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Editorial

Boundaries matter to us all. Neighbours sometimes fall out over them. Changes in boundaries sometimes cause upset. There are those who say it's never been the same since the old Aysgarth Rural District Council ceased to exist, and how long ago that is! It also looks as if we might be moved to a different parliamentary constituency.

But there are some things that don't recognise boundaries. Take diseases for instance; it will soon be time for flu jabs for those eligible. We can't stop flu spreading even across continents. Some people in our area are convinced that what seems to be a disproportionate number of cancer cases here can be put down to the explosion at Chernobyl in the Ukraine in 1986. We certainly can't draw boundaries round finance any more; we can be affected immediately by banking crises pretty well anywhere in the world. And what about wildlife? In the last few weeks it has been revealed that there is a huge world-wide movement of various species of fish in the oceans, generally northwards, and accounted for by global warming.

Oh, that old discussion again, you say, after the summer we've had! It is that inability to see beyond the boundary and to make silly jumps from the particular to the general that makes it harder to appreciate the whole picture. There will always be some people who won't accept evidence; yes, there are even one or two who still believe the earth is flat. That was quite reasonable before anyone had gone right round it! But to deny that vast areas of the globe's ice are melting, when this can be seen from space to be the case, and then to claim that it makes little difference, is to deny the facts; and this phenomenon has no boundaries either. The trouble is that with these huge changes happening over years

rather than minutes (at a time when we are all obsessed with speed and things happening quickly), we tend to try to ignore them. But there is no denying that there are extreme consequences all over the world.

With many of these global phenomena we can't stop them immediately. With flu we can prepare and be safe-guarded; with changing fish stocks we might eat red mullet instead of haddock - and there again we might not! With nuclear power, we thought we were getting safer until the recent Japanese experience.

But with changes in temperature the world can act. What is causing them is maybe less important than what can be done; and what can be done takes enormous world-wide public action regarding the destruction of rain forests, burning of fuels that can't be replaced, ever-growing use of energy especially electrical, and even the growth of the human population.

I suppose this is a plea to continue to remind ourselves that we are part of a finite planet-earth, that we just cannot ring-fence ourselves, our community or our country from some things, and we each have a part to play for the good of the whole.

Lunds Lady

One of the joys of doing the Newsletter is being in contact with so many people who are involved — committee, writers, information gatherers and providers, office workers and distributors.

In this last category since the very earliest days in 1995, was Janette Brown who has sadly died (in the last week of August). Janette wrote occasional articles, faithfully collected her copies and distributed them at and around the Moorcock Inn from her lonely home shared with her beloved and faithful dog at the Old School House on the road to Mallerstang.

**DEADLINE FOR THE
NOVEMBER ISSUE:
THURSDAY OCTOBER 20th**

Eunice the Ewe



EUNICE WINNER: Mr C.A. Robson, Castleford. I was in Rose Rambler's picture.

Where am I this month?

Aysgarth Fete

August bank holiday Monday saw mixed weather for Aysgarth fete. Despite the rain there was a good turnout and nearly £2400 was raised towards the upkeep of the village institute. The organisers would like to thank all those who helped before and during the day and also the prize donors for the raffle.

Richard Blowes

**Step Back in Time
At Thoraby Village Hall**

Archival films of the Dales
Friday 14th October at 7.00pm
Film starts at 7.30pm
Adults £7.50 Children £3.00
Finger Buffet
In aid of Village Hall funds
For tickets ring **663407**

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

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Redmire:	Ann Holubecki	622967
Thoraby:	Sandra Foley, Shop	663205

Sycamore News

The leaves are leaving the trees and there is no exception from Sycamore Hall; one leaf leaving is David Raw who retired last week.

On leaving school he started work at Hawes Creamery with no time off apart from a two-week stay in hospital.

I worked alongside Dave and found him to have a very high standard of excellence. From the Creamery he took a job at High Hall as a carer and later moved across the road to Sycamore Hall in the same capacity. The residents could rely on Dave to perform his duty to perfection as well as being on hand to do small tasks for them, nothing ever being too much trouble. So it's cheerio and thanks to Dave, and we will leave him to get on with his golf.

Other leaves are also leaving the perennial place of care. Next month our kitchen and restaurant staff will be leaving. (Is anyone willing to take the job?) They have served us very well indeed. I have yet to learn of anybody having been refused something to eat during the working days. So devoted were they during last winter they slept in the lounge so as to be on the job the next morning. Well done!

I wonder if people are aware that a coffee morning is held at 10.30am every Thursday. Come along and have a natter. Every Wednesday night a whist drive is held in good and warm surroundings. If you fancy a game, come along and join in. There is plenty of parking.

Because of certain drawbacks the Valuation Afternoon has had to be put back a bit, but I promise it will take place shortly. Don't forget our Craft Fayre on **Saturday November 5th**. Refreshments will be available.

Derek Ramsden

Yoga Classes

Among the more useful skills we can ever learn are things we can do for ourselves to look after our health - increasingly so in the fast-changing modern world which puts stress on body, mind and spirit. Yoga meets these challenges perfectly with its integrated range of techniques and exercises to promote health at every level - physical, emotional, mental and spiritual. Regular practice is essential for these skills to be effective.

Yoga classes with Sue Lightfoot have recommenced for Autumn Term at the following venues:

Wensley Village Hall,

Mondays 7.00-8.30pm

Middleham Key Centre,

Tuesdays 7.00-8.30pm and

Wednesdays 10.00-11.30am

Wednesdays 11.45m-12.45pm

(Gentle Exercise)

West Burton Village Hall,

Wednesdays 7.00-9.00pm

Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge,

Thursdays 7.00-9.00pm

Sue is a fully qualified and experienced yoga teacher and Shiatsu practitioner. Classes accommodate a range of abilities and new students are welcome. Individual tuition tailored to specific needs is also available, and Shiatsu treatments, by appointment.

For further details, advice and enrolments please contact **Sue on telephone number: 663993**.

Model Water Wheel and Turbine to Generate a Buzz in Dales Schools

Gayle Mill, our iconic, restored 19th century sawmill, has taken delivery of a unique model of a water wheel and turbine made by specialists at the Manchester Museum of Science and Industry.

Made from transparent coloured Perspex the model shows water flowing through the water wheel and turbine. It enables children to see all the moving parts and demonstrates to them the effect of different configurations on efficiency and power generation. Removable ramps and a power gauge enable children to see the differing power outputs from over-shot, under-shot and breast-shot water wheels.

The model has been designed to be mobile so that Gayle Mill can take it to children in local schools, as part of an exciting and hands-on presentation about specific elements of Gayle Mill that link to the national curriculum.

This eagerly anticipated model was specially commissioned by Gayle Mill as part of a new Heritage Education and Skills Training Project for school children in the Yorkshire Dales.

Teachers can arrange for a free demonstration of the model in school before planning a visit to the Mill. During a visit pupils will take part in activities inspired by the power generation, working activities and social history. (contact **Samantha Belcher**, Gayle Mill's Education Coordinator, by calling **667320** or emailing her at samantha.belcher@gaylemill.org.uk)

Gayle Mill Trust would like to thank the Campaign to Protect Rural England who generously funded the construction of the models, as part of the LEADER funded Heritage Education and Training Project based at Gayle Mill.



Upper Dales Family History

The new season of meetings of the Group continues on **Wednesday, October 26th, at 2.00pm** in Fremington Sunday School, when the speaker is David Burke who will be giving "A tour round York Minster" including parts which most visitors don't normally get to see. The UDFHG is a branch of the Cleveland Family History Society and admission is free to members of Cleveland FHS or £2 for non-members who are very welcome.

