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Editorial

A matter of life and death.

Just a hundred years ago (April 14th to be exact) the *Titanic* sank with the loss of over 1500 lives. It was a tragic accident. Just over one year ago the Japanese tsunami claimed over nineteen thousand lives. That was a tragic natural disaster.

These make headline news. So do the deaths of servicemen in Afghanistan, or the deaths on the streets of Syria, situations which are neither a tragic accident nor a natural disaster but the results of war or conflict. And for the sake of balance, what about the thousands of native Afghan deaths?

The circumstances of the deaths, how they are publicised and the kinds of people who have died, affect the manner or the emphasis of our grief. Is that right? Every single day thousands die in the deserts of Africa; thousands die in road or industrial accidents and many die as a result of their work within the emergency services. Every single death leaves grieving families, loved ones and close friends, and the grief is just as acute for all of them.

Good to be reminded then that Springtime (which as this is being written has arrived in very good time) is a time of new life. The flowers - garden and wild - are making a great show; the birds are busy and we suspect a lot of us are feeling that winter is behind us.

For the Christian church, of course, Easter (from 'Eostare' meaning springtime) is the high point of the year with the remembrance of one death leading to newness of life, and for all of us there is great hope for the future when we remember those exemplary deaths caused in the service and for the well-being of others. For any who are grieving there is also a chance for us to show true sympathy, practical help and a listening ear and a determination to work for justice, for peace and for a full life for all.

Seventy years ago We have been loaned 25 copies of the very early *Yorkshire Dalesman* magazines (1940 -42) with permission to reproduce extracts from time to time. We have

tried to keep a selection of serious and comical pieces. It seems amazing that in time of war, some of the talking points and issues were exactly the same as now, and that such magazines were being produced – albeit quite thin with tiny type - but including 'Four page art supplement'. We hope you find them of interest.

Have Your Say on the future of the National Park

Organisations and members of the public are being asked to help shape the future of the Yorkshire Dales National Park over the next five years.

The National Park is launching a six-week consultation exercise to find out what kind of place people want the National Park to be in the future,

The document will set out objectives for the YDNPA and other organisations working in the National Park.

Once the consultation comes to an end on April 30th, the different views collected, together with evidence about different aspects of the National Park, will be used to draft a new plan.

Anyone wanting to take part in the consultation can find out more by visiting the Authority website at www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/ or phoning **0300 456 0030** or by returning a special postcard obtainable from National Park Centres, the Dales Countryside Museum and the National Park Authority offices in Bainbridge.

Thanks for support.

Joan Buck would like to thank all neighbours, friends and family for the support given to her in support of Samantha's effort in raising money for her 'Amala' trip this July: the 12 mile walk from Keld and cake-baking. There is another cake stall and auction of promises on Good Friday in Leyburn.

Newsletter Annual Report

At the risk of sounding either boring or complacent we have to say that the last year has been successful once again. This is due, in large measure, to the number of people who give their time and support.

With committee, printers, proof-readers, writers, information-gatherers, artists, monthly office labourers and distributors the number exceeds 90, and if we add on all those places who are happy to have the Newsletters in their shops and pubs, that comes to about 140. We believe that is our strength; thank you to them all, and to you who read it and donate to it, or advertise in it.

It's worth repeating that we try to cover as fairly as possible the whole area from Wensley and Preston up to Garsdale Head and Lunds, plus the very top end of Dentdale and Swaledale, although, clearly, Hawes and Askrigg/Bainbridge tend to dominate because they are the biggest communities.

We are always on the look-out for new names to feature— young, old, long-term residents or more recent arrivals. There have been more than 200 features over the years. I suppose we like to be 'nosey' in reporting on new businesses too, but that also helps them to establish themselves.

The last year has seen a very great improvement to the Newsletter on the Web and we are very grateful for the help of all those involved.

There is always room for more help, either on a regular basis or more occasionally, so get in touch if you think you have a useful talent. We find it hard work, but we have a good deal of fun as well!

A.S.W.

Charity Sky Dive

Kim McCarthy will be sky diving for Yorkshire Cancer Research on Sunday 22nd April.

Sponsorship for Kim to the Fountain Hotel, Hawes, please.

Tyro 2012 Training

Programme for Hawes

In conjunction with The Dales Countryside Museum

We hope you welcome this opportunity to access training in YOUR town, we think it makes sense to make training as accessible, convenient and cost effective as possible.

