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Heavens Above

Twilight really takes a firm hold in May and by the end of the month it doesn't get properly dark until well after 10 o'clock. Even so there's still plenty of scope for a spot of star gazing on a clear, moonless night. One of the best stars to 'come out' in the late spring sky is orange Arcturus, the brightest star in the sky-shaped constellation of Bootes, the Herdsman. You'll find it high in the south about two-thirds of the way up the sky. Nearby to its east is the little semi-circle of stars forming the Northern Crown.

High in the south east is the constellation of Hercules, the strong man. His torso is outlined by four stars nicknamed the Keystone. The rest of him is quite hard to pick out especially as he appears upside down from our part of the world. Not too far away— almost overhead— is another distinct group of four stars making up the head of Draco, the Dragon. The rest of the creature's body snakes across the sky in the direction of our old friend the Plough

Over in the low east the three brilliant stars forming the Summer Triangle— Vega, Deneb and Altair— are prominent against the hazy background of the Milky Way. The trio will really come into their own later in the year, lording it over the southern sky right through the summer and beyond.

Planet spotters this month will find Saturn standing just below the main body of Leo the Lion, now well over in the south western evening sky. By the end of the month the ringed planet will be hard to observe beyond midnight, so catch it while you can. The solar system's largest planet, Jupiter can be glimpsed low in the south east before dawn and May also sees the return of Venus to the morning sky; a brilliant but tricky object, as even at the end of the month it only rises about 90 minutes before the Sun. On May 21st late night revellers (or virtuous early risers)

might just catch an attractive conjunction between Venus, the waning crescent Moon and a rather dim Mars, all low in the east around 4.15am British Summer Time.

Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

Bainbridge and District Motor Club.

15 cars set off for the first outdoor rally of the season. 13 cars completed the course. There were three cars which went in the completely wrong direction, resulting in two of them retiring early! – But well done for giving it a go.

The starting point was at the play park at West Witton where a task was to be undertaken. Well done to Dave Teasdale and Tom Fawcett whose rocket flew the furthest.

The rally went from West Witton over to Coverdale through Carlton to Kettlewell, worked its way past Malham Cove and over the moors back towards Buckden before heading through Thorlby.

Marker boards were to be spotted and recorded on the way round. A golfing task was also carried out once teams had finished the course. It was a very enjoyable night; thank you to David Scarr and Adrian for organising it.

The next rally which is the 12 Village Rally is on **Wednesday May 20th** and will be organised by David Teasdale and Tom Fawcett (**650545**) **Emma Thwaite**

Land Appeal

The National Park Authority was inundated with replies following an appeal for land on which to build affordable housing. More than 100 suggestions for sites were received and members of the Authority's Housing Working Group are now looking through them. The Group will consider the planning merits and constraints associated with each site and decide which are the most suitable so that they can be shortlisted for consultation.

In the meantime, details of the process and plans of all the sites that have been suggested have been published on the Authority's website and printed copies will be made available at its Bainbridge and Grassington offices. Parish councils and other consultees will be notified of the list and will be able to make comments if they wish.

Anyone who would like to make any initial planning comments about the suitability of these sites for development is asked to write to Peter Stockton by **May 8th at YDNPA Yoredale, Bainbridge, Leyburn, DL8 3EL, or email peter.stockton@yorkshiredales.org.uk**.

Friends of Bolton Castle

Local people have shown support by attending the launch meeting of the new group, The Friends of Bolton Castle. As a result work has already begun, with two of the rose/lavender beds in the Castle gardens looking much better having been weeded and dug over. Two more sessions will have been held when you read this.

Interest has been shown in becoming a tour guide, so we plan to provide some training on **Saturday May 2nd**. This will take place after the first formal meeting to elect a chair, treasurer and secretary at 11.00am that morning.

Fortunately an architect has joined the

Friends, so we hope to establish where the priorities may be to help with any future repairs or restoration projects. Other volunteers have registered an interest in research, also traditional crafts and skills which we plan to co-ordinate with other existing groups with an aim to take on some ambitious projects such as restoring/reproducing parts of the building, tools, and equipment, costumes, tapestries and wall hangings.

Other ideas include holding some fund raising events so we'll keep you posted with progress. If you would like to find out more information about the Friends of Bolton Castle the email address is:

friendsofboltoncastle@yahoo.co.uk

**Sue Stokes, Founder member -
Friends of Bolton Castle**

Editorial

If you go into the old-fashioned grocer's shop (a Co-op, we think) at the Beamish Museum, they will serve you. They will bag your sugar in firm blue bags and weigh out carefully all you need; and of course it takes AGES while you wait. Three cheers then for 'self-service'. Or is it? Certainly for food shops, supermarkets and clothes shops we like to be able to help ourselves and to browse. Self-service cash machines are great too (or do they make it too easy to get money to spend?). We like to be in control and to 'do it ourselves' but are we reaching the limit?

Isn't it a pleasure sometimes to be served? All the best and smartest restaurants and cafes wouldn't expect you to serve yourself, and we can't think of any pubs where you help yourself to a pint! The contact with other real people seems to be declining as we are left to our own devices. We fix up our own newly-bought equipment (until we can't make it work), make endless phone calls to recorded voices, press numerous options and then are directed to 'do it ourselves on the web' (which is still impossible for many). What joy there is when a real person who understands our needs actually answers. This of course saves the companies and utilities a good deal of money in staffing. It doesn't do a lot for the mental state of the rest of us!

How nice then to be served, with a smile. The trouble is, service is costly. It isn't easy to be always affable or polite; those who work with people rather than things can have a hard time! It is a matter of giving something of ourselves.

Now, it looks as though it will be a better year for tourism and visitors (the main 'industry' for our area) and the experiences that people have here will encourage – or put off- others to come. Obviously, those in the 'service sector' carry the greatest responsibility but we can

all 'chip in', helping people, giving directions, suggesting things to do and welcoming them. We've a lovely dale; let's make sure it's filled with lovely locals!

There is a flip side though. We trust that the visitors will respect our area, give way or move over in their cars when it's clear the workers are on the move and gratefully acknowledge the service that they receive. Politeness and courtesy, a bit of 'selfless-service' on both sides, can make us all feel that bit better.



Eunice

I was hiding in Stone House last month.
Stuart Iveson from Hawes found me—
where am I this month?

New Face for National Park Authority

The National Park has a new member in
the shape of 37-year-old Adam Barker

Mr Barker was appointed by the Minister
for the Natural and Marine Environment,
Wildlife and Rural Affairs, for a four-year
term to replace retiring Member Deborah
Millward.

A native of Swaledale, he is continuing
the link with the National Park started by
his father Lawrence, who was a Yorkshire
Dales National Park warden in the
Seventies and was well-known for his
knowledge of the history of lead mining in
the northern dales.

Mr Barker is a lecturer in Spatial
Planning at the University of Manchester.
His primary area of research expertise
concentrates on the relationship between
landscape function and socio-economic
well-being and he is supervising a number
of PhD researchers working on the impacts
of environmental change.

“Cricket on the Hearth” Appalachian Dance Side Saturday May 9th from 2.00pm Three Horseshoes, Wensley

There may be an impromptu music session
in the evening of Friday May 8th.
Telephone **622327** for all details

**Next issue
will be produced on May 27th
and 28th and will be distributed
between May 28th and June 1st
DEADLINE FOR COPY:
THURSDAY MAY 21st**

Competition

You never know what the weather will be like in the Dales. Here is a possible list!

1. The monarch sounds to be doing it!
2. Ford got runs
3. Found in bathrooms
4. Greeting!
5. Ripped fuss?
6. Twist
7. Found in roast or mince
8. U.W. village?
9. Didn't hit
10. Swings and roundabouts etc.
11. Get a move on, Abel's brother!
12. We've a hat. (You might need it!)

