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## Editorial

Isn't speed wonderful! Or is it always? Do you remember the days before email? Written communication was by letter when the reply would take at least a day or two. There was time to consider, to make sure the facts were right, possibly to consult others, even to write the reply, read it over again, then maybe tear it up and not post it! That's sometimes wise and diplomatic. That isn't to say that the internet is not powerful; far from it. Many people don't need daily, possibly even weekly, journals any more. News and information is all to hand immediately for those on the Web. When important advice needs to be circulated; when there is an emergency, then our modern, speedy, email communication is superb.

But now, both internationally, nationally or locally there can be immediate responses, sometimes ill-considered. See how credit crunches can speed across the world! News of epidemics travels faster than the epidemics themselves. The ensuing panic even faster! An unguarded comment from a politician, or other in authority, can be picked up, blown up and twittered world-wide in next to no time. Speed isn't always best.

Interviewers and journalists like an immediate quick response – a sound-bite – even laying traps for the unwary! Sometimes it's better to wait a while, mull over, consult, consider what the wider (sometimes not expected) knock-on effects might be!

As a local example, take the issue of the proposals to extend slightly the boundaries of the Lake District and the Yorkshire Dales National Parks – to include areas that by reason of their landscape, topography, geology and opportunity for quiet recreation should have been included at first, over 50 years ago. A small issue, raised by

one or two, about the 'Yorkshire' bit of the title, produced some hasty responses which can be blown up out of proportion, but more importantly take the attention from the major discussion (as set out in the 36 page document, the 26 page response form and the 12 detailed maps!). Incidentally, we have it on good authority that Natural England would only consider any change if there were considerable public pressure.

There are plenty of other examples, and we can all be guilty sometimes, where our first reactions are better kept in mind before writing, emailing or pronouncing.

### Visit of Methodist Chair

Hawes Methodists welcome the Chair of the Darlington Methodist District for the special service on Sunday March 21st at 10.30am. This is Rev Ruth Gee's first visit since her appointment in 2008.

The service will be followed by the annual lunch for members and friends at Beckindales in Hawes from 12 noon.

For further details and to reserve a place please contact **Jean Airey, 667722** by **March 14th**

### Quoits

The Askrigg (Crown Inn) quoits group welcomes any new players— men, women and young people.

This friendly group play behind the Crown, have players of all abilities, and have plenty of fun! For further details have a word with **Andrew Craske 663408** or **Angus Carmichael 650923**

## Eunice



I was hiding in J.T. Atkinson's advert, and the winner was **Vivienne Metcalfe; Nappa**

### Wensleydale Chorus

It is now time to let you know what is planned for this year, if you can help us publicise our concerts we would be very grateful - it is so much nicer to perform to an audience after all the hard work!

After the success of last year we have again decided that the ticket price will include a wonderful Dales supper so I'm sure you will agree that the admission price is very acceptable.

We shall be singing Haydn's Creation and our soloists will once again be professional soloists who come along for our concerts. We are thrilled that once again our great friend Greg Smith will be our organist.

The venues are St Oswald's Church in Askrigg on July 17th and St John's Church in East Witton on 24th July. Rehearsals in the venues will be the Wednesday and Friday of the performance weeks.

#### Drop-off points and contacts

for news, articles, reports, letters, what's on dates, competition entries, suggestions and comments:

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**The next issue will be produced  
on Deadline for copy:  
Thursday, March 18th**

If any one is interested in joining the chorus then rehearsals will commence on Wednesday 5th May 2010 at 7.30pm in the Methodist School Rooms. We will stop at 9.00pm that first rehearsal for coffee and biscuits and a chance for people to socialise. Normally we rehearse until 9.30pm. There will be one Saturday rehearsal in Hawes Market Hall on May 22nd from 10.00am until 1.00pm.

Registration will cost £16.00. The increase is mostly to cover the cost of third party insurance. This used to be included in the charges for hiring the hall but this no longer is the case.

Tickets for the performances will be £6.00 to include a supper.

**Julie Greenslade 663731**

## March Competition

### Modes of transport:

1. They sound like duties
2. Platform tutor
3. It's back in smart fashion
4. Practise your sport
5. Esroh
6. A lean rope twisted
7. I rinse lucre
8. A dine crash crashed
9. A bit of something has led Gerald here
10. Latin at length
11. Two cuts back
12. Boule rampart muddled
13. Back in the subjunctive
14. Byway open to all traffic

## February Competition Answers

### Missing links:

- Play **station** announcer
- Inter **net** ball
- Yorkshire **pudding** basin
- Hot **pot** ash
- Tomato **soup** kitchen
- Church **mouse** hole
- Table **service** station
- Hay **time** lord
- Jack **frost** bite
- Upper **Wensleydale** cheese
- West **Burton** Agnes
- Kirkby **Malham** cove
- Ski **Tow** Law
- Dent **Head** stone
- Snow **ball** room (or **board**)

The winner of the £10 prize was

**Kath Iveson, Hawes**

### Middleham and Dales Local History Group

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2.00pm  
Middleham Key Centre

“Responses to Poverty in Wensleydale and Swaledale c.1790-1914: the Askrigg Friendly Society” - Dr Christine Hallas

Are you interested to find out more about how people in the recent past in this area

coped with financial adversity? If so then come along to this talk which will be given by the distinguished Dales historian, Dr Christine Hallas, who has made an extensive study of the economic and social changes that affected North Yorkshire during the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Dr Hallas is the author of several books on this subject including one directly related to this talk, *In Sickness and In Health: the Askrigg Equitable and Benevolent Friendly Society 1809-2000*.

*Annual membership of the group is £10 and visitors are welcome to attend individual meetings for a fee of £3. For further information, please contact:*

**Tony Keates 640436**

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### **A Journey Through Easter**

Bishop James, the Bishop of Knaresborough is taking a journey through Holy week here in the Upper Dales churches. He will join with St Oswald's Askrigg, St Matthews Stalling Busk, St Margaret's Hawes and St Mary and St John's Hardraw, leading anyone who wants to join with him on this journey in meditation and prayer, focusing on Jesus' journey to the cross.

*See the Churches' What's ons for the full itinerary.*

There will be a café style service at St Margaret's Hawes on Palm Sunday at 9.30am so that anyone who would like to join with the Bishop at St Oswald's Askrigg at 10.30am can make the journey over to Askrigg. Likewise there will be a café style service at St Oswald's Askrigg on Easter Day at 9.30am so that anyone who would like to join the Bishop at Hawes can do so. There will be a bus leaving Askrigg at 10.00am for those who would prefer to have a lift to Hawes to relieve the pressure of parking the cars in Hawes on Easter Morning.

We are hoping that people will want to journey with Bishop James not only in meditation but also around the churches of the Upper Dales during Holy week to experience physically as well as spiritually Christ's own journey. If you would like to join Bishop James then you are very welcome. Each day will be an entity in its own right so it will be possible to do one or all of the days.

*If you would like to join in with the Maundy Thursday supper then could you let Ann Chapman know as soon as possible; likewise if you would like a seat on the bus from Askrigg on Easter Sunday . Phone number to call is 667553. Please leave a message on the answer phone.*

**Rev Ann Chapman**

### **Events at Gayle Mill**

**March 7th: Tours at 11am and 2.30pm  
(last approx. 2 hrs)**

DEMONSTRATION DAY: Special Guided Tours + demonstrations of water powered Victorian woodworking machinery.

£10.00 adult, £5.00 child (including refreshments)

**Booking advised:** phone **667320**  
[www.gaylemill.org.uk](http://www.gaylemill.org.uk)

**March 13th: 9.00am to 5.00pm**

HANDS ON EXPERIENCE: DIY Victorian woodworking machinery day.

