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Editorial

What a few weeks we've had! Credit crunch hardly getting better; businesses collapsing at record levels; swine flu 'sweeping the globe'; Parliament hugely discredited as members are up to no good. There seems to be a media frenzy about, as worst case scenarios scream from the press, and ordinary readers with less time to read the smaller print (if it is there at all) are pushed into making snap judgements, or to panic.

This is in no way to say that these issues are not serious. But haven't we all a responsibility to keep things in proportion? Unfortunately, we seem to get some perverse pleasure as we witness 'how are the mighty fallen'.

A question then springs to mind. Who or which group will be the next to come under close scrutiny? The Press themselves? Chief Executives? Councillors? Doctors? Estate or Travel Agents? Farmers? Builders? (They are only random examples!) Are our MPs the only ones for whom the freedom of information act reveals casual slips, misjudgements, fiddles or downright lies and deceptions? We've had one quote already; let's have a couple more: 'what's good for the goose is good for the gander'; 'let him without sin cast the first stone'. And now things start to get uncomfortable.

Expenses, the guidelines for which can be blurred, are not the only problem. How many MPs not claiming expenses, are raking it in with notional directorships or speaking engagements? Are they the only ones with 'other strings to their bow'? Hang on; but what about Jo Bloggs, employed by day and dutifully paying his taxes, but then busy at night also working (for 'cash'...); or 'Mary Smith' with her B and B happy to accept payment in cash, given with a nod and a wink and 'you won't need to account for this... we'll not

sign the visitors' book'? What about exaggerated insurance claims? Driving without insurance or licence? Parking fees ignored? Is it the size of the deception that really matters? These are illegal rather than just immoral, and costly too. Are we ourselves in danger of hypocrisy which can be also very bad for society? As someone said, 'when we point a finger, there are three pointing back at ourselves!'

Parliament is desperately trying to put its house in order. So how about then a general spring clean all round. Then we can all get down to concentrating on some of the other much larger, often overlooked, issues facing us all in this one world: how we can all be fed; whether there's enough water to go round, never mind oil and gas; effects of the now obvious signs of rapid climate change; benefits or dangers of nuclear power- or weapons- the best groupings or separations of nations and countries for security and stability; the control and monitoring of multinational companies... so that we can move from fear, suspicion, division and even hatred, to fairness and respect for all. With these things in mind, don't forget to vote on Thursday.

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Eunice

Last month Eunice started off in the Old Smithy Barn but in some mysterious way slipped out to join the massed brass band at the top of the page. The ever-watchful **Margaret Proctor, West Burton**, noticed her.

Grow More Trees in the National Park

Landowners are being offered cash to plant more trees; the scheme aims to increase the area of the National Park covered by native broadleaved woodland which, in turn, will help boost wildlife habitats as well.

Grants can cover up to 100 per cent of the establishment costs, though in most cases, applicants will be expected to make some contribution in terms of finance, materials or labour.

The National Park Authority and its partners - the Forestry Commission and the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust - are keen to fund schemes where there are opportunities to make biodiversity, habitat or environmental improvements.

Anyone wanting more information is asked to contact **Phill Hibbs on 01756 751607** or **Chris Lodge at the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust on 015242 51002**.

Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society

Chinese Ceramic Art

In *The Pinnacle of Chinese Ceramic Art: AD 1662-1795* Gerald Davidson describes how, using rudimentary traditional methods with little mechanisation, very large quantities of high-fired porcelain were made to exacting standards to satisfy the substantial needs of the Imperial household as well as growing export markets.

Gerald Davidson is an author, lecturer and former art dealer who has lectured in Asia, Australia and the UK on Chinese art and has led land tours of China and lectured on cruises. His books on Chinese ceramics are amongst the standard works on the subject. He had a close relationship with the Percival David Foundation of Chinese Art and is a Fellow of the RSA and a Member of the Oriental Ceramic Society.

This Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society lecture is on **Tuesday June 9th at 2.00pm** in Middleham Key Centre. Non-members are welcome at £5 per lecture and membership and further information is available from the Membership Secretary, tel. **624203**.

How to Lose your Fear of Drawing

If you would love to learn to draw, but don't know how to begin then this special interest day is for you. It is planned for all who really want to draw but have been too terrified to begin.

In *Drawing for the Terrified* Richard Box will dispel the myth that the gift of drawing is given only to a few. Richard is a freelance artist, lecturer, teacher and author. He now teaches at Adult Education Centres and independent organisations such as NADFAS and the Embroiderers' Guild.

This special interest day is organised by the Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society on **Thursday June 11th** at Middleham Key Centre, from **10.00am – 3.00pm**. The cost is £20 including coffee,

ring **663420** or **01748 884300** to book your place.

Open Garden

Aisgill Moor Cottages

June 27th and 28th; 10.30am– 4.30pm

Hawes Silver Band: 27th from 3.00pm

David Maclean M.P. in attendance on 27th

Refreshments and raffle, Admission £1.00

Proceeds for the Air Ambulance

Details: **01768 372011**

Hawes Cricket Club

Fixtures for June:

Sunday 7th v Gargrave. Away

Saturday 20th v Derbyshire Wanderers.
Home

Sunday 21st v Kirklington. Home

Games start at **2.00pm**

Bainbridge and District Motor Club

14 cars set off from Askrigg school for the 12 village rally. We were given a list of 18 villages as jumbled up words; once we had worked them out we had to decide which 12 to visit in the shortest route. On the route round questions were to be answered in the villages which were visited. Some of the places we visited include Muker, Sedbusk, Countersett, Downholme, Grinton, Thoralby and Thornton Rust.

A nettle was to be obtained on the way round as a tie breaker; they were coming back in all shapes and sizes!

At the end of the rally an auto test was to be done, where you were to reverse your car into a make-shift garage only using your mirrors. All 14 cars returned safely doing anything between 42 and 70 miles! A good night was had by all.

Thank you to Dave Teasdale and Tom Fawcett for organising the event. The next rally is on **Wednesday June 17th** and will be organised by Fred Scarr and Andrew Foster (**650271**). Everyone welcome!

Emma Thwaite

Prunings

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

“Should Oak be out before the Ash, then we shall only get a splash.

If Ash come out before the Oak, then we shall surely get a soak”.

The other morning someone from the “Met Office” was predicting a “good summer”. More trusting of the old wives’ tales I went to look. Emerging oak leaves have an orangey tinge which stands out among the brighter greens of the sycamores and hawthorns, and I could see it. The ash trees still stand out like grey ghosts with last year’s seeds hanging there, and it was the 12th of May – so we could be lucky.

It’s amazing how the dale has greened up: shrubs which looked as if they’d given up the ghost a month ago are sporting new growth, and the Alpine Scabious and Ajuga are flowering. It’s an excellent time to take cuttings when plants are growing strongly and it’s free plants from prunings. I start with a strong shoot about 5 inches long (12 cm). To make a good cutting pinch out the growing tip, it will bush out better. If the tip is very soft cut it back a bit. Trim the base just below a node and take off most of the leaves, leaving only a couple near the top. It has to have some green so that the cutting can photosynthesise, but not too much or the leaves transpire and it runs out of water in the tissue.

I almost always use clay pots for cuttings, it seems to work best, in fact the only plants I find root well in plastic pots are chrysanthemums. I use good quality cutting compost and put five or six cuttings round the edge of a 3½ inch (9cm) pot. Some swear by rooting hormone, but I have to say I find most things root perfectly well without. One of the tricks to encourage roots is to gently scrape the lower end of the cutting to expose the under layer. This is where the roots form and they are most

likely to form at the nodes. Give the pot a really good soak to drive out the air and settle compost around the stems. Don’t tamp it down, the plants will need air as they root. A spray-on fungicide will prevent moulds such as botrytis. Cover the cuttings to keep them moist and put in a warm place but not in direct sunlight. A polythene bag over them will work, but a cut off 2 litre plastic bottle is much easier. If you use the cap end you can take the cap off later to let air in.

Keep them moist and you should have new growth in two or three weeks. Some varieties take longer but most plants and shrubs can be rooted by this method. Pot them on as soon as the odd root can be seen at the bottom, and don’t be tempted to “try” them from the top. You will pull off the new roots.

Good luck! And whatever you grow, take time to enjoy it.

Rose Rambler.

Let us Sing!

The hall was filled to capacity when the East Witton Male Voice Choir recently gave its Spring Concert in the Methodist Church Hall, Leyburn. The programme of music was varied, ranging from Spirituals to music from the Shows. The soloists, Robert Jameson, Tony Clarkson and Peter Blakeley were excellent. Two of the choir members, James Heaton and Donovan Leaman gave amusing recitals which caused much laughter.

The choir's conductor, Janet Taylor, thanked the men for their unflinching loyalty and hard work, and in response Donovan Leaman thanked the conductor and the accompanist, Diana Hartley, for the time and effort put into directing and playing for the choir.