April's answers

1. Song thrush
 2. Swift
 3. Peewit (Wee pit)
 4. Merlin
 5. Rook
 6. Swallow
 7. Bunting
 8. Hobby
 9. Nightjar
 10. Wheatear
 11. Kite
 12. Nightingale
 13. Jay
 14. Cross bill
 15. Heron
- The winner of the £10 prize was **John Stirling, Askrigg.**

Hawes Cricket Club

This year's AGM was held at the Fountain in Hawes; it was a good meeting and a lot was discussed.

Kevin Hatfield has been elected as the new chairman taking over from Andy Pratt; we would like to thank Andy for all he has done in the past for the club.

This year we will have to undertake a lot of maintenance including repairs to the pavilion. To help pay for all this we are hoping to hold a fund-raising event down on the cricket field. Details will follow at a later date.

Fixtures for May. All games start at 2.00pm. Sundays:

10	Dales	Home
17	Thorp Perrow	Away
24	Kendal Inter Cavaliers	Home

31 Rathmell and Wigglesworth Home

Louise Raw, Secretary

Prayers for Pentecost – an Invitation to You

Churches together are organising a series of five evening meetings to discuss the Lord's Prayer. The evenings will be led by people from different churches in the area. The evening will start at 7.30pm and there will be refreshments served afterwards.

Everybody is very welcome to come – church-goers and non-church goers alike. Churches together includes Catholics, Anglicans, Methodists and Quakers so we are a very mixed bunch! If you would like to learn more about prayer or would like to discuss prayer among a group of friendly people then do come! The meetings will be held **from April 29th** for five weeks – it is not necessary to come to all the meetings, just come to the ones you can. **On April 29th, and May 13th and 27th** the meetings will be at the Quaker meeting room in Bainbridge. **On May 6th and 20th** they will be held in the Methodist Church in Hawes – in the room at the back of the building. **Penny Blanch, Secretary**

The Yorkshire Dalesman

That is the name for the new (or reinstated) Sunday bus service from West Yorkshire to Hawes via Wharfedale. The popular route was stopped a couple of years ago but through efforts by the Yorkshire Dales Society and the Dales Transport User Group, and with help from local authorities and the YDNPA it is now fully operational. Seniors travel free; so do up to two accompanied children and there's a special £5.00 ticket for students and young people.

Swaledale Festival Events within the Newsletter Area.

May 27th Wed. Guided walk. **10.00am**
Meet at Stalling Busk
'Double reed magic'; oboe and cor anglais recital. Stalling Busk, **5.00pm**
Preludes and Interludes; St Andrew's Aysgarth. **8.00pm**

May 28th Thu. Art Workshop;
Bainbridge Meeting House. **10.30am**
Poetry reading with special guest Ann Pilling. Simonstone Hall. **4.00pm**
Spanish Fantasy; Classical guitar quartet. St Oswald's Askrigg. **8.00pm**

May 31st Sun. The Heath String Quartet; St Oswald's Askrigg. **4.00pm**

June 4th Thu. Master of the Keyboard (Piano); St Andrew's Aysgarth. **8.00pm**

Full details are in the booklet available at information centres. Box office for bookings: 01748 880019 or see: www.swaledale-festival.org.uk

What's On at the Dales Countryside Museum

Throughout May, "Let No Loop Down" by Ruth Lee features contemporary textiles and knitting inspired by the museum collections. She will be running adult workshops creating knitting and textile work between 11am and 3.30pm on the 16th May. Booking essential.

May

- 2 Pathfinder - an introduction. 1.30 - 4.30pm. Learn fundamental techniques of map-reading. Theory and practise included so bring walking gear - maps provided.
- 5 Between 2.00 and 4.00pm meet Friends of the Museum spinning and rugmaking in the museum reception.
- 10 Digital Cameras for Beginners. 10.30am - 4.00pm. Learn how to use your camera and download onto computer. Booking essential. £12.
- 12 Traditional Dry Stone Walling Demon-

stration between 2.00 and 4.00pm

- 15 Friends of the Museum will be dressed up in the Victorian kitchen to demonstrate wash day in the farmhouse, 1.00 - 4.00pm
- 15 Friends of the museum will be welcoming Tony Keats to give them a lecture entitled "Stone Extraction in Wensleydale". It will start at 7.30pm and will include some rarely seen colour slides of underground flagstone quarries. All welcome
- 27 Discover and Do. Children's craft afternoon between 2 and 4pm. Booking essential £3
- 31 Weaving Demonstration 11.00am - 4.00pm. Weaving using a four or eight shaft loom to make table runners from linen

June

- 2 Between 2.00 and 4.00pm meet Friends of the Museum spinning and rugmaking in the museum reception
- 3 Batwatch - Guided Walk and Talk. Meet at the DCM. 8.30pm to 11.00pm. A talk followed by a walk at dusk looking for bats near local buildings. Admission £3. Booking advised.

Contact the museum for more details of events or to book on **666210** hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk www.yorkshiredales.org.uk

**The Inaugural John Rettie
Memorial Lecture
For the Middleham and Dales Local
History Group**
Cartimandua, Queen of the Brigantes –
Nicki Howarth

**Tuesday 5th May 2.00pm
Middleham Key Centre**

John Rettie, a renowned international journalist, humanitarian and dalesman, was chairman of the group until his death in January 2009. In the first annual lecture to be given in his memory, author Nicki Howarth will talk about Cartimandua, leader of the Brigantian tribe, whose capital was at Stanwick only 20 miles from Middleham. Like her contemporary Boudicca, she was a woman leader in a man's world who strove to protect her people from Roman invaders and the effects of internal discord.

Annual membership of the group is £10 and visitors are welcome to attend individual meetings for a fee of £2. For further information, please contact:

Tony Keates 640436

**Lent Lunches
Mid-dale**

Margaret and Evelyn would like to thank those who made soup, those who brought bread and cheese, and the helpers from the 6 villages who organised the lunches. Over £1,000.00 has been sent to Christian Aid.
Evelyn Abraham.

Community bat surveys

As part of our commitment to furthering knowledge, conservation and enjoyment of bats, North Yorkshire Bat Group is to begin a project to encourage local people to help survey bats in their local area. This summer the project will be started in the adjoining villages of Redmire and Castle Bolton. Volunteers are needed to help make the project a success.

This May a meeting will be arranged in the area to explain what the project involves and to provide initial training to participants. North Yorkshire Bat Group will loan volunteers equipment to carry out the survey, including bat detectors and maps. Information about bat roosts already known in the area will also be provided. Over the summer months participants will organize themselves to go out on suitable nights to watch and listen for bats, using their new knowledge to track bats back to their roosts. Whilst everyone will be encouraged to try to identify the bats they see, this will not be essential as it can be done at a later stage, once roost locations are known.

The project is part of the Group's commitment to the Local Biodiversity Action Plan process, where actions are taken to help conserve threatened wildlife. North Yorkshire Bat Group has been active in recent years developing Action Plans with other local groups.

Anyone interested in becoming involved with the project or wishing to add their village to a list of those taking the project further should contact **John Drewett, 623065; johndrewett@btinternet.com**.

We can't be too careful!

The short piece entitled 'Did you know' in the April Newsletter included: If you were to spell out the numbers starting from 1 you would have to get to one thousand before

you find the letter A.

Well, quite rightly, in our opinion, we agree with Brenda and John Stirling who have emailed to say that the statement must have been written by an American! "We say, for 101, 'a hundred And one' "



Mystery picture.

Last month's was of Stone House, Sedbusk. The Newsletter had hardly cooled from the press when Ruth Annison rang with the answer!

Dales Massed Brass Band

**Sunday, 10th May, 7.30 pm
St Andrews Church, Aysgarth**

Players from Leyburn, Hawes, Reeth, and Muker Brass Bands give an amazing one off evening of both traditional and modern brass band music, with everything from marches to 'Pirates of the Caribbean'. Featuring Stan Roocroft, George Lundberg, and Duncan Bythell as guest conductors.