A Computer Club will be held at Hudson House in Reeth on Saturday, November 12th, from 1.00-4.00pm. This is suitable for anyone from complete beginners who want to get started to the more experienced who enjoy being able to discuss ideas and pick up tips from others in the group. There's no need to book, just turn up on the day and stay as long as you like – there's a small charge to cover room hire of £3 for the first 2 hours, then £1 per hour.

Contact **Glenys Marriott 663738** or see the website at www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk for further details of all events.

Tracy Little

Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society

FASCINATING KIND OF ART

'London's Changing Skyline: Past, Present and Future' is the opening lecture of the new season. Anthea Streeter will describe the changes to the famous City of London skyline and how new taller buildings are set to change it even further in the future, at **2.00pm on Tuesday 11th October** at Middleham Key Centre.

WDFAS organises nine lectures each year plus study days and visits to galleries, stately homes and gardens.

Annual membership is £40 and membership forms and further information

are available from the Membership Secretary, tel. **624203**.

Letters and emails

I was interested to read Mr De Quincey's letter in the August issue of the Newsletter regarding the possibility of producing power from turbines at waterfalls. This is something that has interested me for some time given our involvement with Hardraw Force.

Some months ago I had a site meeting with two engineers who were prepared to produce a feasibility study for us. I then approached the National Park Authority only to be told my plans did not fit into their criteria and that as we have some ancient woodland behind the falls (brash growth from 1936) I would not be able to take matters further.

Imagine my surprise on reading the following in an article entitled 'A grand vision for the future of Elgin's Waterfall' in the Yorkshire Post in August:

'About 15 Yorkshire Dales sites have been identified in a recent feasibility study as having the most potential for hydro electric schemes, including Meal Bank at Ingleton, Rash Mill, Clapham and Hardraw Beck near Hawes.'

D.Mark Thompson, Hardraw

They're Everywhere!

You can't walk around Wensleydale without falling over a Metcalfe! Well, there'll be more than you can shake a stick at in Hawes on **Saturday, October 8th** - the annual Mecca Muster of the Metcalfe Society takes place at the Dales Countryside Museum (10.00am to 4.00pm). The AGM is in the morning, followed by a talk on "The Early History of the Metcalfe Family" by Vivienne Metcalf of Thoraby.

If you have any queries about your Metcalfe Ancestry, (however you spell it!) come along after 2.00pm and have your questions answered from our extensive databases, with expert help from Society members.

Metcalfe memorabilia and souvenirs are also available. Find a gift for the Metcalfe in YOUR life!

A Trip Over the Hill?

Saturday 1st October - Folk Night at Hubberholme Church, **7.30pm**. Entitled "Song of the Dales", the Waggoners, led by Trevor Sharpe from Bradford, will take the audience on a journey through Wensleydale and Wharfedale using local songs, poems and stories and will include tales of old Dales characters, including Kit Calvert from Hawes, and music by accordion player Harry Cockerill from Askrigg.

Tickets £7.50, including refreshments, from **01756 760463** or pay on the door.

Jayne Saye

Saved by the Bowes!

A local family has saved a business in Askrigg, and this is the second time that Brian and Brenda Bowe and family have rescued the village from a lack of amenities. The first time was when they added to their well established B and B and café, by opening up a general food shop at Sykes House, since the only general food store in the village had closed suddenly when the owner went on holiday and never came back. The Crown Inn was sold 5 years ago by Owen Metcalfe, when he retired and was bought by a brewery, who tenanted the public house for four years, but high rents forced the tenant to pull out, so for the last year it has been managed. It was put up for sale several months ago and villagers wondered if their local pub would survive, as there is already the Kings Arms and White Rose Hotel providing for food and drinks for locals and visitors. The Bowe family bought the premises, and moved in on August 22th. They started immediately with the help of a number of friends, rolled up their sleeves for the hard work of cleaning out, getting the bar up and running later in the day, and customers were given a warm welcome. Brian and Brenda own the property along with their middle daughter Louise, who is the first woman to be the landlady at the Crown Inn. Their eldest daughter Andrea will help out on occasions, as will the youngest daughter Julie, who used to cook at the former Crown and will help with accounts. Mr Bowe's cousin Alan, who used to do bar work at the Crown will look after the cellars, along with Louise's partner Jim who will help using his vast experience in the trade. Once again this is now a 'free house' and will offer a wide range of beers. Home-cooked food will be an important feature at lunch times and evenings, as well as traditional Sunday lunches, pie and pea suppers, and darts and domino matches. By

the end of September Charlotte Ewbank, who helped in the kitchen when Owen was owner, will be in charge of the kitchen. She has recently gained much experience at Stone House Hotel, Sedbusk. I am sure we will all wish them success in these difficult days of trading.

Food will be available from October 9th.

To contact for information ring

650387, or 07792681784 K.Empshall

NSPCC Coffee Morning

As usual this will be held at the home of

Jean Cockburn in Aysgarth on

Saturday October 29th

from 10.00am to noon.

Newsletter on the Web

Owing to a change in the web provider for the local business association, and a newer format of the site, it is not possible at present to access many of the back copies of the Newsletter. This is clearly something that concerns us.

Continue to enter 'Upper Wensleydale Newsletter' into, say, Google and "Welcome to Wensleydale" will come up. Down the left hand side click on 'local news'. It is hoped that these omissions will soon be back to view.

New Book Out

Twenty-five years ago, newly qualified teacher Andy Seed moved to a remote village in the Dales with his wife Barbara, anticipating breathtaking views and the gentle simplicity of the countryside.

The picturesque scenery did not disappoint. But life as a primary school teacher was anything but simple. With a classroom full of colourful characters whose capacity for misunderstanding was exceeded only by their enthusiasm and their ability to leave him incredulous, Andy fell in love with teaching and with village life.

ALL TEACHERS GREAT AND SMALL tells the true story of Andy's first year at Cragthwaite Primary School - how he bravely negotiated the vagaries of the local dialect, made disastrous bids to provide a family home, naively and hilariously tried out new-fangled ideas in a school stuck in a 1950s time warp, and ultimately discovered a little part of England he was proud to call home.

Andy Seed will be known to quite a few locals and there should be no difficulty in working out the real names of the Dale and village!

(The book is in stock at the Museum)

Re-appointed

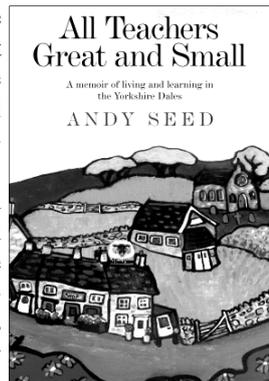
Carl Lis, OBE, and Harold Brown have been re-appointed as Chair and Deputy Chair of the National Park Authority.

Wensleydale Society Programme

Helen Bainbridge starts our 60th winter programme on **Friday 7th October, 7.30pm** at West Burton village hall with *Lost Meanings and Forgotten Uses; objects from the Swaledale Museum.*

For the energetic our monthly walks programme for members adds to the enjoyment of Wensleydale and its wider environs, and is a wonderful way to get to know the area.

For membership information please contact **Prof David Milner (Secretary) 624361.**



Christians in the Dales

Autumn Meeting Thursday 13th October
10:00am to 2:30pm

Praying Creatively With Revd. Bryan
Dixon

The Methodist Church Hall, Middleham,
Near Leyburn

Charge: £5 (includes coffee, tea & biscuits
on arrival and at lunchtime).

Remember to bring your Bible and a
packed lunch!

'Christians Together in the Dales' is a group of Christians who enjoy fellowship together, who seek to share and to learn more about their faith through 'Fellowship Days' held twice a year. These days are held in the spring and in the autumn. (In future they will be held on the second Thursdays in March and October.)

Contact: Mrs. Jean Boyd **663474** & Mrs.
Anne Day **624171**



The Wensleydale Railway present

A MURDER MYSTERY

Friday 7th and Saturday 8th October

All aboard the train with The Chuffing
Theatre Company for the greatest
show on earth featuring illusionist
supremo The Great Houdunnit.
But all is not as it seems!

