
Upper Wensleydale Newsletter

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Editorial

They say ‘variety is the spice of life’ and it might be worth considering how fortunate we are in our area. Think of the landscape. Some ‘rural’ areas are just acres of big, flat monoculture fields, or empty without being interesting. Here we have the sheep-nibbled limestone meadows, crags and scars, then the big, peaty tops, the old ‘wiggly’ walls and the long straight enclosure walls, or the Howgills with no walls at all! The lively becks tumble into our big rivers and the villages, some long and thin, others tightly packed, all have their own character.

This variety in geology also means a variety of flora. Our limestone meadows and pavements are renowned for their flowers and our marshy gritstone uplands support their own variety. Their variety and abundance bring the insects; the insects bring the birds. Whoopee! Wonderful.

Some ‘rural’ areas have become, save for a few huge farms, commuter areas. Everything else of interest has gone and the daytime villages are deserted. Some others are totally tourism. For our small area (and our population really is tiny) we still have such a variety of employment: farming, auction mart, cheese, rope, optical instruments, tourism, banks, solicitors, accountants, builders, plumbers, electricians, a range of shops, museum and several I. T. companies! (Sorry if we’ve missed you.)

What about the buildings? Here we are on trickier ground! There IS variety but some would complain that it is too wide and doesn’t ‘fit in’ with the dales. But not all the older houses or other structures are like dales barns. What about the Victorian railway buildings, chapels and churches? Is there a tendency to think that everything new must be like a barn! Mind you, some buildings of the seventies and since look more like provincial suburbia. Others

have grown on us with time! As for variety of materials, no one would surely wish for red brick! Scargill House in Wharfedale is unlike anything else, but is now seen as significant in the landscape!

What about the variety of people? This can also be tricky. Some might like it if no one had ever arrived here since before the railways came! This isn’t realistic, as people have been moving in and out of the area for years (though maybe not as much as in other places). There might be a tendency to think that greater variety destroys what we treasure, but it is often newer residents who are willing to help to continue customs and traditions, as well as broadening our outlook.

The secret in all these issues is to incorporate gradual change by reasonable discussion, having the ability to see issues from both sides and not to ‘jump up and down’ madly without seeing the whole picture.

Landscape, building, business and population need to evolve steadily.

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Eunice



I was hiding in Keith Boddy's fence last month and the winner was **Jack Saville** from Guisborough. Where this month?

Next issue
The November issue will be produced on October 28th and 29th and will be distributed between October 29th and November 1st
DEADLINE FOR COPY:
Thursday October 22nd

Please Contact Us

If the person who rang, leaving no phone number, to say that we had omitted a 'Thank you' greeting for which she had paid, will contact us again, we will refund the money. Sorry!

Wensleydale Society

The first meeting for this season is on **Friday October 2nd** when David Eldridge, the Head of Hawes school will speak on "A village project in Rural India".

All meetings are in West Burton Village Hall at **7.30pm**. Each evening costs £1.00 and annual membership is just £5.00. A monthly walks programme for members adds to the enjoyment of Wensleydale and its wider environs. For more information please contact **Jane Bastow 01765 640365** or **David Milner 624361**

Pennine Bridleway Update

Work is progressing on the latest phase; during this major work at Garsdale Station towards the northern border of the National Park, about 3.5 miles of track will be developed along existing and newly created public rights of way. Drainage will be installed with minimal disturbance to the surrounding vegetation and landscape. This new section will be finished to recognised National Trail standards and suitable for horse riders, mountain bikers and walkers.

The newly created section will run from the Coal Road at Garsdale Station, across Dandry Mire to the Moorcock Inn, before heading across to Yorehouse and joining Lady Anne's Highway to Mallerstang.

The Pennine Bridleway project is now actively seeking new accommodation providers along its route for humans and horses. There will be a Business Workshop in November to provide more detailed information.

New Editions of Two Books

Wensleydale Remembered and Swaledale and Wharfedale Remembered

In 2004, author Keith Taylor wrote 'Wensleydale Remembered — The Sacrifice Made by The Families of a Northern Dale', which was launched at the Dales Countryside Museum. It was sold out after 12 months. Quite a number of people have inquired over the intervening years, asking if copies could be purchased.

The publisher has now produced a new edition, as well as the other book, Swaledale and Wharfedale Remembered. People who are interested can contact Keith Taylor at: 'Wensleydale', 4, Oker Road, Darley, Matlock, Derbyshire, **01629 73262**; or Dick Richardson at Country Books, Courtyard Cottage, Little Longstone, Bakewell, DE45 1NN **01629 640670**

dickrichardson@country-books.co.uk

Wensleydale Tournament of Song Presents

STAR PERFORMERS **AUTUMN VARIETY CONCERT**



Leyburn Methodist Hall
Friday October 9th , 7.30pm
Tickets £5.00; children £3.00
(Including welcome drinks)

Mystery picture; it's obvious where, but precisely when?



Off to Uni?

Don't forget that the Newsletter offers book and equipment awards for students in their first year in Higher Education. Drop us a line with your course details and we will explain.

Advice on Historic Buildings

Owners and occupiers of historic buildings in the National Park will have the chance next month to pick up tips and advice on ways of keeping their properties in excellent condition.

The Authority has organised a free 'Caring for Your Historic Buildings' event on **October 24th** at the People's Hall in Sedbergh that will cover a range of topics including:

- principles of conservation
- causes and treatment of damp
- stone masonry repairs including demonstrations with lime mortars
- how to employ an architect.

The number of participants at the event will be limited so it is strictly a matter of first come, first served. Anyone wanting to book a place should phone **652354** or email herinfo@yorkshiredales.org.uk.

Moving Forward A journey through the Bible

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Wednesday October 21st

'The Epistles' Redmire Village Hall
Then **November 3rd, 17th and 26th**

Each evening starts at 7.30pm

Wensleydale CPRE

Open Meeting

On Tuesday 6th October at 8.15 pm

at the Methodist Hall, Leyburn
following the Branch AGM.

Discussion on the Future of Wildlife in Snaizholme and Widdale with Guest Speaker Hugh Kemp, who is particularly involved with encouraging and protecting red squirrels in the area.

Further information from Kristin Whalley
663885

A Wensleydale Celebration

Jesus the King

**Middleham Key Centre: Saturdays
September 28th and October 23rd**

from 7.30 to 9.30pm

Contemporary worship with
Dr Mike Sweeting

Moorcock Show

Well there was a surprise on the day— it didn't rain like it had on previous years. The result was a highly successful show with a record number of sheep entered and a 60% increase in the number of people attending the show. It was a real pleasure to see that some of our visitors were from overseas, even as far away as America.

But back to the important issues. The Supreme Champion Sheep of all Breeds was a Swaledale Tup Lamb owned by Paul Hallam who formerly lived in Swaledale but now lives in Derbyshire.

The classes were: Swaledale, Rough Fell, Bluefaced Leicester, Mule, Pure Bred Texel and Vintage Tractor and Machinery. A full list of the results is available from Colin Luckett or Alison Pedley

This Should Whet Your Appetite!

Local readers will be pleased to hear that in the next few months a new book will hit the coffee tables; a 'foodie' book and more!