Tickets available on the door or preferably reserved by phone: **James Yeadon: 663 505**, £5.00 adults, £2.00 for under 22s, (including refreshments), Car parking available at the Falls Car Park,

concession of £1.

Proceeds to go to both The Wensleydale school trip to the Indian Orphanage, 'Amala', and to buy musical instruments for the pupils in India.

West Burton May Fair

Monday May 25th

1.00 to 5.00pm

Maypole and Morris Dancing

Circus Artist

Falconry

Dog running

Chapel Singalong.

All the usual stalls, teas and hotdogs.

All the proceeds this year are for the West Burton School Building Project

Hawes Community Responders– One Year On

Hawes First Responder Group has now been operational for just over a year and in that time has answered fifteen emergency calls in our local area.

Our group consists of 14 volunteers from the local community who operate on a rota scheme and are available and 'on call' at weekends, and on mid-week nights. They respond to emergency calls through the 999 system in conjunction with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service and provide immediate care to patients in Hawes and the surrounding villages. An emergency ambulance is always dispatched to any incident attended by the responders.

Responders are trained to deliver Basic Life Support and Defibrillation to patients in cardiac arrest, and also administer oxygen to appropriate patients. Emergency responders are sent to unconscious patients as well as to those with chest pains or breathing difficulties.

We would like to thank all those individuals and organisations that have contributed to our funds over the year. Their support has been greatly appreciated. Monies have been used to purchase a fluorescent jacket for each responder, training defibrillators and manikins.

We are now looking for another five volunteers to become first responders. If you are interested or would like more information please contact either:

**Gordon Sleightholm 667348
or Darren Smith 667433**

Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society

THE LINDISFARNE GOSPELS

The exquisite Lindisfarne Gospels are thought to be the work of Eadfrith who produced them, single-handedly in c700. In the *Lindisfarne Gospels*, Imogen Corrigan discusses Eadfrith's extraordinary artistic ability and the reasons why the Gospels were created. The book is much more than a copy of the sacred text and a thing of beauty, but was made for distinctly political reasons which were closely connected with the results of the Synod of Whitby and the struggle for survival of the once powerful Christian community at Lindisfarne.

Imogen Corrigan is a free-lance lecturer in Anglo-Saxon and Medieval history and will speak at the Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society on **Tuesday May 12th at 2.00pm** in Middleham Key Centre. Non-members are welcome and membership and further information are available from the Membership Secretary, tel. **624203**.

Wensleydale Methodist Circuit Trip

Saturday June 20th

You are invited to join this trip to Wetherby and Harrogate. In Wetherby we will be able to enjoy "Floral Celebrations" the theme this year for Wetherby Flower Club's 40th Flower Festival in St James Church. Also, it is the 20th year for Wetherby's Flower in Bloom and the 50th year for the umbrella organisation the National Association of Flower Arranging Societies, so we will also be able to enjoy the many floral baskets and troughs around the town.

There is also every chance that June 20th will coincide with the town's Scarecrow Trail. After leaving Wetherby we will go

on to Harrogate where there is always lots to do. Please join in and reserve your seat ASAP to avoid disappointment.

Telephone **Eunice Page 663158** or email:

eunicepage@googlemail.com

Wedding Dresses, Christening Gowns and Flower Display

Askrigg Church, **May 23rd to 25th, 10.00am to 5.00pm**, Refreshments daily
Further details: **650596**

for Christian Aid); a Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy on **Tuesday May 12th 10.00am to 12 noon** at Hawes Methodist Rooms and House to House collections during the week. For more details contact - **Linda Butters Tel. 667662.**

Renewal of Vows

On **Sunday 24th May at 3.00 pm** at St Oswald's Church, Askrigg, there will be a renewal of Baptism & Marriage Vows - An invitation to anyone wishing to renew their baptism or marriage vows, particularly those who were married or baptised at St Oswald's. A tea will be available after the service. Please contact the parish office on **650800** if you wish to take part.

Christian Aid Week Sunday May 10th to Saturday May 16th

This is just a reminder that Christian Aid week will come around again in a few weeks' time. It is our opportunity, as a community, to raise as much as we can for the world's poorest people. As each year passes the need for our help becomes more vital and we really can make a difference.

Here is a heart warming story from the Democratic Republic of Congo. "Nadia says she would rather starve than not do the things she loves. Since the death of her father, the family has struggled to earn enough to survive. But for Nadia, survival is not enough. She longs for a life fully lived - and a 12 month sewing course run by a Christian Aid partner has allowed her to hope that might be possible one day. 'I'd like to open my own sewing shop' she says." Christian Aid Week collectors raise an average of £33.50 each - this could provide three young women in the DRC with enough fabric to complete a 12 month tailoring training course.

In the Hawes area we have a United Service at Hawes Methodist Church on **Sunday May 10th at 10.30pm**, (collection

Keep Fit– Keep Recycling

Your computer cartridges and old mobile phones have again earned money for Yorebridge Sport and Fitness to the tune of £33.55- Well done! Keep dropping in your cartridges (NOT Epson or recycled ones) and mobile phones to either the Library in Hawes, or the West end of Yorebridge.

Kate Empsall

Hawes Junction Chapel

We are delighted that planning permission has been granted; this will provide for a small utility room and a toilet with disabled access. The work will begin shortly and we have planned an opening weekend for August 1st and 2nd. We would like to take this opportunity to thank sincerely all who have supported the many events over the last few years. In this special year we are asking anyone with an interest in the chapel to buy one of the stones in our new extension.

We will then compile a book containing all the names, as a historic record of this milestone in the chapel's history. The stone could be bought in your name or in memory of a loved one. We are conscious that many have already given generously, so a donation of your choice will be appreciated. If you would like your name associated with a stone please contact **David Bracken, The Firs, Garsdale, Sedbergh. LA10 5PG**

Duke in Hawes

The excitement last Friday morning was hardly overwhelming; the coincidental white- and yellow-lining of the town was more in evidence!

However, with security crazily over-the-top (so that very few people were actually allowed to attend), the Duke (of Gloucester) as Patron of the North Civic Trust satisfactorily turned the crane handle to unveil a plaque to officially open Gayle Mill.

His tour continued to the Creamery, Ropeworks and Museum where he showed particular interest in the Victorian kitchen, heard of the special qualities of the National Park and learnt of the work being done for the conservation of red squirrels.

The day after, Gayle Mill held a very pleasant Spring Fair but only fully open to visitors on one of the tours. **A.S.W.**



The Duke (rt) with curator Fiona Rosher and Steve Macare, YDNPA)

Peregrines Are Back

Peregrine falcons have returned to Malham Cove and 'Falcon Watch' is again on until the end of August; 10.30am to 4.30pm.

Museum Friends Evening

A correction to the May events at the Museum: Tony Keates will stand in for Bill Mitchell for the Friends talk on **May 15th**, as he is unable to attend. He will be talking about Stone Extraction in Wensleydale which will be illustrated with a Powerpoint presentation and also by 35mm colour slides of the underground flagstone quarries - sights which many people will not have seen for real and probably never will!

Tony Keates

Raydale Project

As anticipated April has finally seen some activity on the ground for the Raydale Project. Those who regularly use the track between Marsett and Stalling Busk will know that in January last year flooding took away the fine cobbling beside the ford over Raydale Beck. Well now it is back again, Mick Lambert and Peter Wearmouth have done an excellent job gathering up the cobbling stones and re-laying them, this time in concrete. Over time vegetation will colonise the crevices, softening the outline and blending back into the landscape. We are very grateful to the National Park for funding the majority of this work. Carnegie UK Trust provided the top up money and the steering group have organised the process, with help from local farmers.

By the time you read this article work will have started on the much bigger section of river restoration beside Cragdale Water. We plan to include pictures of the

whole process for the next issue of the Newsletter, editor and rainfall permitting.

