburn Safer Neighbourhood Team
Safer Neighbourhood Police Officer for
Upper Wensleydale
0845 60 60 247 ext 4570**

Andrew.Foster@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Carperby Playing Fields Association - Folk Concert

Carperby Playing Fields Association, in partnership with Carperby Rovers and the Parish Council, have been involved in a major fund raising exercise to provide a new sports' pavilion on the village playing fields. A series of events including a highly successful Charity Auction held in November and a rousing Burns' Night in January have helped to boost funds significantly.

The next event is a concert at Carperby Village Institute on Friday March 13th, featuring **Phil Beer**. Phil is a dazzling instrumentalist and vocalist; his reputation as a multi-instrumental wizard has gained him international status for over two decades. Currently playing with award winning duo, Show of Hands, Phil was recently nominated as Folk Musician of the Year at the Radio 2 Folk Awards. If you would like to attend the concert and support the Pavilion Fund please contact **663808** for tickets or further information.

Steve Sheldon



Letters and emails

Re the Great Poached Egg Debate.

I've found the following method successful. Prepare for each egg a generous piece of cling film. It is important to ensure that the cling film is larger than appears to be necessary. About a foot square is right. Spread the cling film on a flat surface. Lightly oil (olive oil is good) the cling film. Put the cling film into a good sized cup or mug so that it forms a pouch with the ends of the film protruding well above the rim of the cup/mug. Break the egg into the pouch and in the oiled surface. Remove the cling film so that it lifts out of the cup/mug in such a way that it is possible to twist it securely so as to form a sealed pouch. Place the pouch into an already boiling pan of water. Hooking the twisted cling film over the rim of the pan will ensure that there is no water ingress to the pouch. The advantages of this method are that one can see the development of the egg and any number of eggs can be poached, depending on the size of the pan.

Ian Dixon

So poaching an egg is not as easy as it seems and there are at least two ways of doing it. Any more suggestions? Which of the methods suggested gives the best results? Send us your views.

How far do they go?

We know that the Newsletters get sent to some distant or interesting places. Our questions for you this month are

Where is the furthest that the Newsletter gets to?

What is the most unusual or interesting place that it gets to?

We won't count the Editor if he says that he took one to Australia!

Walk with a Ranger

You can join Matt Neale, National Park Area Ranger for Upper Wensleydale, on a guided walk on Tuesday, 24 March, starting at 10.00 am from the layby, 200m west of Cotterdale Village (Grid SD 831 937). This fairly strenuous, 10 mile walk, will give you a chance to explore the area without having to worry about the map and compass bit, or why not learn how to use a map and compass on one of the 'Pathfinder' training days at Hawes National Park Centre this summer. Telephone **666210** for further details and to book your place on the walk.

MARKET PLACE AND GREETINGS

FOR SALE
Black, Upright "Steinback" Piano.
Immaculate condition
Cost £2800 a few years ago
£1,000 - No Offers
Phone the Vicarage, Hawes on **667553**

Dinsdale
Allen and Mabel
Congratulations and Best Wishes on your
Golden wedding anniversary
7th March 2009
Lots of love from all your family
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

John Blackie
15th March
60 is the new 40
Have a great day
From all at work

Happy 60th Birthday
Grandad Col
26th March
Lots of love from
Laura, Emma, Jack,
Megan, Matt & Ted xxxxxx

Jackie Teasdale
1st March
Fabulous & 50
Happy Birthday
From all the family

Maisy
Happy Birthday Teenager
Have an ace day
lots of love & laughs
from
Mam, John, Heidi & William
X♥XX

LICENSING ACT 2003
NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION TO VARY
PREMISES LICENCE

SYKES COUNTRY STORE & TEAROOM
MAIN STREET, ASKRIGG, LEYBURN,
NORTH YORKSHIRE, DL8 3HT

LISA & KEITH WRIGHT

The existing licensable activity permitted at the premises is the sale and supply of alcohol between the hours of 08:00hrs and 23:00hrs, Monday to Saturday inclusive and 10:00hrs and 22:30hrs on Sunday.

A variation is sought to supply alcohol to customers on the premises, in the tearoom, with a meal, Monday to Sunday, between the hours of 10.00hrs & 18.30hrs.