It has to be ready for the publishers by October so **Doreen Whitehead, her daughter Pat (Kirkbride) Robinson and Elizabeth Guy** are busy with its production. Pat had the idea and the three enthusiastically took it up, attending a "How to get published" course run by a national newspaper, and it wasn't long before a publisher who understood what they had in mind came along. Clearly it will be about Liz's cooking and recipes but also, as you can well imagine, linked to walking and the Coast to Coast and will include anecdotes from the many years that Doreen ran her B and B in Keld ("I do talk a lot", she admits!), with stories of her many visitors... and food!

I'd always thought of Doreen in terms of Hawes and upper Swaledale, but not so. She was born and brought up in Masham but came to Hawes at 16, where she was the last clerk at Hawes Station. This was followed by her time at the Black Bull, then being asked to cater for a wedding in Swaledale which led to an invitation to do the official lunch for Muker show... and that went on for 31 years.

But it was the B and B, mainly at East Stonesdale, after marrying Ernest, which brought fame, and the decision to start the Coast to Coast B and B accommodation guide. The recent re-showing of Julia Bradbury's Coast to Coast walk as part of the series in Wainwright's footsteps, has brought Doreen to our TV screens again.

We must remember, too, that Liz featured in the long summer TV series on Wensleydale, some saying she was as good as the famous Delia. To add to the splendour of the book-to-be, the renowned

photographer **Derry Brabbs**, who did the photography for the big glossy "Wainwright's Coast to Coast" walk, has been up here doing the work for the new book together with his wife who "does food photography" as Pat said to me. The front cover is likely to be a dramatic shot combining food and Dales scenery, but I'm not giving away any secrets!

We'll certainly look forward to it; the first print run will be 10,000 copies but I can't tell you the title. The three of them haven't quite made up their minds!

A.S.W.

Macmillan Cancer Support

Worton's contribution to the World's Biggest Coffee Morning will take place this year on **Friday, October 2nd** at River View, Worton. From **10.30 am**. Raffle and tombola, as well as delicious cakes and biscuits!

Everyone is welcome to join us. All proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Margaret Meek

Askrigg School Christmas Fair

Askrigg School PTFA are organising their very successful Christmas Fair again this year. It will be on **18th November at School at 7:15pm**. The cost for a stall is £5 per table plus a raffle prize. Please contact Carolyn on **650306** for more information or to book a table.

For Adults Only

An audience with Daryl will take place at the Fountain, Hawes on 25th November at 8.00pm. This is a strictly adults only performance in aid of Gala and The Gorgeous Glamorous Glitter Ball funds. Hurry to get your tickets, only £5, available now from the Laundrette **667192**.

Older People in Upper Wensleydale

Over the last year or so there has been a ripple of activity in the Upper Dale linked to identifying whether older people in the area have any particular needs and, if so, what might be done to address these. Representatives of local groups, workers from Age Concern and Help the Aged, Age Concern North Yorkshire, the Alzheimer's Society and Dr West from the Central Dales Practice have been meeting looking into what is possibly one of the greatest issues for many older people –loneliness and isolation. This can be made worse when access to services and activities is difficult. This is a problem even in the most urban setting. However, living in a rural area can make this situation even worse especially when someone does not have their own transport or is going through some of the changes which life presents such as ill health, reduced mobility, bereavement or becoming a carer.

As a result of this discussion it was agreed that the group should try to take some action which could start to address these issues and funding was received from Age Concern and Help the Aged to set the ball rolling. You won't have noticed any seismic changes but you may be aware of and even taken part in some of the activities which have resulted from this initiative to date. These include:

- ~ 4 coffee mornings held in the Hawes Methodist Church Rooms over the winter.
- ~ An EngAge event held at The Fountain in April of this year. A variety of organisations came along to that to provide information.
- ~ IT courses run by Trish West of the Upper Wensleydale Community Partnership at the Resource Centre.
- ~ 'Yesterdale Yarns' a reminiscence project being developed by Jenny Harper and recently launched at Sycamore Hall.

In the coming months we are hoping to provide some taster sessions for different types of exercise and will be asking people to let us know if they fancy gentle exercise, seated tap dancing or single salsa. All of these are great fun and not only provide the chance to 'tone up' but also the opportunity to meet and enjoy the company of others.

If you would like to know more about these activities, have any suggestions for others or would like to come along to a meeting of the Steering Group please contact me,

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Paul Fisher : **01609 771624** or

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Upper Dales Family History Group

This month's meeting is on **Wednesday, October 28th, at 2.00pm** in Fremington Sunday School near Reeth.

Alan Garlick will speak on 'Victorian Chimney Sweeps and their Child Apprentices'

Quantum Weirdness in Wensleydale

The well travelled quantum explorers Alice and Bob take a visit to Wensleydale and discover that the weird world of quantum physics is at work. Dr Irene D'Amico will guide you through the strange situations that Alice and Bob encounter including the phenomena of superposition and entanglement. This is an explanation of some of the ideas in quantum physics presented in a way that anyone will be able to follow, and find out more about the next generation of cryptography and computing technology.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Middleham Key Centre

Thursday October 22nd

7.30pm

Gorgeous, Glamorous, Glittering

The Gorgeous Glamorous Glitter Ball will be held at Simonstone Hall on 29th January 2010. Tickets will go on sale at the Laundrette, Hawes on 1st November. Don't delay too long or you may miss your chance of a ticket!

Current Exhibition at the National Park Offices Yoredale, Bainbridge

Personal Dales Favourites

open 8.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday

During September and October we are showing some of the artwork belonging to staff at the Authority – either material they have produced themselves, or work they have acquired from local artists, all relating to or inspired by the Yorkshire Dales.

We will be offering an eclectic mix of styles and subjects, including paintings, photography, textiles, printmaking - reflecting the diverse range of tastes and interests of individuals working here!

For more information telephone:

Lesley Knevt on 01969 652326

Hawes Cricket Club

The beginning of the season was more productive than the end, but the results are as follows:

Won 4, lost 6 and the rest cancelled due to the weather but all in all, a better season than last year.

We have had quite a productive summer in other areas, with some much needed repairs done to the pavilion roof and veranda, we have added some seating so all are welcome to come down on a Sunday and while away a sunny(?) afternoon. You may even get a cup of tea.

This winter will see changes to the committee with Tim Prudden hanging up his cap due to other commitments; we would like to thank Tim for all he has done over the past years. Other people to thank are Dave Raw, David Raw, Liam Hatfield and anyone else I missed.

We have been very lucky in securing two grants; one towards some new equipment and the other is for ground keeping equipment. We have also received money from the Newsletter and we would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank them for the donation.

We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone down to watch Cricket (or even play) next year and ask if there is anyone wanting to play next season? If so, make your self known to one of the committee; we are always short of adult players.

Louise Raw

The Old Weigh House

You may have noticed the decrepit old building on the right of the museum entrance and wondered what it is. Recently you may have seen it swathed on blue tarpaulins and wondered what is happening.

It is the old station weigh house, built in

the early 1920s, probably to a standard LNER design. The weighing mechanism still exists inside the building with a weighbridge, whose tables are dated 1920 and 1921, in front. Sadly the building was falling down

The National Park has decided to restore the building and under the leadership of YDNP joiner Richard Pennington a team of volunteers and Ranger Matt Neale can be seen jacking it back to level and replacing rotten timber prior to repainting it. Interpretation boards will then be erected.