Deborah Millward, Project Leader

(See picture opposite)

The Characters of Hawes: Revenge!

Well it's cum to summat wen ye can't gan en hev a bite en sup we-ot foak eavesdrop-pin en lisenen te aw ye say. Wan ye're gittin on a bit ye needs a bit of a chat an to tell ye frens abuet aw yer aches en pains.

Wi can gan on a bit like; we'll hev to curb it cos we can't bi eving tuther iters put off ther bate like. Foak needent moan on en on abuat ther ailments, cos wi aw hev em an it doesn't mak em any better. T'lassses in yon café like er terrible gud, th' naw wer nut as lish as wi used to be.

Lis'ners-in el niver hear ani gud o'thsels. Mind th' might ear summat w'rth lis'nen to.

W're gai pleased ut yon fella's set up wi Haas cos ye couldn't finned a better lil spot. Owiver, h's gai safe, cos we don't hev handbags. Just bumbags wi oer pills in, cos we're training for t'grannies race.



The repaired Raydale track

The Business Association (Wensleydale) Ltd...

It was a case of all change at the AGM on March 11th. After many years of involvement with the Association, Liz Lawson stood down from the Board and from her role as webmaster. Thanks were expressed for the amount of commitment and work Liz has done is guiding the Association, often through some very difficult and trying times. She was presented with a gift voucher and some toys for Jack by Rima Berry, the outgoing chairman.

At the following Board meeting, Colin Bailey was voted in as acting chairman, Rima remains on the Board as company secretary and Sylvia Turner remains as Treasurer. Helen Dalton has taken over the role of webmaster and membership secretary. The role of the Association has become an increasingly important one in keeping our area "on the map" and the Directors are very welcoming of anyone who might like to join with lots of fresh ideas.

Please note this date: last year was a sell out, the ANNUAL MASQUERADE BALL is on **October 31st at Simonstone Hall.**

Askrigg Village Kitchen

There aren't many places in the dale where you can buy a meal early in the morning but the soon-to-open Askrigg Village Kitchen will be one of them. This is a really useful facility: it gives people a chance to pick up something for lunch on the way to work; and it's an opportunity for visitors to collect a picnic before going out for the day; or even to have a take-away breakfast!

The Askrigg Village Kitchen is where, until a couple of months ago, the Rowan Tree used to be. It will very largely be a deli and a bakery rather than a café,

providing take-away meals. However, it is intended to hold special Bistro Party Evenings occasionally and these will be advertised in this newsletter.

The initiative is the brainchild of Joanna Benbow and Thelma Banks, both local people with a heap of catering experience. Joanna ran the Winville Hotel in Askrigg some years ago and was then at Sam's Bistro in Leyburn. Thelma has been catering at a large country house in Scotland. Pretty well all their offerings will be home-made, with ingredients sourced by local suppliers. They stress that they are cooks, not chefs, which might go down very well with a lot of dales folk unimpressed by airy-fairy modern concoctions.

A lot of hard work is going on at the premises, for the opening on Saturday 23rd May. There's an interesting connection with the past here. Thelma's husband, John, is the grandson of William Banks who built the premises and set up a feed mill here, before expanding to a bigger site. Now John's back working on the same premises his granddad built.

With the Holiday Property Bond in Askrigg, there is clearly a demand for this type of food outlet and, now that Cakewalk opposite is essentially a café, the Askrigg Village Kitchen should do very well. So if ever you're up early and feeling a bit peckish, that's the place to go. We wish them well. **N.P.**

Best Foot Forward

There's no denying that this is a great walk in plenty of fairly typical dales scenery, but it has one huge disadvantage! It is almost completely in Lancashire except for one stride into Cumbria (a bit that was once in the old Westmorland). So where are we?

We start at Leck just off the A65 between Ingleton and Kirkby Lonsdale by Cowan Bridge. Leck has a rural school, church and pleasant cottages on a few tightly packed lanes. We are going to go north east along the side of Leck Beck (it's as pleasant as it sounds!), following the footpath nearer the water. Both paths meet again a mile or two from Leck, and the area opens out as we reach the open access.

After another mile of gradual climbing, things get very exciting! We are now well above the beck to our left, and across the valley to the north is Bullpot Farm, now a caving centre (which can be reached if you prefer it, via a very wet bridleway from the foot of Barbondale). We're not going to Bullpot but are about to explore **Ease Gill**.

This is what Leck Beck now calls itself, and a great gill it is. A scramble down steeply to the beck reveals a wonderland of caves, pot holes and waterfalls: Lower Kirk Caves, Ease Gill Kirk, and then for a mile mainly along the right bank, a series of small falls. It has to be said that more often than not there is little water. It all runs underground. I just can't begin to tell you how lovely this walk along the beck is.

After another mile the water's there and we are in gritstone. Where two becks come together is a good place (Long Gill Foot) to leave Lancashire, the valley and the beck which is also the county boundary, and turn due north to climb to the top of Crag Hill. We are now at the National Park boundary which we follow, with a wide open view over Dentdale and across to the Howgill

Fells.

Now for a breezy high level tramp eastwards to Great Coum (and it is but it can't be seen from on top!). Below is the great sweep of the 'Occy', the Occupation Road, as it swings around the head of Deepdale; Whernside's 'backside' is three miles away to the east as we turn south to follow the boundary wall to the County Stone— a great lump by the walls at the meeting of the West Riding, Lancashire and Westmorland.

A long gentle descent of a few miles passes the highest point in modern Lancashire—Gragareth. Boundaries sometimes seem to have no rhyme or reason to them. Here, Lancashire sticks a sharp point north east into the dales. Maybe it's so as to include Leck Fell. It's Lord Lieutenant lives at a remote spot up there!

Our further descent returns to limestone over Ireby Fell and at Stirragap we can take a pleasant field path by Over Hall to the village of Ireby and a lane back to Leck. Give it a try; you'll see almost nobody!

A.S.W.

Skill Share

**Now running at the Community Office
in Hawes: Tuesdays**

2.15 to 3.45pm Very basic computing skills,

4.00 to 5.30pm Basic and slightly less than basic computing skills.

667400 for more details.

On the line: News from the Wensleydale Railway

On **2 May** the historic signal box relocated to Wensleydale from North Wootton, Norfolk and refurbished by volunteers supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund will be formally re-opened at Leeming Bar Station. The first train from Redmire to Leeming Bar departs 11:05.

From **2 to 4 May** inclusive and coinciding with the Dales Food & Drink Festival at Leyburn, **diesel loco-hauled services** will operate. The usual timetable will be varied slightly to include an additional late afternoon train on all three of the Festival days; there is no need to book in advance.

A **Wild Flower Guided Walk** with members of Yoredale Natural History Society will take place on Tuesday **19 May**. Catch the 10:29 train from Leyburn Station to Redmire (buy single ticket) OR meet party at Redmire station at 10.45. Walk is 6 miles through fields and woods to Bolton Hall, Lords Bridge, Wensley and the Old Glebe Field to Leyburn Station, “Arthur’s” teabar and 15.24 train back to Redmire (single ticket). (*Ensure leader knows at start if you need to catch this train*). Bring picnic lunch and drinks or buy from the teabar before you set off. The walk is free with same day WR rail ticket; otherwise £3.00. Booking preferred but not essential.

On **27 May**, join WR's **Herriot Country Excursion** to 'vet' film locations in Wensleydale and Swaledale. Depart on 10:29 train from Leyburn to Redmire with coach onwards, returning Leyburn at 16:03. Booking essential .

Take the 10:29 from Leyburn on **29 May** to Redmire. Walk to **Castle Bolton**, pick up the service bus to Woodhall then walk back via **Aysgarth Falls** to Redmire (6 miles). No charge for walk with same day WR rail ticket; otherwise £3.00. Booking preferred

but not essential

And finally...a new Dalesbus service (831) departs Leyburn Station at 12:55 to Reeth in Swaledale on Sundays and Bank Holidays from **17 May** to 18 October (except 19 July), returning from Reeth at 15:15.

