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Railway News

Wensleydale Railway Association will celebrated its 20th Anniversary on the 24th of May and celebrate this achievement we are issuing a challenge to all our members, volunteers and the local community.

On Saturday and Sunday 26th and 27th June a 36 hour fundraiser will try to collect and lay out at Leeming Bar Station 40 miles of coins (70 400 yards). This is the original length of the line to which the Wensleydale Railway Association is continuing our efforts to re instate. All the proceeds of the fundraiser will be used as part of our effort to raise £100,000 for our Track Appeal. A recent survey showed Wensleydale Railway continues to provide a good source of income for the local community as well as helping to keep people in the dale employed.

WRA is asking you to support us in our challenge by collecting 1p and 2p coins and donating them to us. Coins can be left at Leeming Bar Station or at Leyburn Station on train operating days ahead of the event. Or you can bring them to the railway over the weekend. Anyone donating at least 1 yard of coins will receive a discount for that days travel. All accompanied children (5-15) travel FREE.

I hope that everyone will embrace this challenge. Together we can achieve our goal and provide the local community a better service that will bring more prosperity to the dale. Every penny counts.

Ken Monkman
Wensleydale Railway Association
Chairman

Better Building Designs

The National Park Authority is running a second *Best Building Design Award* competition. Whilst it acknowledges the

importance of safe, traditional designs where appropriate, the authority wants to encourage the use of new techniques and materials in buildings. Anyone who thinks a particular development is worthy of an award is invited to submit details by June 11th.

Go to www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/bbda or contact **Lesley Knevitt 652326** for further information.

MYSTERY PIC

Skip on the Green

Please note that the North Yorkshire County Council's mobile skip will be on Gayle Green on Saturday June 19th from 9.00am to 1.00pm.

Large bulky items and recycling materials including plastic and cardboard are all acceptable.

Editorial

There's safety in numbers" they say. Well up here in the Dales we haven't got them. What we do have, and have had over the years, are ideas for ventures and developments, some of which have come about but unfortunately have either failed or are struggling like mad to continue after setting-up grants, often because there aren't enough people supporting them.

What we are all coming to realise is that times are not going to get any easier for a few years. Is it really going to be possible to expect public money coming to us out of proportion to our population? We sometimes forget how very small our villages and town are.

Living here has huge advantages coupled with significant drawbacks if compared with life in big towns and cities; we have a habit of stressing the latter. Let's think of the former for a minute – and then see how we can use them to our advantage. It is a healthy environment; we are spared the fumes, noises and unsightliness of heavy industry. We don't know what real traffic jams are! We are kept in touch with farming; our children know where meat and milk come from! The landscape tends to draw us out of ourselves, to see us in the wider context of creation. Traditions - events, fairs, feasts and galas still occur. You can see the stars at night.

O.K! These great plusses don't pay the bills; prices can be higher here; getting anywhere is harder and some important services aren't easy to access.

But do we really want the area to be like everywhere else? Can we really expect it? Our 'specialness' can work to our advantage. Without doubt tourism is our main industry. Some voices say 'we have

enough tourists'. Is that really true? You see they bring much needed economic viability. Would we be able to support all the shops, eating places, solicitors, accountant, banks, builders and other trades, pubs, meetings, activities and churches without these extra numbers?

And why do they come? Because it is a special place. Some of us find it easy to use the country's National Park Authorities as 'whipping boys', but consider the support from them to promote farming schemes and the very landscape that all enjoy; to maintain access; to conserve the cultural heritage and history; and the efforts made to maintain and now to increase the biodiversity - rare plants saved, rare bird and mammal species increasing; and to be a buffer against inappropriate development; and tourist-based initiatives to increase visitors' enjoyment and understanding. All these increase the attractiveness of the area. National pressure for development must not put them at risk.

It is hard to put a monetary value on these things; we do know that increasingly people want, even need them, so they come. We don't have to come; we live here. As things get 'tighter' with the associated stress of life for many, areas like ours become even more important for health and well-being and quality of life. So we say: 'let them all come, from wherever, be uplifted by it all, increase the numbers we are short of ... and we'll all benefit'.

Eunice



EUNICE WINNER: Charlotte Hickson, Nidderdale

COMP WINNER: Mike Parr, Thornton Rust whose prize of £20 goes to 'Dalesplay'

Hold Your Noses!

It might not be common knowledge to some who live out of Hawes, but for a long time now, particularly around Town Head there has been **the smell!**

Let's not venture into apportioning any blame, but there are hopeful signs of progress. At a recent meeting in the school all interested parties, Environmental Health, the School, Yorkshire Water, the Creamery and Residents in that area, came together in what one resident claimed 'was a positive gathering'.

Not only was the odour on the agenda but also the more tangible (you could say, we suppose) problem of the sewage. So it would seem that steps are being taken to resolve this long standing matter and a further meeting to review the situation will be called sometime around July. **A.S.**

They Are Off Again!

Tina Spence and Lindsey Lightowler are running in the Great North Run on Sunday, 19th September (13.1 miles) and the Keilder Marathon on Sunday, 17th October (26.2 miles).

This year they are running for The Scott Suite at The Friarage Hospital, Northallerton and running because Lindsey's friend Andrea was diagnosed with breast cancer during 2009. As most people will know, Andrea's partner Matt Neale is running his Ultra Marathon of 190 miles which is for

the same cause. See p.

Tina says "We have a 'justgiving' page which is :

www.justgiving.com/tina-lindsey-gnr-kielder-marathons but we will also have sponsor forms that we will be distributing locally."

Thoraby Village Hall

Saturday 19th June

BBQ and optional Treasure Hunt.

Tickets from:- **663565 or 07866010638.**

Treasure Hunt starts 6.00- 7.00pm

Food from 8.00pm.

Best Foot Forward

Do you fancy a walk over this?

It isn't quite within our area, but might well be part of the National Park one day. Take your car down Mallerstang and at Pendragon Castle turn off on the by-road to go over Birkett Common, a lovely little ride, to the Sedbergh-Kirkby Stephen road, turn left and at the Fat Lamb take the road to Ravenstonedale. Ever popped in the church there?

Do so; you will have quite a surprise.

It isn't as you might expect.

Take the A685 and park in the village of Newbiggin on Lune. The walk starts here. We are going to Smardale Gill. Just by the small garden centre with tea-shop (It is nice to call in later), cross the main road and follow the lane via Friar's Bottom Farm (not a working one now) to Smardale Bridge. This is a very ancient area of old settlements and later disused mines, but they hardly show. The Coast to Coast Walk crosses hereabouts on its way from St Bees to Robin Hood's Bay. Slightly up the hill a permissive path leads off left along, and above the Scandal Beck in what is a Cumbria Wildlife Reserve. Go soon, while the wild flowers are at their best. After about half a mile this path, narrow in places, rises to join the old Stainmore rail line at the end of the viaduct shown. There is a lovely view down to the beck and across to the viaduct. I wish I had travelled on this line in its heyday; a well known friend of ours in Hardraw used to travel to school on it! You have two choices now; either return to Newbiggin over the viaduct (read the plaque about its history and saving) and along the track. Wild flowers are everywhere on the limestone and in the cutting. At various points in the next mile footpaths will take you back to Newbiggin. Alternatively, continue north along the track, now in woodland. It is not

Much more than a mile to the end of the reserve, going under the still-used viaduct on the Settle to Carlisle line. At this point at the moment, both sides of the cutting you are in are a magnificent mass of primroses, violets and strawberries. It's magic! I think the cold hard winter worked well for primroses. Smardale Hall, a striking old farmstead, is at the end. You could have parked here and had a shorter walk to the disused viaduct and back. This whole area is not to be rushed. Take your time, and your flower and bird books look and listen. You will need only a couple of hours. Back at Newbiggin, Norman, I think he's called, will serve you tea and a slice, sandwiches or his home-made soup.