AM



Masquerade Ball on All Hallows' Eve

The annual Masquerade Ball, hosted by the Business Association Wensleydale (Ltd) is being held on **October 31st**, at Simonstone Hall. Chairman of the Association, Colin Bailey, said "This year the Masquerade Charity Ball is raising funds for Yorkshire Air Ambulance. In past events everyone has entered into the spirit of the venetian masquerade with real enthusiasm. This year our event is on Halloween, All Hallows Eve, so I'm sure it will be a great party and raise lots of funds for the Air Ambulance."

The Masquerade Ball is ticket only and everyone is welcome. The £25.00 ticket includes 2 course meal, disco and live music from 7pm to 1 a.m. The event also features the Guest Speaker, Phillip Holden MBE (of singing farmer fame). Tickets are available online at www.wensleydale.org, payment by PayPal, or from **H. Dalton 650910**. Venetian masks may be hired for the event from **Rima Berry, 650980**. Please book early.

Trip to Newcastle

Thursday November 19th.

The bus leaves Thoralby at 8.30am then picks up in West Burton, West Witton and Leyburn. For full details and to book please contact **Audrey Bailey 663319** as soon as possible.

Decorative and Fine Arts

The Fine Art of Crime

Fascinating actual case studies will provide an insight into the art world's underground and the trail and repatriation of stolen art. Stealing fine art and antiques offers criminals a highly valued commodity, often poorly protected and difficult to identify, which can cross international boundaries.

Malcolm Kenwood will speak on *The Fine Art of Crime* at the Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society lecture on **Tuesday, October 13th at 2.00pm** in Middleham Key Centre. Malcolm is a former detective with Sussex Police, investigating art and antiques crime. He later became Recoveries Director for the Art Loss Register which operates an international commercial database for stolen property.

Non-members are welcome at £5 per lecture. further information is available from the Membership Secretary, tel. **624203 Elaine Frances**

Gayle Mill

Events in October are as follows:

Sunday 4th: Tours at 11.00am and 2.00pm (They last about 2 hours) and demonstration of the machinery. £10.00 for adults, £5.00 children (includes refreshments) Booking advisable: **667320**

Saturday and Sunday 10th and 11th: Hands on Weekend; using the mill's wood-working machinery to create your own wood products, under expert tuition from the Directors of Gayle Mill Trust. £250 per person (includes 2 day tuition, light lunch and refreshments)

Booking essential.

Autumn Serenade

On **Saturday October 17th** the Aysgarth Singers and the Hawes Silver Prize Brass-Band present an evening of enjoyable music. The programme will include a variety of choral singing and brass band styles covering traditional, classical works, music from the swing era and popular 'pops'.

Make a note in your diary for a musical treat in the Hawes Market House, **7.30pm**. Admission is £5.00 with proceeds going to Music in the Dales.

**S.Roocroft
Aysgarth Fete Success**

Bank holiday Monday saw a window of fine, sunny weather for Aysgarth fete which raised a record £2870 for the village institute. The green was crowded as people flocked to the various stalls; adults to the white elephant, tombola and bookstall, children to the bouncy castle and face painting. A barbeque and quoits finished the day just before the rain set in again. The organisers would like to thank all those who helped before and during the day and also the prize donors for the raffle.

Richard Blowes

Supper with the Bishop

As part of their centenary celebrations, St Matthew's, Stalling Busk will hold its Harvest Festival on **Sunday 18th October** with Bishop James. Supper will be served.

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Tuesday November 3rd

'The book of Ruth' St Oswald's Church

Tuesday November 17th

'The Gospels'. Hawes Methodist Church

Thursday November 26th

'The message of Creation' Wensley
Village Hall

Each evening starts at 7.30pm

Raydale Project

Work on setting up the Community Hydro Scheme is progressing. Having established that the scheme is viable it is now necessary to set up an Industrial Providential Society. Currently the Raydale Project has no legal status, it is merely an off shoot of the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust. To receive significant grant money it must have an independent legal status and an Industrial Providential Society would provide that.

The Society would also be the organisation which dealt with the profit. It must be stressed here that initially profit will be low, this is a long term project which is to the benefit of our children and grandchildren. It is they who are going to have to cope with the twin legacy of escalating fuel prices and reducing their CO2 emissions - not an enviable inheritance from those who flourished on North Sea oil and gas.

Steve Welsh, from Water Power Enterprises, will explain the whole process of how we can go about turning “the idea of green electricity” into a fully functional hydro plant, at the next open meeting of the Raydale Project. This is to be held on **Wednesday October 7th at Sycamore Hall at 7.30pm**

Although this is particularly for the residents of Bainbridge, Countersett, Marsett and Stalling Busk anyone with a keen interest in making real progress towards more sustainable energy production would be welcome. Especially welcome would be anyone with the business skills to act as a Director of the IPS. We are seeking at least three Directors to work with Water Power Enterprises so if you have financial skills, IT skills or just a great enthusiasm for this project, then please come along.

Other items on the evening programme will be a presentation on what we have achieved so far in Raydale and also current

work in progress. It should be an interesting evening with plenty to talk about over a cup of tea.

**Deborah Millward, Project Leader
Gill Woods, Head of
Askrigg Primary School**

When I arrived at the school, they had just had a 'Pets' Assembly and Gill was taking her pony back. This, I learnt, is one of four dales ponies owned by Gill, who has just taken up her post at the school. She has a 13 year old mare, a five year old gelding and a couple of two year olds. Now she has 49 primary school children in her care too! Gill told me that she had previously taught in a school of approximately 370 children. So why the big change?

Gill believes in what the small village school has to offer in the way of education, and much more. She is in fact a researcher at Nottingham College on 'Leadership Succession' in education, part of which involves an 'Every child matters' initiative, strong on helping children to fulfil their potential and the importance of 'home/school partnerships'. Gill is very happy to have been appointed to this post and hopes and intends to build on the already high standards, maybe with particular emphasis on creativity and music. (She is a pianist herself).

But back to the ponies. As well as her very demanding career, she has qualified at level one in 'Reiki', which, I found out, applies to horses and humans both and is a type of therapy. This, to me sounded fascinating, but there wasn't time to learn more.

Gill told me that as well as an engineer husband, she has two grown sons. One is at York studying for a PhD and the other is Head of Theatre studies at a 6th form College in Harrow.

As I finished my coffee, Gill mentioned

that the school was urgently seeking lunch-time supervisors (See ad.) So I said I'd mention it. If there's anyone reading this who would be interested, please contact the school.

Thrown in for good measure, Gill mentioned her other interests, painting and writing poetry! I left thinking that the children at Askrigg Primary School had struck lucky with Gill, and as I left a very polite boy held the door for me. She will be building on good foundations. We wish her all the best.

S.H.



Heavens Above

It's the International Year of Astronomy's Autumn **Moonwatch** this month. During the week beginning Sunday, 25th October, we're all being encouraged to find out more about the Moon, and renew our acquaintance with the night sky at the same time. Moonwatch week is being co-ordinated by the Society For Popular Astronomy (SPA) and observing sessions and talks have been arranged all round the country including the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes.