All bookings **08454 50 54 74**, WR Website (timetable info and news of Community Rail week-end June 6/7) www.wensleydalerailway.com

West Burton School News

The Tournament of Song – Speech Classes

At the end of March, West Burton CE Primary School attended The Tournament of Song at the Methodist Chapel in Leyburn, some of our children came 1st, 2nd and 3rd here is what they did.

Libby Horsfield, aged 10 years

Libby's poem was called 'T.V. soap addict' and she actually came 1st! She was the best out of all her group which also won her another prize the Mrs Willan Elocution Award, which was a £20 voucher for W H Smith.

Max Landau, aged 11 years

Max's poem was called 'Recipe' and he came 3rd, Max quoted: "I really enjoyed reciting my poem and I'm building up my confidence".

Katie Taplin, aged 7 years

Katie's poem was called 'Play ground problems' and she came 2nd, this is actually her first tournament saying a poem, so we were very proud of her.

Laura Dent, aged 8 years

Laura's poem was called 'Night Fright' and she came 3rd and it was her first time reciting a poem in front of 100 people, so we were very impressed and proud of her too.

The whole school also entered the singing competition and we sang beautifully, so our parents said. We enjoyed listening to other people's songs and poems.

By Max Landau age 11

Hawes School News

Success at the Wensleydale Tournament of Song

The two school choirs sang a range of award winning pieces at the Wensleydale Tournament of Song . They were awarded The Dales Shield, (for the highest mark in Junior Choral Music) and Richmond Plate, (for the highest mark in Junior Unison song). They were joint winners of both trophies with Wavell School. The adjudicator said that their singing had ‘ a good blend with well varied tones that had appropriate dynamic levels and contrasts. The words were clear to hear and rhythms well watched. Their singing created the right mood appropriate to each piece’. Mrs Woodyer would like to thank Barbara Roorcroft for all the support that she has given to the children in the choir, but most importantly she has helped them to discover a love of singing. **Thank you so much, Barbara.**

Easter Celebrations

The Easter Bunny also made a surprise appearance at Hawes Nursery and gave all the children an Easter egg as they left at the end of the Spring Term. Jake Alderson was the last to receive his egg and seemed quite bemused by the new arrival in the Nursery. The bunny then dashed off to deliver more

The children at Hawes Primary School ended the Spring term with an Easter Service in the Methodist Chapel where many of the children led the service with readings and prayers. Members of the community came to join the school in Chapel. The service ended with the Y4,5 and Y6 children playing ‘Frere Jacques’ on their recorders.

There was a surprise in store when the children returned to school as the Easter Bunny had arrived and had hidden a trail of chocolate eggs, one for every child in the school around the school grounds. Parents

basked in the warm sunshine and had coffee served by the Parents Association whilst the children hunted for the eggs. Delia Dubois and Sam Van-Baston had the difficult task of judging the creative and superbly made Easter Bonnets. Winners were Jenna Drury , Harvey Boddy, James Chapman, Evie Vose, Frankie Nelson, Charlie Boddy, Amy Middleton, Jarvis Johnson, Kory Spink, Nicole Sunter, David Dore, Rachel Lambert, George Alderson, Laura Shaw, Daniel Iveson and Abigail Coates.

Headteacher, Mrs Julie Woodyer said that the children at Hawes School were very lucky to have such an active Parents Association and the whole school is fortunate to be so well supported by the community. She also thanked all the staff for their hard work and dedication to the children over the last term and wished everyone a very happy holiday. Particular thanks must go to Helene Iveson, who organised the Easter Bunny’s appearance

Bags to School

The Parent Teacher Friends Association (PTFA) of Hawes Community Primary School are fund-raising and would like to invite the community to help. Please fill as many black sacks as you can with any unwanted clothing, towels, bedding, curtains etc... The more bags we fill, the more school benefits. Just drop off the bags to the school on **Monday 1st June 2009**. The bags will be collected from the school at 2.00pm. Thank you for your help.

Julie Woodyer

Amala

Thank you to all who helped to raise £500.25 for Amala on Thursday, April 16th at Askrigg.

Low Mill Kayaks

Terry Hailwood the new head of Low Mill Outdoor Centre, in Askrigg is handed a fleet of kayaks by Bette Cannell, Chairman of the Friends of Low Mill.

The launch took place of these kayaks from Yorebridge House Hotel on April 16th watched by friends and young kayak beginners who later paddled down stream with instructors. The centre will be using these kayaks to introduce young people to an exciting water sport. The Yorkshire Dales National Park is involved in the area to add exciting sports to the park.

Hardraw Church

We will be holding a fund-raising event on

Bank Holiday Monday May 25th

There will be Tombola, Bake Stall and Cream Teas from 2.00 to 4.00pm at the church.

Please come and support us. All donations will be gratefully received.

County Council Elections

These take place on June 4th this year. The deadline for anyone to put forward their name as a candidate is **Monday May 11th**. Richmondshire has six county councillors, and we of course are in the 'Upper Dales' constituency.

Prunings

A personal take on Plants, Propagating and other related rural ramblings.

By the time you read this I trust there will be plenty of grass in the high dales, and the ewes will need less feeding to produce milk for the lambs. Today, I regret to say the land still looks pretty bare, and we wait for it to “green up” with anticipation.

I don't need the smiling weather person on television to tell me that we've had the coldest winter for many years. I have plenty of sad looking pots to tell me that. If you thought that the spring bulbs were particularly spectacular this year you have the longer than usual cold spell to thank for it. I am constantly surprised by the resilience of many plants, but this year has been a tester. The cordylines have made it through the winter outside, but they were in enormous pots which is probably what saved them. My most reliable fuchsia, Mrs Popple, has survived by the house wall but has died back right down to ground level. Even some of the young plants in the polytunnel, gave up the ghost. Fortunately cuttings are easy to take and there will be plenty of time when there is enough growth to take them. It is no surprise that plants in the ground are less vulnerable than those in pots as they have more protection, but I was amazed to learn that the top growth of many of the hardy plants can stand as much as 10° more cold than the roots.

One of the biggest disappointments has been the demise of the Galtonia Candicans. They are gorgeous lily-like plants with tall stems holding drooping white bells. I've kept them outside in pots for at least three years, but this time they have all turned to mush. I will console myself with the seeds which I collected last year and start again.

Sowing seed at this time of year is one of life's great pleasures. I use a proprietary seed compost and sieve it. Any small containers will do, margarine cartons, small

pots or for larger quantities, quarter sized seed trays. For very large seeds such as sweet peas I use root trainers which work very well. When I'm feeling very patient I use a little seeder and pop the medium sized seeds into individual cells. It works well, but you need a steady hand. The only heat I ever use is in the sand bed. Made from a sheet of plywood with 8 inch boards round it and some black plastic in the bottom, it contains a length of soil warming cable and about a 4 inch covering of sharp sand. I use it for all the seeds and cutting and it works excellently, and at much less expense than a commercial propagator. Soon there will be dozens to prick out. – What fun! Whatever you choose to grow, take time to enjoy it.

Rose Rambler

Piano recital with Jill Crossland

St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth, Saturday May 9th 7.30pm. Jill will play music from Mozart, Chopin, Schumann. Tickets £10 Contact John & Joan Foster 01969 663368 or the benefice office 663097

Wensleydale and Richmond Children's Centre

Dear Parents,

My name is Lynda Smith. I am the new Children's Centre Manager for Wensleydale and Richmond. I have over thirty years experience working with children and families in education, childcare, health, family support, family centres and working on quality improvements in early years.

I am based on the site of Askrigg School and have commenced a 'one-stop shop' for children under five and their families. Skilled staff are on hand to give help and advice on parenting and family support, play sessions, Parent and Tots sessions, childcare, health advice and help to get a job or training. Myself and my team aim to give your children the best start in life and shall be delivering services across the area.