Bits of old Westmorland have a lot to offer the walker. I might take you to Potts Valley one day; I've only just come across it!

A.S.W.

Little Red Bus

A brief word of warning (to bus pass holders): Passes are acceptable only on the timetabled service so if you arrange for the bus to pick you up at Garsdale Station, for example, at 2.20pm which isn't on the bus timetable, you can't use your pass.

National Park in top 20

The Yorkshire Dales National Park has been named as one of the top 25 UK travel destinations in a new internet poll.

The National Park was rated 17th in a survey of Europeans conducted by TripAdvisor.co.uk.

Wilf Fenten, the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority member Champion for Promoting Understanding, said: "This is more proof that UK visitors are not the only ones to appreciate the beauty and special qualities of the National Park.

Questions and Answers

Here are a few more selected answers from a mixture of exam papers

Mondays to Fridays apart from bank holidays.)

Expand $2(x+y)$

Ans: $2(x+y)$, $2(x+y)$, $2(x+y)$

Give a reason why people would want to live near power lines.

Ans: *They would get their electricity faster.*

Why would living close to a mobile phone mast cause ill health?

Ans: *You might walk into it.*

Where was Hadrian's Wall built?

Ans: *Around Hadrian's garden*

Steve is driving his car. He is travelling at 60 feet per second; the speed limit is 40mph. Is Steve speeding?

Ans: *He could look on his speedometer*

Explain the phrase 'free press'.

Ans: *When your mum irons your trousers for you.*

Joanna works in an office. Her computer is a stand-alone system. What is a stand-alone computer system?

Ans: *It doesn't come with a chair.*

What is a fibula?

Ans: *A little lie.*

Textile Art at Yoredale

An exhibition of work by textile artist Mary Taylor is being staged in the Bainbridge offices of the National Park until the end of June.

It is hoped both visitors and those who come to the offices on business will enjoy the exhibition.

Mary has a studio where she creates and sells her work within the Farfield Mill Arts and Heritage Centre and lives on the edge of the Yorkshire Dales, Lake District and Morecambe Bay.

(The offices open from 8.30am to 5.00 pm

43rd Hawes Gala

1970s THEME

Saturday June 26th

**To be opened at 1.00pm outside the
Bull's Head by**

**Katie Bown the Gala Queen and
'Bill Webster' from Coronation Street.**

June 19th.

This year's gala takes place on 'Tommy's' Field (just opposite the bottom of Gayle Lane). Open Fancy Dress competition. Entry by programme £3.00 with under 16s free. All people over 16 in fancy dress will also be admitted free. There will be teas, local dog agility, stalls, fairground rides and much more.. As ever we are very grateful for all donations to gala funds and for any help that we get in running the event. Particular thanks this year to Tolls trustees and Parish council for their very generous donations.

***All gala trophies must be
returned to Mick Rhodes at
Rhodes Pet and Garden Supplies
(in the Neukin) by Saturday***

Hamiltons

The new name for Kittys tea room in Aysgarth is Hamiltons after the owners Steve and Sandra who are celebrating 4 years of their business which caters for many locals as well as visitors.

Although there is a new identity the quality menu remains the same.

We're Off to See the Wizard...

2010 is a very special year for Hawes Amateur Operatic Society (HAOS). It is fifty years ago since the late John Cockett reformed HAOS. Even though the faces involved may have changed over the years the ethos and values established back in 1960 still remain true today. Snow White, our last pantomime, was greatly enjoyed by both cast members and audiences alike. A DVD of the show is now available for £14. Please contact me to order copies. We have chosen **The Wizard of Oz** for our 2010 production, last performed by the Society in 1994. This year we are again teaming up with Limelight Scripts for what promises to be an action packed show for all the family. We welcome new members to join the cast or help behind the scenes and will be holding two taster sessions this summer, dates to be decided.

As part of our anniversary celebrations we invite you to join us for a Gala Dinner at Simonstone Hall on **Saturday 17th July**. The evening will be a celebration of the past, present and the future and we would like you to be a part of it. Following a legacy left to the Society by the late Mrs Jean Layberry we have decided to introduce some awards to acknowledge some of the talent we have in the Dales. We will soon be requesting nominations for various categories from our productions between 2000 to 2009 - more information in the June Newsletter or from Jennifer Fawcett, Joanne Head and Sam Van Basten. The results will be announced at the dinner before rounding the evening off with a selection of local entertainment.

In September 2009 we launched our "100 Club". Two draws have taken place since then and six members of the Club have won cash prizes. If you would like to support the Society by becoming a member of the Club, please let me know.

It's just £6 per ticket to join for the year.

Thank you for your continued support, it is

really appreciated

Jennifer Fawcett
HAOS Secretary tel. 667241

Driver Experience Day

In April I went on a Driver Experience Day on the Wensleydale Railway. This was a Birthday gift from my husband, and also "having a go" were two gentlemen from the South of England and a young man who was celebrating his 21st Birthday.

We were welcomed at Leeming Bar Station at 9.00am with a huge Bacon Buttie each and tea and coffee. Three of us had a guest with us who were also included. The participants were then taken to a Training Room where we were shown the principles of a Diesel engine and also given advice about Health and Safety. After donning our High Vis Jackets we were then taken onto the line to look at the working of the DMU.

After that the train was driven to Bedale by one of the instructors, then we each had a turn at driving some of the distance to Finghall and back. Lunch was taken at Leeming Lodge; we had chosen our meal beforehand and it was excellent. Then it was back to the line and we each drove the train between Bedale and Finghall both ways. The lady crossing keeper at Crakehall had to open the gates for us twelve times in all! We finished off the day with tea and cakes and each received a Certificate of Achievement.

The whole day was excellent and our guests enjoyed it as well. I can recommend it to anyone wanting a different experience. The instructors, Peter Guy and Norman Ash were very patient and helpful throughout the day. I understand that it is probably the only railway in the country offering a chance to drive a Vintage DMU.

Janet Harker

Events Over in Reeth

Friday 25th June - 8.00pm - Colum Sands - support Brenda Heslop and Ribbon Road Singer-songwriter, guitarist and presenter of BBC Radio Ulster's Folk Club programme, Colum Sands is a member of the internationally renowned Sands Family from County Down. He has received the Living Tradition Award for services to Folk and Traditional Music and has performed in over thirty countries around the world. £10 in advance (£12 on the door)

Friday 9th July - 8.00pm - Zoot and Blind Summat! - Zoot - (Linda Game, Jo May and Becky Menday) serve up a cocktail of new melodies and traditional tunes. with a delicate balance of strings, wind,.

Friday 30th July - 8.00pm - Vin Garbutt - support by singer-songwriter, harpist and vocalist Sarah Tickets from Reeth Post Office or ring **John Little 01748 884759** or visit our website: www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk

An afternoon in the Life of an Askrigg Pensioner

And so for my afternoon walk. In Askrigg there are 19 public footpaths leading out to the open country – and the politicians ramble on about “the right to roam”!

I can go down Cowlinghome (Cow food but no cows), I can go up Stoney Bank (no stones), I can go over Seata (no seats). I can struggle and climb Croft Hill but it is worth it when I get to Giant’s Cradle. At Hawes you have an Auction Mart and a market with the trimmings but you have not got a Giant’s Cradle! At Askrigg, like London, we have “The West End” and “Pudding Lane”!