On the **26th and 27th** starting at **7.00pm** there'll be a brief introductory presentation about the Moon plus a chance for you to have a look at it through a telescope - weather permitting of course. Places are limited so booking is essential. You'll also need to bring a pair of binoculars if possible. Contact the DCM on **666210**.

Because it's so close to us the Moon is always a fascinating sight - even the naked eye will let you see its monthly phases as well as the famous 'Man in the Moon' effect. Binoculars of course will show you a great deal more including some of the lunar 'seas', but a telescope really brings the Moon to life, especially during its crescent phase when dramatic side-lighting makes the mountains and the thousands of craters that scar its barren surface stand out in a spectacular fashion.

So if you can't attend an organised observing session why not do a spot of Moonwatching on your own - Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

If you'd like to find out more about the Autumn Moonwatch and the 2009 International Year of Astronomy visit the SPA website www.popastro.com/ and follow the links.

**Bainbridge and District
Motor Club**

14 cars arrived at Bainbridge for the last rally of the season and most people went wrong right from the beginning and only 3 cars completed with no problem at all! One car ended up in Nateby, one in Woodhall and one in Redmire, whilst another car was trying to find cattlegrids at the top of Howgate! Some of the places visited were Sedbusk, Hawes, Appersett, Buttertubs Pass and Reeth.

Marker boards were to be spotted on the way round but they were well hidden on top of gravel heaps and tucked tightly behind walls! There were also a few laughs trying to find the largest thistle as a tie-breaker, which was 174cm tall! The rally was a total of 40 miles and was a very enjoyable ride round! Thank you to William Thwaite and Mike Percival for organising the event.

Emma Thwaite

Home on the Range

From Wensleydale to the Wild West, an epic tale of struggle, endurance and buffalo droppings!

The renowned North Country Theatre's latest production, written and directed by Nobby Dimon, will be at West Burton Village Hall on **Wednesday, October 7th at 7.30pm.**

Tickets cost £8.00 (under 16s £6.50) are available by ringing **Rachel, 663753** or **Christine, 663792.**

(Also at Leyburn Methodist Hall on Saturday November 28th and the Dales Countryside Museum on Wednesday December 2nd)



Great Opportunities For Young Dancers and Film Makers



Two great opportunities for young people in the Richmondshire area are starting this Autumn.

Young dancers, or wannabe dancers, aged between 11 and 18 can learn all the latest moves at a series of **Street Dance** classes starting in October. Our nearest session is at Leyburn Methodist Hall on **Thursdays starting 8th October, 4.15 to 5.15pm.** The cost is just £1 per session and anyone wanting to book a place needs to call **Air** on **625142.**

As if that wasn't enough, **Air** also has a **Film Making project** for budding film makers. It offers the chance for people aged between 15 and 19 to work with a professional director to make two short films over the next six months. An initial session is planned for anyone interested in the project to come along to find out more, have a go with some of the equipment and meet other interested people. After that, sessions will be every Saturday starting on **17th October** in Middleham.

All the film making sessions are free.

To book places on either or both projects please contact **Air** 625142 or email info@airarts.org

Hawes School News

Hawes School Has a Magnificent Time at Robin Wood, Alston.

The ten children in year five at Hawes School have just returned from a fantastic trip to Robin Wood Residential Centre in Alston.

We wanted to share just some of the children's thoughts about this adventure.

"It was spectacular...I loved the 'Giant Swing' forty feet in the air!" Rachel

"I liked the 'Piranha Pool', I was scared at first, but I enjoyed everything." Doyle

"It was the best three days of my life!" Jenny

"I enjoyed the 'Piranha Pool' and 'Archery', we learnt how to overcome fear." Bruce

"I enjoyed 'Night Line' and 'Stream Walking. There were lots of bumps." Emma

"The only bad thing was that we couldn't stay longer!" Cerys

"The best thing about Robin Wood, was having the courage to do the leap of faith!" David

"I enjoyed problem solving in the 'Piranha Pool', I was shivering like mad!" Kayleigh

"The best activity was the 'Zip wire and I loved the hot chocolate." Bella

"We had the most fantastic time at Robin Wood." Chloe

I was very proud to be able to be with these children and we would all like to thank Middleton Tyas School for kindly inviting us along.

**David Eldridge
Head Teacher**

Askrigg School Natural Light Day

On Thursday the 10th September Askrigg School had a natural light day.

The goal was to not use any lights in school, we were only allowed to use sunlight! Luckily it was a sunny day. We read the electric meters on a normal day then on the Thursday night. We saved 17.54kW

Noah and Grace eco-warriors (Y5)

October Competition

Famous Composers

1. He was large and mixed up
2. Sounds like a dog's noise
3. He's nearly ill-used.
4. Go away, Herbert!
5. He hid in vivid or lurid places
6. He's a confused sloth
7. Born 1913, Lowestoft
8. Some wit said of him "His music is better than it sounds!"
9. He was smashed in the drive
10. He wrote 'Down Ampney'
11. Was he a cobbler!
12. Sounds as if you turn him.

Last Month's Answers

1. Stanhope
2. Kettlewell
3. Lofthouse
4. Cow Green
5. Crackpot
6. Hawes
7. Coniston Cold
8. Glasshouses
9. Ireshopeburn
10. Reeth
11. Burnsall
12. Cotherstone
13. Thornton Watlass
14. Esholt

Isn't anyone going to challenge Margaret Proctor's superior puzzling skills?

Prunings

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

After a beautiful week we seem to be back to normal and today it is miserable. So much for that barbeque summer we were promised. Along the road the horse chestnuts are already colouring up and the Aralia which has only just flowered is already sporting some red leaves. Each morning Mrs Blackbird comes and breakfasts on the Cotoneaster berries. I wonder what she'll do in the middle of winter having started on them now.

In contrast the Amelanchier Lamarckii which was glorious last Autumn has not begun to alter, and the babies I took as cuttings 2 years ago are still growing well. On the plus side there are brambles in profusion which is a nice excuse for pies and self indulgent crumble and custard!



I brought some Hebe cuttings from London at the beginning of August and some are already rooted and potted up. Coming from a walled garden I shall need to keep them under cover this winter as I doubt they will be ready for the Dales climate, but hope springs eternal and you never know. My own Hebe "Great Orme" went completely mad this year so now it's had a haircut and I have numerous cuttings from it. They too won't be strong enough to go out until Spring. Some of the Penstemons taken as early season cuttings are flowering. Firebird in particular has done well. I'll leave some in larger pots outside, but keep some under cover for insurance purposes.

The slips I took from a neighbour's Hydrangia petiolaris have been very slow to root although things might improve now I have the power on again in the sand bed.

I'll leave them a bit longer. The cuttings from Annabelle which was so beautiful last month are not looking clever. I think this plant might be a candidate for hardwood treatment later on.

Now is the time when the Echinaceas and Chrysanthemums come into their own. The Pot mums are getting past it, but the sprays are glorious just now, especially the bronze varieties. No need to buy cut flowers at the moment, and I must remember to save the best ones for cuttings early next year. The purple-pinkish blooms of the Echinacea Purpurea are striking as well, but there is little to beat the spectacular black eyed yellow daisies of Rudbeckia Goldsturm which doesn't seem to care about what the weather throws at it. On a dull day they're a knock-out.