The base at Askrigg is now providing a playgroup and a Parent and Tot session, with various multi agencies accessing the facilities. The service is for families with children under five, and my priority will be to cover the Every Child Matters agenda for this age group.

Local parents and carers are invited to help us shape the development of the Children's Centre's services, and would therefore be really interested in hearing from you if you have any ideas. You are very welcome to come and look around our facilities.

You can contact me on **07977219182** or email Lynda.Smith@northyorks.gov.uk or write to : Lynda Smith, Children's Centre Manager c/o Askrigg Primary School, Askrigg, North Yorkshire DL8 3BJ.

Lynda Smith

Doctors' rotas as supplied by the surgery

AYSGARTH SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning										
Wb	May 4th		11		18		25			
Day	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Mon	C	C	WJ	W	JA	J	C	C		
Tues	JA	JA	FA	A	WF	WF	WJ	J		
Wed	WF	F	WJ	W	JA	J	F	F		
Thur	JA	J	FA	A	WF	F	J	J		
Fri	F	F	W	W	J	J	A	A		

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

HAWES SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning										
Wb	May 4th		11		18		25			
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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Thur	W	W	J	J	A	A	W	W		
Fri	JA	JA	FA	FA	WF	WF	W	W		

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

Surgery News

Dentistry

NHS dentistry returns to Hawes Surgery. From the beginning of May there will be an NHS dental service most Fridays at Hawes. Alpha Dental Studio, a company run by two local dentists based at Catterick, will provide this service. Alpha has been awarded the contract by North Yorkshire and York Primary Care Trust, and will also be offering an NHS service at Brentwood Lodge, Leyburn. To register for these services, please call **01904 724107**, or write to NHS Dental Waiting List
 FREEPOST
 NEA 13107
 York
 YO31 7ZX

Alternatively, you can e-mail nyy-pct.DentalRegistrations@nhs.net

Alpha Dental Studio has a website; www.alphadental.co.uk Registration forms will be available at Hawes and Aysgarth surgeries A lot of people have worked very hard to bring this service to the Upper Dales. As with all such outreach services, I make my usual plea. USE IT OR LOSE IT. *(Alpha Dental Studio have confirmed that local dentist Angela Smith will be at Hawes. Ed)*

Prescription Ordering

My apologies to anyone who experienced problems ordering repeat prescriptions via the new practice website over the last few weeks. The website is operated by a specialist company & unfortunately a number of start-up technical glitches resulted in some requests not getting through. These issues have been resolved & you can now order with confidence. The website is www.centraldalespractice.co.uk

Come and Sing Sankey Hymns (A second concert by popular demand)

Muker Silver Band and Gunnerside Choir
 Hawes Market Hall

Friday May 15th 7.30pm

Admission by ticket £6.00

(includes a buffet supper)

Tickets from the Museum **666210** or from **667291**

Advisable to purchase a ticket before the concert to avoid disappointment



Letters

Dear Editor,
with reference to your editorial in April, I can list many things we have lost or would be better to lose.

HAVE LOST:

Country people living in the country;
Consideration for others;
Dress code in places like theatres, restaurants, church;
Good traditional properly cooked food, when eating out.

WOULD LOVE TO LOSE:

People using phones whilst driving a vehicle;
Plastic and packaging on every purchase;
Piped music, especially in banks;

I expect this puts me into the category of grumpy old woman but so be it.

Yours truly, **H.Sharpe (Mrs), Rugby**

The Editor

Upper Wensleydale Newsletter

Dear Ed,

A couple of weeks ago we, living down back lane in Hawes, suffered from a blockage in a sewer on a Sunday which caused sewage to leak out round a manhole cover. The effluent ran down the lane and formed a pool at the lowest point. Yorkshire Water refused to admit any liability when first telephoned and then became very elusive. Calls to Health and Safety dept. and the Environment Agency were also unhelpful. However, thanks to Cllr. John Blackie, a van arrived on the following morning (from a private contractor, not the water authority) and the problem was quickly and efficiently sorted out.

In talking to the operator he told me that in his experience a large proportion of drain blockages are caused by "baby wipes" which are not soluble or biodegradable. They just collect into clumps and eventually block the pipe. I have also been told that at least one supermarket is

now selling a larger version for adult use. If so these could cause an even bigger problem. I suspect that most people do not know that, although the package says they can be flushed down the loo, these wipes do not disintegrate.

I feel this should be widely publicised and perhaps the manufacturers persuaded to make these products soluble.

The irony of all this is that the sewage flowing past our houses was not from any one of us!

Margaret Bridgeman

Just got my latest fix of Wensleydale Newsletters sent to me by a very old friend from Hawes, and lo and behold I've spotted Eunice in the Stone House Hotel advert!

I have had many a lovely meal at Stone House when I lived in Hawes in the 80s and early 90s, that was when Jane and Peter Taplin were there (I believe they, like myself have now retired. I was at Rose House Restaurant in the centre of Hawes at that time. Such a very happy time in my life, when I made such very good friends who are still held dear today.

Let me take this opportunity to thank you and the whole team on Wensleydale Newsletter for the work you do in providing, not just the locals (most important I know!) but also people like myself with information of happenings and events which help to keep the happy memories so alive and up to date.

Many thanks and long may you continue.

Kind regards, **Jill Baker (Mrs)**

Dear Mr Watkinson,

A number of members of the Kent branch of Eunice's fan club spent a very happy fortnight over Easter in Wensleydale.

We were joined by some of the Pinner

branch and I am writing in on behalf of Simon Dadomo from Pinner who has spotted Eunice on page 23 of the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter - enjoying a position between a wine bottle and a wine glass in the Stone House Hotel advert.

At the beginning of May, 10 members of the Kent branch are coming up for a 3 Peaks walk. They will no doubt be searching for Eunice in the next edition of the newsletter as relaxation before their great hike

Best wishes,

Sheila Birkin

Police Report

The tourist season is upon us again (that's if it ever goes away in this beautiful part of the world!) . This time of year sees a rise in scams and there are certain criminals who come to our part of the world trying to take advantage of us . "Ringing the changes" is one such scam where by sleight of hand and causing confusion they try to get more change for something they have bought than the money they actually tender. There are numerous variations on this and some Eastern European migrants appear particularly adept at it. These people are often mistaken for and described as Asian looking . There were a couple of such incidents in the Hawes and Reeth area last year. One method they employ is to ask for change of currency or denomination of note and then appear confused as if they don't understand your language and what they are being told. However they clearly understand and confuse the person dealing with them often successfully leaving with considerably more than they started with.

Another crime trend that takes off at this time of the year are thefts from unattended motor vehicles particularly at isolated roadside parking spaces near beauty spots. Sat-Navs are very desirable. They all tend to be stuck to the windscreen by a suction disc. Most people are well aware of things getting stolen from cars – notices in car parks draw our attention to it. Never a week goes by it seems without a TV programme showing car criminals in action.) Removing the sat-nav from the windscreen and putting it in the glove box might seem like a good idea. However if you fail to wipe off the disc mark from the windscreen some offenders will put a window through for a look to see if it's there . If you can't take the sat-nav with you (and most are small and portable) then it's probably best left at home. Other desirable items left in cars are ladies handbags – obviously not for the bags

themselves as they often get discarded - even the very expensive ones – but for their contents; purses with money and cards, often containing sources of identification - all very useful to the criminal. Castle Bolton car park has been the subject of such crime over the past 3 weeks. One theft was a holidaymakers luggage and contents which was many thousands of pounds value. This was taken from the boot of the car so was not visible to the offenders. Another was a lap-top computer and digital camera. This ruined a foreign holidaymakers visit to the UK as it will no doubt have held treasured memories.