Use Gayle Mill's historic water powered woodworking machinery to create your own unique wood products. Expert tuition from Directors of Gayle Mill Trust.

Fee: £150 per person (includes tuition, light lunch, refreshments and all materials)

**Booking essential:** phone **667320**  
[www.gaylemill.org.uk](http://www.gaylemill.org.uk)

### **Yorkshire's Country Houses**

The largest county in Great Britain, Yorkshire, contains some of the greatest houses in the British Isles, renowned not only for their architecture and settings but most of all their contents.

In *The Country Houses of Yorkshire*, Nicholas Merchant will span the period from the 16th to the 19th century, looking at some of the greatest houses in the county including Newby Hall, Burton Agnes, Harewood, Ripley and Brodsworth.

Nicholas has his own fine art consultancy company and lectures extensively in the USA and UK, including the Victorian and Albert Museum, as well as the principal cruise lines. He is chairman of the Chippendale Society.

This Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society lecture takes place on **Tuesday March 9th at 2.00pm at**

**Middleham Key Centre.** Non-members are welcome at £5 per lecture and membership and further information is available from the Membership Secretary, tel. **624203**.

## Bainbridge School News

As I write, half term is upon us and the evenings are getting just that bit lighter – what a relief! The first half of term has sped by and the children are looking forward to Mr Moore’s ever popular **Climbing Club** starting up again. The vast majority of the Junior class participate in this and having seen at first hand the speed and skill with which they are now able to scale Wensleydale School’s climbing wall, together with their obvious enjoyment of the sport, I must say that I am “well impressed”! Many thanks go to Mr Moore for his enthusiastic commitment in teaching the children this exciting sport.

**World Book Day** takes place on 4<sup>th</sup> March and we look forward to seeing the imaginative range of characters which will appear at school that day as the children (and teachers!) dress up as their favourite book characters. Parents, family, friends and governors are invited to come into school at 2pm to read a story, or tell their own story to the children. From 2pm there will be a bookstall from Castle Hill Bookshop of Richmond, where it will be possible to purchase or order a range of children’s books whilst our guests enjoy refreshments.

Finally, a very big **thank you** to the Parish Council for their £100 contribution towards the cost of our swimming bus. We greatly appreciate their support which in turn reduces the costs facing parents as we take Years 1 to 6 down to Catterick Garrison for their spring term swimming lessons.

**Emma Arblaster, Parent Governor**

### **Parish Caretaker**

Carperby cum Thoresby Parish Council is looking for a contractor to take on the role of Parish Caretaker. This is an annual contract, renewable for up to three years, covered by LEADER (EU) and parish funding. Hours, on average, up to 22 per month.

The post would suit a hard working local person who is willing to work throughout the year and take on various tasks around Carperby village and the wider parish area. Tasks to include grass-cutting, verge and drain maintenance, litter control, minor repairs to Children's Play area, etc.

A full Job Description and application form are available on request from the parish office, tel: **663417**; [mpbeckett@onetel.com](mailto:mpbeckett@onetel.com). Closing date for applications is **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March**.

*The successful applicant will be up to date with current H&S legislation and have Public Indemnity Insurance cover of up to £2m.*

### **Charity Fashion Show**

**Lower Wensleydale Young Farmers  
at Simonstone Hall**

**Thursday March 11th 2010  
7.30pm**

Adults £5.00 Children £2.50  
including a glass of wine.

Fashions include Flairs and Graces, Carrs-Billington, Bee-Lyne and other stalls.

*Proceeds to Sue Ryder and LWYFC*

**Hawes Youth Club**

When? **Every Wednesday** (School term time only) **6.30 to 8.30pm**

Where? **Market Hall, Hawes**

Things to do: Pool, Sport, Darts, Crafts, Cooking, Keyfund to name a few.

**News:** In November we were busy raising money for local and national charities; The

Youth Club and our homemade Guy Fawkes raised £17.00 for Hawes community fireworks display. Also the young people organised a community domino drive in the Market Hall in support of Children in Need and we raised £42.80; a massive thank you to every one that supported us.

Our Christmas party was held at *Chaste*; they fed all 17 of us very well so thank you again from us all.

At the moment we are in the process of completing two Keyfund applications. Keyfund provides funds for young people to plan and carry out their own projects. We will let you know how 'Xbox Elite' and 'Youth Club,' our Keyfund groups get on soon.

In April *Connecting Youth Culture (CYC)* will be coming every Wednesday for six weeks to make Flags and Bunting with the young people for the CultureShock Festival. CultureShock is a youth arts festival that offers young people the opportunity to take part in loads of fantastic workshops, the festival takes place on July 3<sup>rd</sup> at Northallerton. The flags will be hung on poles around the site and will be designed by the young people at Hawes.



### **Askrigg Youth Club**

When? **Every Thursday** (School term time only) **7.00 to 9.00pm**

Where? Room next to the gym, Yorebridge, Askrigg.

Things to do: Pool, Sport, Table Tennis, Crafts, Microwave Cooking, Keyfund and access to computers.

**News:** We finally made it to Teeside Park to the cinema after having to postpone our trip from December due to the bad weather. It was a good road trip and we made it back home on time. CYC are already working with us to make a 3D willow sculpture for the CultureShock festival. The theme is modern digital communication so the young people are making a telephone box, which has already been down-sized due to the fact we could not get it out of the door!

If anyone has any left over material, wool, craft, kitchen equipment, glossy magazines or anything which you think we could find a use for please let us know.

Both youth clubs are open to 11 to 19 year olds only. If you have a query regarding Hawes Youth Club you can contact me on **663736**, or by email,

**[hawes\\_youthclub@hotmail.com](mailto:hawes_youthclub@hotmail.com)**

**Rachael Alderson**



### **Best Foot Forward**

It hasn't been easy getting out 'on the tops' but hopefully March will herald the restart of some moorland tramping.

As you will have now discovered, these BFFs are not blow-by-blow descriptions of walks but rather general outlines. I believe even some non-walkers search out their maps and then walk in their minds. That is certainly easier!

Let's begin in Sedbusk and walk up the popular Shutt Lane but instead of following the bridleway on to the top of Stags Fell we will carry on the shooters' track to Sargill and beyond. Just one word of warning; in wet weather Sargill Beck can be very merry and there is no footbridge. The remains of the Sargill Lead Mines are, frankly, not too impressive but the increasingly wide open view down Wensleydale to the right, and across the huge open fells to the north, is worth the long walk.

After a couple of long miles we arrive at the lonely shooting box, well maintained. I sometimes meet the local gamekeeper here. Older maps might show the track ending; not so and we will turn sharp right taking the track down the slope to cross Cogill Beck. This is where the fun starts.

If you like a bit of tramping across open fell, this is for you! There are no walls or fences, and not much 'up and down' for guidance but going south of east for about three quarters of a mile we come to Broad Mea Top where (on the map) a bridleway starts (or ends). I have to admit it's not really visible on the ground!

Neither are the nests! So remember to be careful. The ground-nesting birds, curlew, peewit, golden plover and grouse will soon be busy; the bubbling 'coor-li' song of the

curlew and the far-off 'peep-peep' of the golden plover on the top of its peat-hag will really put a spring in your step!

Taking the general direction of the bridleway south, we soon see the well-defined green enclosure at Cogill Closes where the route becomes visible and makes its way (out of open access now) gradually for a mile and a half to Helm.