Which reminds me, the planter full of Polygonum which masks the dustbin (can't remember which variety of plant) is still producing new flowers and looking for all the world as if it is a multi coloured specimen. New flowers emerge white, turn red as they mature and are still attractive when spent and brown.

Interestingly the sloes on the roadside looked to be almost ready when I crawled past them. It seems early as I usually pick them at half term. Must remember to buy some cheap gin! Good luck! And whatever you grow, take time to enjoy it.

Rose Rambler

**Richard Johnson and Partners
Solicitors**

As many readers will be aware, Richard Johnson in Hawes and Geoffrey Mochrie in Leyburn retired from the practice at the end of August, Mr Johnson continuing as a consultant and Mr Mochrie now has his own practice in Leyburn.

It had been the intention of the third partner, Michael McGarry, to continue the practice in Hawes but, although he is now unable to, and the practice will cease from the end of September, Mr McGarry will be working from Barnard Castle.

Last chance for 2009

Communities, businesses and individuals in the National Park are being invited to apply for funding in a last call for projects in 2009.

The National Park'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 new ways of living and working in the Dales and that benefit the National Park and its communities.*

The closing date for this last round of 2009 grants is November 13th.

A couple of examples:

SDF has recently funded projects such as an air-source heat pump that provides renewable energy for the new headquarters of Ingleton scout group.

Support has also been given to local businesses producing locally-sourced produce, such as Sedbergh-based Laura's Looms. With two grants from SDF, Laura has been able to develop and expand her business, creating high quality woven "Howgill Throws" using Bluefaced Leicester sheep fleece obtained from farms in Garsdale and Dentdale.

The SDF is managed on behalf of the National Park 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@ydmmt.org.

Details and application forms are also available on the Authority website at www.yorkshiredales.org.uk.

You Remember

Maurice Grumbleweed?

On **Friday, October 9th, 8.00pm** Maurice, who spent some time in Hawes, will pre-

sent an evening of music and comedy in Reeth Memorial Hall with special guest, Brian Glanfield, on guitar and Reeth Brass Band. Profits from the concert go to Swaledale Fell Rescue and the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Tickets £10 in advance, £12 on the door (under 16s half price) ring **John Little 01748 884759**

Ranger Report

As with everyone else, our work programme has been affected by the continual wet weather we have had this so-called 'summer'! But we have managed to complete some of our larger projects.

Working with local contractors Peter Iveson and Michael Alderson we have recently repaired two sections of bridleway which cross the moors from Walden to Braidley and Horsehouse in Coverdale. The routes have been damaged by illegal use by motorcycles. The work to restore these sections consisted of installing new cross drains, ditching, surfacing the badly eroded sections with aggregate, and transplanting turfs to provide a level grass surface free from deep ruts. We have also undertaken repair and drainage works to the bridleway between West Burton and Carlton.

The footpaths through Forelands Plantation near West Burton - which have been closed to allow forestry felling and timber extraction - have now been restored and reopened to the public. Replanting with a mixture of broadleaved tree species by the woodland's owners has already begun.

If you have called into the Aysgarth Falls car park recently you may have noticed contractors digging a large trench. This is part of a project to upgrade the public toilets at the National Park Centre. Once the contractors have completed the underground sewage system, the toilet block will be closed to the public and new toilets and internal fittings will be installed. Alternative public toilets will be provided on site whilst the works are taking place. The National Park Centre and café will remain open as normal.

We often have lost items handed into the Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre which usually comprises hats, keys, cameras - and even dogs. Last week we had a young tawny owl brought in. The owl was weak

and dehydrated and had been found on the main path to the Upper Falls. I took the owl - which was unable to fly due to a damaged wing - to the local vet at Bainbridge who examined the bird and reported that there were no broken bones. It was left overnight at the surgery until it was collected by the RSPCA the following day to be taken to a local owl sanctuary.

I would like to remind you that if you encounter any problems whilst using public rights of way or Open Access land you can contact either Access Ranger Paul Sheehan on **666226** or me on **662912**.

Nigel Metcalfe
Area Ranger (Lower Wensleydale)
1st Hawes Brownies

About 200 guiding members joined together in the grounds of Bedale Hall at the beginning of September to launch the Girlguiding Centenary year. We played games and took part in an outside ceilidh. Fortunately, it stayed dry! Each Unit was given an engraved centenary candle to commemorate the event and we had ice cream and a centenary cake. We have started working on the centenary challenge badge and we are also working on the Out and About badge this term. Two brownies left in July and three new brownies have joined us.

Linda Reynolds

Devon Violets

When we moved to Wensleydale at the beginning of the Millennium we came in search of an uncomplicated lifestyle; a pace of living some 50 mph slower than the one we'd left behind in Wiltshire. Striking a reasonable balance between workload and leisure isn't the easiest of commodities to obtain, especially for a cack-handed juggler like myself. Timing has never been our forte either. Though having seen and bought a plot of land in Worton some five years earlier we truly felt we'd come to the right place at the right stage in our lives. A golden opportunity not to be missed. That much we did know.

What we hadn't bargained on was the Midas touch. It quickly became apparent that by moving to Yorkshire we'd quite inadvertently replicated the ancient mariner's trick, the one mentioned in The Bible; casting your empty nets the opposite side of the boat on the slim chance of bagging a winner. The key to this success was not of our making; more the locals we came into contact with. Securing the services of Master craftsman Trevor Teasdale to build us a house was merely our first stroke of good fortune. He promised us an 'ordinary' dales home. And in keeping with typical understated Yorkshire tradition he delivered us a dream. Yes, we've rather grown fond of Yorkshire tradition over the years.

Now we have grandchildren on the scene: two Devonshire violets who go by the names of Isabel and Emily. And those of you who know us here at Cornerstones will only be too aware of the trauma our family went through last Christmas regarding Emily's illness. She's currently making strides, albeit slowly. But if she's to procure any reasonable shot at life she'll need every ounce of support we can physically provide and that is something that can't be delivered long distance. Hopefully by moving to

Devon that same Cornerstones' Midas Touch which we've enjoyed for so many years here at Worton will be transferred to Emily.

We've made so many wonderful acquaintances during our time here, especially our friends at West Burton and Bainbridge Schools; in particular Sally Stone and Elaine Hopwood. Also the guys and girls at Hawes Countryside Museum, notably Jack Sutton, the best bloke I've ever had the privilege of working alongside. His humour and antics will be sorely missed! Our good neighbours are too numerous to name individually but they know who they are. Over the years we've enjoyed countless social gatherings from impromptu coffee mornings to lavish dinner parties. We've laughed together, played music together and they've become such an intrinsic part of our lives. Not least Tom and Linda Tennant: good honest down-to-earth dales folk whose warmth and generosity epitomise everything we dearly love about Yorkshire life.

We came originally in the knowledge of moving to *God's Own Country*. 10 years on, it's no coincidence that we depart knowing a fair number of His own people live there too. Farewell dear friends. We shall miss you all. Big time.

