
Upper Wensleydale Newsletter

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Editorial

Progress.

When steam powered mills came, the hand loom weavers were out of work; huge migration took place from country to new town. When the railways came it spelled the demise for many canals; when the motor buses came there was a decline in the railway system, and in the 1960s the rise in car use meant a rapid reduction to both bus and train services and usage.

When the cinemas came, the theatres took a bashing; when television came we saw wholesale closure of local cinemas; TV news has meant a steady decline in newspapers and now the Internet is increasingly providing both news and entertainment.

Calculators have replaced many of our mental arithmetic skills; typing and keyboards likewise have reduced our handwriting skills. And who needs a bookcase full of encyclopaedias now we've got Google?

The telegraph system across land and sea meant huge improvements in communication; then came the telephone and public phone boxes; now mobile phones have meant the demise of many phone boxes. Your modern mobile device can take care of your communication, your news-gathering, your entertainment and your way-finding, instead of relying on traditional maps!

Superstores have taken the place of much local shopping and superstore deliveries in conjunction with the internet are revolutionising our shopping habits.

Banks are reducing their hours or closing, as we use the phone or the internet for our transactions; and so it is with post offices.

Youth hostelling is rapidly changing as young people's expectations, holiday habits and sports change, therefore the YHA is struggling and more hostels are under

threat. (Even Hawes is only absolutely assured for this year).

The truth is that in regard to many of these things we don't mind! Life moves on and habits and customs change. Unfortunately, we (or they) sometimes get carried away and the speed and insensitivity of change causes considerable inconvenience for some sections of the community.

Let's face it; in some ways we are both the victims and the causes of the progress. Innovation comes along, things seem attractive, easier, quicker or more convenient for most of us, so we use them, to the detriment of what we had or used before. We all like very local services when it suits us, and the rapid reduction in the number of our village shops and post offices is of real concern, but with our tiny overall population they just cannot all be viable. It is the case, however, that for the post offices, their central policy and planning are putting stumbling blocks all along the way. There is an extremely strong case for the dale to have at least two post offices in some form, fixed or mobile, between Hawes and Leyburn and we all need to press the point, writing to the Post Office and putting our money where our mouths are by actually using the remaining ones.

It might not be a major problem for many, but the older, less mobile and less well-off sections of the community we need to fight for the continuation of services like these. In the present climate of all-round cuts, it's going to be hard.

As we see with many instances of 'progress' listed above, once services have gone it is very difficult indeed to bring them back.

Dales Harvest

Message from the Community Office:

This event, held in Hawes in September for the last three years, will not take place this

Eunice



**June 'Find Eunice' Winner:
Milo Stephens, Sedbusk**

Where am I this month?

1st Hawes Brownies

Brownies have been working on the Winter Seasons badge.

You may have heard the church bell ringing at a strange time one evening last month when the Brownies were let loose on St, Margaret's. All Brownies and leaders climbed the church tower as part of the 100th Adventure Badge. It was a really special activity on a beautiful evening and the Brownies were very impressed at their achievement. Lots of photographs were taken and reports written and the girls thoroughly enjoyed searching for the cats and mice in the church.

We are now in gala mode and will be out and about during the coming term.

Linda Reynolds

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for news, articles, reports, letters, what's on dates, competition entries, suggestions and comments:		
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	Margaret's Cottage	663559
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Redmire:	Ann Holubecki	622967
Thoralby:	Sandra Foley,	
	Shop	663205

Dales

Countryside Trainee Scheme

Have you ever thought
about a career in
Countryside Management?

**The Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust
is looking for 12 new Countryside
Trainees for the Yorkshire Dales area.
What's on offer?**

- Work based training and study for a level 2 Environmental Conservation qualification at Craven College
- Weekly allowance of £140 per week
- Placements with a range of well-known organisations and businesses
- Starting July for approx. 22 months

**If you are aged between 16 and 24 and are
interested in applying please contact us
today:**

**Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust
Tel: 01524 251002
Email: info@ydmmt.org**

Market Place and Greetings

FOR SALE
Black Labrador puppies
4 bitches, 1 dog
£180 each
Tel: 667919; mob: 0777 4199053

Support the Great North Air Ambulance

Fancy a trip over Pen Hill?
Coverdale Memorial Hall
Sunday 25th July 2.00 – 5.00 p.m.
Cream Teas – Raffle - Tombola

METCALFE

**Ernest and June would like to thank
everyone for June's birthday cards
and their Golden Wedding cards.**

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How Would You Spend £1.6M in Your Local Community?

A community-led rural development programme is urging Dales people to have a say in how £1.6million will be spent in their communities.

LEADER is a grant programme which aims to improve life in rural areas of the Yorkshire Dales by supporting locally driven development projects. The programme has a total of £1.6 million to spend over the next three years on eligible community projects throughout the area.

LEADER representatives are inviting members of the public to get involved by coming to a meeting, where there will be a chance to find out about the many rural development projects LEADER has supported so far and to consult on how LEADER funding should be focused in the future.

The meeting will be held at Masham Town Hall **on June 29th**, from 1pm to 4pm. After a short presentation there will be 6 "roaming" consultation sessions, covering each of the priority areas in the LEADER Local Development Strategy. Refreshments will be available.

To find out more about the programme please contact the Dales LEADER Co-ordinator **Rima Berry on 015242 51002** or email rima.berry@ydmtd.org

Memorial Service

for Geoffrey Moorhouse
will be held in Durham Cathedral on **Wednesday, July 7th at 5.30 pm** It will be a choral evensong.

There will be a warm welcome to anyone who would like to attend on that day.

Carperby Village Open Gardens

Sunday July 4th , 11.00 am till 5.00 pm

In aid of the Village hall funds.

Several gardens
of varying size and interest.
Excellent refreshments all day
Plant stall etc Off road parking
Admission £3.00 - children free

The Jacksons' Garden

At "STAINSACRE", Carperby. Garden open in aid of THE NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME on **Sunday 25th July, 11.00 am till 5.00 pm** Refreshments will be served by the W.I.

The Wensleydale Chorus
proudly presents
The Creation
by Joseph Haydn



Conductor– Stanley Roccroft MBE
Organist– Greg Smith
Soprano– Laura Ashton
Tenor– Robert Thompson
Bass– Jolyon Dodgson

7.30pm Saturday July 17th

St Oswald's Askrigg

7.30pm Saturday July 24th

St John's East Witton

Tickets £6.00 to include light supper

Available at the door or from:

622942 or 663878



Mystery picture. Last month's was of the bridge between Castle Bolton and Redmire over Apedale Beck built to replace the ford and footbridge in 1928-9

New Book Celebrates Dales Hay Meadows

The book *Hay Time in the Yorkshire Dales* has been published by the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust. It celebrates and explains the natural, cultural and land management history of the Dales hay meadows, helping to raise awareness of the need to conserve and restore them.

It has a foreword by John Craven, and includes contributions from Dales farmers, authors such as Bill Mitchell and David Joy, academics with a specialist interest and many others.

Don Gamble, YDMT's Hay Time Project Manager, said: "We are indebted to the many people who have helped with the book in some way, especially those who have contributed to the text. The book is filled with superb photos, including wonderfully evocative photos of haymaking in the past, charming illustrations, beautiful artwork and evocative poetry, capturing the beauty of the meadows, the emotions they arouse, and the character of the people who manage them. We hope the book will be of interest to all - locals and visitors alike who have a love of the Yorkshire Dales and its wonderful wildflower meadows."