These open courses will be delivered at the Dales Countryside Museum and early booking is recommended. We look forward to welcoming you on these courses

Courses:

April 16th. Food Safety

June 19th Defibrillator and anaphylactic shock

July 20th First aid for farmers.

For information or to book a place please contact:

Anthony Rishton - 01756 692798

arishton@craven-college.ac.uk

We are Sailing!

The 45th Hawes and district gala takes place on **Saturday 23rd June**. This year we are having a Pirates/seafaring theme but as usual the fancy dress is open category. The Gala will be opened at 1.00pm outside the Bulls Head hotel.

As we write we are awaiting a reply from a certain Captain Jack Sparrow. He's all at sea at the moment but that's a life on the ocean wave for you! We hope that he will be able to assist this year's Gala Queen Bella Sunter on her big day. We look forward to welcoming you all and hope to have one of the best galas yet! Ahoy me hearties!

P.S Children we dare you to come and dine at the "Captains table!"

Sue Wood and the 2012 Gala committee

March Mystery

The March Newsletter had two pages missing, two duplicated and several shunted up. The best brains in the land have now solved the problem which was caused by a minute glitch in the Askrigg computer's memory. Somewhere along the line, text moved itself from one page to another. The day after collating and stapling was completed we tried again with the identical input and it all worked perfectly. A special apology to Richard Fawcett whose article started half way through but is reproduced fully this month. We even tried to tell the system to make the mistakes and it wouldn't let us. Sorry! Someone suggested it was an early April fool. Do we do that?

Children Prepare for Olympic Torch Visit to National Park

School children will be providing a welcoming reception party when the Olympic flame arrives. Youngsters from local primary schools have been invited to make flags to wave and bunting to help decorate the Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre car park ready for the arrival of the Olympic flame on Wednesday, June 20th.

The torchbearer will turn off the A684 at noon on to Church Bank in the village and run into the car park where he or she will spend a few minutes with the pupils before handing the flame over to the next relay runner. The torch will head back to the main road at 12.35pm to start the next leg of the flame's journey to Leyburn.

Once the Olympic torch leaves the car park with the Olympic convoy, members of the public are invited to drop in and join in a variety of Olympic and National Park-themed activities.

National Park Authority staff and Dales Volunteers will be running Wild Wednesday activities for families and children in the field at the Upper Falls that will include building miniature boats from bark and

other natural resources, animal Olympiad activities and a self-guided trail through Freeholders Wood.

In addition, members of the Swaledale Mountain Rescue will be staging demonstrations and giving out information and Wensleydale Railway will be holding an open day at the station. The Coppice Café in the National Park Centre will be selling refreshments.

The National Park Centre car park will be closed off for public parking during the visit but alternative parking will be available at the Wensleydale Railway site almost opposite.

The torchbearers for the Aysgarth leg of the relay will be 89-year-old Maurice Collett from Kendal, and Lucy Gale, 33, from Pontefract.

Young Writers Invited.

Before year 12 school students were overwhelmed with exams we had, for several years, some excellent writers under the Newsletter's Bursary Scheme. This clearly couldn't go on: you've too much to do now!

However, we would like to encourage any in years 7 to 12 (or anyone having left school) living within the Newsletter area to submit pieces of writing from time to time, for which there would be a fee paid for any published. The ideal length is about 350 words and the subjects are wide-open. Why not give it a go! If you would like to consider it, please ring **667785** and have a chat about it. **A.S.W.**

Men's Prayer Breakfast Saturday April 7th 8.30am Sycamore Hall

Speaker: Rev David Wood
Further details from Ian Ferguson Tel:
650685

Middleham and Dales Local History Group

**Tuesday 17th April, 2.00pm
Middleham Key Centre**

The 4th John Rettie Memorial Lecture *Medieval houses in the North of England* Dr Jane Grenville.

John Rettie, a renowned international journalist, humanitarian and dalesman, was chairman of this group until his death in January 2009. This fourth lecture to honour his memory will be given by Dr Jane Grenville of the University of York.

We are therefore greatly privileged that at this special moment in her professional life she has agreed to come to Middleham to lecture on a subject which, given the presence in the local area of important medieval houses such as Nappa Hall, is sure to be of enormous interest.