For the fairly level four miles west back to Sedbusk we take Skellgill Lane and the well-defined route via Shaw Cote and Litherskew. While in this area you could search for the once popular (in Victorian guide books) Maze Holes. I'm not telling you exactly where they are! **A.S.W.**

### **A Keen-eyed Motorist!**

When VAT was temporarily reduced to 15%, an extra 2% duty was added to fuel to offset the reduction in tax collected from motorists. Now that VAT has reverted to 17.5% this extra tax has not been removed— hence recent rises in your fuel costs.

**Alan Harpley**



Audiences, promoters and organisers of arts and other cultural events in Richmondshire and surrounding districts now have an excellent new what's on website to use thanks to **Air [Arts in Richmondshire]**. And what is even better [www.airarts.org](http://www.airarts.org) allows people to sell – and buy – tickets online.

Buying tickets online is really commonplace and many people have that expectation, but for someone organising the occasional event the costs and logistics of being able to organise and offer that service can be prohibitive. So airarts.org have sorted all that, and offer audiences a comprehensive website where they can find out what is going on and buy tickets

“I’ve been to an event in a village hall that was supposedly sold out, and then some people didn’t turn up to claim and pay for the tickets they asked to be put by” said Air board member **Gillian Howells** “This had an affect on the anticipated income and prevented other people from getting a ticket. But with airarts.org the money can be in the bank before the event has taken place”

“We feel the fact that audiences can buy a ticket when and where they want, as they browse, should help promoters sell more tickets and the small fee charged will more than compensate for the added value this facility brings.”

This D.I.Y. web site has been designed to be user friendly – and enables organisers to add information about their event, when it’s on and where and they can include detailed descriptions, photographs and other images such as posters.

To find out more go to [www.airarts.org](http://www.airarts.org) or contact **Thomas Frere** the webmaster on **01748 850523**.

## **Yorkshire Groups Go Further with 'Leader' Funding**

Organisers of the LEADER funding programme are calling for projects that 'cross borders' to help promote rural regeneration in the Yorkshire Dales.

*The LEADER programme is offering funding to intrepid organisations or groups who want to work with groups in other countries or regions of the UK to help develop community projects.*

Previous success stories have included transferring traditional lime burning skills between groups based in Romania and the Northern Pennines and a joint project between the UK and Vestsjælland to construct low cost timber camping shelters to encourage sustainable tourism.

The Yorkshire Dales LEADER programme funds projects that promote economic and community well-being in this area. The 'Co-operation' area of the LEADER programme, where the current funding comes from, encourages rural regeneration through collaboration with groups outside the area and from overseas.

Applications are now being invited from groups who would like to develop such projects. For further information and to discuss your ideas please contact the Dales LEADER Co-ordinator **Rima Berry** at the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, Tel. **015242 51002** email [rima.berry@ydmmt.org](mailto:rima.berry@ydmmt.org)

### **Sport and Fitness**

Yorebridge Sport and Fitness are having an Easter Fayre **Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup>** 10.00am until 2.00pm. There will be stalls, coffee and cake and Soft play for the younger children, plus a chance to win Free gym membership and to check out the brand new Monthly membership and Junior membership packages. We would also like to hear from any of you girls out there who would be interested in a **pole dancing class!** Give us a ring on **650060** .

School is settling back down to normal following the bad weather which saw the unfortunate postponement of the visit by the Archbishop of York; it will be re-arranged as soon as the Archbishop's diary allows.

Mrs Bennett's leaving party was finally held on Friday 12th February. Lots of old colleagues and friends came to enjoy tea, and assembly with the children presenting flowers and gifts.

Mrs Monaghan (KS2 teacher) is organising a FairTrade coffee morning to coincide with world book day and the Big Swap on **11th March** at West Burton village hall. All are welcome and further information is available from the school on **663230**. The children are entered in a number of classes for the Wensleydale Tournament of Song.

## Hawes Picture House

Hawes picture house closed about 1963! One or two people think the screen was at the bottom end of the Market Hall over the stage area. This is not so, the screen was over the main entrance door.

The seats faced the main door of course and were the velvet cushion type with folded back seats, quite plush, better than the plastic jobs now. The two rows nearest the screen were 10d (5p) Further back, on the ground floor were 1/9d (9p) and the expensive ones on the stage were 2/3d (12p). It was very well used in the days before television. Two shows on Wednesday evening at 6.00pm. and 8.15pm. This was repeated on Saturday evening.

When we were at school we went in large groups from Gayle. We all met together on the bridge to work out what we had to pay because for some reason if one of us paid 1/9d all the others could sit on the 1/9d seats for only 10d. So we clubbed together and one paid full and the rest all trooped back for only 10d. Perhaps they thought not so many would go if we didn't have this concession.

For an extra treat on our night out at the pictures, from the fish shop we could get fishcake and chips for 5d (2½p) and if we were really affluent we could have fish and chips for 8d. A bag of chips was 3d. Compare that to the price of fish today.



There was a projection room behind the back wall of the stage which was high over the changing rooms and toilets (this wall was removed at the renovation). A ladder to climb up to this structure was needed.

The staff at the pictures (never 'cinema') were Douglas Raw the main projectionist;

Arnold Hock— his real surname was Metcalfe, Hock being a nickname; Mary Outhwaite and Mary Foster. Arnold wore white pumps and had a torch to show late comers to their seats and did the projection work when Doug was away. Mary and Mary took the money and acted as usherettes.

Every so often the projector had a blip and we were plunged into darkness. This was when all the lads started to stamp their feet to make a drumming sound. They thought it was very funny but it quite upset Arnold and the two Marys who shone their torches on the offenders' feet. Doug soon had it going again and peace was restored.

On February 6th 1952 a long queue had formed for a cowboy film *Winchester 73* with the renowned James Stewart; great excitement. The doors opened dead on 6.00pm and Arnold came out. "Sorry no film tonight folks, the King has died" . A big moan went out. Don't know whether it was for no film or no King!



This was when Hawes was acquainted with the likes of Gregory Peck (ohhhhh gorgeous!) Maureen O'Hara, Gary Cooper, Bette Davis and the like - so different from our lives in the dales.

At that time most of the courting went on in the back seats of the pictures; lots of relationships would start there too. It brings back many good memories. How about for you ? We all had great times at the pictures thanks to the willingness and hard work of Doug, Arnold, and the two Marys, two unlikely usherettes. They never sold ice cream though.!

**Val and Rob Ward and Friends.**  
*(If you have memories, let us know. Local history at its best! Ed.)*

### **Exciting Night Out!**

Readers are warmly invited to the Newsletter Annual General Meeting to be held on **Monday March 15th at 7.30pm** in Sycamore Hall Bainbridge.

There will be the presentation of the Annual and the Financial reports, appointment of committee members, checking of the 'staff-list' - all our writers, distributors and office staff - and an opportunity for your comments and suggestions. If it's anything like our monthly committee meetings you will find it interesting and even fun!

### **Upper Dales Family History Group**

The next meeting of the Upper Dales Family History Group is at **2.00pm on Wednesday, March 24th**, in Fremington Sunday School near Reeth, when the speakers are Michael and Ann Brown on 'Every Picture Tells a Story - From South Africa to Yorkshire'.

The UDFHG is a branch of the Cleveland Family History Society and admission is free to all members of Cleveland FHS; non-members £2.00.

For details contact: **Glenys Marriott 663738; [glenys@bishopdale.demon.co.uk](mailto:glenys@bishopdale.demon.co.uk)** or the website at **[www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk](http://www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk)** for details of all events and the worldwide email discussion group.

**Exhibition at the  
Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes  
until 28 March**

Writer and photographer  
David Morgan Rees presents  
**"A Village in View – Marske in  
Swaledale"**

Drawings, watercolours and photographs of  
a special Dales community

## Hawes Cricket Club

**Quiz Night and Raffle  
Fountain Hotel  
Friday April 2nd 8.00pm  
£6.00 per team**

*(Maximum of four per team)*

First prize £50; 2nd, £20; 3rd, £10

Raffle prizes include Sunday lunch for four at the Fountain, wine and chocolate cake, plus many others.