Hay Time in the Yorkshire Dales is softback with 270 pages and costs £12 (plus £2 p&p). To order a copy phone **015242 51004**, email info@vdm.org, or order online at www.vdm.org. The book is also available in visitor centres and selected bookshops.

Heavens Above

This month sees a noticeable change in the evening sky. The two main springtime constellations, Leo and Virgo, have faded into the western twilight, and the 3 'Summer Triangle' stars Vega, Deneb, and

Altair now dominate the south with brilliant blue-white Vega almost overhead by the middle of the month. Lower down you'll find the large but fairly indistinct constellations of Hercules and Ophiuchus and right on the horizon is the deep red star, Antares in the Zodiacal constellation of The Scorpion. Its colour contrasts markedly with golden-yellow Arcturus still high in the west. Our old friend The Plough is in the north-west with the 'W' of Cassiopeia gaining height in the north-east. Later in the month the Great Square of Pegasus climbs into view.

On a dark, moonless night in July the summer Milky Way is a superb spectacle flowing down from the constellation of Cygnus the Swan high overhead towards the southern horizon; well worth sweeping with binoculars. July is also a great time of the year to try and glimpse a display of rare noctilucent clouds. These delicate silvery-blue clouds form high in the outer reaches of the Earth's atmosphere and are occasionally seen over the northern horizon after sunset; a beautiful sight on a warm, summer's evening. Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

Summer Evening Fair

For the Penhill Benefice

Friday July 16th

Carperby vicarage 5.00 to 8.00pm

Bring all the family for tea!

Hot dogs, desserts, tea, coffee, squash.

Stalls: books, DVDs, jigsaws, produce.

Tombola, raffle, children's activities.

Gayle Ladies Choir

This choir presented the evening meeting at Aysgarth Chapel on Sunday 6th June, where they were made most welcome. The congregation enjoyed a service of hymns in part singing with prayers, readings, poetry and two offerings of the 23rd psalm, one in dialect. The choir were then entertained to a lovely tea by the members of the chapel.

Preston Artists' 21st Exhibition

Friday to Sunday, 23rd-25th July

Preston under Scar Village Hall

Exhibition of paintings by residents of
Preston under Scar.

Open: **10.00am to 6.00pm**

Admission free , refreshments available
donations to charity welcome.

July Competition

Anagrams of places in the Newsletter area (not villages but landscape features, for example “Bainbridge Low Pasture”)

PLEADS RUDEST ALE (8,7)
MOTTLED URE BOY (7,6)
PECK NAB LAP (6,4)
CAGE LEN PERRY (7,5)
GREATER UNLIT PAWS (5,4,7)
STEW SELF AL (6,4)
WE BARTER EGG (5,6)
NOTE SPARE TURPS (7,7)
BLANCH OPEN LIE (7,6)
SLING OF GRADER (9,4)
TELL LEMONS MATTER (7,9)
MORON YACHT BLOM (8,6)

Last Month's Answers

Harlech Castle (Snowdonia)
Ystradfellte (Brecon Beacons)
Mynydd Preseli (Pembrokeshire Coast)
Arundel Castle (South Downs)
Bucklers Hard (New Forest)
Barton Broad (The Broads)
Arbor Low Henge (Peak District)
Wheeldale Moor Roman Road (North York Moors)
Keilder Water (Northumberland)
Gordale Scar (Yorkshire Dales)
Blencathra (Lake District)
Dunkery Beacon (Exmoor)
Two Bridges (Dartmoor)

It was hard! The brilliant winner was **Sue Thompson** from Muker who requests the £20 prize goes to the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Letter

In reply to Jennifer Fawcett's letter in last month's Newsletter stating that 2010 is a memorable year for H.A.O.S., both founder members and present members alike, mention must be made here of Sidney Mason who was joint producer along with John Cockett in the society's first production in 1969 of "No No Nanette".

Sidney will be remembered by many for his productions of traditional pantomimes in the Hawes Market Hall. If as Jennifer states, the faces involved over the years and the spirit and achievements established in 1960 still remain, then why yes, why indeed, introduce acknowledgements awards to members involved in productions between 2000 and 2009? This is in my mind an affront to certain people (not just members) who put their backs, hearts and souls into making the society what it is today. I call them the foundation builders. Quite a lot of people come into this category, a lot of them alas no longer with us.

Two prominent names come to my mind; Roger Bush, the society's pianist, who travelled on his motor bike in all weathers from Sedbergh never missing a rehearsal or show; James Harrison who worked very hard indeed in stage construction and scenery changing in the days when scenery came in 10 foot sections. For many years James worked behind the stage seeking no recognition whatsoever.

Members of the casts who in the early days erected the stage (believe me very hard work), hung curtain rails, curtains and the proscenium and who could be seen late on Saturday night after the last show conveying the heavy stage platform components across the road for storage behind the Crown Hotel, many a time not finishing until after midnight.

Looking back to 1960 and forward, I can

mention lost of people, who deserved recognition for their outstanding talent and devotion to the society from 1969 to the present day. So why Jennifer the restrictions to the last ten years? I beg you to look back and seek out the real foundation builders and stand by your statement that the ethos and values established in 1969 still remain true today.

I wish you lots of luck with your forthcoming production of the *Wizard of Oz* which I am sure will be very popular indeed.

Derek Ramsden, Sycamore Hall

Periwinkle Blossoms

Periwinkle, the florist based in Askrigg, is to embark on a major restructure of its operation, following recent changes in local and regional trading trends.

Now established as the only fulltime florist located in Upper Wensleydale which specialises in weddings and special occasion bouquets, from 1st July the business will be offering a free comprehensive delivery service throughout the region. All that is required to qualify for the service is 48 hours notice prior to the required day of delivery. The effects of this restructure will be to reduce the overall quantity of flowers held in stock in Askrigg, but increase the freshness and quality of bouquets offered at any time. All this will of course be subject to the seasonal availability of stock.

The second part of the restructure follows the successful foray into the world of antiques and collectables. There will be a gradual increase in the range of pottery, glass and small items of furniture, with the occasional 'funky' item from the mid 20th century to keep the younger and more adventurous collector amused.

If you enjoy the numerous antique shows that appear on your TV screens these days you will enjoy testing your knowledge at Periwinkle. You can also make the most of your time in Askrigg by sampling one of the eating establishments available in this pretty village.

We look forward to seeing you, and let's hope for a long hot summer.

Gary and Lesley Blissett



Solicitors Come Together

In the 'olden days' before faxes and emails, when solicitors exchanged or completed transactions, they actually met to do the deal; (might have even shared a sherry!), but for many years now, they might have 'known' each other but never really met.

So it was until just recently with Hawes solicitor David Gall and father and son solicitors Michael and Alastair Birtles from Kirkby Stephen, now entered into Partnership. With the recent closure of Richard Johnson Solicitors, David needed assistance and Alastair came along and the formal partnership was completed. This has turned out to be doubly fortuitous as, for reasons of impending operations, David will be out of action for some months.

I met them all last week; Michael, originally from Rochdale, has been a solicitor (also with his brother) in Kirkby since 1972 and Alastair joined in 2005. Michael trained in Bristol, Alastair in Huddersfield (and, for the record, David in Manchester). The partnership is now able to add 'court services' - litigation etc. to its provision.

Meanwhile we would like to wish David well.