Depart Leeming Station at 7pm (return approx. 10pm)
Tickets £25 includes buffet Licensed bar
Telephone: 08454 50 54 74

Advance booking essential.
Not suitable for under 12s.



Wensleydale Railway Leeming Bar Station Leases Road,
Leeming Bar, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL7 9AR

Hawes Community Emergency First Responders

It is now over three years since our group was formed and in that time we have responded to over 30 emergency calls in our local area (Hawes and surrounding villages). First responders are trained to deliver Basic Life Support and Defibrillation to patients in cardiac arrest and also administer oxygen to appropriate patients. Emergency responders are sent to patients with the following presenting conditions --- unconscious patients, strokes, hypo/hyperglycaemic patients, convulsions, chest pain and breathing difficulties.

Responders are activated, in conjunction with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service, through the 999 system. An emergency ambulance is always dispatched to any incident attended by our responders.

New recruits are always needed. If you would like to join or need more information please ring Gordon Sleightholm (667348.) or Darren Smith (667433) or come and meet Christine Blakeley (Yorkshire Ambulance Service Defibrillation Trainer) for an informal chat over a cup of tea. She holds regular training nights for our responders at Gayle Institute. Next meeting Thursday October 13th. A big thank you to all the past and present members for their time and effort. The present team is -

Harry Balderston
Nigel Lawson
Mick Webster
Janet Middleton
Barbara Sleightholm
Brenda Peacock
Marnie Peacock
Mick Rhodes
Ann Tasker
Hannah Fawcett

Gordon Sleightholm/ Darren Smith.
Co-ordinators

Snaizeholme, Late Summer.

September 1st was a beautiful day this year, and I was able to sit outside in the sun. Whilst I sat there I saw 5 different Butterflies, a Red Admiral, a Comma, a Small White, a Meadow Brown, a Small Heath and I think a Speckled Wood which I only saw flying, but the colouring was right. I've hardly seen any butterflies this year and this happened on September 1st!

The Squirrels were very busy and very competitive. Their numbers are very high just now. This is, I think, partly because it was a very good breeding year and there are lots of young about, and partly because of all the tree felling both in Widdale and Snaizeholme. There are, of course, still large areas of trees still standing but it is very disturbing both for the Squirrels and other wildlife to have noisy machines and falling trees so close. Anyhow we have lots of extremely nervous strangers amongst our usual Squirrels now. The resident population will sit just out of reach and natter and swear and wave their tails angrily at me when I am filling the feeder, but these strangers dash away in fear. They are clearly not used to people.

Over the summer the Chaffinch population has increased dramatically. The Robins, which have also bred well, as now chirping impatiently every morning when I go to feed the birds. They are no longer competitive with each other as they were during the breeding season, and feed quite happily side by side. A short while ago I thought that all the Siskins had left for the winter, and therefore I would stop putting out Nyger seed for them until the spring. I rather resented giving Nyger seed to Chaffinches who could manage very well on birdseed, But both the Siskins and Goldfinches have since returned and Nyger seed is back on the menu. It seems quite strange that what, to us, has seemed a very disap-

pointing summer, appears to have suited the birds very well. The only unseasonal occurrence that I've noticed being the return of a small group of Fieldfares well before the end of August. There can't have been more than 20 of them, all calling to each other as they flew, though I've seen no sign of them since. There have been a few high flying Curlews, all calling as they make their way to the sea. As usual, these were not in a flock, but individuals flying quite separately, and I am pretty certain that that these were the young flying much later than their parents. In Snaizeholme, once again, their numbers have gone down, and we have neither seen nor heard any Lapwings.

Jane Kemp

Calendars Celebrate the Yorkshire Dales

The Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) is delighted to announce the launch of two charity calendars for 2012 which feature beautiful images of the Yorkshire Dales taken by talented local photographers.

The first calendar is a 'slimline' format which captures some iconic Yorkshire Dales scenes including hay meadows in Swaledale and the viaduct at Ribbleshead, all generously offered to YDMT free of charge. The second calendar features a set of twelve images kindly provided free of charge by the Settle Photographic Group (SPG). The calendars (£8 and £10) are available to buy online at www.ydmt.org/shop or can be ordered by calling **015242 51002**.

Bainbridge & District Motor Club

9 cars set off from Askrigg school for Tom Fawcett and Dave Teasdale's rally on Wednesday 21st September; the rally was around 35 miles long and some places visited were Bainbridge, Hawes, Hardraw, Buttertubs pass and over to Reeth. The rally was very enjoyable and was a talking point in the pub later!! Thanks to Tom and Dave for organising the rally. The Motor Club Dinner will be on **25th November**, venue to be confirmed.

Emma Thwaite.

NORTH COUNTRY theatre
ht
HARROGATE THEATRE

The Rocking Horse Winner

by D.H. Lawrence
adapted for the stage by Nobby Dimon

A white knuckle ride
between psychology and
the supernatural

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

HAWES Dales Countryside Museum
Wednesday 7 December 2011 7.30 pm
Tickets £8.50 (£5 u/16) Museum 01969 666210

Tickets on sale from October 1st

Film Night
Thorlby Village Hall

Step back in time archive films of
the Dales.

Friday 14th October

Doors open 7.00pm ; film 7.30pm

Adults`£7.50 children £3:00 with finger
buffet. Tickets from **663 407**

Correction - Meals on Wheels

The contact phone number for requesting
or enquiring about Meals on Wheels given
in the last Newsletter was incorrect. It
should be **667400** (the Hawes Community
Office).

Whole-hearted Effort

It is no doubt common knowledge by now that the White Hart Inn in Hawes has been sold to Max, Pat (Kirkbride) and Matthew Robinson. Talk about all hands on deck! When I called in last Tuesday it seemed as though everything on the ground floor was being ripped out— the bar areas and the dining room were being stripped. A confident Pat said that by the time of the Tup Sales (towards the end of October) they will at least have the bar open.

Matthew will be 'front of house' and Pat in the kitchen preparing high quality traditional meals with the recipes taken from the recently published book by her and Elizabeth Guy: *Rambler's Rewards*.

Looking further ahead there will be ten bedrooms (also using the adjoining rooms on the first floor), and scaffolding will be needed to clean out gutters; "there's all sorts growing out of them" said Pat, "and we need to paint the front". The general traditional elevation will not be changed. People are missing the seats outside but they were falling to bits and becoming a health and safety issue!

And we've been assured that it will all be spick and span with the litter and cigarette ends cleaned up every day! **A.S.W.**

Heavens Above

A famous landmark in autumn skies is the Great Square of Pegasus, the legendary winged horse of ancient Greece. You'll find it riding high in the south from the early evening onwards. The Square, which represents the upside down body of the horse, is easily recognised as there are relatively few bright stars in this part of the sky even though Pegasus is a pretty largish constellation. A good test of seeing conditions is to count the number of stars visible

inside the Square. Under really fine conditions you should be able to spot 12 or 13.



To the east of Pegasus is one of the 'Signs of the Zodiac' - the compact constellation of Aries the Ram. It's not particularly distinctive and looks a bit like a backward-facing letter L. This year, however, Aries is home to mighty **Jupiter**, the solar

systems biggest planet and unlike any of the stars of Aries Jupiter really *is* distinctive. It's at its best for many years far outshining any of the night-time stars high up in the south. Jupiter comes to opposition (to the Sun) on October 29th and will be visible all night long. See if you can glimpse any of its four biggest moons, easily visible in good binoculars.