We have public footpaths, some with long

stretches of stone flags – we also have acquired right paths – the public have used the path with no objection for 20 years. We have stiles in the stone wall dating back for centuries, long before the Enclosure Act; some stiles have access sideways, others backwards. And gates – still a few 5-bar gates, horse and cart width 7ft – lichened and weathered but made by local joiners with local larch – the cost £1 per foot width. There are old rusty leeway gates tied up with hay band; and to desecrate the countryside 12ft galvanised gates – an artist’s nightmare! But best of all the kissing gates; sadly many have been lost with the demise of the Railway. I remember when old iron bedstead heads were used as temporary gates.

I meet all sorts of folk – some say “How do”, others “Grand day”, some “Hello” and then I get a very polite “Good Afternoon” .Some just walk past and ignore me thinking that they have been here for a fortnight and I have just arrived! Perhaps I do them an injustice – they may be foreign nationals.

I am often asked why the fields are all irregular shapes; this could be disputed ownership, but more likely the field area is designed to take in the water course as farm stock require water.

Who am I to talk farming? Well, I had a grandfather farming and I think all my great grandfathers (if they didn’t go to Australia or Canada) were farmers at some level! And so I arrive back home from yet another wonderful walk, wipe my shoes, walking stick on hook and so for a cup of tea.

**Askrigg Pensioner Ax871237D
(Pension Number)**

Trip to Alnwick

Wednesday June 22nd

Coach leaves West Witton **8.30am** and
arrives in Alnwick about 11.00am
£9.00 for the coach.

Back by about 5.45pm

Booking: **David Barraclough 624109**,
who also needs to know whether entry to
castle and/or gardens is required.

Annual Exhibition

The Yoredale Art Club annual exhibition of local artists' work will be held in the Methodist Hall, Leyburn, from **Friday to Monday, May 28th to 31st from 10.00am** (Sunday from noon) **until 5.00pm**. Admission is free.

6. Causes you to hit "SEND" before you've finished. *Oh no, not again!*
7. Causes you to hit "DELETE" instead of "SEND." *And I just hate that!*
8. Causes you to hit "SEND" when you should "DELETE." *Oh No!*

Raising Tombstones

If you have been to Aysgarth churchyard recently and been upset by the fact that a loved one's gravestone, or that of any past ancestor, has been laid flat by the district council's topple testers, then do come to the coffee morning at the church from **10.00am to noon on Saturday, June 26th**. The church has consulted with the district council and found out how gravestones can be raised again. This will be a community effort and so the admission fees (£1.50) and donations at the coffee morning will be set aside to help cover costs. Voluntary help will also be needed to raise gravestones.

Pip Land

New Virus

We thought you would want to know about this email virus. Even the most advanced programs from Norton or McAfee cannot take care of this one. It appears to affect those who were born prior to 1965

Symptoms

1. Causes you to send the same email twice. *Done that!*
2. Causes you to send a blank email. *That too!*
3. Causes you to send email to the wrong person. *Yep!*
4. Causes you to send it back to the person who sent it to you, *Aha*
5. Causes you to forget to attach the attachment. *Well darn it!*

IT IS CALLED THE "C-NILE VIRUS

Raydale Project

The **River Bain Hydro** project is on course to start work on site in the summer and to be producing green electricity by the end of the year. The scheme has had a confirmed grant offer from the Sustainable Development Fund of £50k. This fund is given by government to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority to support these types of projects.

The company have also applied for a similar grant from Future Energy Yorkshire (FEY) which was favourably received but has been delayed because of the general election. By the time you read this it is hoped confirmation will have been given by FEY. Good news from the Environment Agency in determining the Abstraction Licence is also expected by the end May, which will be another hurdle overcome.

However HM Revenues and Taxes has already confirmed that the scheme qualifies for Enterprise Investment Scheme status. So if you buy shares, and we hope you do, then 20% of the value of the share holding can be used as an “income tax reducer” in the year of purchase.

Remember this week is the last chance to buy shares as **the offer closes on Wednesday 9th June**. Shares are £1 each with a minimum holding of 250. All share money will be refunded in full should the scheme

unexpectedly not go ahead. If you would like more information please contact **Yvonne Peacock 650409/212** or email www.h2o.pe.org.uk

By purchasing shares in the River Bain Hydro Ltd you should expect a modest annual income, you will become a member of the Industrial Providential Society and have a vote on company matters. Best of all you will be supporting a local community seek-

ing a more sustainable future for the next generation.

Deborah Millward

North Yorkshire Police

Hello.

My February article regarding “shooting out” of the telephone wires near Marsett has provoked some interesting discussion I am told. To clarify the legislation in the Highways Act 1980, (and as per my informant to whom I am grateful for pointing out that my paraphrasing might have been misleading) - the legislation reads ... **“without lawful authority or excuse discharged a firearm, within fifty feet of the centre of a highway, which consisted of or comprised a carriageway, in consequence of which a user of the highway was injured, interrupted, or endangered”** This applies clearly to the circumstances of which my article was intended, but as my informant correctly points out a user has to be injured, interrupted and endangered and clearly those last three words are for a court to decide as per the individual circumstances.

I am not against “shooting” as my informant thought, and apologise if you got that impression from the article. Like my informant I know that the vast majority of firearms users do so in complete safety and without incident. I merely wanted to convey the inconsiderate manner in which a person or persons had been discharging weapons in the Marsett area which caused considerable disruption to a vital service to that remote village and incensed several residents.

Damage has been caused to the play area at Askrigg twice this year— Easter and the 2nd May weekend. **This is two times too many.** The equipment is provided for use of the children and not teenagers, who obviously get bored a lot more easily and then wreck it, spoiling everyone else’s enjoyment. I hope to meet the person or people responsible for the damage very shortly and

I look forward to information being provided that will allow me to do this. Mindless damage such as this will not be tolerated. I have been asked to remind parents to be aware of what their offspring might be doing.

There has been an upsurge in the sightings of suspect vehicles particularly around the lower end of the dale, where property has later been found to have been taken. An unusual occurrence has been the theft of a black and white Springer Spaniel bitch, which was a family pet, and has left its owners devastated. They saw the vehicle several hours before the pet was discovered missing. I bring this to your attention just because it is unusual and I, like the owners of the dog, would not have thought to check on my pet, thinking more than likely that something else would be missing.

There has also been a rise in the number of vehicle thefts where offenders have opened an insecure door of the house and removed the vehicle keys from the kitchen work surface or similar. We all get lazy with our car keys just putting them down as soon as we get into the house. This type of crime occurs throughout the day so being aware of the way it is committed may prevent you becoming a victim. Cars targeted are predominantly newer cars or 4x4’s, BMW, Audi or Volkswagen but not exclusively.

Many thanks for your continued support.

**Andy Foster PC826
Leyburn Safer Neighbourhood Team
Safer Neighbourhood Police Officer for
Upper Wensleydale
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**Trip to Holker Hall and
Grange over Sands**

Thursday July 1st

Leaves Hawes 9.15am calling for coffee
en route.

Cost approx. £16 to cover coach and ad-
mission to Holker.

Holker has an interesting house, award-
winning gardens, parkland for walks,
restaurant for lunch and a shop. The stop
in Grange will allow time for tea, a look at
the shops or a walk along the promenade.

Names to Shirley Watkinson please, by
Sunday June 20th. Tel: 667785

New Face in Hawes....the 'Bear' Facts!

After much local speculation, the old Littlefairs, (AKA Atkinsons) premises is now occupied by Bear Cottage Interiors and doesn't look anything like it used to!

Julie Atkinson and her business partner Steven Brundle, a bespoke joiner, have created an exciting new place in which to choose home decor. As well as furniture they stock lighting, mirrors, cushions and accessories. Curtains, blinds and soft furnishings can be made to order and, says Julie, since they opened on April 5th things have been going very well. Julie who's speciality is Contemporary Country Design used to work from her home in Marsett and visited customers in their homes. This she can still do if required but everything is there in the shop to browse through, Fabric books and ideas galore!