A.S.W

Public Meeting

There will be meeting with representatives from NYCC, the police and other bodies, to discuss the Gypsy Travellers in Bainbridge and on their way to Appleby. This will be in Bainbridge on **Tuesday July 13th at 7.00pm**

Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society Tenth Anniversary Celebration

Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society celebrates its 10th Anniversary, on **Tuesday 13th July**, with the lecture *Poets, Painters and Private Lives in Venice* by Douglas Skeggs.

Douglas was the Society's very first speaker in 2000 and he makes a personal tour of 19th century Venice in search of the artists and writers, and the strange and often bizarre lives they led in the city which inspired them. Douglas read Fine Art at Magdalene College, Cambridge and has been lecturing on paintings since 1980.

Lectures are held at Middleham Key Centre at 2.00pm. Non-members are welcome at £5 per lecture please contact the Membership Secretary to book a place, tel. **624203**.

Elaine Frances

Scam Warning

North Yorkshire Police would like to warn people of a scam used by pick pocket gangs at retail parks and supermarkets.

Usually gangs of three will target a lone female within the store at the check out till. When the victim enters the bank or credit card pin number one of the team will watch and record the pin number in their mobile phone. The victims will be followed to their cars and as they unpack their shopping be distracted away from their cars by a second gang member often on the pretext of asking for directions to a hospital; the other gang members will then steal money and the card for which they have a pin number, leaving the purse or wallet intact. Often the victims do not notice the theft until they get home, or on the following day. Please be vigilant for this sort of crime; keep pin numbers and wallets, purses and handbags secure and report any suspicious activity.

Dales Countryside Museum Events

Where booking is indicated phone **666210**

JULY

- 4 Rug making; 10.00am to 5.00pm
- 6 Spinning a yarn. 2.00 to 4.00pm
- 10 Discover and Do. Silk collage event for children. (5 to 8 years with adult) £3 for children. 2.00 to 4.00pm Booking advisable.
- 11 Photography workshop. 10.00am to 4.00pm. Adults £10; children £5. Booking essential
- 13 Dry stone walling demonstration
- 18 Pathfinder event. £5. (Under 16s to be accompanied by adult). 10.30am to 4.30pm
- 18 Peg loom demonstration. 11.00am to 4.00pm
- 20 Dried flower workshop. Accompanied children aged 5 to 8 years. £3. 2.00 to 4.00pm
- 21 Red squirrel conservation. Lunchtime talk 12.30 to 1.00pm
- 25 Taste historic food and games from the past. 10.00am to 4.00pm

- 27 Sheep to scarf; fleece to knitting. 2.00 to 5.00pm
- 28 Discover and Do. Plant your own hay meadow. 8 to 12 year olds. £3. 2.00 to 4.00pm. Booking advisable.
- 29 Dry stone walling demonstration

Exhibitions

- Until 11 "Yorkshire on my mind". Silk painting and photography; includes workshops
- 16 until September 5. Annual summer family exhibition : cultural heritage

Forestry– the Facts

Forty-odd years ago when our conifer plantations were put in they gave little thought to how the timber would be got out, and had no idea of the size of the trucks that we now use. The people in Cotterdale or West Burton know all about this!

Extraction from Cam Woodland

The National Park has been receiving correspondence from local residents who are understandably concerned that timber wagons are going to be coming down through Gayle. From this correspondence it appears that they have been given an inaccurate picture of what the owners of the woodland are doing and why. In particular they have been given to understand that it is coming through Gayle because the National Park has either refused planning permission for a temporary route to Gearstones, or has ‘fiercely resisted’ it.

This is to clarify the situation: No planning application has been received for a timber extraction road. The owners of both the Greenfield and Cam forests have discussed a route via the existing Cam High Road to Gearstones (in fact from 2000 to 2006).

Then, the National Park was quite supportive because the High Road was badly eroded by recreational 4x4 use, and a rebuilding would have produced significant public benefit; however, this was not pursued and the National Park rebuilt the whole route (at considerable public expense). It now has a Traffic Regulation Order to control inappropriate use.

The operators have re-opened discussion, but as the route now has increased recreational use, it makes heavy wagon use more of a problem. Recent discussion has been in broad outline only. The National Park did have concerns but it was not ruled out.

Obviously a two-mile upgraded heavy goods route through open country has harmful effects and the developers need to demonstrate how they could counter the harm. A costly bridge would also be required at Gearstones.

There are alternative routes to be discussed to Ribblesdale near Horton which could avoid Gayle (which would cause real problems and be very unpopular and not without danger) and the National Park is concerned that there are better routes available. It is also attractive to see how the proximity of the Settle to Carlisle Railway might ease road use in nearby areas. A normal day would see about six truck loads, unless much increased forestry activity were to take place particularly in the much larger adjacent Greenfield woodland.

There is of course a right for any vehicle to use a public highway provided there are no restrictions placed on the route. Since we received all this information, we hear that a meeting is to be held with the Highway Authority, the Park, council and the operators; this will include discussion of weight restriction in Gayle. **A.S.W.**

The Evening in the Life of an Askrigg Pensioner

I have completed my morning domestic chores, replenished my larder (sorry under 50s; we do not have larders any more read as "fridge"). Enjoyed my afternoon walk with a cup of tea at ??? (went to school with her but cannot remember her name now!). And so now on a beautiful summer evening I sit at my desk to write a few paragraphs for the Newsletter. Why do I write? (If you are under 50 writing is the old fashioned word for what you now call word processing) If you write you cannot be interrupted. In conversation, if you relate an incident or experience there is always someone who has done it very much better (or very much worse). If I write and get it wrong I can cross it out, tear it up and bin it. If I get it wrong in conversation the hierarchy of Askrigg will walk by on the other side and not speak to me!

This village used to have lively evenings, social gatherings, friendly chatter and stand and stare groups, but this was all before Coronation Street and Emmerdale. It does come to life on Wednesday when Ramsey's Fish and Chip van comes along. Some of the elders totter down to the first floor of the village hall where they enjoy a form of senile snooker; sometimes the ball goes in the pocket and they go home rejuvenated.

I check on my diary – must not forget family birthdays or the old school girls otherwise no cups of tea or coffee when I go walkabout. And so to bed giving thanks that I have lived in Askrigg - so glad they moved the market to Hawes and we have a village of peace and tranquillity (occasionally!!)

And so I close my eyes and dream of old Askrigg with its thriving businesses, post office, chemist shop, petrol pump at 6p per

gallon, operas and drama in the village hall, circus in Parkins Garth, jumble sales and Friday evenings in winter with whist drive supper and dance 23p; and then I am awakened by the seventy year old paper boy, "Good Morning M-----"

Askrigg Pensioner AX871237D

A New Place to Shop For Country Clothing

It used to be 'Separates' but the new clothing shop recently opened in Hawes is now called 'Waltons' after the new proprietor Gordon Walton. Gordon, comes from Pudsey, and a completely different life, working as a self-employed sheet metal fabricator but is very enthusiastic about his new venture. Having bought a property in Hawes four years ago, "I'll always remember that because it was World Cup!" he says. He suddenly had the opportunity to move into the shop when it became vacant and 'went for it'.