*If anyone would like to donate a raffle prize, please drop it in for Steve Raw at 14, Little Ings, Hawes any time.*

### Squeak's Funeral

It is with deep regret that I have to report the death of Squeak. On Monday the 1st February, Mrs Fawcett discovered Squeak (one of the school's two Guinea pigs) was poorly and he was taken to the Vets to be given antibiotics, unfortunately it was too late; the Guinea pig was found dead the following morning. On Wednesday morning the children, teachers and Reverend Ian came to pay their respects. After some prayers and reminiscing in past memories Squeak's body was laid to rest next to the lilac bush. Preparations are being made to build Squeak a head stone and teachers are also thinking about doing a service again next year to remember Squeak. Bubble, Squeak's brother, is staying at Mrs Fawcett's in case he gets lonely, hopefully he will be back at school after the half term.

**James Allen  
School Council Chairman**

### Noah's bun day for Haiti

Noah asked school if he could make buns to sell at breaktime to help the fundraising for Haiti; the bun day was a great success as he raised £50 for MSF (médecins sans frontières). Hope every one enjoyed them! Noah and his sister spent a whole morning making the lovely buns. Adam said "the buns were lovely even though some people

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paid more than others." Noah enjoyed selling them as well as trying them! They were a perfect snack for playtime. Many thanks to everyone for buying them!

**Noah Killip Y5**

### Hats For Haiti

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of February Askrigg School held a day to raise money for Haiti. The children of the school came in wild and wonderful hats of all shapes and sizes, colours and blacks. Noah was wearing 4 hats - a hat for every season! Noah said 'It was a nice idea.' Other people made their hats different in some shape or form like Craig put pheasant feathers in a sun hat. We raised £49.96.

**Adam Hunt Y5**

### A Fair Visit For Fair Trade

On 11th February 2010 at dinner break members of West Burton School Fair Trade Group visited Askrigg School. The Group came to show the School Council how to become a Fair Trade school. Fair Trade is an organisation that works towards letting the farmers of poorer countries get a fair deal by giving them the right money for their products. The visit started with a game which made the School Council realise where cocoa, flowers, rice and many more Fair Trade products come from. They then started showing a presentation on how to become a Fair Trade School.





The group then gave us a list of things that they had done such as a Fair Trade coffee morning and then told us how to blend the use of Fair Trade products into the curriculum. Our school already has Fair Trade juice and whenever possible the Good Life provides the school with Fair Trade bananas. The School Council will discuss with the teachers whether becoming a Fair Trade School is a possibility for Askrigg.

**James Allen**  
**School Council Chairman**

### **West Burton School News**

School is settling back down to normal following the bad weather which saw the unfortunate postponement of the visit by the Archbishop of York to dedicate the new floor which will be re-arranged as soon as the Archbishop's diary allows. Mrs Bennett's leaving party was finally held on Friday 12th February postponed from before Christmas due again to the weather. Lots of old colleagues and friends came to school to enjoy afternoon tea and leaving assembly with the children presenting flowers and gifts for Mrs Bennetts retirement. Mrs Monaghan (KS2 teacher) is organising a FairTrade coffee morning to coincide with world book day and the Bug Swap on 11th March at West Burton village hall - 9:15 for world book day and 10:15 for the big swap and fairtrade coffee morning. All are welcome and further information is available from the school on 663230. The children are entered in a number of classes for the Tournament of Song starting on Wednesday 17th March in the Methodist Hall, Leyburn. For further details please visit [www.dalesmusic.co.uk](http://www.dalesmusic.co.uk)

**Simon Greenslade**  
**Parent Governor**

### **How safe are your passwords?**

I often have to ask customers for their passwords when fixing their computer. Often they use a single short word – a name of a child, pet or even their own surname. I have even come across passwords such as ‘abc’. More worrying is that many people have a single password that they use for everything (email, shopping and even financial accounts).

When I ask about this they don’t want to use complicated passwords that are hard to remember and using multiple passwords makes it even more difficult.

A simple method for creating secure passwords uses an easy to remember phrase that you think up. For example: “I have two pets, a dog called Rover and a cat called Felix.” To create a password take the first letter of each word replacing any words that sound like a number with the number (for example two, to or too become 2, four and for become 4) and the word ‘and’ with a symbol, eg. + or & but anything would do that you can remember. The password becomes: IH2PADCR&ACCF. You could make it even harder to crack by alternating all letters with capital and small letters so that it becomes: Ih2PaDcR&aCcF – I think you’ll agree it would be hard to guess that password but the phrase it is based on is easy to remember and it is easy to work out the password in your head as you type. You don’t have to use this rule be creative (and secretive)!

This doesn’t solve the multiple password problem though. Using only one password is dangerous. If someone cracks one of your accounts they can try the same combination on many sites (and they use programs to automate the process). This may allow them to place orders using your credit card or even get access to your card numbers etc. To transform your password

to make it unique a simple extension could be to add a stock style of phrase to every password.

For example suppose you want to update your password at Amazon.co.uk. You could choose something like “I buy DVDs from Amazon”. Using our Password transformation rule this becomes “IbDfA” which you could add to your standard password. Your password for shopping at Amazon becomes: Ih2PaDcR&aCcF**IbDfA**. Complicated – yes but easy to work out.

You can check the strength of your passwords for free at the Microsoft website (see <http://tinyurl.com/ypc3dc> for details).

**Carol Haynes**

### **Running for Reg.**

So many of you will know Reg Fagg, owner of 'The Chippie' in Hawes. Some of you may also know that Reg was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease a couple of years ago. Motor Neurone is a progressive degenerative disease that leads to weakness and wasting of muscles and causes increasing loss of mobility in the limbs and difficulties with speech, swallowing and breathing.

Reg is tackling the disease with courage, dignity and humour and, as a family friend, I wanted to do something to show my support for him. It is for this reason that I am running the Virgin London Marathon in April to raise money for the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA), the charity that has helped him and many others directly, as well as promoting research into Motor Neurone.

Reg has been a big part of the Wensleydale community for many years and it would be great if the local community could now get behind him and Janet and show their support. I am hoping to raise a minimum of £1500 for MNDA. I have set up a fundraising page on the *JustGiving* website, which is a safe and secure way to make a donation via the link below: [www.justgiving.com/Run4Reg](http://www.justgiving.com/Run4Reg)

Alternatively, please feel free to take your contribution into The Chippie and they will collect it on my behalf. If you wish to discuss a contribution with me directly or you have any other fundraising ideas, do not hesitate to call me on **07890 423452**.

*(See the 'What's ons' for the Coffee morning on March 16th. Ed)*

Please show your support for Reg and MNDA. Thank you very much.

**Graeme Brown**

### **One of Gayle's Great and Good**

When Geoffrey Moorhouse died in November news of it spread across the TV screens and appreciative obituaries appeared in the papers, notably in *The Guardian* with which he was associated for many years.

His incredible excursions across the world and the formidable list of his books on such a wide range of subjects are well documented. What might not be known, and the reason for this short appreciation, is that Geoffrey, right from the early days of this Newsletter, took a great interest in it, was very supportive, even complimentary, and although he rarely gave any interviews was happy for our writer at the time, Pam Robinson, to feature him (in February 2002). Even more delighted was Pam herself!