Furniture is either handmade to order by Steve or supplied ready made through local stockists. Julie and Steve have lots of passion for their work; Julie described to me her plan for changing the shop interior with the seasons, introducing appropriate colour schemes as the year goes on. At the moment we are in Spring/ Summer mode.! Open every day except Wednesday, Julie or Steve will offer you a warm 'Bear Hug' welcome. Go and have a look, you'll be amazed!

S.H.

Volunteers will receive mandatory training and will undergo a Police Records check. Should you need to travel out of your area, expenses will be paid.

If you feel you have the empathy and commitment necessary to sit with someone for 1, 2, 3 or more hours whilst their carer has a well earned break or, you just want to have a chat about volunteering, please contact

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Yorkshire DL9 4AF
Telephone/Fax: 01748 832271
email: stjohns.centre@btinternet.com

Richmondshire Community Sitting Service

We at St John's are constantly looking for sympathetic and **understanding volunteers who live in the Richmondshire area** to help provide this valuable and much appreciated service.

Richmondshire Orchestra in Askrigg

The Richmondshire Orchestra conducted by Hugh Bowman gives its annual Askrigg concert in St Oswald's Church on **Sunday 13th June at 3.00pm**. The two young soloists in Mozart's beautiful *Flute and Harp Concerto* are Charlotte Clarke (flute) from Easby who won last year's Richmondshire Young Musician of the Year competition, and Sarah Paterson from Saltburn who is in her second year at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester studying harp.

The rest of the programme contrasts the grotesque - Sibelius's *Valse Triste*, Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel Overture*, and Dvorak's *The Noon Witch* - with the celebratory - Britten's short *Fanfare for St Edmundsbury* for 3 trumpets which opens the concert, and Berlioz's sparkling *Beatrice and Benedict Overture* which closes it.

Tickets are £7, with accompanied children admitted free, and are available on the door or from **01325 720662**.

Open Studios 2010

North Yorkshire Open Studios is now in its sixth year. Below is a list of the artists in our area whose studios will be open on **Friday, Saturday and Sunday June 11th, 12th and 13th and Saturday and Sunday June 19th and 20th**.

Studio opening times are from 10.30am to 5.30pm

Philippa Troutman, Salt Lake Cottages, Chapel le Dale

Carol Tyler, Mill Foss, The Bridge, Hawes

Andrea Hunter, Focus on Felt, Hardraw

Helene Shovlar, also at Focus on Felt

Angela Keeble, Bainscott, Bainbridge

Ken Jones and Lesley Coates Jones, Busk

House, Stalling Busk

Winifred Hodge, Weltondale, Redmire

On the Road

Driving: enjoyable and expensive, yet for a teenage boy living alone in the Dales - entirely compulsory.

So how does a 17 year old lad, living in Wensleydale, go about learning to drive? With great difficulty is the answer. The difficulty came, not through a lack of choice of instructors, but through being conscious of the size of the hole it would leave in my pocket. The DSA (Driving Standards Agency) say new drivers should undertake an average of 45 hours professional training combined with 22 hours private practice in order that they might pass their driving test. I didn't need to crunch the numbers for it to be apparent that this was going to be an expensive but, in my eyes at least, necessary endeavour.

A month and a half into my *car* driving career, and as all people my age are at this time of year, I have been plagued with exams. This slight setback has had an impact on the number of lessons I have been able to have, and in turn, no doubt will increase both the time it will take me to pass, *and* the overall cost.

Those of you who have been following my column will know that I have already (quite literally) hit the road using motorised transport. Cars, however, are very different from motorbikes. They have two more wheels for a start, as well as a daunting looking extremity emerging from the centre console, which seems to make an odd, rather distressing grinding noise whenever I touch it.

So as I write this and lose sleep over the various thorny encounters I will imminently make with both exams and a stern-faced, clipboard-wielding driving examiner, the exam D-day rolls closer and my hair seems to be growing thinner. Not to mention the fact that my previous driving lessons and experience seem to be crum-

bling away into the most expensive, time-consuming pile of waste I have ever created.

We have all looked forward to something at one point in our lives. Oh how I look forward to being out 'on the road'; leaving behind me in a cloud of dust, the Hypothalamus and its stress related psychological illnesses, XHTML web scripting and diachronic variation along with my exams and a 45 minute drive with that stone-faced employee of the DSA. But when it's all done and I've got my AS level certificates to go with my nice pink licence, I'll think back and know. I should have bought a car in the first place.

Isn't hindsight a wonderful thing?

Hawes School News

Auction of Promises

Hawes PTFA will be holding an auction of promises in aid of Hawes School playground at Wensleydale Creamery on Friday 12th November. If anybody would like to support us by offering a pledge, please leave your details with the school on **667308** and we will contact you. Thank you for your support.

Music and Flowers

You are invited to come to Hardraw Church on **Saturday 26th June at 7.00pm** for an evening of music and singing amidst the flowers of the Flower Festival. All local organists have been invited to come and play a piece of music or a song on our organ. In addition the Askrigg ladies 'sing for pleasure' group are also planning to come and entertain us. (If there are any organists out there who have not been invited and would like to have a go please phone Penny on **667573**. Following the concert there will be wine and cake and

Wensleydale cheese. There will be no charge for the evening although donations would be welcome for church funds. It promises to be a relaxed and pleasant summer evening, do come and join us.

The Flower Festival will take place over the whole of the weekend – Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th There will of course be our usual service at 9.00am on the Sunday morning and you are very welcome to join us and you can look at the flowers at the same time!



Dalesplay have lots of fun workshops for all children to enjoy in the summer half term; see below for details of workshops. All workshops are £3 to cover costs of resources and run from 2.00-3.30pm; ring **667789** to book your place (limited places available).

The children at Dalesplay have been enjoying this dry weather using the new equipment and resources bought with the outdoor grant money kindly awarded to us by North Yorkshire County Council. They have enjoyed playing in the den with the new camouflage netting and with the large soft shapes creating wonderful sculptures from boats to houses. It has made a huge difference to the opportunities we can provide to take children's learning outdoors.

The after school clubs have been busy designing and making wonderful creations using their handprints, and the cookery club has enjoyed making a number of things including fruit salad and meatballs. Our Knitting club now welcomes those who would prefer to sew as some children were struggling with knitting and we didn't want to leave anyone out. If you would like your child to attend any of these after school clubs please contact Dalesplay.

The nursery children have all settled really well and enjoyed outings to the library and hens. We have had ZOOLAB in for children 0-5yrs to attend free of charge courtesy of Sure Start. All the children present really enjoyed seeing all the different animals and having a hold.

We would like to thank all those who donated and helped at the May Table Top. We really appreciate your support especially those who don't have children

attending the setting; we are very grateful.

The Tesco voucher scheme has come to an end. If you have any lying around we would be very grateful for them to be dropped into our box in the entrance. They will be used to provide new ICT resources for the setting. We are still collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers so please drop them in. Thank you for your support.

Tuesday 1st June- Cinema experience showing Chipmunks 2 (all ages)

Wednesday 2nd June- Grass head making workshop (all ages)

Thursday 3rd June- Fathers day treat workshop (making something to give dad on Father's day for all ages).

Friday 4th June- Soft play and ball pool (0-2yrs); Messy play (2yrs +)

Stay and Play

Hawes Methodist rooms

Term Time Only

9.15- 11.00am

Children aged 0-5yrs welcome with their parents. This session is funded by Sure Start at no extra cost to parents.

Something to do for all ages!