Waltons sells Country Clothing coats, hats and footwear with brands such as Toggi and Musto. Pursuits such as fishing, shooting and horse-riding will be catered for in terms of 'terminal' tackle, which, Gordon tells me, is the jargon for 'consumables'. The shop will be open seven days a week from nine to five (ish). Pop in and have a look. We wish him all the best in his new life...(and if you need a man who welds...!) **S.H.**

Burtersett Show

**Sunday July 25th to be opened by
Tony and Dorothy Routh at 2.00pm**

Band 2.15 to 2.45pm
Dog show 3.00pm 50p entry
Fell race 3.15pm
Band 3.15 to 3.45pm
Egg catching 3.45pm
Awards 4.00pm

Children's classes:

Garden in a tin Photograph of wildlife
Vegetable animal Largest dock leaf
Three new laid eggs Crafted book mark
Three decorated homemade biscuits

Adult classes

Decorated wooden spoon
Local photograph with caption
Victoria sponge cake with jam filling
Three home grown courgettes

Wild flower arrangements
Limerick on a topical subject
Sculpture from natural materials
Home made jam.

Entries in between 10.00 and 11.30am.
Entry fee 20p each.

Gayle Ladies Report

Diana Hartley entertained Gayle Ladies with her account of a musical life. Kath Alderson ably assisted as technical support with pictures from the computer and Diana sang and played pieces of significance at different times in her life.

She was influenced at an early age by her grandfather and attendance at Gisburn Road Primary School at Barnoldswick where she joined a recorder group and orchestra. She took piano lessons and with such a rocket powered start was soon using her talents at the Bethesda Chapel.

She went to Skipton High School following her love of music and was able to reach a high level in her studies but at sixteen was devastated when the family moved down to Devon where there was no music offered at her school.

At this point she was able to join the Girl's Life Brigade which supported her music and then succeeded in taking voice coaching from Lilian Goss at Kingsbridge who proved to be a good mentor.

Although a career in opera may have been an option, Diana chose to take up teaching and has had a long career starting with the Kingsbridge Singers and winning the Rose Bowl at the Plymouth Musical Festival in 1985 founding the Alvington Singers which has just celebrated its silver anniversary, to her move north to Askrigg where she took music in the primary school, sang with the Wensleydale chorus and now is accompanist to the East Witton Male Voice Choir.

Recently she is sharing her love of music by leading the new Askrigg Ladies Sing for Pleasure Group which is a very relaxed informal choral group.

Pat Whitehead

Out and About

On the Wensleydale Railway

Kids Go Free Day on Sunday July 4th marks the 7th anniversary of re-opening the line to passenger trains. We hope everyone who travels that day will come in celebratory mood – perhaps even in fancy dress! Can you help to spread news of this bargain day out to local and visiting families? The first two trains depart from Redmire at 10.26 and 11.53 – there is free car parking at the station. The full 2010 train timetable – including operating dates – is given on www.wensleydale railway.com (printed copies are available free from Hawes and Aysgarth National Park centres).

July 17/18th, The annual 1940s week-end (Operation Dalesman) will be held at the start of summer steam services with the return of steam loco No 80105. There will be a special timetable that week-end (no need to book but allow extra time for car parking at stations). Wensleydale Railway train/coach excursions will go to Sedbergh (July 7th) and Skipton (July 30th), as well as a very special excursion with David Hill 'In Turner's Footsteps' on Wednesday July 21st. Booking is essential for these events and details are given on the website or phone Leeming Bar station (**08454 50 54 74**); the best place to join WR excursions from the upper dale is at Leyburn station. A 6 mile guided Ridge Walk will start from Redmire station on arrival of the steam train at 11.37 on **Sunday July 25th**, no need to book for this event but bring a packed lunch and drinks (£3 to join the Ridge walk for those not arriving on the train).

And next month...Yorkshire Day is Sunday August 1st, with a special programme of events on the Wensleydale Railway.

Ruth Annison

Public Meeting on Housing Plan

Members of the public are being asked to say what they think about future plans for housing in the National Park.

Three meetings have been organised in July to enable residents to have their say on a draft housing development plan that has been drawn up.

More than 140 sites for affordable housing were suggested and, of those, 38 have been put on a shortlist for consultation. Details of their location as well as the whole Housing Development Plan are now on the Authority website at www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/housingdevelopmentplan.

Yvonne Peacock, the YDNPA's Member Champion for Forward Planning and the Working Group Chairman, said: "The objective of the draft housing development plan is to reduce the shortfall of local, affordable housing in support of long-term community sustainability.

"The consultation will inevitably lead to changes and amendments to the plan before a final version is submitted to a Planning Inspector for independent examination."

Peter Stockton, the YDNPA's Strategic Planning Officer, said: "The plan - if it is implemented - will help people to live and work in the National Park through the release of land in response to local housing need."

The meetings, which will each run from **7.00 to 9.00pm**, have been arranged as follows:

* **Monday July 5th** at the YDNPA Yoredale offices in Bainbridge.

* Thursday July 15th at Grassington Town Hall.

* Monday July 19th at the People's Hall in Sedbergh.

Anyone who would like to attend is asked to email, ring or write to **Peter Stockton** so that we can plan accordingly for numbers.

His contact details are: Yoredale, Bainbridge, North Yorkshire, DL8 3EL. Phone **6 5 2 3 3 4**, email Peter.stockton@yorkshiredales.org.uk

The plan is available for inspection in the National Park offices in Grassington and Bainbridge, in the National Park Centres and on the Authority's website. Written representations are invited to be submitted to the Authority before the consultation period ends on August 2nd.

West Burton School News

It has been an action packed summer term so far, with the whole school helping to replant trees at Forelands Rigg. It was good to see the land being regenerated so positively and many thanks to the new owners Mr and Mrs Horseman and to Steve Miller from Tillhill Harvesting for allowing us to take part in such a worthwhile activity.

Everyone was full of energy and enthusiasm during the African Zambledance workshop in the Village Hall. Two African men came from London to talk about their life in Africa, and the children took part in the dancing; great fun was had by all. Sophie (year 2) said "I really enjoyed learning the dances, it was fantastic!"

Most of the Y5 and Y6 have begun their cycling proficiency course and all are making great progress in learning about safety on the roads.

After winning the Food and Drink Festival Competition to design a healthy picnic, the juniors were treated to a celebratory picnic on the hillside, kindly prepared by Gavin, the head chef at Hendersons.

Well done to the children who volunteered to take part in the May Pole dancing on the village green, their great efforts were seen by everyone who attended the West Burton Village Fair.

The West Burton Academy of Film and Television Awards has been held in the Village Hall, where the junior children showcased their animations. Awards were given for the best set, characters and overall film. The red carpet was rolled out for a glamorous night as we celebrated the completion of these films which began in September 2009.

The Seatbelt Sheriff from NYCC Road

Safety Team, came into school to tell children about the importance of wearing a seatbelt. Children were then given the responsibility of telling other children and adults to wear them all the time. There are



no excuses for taking them off! These children (in photo) are the Road Safety Officers for the school, Andrew Neate and Bethany Jacobs.

Finally, we are proud to say we now hold an Eco School Bronze Award. Congratulations to Mrs Eastwood and the Eco Committee and well done for all your hard work.

Joanne Sharpe

Bus to the Squirrels

The Little Red Bus Co. is running a service to Snaizeholme (to see the squirrels) on Wednesdays 11.10am return 1.10pm and on Saturdays 1.10pm return 3.10pm. They will only go if someone has requested it, but the drivers have scheduled it in.

For further information and to book: Dales Countryside Museum **666210**.

Footnote from the Community Office:

“and by the way further developments are afoot on the bus front.”

Carpe Diem!