There's also two very good opportunities this month to try and spot some **shooting stars**. On October 8th the Draconid meteor shower reaches its peak, and although moonlight will interfere with the view some experts are predicting an unusually exceptional display this year. Failing this you can have another go on October 21st when the Orionid shower reaches its maximum though once again light from the waning Moon will tend to drown out all but the brightest meteors. Here's hoping for clear skies!

Al Bireo

Askrigg School News

Great North Air Ambulance Bags 2 School Collection – Tuesday 11th October – 8:30am

Any clothes, shoes, handbags, belts, bedding (but not duvets) or towels can be brought to school for the collection please, and we would be happy to accept bags from Thursday 6th October. The last collection raised £334.80 for the Air Ambulance and £223.20 for school.



Askrigg Does Shakespeare

Our Summer production was A Midsummer Night's Dream. The children thoroughly enjoyed performing this play which had been specially adapted for primary schools. We would like to thank Mr Armstrong for his commitment to the idea that a small primary school can 'do' Shakespeare – and we did! (Full cast photo attached)

New Starters

We are delighted to welcome Mr Richard Chapman onto the staff, he is teaching KS2. Our 8 Reception children are also settling in well. We are looking forward to learning about Vikings this term, and there is a whole school trip planned to Jorvik in October. Look out for horned helmets in Askrigg!

Harvest Supper

**Monday 24th October
(6:30 for 7:00 p.m.)**

Redmire Village Hall

Shepherd's pie, vegetables; fruit crumbles / pies, cream and ice-cream, coffee

In aid of Water Aid's Seeds of Hope

Transform lives in Ethiopia with safe water, hygiene and sanitation.

Orange squash available or bring your own bottle of wine

Tickets: adults £6 or school-age £3 from:

Jayne Foster, Swan Farm; Paul Adamson

The Old Police House; Michael Barnes,

Hunters Close; Anthony Day, Gordon

Lodge; Robert Hall, Dale View.

**An Introduction to Colour
Experience
Through Watercolours.**

Each Thursday beginning
**6th October
7.30 -9.00pm**

Hawes Market Hall.

Tel: **Les Brown, 01748 886608** for details
or just come along.

Playgroups

Hawes Playgroup is based at the Market Hall on Mondays and Wednesdays, and Askigg Playgroup is based at the Sure Start Centre on Tuesdays Thursdays. Both run from 9.20 to 11.15am term time only.

We welcome children aged 18months to 3 years. For more information contact:

Carol Hall 667234

Auction Mart raised about £170 for SHELTER BOX. Google it to find out more! The UK headquarters are based in Helston in Cornwall.

Shelter Box

You might remember the Newsletter sending money to provide a *School in a box* for an international project by UNICEF to be used in emergencies. A similar scheme, SHELTER BOX is likely to be adopted as the charity to be supported for the next 12 months by the Churches Together in the Hawes area.

The strong box contains a tent, blankets, simple food, cooking equipment and a stove to provide a basic home for those caught up in terrible emergencies.

The recent annual harvest service in the

Appeal for Unwanted Tools plus Books and Toys for Africa

The Rotary Club of Wensleydale are currently undertaking two appeals. The first is for unwanted or surplus joinery, plumbing, building and gardening tools for the villagers on the island of Ukerewe, near Mwanza in Tanzania. Any tools (including electrical ones) that are clean and in good working order would be useful in helping the villagers in a number of current projects.

The second appeal is for any unwanted pens, pencils, books, games, skipping ropes or toys which will be sent to the Gambia Schools Trust. Children are taught in English in The Gambia so all English text books are always welcome.

If you have items that you are willing to donate to either appeal, please speak to any Rotary Club member that you know, or ring **Neal Peacock on 650169**. More information is also available on www.wensleydale.rotary1040.org

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 14th October 10.00am – noon

Ruth Lindsey is holding a Coffee morning at home at Collier Holme Farm from 10.00am to noon to raise money for Macmillan nurses. There will be a raffle and Phoenix cards and Christmas items for sale.

Sport England Launch Places People Play

“**Inspired Facilities**”, part of the Places People Play programme, is to deliver a London 2012 legacy of increased mass participation in sport, and is investing £50 million of Nation Lottery funding in up to 1000 community projects between 2011 and 2014.

The scheme is designed to support voluntary and public sector groups to refurbish and improve existing facilities, or develop an existing building for sports use in the community.

Eligible improvements must fall under the following headings:

- o Building modernisation
- o Outdoor sports lighting
- o Outdoor sports surfaces and AdiZones
- o Modular buildings
- o Sports equipment

Local authorities, statutory bodies and educational institutions are eligible for grants ranging from £20,000 to £150,000.

There will be 5 funding rounds with the first 3 being the following:
Up to 28th September 2011;
1st February to 2nd April 2012;
23rd July to 17th September 2012.

For more information please see:

<http://inspiredfacilities.sportengland.org/>

What Is This Circle Dancing Anyway?

Well, not surprisingly, we dance in a circle, so you can come and join in, whether or not you have a dancing partner.

We learn dances from many parts of the world -some traditional, some more modern choreographies. There are simple dances, fast ones with nifty footwork, and also more calm and meditative dances. The

music is evocative, and often wonderful.

Each dance is taught individually, with the emphasis on enjoyment rather than “getting it right”. If your feet do it differently to other people, then you are just doing another version !

We are a small, friendly group, and welcome new people to join us. We dance weekly on Monday nights, at 7.30 pm. at Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge.

This latest season of dancing started on **Monday, 12th September** with a modest weekly fee of £2.00 per night.

Come along and try a couple of sessions - a happy challenge for feet and brain!

Contact: -**650548**

Paula Hague

NSPCC Fundraising Event

Join us for TEA and STALLS in
CARPERBY INSTITUTE on
THURSDAY 3rd NOVEMBER
between 3.00 and 5.00pm.

Evelyn Abraham 663243

Ask Craske!

With the recent road-resurfacing going on it seemed natural to turn to Andrew again to see what went on in the 1950s and 60s. Readers might recall our articles some years ago about *Hilda*, Andrew's beloved steam roller, and how it was rescued, renovated and now works perfectly at steam rallies.



'Hilda' herself

But road works don't seem to have the appeal they once had! The smell of the tar, the trouble getting it off the shoes, the kids rushing out to see the ten-ton rollers clanking up and down were all part of the annual visitation. The Aysgarth Rural District Council had the local responsibility but contractors like David Wood and Co. of Yeadon (based on what's now the Leeds/

Bradford Airport) were appointed to carry out the work, having their own drivers but hiring locals or annual characters, like big, tall 'Jack Shadow', a tramp, for gritting and tarring. (*That's him in picture ***)

It's the details which make the event come alive! No temporary traffic lights, just a man with a red and a green flag; the complaint from Askrigg locals: "not all tar up Howgate or the horses will slip"; the tarring of the last un-surfaced road—Newbiggin (Askrigg); and especially the accidents: a steam roller breaking down on the moor-top, and one upside down at Thorlby Bank having to be righted without any lifting gear.

The contractors would do other work while up here; bits of annual re-alignment of the roads. How many have you noticed?



Trouble at the top of Howgate, Gayle

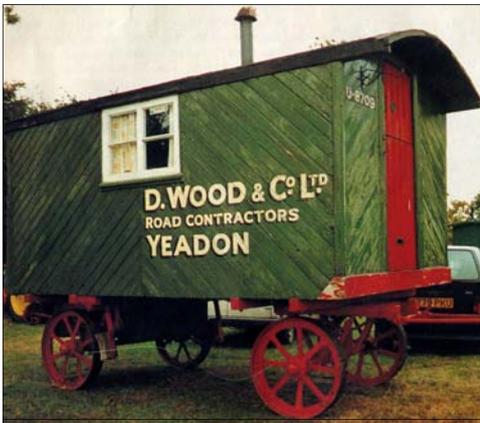
Carperby, Palmer Flatt and obviously Bainbridge. Older readers will remember the removal of the hump-backed bridge at



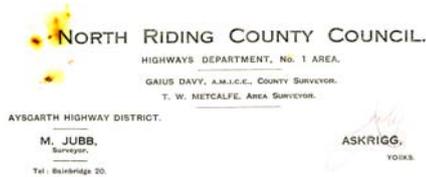
Low Mill Askrigg. Maybe someone would like to remind us of traffic and roads in Hawes before the Holme bridge was built.