A donation of £500.00 was given to the Parkinson's Disease Society. The choir has raised over £20,000 for charity over the last 14 years. Rehearsals will resume on Wednesday 2nd September. New members very welcome.

Election Information

For the **County Council** election there are four candidates for our Upper Dales constituency:

John Blackie, Independent

Muriel Rose Blythman, Conservative

Peter Leonard Cornwall, Liberal Democrat

Robbie Kelly, Green Party

For the **European** election where our Yorkshire and Humber constituency elects six members, there are: Six candidates for each of these 11 parties: Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat, Green Party, BNP, No2EU, UKIP, Christian Party, English Democrat, Libertas, Socialist Labour Party; and three candidates for the Jury Team party.

Charity Summer Picnic with Muker Brass Band

By kind permission of M Thompson at Hardraw Scar (through The Green Dragon), on **Saturday 20th June from 4.00 - 6.00 pm**

Tickets £4.00 adults; £1.00 children (sandwiches, cakes and refreshments available for purchase on site). Tickets available at The Green Dragon, by telephone on **01677 470180** local shops and on the day. For further information contact: **Helen Benson on 01677 470180** or fcnyorkshire@btinternet.com (The concert will be in Hardraw Church if wet)

More Help for National Park Farmers

More help is on its way to upland farmers in the National Park who are wanting to apply for extra Government and European cash.

Natural England and the National Park Authority have teamed up to help bring more land into the Higher Level Stewardship scheme. This will give farmers who are already in the Entry Level Stewardship scheme more cash to look after wildlife, the Yorkshire Dales landscapes and the historical features that are found there.

Kevin Lancaster, the YDNPA's chairman and an upland farmer himself, said: "The amount of money available to farmers in the National Park through Natural England's grant schemes has increased substantially - and is likely to increase further in the coming years. These grants have never been more critical. Not only will they help to keep farmers farming, but they will also help to support local businesses and jobs during the economic downturn.

Help from National Park and Natural England staff is available for projects. These include:

- * Repairs to traditional stone field barns - there are currently about 4,500 in the National Park of which nearly half need attention
- * Restoration of significant areas of peatland - to help tackle climate change and reduce flooding
- * Restoration of Scheduled Monuments that are at risk— the latest estimate puts about 40 of the 200 in the National Park in this category.

Yorkshire Ebay



The screenshot shows the Yorkshire Ebay website interface. At the top, there is a logo for 'ebay M.co.uk' and buttons for 'Buy' and 'Eck'. Below the logo is a search bar with 'Gander' entered. A dropdown menu shows 'All Categories'. To the right of the search bar is a 'Gander' button. Below the search bar is a list of items for sale:

- Brass band instruments
- Chips (in gravy)
- Chips (on shoulders)
- Coal mines (closed)
- Coats (long pockets)
- Clogs
- Cricket trophy polish (unused)
- Dripping
- Electrical items (unusable)
- Flat caps
- Grimness
- Houses (£1000 and under)
- Pies
- Pigeons
- Puddings (black)
- Puddings (Yorkshire)
- Slag heaps (coal)
- Slag heaps (women)
- Soft southerners
- Superiority complexes
- T'mills (troublesome)
- Tin baths
- Tin baths (full of coal)
- Tin baths (rolling down hills)
- Wallets (never opened)
- Whippets.

On the right side of the page, there are several small images: a white dog, a yellow object, a metal object, a grey object, a red brick building, and a dog.

Gala Trophies - Please Return

Please hand in all cups and trophies to the Laundrette or Fountain Hotel, Hawes by 20th June. Don't forget to make sure that they have been engraved.



The poster is for the 42nd Annual Hawes & District Gala. It features a decorative border and the following text:

42nd Annual
HAWES & DISTRICT
GALA
SATURDAY
27th JUNE, 2009
 ON THE CREAMERY FIELD
By kind permission of Wensleydale Dairy Products Ltd. Next to Gayle Lane Car Park.
"The Circus Comes to Town"
 Fun In The Street from 12.00 onwards
 To be Opened by The Gala Queen **BETH SHAW**
HAWES SILVER PRIZE BAND
 * VARIOUS STALLS * CHILDREN'S RIDES
 OPEN FANCY DRESS for all ages - Prize for Best Float
 TEAS - Local Children, under 16's Free
 ADMISSION: By Programme Only Adults: £3.00 Under 16's Free
Strictly NO ANIMALS on Gala Field

Hawes Gala, help needed

Hawes gala needs your old phone books! They can be dropped off at Pet shop in Hawes. We also need people who can give some time to help out on the day in any capacity, such as gate duty, setting up etc. Any help will be greatly appreciated. If you have an hour, or even half an hour, to spare on the **27th June**, please phone Sue on **667192**

History of Hawes Drama Club and Play-reading Group

Having myself been involved with the Drama Club now for 20 years, I wondered just how long it is since it began. Thanks to the long memories of some of the group plus carefully preserved old programmes I have put together a few facts which may be of interest, particularly to the more 'senior' members of the community.

First of all, in case there is some confusion, Hawes Drama Club and the 'play readers' were not one and the same. I had always imagined that the play reading began when the live productions (usually in the Market Hall) ceased, but apparently not. They existed side by side. The live productions were produced, in the late sixties and seventies by Bill Hodgson with a cast list that reads like a roll-call of local names, and printed in every programme is this notice:

"The Club's activities include a Play-reading circle which meets in the County School, Hawes, on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm. New members are always welcome, membership is 5 shillings a year."

Those involved in the live productions included Mary Johnson, Irene Souter, Mary Pratt, Elizabeth Metcalfe, Ivor Mason, Roma O'Connor, John Cockett, Betty Lyne, Kathleen Grainger and Mary Scarr, to name but a few. Some of the plays on offer were, 'A Lady Mislaid' by Kenneth Home, 'Gaslight' by Patrick Hamilton and 'George' by Derek Hickman. A Drama Festival was arranged at the Elite Cinema in Leyburn with such groups as 'The West Burton Amateur Dramatic Society' and 'The Spennithorne and Harmby Women's Institute Drama Group' participating (in 1970).

In my memory, others involved included Terry and Pat Cluderay, Eileen Horner, Geoffrey Sowerby and Molly Baker.

The Play-reading Group began by meeting in Hawes School, later in the Rose House Restaurant in Hawes and later still in members' homes. When the group grew too large for this (or living rooms grew smaller!) Gayle Institute was selected as the venue, as it is today and it's still the first Tuesday in the month from September through to May. There are no 'programmes' of course for these sessions so we are not entirely certain who the members were; however we are lucky enough still to see some of these people at our meetings. Mary Scarr, Audrey Thwaite, Irene Sunter and one or two others are still entertaining us with their readings hardly missing a month unless it's for bad weather.

We have a membership of around 30, all ages, and the plays which are chosen by a small committee are selected to cover a wide range from murder mysteries to comedies. (We even had a 'home-grown' one this season!) The season has ended for this year but if you fancy coming along in September, contact **Norma Fowler, secretary, 667044**, or just watch out for announcements in the Drama Club notice board outside Masons Newsagents, or look in this Newsletter. By the way, if you just want to listen and not to be in the cast that is absolutely fine. Whatever your preference you will be most welcome.

S.H. (Chair)

Milkchurn Cottage Interiors and Gifts Opens in Hawes

Karen Peacock opened Milkchurn Cottage at Town Foot, Hawes on 24th April after moving to Wensleydale two years ago, realising a life-long ambition held since spending many happy childhood holidays at Hawes Youth Hostel.

For a long time Karen was based in Doncaster and selling antique furniture through various outlets and now, encouraged by her two grown up children, Dan and Sarah, now left home, she decided it was time to take the plunge and try this new venture here in the Dales. Apart from her love of antiques and furnishings, Karen enjoys knitting, sewing, reading and writing; she recently had an article published in *The Dalesman*.

Karen and her partner live in Redmire while her friend, Lindsey, who is originally from York, lives in the flat over the shop and helps out. Incidentally, Lindsey also makes fantastic novelty cakes and is very happy to take orders - not wedding cakes though!

The new shop offers an eclectic mix of old and new and so far things are going 'surprisingly well', plenty of people through the door, both local and visitors and since the recent extension there is a wide range of stock to browse through. So, good luck in your new venture Karen, and welcome to Hawes. **S.D.**

Upper Dales Family History Group

The April speaker was one of our members, Ann Hartley, who shared the results of following up her husband's family tree in "Travelling Ancestors" which proved to be a fascinating insight into the lives of travelling showmen, actors and actresses, circus people and travelling photographers. Ann began her research thirty years ago, well before the advantages of the internet,

so most of the story was unearthed the hard way.