Rob and Annie Bennett

**Leyburn Amateur
Dramatic Society**

presents

"Funny Money" by Ray Cooney

Thursday, 22nd to Saturday, 24th October

at the Wensleydale School

Produced by Carrol Thomas

Show starts at 7.30 pm

Tickets available from **640689**

www.levburnlads.co.uk

Tornado on the Railway

The recently completed steam locomotive 'Tornado' will be making its first run on the Settle to Carlisle line on **Saturday and Sunday, October 3rd and 4th.**

It leaves Hellifield at about 10.45am arriving at Appleby to be 'watered' at noon. So you can calculate the rough time it will pass though Ribbleshead or Garsdale!

Middleham and the Dales Local History Group (MDLHG)

LORDING IT OVER THE DALES, 1350-1500 - Professor Tony Pollard

Autumn course of four sessions at Middleham Key Centre, all at 2.00pm, beginning on Wednesday 21st October and continuing on 4th November, 18th November, and 2nd December (Please note change of dates from those published earlier in the year)

This course will be of great interest to everyone who would like to find out more about the lords of Middleham and their aristocratic neighbours in the later Middle Ages. It will provide an insight into the community of late medieval Richmondshire; the relationships between the lords of Middleham, the earls of Richmond and other lords in Wensleydale and Swaledale (including their castle building) and the significance of the north of England to national politics. It will culminate in a consideration of Richard III, and put his relatively brief tenure into context.

The fee for the 4 session course is £25 for members and £35 for non-members, (including a year's membership). To register for a place or for further information, contact **Tony Keates 640436** or email dotandtonyk@btinternet.com

Sewing Workshops

The HAOS pantomime costumes are being made by volunteers again this year, so we will be running workshops on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at Herriot's to cut out, sew and finish off costumes.

All help would be much appreciated, whether you're a novice or an experienced seamstress/tailor! Please contact **Andrea** at Herriot's on **667536** for details.

Dales Countryside Museum

2nd October to 8 November - exhibition: Hidden History, the Dales and the Wider World

October

6 Spinning and rugmaking in the museum reception 10.00am to 4.00pm

16 Friends of the Museum AGM followed by "Pray for the Poor of the Parish" by Geoff Keeble at 7.30pm

25 Patchwork and Quilting in the Museum reception between 10.00am and 4.00pm

26 and 27 Autumn Moonwatch
Coinciding with the National Year of Astronomy, join local amateur astronomer Jack Sutton. An introductory presentation and practical use of telescopes. Bring binoculars. Booking essential.

28 Discover and Do. Children's craft afternoon with Halloween in mind! 2.00 to 4.00pm

For further details of events or to book, ring **666210**, hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk www.yorkshiredales.org.uk



Dalesplay News

We have had a very busy summer with various workshops being run throughout. The 'water splash' workshop was the favourite by far, even though it was a cold day and we had to hold it indoors.

September is passing and the children have returned to school. We have lots planned for the months ahead. We will be running an Art and Design after school club on a Monday night and a Cookery Club on a Wednesday night. Both will run throughout the year during term time; charge £1 per session to cover costs. For more details and to book a place please contact Dalesplay **667789**. These clubs are open to children throughout the dale, however we can only provide pick up from Hawes school. We are going to hold a club on a Tuesday night and are open to suggestions to what this may be.

Thank you to all those who entered our 'children's TV character quiz'. The winner was Mrs B Jolly from Bellerby; congratulations. Also thank you to the local shop traders who kindly sold these for us it was very much appreciated.

This month the children will be looking at the changes in seasons throughout the year and begin getting ready to celebrate Halloween. We will be having our annual Halloween walk on the Saturday night so please come and join us everyone! This is a free event with hot dogs available to purchase afterwards.

Joanne Middleton - Manager

A Night to Remember

Some of you might not believe this next bit. It was the evening of September 16th and the State of the District Debate organised by the Richmondshire District Council; and it was excellent! It was at the Risedale Centre in Hipswell (we have to admit we'd not been there before).

It was hosted by Fresh F.M. radio (who I must tell you had a kind word to say about this *Newsletter*) and introduced in a most lucid and enthusiastic manner by Fleur Butler, Council Leader, who clearly outlined the main purpose of the evening which was to hear about and discuss the proposal to set up **5 Area Partnerships** within the District. (Ours obviously being the Upper Dales).

For each area, a twice yearly Forum, will meet, open to all: councillors, businesses, clubs, community groups and individuals, who can submit and discuss ideas. My great hope is that this will not 'bang on' about the small (but essential) matters of bins or lights or drains, which are the nitty-gritty of other meetings, but will be a brainstorming and forward-looking event .

Furthermore, a Board will be appointed (and members of the public will be most welcome) to agree priorities, identify community issues and allocate funding. Yes, there will be money at its disposal.

Now that's only the outline. The information booklets and other useful details are extremely well set out and the evening, which had obviously been very well planned, went like clockwork and positively. It seemed neither 'political' nor 'councilly'.

The second aspect of the evening was to present the **Annual Citizenship Awards** in seven categories, and this became a very jolly affair. We were delighted (as were his

fan club) to hear the name of **James Yeadon** read out as he received the 'Young person of the year award'.

The Newsletter will try its best to keep up to date with the progress of the proposals.

A.S.W.

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For appointments and all enquiries ring 667200											For appointments and all enquiries ring 663222										

Operation Christmas Child

Imagine receiving your first Christmas present ever! Operation Christmas child, working with national charities and churches, enables thousands of children to feel valued and special at Christmas time as they receive a shoe box filled with carefully chosen gifts.

These children may be caught in the midst of natural disasters, wars or extreme poverty and boxes are given regardless of nationality, religious belief or political background.

Leaflets giving details of what to include in your box are available from Hawes Post Office and the Library. Cover the shoe box (medium sized) in Christmas paper, lid separately, and enclose a cheque for £2.50 payable to Samaritan's Purse (or £2.50 in cash) towards transport. Do use the Gift Aid form if you can and hand the box in to one of the the above venues by **Friday, November 13th.**

Enjoy filling boxes with your friends, family, school or group and be assured that they will bring hope and joy to some of the world's most disadvantaged children - and be treasured as a special gift - maybe the only present they will receive at Christmas.

Heather and Nelson Caplin 667625

The Anglican Church in Upper Wensleydale

Ann Chapman has just been made Priest-in-Charge of Hawes and Hardraw as well as Askrigg and Stalling Busk. This means that she will take over 'control' of the churches in those locations and will be supported in this work by our two Curates, Rev. Ian Robinson and Rev. Michael Blanch. As ordained Priests, Ann and Ian will take services at the four churches on a rotation basis, with Michael supporting them until such time as he is ordained Priest next June.

On 28th September, Ann will be moving out of the Vicarage in Askrigg and into the Vicarage in Hawes. From that point, she can no longer be contacted on 650301 but instead will take on the number of the Hawes Vicarage (**667553**) - (*we hope, as it has not yet been confirmed by BT!*)

Ann, Ian and Michael are currently working on arrangements for services at the four churches and it is hoped that there will be a smooth transition from the point of view of the congregations. In time, minor alterations may be made to some services and timings to ensure that there is always a priest available to attend. It is hoped that a rota will be produced that can be displayed in the churches so the congregation will know which priest will be at each service.

Each church will retain its own PCC (Parochial Church Council) and will be responsible for its own expenses. However, it is hoped that in time the congregations will work more closely together and support each other.