He wasn't a 'Gayleite' of course, a Lancastrian no less, but this was his home for a long time and his lively presence in the area is greatly missed by many; not least the UWNL.  
**A.S.W.**



## Heavens Above

March is here and the nights are shortening rapidly. Now's your last chance until autumn, to get a really good view of the bright winter constellations before they begin to slip away into the western twilight. Stealing in from the east to replace them are the dimmer springtime constellations with Leo - the Lion - taking pride of place high in the south by 9 o'clock towards the middle of March. Leo is not a particularly bright grouping but still very distinctive with a large sickle-shaped star pattern (like a backward facing '?') forming the beast's head and shoulders.

Four bright naked-eye planets are also on view this month. The ringed planet, Saturn, reaches opposition on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and is visible in western Virgo, whilst Mars, though beginning to fade rapidly, is well placed amongst the stars of Cancer and visible all night. Right at the end of the month the innermost planet Mercury and the much more brilliant Venus make an impressive evening pairing low down in the west immediately after sunset. Best night to look for them is March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Finally this month full marks to Margaret Bridgeman of Hawes who recently spotted a rare 'sundog' or aphelion over Swaledale. Sundogs are rainbow-like patches of light formed by ice crystals in the atmosphere diffracting light. They often appear in pairs - one on each side of the sun - and make a fascinating sight on a late winter's afternoon. Have clear skies!

**Al Bireo**



**Mystery Picture. Yes, it's in our area!**  
**Last month's easy one was the view along the A684 towards Bainbridge**



### **Lent Study Groups**

These will take place on **Wednesdays at 7.30pm** as follows:

- 3rd** Hawes Methodist Church
- 10th** St Oswald's Askrigg
- 17th** Hawes Methodist Church
- 24th** Bainbridge Methodist Church

### **Lent Lunches for Christian Aid**

These continue in March as follows:  
(all from noon to 1.30pm)

- 5th** Aysgarth Institute
- 12th** Thornton Rust
- 19th** Thorlby
- 26th** Carperby

### **Churches Together in the Hawes Area**

Lent lunches followed by a short time of meditation continue in the Hawes Methodist rooms from noon on **Wednesdays, March 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th.**

### **Newly Qualified Methodist Preacher**

The Recognition Service for Rowland Dent who has completed his two years' training for the office of Local Preacher within the Methodist Church, will take place at the West Burton Methodist Church on **Sunday March 7th at 2.30pm**

### **When I Survey.... Christ's Cross and Ours**

You are warmly invited to join in sharing this year's York Course, continuing as shown below - a Lent Programme with refreshments open to everyone in the area from **7.30 to 9.00pm** in **Wensley Village Hall.**

Introductory speakers (via the CD!) include John Bell of the Iona Community, retired General Sir Richard Dannatt, Christina Baxter who is Lay Chair of the General Synod and the broadcaster and Methodist minister Colin Morris.

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| 2nd March  | Into Great Silence     |
| 9th March  | The Child on the Cross |
| 16th March | Outside a City Wall    |
| 23rd March | Touching the Rock      |

Further details and course booklets are available from Graham Dear (**623960**) and John Webster (**622491**) or as you attend.

Please, come for as many of these Tuesday evenings as you are able.

**Christine Gard  
Secretary to the Penhill Benefice**

### **Raydale Project**

Last month saw more tree planting by volunteers who braved the wintry weather to complete the kilometre of mixed willow species to be established beside the River Bain. Elsewhere on the Bain wellington-booted people prodded the river bed to establish exactly where, and how deep, the pools and riffles were in relation to the proposed extraction site for the community hydro scheme, they too were blessed with wintry showers.

Work to pull together the funding package for the hydro continues with a variety of funding agencies being approached and



preparations for the share issue going ahead. Details of the share issue should be available in time for next month's Newsletter when it is hoped to blitz both the local and national press for support.

Also in April we should know whether we have planning permission and an abstraction licence for the hydro. It may seem strange to take forward all the various strands of the project simultaneously but to do otherwise would be just too protracted. What is really encouraging is the announcement by government of the new Feed in Tariff (FIT) with even better rates than were expected.

This tariff is the amount given, over and above the price of the electricity sold, for green electricity. It is what makes these types of projects financially viable and is very welcome news.

**Deborah Millward**

## Ranger Report

Our regular volunteers have been busy over the last couple of months helping us out with a variety of our work. We assisted the Raydale project in December, with a new tree planting scheme on New close gill, just south of Raydale grange. 500 trees, mainly birch, hawthorn and willow were planted and protected. By the time you read this, we will have helped with another river side planting scheme near Semerdale Hall. We have also completed a survey of all bridges that carry a public right of way. This helps us to plan future works

We have recently repaired a section of eroding river bank, below Hawes on the Ure. A section of willow spiling has been installed, which will hopefully be successful in taking root and becoming established over the next 6 months. We have used this technique in several locations over the last few years, notably on Gayle Beck and it has generally worked well.

Please keep any reports of any damaged stiles, gates, bridges and signposts on public routes coming in – contact me on 666220 [matt.neale@vorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:matt.neale@vorkshiredales.org.uk)

**Matt Neale**

**Area Ranger, Upper Wensleydale**

## 190 mile sponsored run for Breast Cancer

As some of you may know, my partner Andrea was diagnosed with breast cancer in September 2009. Unfortunately breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in the UK, with one in nine women developing breast cancer at some point in their lives.

Andrea has received fantastic care from both the local surgery and the nursing staff at the Friarage Hospital in Northallerton. This has highlighted the importance of specialised equipment and support

within the breast cancer unit known as The Scott Suite. So I have decided to try and help them, to help others.

I will be taking on the challenge of running the 190 miles across northern England, from Coast to Coast, as one continuous run. The run is planned for June 2010. The total distance from St Bees Head to Robin Hoods Bay is 190 miles, with approximately 25000 ft of ascent along the way.

If you would like to sponsor me, please visit my justgiving site.

<http://www.justgiving.com/matts-coast-to-coast-ultra-marathon>

This is the modern way to donate money. The Scott Suite at the Friarage will receive your money faster and Gift Aid is reclaimed on every eligible donation by UK taxpayer.

**Matt Neale**

Thank you very much.

**Matt Neale**

### Cancellation

For readers lucky enough to get a Newsletter copy early, please note:

***The Gayle Mill event scheduled for  
Saturday February 27th  
(on Early Days of the Cotton Industry)  
HAS HAD TO BE POSTPONED.***



### **Parish Caretaker**

**(No, it's not the same as you have just read on page 8!)**

Askrigg and Low Abbotside Parish and Bainbridge Parish are both looking for contractors to take on the role of Parish Caretaker. These are Part time, flexible positions, each average 6 hours per week @ £10 per hour and can be contracted out to one or two persons. The contracts are for 1 year in the first instance, extendable to 3 years, covered by LEADER (EU) and Parish funding.

A hard working local person/s willing to turn out in all weathers is required to take on caretaker tasks around Askrigg, Low Abbotside, Bainbridge, Worton and Raydale. Routine repairs and checks, tidying, weeding and litter picking etc. Job descriptions and application forms available on request from James Hodgson tel: 650109 (Askrigg and Low Abbotside); Pauline Beckett, tel: 663417 (Bainbridge). The closing date for applications is **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2010**. *The successful applicant must have their own Public Indemnity Insurance cover of up to £2m.*

## Prunings

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

Sometimes it is hard to decide which is best, the nodding snowdrops down the side of the path, or the Gardeners Honey hand cream which seems to be working miracles. (not cheap but good – see [www.natural-skin-care.com](http://www.natural-skin-care.com)) Finding that the rabbits had burrowed into the poly-tunnel must rank as the worst result of the extended snow cover. The only plus I can extract from the discovery is that I now know that their favourite nibbles are Rudbeckias, they ate every plant!