As I peruse other life coaches' websites whilst considering my own website needs, the phrase "**Carpe Diem**" has been catching my eye. It comes from a poem by Horace published in 23BC. Despite my Latin "O" level many years ago, it was helpful to have a translation to hand, "**Seize the Day**" and this has got me thinking.....

So often we live in the future – life will be so much better when....I'll be happy if....

So often we live in the past - reminiscing over what has come and gone, regretting "should haves", and thinking.... my life was better then.....

So often we live on the treadmill of day to day practicalities – get the children to school, rush to work, household chores, what to eat this evening, worry about the bills...

But what about **now** – I mean, really **now**. What about the novel idea "**being in the moment**"? Perhaps a bit of an Americanism but I think it says a lot. It encourages us to **slow down, breathe**, and take in **fully** this very moment, **here and now** – this moment is precious and **once it's gone....it's gone**. No matter what is going on around you, no matter how busy the day, remember to consciously **STOP** and enjoy those precious ordinary moments. After all, those ordinary moments are already forming memories of your "good old days".

"The Secret of health for both mind and body is not to mourn for the past, not to worry about the future, nor to anticipate troubles, but to live the present moment wisely and earnestly" Go on – Seize the Day!

**Emma Arblaster
Accredited Life Coach**



We would like to Thank Mike Parr for choosing Dalesplay as his charity from winning the newsletter quiz, we are very grateful. Also thank you to all those who kindly dropped in their Tesco and Sainsbury's tokens, they will be put towards some equipment for the children to use within the setting.

This month the Foundation children have participated in a sponsored pirate walk in aid of Barnados and Dalesplay. The children walked down to the park where they sat and had a story and snack and then returned to Dalesplay via Bealah Bank footpath. The children enjoyed dressing as pirates the best and really liked receiving their very own medals to keep as a reward for completing the challenge. Other children in the setting have enjoyed making a giant 'Incy Wincy Spider' to hang in our story corner alongside a once lonely 'Humpty Dumpty' character; we hope to get some more friends made soon to join them.

Those in the after school art club are getting into the spirit of the World Cup and have made flags from around the world and created their very own football strip, whilst the cookery club has been making England buns and chocolate truffles yummy!

Dalesplay are providing the refreshments for the Table Top sale held in the Market Hall on **Sunday July 25th**. We would be very grateful of any donations of food or tombola prizes. These can be left at Dalesplay whenever is convenient for you.

The winner of our Emmerdale Script was Becky Iveson with Linda Richardson and Michelle Guy runners up winning a bottle of booze each. Thank you to all those who

purchased raffle tickets; the money has gone towards crafty resources for the children.

The half term workshops were yet again very popular and we are busy putting together a schedule for the summer half term. If anyone would like to request a particular workshop please give us a ring on **667789**. We have already had the request for 'Water Splash' which we plan to hold at the end August.

Don't forget the "Stay and Play" in the Hawes Methodist rooms each **Friday from 9.15 to 11.00am**.

Joanne Middleton

Ranger's Report

A note to dog owners during the remainder of the bird breeding season:

The breeding season, which lasts until July 31st, is a very sensitive time for domestic and wild animals as they give birth to, and then raise, their young.

There are some simple rules under the Countryside Code that pet owners must remember. The most important is that, on most areas of open country and common land – known as 'access land' – you must keep your dog on a short lead between March 1st and July 31st, **and all year round near farm animals.**

Although owners are entitled to let their dogs off the lead on public paths (albeit keeping them under close control), we would ask them please not to do so in order to reduce even further the risk of birds and animals being unintentionally disturbed at this crucial time.

National Park Rangers and National Park Centre staff are only too happy to give advice to anyone who is concerned about going into an area that may be used as a breeding ground by wild animals.

More information about the Countryside Code can be found on www.yorkshiredales.org.uk

Since my last report, National Park Authority staff and Dales Volunteers have completed this year's coppicing in the central part of Freeholders' Wood adjacent to the Middle Falls at Aysgarth. The aim of the coppicing is to create a variety of woodland habitats – clearings, thick bushy growth and more mature trees - and this range of conditions attracts many species of plants and animals. The open glades provide ideal conditions for woodland flowers, while the thick coppice is favoured by nesting birds. A coppiced woodland is therefore

a richer habitat than a uniform stand of mature trees. Once cut, the coppiced timber is stored and then collected by the Freeholders of Carperby.

Anyone walking through the wood will have noticed the wire mesh Gen Guards that are used to protect the new coppice growth from deer and rabbits. The guards will remain in place till the new shoots have established themselves at which point they will be removed for reuse on future coppicing.

We have also undertaken some repair work using a local contractor on the unclassified county road across Melmerby Moor in Coverdale. The works have included drainage and re-profiling the subsoil to form a suitable surface for walking and horse riding.

If you encounter any problems whilst using public rights of way or Open Access land, please contact Access **Ranger Paul Sheehan or me** on **666226** or **662912**.

Nigel Metcalfe.

Area Ranger (Lower Wensleydale)

H.A.O.S. Gala Dinner and Awards

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.

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 have decided to introduce some awards to acknowledge some of the talent we have in the Dales. Guests of honour will be Sheila Cockett, Dave Jackson and Peter Parlour our NODA representative (National Operatic and Dramatic Association). The results of the nominations will be announced at the dinner before rounding the evening off with a selection of local entertainment.

If you would like to be a part the celebrations please contact Jennifer Fawcett or Joanne Head. Thank you for your continued support, it is really appreciated.

The Wizzard of Oz – Rehearsals

There will be two taster rehearsals on **Tuesday 13th July and Tuesday 17th August, 7.30pm at The Wensleydale Centre, Askrigg**. Everyone who is interested in finding out about the production and what is involved is invited to attend. The script is lively and full of parts of all ages (7yrs and over) portraying the adventures of Dorothy and Toto with the added ingredients to make the perfect family pantomime. If you are unable to attend but would like to take part, please register your interest as soon as possible. Main rehearsals will be Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7.30pm from Thursday 2nd September. The performances will take

place on Wednesday 8th to Saturday 11th December at The Market House, Hawes.

Jennifer Fawcett
HAOS Secretary tel. 667241



What's in a name?

I often get calls where I try to help people over the telephone with a computer problem. As I described in a previous article I can connect to computers over the internet and it is often easier to have a quick look to find out what is going on rather than ask a lot of questions. The program that allows me to do this has to be downloaded first on to their computer so I ask customers to open their browser and go to www.teamviewer.com to download and install the required remote control software. Frequently this has led to a long exchange where it is clear that what they are looking at is not the Teamviewer website but rather a list of results from Google. Often when asked “which browser are you using?” the answer comes back Google! So I thought it might be interesting to look at what a browser is, how to go to a particular webpage and why choosing a browser is important.

If you are using Windows you automatically have Internet Explorer installed (on the Mac it is Safari). Often people use these browsers because of the law of least resistance; they are there. You aren't, however, restricted to using the one you started with and generally you are better off using an alternative but this involves a little work (well, under 2 minutes if you have broadband).

My favourite is Mozilla Firefox (you can download it from www.mozilla.com) because it has lots of useful extensions, and checks your spelling when you fill in forms. It works on almost any computer – Windows, Mac and Linux so once you are used to Firefox you can use it in exactly the same way on any computer you come across. There are lots of others to choose

from such as Google Chrome, Opera etc. (do a search on the names to find out more) and a recent Microsoft update pops up a window so you can choose (if you haven't seen it then it means your computer is not up to date).