At the same time road signs would be repaired and re-painted. "Jack Gibson did that" said Andrew.

It was all much smaller-scale and labour intensive as some of our pictures show. Maybe Andrew's rescued artefact giving the greatest detail of what went on is a huge folder of correspondence between the contractors, minor officialdom at the District Council and complainants in the 1930s.



And they lived on the job



BRANDYMIRE,
HAWES,
YORKSHIRE
2nd July 1931

Dear Sir,

I am informed that during tar spraying operations on the Widdale Road considerable damage has been done to gate pillars on land belonging to my brother adjoining the road near Widdale School.

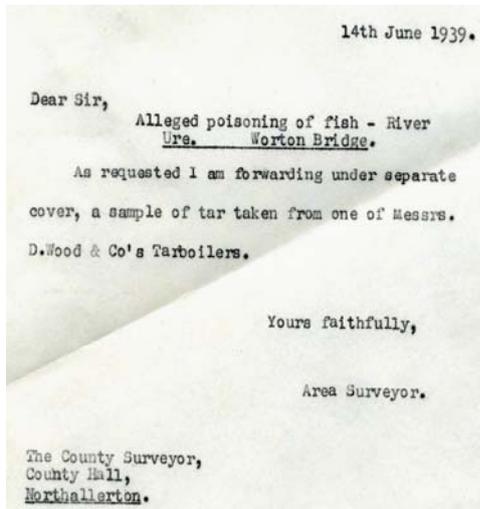
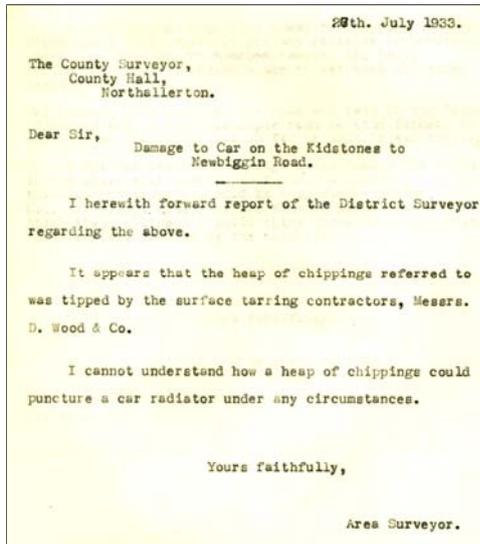
It appears that part of the pasture was used for the parking of lorries &c and that the damage was done as they were being driven in and out of the land.

I shall be glad to know that this will receive attention at an early date.

Yours faithfully,
John J. Willan

After six weeks of correspondence between J.J. Willan, T.W. Metcalfe (Area Surveyor, Richmond) and M.Jubb (Aysgarth Highway District, - Telephone Bainbridge 20), the matter was passed to David Wood of Yeadon, presumably hoping they would foot the bill!

OR THESE:



Swansong?

It is with regret that the officers of the WEA, Upper Wensleydale Branch are retiring without any successors, thus effectively dissolving the Branch. Giving its full title, the Workers Educational Association is a national organisation with a solid tradition of providing opportunities for adults not only to fill in gaps in their education but also to widen and stimulate their perspective of life in general.

The local unit has a continuous (BSE and Foot and Mouth years excepted) twenty five year history of providing courses allowing in depth study of topics, local and general. Archeology, old buildings, social history, gardens, music, astronomy, art history, local flora and fauna, genealogy, industrial heritage are among the subjects investigated at the well attended sessions and field trips led by experienced tutors..

All aspects of adult continuing education, particularly non-vocational areas, are currently under strain with reduced central financial support making the potential loss of this essentially voluntary service for investigating local heritage, enlarging peoples' horizons and providing social interaction, all the more regrettable.

Thanks are due to all past supporters, tutors and activists for their contributions to the success of the experience over the years.

PS see the linked "Wanted" advertisement in this issue.

Upper Dales WEA Committee.

Wanted

Management team (chairman, secretary, treasurer) located in Wensleydale.

For an organisation with 25 year history of successful activity in Upper Wensleydale, supported by a national parent with 100yr existence.

Age and experience immaterial. Administrative essentials are provided by the parent(** *see below*)

Present occupants of posts obliged to retire on grounds of health and age.

Commitment: hours and their phasing according to choice. Maximum (for secretary) well under 100 hours per year.

Remit: opportunity to call on expert tutors to lead stimulative, participative, courses in topics of general interest selected by you. Typically, a year's activity consists of six to fifteen, two hour, weekly sessions.

Courses can be vocational or non-vocational

Target audience is any person with curiosity or interest in the relevant topic. Given the area, a large proportion of past students has been retirees.

Publishing results of student researched topics for wider audiences (including academia) is always a possibility.

Rewards: Satisfaction in giving an appreciated service to the community; ability to guide to choice of themes rewarding to you; social contacts within local society.

Enquiries:-

663280- Dennis Brown, email:

browconsul@aol.com

663706- Jill Fox, 624393- Jane Clark

**** The W.E.A.**

Celebratory Vicar visits the Moorcock Show

A record number of people, both locals, tourists and from abroad visited the Moorcock Show which took place on Saturday 3rd September at Mossdale near Hawes.

Spotted among the visitors was John Middleton, the actor who plays Ashley Thomas the vicar in the ITV soap Emmerdale.

The weather did not dampen the enthusiasm of the visitors or exhibitors who appeared to have an enjoyable time. The supreme champion of all breeds was a Swaledale Ewe owned by PE and KA Sowerby with a Texcel Ewe owned by RO and EA Stone as the reserve champion.

Colin Lockett

Contrasts

Angela Keeble will exhibit “Abstracts in Oil” and Janet Rawlins will exhibit “Landscapes in Collage and Watercolour” at an exhibition at the Dales Countryside Museum. The exhibition will run from the 13th to the 30th October open daily from 10.00am until 5.00pm.

All are invited to the Charity Preview on 12th October at 7pm price £3 for MacMillan Cancer Care

Annual Shopping Trip Newcastle

Thursday November 17th

Leaves Thoralby at 8.30am picking up at West Burton and West Witton.
Names to Mrs Bailey, please.

663319

Gayle Mill

Sunday, October 2nd Demonstration Day.
2-hour tours at **11.00am and 2.30pm**.
Adults £10, children £5 including refreshments. Booking advised.

Saturday, October 29th, 9.30am- 5.00pm
Hands on Experience Day; learn how to use the historic woodworking machine.
£125 includes full tuition, materials used, light lunch and refreshments. Booking essential.

Phone **667320** www.gaylemill.org.uk to book for either event.

Newsletter Committee News

We have lost our committee member Sarah Dinsdale who has been replaced by Sarah Champion! Congratulations to Sarah on her September marriage to Paul.

Competition

The clues lead to wild flowers. The only trouble is that you must then change one letter to get the answer! Obviously, we give an example:

Sleep-furniture + runs on lines = beds tram
= bedstraw

Now try these:

1. e.g. "Les Miserables" + let fall
2. Either + bottom of face
3. Rested + cock's mate
4. Scheme + precipitation
5. Pipes kept warm +Hood
6. Not there + Bob
7. Thin rope + sea food
8. Go and get
9. Not tight + withdraw labour
10. Meal + not runny
11. Copy/read + debts
12. Little cake + port
13. Creepy-crawly + in charge
14. Liquid + newspapers
15. Crackpot + drinking vessel

September Answers

Clothing.