Stay and Play in conjunction with the weigh in clinic at Askrigg will be held on

10th June 1.30-3.30pm

Musicality in Thornton Rust

The local ladies' choir, Musicality, has enthralled audiences at the Wensleydale Tournament of Song for several years and now a charity concert at Thornton Rust institute will provide an opportunity to hear a wider selection of the choir's repertoire, ranging from classical compositions to music by modern popular composers such as George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Lennon and McCartney and Abba, as well as folk songs and favourites from stage and film

musicals. The choir aims at providing something for everyone to enjoy and all delivered with a degree of light-hearted good humour.

The concert is at **7.30pm on Saturday, June 26th** and there will be strawberries and shortcake afterwards. Admission is £6. The proceeds from ticket sales and the raffle will be shared between the institute funds and the Friends of Govi (UK). David Pointon will give a short presentation about how the latter assists blind and visually impaired children in the Gambia.
Pip Land

Prunings

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

It's the 17th May as I write and we are still threatened with grass frosts overnight. Hardly encouraging! In his "Weather Eye" in the Times on the 11th May Paul Simons wrote about the "Ice Saints" who were said to cast a frosty spell from the 11th to the 14th explaining why temperatures have struggled to reach the seasonal norm. Apparently records show that the cold spell can fall later, around the 20th as if Saint Boniface and friends were out of tune, but this may be explained by Pope Gregory's calendar reform of 1582 which results in a slight shifting of the dates.

In any event, before the days of reliable (?) weather forecasts, farmers and gardeners wove these traditions into their working year and delayed planting until this time was past. In many parts of the northern hemisphere the appearance of flowers on the blackthorn heralded the "Blackthorn Winter" and a series of frosts was expected. Perhaps this explains why the crop of sloes can vary so much from year to year.

In contrast, we have had so little rain that it is not only the plants in tubs and pots which are suffering, but well established perennials and fruit trees are stressed; consequently I have resorted to hose pipes and sprinklers to redress the balance. A neighbour was very disappointed to find that a large euphorbia which had lived for many years in a west facing border, and taken all that the Dales conditions could throw at it, survived the winter, threw out new shoots and then gave up the ghost last month. On digging it out she discovered that the roots had been trying to extract moisture from dust! - We live and learn.

On a positive note, I can hardly find room

for all the plants I've potted up in the poly-tunnel and I wait with baited breath for a forecast which tells me I can safely chuck them outside to fend for themselves. The alpine scabious and the diascias are beginning to flower, the perpetual wallflowers which I brought north as cuttings from my sisters London garden are budding up (she tells me that the parent plants are already in flower) and I have actually eaten two strawberries.

As if in denial of the long winter, the aeoniums which I moved out under plastic last month, are now huge and healthy. One has now reached around 4 ft. and more. It has become very top heavy so I shall cut it back and start new plants. As expected the amelanchier has produced a wonderful display and I am amazed that new flower buds are still appearing. This shrub has definitely been a best buy, and although I have seen one impressive specimen that had been pruned to produce multiple stems at ground level, there seem to be remarkably few in evidence. We all discover favourites and just now I am most gratified by the lovely foliage shades that spiraeas "Goldflame" and "Firelight" have given me in spite of earlier rabbit damage.

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

Rose Rambler

Money for Electricity from Water

Organisations, businesses and individuals wanting to develop small-scale schemes to generate electricity through water power are being given a big boost by the National Park Authority. It has launched the Small-Scale Hydro Power Feasibility Fund to help pay for feasibility studies to explore the potential of hydro projects at promising sites in the Dales.

The Authority has approved a three-year,

£180,000 budget that will provide grants of up to £5,000 towards the cost of hydro feasibility studies. The fund is primarily for the most promising sites identified in a study commissioned in 2008 but it can assist other sites as well.

Meanwhile, the National Park Authority will be giving a £50,000 grant to River Bain Hydro Ltd. The site will use an Archimedean screw but - instead of it being used to push water uphill - it will be turned upside down so that water from the weir will run down it, turning it and generating electricity. The electricity will then be sold through the national grid.

Anyone interested in obtaining more details about the fund or an application form should contact Moya Turrell at the YDNPA Bainbridge offices on **652341**

How Are You Feeling?

Do you ever feel that life just seems to be getting harder and tougher? Do your problems seem to be overwhelming with no apparent solution available? Do you feel that you are stressed at home, at work or even at school? Does your illness or disability leave you feeling anxious, frustrated or angry? Do you feel you are alone with this?

Have you ever considered going into a church, chapel, meeting house or even a ruined abbey and sitting quietly with your thoughts? Simply let your thoughts drift in and out, enjoy the moment of peace, calm and tranquillity. You may even find your batteries have been recharged while there.

You don't have to be a 'religious' person to step inside. Anyone can. We are fortunate that many of our places of worship in the dale are open every day, usually during daylight hours, and not just Sundays.

The church can really be a surprising source of comfort and strength.

Janet Middleton

“Call for Projects”

LEADER programme going strong in the Yorkshire Dales

Funding for large community led projects in the Yorkshire Dales rural area is available through the LEADER programme.

Support is available for projects from £5,000 - £150,000, in some cases funding can be up to 80% of the total costs.

The priorities for funding are:

- * Basic services for the economy and rural Population
- * Village renewal and development
- * Conservation and upgrading of the rural heritage

Applications must be submitted by properly constituted groups and be for the benefit of the local area or community. This support is not for individual businesses.

Dales Co-ordinator Rima Berry said “LEADER is a fantastic opportunity to have some lasting and new initiatives going on for the benefit of our local communities, heritage and the dales culture. If groups think their plans for their communities might be supported through LEADER I’d urge them to get in contact as soon as possible so the opportunity is not missed”.

For further information on the area covered and the application process contact:

Rima Berry, Dales LEADER Co-ordinator, YDMT, Tel: 015242 51002, email; rima.berry@ydmtd.org or see www.yorkshiredalesleader.co.uk

Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society

Contemporary British Craft

Mary La Trobe-Bateman OBE will give an overview of the current craft scene in the UK.

This Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society lecture, at Middleham Key Centre, on **Tuesday 8th June**, will be illustrated with examples of the finest innovative work in all the craft disciplines – ceramics and glass, jewellery, silver and metalwork, textiles, furniture, baskets, paper and wood.

Mary lectures at the RCA, Sotheby's Institute and the Goldsmith's Company amongst others.

Non-members are welcome at £5 per lecture, to book a place or for membership information contact the Membership Secretary, tel: **624203**.

Area Ranger's 190-mile Run for Charity

Matt Neale is training hard for the longest run of his life - 190 miles in under 60 hours. He is planning to run the gruelling Coast-to-Coast route from St Bee's Head to Robin Hood's Bay, on **June 25th / 26th** to raise cash for the breast cancer unit at Northallerton Hospital, where his partner Andrea Burden is undergoing treatment.

It won't be the first long-distance run Matt has taken part in - but he says it will be the toughest. He hopes to raise several thousands of pounds.

Matt has previously run six, 100-mile challenge events, including the Lakeland 100, and has twice taken part in the gruelling 166kms Ultra-Trail du Mont-Blanc which has a total of 30,000ft ascent, around the famous mountain in the Alps.

"I think this will be the hardest I have done," he said. "I have run for 38 hours continuously on a previous event. I might have the odd 10 minutes sleep here and there but I don't intend to sleep or stop for several hours - I pretty much plan to keep going from start to finish.

"I've got great support from Kudu Bikes in Hawes, which has printed flyers and T-shirts for me and is providing a van for support checkpoints. I've also got a dozen other runners who will be running different sections to help keep me going, which will be a great help."

Anyone wanting more info on the run should visit www.justgiving.com/matts-coast-to-coast-ultra-marathon

Burgers/hot dogs available.

All persons under 18 years must be accompanied by an adult.

Gala Disco /Karaoke

1970s theme

Crown Beer Garden

Friday June 25th; 9.30pm to late

Entry before 10.00pm £3.00; after £5.00

Lock up your children – the government is out to get YOU !