Ann's first subject was Ada Roberts born in 1895, a child actress who travelled with a theatrical company and was away from her parents for most of her childhood until her mid-teens. As well as the more usual sources of family history information, Ann had used specialist theatrical publications and theatre licences to trace Ada's movements around the country.

The trail was complicated by the use of stage names and changing occupations over the years. Ada's family used the stage name Hilt, for example, and her mother was known before her marriage as Sophie Ann Wallett, or possibly Burton, as that family too used different names!

One good source of information had proved to be travelling theatre licences which had to be obtained from magistrates with supporting documents from the local police. Many of these survive in the West Yorkshire archives and helped to build up a picture of the way different companies moved around the area, erecting temporary theatres for their performances. Details of theatrical families can be scattered widely around the country.



Ada's father, Charlie, was born in London, met his future wife in Leeds and their six children were all born in different places. Living at a time when music-hall was at its height they toured with the theatre until the advent of cinema in 1910 saw a decline in traditional types of entertainment. At that point Charlie took up photography which was originally the occupation of his father and brother in law.

Ann had also investigated the Wallett/Burton side of the family who had travelled with fairs as photographers and bazaar keepers – tracking down their warehouse and following their movements round the country. A publication for the fairground community, "World's Fair", had mentioned several members of the family and even supplied photographs of some of them.

This was a completely new world for most of the audience and gave a glimpse into a slice of 19th century life which few would have had the opportunity to look at closely before.

This month's meeting is at **7.30pm on Wednesday, June 24th**, at the Dales Countryside Museum, when Peter Higginbotham will speak on 'Chocolate, Cheesecake and Nettles – the story of Workhouse Food' **Tracy Little**
(More details on page 38)

Hawes Gala

THE CIRCUS COMES TO TOWN

27th June 2009 from 12.30pm

Opened by Gala Queen Beth Shaw

Parade led by

Sedbergh School CCF Band

Pete Moser's One Man Band

Fairground Organ Juggling Inferno

Richmond Circus School Fun Fair

Astral Circus Stalls

Vintage Vehicles Punch and Judy

Hawes Prize Silver Band

Owing to Health and Safety, Food Hygiene Regulations etc., the Committee will not be doing the Gala Teas this year. Teas will, however, be available on the field with tables and chairs in the marquee.

Free refreshments will be available for children under 16. Please obtain a ticket from Mandy (next to Colin Bailey) between 2.00 and 3.00pm.

Sue Wood

Heavens Above

June isn't the best time of year for stargazing as the nights are so short and the sky never really becomes fully dark. Even so there are plenty of interesting things on view if you can manage to stay up that little bit later. High in the south you'll find three bright stars— Vega, Deneb and Altair— forming the conspicuous star pattern nick-named the 'Summer Triangle'. It's very easy to pick out with the brilliant blue-white Vega marking its northwest corner, Altair its sharp southern tip and Deneb its north-eastern point. Deneb is the brightest star in the constellation of Cygnus the Swan, or the Northern Cross as it's sometimes called. The pale band of the summer Milky Way runs through this part of the sky— a wonderful sight in binoculars on a moonless night.

This month is a good one for spotting the famous 'Moon Illusion'. June 7th sees the lowest full moon of the year and its closeness to the southern horizon can make it look huge compared with when it is higher in the sky. Nobody has come up with a really satisfactory explanation for this effect so how about having a look for yourself and seeing if *you* can come up with one?

It's also a good time of the year to keep an eye out for displays of noctilucent clouds. These beautiful silvery-blue clouds are formed by ice collecting on dust particles at an altitude of roughly 70-80 km. Because they're so high they are only visible in deep twilight when the sun is well below the horizon. The best time to look for them is around midnight low down in the north west. They're often regarded as a fairly rare phenomenon but there have been some impressive displays in recent years, so you just might be in luck. Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

Hawes Gala Disco

Friday 26th June 2009

Hawes Market Hall, 11.00pm 'till late

£5.00 on the door

Heritage Weekend

Five guided walks are planned during the heritage weekend at Aysgarth church in July. On Saturday, July 11th, there are two 8-9 mile circular walks leaving the church at 10.30am. One is via West Burton and Morpeth Gate to Swinithwaite and back. The other is along the north bank of the River Ure to Askrigg and returning via Carperby.

On **Sunday, July 12th**, there is a walk to Castle Bolton and back starting at 1.30pm. At 2.30pm there is a walk to Carperby and another to Freeholders Wood.

The heritage weekend includes graveyard tours, a churchyard party, information about the Jervaulx Screen, an exhibition about the construction of the church and its role within the community over the centuries, and assistance with research about anyone's ancestors buried in the churchyard. It is being funded by Awards for All.

For further details contact the church's heritage officer, **Pip Land, 663362**, or see www.pipspatch.com.

Small Grants Available

A small amount of money from the now-closed *Northern Spirit* Jujitsu Club has been given to the Newsletter for distribution as needs arise in the area.

It is set aside specifically for young people's sporting activities and any such groups might like to apply to be considered.

A.S.W.

We hope you noticed!

Last month's Newsletter was produced on our brand new large digital duplicator, fed directly from the computer, giving much clearer images and type.

What's more, when we can up-grade our minds, we can print 'duplex' ,i.e. back to back at one go.

This has been made possible by receiving a 'Grassroots' grant through the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, for which we are very grateful. With the exception of a few small setting-up donations 14 years ago, this is the first grant we have ever asked for.

LVA Charity Bike Ride

This year's Annual Charity Bike Ride take place on **Wednesday June 10th**, starts at Hawes at 10.30am and proceeds down the dale, via Askrigg to finish in Leyburn at around 3.30pm

Firstly, this is not a race, but a gentle ride, over 20 grueling miles, down the Dale, to raise money for local causes in and around Wensleydale and Swaledale. This year there are 250 cyclists, with their own official number showing that they are all sponsored. Black Sheep Brewery are again this year's sponsors of the ride and also have a good delegation of cyclists. All the members of the Dales L.V.A. have themselves and many of their customers also riding with them. There are also other organisations including Bainbridge Ambulance Station, Leyburn, Hawes and Reeth Surgeries. Dr. Hamer (retired), who rode for many years, videos the event and then shows all the days events (good and bad) in the surgeries at Hawes and Aysgarth.

When the money is collected in, all the L.V.A. members themselves will then decide which organisations will benefit.

During the last 22 years, the Dales L.V.A. have raised £183,214 through the bike rides and last year alone, the cyclists raised a staggering £20,050.

The Dales L.V.A. would like to apologise in advance for any delay and inconvenience that this may cause motorists on the day.

Please help us to help others by sponsoring your licensees and friends and make it an enjoyable day for everyone.

Angus McCarthy
Bike Ride Co-ordinator

Clarification

Mention was made in the last Newsletter of the Business Association's **annual Masquerade Ball at Simonstone Hall on 31st October 2009**. This is quite separate

from the **4th Annual Winter Ball** which will be held at Simonstone Hall on Friday 29th January 2010.

Dalesplay

We have a new manager in place. My name is **Joanne Middleton** and many of you may already know me as previously I have been a childminder in Gayle. I live in Gayle with my partner Mike Fothergill and my two children Barnaby and Ellie. I have worked with children for seven years nannying, childminding, volunteering and also been a playgroup leader over at Horton-in-Ribblesdale. I have also received the 'Ken Willson Award' for my kind, caring and conscientious work with dales children. I'm really looking forward to meeting all the parents and children of the surrounding area.

This month we have been busy planting sunflowers to brighten up the outside of the building and making lots of new displays for our wall. We have had a trip down to the library for story time where we were joined by the playgroup children. They all thoroughly enjoyed this and we can't wait to do it again next term with the playgroup children. Over the half term we had a Zoolab workshop where all the children were finding out about lots of wild and wonderful animals. We also had a busy time with baking and craft days. If you are looking for childcare Dalesplay is here for you!

Community Office News

We will have WiFi access at the Community Office for public use in about four week's time, so tell all your friends and visitors to the area!

The Community Office has started a blog (a mini website) with stories from local people about their childhood in the dales. There are lots of photos too. We are asking if anyone else wants to be involved or tell their own story and not just childhood! It's already a lovely archive for people to browse through or use as a reference tool. If you would like to be involved, phone **667400**.

The Community Office has secured some grant money to continue the *SkillShare* scheme. Anyone who wants to learn anything or teach anything, let us know.

P.West

What's the difference between God and a headteacher?

(God knows he's not a headteacher.)

Everybody knows that headteachers are not shrinking violets, never 'backwards at coming forwards'. How could they ever hope to get anything done as head of a school if they were shy? I got wondering. When they retire do ex-heads opt for a quiet, retiring sort of life, invest in a pair of carpet slippers and a new poker, or do they look for fresh opportunities to stay 'involved'?

I thought I'd put these musings to Mr David Jackson who retired from headship at Bainbridge school in 2005. Now that he no longer clocks in every morning what makes him tick? I began by asking him to summarise how he spends his time.