1. Cardigan
2. Briefs
3. Vest
4. Jersey
5. Trousers
6. Shawl
7. Scarf
8. Bowler hat
9. Blouse
10. Cravat
11. Jumper
12. Sweatshirt.

COMPETITION WINNER: Derek Ramsden, Sycamore Hall.

Leyburn Ladies Choir Concert

Friday Sept 30th 7.30 pm

Wensley Church

Tickets £10 Free wine and canapés after
the concert



**It's a mystery to us as well!
Janet Leyland writes, "It was taken by Kenneth Parfitt 40 years ago. It**

The Upper Dales Mobile Skip Service
Saturday October 15th
Gayle Green
9.00 am - 1.00 pm

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

WARNING - Please note that **NO** waste must be dumped the night before the skip visits on Gayle Green. This puts both the dumper and the County Council in danger of being fined heavily for fly-tipping. NYCC has advised that if this illegal practice continues the mobile skip service, which is of huge benefit to us all in the Upper Dales, will be placed under threat of complete withdrawal.

Enquiries -

County Councillor John Blackie
0796 758 9096

Operation Christmas Child

Once again it is time to begin filling shoe boxes for distribution to underprivileged children in some of the toughest parts of the world. Last year nearly 1.2 million boxes were sent from the UK, bringing joy and hope to children and the knowledge that someone cares about them.



Boxes are given out regardless of the child's background or religious beliefs—an unconditional gift, asking nothing in return.

Please collect a leaflet with details of what to include from Hawes Post Office or Library. Cover a medium-sized shoe box with Christmas paper, lid separately, and enclose a cheque for £2.50 payable to Samaritan's Purse (or £2.50 in cash) towards transport, and do Gift Aid if you can. Boxes should be handed in to the Post Office or Library by **Friday November 11th**.

Remember your shoe box may be the only gift the child receives at Christmas. So be part of Operation Christmas Child and bring happiness to children caught up in extreme poverty, disease, natural disasters and conflicts. Thank you.

Heather and Nelson Caplin 667625 Community Office News

We now have a website, www.hawescommunityoffice.co.uk which is still in its early stages of development but up and running with timetables of the Little White Bus.

The Bus is proving very popular, especially with its Wednesday trips, but don't forget that you can make a request booking for a trip to the dentist, doctor or hairdresser, for shopping or for a party! In addition to the two scheduled daily runs to Garsdale Station, it can meet other trains on request. It seats 16 people. Phone the office

on **667400** or the driver on **07816 986448** or email the office: uwco@btconnect.com or the driver: littlewhitebus@blackberry.orange.co.uk

Robin Myshrall from Credit Union is at the Office on alternate Tuesday mornings for enquiries and for anyone who would like to open an account.

We now take requests for the Meals on Wheels service. The meals cost £3.25 and are delivered by WRVS volunteers. (sorry, NOT by The Hairy Bikers) At the moment the scheme covers an area from Simonstone to Gayle and Burtersett to Appersett.

Don't forget that we have a (real) coffee machine at the office and WiFi in addition to the Library computer access. Call in for your free (daily) 30 minutes of internet access and have a cuppa for 50p.

Were you aware that we can order books for reading groups? There is no charge for the reservation and there is a 3 month loan period. It's free to join the library too.

Trish West

Free Health Walks in October in Askrigg and Hawes

Beginners' walks – less than 1 hour, reasonably flat, no high stiles (just the odd squeeze)

- Wednesday 5th October – 11.00am - Yorebridge Sports Centre.
- Monday 10th October – 11.00am - Yorebridge Sports Centre.
- Wednesday 12th October – 10:30am – Hawes Market House
- Wednesday 19th October – 11.00am - Yorebridge Sports Centre Askrigg
- Monday 24th October - 11.00am - Yorebridge Sports Centre Askrigg

There will be a 2 hour walk with some slopes and stiles on Monday 17th October – 10:30am – Hawes Market House.

For a full programme of walks contact **William Gedye on 07710 739192** or email walk.for.health@btinternet.com

Harvest Café Church

Friday 21st October (4:00 – 5:30pm)

Redmire Village Hall

Children's activities and 'café style' act of worship based on **Water Aid's Seeds of Hope**
All are welcome
Information: **Jayne Foster (622331) & Anne Day (6241710)**

Sales Table

St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth

Sunday 9th October

Contributions for the homemade produce are required e.g. bread, cakes, biscuits, scones, jams and other preserves or items of craftwork.

Reimbursements of the cost of ingredients will be offered.

For further info. please contact

Pat Hesketh 663420

Wensleydale Railway
(office tel 08454 50 54 74)

I'm starting with an apology! It may seem rather early to mention Santa Specials but once half term is over the bookings come in very quickly indeed so it's important to book well in advance. Tickets for these ever-popular trains are £12.50 each (adults and children) and include wrapped gifts for children, mulled wine and mince pies for adults. *The October/November programme* includes the Autumn Dormouse Guided Stroll on Saturday October 1st (see below); two repeats of the successful Murder Mystery event (Fri & Sat, Oct 8/9th - booking essential); also Hallowe'en Specials at the end of October; Bedale Fireworks Express on Saturday November 5th; Poppy Day week-end (November 12/13th) and special diesel-hauled trips on all November week-ends. Please check the revised 'green' autumn timetable before travelling. Extra vegetation clearance work is in progress which has necessitated changes to some train times on the printed 'orange' timetable for the time being - but no train runs earlier than originally scheduled. More details on www.wensleydalerrailway.com

'*City of Truro*' will not run on October 8/9th but steam loco no.5643 will, on some services. *2 mile Guided Stroll on Saturday October 1st* (no need to book). EITHER depart Leyburn for Redmire at 10.33 OR catch vintage bus from Redmire station at 11.05 to Aysgarth OR meet group leaders Diana and Sheila when the vintage bus arrives at the stop for Aysgarth National Park Centre. This is a very popular event so bring a packed lunch

**Settle-Carlisle Enterprise
Network**

Second Walking Conference:
"Walking, a social, environmental and
economic priority"
Wednesday, November 16th
Victoria Hall, Saltaire
Little White Bus; Hawes to Garsdale for
10.02 train. **Ruth Annison 650187**

Police Report

The nights are quickly drawing in now and winter is just around the corner. I can't remember much of a summer (if any) this year – a typical British summer if statistics are anything to go by.

Talking of statistics, ours show that over the last couple of weeks there has been another spate of minor and not so minor vandalism in and around Hawes. Walls have been damaged, a car "keyed" and other vehicle tyres damaged. The frequency of this criminal damage would tend to suggest it is somebody living here. The "grapevine" will no doubt be buzzing with potential suspects. What we need is for this information to reach us in a form where we can take positive action to rid the town of this menace.

Officers have recently been patrolling the sheep sales. This is in an effort to stop the farming community becoming victims of crime as over the last few years trailers have been taken and spare wheels have been stolen from Land Rover Defenders. As there are several more sheep sales due over the next month or so hopefully this article may be read by people attending those sales. I say this because on the first day of the current sale (when I am writing this) 7 Land Rover Defenders have been found insecure and with the keys left in the ignition. PLEASE GET OUT OF THE HABIT OF DOING THIS. Criminals travel far and wide for opportunities such as this and it only takes a couple of seconds to get in a Land Rover and drive it away.

If you are unlucky enough have your vehicle stolen, then it is normal to claim on your insurance. It is also normal for insurance companies to contact the Police for a report on the theft. Where any negligence can be shown on the owners part, such as

leaving it insecure and with the keys in the ignition, then payouts may not be forthcoming, leaving you with a large bill to replace your vehicle. LOCK IT OR LOSE IT.