Once you have your chosen browser installed you can use it or go back to your old browser – so there is nothing to lose by trying out a new one. Whichever you choose, when you open the browser it generally displays your chosen ‘homepage’ (which you can choose for yourself in the ‘options’ window) and many people have this set automatically to Google Search which has a big box where you can type in the middle of the screen – and hence the confusion.

To go to a specific website, rather than search for something using Google, look at the very top of the window. There is usually a smaller bar with the webpage address, and you can change it. If you have Google on screen it may look like: `http://www.google.co.uk`. This is where you can type the actual page you are looking for. So if you are looking for BBC iPlayer just click in that box (the text generally turns blue) and start typing – which clears the existing address and starts with the new address (if the old one doesn't disappear use the delete key to delete it before you start typing). You don't need to include the `http://` bit – just type `www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer` and press “Enter” (or “Return”) on your keyboard and hey presto, you go straight to the right page.

More on getting the most from browsers next month plus a competition! As ever, do send me an email if you have any questions or suggestions for articles at www.dalescomputerservices.com (now you know how to get there).

Carol Haynes

Police Report

Crime trends in Leyburn and the dales this month have been the theft of garden type equipment. Leaf blowers, strimmers, chain saws etc. have been the target of the thieves. As has been the pattern in recent months, the crime appears to be occurring “down dale” and Hawes and High Abbot-side and Addlebrough wards have been the safest wards on “our patch”.

In late May a spare wheel was taken from an Ifor Williams Trailer parked on a driveway in Thornton Rust. This may have been down to “scrap men”, however there was other metal lying around which was not taken, and it happened before the travellers started coming into the area on their way to Appleby. Diesel has also been taken for the first time in a few months and this was in Newbiggin in Bishopdale.

Daleswatch

I have mentioned this group many times over the last couple of years, local people, particularly farmers (it used to be called Farmwatch) but not wholly so. They formed a group as a response to a blip in crime that happened during the 1990s and are still going strong. They are a neighbourhood watch group who go out into their local area and keep a watch out for suspicious activity – be it people or vehicles and report their sightings to the Police. This enables us to stop and check these suspects and often prevent crimes occurring. The reason I mention them is that they are on a “recruiting drive”. You don’t have to be a farmer, just someone with some spare time who wants to assist the community in making it harder for the criminals to come and go as they please. By acting as “eyes and ears” it enables the Police to target the criminals more directly. What is involved is going out and sitting at key locations to see what goes passed you.

If you don’t recognise the car or person note down its registration and contact the police either directly (or through the coordinator) and see what happens. It is quite exciting and fulfilling; however it is not about playing “Starsky and Hutch”.

If you are interested contact me either by the email below or by telephone or give the Daleswatch Co-ordinator **Allen Kirkbride** a call on **650325** for a discussion of what it entails. Many Thanks for your continued support.

Andy Foster PC826
0845 60 60 247 ext 4570

Email:

Andrew.Foster@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Bainbridge School News

The 2nd half of the Summer Term is upon us and the days are flying by. Last Friday some of the Junior children enjoyed a gorge walking session with staff at Low Mill. Another group is off out this week and so it continues till the end of term! Many thanks to school's hard working PFA for subsidising these activities, greatly reducing the cost to parents.

Other events taking place include a variety of sports days and the annual school trip. Years 1-6 head off to the Ryedale Folk Museum for an Iron Age themed day whilst Foundation Stage will be enjoying a ride on the Wensleydale Railway steam train from Redmire to Bedale. We trust the weather will be suitably summery!

Earlier this year, the Junior class at Bainbridge School were involved in the *Hay Time project* carried out by the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust. Imagine their excitement when Tanya St Pierre, YDMT's Flowers of the Dales Project Officer, brought in the first few copies of the "*Hay Time in the Yorkshire Dales*" book including the childrens' contributions and photo! School has now received a signed copy of the book from John Craven, who wrote the foreword, thanking the children for the part they played in considering what life may be like in the Dales in 2080 and their hopes for the future. What a unique experience for them, and enhanced further, seeing "their" book in local shop windows!

Emma Arblaster, Parent Governor

Self Sufficiency!

Bainbridge children as you know have always been an independent lot, well able to look after themselves but they have now taken this a step further, by growing their own food as well!

Around 3 months ago an intrepid team of

parents gave up their weekend to help construct a new rabbit-proof garden area. This is now literally bearing fruit (well veg!) so when the children sat down to their World Cup lunch, the salad to accompany the tasty meatballs was grown by their own fair hands. A selection of lettuce varieties, radishes, rocket and sweet basil provided a delicious mix which the children, as you can see from the photo, thoroughly enjoyed.

Future meals will include broccoli, cabbage, peas, carrots, courgettes, strawberries, beans and potatoes. The garden has been such a success that the children are already planning their planting regimes so they can have a stall at next year's PFA car boot sale and duck race extravaganza.

David Moore



Circuit to Bid Farewell

The Wensleydale Methodist Circuit's annual united service and gift day will be at Hawes this year on **Sunday July 11th at 10.30am**. The service will include a farewell to Rev Henry Dubois who leaves this summer to take up a 'stationing' (as Methodists call it) at Kippax near to Castleford from September 1st.

Many people who have known Henry and Delia might like to attend; all will be very welcome. Lunch will follow the service

Ryadal Hall

The Year 5s went to Rydal Hall in the Lake District for three nights. When we got there I never knew it would be a Hotel with other people in it. I thought it would be just a Hall with beds in it and we had to cook the meals, but I thought wrong; it was a posh Hotel with really nice rooms with cupboards and fireplaces. The dining room was amazing! It had gold and red ceilings. We were served food.

For the first day we had white onion soup that will sound horrible for some of you but it was really nice. For main course we had sausage and mash mmmmm! And for sweet it was cheesecake with toffee sauce and banana, wow it was yummy.

For the trips we went to the Beatrix Potter Museum and had an ice cream; mine was toffee and fudge but I dropped it so I got another one from Mrs Sheehan but this one was even better. We played Croquet, Rounders, The Master of Shazam. This game is where you do these actions and you're not allowed to copy the same actions as the Master of Shazam. Splat is a

game
you Splat
and they
the two
beside him



where
someone
duck and
people

have got
to Splat one or another and whoever says
Splat last is out. I really enjoyed my stay at
Rydal Hall.

James Y5

We did a lot of activities such as exploring the Formal Gardens, The Gardens and Brockhole visitor centre. On Thursday we went to the Beatrix Potter Museum and did an activity in the garden and I enjoyed the activity the most. Then we went on an

open topped bus and we waved to all the people in the street! I enjoyed the bus ride and the boat ride across Lake Windermere to Bowness; there was a huge speed difference. Guess which was faster?

Hugo and Mo Y5

Great North Air Ambulance Fundraising

We would like to thank everyone who contributed clothes, bedding etc for our recent Bags2School collection for The Great North Air Ambulance. We collected 824kg of clothes, resulting in School receiving a cheque for £164.80 and The Great North Air Ambulance receiving £292.52. This has to be one of the easiest ways to raise money, and also encourages recycling rather than throwing away unwanted items

The Turner Trail

Travelling on horseback, the artist JMW Turner visited Wensleydale and Swaledale in 1816 during an intensive three week sketching tour of the North of England. On July 26th, he rode over from Wharfedale, via Cray and the Stake Pass, to Semerwater (he called it Simmer Lake) and Askrigg. He stayed that night at the King's Arms and the following night at the Green Dragon, Hardraw, before moving to Aysgarth and then to the King's Head at Richmond for his fourth night in the district. The full tour is described by David Hill in his book *In Turner's Footsteps through the hills and dales of Northern England*, published in 1984 (and recently back in print, obtainable from Castle Hill Books of Richmond),

In 1988, 16 wooden seats were provided in places associated with the artist's visit to this area (15 in Richmondshire plus Masham), making a very attractive "Turner Trail." This summer, **Welcome to York-**

shire (the tourist board) has re-launched the trail and incorporated the 16 local seats into a 70 site Turner Trail across the county.