A bit of a departure this month as I get slightly political! Did you know that as the General Election date was being announced a little known bill was being passed into law that could have huge consequences for any users of the internet and effectively turns the law “innocent until proven guilty” on its head?

The Digital Economy Act 2010 covers a range of issues relating to the internet but there are specific measures about copyright infringement that could affect almost anyone that has internet access.

The new law allows copyright holders to inform internet service providers (such as BT, Orange, TalkTalk etc.) about download activity via your internet connection that infringes their copyright. Under normal circumstances you may get a letter from your ISP warning you that you have done something wrong and not to do it again but ultimately they can be told to withdraw internet services from you altogether.

The important part of this is that at no point does anyone have to prove that you are responsible for the copyright infringement – it could be one of your children used the internet to download some music or video or it could even be a stranger sitting outside your house who hacked into your wireless connection. It is even possible for criminals to forge their own internet address so the download operations appear to come from your internet connection.

If this situation arises you are assumed to be guilty and if you want to challenge the action of your ISP then YOU have to prove that you did not download the offending item. One thing that is not clear is the responsibilities of public internet access points in private homes. BT Internet (and some other ISPs) now enables your router/

hub to allow anyone to access the internet wirelessly via your connection (look in your wireless connection settings for BT Fon). The idea is brilliant in a way – share your connection at home with the wider world and in exchange you can access the internet via anyone else on BT nationwide.

There is even a website which shows where all the wireless hotspots are active. Useful if you are away from home, however presumably any illegal activity will still be flagged as coming from your internet connection and it is not clear if you will be held responsible.

The result of all this is that everyone needs to be vigilant as to how their internet connection is being used within your family (and make sure your children are aware that if they use file-sharing sites it could have serious repercussions). Also do make sure that if you have wireless internet you have your security set to the maximum setting with a password that is unguessable!

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions drop me an email via my website www.dalescomputerservices.com

Carol Haynes

Heavens Above

After such a miserably cold spring it's hard to believe the longest day is just a few weeks away. This year the summer solstice (when the sun reaches its highest point in the sky for the year) falls on June 21st. After that it's down-hill all the way as the nights slowly begin to draw in again.

Around the time of the summer solstice twilight lasts throughout the night and some of the dimmer constellations can be quite hard to see. Even so you shouldn't really have any problems in picking out old favourites like the Plough or the brilliant 'Summer Triangle'. Its 3 bright stars - Vega, Deneb and Altair dominate the southern sky for the next few months.

Over in the west the planet Venus continues to put on a brave show in the evening twilight and makes a nice pairing with the nearby crescent moon on 14th/15th June. You'll find this month's most interesting object, however, low in the northern part of the sky where **Comet McNaught** makes its passage through the inner solar system during the second half of the month. Like most pork pies comets can be notoriously unpredictable objects but this one should become bright enough to see with the naked eye. Use binoculars to start looking for it around the 12th June as it passes a couple of degrees below the bright star Mirphak in the constellation of Perseus.

The bad news is that you'll have to stop up until about one o'clock in the morning to try and catch a glimpse of it. Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

Letter

We're back! But just for a visit, worst luck. We have bought a small motor home to roam about the beautiful Dales and our first port of call was, of course, Hawes where we had spent ten happy years in Laura's Cottage Tea-room (Chaste). It was Monday morning ; we called at the Post Office for our pension and after three and a half years they remembered us. It took us all day to walk up and down the town; it was as if we had never left. We called in on all our 'old' friends and were stopped in the street for a chat. "Where have Sue and Darrel gone", we asked ourselves; on to the Laundrette to see Sue, then to Barclays Bank to pick up some eggs from Alison (they're the best) and to thank Pearl for still helping with some banking; across the road to see Pat, Kevin and Emma. We were surprised to see that such a good property was still for sale. Walking up the road we saw Eileen outside Allens ;we used to alternate cars on our weekly trip to Leyburn. What a brave and wonderful thing she has done to give her husband a better quality of life by giving one of her kidneys; well done Eileen. Passing a new shop not yet open we bumped into an old friend, Kevin Nugent, who still had a tale to tell. Moving on we saw Sue and Darrel's new shop which used to be the turf accountant's, but sadly they were on holiday. "Wow! Where has Littlefairs gone", we asked when we popped into Bear Cottage Interiors, which is a beautiful shop. "They have moved to the Business Park" we were told. Leaving there with a small purchase we called on Rachel who has moved to Myrtle House; we had a nice long chat and met her new addition to the family— Flick, the dog. Apart for Rachel we only met two other young ladies who worked for us, Jude and Kate. Looking back we had ten staff, mostly part time, and

couldn't have wished for better. So now it was back to Brown Moor for dinner and a rest. It was a great day, and we couldn't pass the Good Life without calling on Jacky and Barrie; what a fantastic place they have there. Coming away we spoke to Neil Iveson mainly about his dad, Tot, who sadly had died when we were living there.

We are sorry not to have mentioned everyone we met, but Tuesday was market day and there were a lot more friends. We miss you all. **Janet and Jack Heatherglen**

New Book helps Woodlands Grow

Sales of a new book about the famous furniture craftsman Robert 'Mouseman' Thompson are helping to restore natural broadleaf woodlands in the Yorkshire Dales.

Robert Thompson of Kilburn who famously carved a mouse into every piece of furniture he created, is the subject of a new book 'Mouseman: The Legacy of Robert Thompson of Kilburn'.

Ian Thompson Cartwright, who is the great grandson of Robert and manages the family business, has pledged to donate proceeds from sales of the book to the *Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust*. The money will be used to support a long-term woodland restoration programme, which aims to double the amount of broadleaf woodland cover in the Dales by 2020.

The Mouseman book is published by Great Northern and co-authored by Patricia Lennon and David Joy, a Trustee of the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust. Copies of the book can be bought at the Robert Thompson's Centre in Kilburn. You can also support the woodland restoration programme by dedicating your own tree in the Dales, call **015242 51004** or visit www.vdmt.org find out more.

Quiz Night

There will be a quiz night in the Fountain Hotel, Hawes, on **Friday 4th June** to raise funds for the Hawes Gala. Teams of 4 please. £5.00 per team entry.

West Burton May Fair

Monday 31st May, 1.00-5.00pm

Falconry, Maypole and Morris Dancing
Puppet Shows, Stalls,
Children's Attractions.

Teas and much more!!
Phone **Julie Pledge 663481**
for more information

Swaledale Festival Events
Upper Wensleydale

Wednesday June 2nd, 8.00pm

St Oswald's Church, Askrigg

The Fitzwilliam Quartet

Adult £15 • Child £7

Sunday 6 June, 8.00pm

St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth

St Cecilia Players with Simon Passmore
(piano)

Adult £10 Child £5

Monday June 7th, 11.00am

Askrigg Cross for History walk

Adult £6. Child £3

Monday June 7th 5.00pm

Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes

Yorkshire Film Archive screening

Adult £6 • Child £3

Monday June 7th, 8.00pm

St Oswald's Askrigg

Resonating Strings

Adult £12. Child £6

Thursday June 10th, 5.00pm

Holy Trinity Church, Wensley

Cello Recital - Jonathan Bloxham

Adult £8 • Child £4

Thursday June 10th, 8.00pm

St Oswald's Askrigg

Fifth Quadrant String Quartet

Adults £12. Child £6

Saturday June 12th, 5.00pm

St Oswald's Askrigg

The Hut People; accordion and percussion

Adults £8. Child £4

Saturday June 12th, 7.30pm

St Margaret's Hawes

Hawes Silver Prize Brass Band

Adults £6. Child £3

Friends of the Settle– Carlisle line and
Friends of Hawes Junction Chapel

Sunday May 30th, 11.00am

Led by Canon Bill Greetham, Hawes Silver

Band and Gunnerside Choir

on Garsdale Station Platform.