Recent crimes include an attempted house burglary in Hawes sometime between 5th and 10th April. The offender approached the kitchen window of a house and using something pointed prised out the beading around the double glazing. If you may have seen this character please get in contact.

Large stone slates were taken from the roof of a roadside barn between Bainbridge and Hawes. I am told they would have weighed about half a ton so a vehicle must have been used – and it was probably parked right outside on the road. If you passed it and thought it was someone working on the roof please let me know what type of vehicle it was. There have been several similar thefts down Skipton way lately and Durham has had an upsurge in stone thefts.

For those who don't watch as much telly as me, there was a report on Tyne Tees news a few nights ago about a rise in livestock thefts due to the ever-rising cost of meat. Although these were particularly in the Durham area, knowing trends it won't be long before they move south. Please report all suspicious animal movements to us particularly ones that occur at what are not normal working times. Most locals tend to know who their

farmers are so if somebody is at a field with a trailer who they don't recognise then it is probably someone who should not be there. PLEASE REPORT PROMPTLY.

On a positive note Upper Wensleydale is again the safest part of the northern dales with the least amount of recorded crime. Lets keep it that way. 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) might be safely back in their lock-ups 30 –40 miles away by the time we get that information.

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

1st Hawes Brownies

Brownies worked on and gained the Cook's badge last term with many of the activities involving chocolate! This term we are working on the craft and fire safety badges and plan to go out and about, weather permitting.

We do have a few spare places so if anyone is interested in joining Brownies, please contact me on **667201**.

Linda Reynolds

Bainbridge School News

It's up, up, up at Bainbridge School

Everything seems to have been on the up at Bainbridge School this term. For a change though it's the children who have been climbing the walls. However these walls are not the classroom walls but the new Wensleydale School climbing wall. Every Wednesday a group of excited children head off down to Leyburn after school and spend an hour and a half battling their way through overhangs, crimping their way up gnarly slabs and generally having a great time! This all came about when Wensleydale School had their new wall built late last year. We were informed that it was available for school use as long as we got the children there and provided an instructor. As luck would have it, Mr Moore is one of these (see I told you there was something useful about me children!) and so the Bainbridge climbing club was born. Eighteen children in three groups take it in turns for their week and having been going for a couple of months now there is no sign of enthusiasm waning – in fact quite the opposite!

That's not all that went up though, just before Easter Class Two headed off to RAF Linton on Ouse to see where all those noisy planes that hurtle over the school come from. We had the royal tour from the base commander himself. We spent time in the control tower making sure the planes weren't going too low then checked out the fire station to see what happens if the trainees don't quite get their landings right – like Mr Moore (luckily only in a simulator). Then we got the chance to try out the planes themselves – well the ones in the hanger anyway. We learnt what all the controls were, including the button, which turns the propellers red on red nose day. We tried on the life jackets and helmets and discovered as well as sun visors and flash

visors there is also a visor for ugly pilots; which most of them are according to the navigator showing us round! Hmmm! Sitting in the cockpit surrounded by all the buttons, dials and the fact that half the plane seemed to be made of high explosive, really gave the children the idea that flying might not be quite as easy as it had looked when watching the planes taking off earlier.

After this trip we decided to do some flying for ourselves, this time making and launching our own rockets. We thought we could provide a little test for the pilots we had met at Linton next time they buzzed the school! This was the climax of our terms work on Space and boy was it fun! We spent the morning making the rockets out of chip cones and then fixing solid fuel motors to them. Just before lunch on a perfect calm sunny day we put our work to the test. We had a high tech remote launch system in place and the countdown began, one lucky pilot shot over just before the final countdown, then 10, 9, 8 ...2, 1 blast off and did they go. I'm sure chip cones weren't designed to be blasted 100 metres into the air but that's what they did!! Several successful missions followed before the rocketeers retired back inside for lunch and talk of the next rocket project, launching our own recoverable craft 500 metres up into space. This hopefully will take place during our residential trip in June; watch this space for further exciting news.

David Moore

Askrigg Sports Day

Monday May 25th

The event will include an afternoon of fun races, a toffee scramble and a tug of war. Later in the afternoon there will be a fancy dress parade and competition in Askrigg, there will also be the results of the Scarecrow competition, a BBQ and much more. For further details contact:

Helen Dalton 650910

Grateful Thanks

... to anyone who helped in any way at the coffee morning for Marie Curie held in Hawes Methodist Church rooms on March 17th. We raised £400.

MARKET PLACE AND GREETINGS



BEE SWARMS

Swarms of bees will be collected free of charge.

Please ring:

Sue Craven - Preston u Scar **624594**

Donna Parker - Worton **650550**

Wendy Bannon - Bellerby **623798**

John Hutchinson - Bellerby **623663**

FOR SALE

Two-seater settee and two arm chairs.

Dark green and gold.

Very good condition; 'Kirkdale'

£100 o.n.o.

Tel: 01768 372011

ANNIE TAYLOR

Thanks her family and friends for their help, support and good wishes as she embarks upon her new life in Australia.

Thank you all so much



FOR SALE

LADY'S BIKE

RALEIGH PIONEER QUEST, 21 GEARS

GOOD CONDITION

£75 o.n.o.; 650676

FOR SALE

VESPA 125cc SCOOTER

2001 REG. ET4 MODEL; TAXED AND

TESTED; VERY LOW MILEAGE

EXCELLENT CONDITION

£700 o.n.o. incl. helmet and jacket

650676

COLIN HUGILL

would like to thank his family and friends for their cards, gifts and good wishes on his recent 60th birthday

Cleaner needed.

Hours and days flexible - would fit round school/nursery. Full time work for right applicant if necessary (may involve some kitchen work to make up hours). Good rate of pay. Ring **Vanessa on 663375**
Thornton Lodge.

Chef/ Good Cook Wanted

For The Falls, Aysgarth Falls DL8 3SR
Very basic cooking, working to a set menu.
Above minimum wage. Hours to be arranged. Further details contact **Ann Kiely 663399**

John and Brenda Fothergill would like to thank everyone who sent cards or presents for their Ruby Wedding Anniversary

ASHTON

Gary's family would like to thank all of his friends in Hawes and the surrounding villages for the support they have given them during this very sad time, and for sharing their memories of Gary with his children and grandchildren. Thank you so very much.

Agnes Nuttall

Would like to thank everyone who sent cards and good wishes during her stay in hospital

EXPLODING BUDDHAS

16 May 2009

Fountain Hotel, Hawes

10.30pm - 1.00am

Limited Tickets at the door

In aid of the Summer Bash

Askrigg School News

New play equipment

The Dales Festival Of Food And Drink gave us a grand amount of money so we could buy some new equipment for playtime. There are 6 pairs of stilts and 12 Lolo balls, a lot of people are really enjoying them. Some people can do tricks and stunts on the stilts like jumping, walking up and down stairs and a lot of other things. The Lolo balls are purple and orange and really bouncy, we can move the stilts up and down to make it easier for smaller people and make it harder if you want a challenge! **Ethan Wallington Y5**

We were lucky enough to have a workshop day with Ben Hall who was the illustrator for the Charlie and Lola books, below is a report for the Newsletter.

Animation

Mr Hall came to Askrigg School and we learnt to make cartoon characters walk and other cool things. Then he showed us some of the gear he used to make animation like Charley and Lola and Big Howard Big Questions, because he drew those things for the books. I was amazed to see how simple it was to make a good animation and we also got to make our own characters. In my conclusion I think that it was the best day ever and I hope that he comes back soon to Askrigg. **Tom.E. Y6**

Financial Management Standard in Schools (FMSiS)

We have recently been awarded this status after having been assessed by County Hall. It shows that our financial, personnel and book keeping procedures are carried out in a professional way. We are delighted to have passed, and the procedure is then repeated every three years.