A ceremony to launch the pan-Yorkshire Turner Trail was held at Bolton Castle on June 17th, with David Hill as the keynote speaker, immediately before the start of Leyburn's Turner-themed Walking Festival.



Yorebridge Sport and Fitness

Summer programme

A whole host of activities will be on offer at Yorebridge Sport and Fitness this summer! These will include multi sports and soft play, as well as our tennis and football academies during the first week of the summer holidays from 10.00am to noon. Please see the July edition of Yoresport and our website www.yorebridge-sport.co.uk for more details.

The ever popular annual '**Party on the Pitch**' is being held this year on **Saturday July 24th from 8.30pm to late**. We are delighted to have local bands 'Infusion', 'Nothing Like This', 'Blind Boys of Richmond' as well as our special guests 'Sam Scarr and Piers Donno-Fuller'. A bar and food is available and tickets are £10 strictly payment in advance or £15 on the door. It's an event not to be missed! For tickets or more information see below. Tickets can also be bought online (See website above).

As if that wasn't enough we are also holding a Fun Day for all the family on **Monday July 26th from 11.00am to 5.00pm**. Come along and join in the face painting, circus skills, trampolining, glass painting, karaoke disco and many more activities. There will be performances by young talented musicians and we are hoping to have as special guests the Askrigg Primary School Samba Band. Costs are £2 per child with under 4s free. The celebrations will finish with a Barbeque, Bar and entertainment from 5.00 pm.

For queries or bookings on any of the above, please ring **Jan** on **650060/07968 606571** or email admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk

As always the gym and fitness centre is

open to new members and we have flexible packages available to suit all needs. Opening hours are now **7.00am to 10.00pm every day (closed bank holidays)**. For further information or if you'd like to come along for a cuppa and a chat please contact Jan at the centre.

Jan Hale

Community Office News

Following the well-attended Food Hygiene course, we are offering a One day qualification course in Nutrition and Health.

Would you like to find out more about nutrition and health, the food you eat and your own diet? Would you like more information about healthy eating for you and your family or to help you in your work? If so a course will be held in September (date to be agreed) at the Community Office in Hawes. The cost is £55 per person which includes comprehensive handouts, nutrition book and qualification certificate. For more details or to book a place please contact **Jan on 0780 561 5896** or email jhale@advancetraining1.co.uk or leave your name and number at the Community Office.

... and if anyone is interested in another Food Hygiene course, please let us know and we can arrange one.

The Tap Dance sessions started well, but attendance fell and Alan Beattie turned up to empty rooms. However, if sufficient people are interested in Tap Dance, we can arrange further sessions perhaps at a more suitable time. Contact the Community Office to leave your details.

Email: uwco@btconnect.co.uk, phone **667400** or call in at the library in The Neukin. We are open **9.30am – 4.30pm daily and, in addition, 5.30 – 7.00 pm on Thursdays.**

Best Foot Forward



We woz robbed! Maybe I'm a bit sensitive for a Yorkshire man, but for some of us the year 1974 is engraved upon us like a bad sore; remember why?

That was the year some sizeable chunks of our county were ceded to either Lancashire, Cumbria or County Durham for administrative purposes. At least the area gone into Cumbria continues to bear our National Park's name, but large areas of the West Riding (Bowland) went Red Rose (why am I using capital Rs?), and a goodly part of the North Riding went 'Prince Bishop'!

I decided to do a bit of 'beating the bounds' of the old Ridings (the titles can still be used actually), and set off to the far north. The old boundary used to be the river Tees and this walk sticks resolutely to 'our' side of it! It is a beautiful, powerful river less subjected to drought by the (awful) Cow Green reservoir dam which at least spills out some compensation water on a non-stop basis.

Start at the end of the lane to Holwick, this side of Middleton in Teesdale, and walk down to join the Pennine Way which is followed for three miles beside the Tees to Low Force and a further two to High Force. The wild flowers all the way along are great; the two Forces very different but both owing their splendour to the famous 'Whin Sill' of hard basalt rock. It is always a surprise how quiet the mighty High Force is until you are nearly at it. Beyond, the area opens out to the left and in front are all the scattered white-painted farmhouses belonging to the Raby Estate.

I'm taking you as far as Bracken Rigg, a

very good spot for a snack. Just beyond the top we leave the Pennine Way as it wanders along to Upper Teesdale, one of the best bits of its whole length. Our way turns south on a damp path for a very short way to join a long, open bridle way for three miles, going east towards Holwick. If you like open fellside with the call of the curlew and the soaring skylarks, this is for you, but watch where your feet are going as you look up; there a few side becks to cross.

Last month was the first time I'd been to Holwich Scars; they are very impressive, craggy and steep. Dropping down between them we find a second bridleway which twists and climbs out to the right into higher, even more open fell. There aren't many walls or fences, but the occasional stile or gate points the way to Crooks o' Green Fell and at Brown Dodd a wide gravel shooters' track is joined. With the exception of one wide, new metal gate almost impossible to open, or climb over, this is a pleasant downhill route to join again, near Harter Fell, a section of the Pennine Way which leads through meadows and finally drops down to almost exactly where you left your car! Over all it's about fifteen miles of very varied landscape.

I'm (half) joking of course about the boundaries; you'll have to cross into County Durham for your refreshment in Middleton in Teesdale.

A.S.W.

**Dales Discovery
2010**

**The annual audio-visual shows and talks
for visitors and residents**

**Hawes Methodist Church,
Wednesdays at 8.00pm**

- July 21st** The Limestone Dales;
David Coates, Northallerton
Camera Club
- July 28th** Roaming around Yorkshire
A magical picture show.
David Morland, Ripon
- August 4th** The Birds of the Dales
Ian Court. National Park
Species Officer
- August 11th** Dales Life; Landscape,
sheep, natural history
Jonathon Woolley,
Burtersett
- August 18th** Green lanes and tracks of
the Dales.
Les Barnett, Shipley
- August 25th** John Henry's Journeys
A long distance Dales
walk in the 1879.
Alan Plowright, Baildon.

Each evening includes a selection of
slides or audio-visual presentations from
these well-tried or recommended speakers.
The sessions last about an hour to an hour
and a quarter.

Admission : Adults £2.00, children £1.50

Choose Your Partner Carefully!

*Spotted in a Milan newspaper
and translated:*

Angelo and Maria Borrielo are pleased to
announce the engagement of their daughter
Nancy Ann to Ricardo son of Fabio and
Gina Cianci.