Any representations about this application, which may be inspected at the following address, must be made by 28 March 2009

And sent to :

Environment Services
Licensing Section
Richmondshire District Council
Swale House, Frenchgate
Richmond
North Yorkshire
DL10 4JE

IT IS AN OFFENCE KNOWINGLY OR RECKLESSLY TO MAKE A FALSE STATEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH AN APPLICATION AND THE MAXIMUM FEE FOR WHICH A PERSON IS LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION FOR THE OFFENCE IS £5,000

Mrs D Hulley, Cornerstones
Would like to thank family, neighbours and friends for their kindness and help during her recent illness.

Raymond Allen
Would like to thank everyone for
Cards and good Wishes
After his stay in hospital

Maisy
Have a good one Sis
All our love
Edie, Wilf & Ella
XXX

Music at Leyburn Cinema



The brilliant, innovative harping of **Maire Ni Chathasaigh** (Irish Traditional Musician of the Year 2001) and the astonishing virtuosity and versatility of English guitar wizard **Chris Newman** come to Leyburn with their addictive and stylish cocktail of powerhouse Irish dance music, gorgeous airs, evocative old songs and striking new compositions - with shots of hot jazz and bluegrass thrown in! Friday 27th March at 7.30pm.

On Friday 3rd April at 7.30 **Abbagirls**, the original and first Abba tribute duo who have performed to great acclaim all over the world perform.

Tickets for both events are £10 in advance (£12.50 on the door); under 16s £6 in advance (£8.50 on the door) and are available from Leyburn TIC **01748 828747**

1st Hawes Brownies

The Brownies have thoroughly enjoyed working on the Healthy Heart Badge, making up healthy eating menus and monitoring their heart rate with exercise games. All Brownies gained the badge. After half term we will be cooking pancakes and working on the Cooks Badge

Linda Reynolds

**What's on at the Dales
Countryside Museum, Hawes
March 2009**

The first rally of the season is organised by
Adrien Stevenson and Dave Scarr **650537**
Emma Thwaite

SPECIAL EVENT

On the weekend of the **14th and 15th March** Friends of the museum are planning to commemorate the last passenger train out of Hawes in 1959

There will be an exhibition and display of railway memorabilia and on the Saturday we will be hosting a tea dance with refreshments

Look out for posters around town for more detail...

Friday 20th at 7.30

As part of the Friends of the museum lecture programme Andrew Lowe will talk about "Inside a Lakeland Farmhouse"

April 3rd – June 18th

We will be hosting an exhibition by Ruth Lee. "Let No Loop Down" will feature contemporary textiles and knitting inspired by the museum collections. The artist will be giving talks and holding workshops on various dates.

Contact the museum on 666210
hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk

Bainbridge & District Motor Club

The quiz was again a very successful evening with 10 teams taking part, the overall winners were Dave Scarr's team with Bob Foster coming a close second, well done! Also a big thank you to Ian Betteridge for organising the event.

Below are the dates for the upcoming rallies:

15th April,
20th May,
17th June,
15th July,
19th August,
16th September

**on reaching 50 or being over 60
and heading towards 70!**

1. No one expects you to run--anywhere.
2. People call at 9 pm and ask, did I wake you?
3. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
4. You can eat supper at 4 pm.
5. You can live without sex but not your glasses.
6. You get into heated arguments about pension plans.
7. You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
8. You stop trying to hold your stomach in no matter who walks into the room.
9. You sing along with elevator music.
10. Your eyes won't get much worse.
11. Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.
12. Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
18. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.
19. You can't remember who sent you this list.
20. Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.