He reminded me that he always was involved with Hawes Amateur Operatic Society as a performer and the Askrigg and District Produce Show as chairman. Still a stalwart of both, he did leave headship with no clear plan about how to fill the rest of his time.

Two activities that he is now involved with happened by chance. He was asked by the Holiday Property Bond people in Askrigg to lead guided walks which led to David trying his hand at presenting in the recent BBC series about Dales life. "I enjoy the company of the people," he says. Some may have seen David off-loading boxes of junior-sized tools and pre-cut wood. An enthusiastic model maker he has an ex-colleague to thank for roping him in to making Roman siege towers and battering rams as a favour. David realised that he missed the buzz of working with children and saw an opportunity for part-time enterprise. He has now worked in around thirty schools. David gets the fun of working with children but without the extraneous responsibility. "All I have to do is clean up the glue pots and go home," he

laughs. There is scarcely a child's home in the dale that doesn't now boast one of David's creations.

Community voluntary work includes a three year term as Church Warden at St Oswald's. "The 'Oswald's Outlook' is my pigeon," he says. "It gives me a bi-monthly opportunity to promote the life of the church." Whether putting on craft events himself, or embracing and promoting the ideas of others, like the recent Wedding Dress Festival, the church keeps him busy. Family commitments, including two grandchildren, have led him to rein in some voluntary work like helping in the management of Low Mill Outdoor Centre.

After getting through a busy schedule he nevertheless makes the point that, compared with teaching and headship, his life is relatively unstructured and there aren't set days for doing things anymore. He reflects that this lack of structure has made him less efficient at doing things that are less interesting to him like weeding the garden or DIY around the house. I didn't get a chance to interview Mrs Jackson on this but I expect she would have a view!

I put it to Mr Jackson that the things that take up the bulk of his time appear to involve being out there in the community, in front of some sort of audience, putting on some sort of performance. He went on to describe headship in a small school as, "everything being down to you." He confides that the work he did in education might have made him, "a bit of a show off." Perhaps the continuing need for an audience to interact with means that, for this ex-head at least, the carpet slippers and Mrs Jackson's lengthening list of DIY chores will have to wait a while longer.

Richard Ellison, Bursary Student
(And David also finds time to help with the Newsletter! Ed.)

Mariposa! →

I currently attend Casterton School and one of the extra curricular activities offered is the Young Enterprise Scheme, in which the students have to set up and fund their own company. We decided to name ourselves Mariposa, which is Spanish for butterfly, as we intend to break out of the cocoon that is Young Enterprise and become a fully fledged company at the end of the year.

Our strategical numbers-based board game called *Qbits* is similar to Scrabble. After writing to 3 major toy companies we finally received replies from Hasbro, who are considering our game, and Imagination Games, who offered us a meeting. Three members of the company travelled to London and presented the game to Imagination Games, who were extremely impressed with our presentation and shortly after we were offered a 'subject to contract and board sign off' offer.

We are currently in the process of negotiating a contract with this global multi-million pound company. Mariposa competed in the area finals, held in Ulverston on 18th March, in which we came first, beating strong competition from 12 other schools. The Cumbria county finals followed shortly after on 30th April at Carlisle racecourse, and we were awarded the prizes for 'best trade stand,' 'best company report' and 'best overall company.' On 22nd June we will be representing Cumbria at the North West finals at Aintree racecourse, in which we hope to have much success.

Bethany Wood, Hawes

Bainbridge School News

Out and About

Summer is here (allegedly!) and Bainbridge children are planning on making the most of it. We have been helped enormously to enjoy the outdoors recently by two local businesses. Readers from last month will know how successful our after school climbing club has been. Initially, we have had to borrow Wensleydale School's kit and rely on the availability of Mr Moore's climbing gear. However with a grant from Sports Unlimited we were then able to purchase our own ropes, harnesses, helmets, belay devices, karabiners and even climbing shoes. This means we can now go to outdoor cliffs and other climbing walls as well as the Wensleydale School wall. The grant money we had would have bought us a small amount of equipment, but due to Martin at Kudu Bikes amazing generosity (he performed a "loaves and fish" miracle), we now have sufficient equipment to keep us climbing for years to come! So, a massive thanks to Kudu Bikes for their overwhelming support. We have already been putting our new gear to good use.

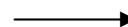
Another problem we always have is when walking outdoors; the children have to carry lots of bags - a lunch bag, a wellies bag, a book bag etc! To solve this dilemma we invested some Walking to School money into a smart set of backpacks for the children so they now only need one bag to carry - hooray! This time it was Stuart Cunningham's in Hawes who very kindly jumped to the rescue, generously helping us to ensure that our money stretched far enough to buy enough backpacks for the whole school. As well as buying things we have also been out and about. Our theme this term is Rivers and we have been down to the Ure, the Bain and Semerwater to look at river features and how they are

formed.

However, besides looking at rivers we have also been walking and playing in them! For six weeks on a Monday morning the junior children are visiting Low Mill Outdoor Centre. So far we have paddled canoes across Semerwater to find the source of the Bain and tackled the depths of Arn Gill where we learnt that - what is now, an admittedly very wet (when crawling through it) but relatively shallow river, used to be a deep sea. In future weeks we will venture underground to see how some rivers are shy and prefer to hide themselves away.

The big event we are all looking forward to after half term is our own residential. We have booked a bunk barn, sorted out instructors for activities and begun work in school. This includes planning menus, sourcing food and calculating the amounts to buy. Strangely the most hotly debated issues so far have been over the choices of puddings and chocolate snacks! What was eventually decided and how we all got on will be revealed in next month's newsletter!

David Moore



GREETINGS

John and Shona Dinsdale
Have a happy
Silver Wedding Anniversary
June 16th
(Have a great time in Vegas!)
Love Rosie, John-willie, Poppy, Teddy,
Charlie and Bonny
XXXX
XX

William and Matilda
Blacklaw
Have a happy Golden Wedding
June 19th
Love from all the family.
XXX
X

DINSDALE
JOHN and SHONA
Congratulations and best wishes on your Silver Wedding
Anniversary
June 16th
Lots of love from
Dad and Mam
Susan, Keith and family
Kevin and family
XXXXX

Lorraine and Kevin Nugent
Congratulations on your
Ruby Wedding anniversary.
21st June
With lots of love and best wishes
Claire, Jason and Thomas xx

JOHN PRITCHARD

Would like to thank everyone who sent cards and good wishes during his stay in hospital and would also like to thank friends and family for the help he received when he came home.

Pilgrimage

A pilgrimage to Hexham Abbey and Escomb Saxon Church will take place on **Saturday 6th June**. A coach will leave Hawes at 8.30am picking up along the Dale. It will leave Hexham at 4.45pm.

For details contact Shirley Pate on **624036**, Mary Merricks on **01677 424783** or Jackie Warden on **623789**.

Charity Concert

Leyburn Brass Band is presenting a concert at **St Andrew's church, Aysgarth, at 7.30pm on Saturday, June 27th**, to raise funds for a charity which helps blind children in the Gambia. Tickets cost £6 (under 18s £2) and are available from Pip Land, who can be contacted at **663362** or pip.land@virgin.net. Parking at The Falls costs £1.

The concert has been organised by the Wensleydale Rotarians (David Pointon, Bob Hughes and David Milner) who plan to drive to the Gambia in January 2010 to deliver equipment bought through their fundraising. The team will include Janet Hughes, Linda Milner and Wensleydale ambulance technician Ken Nicholas. For more details about the charity, Friends of Govi (UK), see www.friendsofgovi.org.uk.

Doctors' rotas as supplied by the surgery

Aysgarth Surgery Rota Wb - week beginning										
Wb	1st June		8		15		22		29	
Day	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Mon	WF	F	J	F	A	F	FA	A	WF	F
Tues	A	A	FA	A	WF	WF	W	W	JA	JA
Wed	WF	W	WJ	W	A	A	F	F	F	F
Thur	JA	J	FA	A	F	F	W	W	JA	J
Fri	A	A	W	W	W	W	A	A	F	F

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	1st June		8		15		22		29	
Day	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Mon	JA	JA	FA	A	WF	W	W	W	JA	JA
Tues	WF	WF	WJ	WJ	A	A	FA	A	WF	WF
Wed	JA	JA	F	F	W	W	A	A	A	A
Thur	W	W	J	J	A	A	F	F	W	A
Fri	J	J	FA	FA	F	F	W	W	JA	JA

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

Swaledale Festival Events in our area May

3 1 The Heath String Quartet at St Oswald's, Askrigg. 4.00pm

June

4 Master of the Keyboard at St Andrew's, Aysgarth. 8.00pm

6 Cheetham's School of Music with Young Musician of the Year at St Oswald's, Askrigg. 5.00pm

Further details and bookings **01748 880019**

What's On at the Dales Countryside Museum

Until June 18th Exhibition by fabric artist Ruth Lee. "Let No Loop Down" features contemporary textiles and knitting inspired by the museum collections. Take a look at Ruth's website: www.webs-of-intrigue.co.uk

2nd June Friends of the Museum will be spinning and rugmaking in the museum reception between 2 and 4pm

3rd June Batwatch. 8.30 - 11pm. A talk at the museum followed by a short walk to locate the bats. Wear warm clothing and stout shoes. Bring a torch, midge repellent and a bat detector if you have one. Booking essential

7th June Computer skills for Photographers. 10.30am - 4pm. Learn how to manipulate your photographs on the computer. No prior knowledge needed. Bring your own camera, computer cable, USB memory stick. Charge £12. Booking essential

18th June Adult workshop creating knitting

and textile work between 11am and 3.30pm on the 18th June. By Ruth Lee. Booking essential.