Drums Agogo Day

On Thursday the 19th of March Alison returned to Askrigg with 32 of her

magnificent Jemba drums. Did you know she actually has 72 altogether. Some of the drums are about 75cms and some are less. The Jemba's are made from wood and goat skin and the bass drum has cowhide on. They are decorated with beads and string. The edge makes a ping and the middle makes a poom. The Bass drum keeps the beat of some of the rhythms. **Noah Y4**

The bass drum is different from the small Jemba drums because it has a deeper sound and the Jemba has a higher sound. They are decorated with beads and African patterns. It is tipped slightly so you can hear the rhythm you're playing. You have to take your rings off otherwise you will get swollen fingers. You tap your fingers at the edge to get a ping sound but lift your thumbs up. If you want to get a BOOM sound you hit your hand in the middle but you don't lift your thumbs up. On the top the skin would be either goat skin for a Jemba Drum and cowhide for a Bass Drum. *(Askrigg School News continues over the page)*

We played different rhythms Class 2 played some interesting dinosaur rhythms. Alison did an extra lesson with Class 2 and 3 together singing. The song was about a train driver called Akiwowo taking a little girl home to her father's house. After we finished playing different rhythms with Alison we all came together and showed the rhythms we had been playing even Nigel Chorley and Tiv Wallington (Mummy) came and had fun! Alison called Tiv Mrs Tiv!!!! I enjoyed it very MUCH! I hope Alison will come again to Askrigg School. **Imogen Y4**

Coffee Morning

Hawes W.I. are holding a Coffee Morning on **Thursday 5th May from 10.00am to 12 noon** in the Hawes Methodist Rooms. Stalls include cakes and produce.

St Matthew's Centenary

No, not the Saint but the Church at Stalling Busk! On **Tuesday 19th May**, there will be an event to launch the centenary year of St Matthew's Church in Stalling Busk. This will be a concert by a wind trio lasting around 40 minutes in the church. The evening will start at 7.30 pm with wine on arrival and finish with a soup and bread supper. Tickets cost £10 and can be reserved through the Parish Office **(650800)**.

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

May (For summary of Swaledale Festival events in our area and DCM events, please see page 6)

- 1-4 Yoredale Art Club Exhibition. Leyburn Methodist Hall. 10.00am to 5.00pm (from noon on the Sunday)
- 2-4 Leyburn Food and Drink Festival
- 3 Hawes Methodist Church; Anniversary service 10.30am
- 4 Plant Sale; Castle Bolton Church 10.30am to 1.00pm
- 5 WI Coffee Morning in Hawes Methodist Rooms. See page 36
- 5 Dales and Middleham Local History; Inaugural lecture. See page 7.
- 5 Hawes Drama Group AGM and meal. 7.30pm Gayle Institute
- 8 Deadline for comments to YDNPA re Land Appeal. See page 11
- 9 Yorkshire Dinner, Askrigg Village Hall (for St Oswald's Flower Festival)
- 9 Cricket on the Hearth. See page 3
- 9 Piano recital, Aysgarth, page 25.
- 10 Massed Brass Band Concert; St Andrew's Aysgarth. See page 9.
- 10 Churches together in Hawes. United Service for Christian Aid Week. Hawes Methodist Church 10.30am
- 10 Car boot sale. W.Witton playing field from 1.00pm
- 10 Antiques and collectors' fair. Falls function room
- 10 Guided walk; Roman road and Semerwater. Meet Bainbridge Green 1.00pm. 10k
- 12 Coffee morning and stalls for Christian Aid. Hawes Methodist rooms. 10.00am to noon
- 12 YDNPA Planning committee; Yoredale, Bainbridge. 10.30am
- 12 Decorative and Fine Arts Society. 2.00pm. See page 13.
- 14 Country Market; Methodist Hall Leyburn. 10.00am to 12.30pm
- 15 Friends of Dale Countryside Museum, 7.30pm See page 16.
- 15 Muker Band Concert at Hawes Market House in aid of Moorcock Junction Chapel funds. See page 27.
- 16 Children's Craft Club. See page 39
- 16 Country and Western Evening at Thoraby Village Hall. For details, tickets contact **Brian** on **663565**
- 16 Exploding Buddhas at the Fountain, Hawes. See page 34.
- 17 United Lambing Service, St Andrew's, Aysgarth at 3.00pm
- 17 Table Top Sale at Hawes Market House for Hawes School funds.
- 17 Songs of Praise; Aysgarth Methodist Church 6.30pm
- 19 Centenary Concert. St Matthew's, Stalling Busk. See page 36.
- 21 Country Market; Methodist Hall Leyburn. 10.00am to 12.30pm
- 21 Methodist Circuit Ascension Day service. West Burton. 7.30pm
- 23-25 Wedding dresses and flower display; Askrigg Church. See page 14.
- 23 Swaledale Festival starts; see separate entries for Upper Wensleydale events
- 24 Renewal of Vows at St Oswald's. See page 14.
- 24 Crafts and produce; The Falls Function room
- 24 Herbs discovery walk. Meet Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre. 2.00pm Booking advisable. **662910**
- 24 Marsett Chapel Singalong
- 25 Plant Sale; Castle Bolton Church 10.30am to 1.00pm
- 25 West Burton May Fair. 1.00 to 5.00pm See page 9.
- 25 Cream Teas at St Margaret's, Hawes. 1.00 to 3.30pm.
- 25 Hardraw church event. See page 24
- 26 Coffee morning and stalls; Hawes Methodist rooms. 10.00am to noon
- 26 YDNPA Full Authority mtg. 10.30am
- 27 Nature discovery walk. Meet Aysgarth Falls National Park centre. 11.00am.
- 28 Country Market; Methodist Hall Leyburn. 10.00am to 12.30pm
- 28 Wildlife in Snaizeholme. Meet Mirk Pot 2.00pm. Booking essential. **666210**
- 28 Gayle Ladies Open Meeting. National Trust Housekeeping and Conservation. 7.30pm
- 30 Annual Coffee Moring at St Matthew's, Stalling Busk from 10.00am to noon.
- 31 Pentecost. Whit Sunday. Penhill Benefice Service. St Margaret's, Preston-under-Scar. 10.30am.

Carried Forward

There were so many articles for this issue that some (not time-related) have been carried forward to June. We occasionally add an extra four pages to 'catch up'.

The BAWB Easter concert

On the 31st of March Bainbridge, Askrigg and West Burton Schools came together for a special Easter concert at St Oswald's Church in Askrigg.

The children of Askrigg performed some plays about Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Their plays were excellent, with nice clear voices they all spoke loud and clear. The children from all schools sang, Shalom Shalom, Give Me Oil in My Lamp and I Danced in the Morning.

The Bainbridge children said some brilliant prayers for people in Africa who catch malaria because they don't have money to buy injections to stop the disease. Some of the Bainbridge children started the song Shalom Shalom with some beautiful recorder playing. And finally, West Burton Year 3 & 4 children had very good poems about Spring and the Year 5 children wrote their very own poems, here is ten year old James Dent's:

I see from above

I can see my siblings suckling and enjoying the sun

I can hear my mum bleating for me

I have a view of life from above

I am with the angels now

I remember when I ran around jumping and hopping too

I am afraid no-one knows where I am

I dream of skipping again

I heard that other animals are joining me all the time.

I do not understand why my life was cut short

My name is Passed Away. **James Dent**

Children's Craft Club

David Jackson will be running a Children's Craft Club at St Oswald's Askrigg on **Saturday 16th May from 2.00 to 4.00pm.** The children will be making church shaped money boxes. For more details or to book contact David on **650483.**

Dalesplay

By the time you reads this I will have left Dalesplay. This is so I can take up new employment in Catterick, where I am able to complete my NVQ assessors award which I have currently started. As I could only get candidates to do this in the Catterick area, this enforced my decision of having to leave Dalesplay.

I have gained a great deal of knowledge and skills within the manager role, and I will miss the children very much. I wish Dalesplay all the best for the future and hope it continues to develop well.

Lindsay Capstick – Dalesplay manager.

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