Alan Titchmarsh said recently, "Get off the internet and into the garden." Fine advice if the weather has warmed up a bit. At the moment I prefer the greenhouse as there's lots to do, but Sky News reported that a high percentage of people surveyed around Valentine's Day would rather spend a week away from their partners than lose the internet. They really need to get out more. A.T.'s remarks were in support of the "Grow Your Own" Brigade, and it seems a shame that the campaign is not helped by the present reduction in the number of Gardening programmes on television.

On balance I derive more pleasure from flowers and shrubs that I can see and smell rather than that which I can eat, but strawberries and tomatoes deserve some effort in my book. I've sown some tomatoes, several types of cherry as the boys prefer them, and as we had lots of early strawberries last year I took runners from the best plants.

I find that three to a large pot works well and I keep them off the ground which helps deter both beasties and fungus. I shall re-pot last year's plants to go outside, and the new plants can take up residence under cover. March is a good time for tidying up

shrubs, but I always take care that I don't let the boys loose with the shears, they might get carried away and prune the blossom off spring flowering specimens which must be left until after the display. For me, seeds are the main excitement at the moment. Freebies from many of the magazines, extravagant purchases from Plant World, not to mention the members free seeds from several sources means I have dozens of packets, and quite a few that I collected myself. Seedlings from Autumn sowings are ready to pot on as are several pots of cuttings. This of course will make space for more seeds, but I'll need to barricade the rabbits out of the poly-tunnel before the greenhouse overflows! I've taken some geranium cuttings and I'm watching the Dahlias, although there seems to be more action in the Chrysanthemum department.

Yesterdays best offering was some beautiful blue dwarf Iris which have suddenly appeared as if by magic. I grew them five to a pot and they are brilliant. Those which I don't give to friends will cheer me up on the patio. Good luck! And whatever you grow, take time to enjoy it.

**Rose Rambler**

## **Exhibition**

at the National Park offices  
Yoredale, Bainbridge

### **Cracoe Painters**

In March and April

open 8.30am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday  
(sorry, closed Bank Holidays)

Cracoe Painters are a group of nine leisure artists who meet each Wednesday morning from 9.30 to 12.00 at Cracoe village hall, under the guidance of David Cook ARCA. David has exhibited at Bainbridge on two previous occasions, in 2006 and 2009.

This is more of a painting club rather than a formal art class. Each member is encouraged to develop individually. Hence the work is varied, ranging from conventional landscapes to more experimental ideas and treatments.

On the whole members are from the Grassington area although some travel from Oughtershaw, Buckden and Skipton. This is our first group exhibition.

**Cracoe Painters are: Terry Bamforth, Fiona Clark, Val Emmerson, Angela Falshaw, David Hillam, Al Nettleton, Ruth Shepherd, Marcia Whitham, Alison Woods.**

*For more information about the exhibition please telephone **Lesley Knevitt** at the National Park Authority, on **652326***



### **Know of Any Dovecotes?**

The hunt is on for historic dovecotes in the Yorkshire Dales and owners of the up-market accommodation for doves and pigeons are being asked to get in touch with the National Park to help in a special new conservation project.

Robert White, the Authority's Senior Conservation Archaeologist, said: "Dovecotes played an important part in rural life in the National Park. The birds they housed provided their owners with many resources, including eggs and meat for food, feathers for bedding - and even fertiliser.

"We want to hear from people who have them - whether they are built into their houses or outbuildings or are freestanding - because, if we can identify more examples and increase our knowledge of their design and distribution, we will be able to improve the ways we can conserve and protect them in the future.

"Not all of them have survived so we would also be interested in any documentary records."

Dovecotes are put under the microscope in the YDNPA's *Feature of the Season* Project, which was designed to increase understanding and appreciation of unrecorded, small-scale historic features in the National Park ranging from unusual gate posts and churn stands to veteran trees and turbarry stones.

Anyone who has information about dovecotes is asked to contact the Authority's historic environment team on **652300**.

### **A Day Excursion from Hawes to London**

The great success of the Christmas shopping trip from Hawes to York, arranged with the support of Grand Central Railway, has encouraged us to repeat it and also plan a day **excursion to London from Hawes** in 2010! More details of these two events in the next newsletter.

Railway volunteers have been hard at work, re-sleeping sections of the track. Meanwhile, others have been planning train operations for the new season, including a return visit by steam loco No 80105. Diary note: there will be daily steam services from **July 17th to August 30th** (except **August 9-11th** when it is scheduled for its three-weekly Boiler washout). The first weekend of steam, **July 17/18th**, will also feature the very popular 1940s week-end (also known as Operation Dalesman). Please start planning your costumes now!

**Train services re-start on Good Friday, April 2nd** (there will also be a 7 mile guided walk to Coverham Abbey that day, as well as a link to Middleham's Open stables). **On Easter Sunday**, families with younger children will enjoy WR's **Family Easter Egg Walk to Bolton Castle** (one hour), which starts from Redmire when the first train arrives (all welcome – but, to really enjoy the event, catch the train at Leyburn 15 minutes earlier - times tbc). Bolton Castle has also arranged various family-fun events over Easter week-end.

*Just a note for business people:*

Wensleydale Railway would like to thank everyone who helps to make visitors aware that there are TWO railways within reach, not only the fantastic Settle-Carlisle line at Garsdale but also the Wensleydale Railway with its local stations at Leyburn and Red-

mire. WR has doubled the number of excursions and guided walks for rail passengers in 2010, which will bring many people to shop and have meals whilst they are visiting the attractions in Hawes. The timetable will as usual be on the website [www.wensleydalerailway.com](http://www.wensleydalerailway.com) from March, with printed copies at Hawes Post Office, the Ropeworks and the National Park Centre, as well as hotels and elsewhere. Thank you all for your support.

**Ruth Annison Tel 650349**

## **Rotary Wensleydale Wander Saturday 17th April 2010**

Come and enjoy a friendly walk in aid of charity, and arrange your own sponsorship for your favourite charity (optional). The walk commences in Leyburn, and is well stewarded. Rotary will donate to The British Heart Foundation from the walk surplus.

There is a choice of two circular walks, a shorter one of 12 miles including a section along the river Ure, and a 22 mile challenge in Lower Wensleydale, Penhill and Coverdale, both starting and finishing in Grove Square, Leyburn

There are liquid refreshments provided at the checkpoints and a warm meal at the end of the walk is provided within the entry fee of £8.00. Additional details, entry forms and sponsorship forms can be found on the 'Wensleydale Wander' link on [www.wensleydale.rotary1040.org](http://www.wensleydale.rotary1040.org)

Entry and sponsorship forms are also available from:

[barrie@whitfieldhillside.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:barrie@whitfieldhillside.fsnet.co.uk)  
**Mr B Whitfield, Hillside House, Patrick Brompton, Bedale, DL8 1JN.**

### **“112”**

Ever noticed? At the front of your phone book under 'In an Emergency' the number 112 is included in addition to 999.

112 is the European emergency number, reachable from fixed and mobile phones, free of charge, everywhere in the EU.

This number (112) works from mobile and fixed line phones. It takes you to the ambulance, the fire brigade or the police. 112 uses a system called triangulation so police can also pinpoint exactly where you are phoning from.