Road Safety Dark nights are coming back. Please check the lights on your vehicles and make sure they are working. Cyclists this also applies to you – riding on the footpath in the dark without lights is two offences. Pedestrians – when waking on an unlit road without footways help other road users to see you in time - wear something visible. Fog lights on vehicles (front and back) are high intensity and cause dazzle and should only be used in poor visibility (100 metres or less for or snow) – this does not mean when it is dark – that's what head lights are for.

If you have any information about any crime or suspicious activity please get in touch.

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

Surgery News

Some time ago I wrote about how everyone can help now that we have to manage with 3 doctors. Unfortunately there are a small number of people who persist in making inappropriate use of the services we provide, as follows;

DNAs

This stands for Did Not Attend. There is great pressure for appointments with the doctors, nurses & healthcare assistant. Some days, we could allocate appointments several times over to people in need of them. So it is particularly selfish to take an appointment & then not turn up. I have seen up to three DNAs in one session in recent weeks, & the same names do keep recurring (the computer system logs all DNAs in patients' records). Persistent abusers of the system will not be offered appointments in future. If you cannot attend your appointment, please contact us at the earliest opportunity so that it can be allocated to someone else, & you will not be a DNA.

Latecomers

Can I ask everyone to familiarise themselves with the surgery times, particularly for the morning open-access surgeries. There have been many instances recently of folks turning up after the end of morning surgery, expecting to be seen. This delays the start of doctors' visiting rounds. We are aware of one or two people who are dependent on public transport, which sometimes gets them to surgery at the last minute. Other than this, we will not be able to see patients who turn up after the time that surgery is scheduled to end.

Late home visit requests

Once morning surgery ends, the doctors deal with any urgent clinical issues, before going out on visiting rounds. People in the Dales do not tend to make unnecessary

requests for home visits, which is just as well considering the large area that we have to cover. However, there are a small number of patients who persistently request routine home visits late in the morning, or even early in the afternoon. By this time, the doctor may already have visited your village & moved on to the next dale. So please make all requests for home visits before 10.30am. For serious medical emergencies, please call the ambulance service on 999.

Doctors' Rotas

Due to a technical issue, it has not been possible to upload rotas to the website that links to the practice website. I am pleased to report that rotas are now incorporated onto the main site at www.centraldalespractice.co.uk. Just click on the 'Surgery Times' tab. You can also order your repeat medication through the site.

Winter Flu Jabs

The traditional winter flu vaccination programme is under way & some of you will already have had your jabs. If you are over 65 (or will be by 31st March next year) or younger than this but in an 'at risk' group you should book your winter flu jab without delay. At risk groups include those patients taking medicines that lower their immune response, pregnant women & those with the following conditions:-

- Asthma
- Diabetes
- Chronic kidney, liver or lung disease (COPD)
- Those with no spleen
- Chronic heart disease
- Chronic neurological disease (e.g multiple sclerosis)
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Others who should have a jab even though they are not in an at risk group in-

clude those who care for a sick or elderly person, those who live in a care or residential home, & those who are frontline health or social care staff.

Please make your appointment for your job without delay.

Clive West

Open Evening with Jim Wight

The High Dales group of W.I.s invite you to an evening with Jim Wight, son of Alf (the real James Herriot). This will take place on **Friday 14th October** in West Burton Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £5 including refreshments. To reserve a ticket phone **666842** after 7.00pm.

Jane Macintosh

Craft Fair

Sycamore Hall

Saturday November 5th

10.00 to 2.00pm

Refreshments will be available.

For more details contact

Lisa Webb 07919 896612

Lightning, Ink and Scams

The lightning storms a few weeks ago wreaked havoc with many desktop computers in the area. A few customers of mine had minor glitches and issues because the power went off but a number of people were less lucky and actually had their computers destroyed by power surges!

There are a number of things you can do. The simplest is to unplug equipment from the wall socket when not in use or during a storm and if you use a wired connection to the internet don't forget to unplug your hub/router too. For many this simple solution isn't ideal or desirable as they leave their computer and internet switched on all the time, even when they are out and about, and in these cases something more flexible is required.

The commonest way to protect your computer from power fluctuations is to use a power strip with surge protection (usually a strip of 4, 6 or 8 mains sockets with extra protection). These can be purchased cheaply – and there is a reason they are so cheap. They may help with minor fluctuations in power levels but they don't protect you from power cuts or lightning at all. Additionally many of these power strips come with exaggerated warranty and insurance promises such as “if your computer is damaged we will pay up to £40,000 for a replacement” but in my experience these guarantees are not really worth the paper they are written on and you are extremely unlikely to get any compensation at all.

The only solutions that truly guarantee against power failure and lightning are Universal Power Supplies (UPS) which for full protection are extremely expensive (in the thousands, some five figures). There are some more budget models of UPS that will help a lot by providing a battery backup for

your computer in the event that power fluctuates outside normal range or goes off altogether. The UPS contains a heavy duty rechargeable battery and automatically senses voltage fluctuations and switches to battery mode as required. They don't provide long term battery use but they work long enough to allow your computer to automatically turn itself off properly (using a program provided with the UPS) rather than just blackout or worse. They will protect you to a certain extent during lightning storms but the budget models won't protect against a direct strike. If you are interested in UPS devices check out www.apc.com who provide some affordable UPS devices suitable for small office or home use.

Two final notes this time:

I have come across a number of inkjet printers recently that have been damaged by buying cheap ink. There are some compatible ink manufacturers that provide a good product but many times it is not worth the risk to your printer. Almost all manufacturers invalidate the warranty on your printer if you don't use their inks and it can be a costly mistake if your printer needs a new print-head as a result of saving a few pounds.

The telephone scams seem to be increasing – I am now getting a steady stream of people asking for advice. The best advice is that unless you have called someone for help DO NOT let anyone access your computer because they call you, even if they do say they are from Microsoft. If possible get some identifying details, make an accurate note of what they say and contact the police and/or trading standards.

That's all this month – if you have any questions or problems and need a hand you can always send me an email via my website at www.dalescomputerservices.com.

Greetings & For Sale

<p>Keith Miller would like to thank everyone who donated to the Great North Air Ambulance at his recent 60th birthday celebrations.</p> 	<p>Sumner Congratulations George and Mary on your 65th wedding anniversary, October 16th. Love from all the family.</p>
<p>James Peacock, Bainbridge, would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for cards, gifts and donations (for Help for Heroes) on the occasion of his 90th birthday.</p>	<p>Mary Iveson at Brentwood Lodge Leyburn formally of Burnside, Gayle, sends thanks to staff, friends and family for help, kind wishes and cards on her 104th birthday on 22nd September.</p>
<p>Golf Equipment, new and used (in good condition) in exchange for donations in support of Marie Curie Cancer Care Includes men's and lady's right-handed golf clubs and bags, ball retrievers, Golf King trolleys, Mizumo carry bags, shoes and balls. For more information please call 623728.</p>	<p>raised will go to Dalesplay resource fund. Dalesplay will also be holding the annual Halloween walk around the town collecting treats on our travels. Everyone is welcome to join us and the event is Free of charge. We depart from Dalesplay at 6.30pm on 31st October and on returning to Dalesplay we will have apple bobbing, colouring, carved pumpkin competition and much more for the children to be entertained, (again this is all free), we will have beverages and hot dogs on sale for those who haven't had time for some tea or need warming up so come along and join in the fun. Dalesplay would like to congratulate our Deputy manager, Louise, and her family on the safe arrival over her daughter Paige; they are all doing well!</p>



Dalesplay have been busy looking at the changing environment around them as the leaves begin to fall. The children have been on a nature walk to collect leaves and berries to make a large squirrel collage. We have been baking some tasty autumn treats and learning some new autumn songs. The children are getting ready to celebrate Diwali and Halloween by learning a little about the events through crafts, stories and more. Dalesplay will be holding a Halloween disco on **Friday 28th October 7.00-8.00m** for children aged 3-14years. Children under 5 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. We will have some light refreshments to purchase at a minimal cost and a small fee on the door. All money

Joanne Middleton

WHAT'S ON LISTINGS - Add these dates to your diary

September

- 30 Leyburn Ladies Choir Concert at Wensley Church. See p.