19th June Join Friends of the Museum in the Victorian kitchen. The ladies will be dressed up and will explain all aspects of dairy work in the cottage kitchen

27th June Workshop in conjunction with Open Studios. **Lost properties** - Creating two dimensional artwork from found objects. Led by Laurence Cutting ARCA

Since the 1960's Laurence Cutting has been creating works using found objects to create resonances with the past. Create your own response using collage as a medium. 10.00am to 3.30pm. Charge £10. Booking essential

1st - 12th July Brigantia in the Dales. An exhibition showcasing the best of Art, Craft and Design from Yorkshire. Works on show and for sale.

For further details or to book contact the museum on **666210**, email hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk or see the website www.yorkshiredales.org.uk

Trip, Thursday July 2nd

Leaving Hawes at 9.00am
for the Ribble Valley Scenic Ride
Coffee stop Clitheroe for lunch
Boundary Mill for tea
Coach approx. £10
depending on numbers

Names to **Shirley Watkinson ;667785**

by Sunday June 21st

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

June

- 2 Tournament of Song AGM. See page 31
 4 Askrigg Friendly Society Bi-Centenary Service with Bishop John. 7.00pm at St Oswald's, Askrigg.
 4 County and European elections
 6 Pilgrimage to Hexham Abbey and Escomb Saxon Church. See page 22
 7 Askrigg and Worton guided walk. Meet Askrigg Church at 1.00pm. 10k.
 7 Concert by the Richmondshire Orchestra at 3.00pm at St Oswald's, Askrigg. Page 25
 9 National Park Planning committee. Yoredale House, Bainbridge 10.30am
 9 Afternoon Tea at St Margaret's Church, Hawes. 1.00 to 3.00pm
 9 Decorative and Fine Arts society. Middleham Key Centre 2.00pm. See page 4
 10 LVA Charity Bike Ride. See page 15
 11 Dec. and Fine Arts event. See page 4
 11 Resource Marketing Event in Hawes Market House
 11 Country Markets. Leyburn Methodist Hall. 10.00am to 12.30pm
 11 Mulberry Bush annual open evening
 12 Walk for Redmire Station. See page 42
 12 West Burton Summer Dance and Games in the Village Hall from 7.00 to 11.00pm in aid of West Burton School.
 13 Askrigg Playgroup open day. 10.00am to noon. See page 43
 14 Antique and collector's fair. The Falls, Aysgarth. 10.00am
 14 Redmire Force and High Lane guided walk. Meet W Burton green. 11.00am. 15k. Booking advisable **662910**
 17 West Witton Trip to Whitby. See page 36
 18 Country Markets. Leyburn Methodist Hall. 10.00am to 12.30pm
 20 Summer picnic with Muker Band at Hardraw Scar. See page 7
 21 Table Top Sale in Hawes Market House for Hawes School funds. Page 41
 21 West Burton circular guided walk. Meet Aysgarth Falls N. Pk. Centre 11.00am. 10k. Booking: **662910**
 21 Marsett Chapel Anniversary Service. 2.00pm
 21 Aysgarth Methodist Church. Songs of Praise. 6.30pm
 22 Flower Rich Grasslands in the Pennine and Yorkshire Dales talk. See page 27
 24 Blood Donor Service at Hawes Market House afternoon and evening
 24 Upper Dales family history group. See page 38
 25 Country Markets. Leyburn Methodist Hall. 10.00am to 12.30pm
 25 Wildlife in Snaizeholme. Discovery walk. Meet Mirk Pot 2.00pm. Booking necessary **666210**
 26 Hawes Gala Disco. See page 13
 27 Hawes Gala. See page 9, 12
 27 Concert by Leyburn Band at St Andrew's, Aysgarth at 7.30pm. Friends of Govi (UK) Charity.
 27/28 Aisgill Moor Cottages open garden. See page 4
 28 **No services** at St Oswald's, Askrigg. Ordination of Michael Blanch as Curate at Ripon Cathedral. 10.30am. All welcome.
 28 Family Service at St Andrew's, Aysgarth. Theme - "Lost Property". Bring a friend and join in the fun to 11.00am
 28 Crafts and produce fair. The Falls, Aysgarth. 10.00am
 30 Walk round Sedbusk, Simonstone and Hardraw (links with vintage bus from Redmire station) See page 42
 30 Coffee morning, stalls and organ music. Hawes Methodist Church. 10.00am to noon.
 30 Afternoon Tea at St Margaret's Church, Hawes. 1.00 to 3.00pm
 30 Photography session at Gayle Institute. 2.00 to 5.00pm. See page 32
 30 Ordination of Revd Ian Robinson at St Matthew's, Stalling Busk. 7.30pm

July

- 1 The Land Girls of Yorkshire. "Badapple" Theatre company play. West Burton. See page 38
 2 Coach trip from Hawes. See page 23

National Park Ranger Update

Public access is at the very heart of our national parks, which were created for two purposes – conservation and recreation.

We believe all should be able to enjoy some access to the Yorkshire Dales National Park, no matter what their level of ability.

Ensuring access for all requires careful thought. Promoting enjoyment of the countryside can involve removing physical barriers. A difficult stile, for example, could spoil a day out for visitors who are less mobile, have a young family, or are wheelchair users, whilst a gate may be more manageable. Such built features may be a special part of the landscape, however, so we need to find sensitive solutions.

Through our regular rights of way work, we consider every opportunity to replace barriers, and prioritise improvements to routes near villages or public transport interchanges.

Recent examples include installing new gates in place of the metal ladder stiles near Lobla dub and widening some stone stiles & adding new lamb gates on a footpath in Bainbridge. This latter path was identified with Sycamore Hall and will now mean that some of the residents can hopefully get out this summer to enjoy the area without having to walk on the roads.

We also continue to maintain the footpath to Cotter Force as a path suitable for wheelchair access. I receive many comments from both locals and visitors about the work that we do to help the less able get away from the road sides and onto rights of way. However, this work would not be possible without the cooperation of local farmers, whose land these public rights of way cross. So a thank you, for your help.

Matt Neale

Area Ranger – Upper Wensleydale

666220

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Richmondshire Orchestra

The Richmondshire Orchestra are giving a concert in St Oswald's Church, Askrigg, on **Sunday, June 7th at 3.00pm**. The programme starts with Rossini's famous *William Tell* Overture, followed by *The Lark Ascending* for solo violin and orchestra by Vaughan Williams in which the soloist will be Victoria Sayles who currently plays with the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, and finishes with Beethoven's powerful 5th symphony. The conductor is Tim Jackson. The orchestra is grateful to the Countess of Munster Musical Trust which is sponsoring the soloist. Tickets are £6 (accompanied children free) at the door.

Police Report

Crime has been low in our part of the dale since my last report. The only crime reported has been theft of petrol from a lawn mower in Bainbridge. This was done by entering an insecure shed. Please KEEP YOUR SHEDS/GARAGES LOCKED as this will help to ensure that your garden tools will be there when you next come to use them. Obviously we are at the time of the year when many people pass through the area and historical trends show that things go missing when not secured away.

A scam that seems to be affecting mainly our elder residents in the Leyburn are at the moment is a version of “phishing”. For those who have not heard of “phishing” (it’s pronounced fishing) this is a scam that is usually associated with the internet. It normally consists of an e-mail purporting to be from a legitimate organisation such as a bank , normally along the lines of your account has been compromised abroad and monies have been taken. It usually asks for you to click a link on the e-mail and then send your bank details or credit card details to the link to ensure you still have the cards etc. Another is that you have won a prize on a lottery somewhere and they need the bank details to transfer the winnings electronically into your account . The details are then obtained by the fraudsters who then set about clearing out the account or using the details to make internet purchases. There are a lot of variations on this theme though.