## Doctors' Rotas as Supplied by the Surgeries

AYS GARTH SURGERY ROTA      Wb - week beginning										
Wb	March 1st		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	FA	A	WF	F	WJ	W	JA	J	F	J
Tues	WJ	WJ	JA	JA	FA	FA	WF	W	WJ	WJ
Wed	FA	A	WF	F	WJ	W	JA	A	F	F
Thur	WJ	W	JA	J	FA	A	WF	F	J	J
Fri	A	A	F	F	W	W	J	J	C	C

**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	March 1st		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	WJ	WJ	JA	JA	FA	FA	WF	WF	WJ	W
Tues	FA	FA	WF	W	W	WJ	JA	JA	F	F
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Thur	F	F	W	W	J	J	A	W	W	W
Fri	WJ	WJ	JA	JA	FA	FA	WF	WF	C	C

**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*

### The First Time in Fifteen Years

On the front of our Newsletters and on the sides of the collecting boxes it says "20p donation or more if you wish". There can't be many things that in fifteen years haven't increased in price!

A recent survey of the cash received in the boxes shows an incredible difference in the amounts when compared with the number of copies given out. We won't tell you who are apparently the most generous!

As we are the Newsletter for the whole area with very many households getting copies and wanting to share information widely, we have never demanded payment—and don't expect to in the future, but we would like to ask that you will recognise the need for financial support.

It might not be widely appreciated that with the exception of a small honorarium paid to the people who do the final layout each month, the Newsletter is utterly and completely voluntary. Clearly, the more we receive, the more we can improve the quality of the Newsletter and the more we can give out in grants. If you get your Newsletter delivered and welcome it then try not to forget to pop something in one of the collecting boxes the next time you are shopping, or in one of the local pubs. Thank you for your continuing support.

### Safety First

Hawes W.I. has been interested to hear of the project completed by Beadnell W.I. in Northumberland which made it possible for the emergency services to respond to a 999 request call more rapidly. To do this they suggested to owners of holiday properties that their properties should have a name or number visible externally and supplied every property with a fridge magnet so owners were aware of their exact address in full.

We know there are a large number of holiday properties being let privately or through agents in and around our vicinity and would hope that holidaymakers are all made aware of their exact location, including postcode.

Through contacting the emergency services we know they have access to detailed local maps but do identify properties by asking for full address including postcode.

The comments of holiday property owners would be appreciated to enable us to assess if they would find a similar project useful in our area. If there was a sufficient positive result we could perhaps offer some assistance in setting up the scheme. In the first instance please contact me.

**Norma Fowler. Hawes W.I. 667044**



Dalesplay has had a fun-filled month during February. The afterschool clubs have enjoyed making and flipping pancakes, designing and decorating t-shirts and knitting squares to make a blanket for Haiti. The after-school clubs will continue after half term. If anyone would like to join please contact Dalesplay.

The nursery children have been busy brightening up the outside of the building by making bird feeders and planting some flowers in the new hanging baskets and all the children have enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year by sampling some Chinese foods and making dragons and lanterns. The half term brought children from the dales into the setting to enjoy a variety of workshops. They were all well attended but by far the most popular was the cinema afternoon, becoming fully booked before we knew it. The children enjoyed watching the newly released film called '*Cloudy Day with a Chance of Meatballs*'. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all and, due to popularity, we have arranged to hold a second showing on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March from 3.30-5.00pm** for those who missed out. To book a place contact Dalesplay **667789**.

**Phototronics** will be visiting Dalesplay on **March 5<sup>th</sup>** to take photographs of the children. If you would like one please contact Dalesplay; everyone welcome.

We have arranged more exciting workshops for the Easter half term; everyone is welcome to join in from up and down the dales **Booking in advance is necessary to ensure space is available**. All workshops are £3 to cover costs of resources:

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup> April** - Easter egg decorating and rolling

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April** - Mums and baby painting workshop

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April** - Cinema experience, (watching the newly released film 'UP')

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April** - Easter egg hunt

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April** - Green fingers work shop

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April** - T-shirt painting workshop

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April** - Cinema experience, (watching the newly released film 'UP').

All workshops run from 2.00-3.30pm

After our popular Valentines disco we will be holding another on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April at Dalesplay from 7.00-8.00pm. Children from 4yrs-12yrs are welcome. £1 entry and refreshments are 20p each.



## **Shop Local**

This scheme which benefits both local businesses and local shoppers is taking off! Below, we list the businesses in our area that are currently involved, and from where shoppers can buy their Shop Local cards.

It might not be widely known that the cards can be used in many nearby towns in North Yorkshire (*see below*).

There is no specified overall discount on purchases; each business can decide on a percentage or on special offers and deals.

Cards cost £2.50 and can be bought from any participating business or by sending a cheque for £2.50 payable to ShopLocal NY Ltd at 2, Church Wynd, Bedale, DL8 2JB. Postage is £1.00 for up to five cards.

Businesses joining the scheme have the opportunity to advertise widely both on the Web and by direct contact with an increasing number of shoppers who are happy to give an email address.

### **Participating businesses in the Newsletter area:**

J.W. Cockett and Son, Butchers  
Flairs and Graces, Women's Fashions  
Fringe n' Freckles  
Ginger Tree Holistic Health, Stone House.  
Adney Internet Services, Low Abbotside  
Herriots Gallery  
J and E Hogg Pharmacy  
The Good Life  
The Old Dairy Farm Restaurant  
The Mulberry Bush  
Wild Dales Photography, Carperby  
O'Reilly's Accountants  
Muker Tea Shop  
Swaledale Woollens, Muker  
Old School Crafts, Muker

There are nearly 50 participating businesses in Bedale, and nearly 30 in each of Richmond, Leyburn and Thirsk, with several in Easingwold, Helmsley, Masham,

Middleham Northallerton, Ripon, Pateley Bridge and Yarm.

All the information can be found on the [shoplocalny.co.uk](http://shoplocalny.co.uk) website where under "Where can I use my card" there is a complete list with details of the current offers and discounts.

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

**March**

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| <p>1 Exhibition "A Village in View - Marske in Swaledale" at the Dales Countryside Museum until 28 March. See p. 15</p> <p>2 Hawes Drama Group reads "September Tide". Gayle Institute 7.30pm</p> <p>3 Castle Bolton and Redmire Church coffee morning. 10.30am to noon. Details from Kathy Firth on <b>623913</b></p> <p>5 Wensleydale Society "The Buildings of the Settle to Carlisle Railway". West Burton Village Hall 7.30pm</p> <p>7 Event at Gayle Mill. See p. 6</p> <p>9 YDNPA Planning committee. Yoredale, Bainbridge, 10.30am</p> <p>9 Decorative and Fine Arts Society "The Country Houses of Yorkshire". Middleham Key Centre 2.00 pm. p. 6</p> <p>10 Blood Donors wanted at the Market House, Hawes, Afternoon and evening. 2.15 to 4.00pm and 5.00 to 7.15pm.</p> <p>11 Charity Fashion Show. Simonstone Hall 7.30pm. See p. 8</p> <p>12 Mid Wensleydale Conservative Association Pie, Peas and Bingo night at the Fox and Hounds, West Witton at 7.30pm. Tickets £7, phone <b>663243</b></p> <p>13 Event at Gayle Mill. See p. 6</p> <p>15 Upper Wensleydale Newsletter AGM. Open meeting with all welcome. 7.30pm, Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge</p> <p>16 Coffee Morning for Motor Neurone research by Churches together at the Methodist Rooms, Hawes. 10.00am to noon.</p> <p>17 Free Literacy Courses start. See p 35</p> <p>17 Tournament of Song starts</p> <p>18 Hawes WI "A Trip to Vietnam and Cambodia" by Jonathan Woolley. 7.00pm at the Methodist Rooms</p> <p>19 Museum Friends "Saltaire World Heritage Site". 7.30pm at the DCM</p> <p>20 Coffee Morning for St Oswald's in the back room of Askrigg Village Hall. 10.00am to noon.</p> <p>20 Live Band <b>JISUM</b> at the Fountain, Hawes for 10.30pm to 1.00am in aid</p> | <p>of Summer Bash funds</p> <p>21 Table Top Sale in the Market House, Hawes for school funds.</p> <p>23 Middelham and Dales Local History group See p. 4</p> <p>24 Upper Dales Family History group See p. 15</p> <p>25 Gayle Ladies "Bee Keeping". Gayle Chapel 7.30pm</p> <p>26 Yoredale Natural History Society "Birds of the Falklands, South Georgia and the Antarctic". Leyburn Methodist Hall 7.30pm</p> <p>28 British Summer Time begins</p> <p>30 YDNPA Full committee. Yoredale 10.30am</p> <p>30 Gayle Fellowship AGM at 7.30pm</p> |
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**Market Place and Greetings**