October

- 1 Folk night at Hubberholme. See p.
 2 Harvest Festival at Hardraw Church at 2.30pm
 2 Hardrow Harvest Festival at 2.00pm followed by the Parish Party in the Green Dragon at 4.00pm.
 2 Harvest Parish Party at the Green Dragon at 4.00pm
 2 St Matthew's, Stalling Busk; 1.00pm–Cafe Style Harvest Service with soup & bread
 2,29 Gayle Mill events. See p.
 3,8 Red Squirrel conservation walk in Snaizholme. Strenuous 16k. Meet at Dales Countryside Museum, 10.00am
 4 Hawes Drama Group reads "The Hollow" by Agatha Christie; Gayle Institute, 7.30pm
 4 Coffee Drop-in; Thoralbby. See p.
 5 Coffee Club, Redmire. See p.
 6 Back to the Land Girls; 7.30pm at the DCM. Tickets £8 **666210**. See p.13
 6 Water colour course starts. Hawes Market House. See p.
 7 Wensleydale Society meets. See p.
 7,8 Murder mystery. See p.
 9 Sales Table; St Andrew's Aysgarth
 9 Harvest; St Margaret's Hawes
 9 Special children's Service for Pets; St Oswald's, Askrigg. 4.00pm
 11 Great North Air Ambulance; Bags 2 School collection. 8.30am Askrigg School
 11 YDNPA Planning Committee, Yoredale, Bainbridge. 10.30am
 11 Decorative and Fine Arts meeting. See p.
 12 Art Exhibition at DCM; Charity Preview. 7.30pm. £3 for MacMillan Cancer Care. See p.
 13 "Christians in the Dales". See p.
 13-30 Art Exhibition at DCM. See p.
 14 Hawes Market House AGM 7.30pm
 14 An evening with Jim Wight. See p.
 14 Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 14th October 10.00am - noon p.
 14 Archive Films of the Dales at Thoralbby Village Hall. See p.
 15 Gayle Chapel Autumn Rally; 7.30pm Hunton Ladies to sing
 16 Aysgarth Methodist Church anniversary 6.30pm
 16 Harvest Festival at St Margaret's Hawes. 10.30am
 19 'Spot On'. Musical entertainment; Carperby W.I. At the Institute 7.30pm
 20 Hawes W.I. Victoria costume 1806-1910; Methodist rooms, 7.00pm
 21 Museum Friends AGM followed by Dr Malcolm Hamer's local films 7.30pm
 21 Harvest Cafe Church; Redmire Village Hall. See p.
 24 Harvest Supper, Redmire. See p.
 24 Seed gathering event; Freeholder's Wood, 10.00am to noon. Meet Aysgarth Falls N. Pk. Centre. Booking essential: **662910**
 25 Coffee morning and stalls; Hawes Methodist rooms, 10.00am to noon
 26 Upper Dales Family History. See p.
 26 Wild Wednesday family day. Suitable for children over 5yrs accompanied by an adult. All day event: - Aysgarth Falls N. Pk. Centre
 29 NSPCC Coffee morning; Aysgarth. See p.
 29 St Matthew's, Stalling Busk; Coffee Morning, 10.00am to noon
 30 St Oswald's, Askrigg 10.30am; United Service with Bainbridge Methodists
 30 Table Top Sale in Market House, Hawes for the local school

Doctors' Rotas as Supplied by the Health Centre

AYSGARTH SURGERY ROTA										HAWES SURGERY ROTA											
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Wb	Oct 3rd		10th		17th		24th		31st		Wb	Oct 3rd		10th		17th		24th		31st	
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Mon	F	F	JF	JF	J	J	J	J	W	W	Mon	J	J	W	W	F	F	W	W	F	J
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Doctors: F - France, J - Jones, W - West, C - Closed
Morning Surgery: 9.00 - 10.30 a.m. (no appointments)
Afternoon Surgery: 4.00 - 5.30 p.m. (appointment only)
For appointments and all enquiries ring 663222

Doctors: F - France, J - Jones, W - West, C - Closed
Morning S'y: 8.45-10.15 Tues till 10.45 (no appointments)
Afternoon S'y: 5.00-6.00 Tues 1.00-4.00 (appointments only)
For appointments and all enquiries ring 667200

Museum Events 666210 for details

For more information contact the DCM on
666210

July-October

22 Jul-6 Oct Trees of Life; 10.00am–5pm.
Discover truths and tales of the woodlands of the Dales. Free

October

- 2 The history of knitting in the Dales.
1.00 to 4pm. Free
- 4 Spinning demonstration. 2 to 4pm. Free
- 10 Meet a Ranger. 2 till 3pm. Free
- 25 Dry stone walling demonstration.
2 till 4pm. Free with museum ticket
- 26 Storytelling and children's craft workshop; £3. Booking advised

**Church Coffee Club
Bolton-cum-Redmire PCC
Wednesday 5th October
10:30am to noon**

Jill and Paul Adamson, The Old Police House, Redmire

Prunings

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

What a wind we had last week! On Monday I spent a frustrating day, or so it seemed, on the docks in Dover waiting for the ferry which was three hours late due to the conditions. The gale was so bad at home that it took a huge branch off a mature sycamore and reduced my neighbour's garden shed to matchwood. By the time I returned on the Tuesday evening the sun was shining and the blow had tempered to a breeze. On the Tuesday night we certainly had a frost as the horse chestnut trees along the road had turned red as if by magic and the shiny conker cases poked out through the cascade of burnished leaves.

There is so much colour to delight the eye: the *Aralia Elata* has once again dressed itself for Autumn just as the flowers are at their best and looking like creamy frothy ice creams atop of red cones. I was so occupied by the impact of the redness that for two days I did not notice that the gale had snapped off one trunk at ground level. I am always amazed that it manages to flower in our short Summer season. It belongs to the *Fatsia* family and is also known as the Japanese Angelica Tree. I believe that the spring shoots can be cooked and eaten, although I don't much fancy it. According to NC State University it is seriously invasive and spreads by underground suckers. This perhaps explains why my husband has to keep mowing the shoots off where they come up in the lawn. At the same time the *Viburnum Opulis* has been transformed to almost the same shade as the Japanese Maple.

There is a super harvest in the hedgerows at the moment. Brambles and Bramleys have occupied me this week although I've

only used windfalls so far. We picked the rest in case the wind got up again and I have stored them in plant trays separating them with folded newspaper. My first pie was a bit on the tart side, and I've bought plenty of sugar which will also be needed when I go foraging for sloes which are festooning the Blackthorn. They should be ready now as we have had the first frost.

I shall have to clear some space to put vulnerable plants into the polytunnel but I am loth to move any of the tomatoes which are still fruiting and ripening well. Even with the hardy varieties I prefer to have one or two under cover as insurance. It is also a good time to re-pot shrubs before it gets too cold, especially if they are beginning to look a bit tired. Most will benefit from having the roots trimmed back by about a quarter. Add fresh compost and water well. The plant then has a chance to grow some new roots which usually invigorates it before the worst of the winter. I gather that early snow is in the offing! What a prospect in the middle of September!

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

Rose Rambler

Drop in For Coffee!

At Fernlea, Thoraby
(Opposite the village hall)
**on Tuesday, October 4th
from 10.00am to noon.**

£1 for coffee and biscuits

Cake and book stalls.

Proceeds shared between
Aysgarth St. Andrew's and
Aysgarth Methodist Churches.