Buffet lunch to follow in the chapel;
optional short walk.

Talk by Bill Mitchell, M.B.E.

1.30– 2.30pm

Railway Service

Competition Answers

Add a letter

1. Gale, Gayle
2. Dale, Dalek
3. Ure, Pure
4. Corn, Acorn
5. Steam, Stream
6. Amble, Ramble
7. Lake, Laike
8. Rouble, Trouble
9. Ridge, Bridge
10. Ramp, Cramp
11. Bolder, Boulder
12. Panting, Painting
13. Rifle, Trifle
14. Rayon, Crayon
15. Presto, Preston

June Competition

Take a trip round the thirteen National Parks in England and Wales.

Below you will find anagrams to one tourist spot or landscape feature in each of the Parks. We hope one or two of these are hard! Send in your answers even if not complete and, in case you win, provide us with the name and details of the charity you would like us to support. (£20)

1. HE'LL CHASE CART (7,6)
2. DAFTERS TELLY (12)
3. DENY SIMPLY RED (6,7)
4. EAT LUNDS LACER (7,6)
5. CRUSH LARK BED (8,4)
6. DRAB BOAT RON (6,5)
7. BE GROWLER NOAH (5,3,5)
8. HAMMERER DODO LEONORA
LAW (9,4,5,4)
9. DETER WARLIKE (7,5)
10. CRAG LOADERS (7,4)
11. LANCER BATH (10)
12. NECK YEAR BOUND (7,6)
13. DO STEW BRIG (3,7)

Bainbridge School News

Sporting activities

Half term is almost upon us, the sun is shining and the temperatures rising just in time for the start of our **After School Cricket Club**. This will be run by 2 Yorkshire County Cricket Club coaches with many years' experience coaching within Richmondshire so we're sure the children will soon be hitting sixes to the school boundaries whilst minding any windows!

The Junior children have been working on their Tag Rugby skills preparing for the **Tag Rugby Competition** at the Wensleydale Rugby Club towards the end of May. It's great to see their strong teamwork skills coming through as they are hugely supportive of one another. June will see the start of our **outdoor activity days** at Low Mill where the Juniors will once again be able to further their caving, climbing, gorge walking and canoeing skills. Last year this was very popular, so let's hope the weather behaves itself!

Not to be outdone, the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children recently took part in a **Fun Run** at Wensleydale School. Despite the course being longer than anticipated they came in with personal bests and two children in Reception and Year 1 were awarded 3rd place certificates; excellent running everyone and congratulations on your impeccable behaviour which was commented upon whilst you were out!

Zambledance

The whole school participated in workshops organised and run by the Zambledance Group. This involved both African dancing and singing and one Year 1 child described it as "fun and tiring!" A Year 4 child told me that the two leaders wore brightly patterned traditional clothes and played the bongo drums, and, perhaps even

more impressive was the fact that "they stayed for school lunch and even played football with us afterwards!" This was a fantastic and fun way reinforcing Bainbridge's links with Africa.

Colt Park visit

Linking in with their current farming project, the Junior children are shortly heading off to Colt Park near Ribbleshead to investigate a Viking settlement with the help of Natural England staff. Our own daughter is eagerly anticipating this, together with a visit to a local sheep farm at Newby Head on the way home which promises to add a new dimension to the children's considerable existing knowledge of farming in Wensleydale.

Duck Race and Car Boot Sale

A reminder that the School's PFA are joining forces with Bainbridge Playground Committee to hold a Car Boot Sale at School on **Beamish Day, Sunday 20th June**. The Car Boot will be from **10.00am – 2.00pm** (gates open 9am for vendors). Pitches can be bought at the price of £5 for cars and £7 for vans. There is no admission charge but there will be a bucket for donations at the gate. Please contact either **Lynette Spence (tel:- 650506)** or **Amanda Scarr (tel:-650539)** to book a pitch and for further details.

The Duck Race will take place down at the river (naturally!) at **4.00pm** with 1000 ducks taking part! There will be prizes for the first six ducks to finish...and the last duck! *1st prize of £100 so remember "you have to be in it to win it!"*

Emma Arblaster, Parent Governor

Askrigg School News

Zambledance

We were fortunate enough to work with the Zambledance Group this week; Gaspar and Adam visited school and worked with all

the children and they learnt African dance. It was a fantastic experience for the children. The parents who came to the sharing assembly at the end of the day were also 'encouraged' to learn a dance and perform for the children! This dance experience was funded through the Connecting Classrooms budget.

Cycling Awareness

The children in Y6 have recently started their cycling awareness sessions, run by North Yorkshire's Road Safety Team. If you are travelling along the road near school between 3:30pm and 4:30pm on Wednesday evenings please be patient!

Cricket Coaching

The children in Key Stage 2 are nearing the end of their five, after school, cricket coaching sessions. 15 children have been learning the skills of bowling, catching and batting coached by Lynn Hickman from Richmond Cricket Club.

Low Mill

We are very fortunate to have the excellent facilities of Low Mill literally on our doorstep. The children in Years 5 and 6 have been enjoying caving, gorge walking (although a little more water would have ensured that they managed to get thoroughly soaked!), climbing, zip wiring, canoeing and abseiling on Friday afternoons this half term. Parents have contributed to the sessions, but they were only possible because the PTFA very generously funded half of the cost (£560). The children have thoroughly enjoyed their Friday afternoons

WHAT'S ON LISTING;

May

- 28-31 Yoredale Art Club Annual Exhibition. Leyburn Methodist Hall. See p.14
- 29 Swaledale Festival begins. For events in the Newsletter area see p.32
- 30 Marsett Chapel 'Singalong'. 8.00pm

June

- 1 Coffee morning and stalls; Hawes Methodist rooms. 10.00am to noon
- 1 Coffee morning Kenley Cottage Thoralby; 10.30am to noon
- 2 Stream dipping at Aysgarth falls. Meet at the National Park Centre 10.30am **662910** for details
- 2 Coffee morning, 1, Hargill Court, Redmire; 10.30am to noon
- 3 Askrigg Friendly Society Service; St Oswald's, 7.00pm
- 4 Nature Trail in Aysgarth Woods. Meet at the National Park Centre 11.00am
- 4 Aysgarth Methodist Church coffee morning (at Leyburn Methodist Church). Books, cakes and plant stalls. 10.00am to noon
- 4 Quiz Night. Fountain, Hawes; see p.31
- 6 Gayle Mill Demonstration day. See p.40
- 6 Guided walk; Redmire Falls and High Lane. Meet West Burton village green 10.30am. 9.5 miles
- 6 Aysgarth Methodist 'Songs of Praise' 6.30pm
- 8 YDNPA Planning committee. Yoredale, Bainbridge, 10.30am
- 8 Decorative and Fine Arts Society. See p.26
- 8 Wensleydale Tournament of Song holds its AGM, Leyburn Methodist Hall 7.00pm
- 9 LVA Bike Ride
- 10 Wensleydale Country Market; Leyburn Methodist Hall 10.00am to 12.30pm
- 10 First responders meet in Gayle Institute; 7.00pm
- 11 Gayle Mill event. See p.40
- 11-13 Open Studios. See p.19
- 13 Richmondshire Orchestra Concert. St Oswald's Askrigg. 3.00pm See p.19
- 15 Teas and Stalls, St Margaret's Church, Hawes; 1.00 to 3.00pm