The newer variety of the scam (or at least last week was the first time I have heard of it when a Leyburn resident reported it to me) is telephone based. The lady received a call from a Mr MacKenzie (and guess what he was not Scottish!) He told her he worked for a recovery firm acting on behalf of Barclaycard (on this occasion but it could well be any credit card company or

bank) and that several thousand pounds had been spent on her card abroad . If she did not authorise it he could get back all the funds but it would cost her £99.00. He then requested bank details so he could charge the fee. Very sneaky wouldn’t you agree. Unfortunately for him the ruse was rumbled!

Please make sure that your relatives are aware of these telephone scams and advise them never to reveal details over the phone no matter how genuine an unsolicited caller may seem. “DON’T BECOME A VICTIM”.

As I have said before in this column the local people possess a lot of information about “happenings” in their community. If these “happenings” cause you concern then do not hesitate to report them to us. There are numerous methods by which you can do this – letter (anonymous if so wished – however we will not be able to update you), the various means of telephony (**0845 60 60 247** for general matters or **999** for emergencies (including crimes in progress) or even by e-mail.

Finally if you have access to the internet a website worth looking at is www.northyorksire.police.uk . Yes it is the force website. It has details of your local neighbourhood police team but also a calendar of events in your area as well as much more.

Andy Foster PC826
Leyburn Safer Neighbourhood Team
Safer Neighbourhood Police Officer for
Upper Wensleydale
0845 60 60 247 ext 4570
SNTLeyburn@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Flower Rich Grasslands

As part of the Flowers of the Dales Festival, Dr. Roger Smith will be giving a talk on the **'Flower rich grasslands in the Pennine and Yorkshire Dales'** from **7pm-8.30pm on Monday 22 June** at the **Dales Countryside Museum**, Hawes.

Managing grasslands to maintain or enhance their floral diversity is a common aim of management prescriptions for nature reserves, Sites of Special Scientific Interest and agri-environment schemes. The illustrated talk will consider the long term field experiments that are informing grassland management.

Admission is free but booking is advisable, please contact Tanya St. Pierre at the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust on **015242 51002** or email tanya.stpierre@ydmtd.org

Askrigg School News

Maths and Science day

At the end of April Askrigg School had a Maths and Science day. There was lots of fun activities in every class such as making popcorn and playdough and Lego bridges. My friends Grace and Adele made gloop. It looked like liquid but it was solid. We did timed skipping and timed running. Adele and I had a go at milk bottle music. We put different amounts of water in a milk bottle and blew.

At the end of the day we all met up and had an assembly. Abby said it was the best day ever!

Sophie A. Y3

At the end of April our school had a maths and science day. There was an array of different activities like gloop and timed skipping.

At first I made a Lego model with Robert and at first it did not stay up but then it did. Secondly I made a tangram which is a picture made up of shapes. Lastly I made an electric circuit with Robert and it had a fan and a switch.

Finally the day was over. I liked it a lot.

Adam H. Y4

ECO Trip

On the 29th April we went to Piers Browne's house to look at his solar panels. We found out how he stores all the electricity in batteries and what he does with it. He makes money by selling all the electricity that he does not use back to the electricity board to use. A big thanks to Piers Browne, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Fawcett, Mrs Teasdale and a Swiss student called Beatrice. Here's a cool fact: there are only 10 solar arrays in the country! Also the solar panels on the roof are for the water and the solar arrays are for the electricity! We didn't produce any carbon footprints because we caught the bus that was already going back to Redmire,

and then walked the rest of the way to the Heugh, we also walked all the way back to school!

Kieran Y6

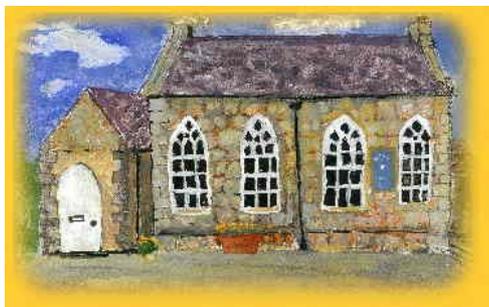
Warhammer Club

There are two kinds of warhammer. Warhammer is swords and gunpowder guns and Warhammer 40,000 is tanks, modern guns and turrets. There are lots of kinds of people to collect. There are Imperial Guard, Chaos Space Marines, normal Space Marines, Eldar and Necron.

Every Tuesday lunchtime people in class2 and class3 meet up and paint and battle Warhammer.

Tom W Year 5

West Burton School News



Building for change.

Excitement is growing amongst the children and staff of West Burton School with the first major changes to the school building for many years. Owing to desired flexibility and space restrictions within the existing structure a contractor has been appointed to create a floating floor inside the largest classroom. Alterations will take place during the summer holidays.

The planned new first floor will be installed in the junior classroom providing two small classrooms, with a separate dining hall/ assembly room on the ground floor. Further development includes separate office, staff room and small classroom for special needs. To meet modern requirements a disabled toilet is provided and better accessibility through the front door.

In addition to the school's own capital fund, The Elm House Trust may give us a donation. Additional money is currently being raised by parents and governors for furniture and equipment.

The fundraising events

A fundraising group has already undertaken a number of successful activities including a car boot sale at West Witton in April, cream teas at West Burton over the Easter weekend and a recent Quiz night at the Fox and Hounds in West Burton.

Further events included the West Burton

May Fair on May 25th. All proceeds went towards the building fund.

On June 12th the Summer Dance and Games Evening will take place, at West Burton Village Hall. Entertainment provided by DJ Wilko. Tickets priced at Adults £3, Children £2, available from the school, West Burton butcher's shop and Thoraby Post Office.

Finally, the Duck Race is on 16th July, a fun time for children of all ages with 1000 ducks making their emigration down Walden Beck!

Another way to support the school if you shop on line is to use the following link www.schoolfundraising.org.uk/west-burton-primary You can do your everyday shopping without any extra cost as the retailer operates a reward system to benefit the school for any purchases made through the school link.

Elli Sarri Neate

Cash in on Green Projects

Green business ideas that might benefit the National Park are being offered a cash grant to get started.

The Authority's Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) – now in its seventh year of operation – aims to support new business ideas, community schemes and environmental projects that demonstrate ways of living and working in the Dales and that benefit the National Park and its communities.

To date, more than £1 million has been awarded to 117 projects, large and small and the National Park is particularly keen to support local businesses who want to go green. Applications from outside the National Park can also be considered as long as they show a clear benefit to the area.

The SDF fund provided cash to test a scheme that could offer a sustainable solution to the problem of the conservation of field barns in the Yorkshire Dales. The "Fieldbarn" project aims to create a self-funding scheme to support the long-term repair and conservation of barns by building self-contained 'pods' inside that could be used for accommodation or light commercial use. The pods have minimal impact on the historic structure of the barn and are 100 per cent reversible.

The fund is managed on behalf of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority by the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust. Any organisations, individuals or businesses wanting application forms and further details about SDF funding for 2009/10 should contact **Isobel Hall on 015242 51002** or email her at:

isobel.hall@ydmtd.org. The first round deadline for funding is August 14th. Details and application forms are also available on **www.yorkshiredales.org.uk**.

Contact them for examples of projects that have already received grants.

Tournament of Song

2010 will be our Centenary and plans are well underway for a brilliant year but we do count on the support of all. The Annual General Meeting takes place on **Tuesday June 2nd at 7.00pm** in the Leyburn Methodist Hall. This gives every-one an opportunity to request the introduction of new or different classes and to let the committee know opinions on how the Tournament is run. For more information please contact:

**Julie Greenslade, Secretary
663731**

LEADER in the Dales – open for applications

The Yorkshire Dales Local Action Group is one of six partnerships in Yorkshire and the Humber which has successfully applied to deliver grants through a community-led rural development programme known as LEADER (Links between Actions for the Development of the Rural Economy). The funding is being made available through the Rural Development Programme for England, which is jointly funded by Defra and the European Union, and is managed by Yorkshire Forward.

Our Local Action Group partnership has been awarded £2.5 million for projects to enhance the quality of life and economic prosperity of the area between now and 2013. The Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, working in partnership with the North Yorkshire County will be managing LEADER through co-ordinator Rima Berry.

Consultation and research to produce a Local Development Strategy has shown what the key investment priorities are, based on what LEADER is able to support. Through the LEADER programme, funding is now available for actions that fall within three broad areas of activity:

1. Development of innovative community service provision to meet the needs of the local population.
2. Promotion and development of village regeneration and local community identity.
3. Conservation and upgrading of the rural heritage.

If you would like to know more about the LEADER funding programme and how it might help your community please contact Rima by email – rima.berry@ydmtd.org or call on **015242 51002**. Documents detailing the area covered by the LEADER programme and the Local Development Strategy can be downloaded from the Resources section of www.ydmtd.org.

Gayle Mill

Concerning the short report last month of the Open Day at the Mill, we have been asked to say that the opportunity to view the whole mill and its workings is only possible by means of a conducted tour. This is part of the consent granted by the planning authority.