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

March

- 3 Hawes Drama Group reads "Wife begins at 40" by Ray Cooney. Gayle Institute 7.30pm
- 3 York Course. 7.30 to 9.00pm at West Witton Village Hall. See Page 21
- 4 Coffee Morning at Redmire. See P. 40
- 4 Lent Lunch in Hawes See page 20
- 4 The Real James Herriot. See page 20
- 6 World Day of Prayer. Annual service in the upper dale this year is in the Hawes Methodist Church at 2.30pm. The speaker is Dr Margaret Parry.
- 6 Lent Lunch at Redmire Village Hall noon to 1.30pm
- 6 Dalesplay supper and quiz. See P. 12
- 6 Wensleydale Society meets at West Burton Village hall at 7.30pm. "Fred Lawson, Artist of all Seasons"
- 6 Race Night for Gala funds. See page 3
- 10 YDNPA planning committee. Bainbridge at 10.30am
- 10 Decorative and Fine Arts Society. See Page 6
- 10 Upper Wensleydale Darts League four man darts and presentation night. Fountain Hawes at 8.00pm.
- 11 Lent Lunch in Hawes See page 20
- 11 Business Association AGM. See P. 13
- 12 Wensleydale Country Market. Leyburn Methodist Hall 10.00 to 11.30am
- 13 Lent Lunch at Carperby Institute noon to 1.30pm
- 13 Folk Music Night at Carperby Village Hall with Phil Beer See page 31
- 13 Old Time Dance Club. West Burton Village Hall from 8.00pm
- 14 Charity Clay Shoot at Fossdale See page 40
- 14 Soup and Sweet CMS appeal at West Witton Village Hall. See page 5
- 14 Table Top Sale at Sycamore Hall. See page 5
- 15 Table Top Sale for Hawes School at the Market House See page 12
- 16 Taize Service at Hawes Methodist Church at 6.30pm. See page 5
- 16 Newsletter AGM See page 12
- 17 Marie Curie coffee morning. See P. 40
- 17 York Course. 7.30 to 9.00pm at West Witton Village Hall. See Page 21
- 18 Blood Donors at the Market House, Hawes. Afternoon and Evening
- 18 Lent Lunch in Hawes. See page 20
- 19 Aysgarth Township Annual Parish Meeting. See page 39
- 20 Museum Friends "Inside a Lakeland Farmhouse" 7.30pm. See page 36
- 20 Lent Lunch at West Burton Village Hall noon to 1.30pm
- 21 Spring Surprise at Askrigg Village Hall. See page 25
- 21 Easter Domino Drive for Hall funds in Redmire Village Hall 7.00pm. Tickets on door. Adults £3; children £1.50.
- 21 Rebel Yell at Fountain. See page 3
- 22 Mothering Sunday
- 22 Mothers' Day Lunch. 12.30pm at Thoraby Village Hall. Advance bookings only call Brian on 663565 / 07866 01063 or Jane on 663407
- 24 Eng-AGE Day in Hawes. See page 10
- 24 Walk with a Ranger. See page 33
- 25 Lent Lunch in Hawes See page 20
- 25 Family History Society. See page 12
- 26 Gayle Ladies Devotional evening with slides. 7.30pm
- 27 Lent Lunch at Aysgarth Institute noon to 1.30pm
- 27 Concert at Leyburn Cinema. See page 35
- 31 YDNPA full authority meeting at Bainbridge at 10.30am
- 31 Coffee Morning and stalls. Hawes Methodist Rooms 10.00am to noon. Proceeds for "Crisis", the charity for the homeless.
- 31 York Course. 7.30 to 9.00pm at West Witton Village Hall. See Page 21

April

- 1 Wensleydale Railway services resume
- 3 Lent Lunch at Thoraby Village Hall noon to 1.30pm
- 3 Abbagirls at Leyburn Cinema. See page 35
- 6 Stations of the Cross at Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge. See page 20

A message from Pip Land

After 15 years it feels odd not being able to serve the Dales community as a community reporter. As you have probably heard the D&S Times accountants decided the newspaper could no longer afford my services. I am so grateful and honoured for the chance to have worked so closely with so many of you.

I have certainly not retired! I will be working two days a week with the Leyburn based PR agency, Aloud. This will make it possible for the agency to offer a quick and efficient news release service for local organisations and businesses at a very competitive rate. For details contact Matt Rowlands at 0845 8733270 or 07746 232684, or at office@aloud.com.co.uk.

In addition I am busy as a volunteer planning heritage projects for the Penhill benefice group of churches. We will be holding a heritage weekend at St Andrew's at Aysgarth on July 11 and 12 which will include walks, graveyard tours and an exhibition plus activities for children. If you have any ideas for such projects do let us know by contacting me at 01969 663362 or by email via penhill.benefice@tiscali.co.uk.

You can also visit my website: www.pipspatch.co.uk, where you will find there is also a local council reports section. I have been contracted to edit the reports of three local councils ready for sending to the D&S Times. Those reports will then be posted on my website. If any other councils want to have their reports included on that webpage do let me know.

Pip Land

Aysgarth Township Annual Parish Meeting

Aysgarth Institute, March 19th at 7.30pm.
This is an OPEN MEETING. Any queries regarding this call Susan Markie on **663811**

CHARITY CLAY SHOOT
At Fossdale
Saturday 14 March
Starts at 12.30pm
£10 per person
Refreshments and Food available
In aid of the Air Ambulance
All welcome

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