So what, you might think, until you realise
that after she is married, the poor young

lady will have the name Nancy Ann Cianci
- **say it out loud!**

WHAT'S ON LISTING;

June

- 26 Concert of local organists; Hardraw Church 7.00pm
- 26-27 Hardraw Flower Festival
- 26 Hawes Gala
- 26 'Musicality' in the Thornton Rust 7.30pm
- 26-27 Open Gardens; Aisgill, Mallerstang
- 27 Guided walk: Mallerstang. Meet at Garsdale Station 10.30am. 8 miles
- 29 Coffee morning and stalls; Hawes Methodist rooms 10.00 am to noon
- 30 Toddlers' service; St Andrew's Aysgarth, 2.00pm

July

- 1,8, 15, 22. Not just knitting; Hawes Market Hall side room from 1.00pm. Ring Fiona Gill **667539**
- 4 Gayle Mill demonstration day. See **p37**.
- 11 Wensleydale Methodist Circuit service in Hawes. Farewell service for Rev Henry Dubois. 10.30am followed by lunch
- 8,15,22,29 Country Markets; Leyburn Methodist Hall 10.00am to 12.30pm
- 9 Concert; Reeth Village Hall. See p.
- 10 Coffee morning; St Oswald's Askrigg. 10.00am to noon
- 10 Children's service; St Oswald's Askrigg, 4.00pm
- 11 Wensleydale Methodist Circuit annual united service in Hawes. See **p30**.
- 11 Hawes Town Trail; 2 miles. Meet Dales Countryside Museum 2.15pm
- 11 Bellerby Open Gardens, sale and refreshments. 11.00am to 4.00pm
- 12 Gayle Mill event. See **p37**.
- 13 Afternoon teas and stalls; St Margaret's Hawes. 1.00 to 3.00pm
- 13 YDNPA Planning Committee; Yoredale, Bainbridge. 10.30am
- 13 First 'taster' rehearsal for *The Wizard of Oz*. See **P26**.
- 13-15 Great Yorkshire Show.
- 14 Leadmining in Wensleydale. 4 mile guided walk. Meet Castle Bolton Car Park, 2.00pm
- 15 Hawes W.I. 100 years of Kiplin Hall. 7.00pm

- 16 Museum Friends Gift day and talk: Red Squirrel conservation. 7.30pm
- 16 Summer Evening Fair; Carperby Vicarage. See **p9**.
- 17 Three Peaks Challenge
- 17 Wensleydale Chorus; see **p6**.
- 17 HAOS Gala Dinner. See **p26**.
- 17,18 Wensleydale Railway 1940s weekend; see **p18**.
- 18 Guided walk; Askrigg and Worton. Meet Askrigg Church 1.00pm. 6.5 miles
- 19 Taize service; Hawes Methodist Church. 6.30pm
- 20 Coffee morning; Hawes Methodist rooms for Hawes W.I. 10.00am to noon
- 21,28 Dales Discovery evenings; Hawes Methodist Church. 8.00pm. See **p35**.
- 23-25 Preston Artists Exhibition. See **p9**.
- 24 Summer Fayre; Hawes Market Hall for St Margaret's. See p.
- 24 Muker Band in Hawes Market Hall . 7.30pm
- 24 Party on the Pitch; Askrigg. See **p32**.
- 24 Wensleydale Chorus; see p.
- 25 Table Top Sale, Hawes Market Hall for Dalesplay.
- 25 Burterset Show. See **p17**.
- 26 Fun Day at Yorebridge. See **p32**.
- 27 Coffee morning and stalls; Hawes Methodist rooms. 10.00am to noon
- 28 Leadmining in Wensleydale. 4 mile guided walk. Meet Ballowfield car park (1.5 miles west of Carperby) 1.00pm
- 29 Gayle Ladies; Fun picture quiz of Hawes and Gayle. 7.30pm
- 29 Wildlife in Snaizeholme. Meet Mirk Pot, 2.00pm. Booking essential. **666210**
- 30 Concert; Reeth Village Hall. See p.

Upper Dales Mobile Skip Service

Saturday July 17th 9.00 - 10.30am
Carperby Village Green

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

Doctors' Rotas as Supplied by the Surgeries										
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Events at Gayle Mill

Sunday July 4th Tours at 11.00am and 2.30pm (approx. 2 hrs)
Demonstration Day: Special Guided Tours + demonstrations of water powered Victorian woodworking machinery. Adm. £10 adult, £5 child (including refreshments) Booking advised: phone **667320**.

Monday July 12th - 10.00am to 4.00pm.
"Perspectives from Gayle Mill" with Carol Tyler, well known Wensleydale artist. A drawing and dry media course looking at perspective and different ways of assessing it; includes light lunch and refreshments. Fee £55. Booking essential: **667320**; www.gavlemill.org.uk

Two Events in Reeth

Friday 9th July - 8.00pm - Zoon and Blind Summat! - Zoon - (Linda Game, Jo May and Becky Menday) a cocktail of new melodies and traditional tunes with a delicate balance of strings, wind, percussion and voices. Exceptional value - two bands for the price of one! £8 in advance (£10 on the door)

Friday 30th July - 8.00pm - Vin Garbutt - supported by singer-songwriter, harpist and vocalist Sarah Dean (The Incredible String Blonde). £11 in advance (£13 on the door).

Tickets from Reeth Post Office or ring

John Little 01748 884759 or visit our website www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk

Prunings

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

What a difference a month makes! Come to that, the lawn needed only a week to grow two inches and become a field! There has been an absolute explosion of green and the weeds seem to have benefited most. As I don the leather gloves I have to keep reminding myself that all the prettiest butterflies rely on a healthy supply of nettles. I suppose there will always be plenty hiding in corners. The May blossom has not lasted long and now it has gone over, the pristine creamy frothiness has given way to a pink afterglow. Spring bursts upon us with its myriad shades of green and variations in texture, but now this has subsided and we anticipate the glorious hues of penstemons and dahlias; the former already in flower and the latter budding up nicely.



If you planted French beans and have kept them under glass, have a look at them. I have some almost big enough to eat.

There is still time for another batch. I have been amazed by the progress of a couple of tomato plants I bought on Thirsk market not many weeks ago. The variety was *Tumbler* and I followed the advice given and potted each one into a hanging basket which I have kept in the polytunnel. There are dozens of tiny fruits on them and the first to form are already beginning to colour. They don't have to be pinched out and stay short and bushy. As the fruit will stay small I hope they will be less likely to split, although I shall have to water regularly as I have a few traditional plants under cover. If you can't resist taking cuttings and you have glass or plastic for protection, tomato side shoots will root and provide an extra

crop later on. With all the good will in the world I have never had much success with tomatoes outside, but then, we are a long way north and I live at about 850 ft above sea level.

July is a good time for taking cuttings from a wide range of shrubs. The easiest to root are buddleia, ceratostigma, escallonia, forsythia, hydrangea, philadelphus, spiraea and weigelia. Of course, as the temperatures rise they will need covers to stop them drying out, and this is more important if you root them in clay pots as I do because I think they root more readily. At this time of year my trick is to cut off most of the leaf to reduce transpiration and scrape the outer skin or bark off the stems as the roots grow from the under-layer. Roots are most likely to form around a node, which means don't cut them too short.

It's not too soon to start thinking about collecting seeds. I have my eye on some glorious unusual oriental poppies in the village. They'll be easy, but as there are several shades the labelling will be critical. A few months on and seed pods in paper bags all look very similar. It's worth remembering that societies with free seeds on offer usually give extra if you send some in.

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

Rose Rambler

Christian Aid Results Hawes area

Grateful thanks for the money raised:

Joint churches coffee morning	
in the Methodist rooms	£264
House to house collection	925
Donation sent from the united	
Church service	100

When the gift aid of £242 is added on the total comes to **£1531**

We thank the new Christian Aid secretary, **Susan Bassnett** who lives in Gayle