Ann will continue to undertake home and hospital visits where necessary as well as attending the regular services at Sycamore Hall in Bainbridge.

The base for the clergy will be at the Parish Office in Askrigg (over the flower

shop) where they will have an office. Ian and Michael can be contacted there on **650777** although this office will not be staffed on a permanent basis. Karen, the Parish Secretary, will continue to work from the Parish Office on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9.00am and 2.00pm and can be contacted on **650800**.

Karen Prudden

Licensing service..for Rev Ann Chapman will be at Hardraw on **Thursday October 8th at 7.30pm**. It will be attended by the Bishop of Knaresborough, the Archdeacon of Richmond and the Area Dean. Revs Ian Robinson and Michael Blanch will also be licensed. Members of the parishes of Askrigg and Stalling Busk as well as Hawes and Hardraw are cordially invited to attend. There will light refreshments after the service.

West Burton School News

September 7th saw a welcome return to school for the new academic year with lots of changes having taken place in the seven weeks since the children were last at school. The sight of builder's cabin on arrival at school showed there was still work in progress on the interior development of the new first floor but the contractors had made a massive amount of progress having finished the downstairs part of the works, leaving around a couple of weeks work to finish off the project in total. And what a transformation inside!! New classrooms & offices, servery for the school lunches, dining hall and a general feeling of lightness and airiness to the whole of the "old" part of the school. The progress has definitely been a hit with the pupils, judging by their comments: "I am really looking forward to having a separate classroom where I can work with kids my age. Year 6. I think it will help us to concentrate better when we have our own space to work in as separate groups. Year 5. It will be amazing to have Smartboards in every room, then we won't have to take turns on which class can use it! Year 5. I can't wait to have stairs to go up and down, it will be really exciting to work upstairs. But what will we call the infants? At the moment they are 'upstairs'. Year 4. I feel like we're being kept in suspense, it's a big mystery what is going on up there with all the banging and shouting, and I can't wait till all is revealed! Year 6. I didn't realise there would be windows with a view, I thought the window would just look out onto the wall of the building opposite. That's amazing! Year 4. Even seeing the pictures, I can't wait to see it for REAL! Year 3."

An open day will be held on 15th October for the community to view the developments, commencing with an assembly for

all parents and community members at 9:00am and people are welcome to drop in throughout the day. Further details are available via the school on **663230**.

We are delighted to welcome 7 new starters to school this term – four new reception pupils and three hens! Mrs Stone's class are being taught how to look after poultry and will be cooking with the eggs. We welcome all our new arrivals and wish them a happy and fulfilling time at West Burton.

Simon Greenslade
Parent Governor



Amala - Final Report



Our 'Amala Action Team'

After a year of countless fundraising events, and fantastic support from the people of Wensleydale, we are pleased to report another successful visit to the Amala Children's Home and School in India. We set off on The Wensleydale School's sixth Amala trip in July, spending three unforgettable weeks teaching at the school, helping the children and exploring the country.



Arriving at Amala

The welcome we received at Amala was amazing and visitors never fail to comment on the friendly and welcoming attitudes of the Amala children and staff. It's not easy settling into a new country, but their help and enthusiasm certainly made us feel at home!

Despite our remote location I was able to email my last article from India; we had just arrived, were getting to know Amala and had enjoyed teaching our first lessons. Standing up in front of fifty people, who are waiting for your direction and hanging

on your every word is very daunting at first. Few of us had taught before, but the Amala children are so eager to learn and grateful for their education we settled into our new roles in no time.

Amala, very progressive and modern compared to most Indian schools, wanted us to make learning more fun and varied. We introduced new subjects like Art and taught interactive lessons, all whilst improving the children's English Skills. The money we raised in Wensleydale was put to good use; the children loved their new musical instruments and we were able to get a lot for our money in India.



A primary school lesson

Before returning home we took a few days to see the sights of India. It's a great country to travel through, incredibly varied and lively. We went deep into a Hindu temple, rode elephants, took sleeper trains and met people from all walks of life.

The poverty and inequality we saw really opened our minds, made us grateful for what we have and was such a contrast to the smiles of the children at Amala. The work of the children's home makes a huge difference to the lives of its children, many of them orphaned, and hundreds of day pupils from the local area. The support of our community and newsletter readers is essential in allowing these trips to go ahead and to continue this project, so on behalf of all at Amala, thank you!

Richard Ellison, Bursary Student

Police Report

I'm sure by the time you read this you will know that Hawes in particular has become a crime hotspot – particularly in relation to burglaries. The common theme of them all is cash or items readily converted into cash (jewellery, watches, cigarettes etc.) These types of crime tend to be committed by people on drugs. They have all occurred within a short space of time – a mini crime wave – indicating that the offender/s were staying locally for a short period, or are locals.

On at least two occasions the offenders have been seen either in the act of committing the crime or just leaving and have got away scot-free. If you see such a thing please dial 999 (or 112) **IMMEDIATELY**. If you are mistaken don't worry, the call was free and made in good faith – better for us to have such a call than not to be alerted at all.

I have heard several rumours however regarding this crime wave - if you have information that will assist in the offenders being brought to justice, contact either the team at Leyburn (any information passed on will be treated in confidence) or ring Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 and, as the advert says, “you could get a reward”.

Metal thefts are still being reported, particularly copper. Harmby was the location of theft of a tonne of the stuff and then they came back a few days later to collect the last bit. Apparently it's £3000 per tonne. One miscreant was caught in premises in Coverham trying to steal thick copper cable by cutting it from the fabric of the building. Please keep an eye out for strangers checking out buildings particularly small industrial ones, they may well be looking at the cabling.

Quad Bikes are still being targeted. Luckily at the moment in the Craven area, but it's not that far from us so keep an eye out.

Please call in about any Quads you hear/see mobile late in the evening or during the night. **(0845 60 60 247** or if you know they have been stolen, ring 999).

Andy Foster PC826
Leyburn Safer Neighbourhood Team
Wards of Addlebrough and Hawes&
High Abbotside
0845 60 60 247
SNTLeyburn@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Dales Harvest Weekend



Saturday, weather grey. Sunday, weather wonderful! It makes such a difference. There were the now-familiar stalls: Gayle Mill and the Railway pressing their claims on your attention; food stalls; Karen busy with her bacon butties; crafts and displays; Richard Fawcett with his treasure hunt.



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Morris dancers entertained outside the Bay Tree and the pubs; you could have a go at giant Jenga or get your face painted. Vintage buses of all kinds came and went as the Jazz Band jollied people along.



Despite the fact that some stall-holders and entertainers had dropped out at the last minute, it was an enjoyable occasion. The weekend ended with a well-attended Harvest Festival service planned by representatives of all the local churches. This was held in the Auction Mart, led by Rev Henry Dubois, with the Hawes Silver Prize Band accompanying the singing. A collection for Water Aid raised **£267**



An Icon at the Museum!

The September meeting of the Friends of the Museum was entitled 'Aspects of Mallerstang'. It was a case of 'bring in the extra chairs' as members and visitors came to be entertained by W.R. (Bill) Mitchell, well-known journalist and author of over 160 books and past editor of *the Dalesman*.