- 15 Bumblebee and flower walk. Meet Askrigg Church 2.00pm. Booking essential: **01524 251002**
- 15 Gayle Ladies outing to York
- 16 Blood Donor sessions. Hawes Market Hall; afternoon and evening
- 16 Museum Friends visit to Saltaire. Details **650774**
- 17 Wensleydale Country Market; Leyburn Methodist Hall. 10.00am to 12.30pm
- 17 Hawes W.I. joins Bainbridge ; 'The life of the Bronte Family'
- 18,19 Wensleydale Railway 'Alesman' train. Details and essential booking: **08454 505474**
- 18-27 "Cherishing Churchyards" week
- 19 Three Peaks Challenge
- 19 Thoralby Village Hall event from 7.00pm See p.3
- 19,20 Open Studios. See p.19
- 20 Fathers' Day
- 20 Bainbridge School Car boot sale and duck race. p 35
- 20 Hawes Rural Heritage Trail. Meet National Park Centre 11.00am. 7 miles. **666210** for details
- 20 Marsett Methodist Chapel Anniversary service .2.00pm
- 20 Deadline to book trip to Alnwick. p.13
- 20 Table top sale; Hawes Market Hall
- 21 Longest day of the year.
- 22 Trip to Alnwick. See p.13
- 24 Wildlife of Snaizeholme. Meet Mirk Pot at 2.00pm. Booking essential. **666210**
- 24 Wensleydale Country Market; Leyburn Methodist Hall. 10.00am to 12.30pm
- 24 Deanery Chapter Quiet Day; Thornton Rust
- 25-27 Wensley Church Flower Festival; theme 'Yorkshire born and bred' Preview Friday 7.00pm (Tickets from Pip Bolton). Saturday and Sunday 10.00am to 5.00pm
- 25 Gala Disco/Karaoke. See p.27
- 25 Folk and Trad. Concert; Reeth Memorial Hall. See p.12
- 26 Coffee morning at St Andrew's Aysgarth

- 26 Concert of local organists. Hardraw 7.00pm.
- 26-27 Hardraw Church Flower Festival. See P.21
- 26 Hawes and District Gala.
- 26 'Musicality' in Thornton Rust. See p.23
- 26,27 Open gardens. Mallerstang. See p40
- 27 Guided walk: Mallerstang Magic. Meet Garsdale Station 10.30am. 8 miles
- 29 Coffee morning and stalls; Hawes Methodist rooms .10.00am to noon
- 30 Toddlers' service; St Andrew's Aysgarth 2.00pm

Dales Countryside Museum

For full details and costs please contact the Museum: 666210 or see: hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk

- 1 Spinning in the reception area. 2.00 to 4.00pm

- 1 Making crystallized flowers. Children's workshop; 2.00 to 4.00pm
- 2 Discover and Do. Children's workshop; 2.00 to 4.00pm
- 3, 8. Drystone walling events. 2.00-4.00pm
- 6 Have a go at Rugmaking 10.00am to 5.00pm
- 12 Silk collage making; adult workshop. 2.00 to 4.00pm
- 18 Free talk about the Victorian kitchen dairy. Between 1.00 and 4.00pm
- 19 Open Studios event. Jewellery making. 10.00am to 3.30pm. Booking essential
- 20 Photography workshop. 10.00am to 4.00pm
- 24 Red squirrel conservation. Lunchtime lecture; 12.30 to 1.00pm
- 27 Weaving demonstration. 11.00am to 4.00pm

Market Place and Greetings	
<p style="text-align: center;">Happy 21st Birthday Stuart 24th June Love from Mum, Dad, Beth, Martin and Hannah</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Happy 21st birthday Stuart June 24th Love Granny, Granddad, Uncle Nigel</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Happy 70th Birthday Mum and Auntie Dorothy. 1st June. Also Congratulations Mum and Dad On your Golden Wedding Anniversary 4th June Love from Jim, Sandra, Nigel, Stuart, Beth , Martin and Hannah XXXXXX</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">STEVEN MOORE Happy 40th birthday June 5th. Love and best wishes, Mum, Dad, Nanna, Nigel, Christine, Kay, Simon and family.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Barbara Peacock would like to thank family and friends for the cards and flowers she received on May 12th at Sycamore Hall on the occasion of her 80th birthday. £125 was donated to the amenity fund at Sycamore Hall.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COLLEGE STUDENT Seeks work during the summer Full/ Part-time/Casual Available immediately Anything considered Phone Toby: 663325</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">For sale: mountain bike Giant 'Rock SE' (blue) 17" frame; 21 gears (18 + mega range gears). Front suspension. Suit youth/small adult. Hardly used: £75 o.no. Tel: 663325</p>

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Wb	June 7th		14		21		28			
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HAWES SURGERY ROTA						Wb - week beginning				
Wb	June 7th		14		21		28			
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Upper Dales Family History

A disconcertingly large audience turned up to the April meeting to hear Eric Houlder's talk on the *Black Death*, illustrated by some wonderful contemporary illustrations as well as photographs of mass burials of plague victims.

Eric explained that times of plague didn't occur in a vacuum – other factors produced the environment in which the plague could flourish. An outbreak in 541AD, known as Justinian's Plague, was preceded by a major volcanic eruption which disrupted weather patterns and led to a series of poor harvests, weakening the population and making them more susceptible. The disease was carried by black rats, rat fleas and human fleas which thrived in the living conditions of the time.

The second, better known outbreak which reached England in the 14th century, had its origins in the east, in the rats around Lake Baikal which carry the plague all the time, and was gradually carried to the west by trade caravans. A period of good weather conditions had led to an increase in population which had then spread out, colonising marginal land which was harder to cultivate. From about 1270 onwards this all changed, harvests failed, rivers froze for months at a time and led to widespread

flooding in the thaw.

Reactions to the disease varied. Doctors advised bleeding or fleeing, which further weakened the victims and helped spread the plague, the Sorbonne decreed that the cause involved planetary forces, the church ordained fasts and the Italians held parties! Some towns tried killing all the cats and dogs but that simply allowed the rat population to spread unchecked. With graveyards overflowing, the Pope blessed the Rhone and decreed that bodies could now be buried in water – within a short time bridges were blocked with floating corpses. The causes of the disease were not positively identified until the 19th century.

The next meeting is at **7.30pm on Wednesday, June 23rd** in the Dales Countryside Museum, when Professor Mark Jobling is the speaker on 'Like Father, Like Son? Surnames, Genes, and the History of Britain.'

Entry is free to members of the Cleveland FHS; non-members are very welcome at all meetings, admission £2. For further details of the group or any of the meetings, contact **Glenys Marriott 663738**, or see the website at www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk

Market House News

For the Air Ambulance

The Market House, Hawes, continues to be a well-used resource, and a new season of commercial and community events is under way— a good time for a reminder about parking beside the building. Although this has never been a public car park, locals do use it now and again. This is reasonable for short visits, especially in winter but now that the hall is getting busier, please try not to park there. Legitimate users expect to be able to use this as a parking facility. Other news. The main hall is about to be decorated which will smarten things up, and a new water heater has been installed in the kitchen. Sadly, one of the new ground-floor windows was vandalised recently. If anyone has any information about this please contact the police through the Community Office who are making enquiries. For any other matters, bookings etc. please contact Les at the Market House. (667040). S.H.

DEMONSTRATION DAY

Guided tours

Thursday, June 6th 11.00am and 2.30pm

(last about 2 hours)

Adult £10; child £5 including refreshments

Booking advised

COTTAGE GARDEN PAINTING with Sue Harpley. Emphasis on loosening up; use of wet-in-wet techniques.

Friday, June 14th, 10.00am to 4.00pm

Fee £55 including lunch and refreshments

Booking essential.

667320 or www.gaylemill.org.uk

Open Garden

Aisgill Moor Cottages, Mallerstang

Saturday and Sunday June 26th, 27th

10.00am to 4.30pm

With Hawes Silver Band on the 26th

Tel: **01768 372011**