Annual membership of the group is £10 and visitors are welcome to attend individual meetings for a fee of £3. For further information, please contact **Tony Keates 640436** or email dotandtonyk@btinternet.com

Reeth Memorial Hall Events

Wednesday 4th April – 8.00pm - Maddy Prior with Giles Lewin and Hannah James –Songs From Far and Near With Clogs On.

Friday 13th April – 8.00pm - Benny Graham (singer, songwriter, storyteller, melodeon player), Chuck Fleming aka the fiery fiddler (fiddle & mandolin) and Bert Draycott (82 year old World Spoons Champion and Music Hall Maestro).

For further details or reservations email or ring **John Little - 01748-884759**, memorialhall@swaledale.org or see www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk

Working Woodlands The beauty and benefits of coppicing

This April, the Coppice Association North West (CANW) is filling Farfield Mill Arts and Heritage Centre, near Sedbergh, with innovative and traditional woodcrafts for an exciting and interactive event – ‘Working Woodlands: the Story of Coppice’. Coppicing is enjoying something of a regeneration (forgive the pun!)... It creates positive outcomes for the area – and thus the wildlife – and delivers great benefits for people, too, providing employment for some (including women), volunteering opportunities for others, and a safe learning zone for young people.

The *Working Woodlands* project, supported by the Big Lottery Fund, has been planned to show people what coppicing is all about, why it is important for our countryside and how they can get involved. The event at Farfield Mill includes daily demonstrations of coppicing crafts, an art exhibition of paintings and prints inspired by woods and woodland, and lots of hand-crafted items from coppiced wood for visitors to admire and purchase. Central to the event is the opportunity for people to have a go themselves, with children’s activities every day of the Easter holidays.

Annual Plant and Cake Stall

**10am – 12.30pm at Castle Bolton
Church
Easter Monday April 9th**

Contributions for the Cake Stall would be very welcome please, could be delivered early if necessary to Margaret Hall at Dale View Castle Bolton 623012. Refreshments will be served

March Competition Answers

Cryptic clues to towns in Yorkshire.

FARM BUILDINGS AND OLD LINE:
Barnsley

TOWN OF THE WARMEST SEASON
AND DRINK: **Holmfirth** (Last of the
Summer Wine)

DESPITE THIS, NO MILK FROM COW!
Huddersfield

LAMP KNOTS HERE: **Skelmanthorpe**

TOWN CROSSING: **Boroughbridge**

YOU COULD GO A-STRAY HERE:
Harrogate

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN SINCE I
LAST SAW YOU? **Ilkley** (Moor)

ATHLETICS: "FEVERISH 'EATS - - - - -
CONTESTED" **Otley**

LBA TOWN **Yeadon**

FRY EGGS ON T'PAVEMENT? AND
THERE'S A BEAR **Pudsey**

DON'T BE RESTLESS; - - - - - DOWN:
Settle

SQUABBLING; P FOR B: **Pickering**

BOATS RISE BY THREE AND FIVE:
Bingley

MINSTER AT ONE END, ST MARY'S
AT THE OTHER **Beverley**

IS IT IN THE JET-STREAM? **Whitby**

CARRIED ON LEAPING (WITH A
ROPE?) **Skipton**

IT'S IN EVERY OTHER ABLE IDEA
PLIED: **Bedale**

CPRE Members Hear About Gayle Mill Model

The model has been financed by CPRE Wensleydale for Gayle Mill. The talk and demonstration was given by Samantha Belcher from the Mill.

Members attending their AGM also heard from their chairman, Dr. Kristin Whalley of grants totalling £30,000 to this and other projects throughout the Dale notably the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust Coverdale and Raydale Projects. The chairman also urged local organisations with a need for finance for appropriate projects to approach CPRE Wensleydale who are able to make grants from the Paton Bequest, property left to the organisation by the late Miss Isobel Paton.

The well attended AGM enjoyed its customary supper and heard a summary of the past year and plans for the year to come. CPRE is a consultee on planning applications and policy and Tony Harrison, the organisation's planning officer was thanked for his work in this area. Anne Newstead, events officer, outlined plans for visits during the year and was thanked for her efforts during the past year.

Anyone interested in joining Wensleydale CPRE or suggesting a project for financial support, is asked to contact the chairman,

**Kristin Whalley, 663885
or Gerald Hodgson 624761**

Sounds Familiar "Revival Night"

Rock and Roll Band "Sounds Familiar" had a successful Dance on Saturday 25th February at Askrigg Village Hall, raising £600 for The Great North Air Ambulance.