It was a special privilege to have Bill, as he has recently been voted the 'Greatest Living Icon' to represent the Dales. To celebrate the 60th anniversary of the landmark legislation of 1949, (*National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act*) each National Park has undertaken this project.

WHAT'S ON LISTING (Museum What's ons are on page 28)

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| <p>1 Teas and stalls in Carperby Village Institute 3.00 to 5.00pm for NSPCC</p> <p>2 Macmillan Cancer Big Coffee Morning; Worton. See p.7</p> <p>2 Wensleydale Society restarts. West Burton Village Hall at 7.30pm. See p.3</p> <p>2 West Witton Harvest Supper. 7.00pm at the village hall. Ticket only from 625276 or 622576</p> <p>3 West Burton Harvest Supper and enter-tainment. 7.30pm at the village Hall. 663251 for info and tickets.</p> <p>3,4 Tornado on the Settle Carlisle line. See p.27</p> <p>4 Week of Prayer for World Peace begins.</p> <p>4 Gayle Mill Victorian machinery demonstration tours 11.00am and 2.30pm. Tickets from the mill or the Dales Countryside Museum</p> <p>5 Last day for clothes collection for Great North Air Ambulance. All clothes to St Margaret's Church, Hawes by 2.00pm.</p> <p>6 Wensleydale CPRE 8.15pm Leyburn Methodist Hall. See p.6</p> <p>7 Raydale Project open meeting. Sycamore Hall 7.30pm. See p.14</p> <p>7 North Country Theatre "Home on the Range". West Burton. See p.18</p> <p>7 "Moving Forward" evening. See p.6</p> <p>7 Wensleydale Writers' group. 667311</p> <p>8 Street Dance sessions start. See p.18</p> <p>8 Wensleydale Country Market, Leyburn Methodist Hall, 10.00 to 11.30am.</p> <p>8 Bishop of Knaresborough licences Rev Ann Chapman at Hardraw. 7.30pm. See p.32</p> <p>9 Grumbleweed (ex Hawes) in Reeth. see p.24</p> <p>9 "Star Performers" concert. Leyburn Methodist Hall at 7.30pm. See p.4</p> <p>10, 11 Hands-on weekend at Gayle Mill. See p.13</p> <p>10 Gayle Chapel autumn rally with Leyburn Band. 7.30pm.</p> <p>11 Bainbridge Chapel Harvest Service 6.30pm (Note EVENING service)</p> <p>12 Market House AGM at 7.30pm</p> <p>13 YDNPA planning committee, Yoredale, 10.30am</p> <p>13 Decorative and Fine Arts. 2.00pm at</p> | <p>Middleham. See p.12</p> <p>14 Blood Donors Hawes - Market House.</p> <p>15 Wensleydale Country Market, Leyburn Methodist Hall, 10.00 to 11.30am.</p> <p>16 Museum Friends AGM plus talk "Pray for the Poor of this Parish" 7.30pm.</p> <p>17 Film-making project starts. See p.18</p> <p>17 Mobile Skip at Gayle. See p.40</p> <p>17 Autumn Serenade with Aysgarth Singers and Hawes Band. Market House, Hawes at 7.30pm. See p.13</p> <p>17. Dance at West Witton Village Hall. See p.38</p> <p>18 Table Top Sale for Hawes School at the Market House, Hawes</p> <p>18 Hardraw Harvest Festival at 2.00pm (Note no morning service)</p> <p>18 Harvest Festival with Bishop James at St Matthews, Stalling Busk. See p.13</p> <p>18 Aysgarth Methodist Church anniversary. 6.30pm with the "Uredales"</p> <p>20 Coffee morning and stalls. Hawes Methodist rooms 10.00am to noon.</p> <p>21 "Moving Forward" evening. See p.6</p> <p>22-24 Leyburn Amateur Dramatic Society. Wensleydale School. See p.27</p> <p>22 Wensleydale Country Market, Leyburn Methodist Hall, 10.00 to 11.30am.</p> <p>22 Quantum Weirdness in Wensleydale. Middleham Key Centre 7.30p See p.9</p> <p>22 Tup Sale Disco in the Fountain in aid of Hawes Fireworks Committee.</p> <p>23 A Wensleydale celebration. See p.6</p> <p>24 Historic Buildings advice and talk. See p.6</p> <p>25 "Fascinating Facts" Bible Sunday family service at St Andrew's, Aysgarth at 11.00am.</p> <p>28 Upper Dales Family History Group 2.00pm. See p.9</p> <p>29 Wensleydale Country Market, Leyburn Methodist Hall, 10.00 to 11.30am.</p> <p>29 Gayle Ladies Charity Evening. 7.30pm</p> <p>30 Coffee Morning at St Matthew's, Stalling Busk. 10.00am to noon.</p> <p>31 NSPCC coffee morning. See p.38</p> <p>31 Light Party at St Andrew's, Aysgarth 4.00 to 5.30pm. Apple bobbing, doughnuts and fun.</p> <p>31 Masquerade Ball. See p.11</p> |
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GREETINGS and NOTICES

ERIC AND DOROTHY SHARPLES
 Congratulations Mum and Dad on your
 Golden Wedding Anniversary
 October 3rd 2009
 With lots of love and best wishes from
 Julie, Brian, Garry, Vikky, Kate, Dan and
 all the family
 XXXX



Bruce Lambert
 Happy 60th Birthday
 19th October
Grandad
 Lots of love from
Jasmine and George xxx

IVESON

Alick Iveson would like to thank
 family and friends for cards and good
 wishes on his 90th birthday,
 also Diane and Carol for a lovely spread

Sylvia Caygill

would like to thank everyone for the
 gifts, flowers, cards and good wishes
 she received during and after her recent
 stay in hospital

AIREY

SUE, LEANNE and ANNALEA would like to thank
everybody for their kind donations in memory of
MALCOLM
£1300 was raised for the Chemo Unit at James
 Cook Hospital

Catering for Hopper's Sales

Applications forms are available at the
 Market House, Hawes for organisations
 wishing to cater for Hopper's sales in the
 coming year.
 Applications need to be in by 31 October.

NSPCC

Coffee morning at Jean Cockburn's,
 Burnrigg, Aysgarth
 on **Saturday October 31st**

Vacancy

Askrigg VC Primary School
 have a vacancy for a
 Midday Supervisory Assistant (MSA)
 for up to 5 days per week
 (we are happy to be flexible)
 Hours are 12noon – 1:15pm,
 term time only,
 rate of pay is £6.55 per hour.

Hannah Cousins
Happy 50th Birthday
 23rd October
 Love from
 Jasmine and George
 XXXX

This post is subject to
 Health and CRB checks.

Dance with Mike Rose and the Band **West Witton Village Hall**

Saturday 17th October 7.30 - 11.00pm

Plated Buffet Raffle BYO Wine

Tickets £6 from **623401** or **624109**

If you are interested in the position and
 would like any more details please contact
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**Upper Dales
Mobile Skip Service
Saturday October 17th
Gayle Green
9.00am - 1.00pm**

Refuse including large bulky items and recycling materials including plastic and cardboard all welcome.

Please note this is the last Mobile Skip Service in Hawes in 2009 - it next calls on Gayle Green in February 2010.

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