**FACER**  
Best wishes, Hannah,  
on your 18th birthday.  
Love Granny, Grandad, Uncle Nigel

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## What's on in the Churches

### March

- 2 Evening meetings for Lent. Wensley Village Hall. See Page 22
- 3 Hawes Area LL & meditation. See p 22
- 3 Evening Lent Study Group. See p22
- 5 Mid Dale LL, Aysgarth. See page 22
- 5 World Day of Prayer. Service for Hawes Area. St Margaret's 2.00pm
- 7 West Burton Methodist Church Family Service at 10.45am
- 9 Evening meetings for Lent. Wensley Village Hall. See Page 22
- 10 Hawes Area LL & meditation. See p 22
- 10 Evening Lent Study Group. See p22
- 12 Mid Dale LL, Thornton Rust. See p 22
- 14 **Mothering Sunday**
- 9.30am Family Service, St Mary's Church, Redmire
- 10.30am Café style service for Mothering Sunday at St Margaret's, Hawes
- 10.30am Café style service for Mothering Sunday at St Oswald's, Askrigg
- 10.30am HC St Margaret's, Preston
- 11.00am Family Service at St Andrew's, Aysgarth joined by West Burton Chapel congregation
- 2.30pm Evensong, Thornton Rust
- 4.00pm Songs of Praise at St Bartholomew's Church, West Witton to celebrate love of family and friends. Coffee and cake to follow. All welcome.
- 16 Evening meetings for Lent. Wensley Village Hall. See Page 22
- 17 Hawes Area LL & meditation. See p 22
- 17 Evening Lent Study Group. See p22
- 19 Mid Dale LL, Thoraby. See page 22
- 21 Visit of the Chair of Darlington Methodist District, Rev Ruth Gee B.A., M.Litt. Hawes Methodist Church 10.30am. See page 2
- 23 Evening meetings for Lent. Wensley Village Hall. See Page 22
- 24 Hawes Area LL & meditation. See p 22
- 24 Evening Lent Study Group. See p22
- 26 Mid Dale LL, Carperby. See page 22
- 28 **Palm Sunday**
- 9.00am Breakfast in Redmire Village Hall then:
- 9.40am Donkey Procession to Redmire

### Church then:

- 10.00am Family Service, St Mary's Redmire
- 9.30am HC at St Margaret's, Preston
- 9.30 Methodist Service at St Bartholomew's, West Witton
- 10.30am Bainbridge Methodist Church, Sycamore Hall service
- 10.30am St Oswald's, Askrigg
- 2.00pm Choir Sunday at Gayle Methodist Chapel
- 29 **Monday - Holy Week Begins**
- 9.00am Prayer and Meditation. St Mary and St John, Hardraw
- 7.30pm Meditative Service at St Margaret's, Preston under Scar
- 30 **Tuesday**
- 9.30am Prayer and Meditation, St Margaret's, Hawes
- 7.30pm Meditative Service at St Oswald's, Castle Bolton
- 31 **Wednesday**
- 10.00am Prayer and Meditation at St Matthew's, Stalling Busk
- 7.30pm Meditative Service, St Bartholomew's, West Witton

### April

- 1 **Maundy Thursday**
- 6.00pm Supper at St Oswald's, Askrigg
- 7.30pm HC at West Burton Methodist Chapel.
- 7.30pm HC at Thornton Rust Mission Room
- 2 **Good Friday**
- 9.30am St Margaret's Church, Preston #
- 10.00am Walk of witness Gayle to Hawes then:
- 11.00am Service at Hawes Methodist Church
- 10.15am St Oswald's, Castle Bolton #
- 2.00pm St Bartholomew's, West Witton #
- 2.00pm Meditation on the Cross with HC at St Matthew's Stalling Busk
- 2.30pm St Andrew's, Aysgarth #
- 2 **Easter Saturday**
- 7.00pm Easter Eve Vigil at St Oswald's, Askrigg
- 8.00pm Service of Light, St Mary's Church, Redmire
- 3 **Easter Day**
- 6.30am "Sonrise" Service, Penn Hill top

- 7.00am Service of Light at St Mary & St John, Hardraw, breakfast after.
- 9.30am HC St Oswald's, Castle Bolton
- 9.30am HC St Margaret's, Preston
- 9.30am Sunday Club and HC St Bartholomew's, W Witton
- 9.45am Café style short service at St Oswald's, Askrigg
- 10.30am HC St Margaret's Hawes
- 10.30am Easter Celebration at Hawes Methodist Church
- 10.45am Family Worship, West Burton Methodist Chapel
- 11.00am HC St Andrew's, Aysgarth
- 6.00pm Songs of Praise, Holy Trinity Church, Wensley followed by bring and share supper in Village hall to bid farewell to Rev Judith Walker
- 6.30pm Gayle Methodist Chapel service (Changed from 2.00pm from April)

# Witness with the Cross approximately 20 minutes before services in church

LL = Lent Lunch, HC= Holy Communion

## **Surgery News**

### **Swine flu vaccinations**

Whilst the vaccination programme against winter flu has ended, the swine flu programme continues. If you are over 65 and have an underlying medical condition that would put you at risk from swine flu, such as diabetes, heart disease, chronic kidney or liver disease, asthma and stroke, please make an appointment at your surgery. If you are on medication that reduces your immunity to diseases, you should have a swine flu jab.

### **Home Visits**

These are reserved for patients who are genuinely housebound, or who are so ill that they cannot attend surgery. Your doctors cover a very large practice area (approx 700 square miles), and once the visiting round has started it can be difficult for doctors to return to villages that they have already visited earlier in the day. For this reason, could we please ask that requests for routine home visits be made before the end of morning surgery (10.30am). In the case of a serious medical emergency, doctors will always try to reach you as quickly as possible. However, where this is not possible, the doctor may request the ambulance service to deal with your call.

### **Summary Care Record**

Most of you will by now have received by post an information leaflet from the NHS outlining what this is all about. To recap, your summary care record will allow NHS healthcare professionals involved in your care to access a limited range of information about your medical history. This will include key facts about major underlying conditions, medication, vaccination record and allergies. This will help NHS staff to treat you appropriately and safely. Staff outside your medical practice, for example at another GP practice you may visit on holiday, or at a hospital, will only access

this information with your permission. All patient information held by the NHS on computer is encrypted, and is transmitted across the web using secure links with robust firewalls and virus protection built in. Access to the NHS computers is via a password-protected smartcard that looks very much like a banking cash card. These cards determine the level of access that the user can have to your record. People who do not wish to have a SCR can opt out. I would ask anyone to think very carefully before making such a request.

At the moment, someone can travel to a foreign country, place a bank card in the cash point and check the details of their bank account, but if the same person was run over by a bus in Kendal, the doctors treating them in A&E would not be able to find out what their drug allergies, medication or major underlying health problems were. The SCR solves this problem.

**Clive West**

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