Letter

Dear Editor,

I would just like to tell you that my friend Denny Minnitt from Askrigg sends me each monthly edition of the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter and I really look forward to its arriving.

I was born at Scarr Top near Bainbridge and lived at Cubeck most of my life until I came to Australia in 1950. I can still relate to a lot of people and places that you write about, especially concerning Askrigg, Bainbridge and Hawes. Thank you for many happy hours of reading.

I do have trouble with some of the puzzles and finding Eunice sometimes!

**Heather Vost (nee Kirkbride),
North Nowra, N.S.W.**

Competition answers

Weather

RAIN (ING)
GROUND FROST
SHOWER(S)
HAIL
TORNADO
WIND
STORM
GALE
MIST
FAIR
HURRICANE
HEAT WAVE

and the winner of the £10 prize was
Paul Sexton, Sedbusk

The White 'Hut' near Ribbleshead

I have some reproductions of a watercolour (1992) that I painted of the building, sadly now in poor state, a landmark beside the Ingleton Road near Ribbleshead.

They are mounted and cell-wrapped and for sale at £25 each.

This opportunity cannot be repeated as the original is not now in my possession, and there are only five copies.

Size 37cm by 30cm

Enquiries: **Sue Harpley 667475**

Richard of 'Impressions'

Photography session

At Gayle Club on Tuesday June 30th

2.00 to 5.00pm, ALL WELCOME

Proceeds to Lower Wensleydale YFC and
Hawes Toddler Group.

Competition

By popular demand: a crossword. It is cryptic.

Across

- 1 and 12 down Where we are
- 8 Ham might do it
- 9 She's lost in a little lea, north of here
- 10 Lemon cheese? Sounds a bit that way
- 11 PW starts here
- 13 All (g and s)
- 15 Not adding any extra
- 18 Basil is one
- 20 Upsetting rum in the work place causes chaos!
- 21 Sounds hot in this N. Yorkshire village
- 23 Trace me to end me
- 24 Payment for work in the dark?

Down

- 1 Do you know the place?
- 2 Dead old politician sounds nearby
- 3 Car with open collar produced one stripe
- 4 Bar from the County
- 5 Gets the worst of it. (5,3,5)
- 6 More idle
- 7 Aspirates losing head causes discomfort
- 12 See 1 across
- 14 Employ these woollies?
- 15 H₂O above 4C
- 16 Changes
- 17 Do they have to rig up their work place?
- 19 Stone, wood or Nosterfield
- 22 Get a drink from a mate at work

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The Macfie Collection.
A great resource for local history
Research

Origin.

The late **R.A.Scott Macfie** accumulated over many years a private collection of books dealing with the History of Wensleydale. Towards the end of his life he offered to leave the Collection to his friend Mr. R. Chapman of Bainbridge. Mr. Chapman refused the offer as he was then living in Bingley and felt that the Collection should not leave the Dale. Shortly afterwards in 1935, Scott Macfie died having made no provision for the Collection.

A Trust was then established to manage the collection. The Trustees' decision was that the Collection should be placed in a cabinet donated for the purpose and that the cabinet should then be placed in the Yorebridge Grammar School premises at Askrigg to the intent and on the understanding that the Collection should be made available to persons studying the History of Wensleydale whether members of the School or not.

Re-location of the Collection.

Following the closure of Yorebridge Grammar School in 1971 and the taking over of its functions and premises by The Wensleydale School on 1st September, 1971, the Trustees agreed that the Collection should remain in the School's Askrigg premises. Following the cessation in November, 1978, of use of the former Grammar School it was agreed by the then surviving Trustees, Richard Chapman of Bainbridge and James Scarr of Coleby, that the cabinet containing the Collection should in future be located in the premises at Leyburn of the Wensleydale School and this decision was notified to the Headmaster in a letter dated 28th September, 1979.

Upkeep, custody and location.

A Memorandum states "that in consideration of an undertaking by The Headmaster that the School will accommodate, account for, allow access to and at its discretion and so far as resources permit, repair, conserve, improve and extend The Collection as if The Collection were the property of The School, The Trustees undertake that The Collection shall be placed and remain in the custody of The Wensleydale School at Leyburn."

Access to The Collection.

It is agreed that at reasonable time and with sufficient notice the School will allow access to The Collection by persons wishing to use it for the purpose of studying the History of the Dale whether or not such persons are members of the School, subject to the School being satisfied that due care will be taken of The Collection during such use.

Ownership of The Collection.

It is by this Memorandum noted and agreed that The Collection as listed in the Annexe to this Memorandum is the property of The Trustees of The Macfie Collection and is not the property of The Wensleydale School. The School shall not sell or otherwise dispose of any part of the Collection without the written authority of The Trustees. If the School shall, after this date, at its own expense, add to the Collection, such items as may be identified as having been so added, shall remain the property of The Wensleydale School. Items given otherwise to the Collection shall be regarded as belonging to The Collection.

Termination of this Agreement.

The collection was overseen by the Trust, several new trustees being appointed over the years. In 1992 plans were drawn up for a Local Studies Room at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes and since the original intention was that the Collection should be made available to

persons studying the History of Wensleydale, the Curator of the Museum, Martin Gresswell, offered to house it. At a meeting at the school on 10th December, 1992, Trustee Members accepted the offer and Mr Hopkins (then Head Teacher) asked that the Calvert Collection which was also held at the school should be rehoused at the Museum also. The Calvert Collection is subject to a similar agreement drawn up by the donor, **Mr Kit Calvert of Hawes** and the then Headmaster, Mr C.J. Smith and witnessed by Mr Bob Ellis. Mr Calvert had asked that his collection should be kept with the Macfie collection.

On the 14th December, 1992, all the books were collected and taken to Seata House, Askrigg, for safe keeping until the Local Studies Room was ready. **A lead imprint of the 18th Century brass Market Seal of Askrigg was taken for display at the Museum as a loan.**

These valuable collection of books are freely available at the Museum but an appointment should be made to access them. Please ring **666210**.

(This is an extract from a very thorough review, produced by Denny Minnitt, of the workings and membership of the Trust for the Collections)

Hawes School News

Class 1 Visit to Rhodes Pet Shop

On Monday the 20th April we went to the pet shop. We saw food and toys for different pets. We went shopping for Miss Robson's pets. Me, Jack and Hannah bought a bell for her dog. When we got back to school we made our own pet shop. We like playing in our pet shop at school.

Megan Hugill Year 1

Learning traditional Skills

At Hawes CP School, we have begun a Knitting Club. This is held every Thursday lunch break and is run by Mrs Woodyer, Fiona Gill and Anne Hewitt. Most of the girls have decided to do a cat, rabbit or dolls and a boy is knitting the Incredible Hulk! We all enjoy this creative event and it is coming along very well! Thank you to all the adults who are helping with the knitting and the club which will be continuing after half term.

Jaz Iveson Year 6

Low Mill

On Friday 15th May 09 Class 3 went on their own little expeditions to Low Mill. The Yr 5's went to bushcraft, where they learnt the skills to help them survive in the wild. They learnt how to tell good plants, to eat, from bad and compared the two, how to safely light a fire, and last but not least how to make your own food. They made bread and a lovely hot-chocolate!

While all this was going on the Yr 6's had gone to an old quarry to go climbing! They learnt how to belay, tie safety knots, climb safely and what to do if someone fell into a huge patch of nettles! Well, altogether the two groups had a great time and would love to do it again, but let's wait until better weather first!

Bonnie Glendinning Year 6

West Witton Trip to Whitby

A Coach will run from West Witton to Whitby on **Wednesday 17 June** leaving from the Fox at 9.00am and picking up at Leyburn. It will return to West Witton by about 5.30pm. Cost is £7 per person.

Please contact **David Barraclough** on **624109** for further details or to book.

New project to Care for The Three Peaks

This project aims to give even more protection to the beautiful Three Peaks area.

Charities, organisations and individuals are being asked to help in the maintenance and conservation of the network of paths crossing a fragile area of land that has to cope with thousands of visitors each year.

Ingleborough, Pen-y-gent and Wharfedale have attracted walkers for decades but all the attention has taken its toll on the area, according to the YDNPA's Three Peaks Project Manager, Steve Hastie, who is also the Area Ranger. He says:

“About 250,000 people annually use the routes at all times of the year and the result is that we have an area that needs more maintenance more frequently than many others in the National Park - and it can be very costly.”

In 1986 the Institute for Terrestrial Ecology carried out a study of the condition of the path network in the Three Peaks and concluded that the region had the sad distinction of possessing the most severely eroded network in the UK. The following year, the first Three Peaks Project was established with a staff of 13. Its remit included trialling new path-engineering and re-vegetating techniques to provide sustainable routes and to allow damaged surrounding land to recover. The mid-90s and early 2000s saw a number of externally-funded projects completed, each with one or two extra staff appointed.

However, since 2004, the management and maintenance of the Three Peaks network has reverted to the Rangers - a team of just two officers covering the whole of the wider Ribblesdale area.

Many of the charities that regularly use the Three Peaks for sponsored events have volunteered to donate money towards the

upkeep of the area - and the YDNPA is hoping more will follow suit.

The UK's leading children's charity, the NSPCC, has chosen the Ingleborough area for its fifth, 25-mile circular North Can You HACK it (Hike Against Cruelty to Children)? 2009 Challenge walk, on September 5. Since 2005, over 1,200 walkers have donned their walking boots to raise over £250,000 for the NSPCC to help stop cruelty to children. For details please log on to www.nspcc.org.uk/hack

Anyone wanting more information can contact Steve on **01729 825242** or on his mobile **07818 048767** or email him at threepeaksproject@yorkshiredales.org.uk.

The photo shows ranger Steve Hastie with Ingleborough in the background. (YDNPA)



Farfield Mill During June

Dent-based artist John Cooke's exhibition of 'Recent Paintings and Drawings' continues in the Howgill Gallery, along with a fascinating wire installation by Welsh textile artist, Julia Griffiths Jones, which touches on the challenges of juggling with different things in our lives.

New to the Dover Gallery this month is an exhibition called, quite simply, Wild - a collection of work by a number of local artists working in different media, including Farfield's resident artists, based around the theme of wild places and landscapes, wildlife and flora and fauna. All work is for sale, alongside Farfield rugs and throws, produced on Dobcross looms, and high-quality art and crafts in the retail galleries, including some new names.

Family History Group

Historian, writer and workhouse expert, Peter Higginbotham, will be the speaker at the Upper Dales Family History Group's June meeting in Wensleydale. Peter runs a website dedicated to all aspects of life in the workhouse and is the author of numerous books and articles on the subject, most recently 'The Workhouse Cookbook'. One *Amazon* reviewer said: "This really is one of the best books on the workhouse system in print today: with hundreds of Victorian photographs and recipes to illustrate a beautifully written, witty tour through the workhouse diet... You'll even be able to cook Christmas pudding for 300 with one of the recipes..." Based on the findings of this book, Peter's talk is entitled: "*Chocolate, Cheesecake and Nettles – the Story of Workhouse Food*" and looks amongst other things at some of the attempts to make economical food both appetising and nutritious – a subject which may strike a few chords today. If you ever imagined that all workhouse inhabitants

existed entirely on thin gruel, this talk is a must!

The talk is on **Wednesday, June 24th, at 7.30pm** in the Dales Countryside Museum. Admission is free to members of the Cleveland Family History Society and £1 for visitors who are most welcome.

For further details please contact **Tracy Little 01748 884759**, email: jandt@cennick.fsnet.co.uk or see the group's website www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk

The Badapple Theatre Co.Ltd presents:

The Land Girls of Yorkshire West Burton village hall Wednesday, July 1st at 8.00pm

This is a new comedy written by Kate Bramley (ex- the Hull Truck Theatre).

"Some girls just aren't cut out for farming..."

It's wartime and there are some new arrivals in the village. They're turning heads and breaking hearts as the fine girls of the Women's Land Army take to the hills.

Raydale Report

The good news is that work did finally start on the river restoration project on Marsett Bottoms, the bad news is that after just a few days water levels rose and work had to be abandoned until levels fall again. However a considerable amount of stone has already been removed and been used to improve the track close to Marsett. It is no longer the ankle-twisting route that it was so access to Low Mill's bunk barn is much improved, which is important as the barn was designed to accommodate those less physically able.



A crayfish exposed during the work

A total of 45 crayfish were carefully removed from the de-watered cobbling by David Higgins, our licensed crayfish handler, and returned to the water lower down stream. Some of the females were "berried", carrying clutches of eggs close to the under part of their bodies. Crayfish are caring mothers and continue to carry the babies when they are hatched until they are just too big to hang onto anymore. If a crayfish carrying young is caught she flicks the babies off into the water with her claws so they still have a chance to survive. Given such maternal devotion it seems right that we should take care to handle them correctly.

Progress is also being made on the wider environmental issues that the project is tackling. Fencing contractors have already measured some of the work required and by the time the tree planting season arrives

there should be well over a kilometre of bankside willow planting to go in. A similar amount of linear tree planting, away from the water's edge is also planned, this helps to take rain water underground and slows down the speed of run-off.

Deborah Millward, Project Leader Table Top Sale

June 21st in the Market Hall, Hawes.

Open 10.00am till 4.00pm.

Refreshments served all day. Stalls include cards, cakes, tombola and much more.

All proceeds go to Hawes Primary School.

To book a table please call

Sharon Guy on 667642

Wensleydale Railway News

Are you one of the many people who say "I keep meaning to go on the Wensleydale Railway" but you still haven't been yet? There is a special fare offer for ALL passengers who travel on the first week-end in June, which might just encourage you to take a trip!

On **Saturday and Sunday June 6/7th** we shall be celebrating Community Rail Week-end. All over the country, local railways will be doing something special to encourage people to travel and explore the area round their railways. With the credit crunch in mind, Wensleydale Railway will only charge child fares for adults that week-end – and children up to age 15 will travel free. It's a worthwhile offer to help people find out what is at the other end of the line – Bedale swimming pool, for example, or the farm visitor centre for younger children (Big Sheep and Little Cow) beside Bedale station. There's no need to book for the train – just turn up and go. The timetable is on www.wensleydalerailway.com or ask for a copy in local pubs and shops and at Hawes and Aysgarth National Park centres (which also have information on things to do and see at your destination). There are five stations: Redmire, Leyburn (nice tearoom there!) Finghall, Bedale and Leeming Bar. Or maybe you know someone down the dale who could take advantage of the cheap fares that week-end to come and visit you?

If you are a Senior Citizen, you can use your bus pass to travel free on the Vintage Bus (in either direction) which connects Hawes with all trains at Redmire station on Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and August Bank Holiday Monday until November 1. And remember, remember, till the 1st of November, the Vintage bus can also bring your friends and relations to visit you!

Amongst other rail-based activities in the near future are a 5 mile guided walk from

Redmire station on **Friday June 12th** (this one MUST be booked in advance as it includes a barbecue lunch at Aysgarth) and a 4 mile guided walk in the Hawes area on **Tuesday June 30th**. Rail passengers will visit Gayle Mill on **June 16th** (pre-book; connecting coach from Redmire) and there's a Midsummer Wine Tasting and Cheese Evening on the train (must be pre-booked) on **Saturday June 20th**. A fortnight later, on **Saturday July 4th**, we shall be celebrating the sixth anniversary of the re-opening of the Wensleydale Railway with diesel locomotive-hauled trains all day.

Ruth Annison 650349

Middleham and Dales Local History Group

Tuesday June 2nd, 2.00pm
Middleham Key Centre

***The Knights Templar* – Neil Reed**

The Knights Templar, a medieval international military Order who fought for Christianity, had extensive estates in the Yorkshire Dales, particularly Wensleydale. They were so important that their legacy can still be seen today in place names, buildings and artefacts. Neil Reed will explain how they came into existence, became wealthy and even organized Crusades from their estates in Yorkshire.

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** or email

dotandtonyk@btinternet.com

Burtersett Show

(Sunday, July 26th at 2.00pm)

Advance notice of the classes:

Children (under 7; 7-10 and 11-16)

1. Garden in a tin 2. Photograph of a flower or flowers 3. Mask made from a paper plate 4. Drawing of an animal 5. Decorated bun 6. Plaited friendship bracelet 7 Longest dandelion leaf

Adults

1. Photograph of "The Weather" (7in by 5in max.) 2. Limerick about Wensleydale 3. Floral/leaf arrangement in shades of green (no other colours) 4. Homemade strawberry jam 5. Shortbread; 3 pieces on a plate 6. 3 home-grown tomatoes on a plate 7. Handmade greetings card 8. Sculpture from natural materials.

Further details next month.

Askrigg Playgroup

Come and see!

June 13th 10.00am - 12 noon

At Askrigg in the Surestart Children's Centre, (East End of Askrigg Primary School) Why not come and see the fantastic new facilities at Askrigg Playgroup, the event will include Refreshments, tombola and Cake Stall.

Sale of second hand toys, games and books. Some softplay equipment will also be set up for use from Yorebridge Sports and Fitness. For further details contact

Helen Dalton 650910

New Footpaths for Walkers

Two new footpaths have been created in the National Park. Walkers coming out of Kettlewell now have a safer route to link up with the popular footpath over to Hawswick instead of having to use the busy B6160, and another new 120m footpath is now open in Malham to reduce the amount of road walking needed to and from the Cove.

You Will Have To Wait

The Mystery Picture, 'Best Foot Forward' and other articles have had to be carried forward to the next issue.

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