Special thanks to all those who attended making it a great night.

Thank you to Jim Parades and his staff, Karen for assisting on the door and to Janet for organising everything.

Decorative and Fine Arts Society **The Sphinx of Delft**

Johannes Vermeer (1632-1675), the Dutch artist, was 'discovered' in the 20th century when he emerged from a group of domestic life painters to be ranked in reputation with Rembrandt, Hals and Steen. The reason he is so highly regarded now is the central theme of Tim Stimson's illustrated lecture **The Silent Moment of Johannes Vermeer** which focuses on the balance, the harmony and the stillness of his pictures. There is a calm, meditative quality in them which soothes the modern viewer, just as it probably did over three hundred years ago.

Tim Stimson was a professional painter and ceramicist, before returning to university to study literature and the history of art, and then training to teach adult residential study courses in Britain and Europe.

This Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society lecture is on **Tuesday 10th April at 2.00pm** in Middleham Key Centre.

Non-members are welcome at £5 per lecture, pre-booking is essential, membership and further information is available from the Membership Secretary, tel. **01748 886545**

Craft Fair

There will be craft fair at Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge on **Saturday April 14th from 10.00am to 2.00pm**. The proceeds will be going to the Sycamore Hall Amenity Fund. There will be refreshments available. Anyone who would like to book a table should please call **Alice 650850 or Lisa 07919 896612**.

Upper Dales Family History Group

This month's meeting will be on **Wednesday 25th April at 2.00pm** in Harmby Village Hall when the speaker is Jackie Depelle on *The Moravians in Yorkshire – Views of the Fulneck Settlement*.

The talk is based on a photographic walk round the Fulneck Moravian Settlement focusing on local history, how and why the buildings were erected, their original use and how are they used today with personal recollections of having attended the school there. The meeting will be followed by the AGM.

Entry is free to members of Cleveland FHS. Non-members welcome - £2.

For further details contact **Tracy Little**
01748-884759.

Sycamore News

A bit quiet at present, but last Saturday night Chris in the restaurant once again tempted quite a good crowd with a steak late meal which proved another winner.

Dilys and Liz organized a social gathering of day centre clients and residents to celebrate St Patrick's Day with a quiz on Ireland and the Irish way of life followed by Irish cakes and tea, and then wound off the afternoon with a DVD of Irish singing with Daniel O'Donnell.

Michelle tells me that she has organized an Easter Party on Tuesday April 3rd with entertainment and refreshments. She is working hard weather permitting to put the garden into shape ready for summer planting flowers. Nice work, Michelle, it's a credit to you.

I think we are getting nearer to Valuation Day at Sycamore Hall. Posters will be distributed when we get the date.

Derek Ramsden

Invitation to Get Involved with Your Local Health services

Discussions over the future sustainability of children's and maternity services at the Friarage Hospital in Northallerton are giving impetus to a new public involvement initiative which has been set up by the Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group (HRW CCG).

The CCG is one of the new organisations being set up to take over the commissioning (buying) of local health care services as part of the health and social care reforms. It will bring together local GPs and other NHS workers to plan and help improve health services for local people. It will gradually take more control of budgets and make decisions about what services to provide and in what way to our local communities.

The CCG is calling on local people to sign up to its Health Engagement Network. The Network will allow the CCG to involve local people in its future planning around NHS services and make sure those people's views are heard and taken into account.

Dr Vicky Pleydell, GP and interim Chair of the Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group, said: "As we establish ourselves as an NHS organisation, we want to set up ways for local people to have a say and get involved in the planning and shaping of local health services.

"Our Health Engagement Network is an excellent opportunity for people who want to play an active part in local health services. We will be able to gather views through surveys, focus groups and conversations and we hope this will help to make services we put in place more responsive to the needs of local people. We

will also use the information to help make decisions about planning new services.

"If you live in Hambleton, Richmondshire or Whitby or are registered with a GP in those areas, we'd be delighted to hear from you.

Just request a form by calling **01845 573956** or fill in a form online at www.northyorkshireandyork.nhs.uk/HRW and click on 'Join our Health Engagement Network'

Community Office News

The Little White Bus now provides a regular service from Hawes to Askrigg on Tuesdays.

The fare for a single journey is £1 and no concessions apply. There are three return journeys throughout the day. On request, a detour to Carperby or Aysgarth can be arranged. The Wednesday trips on the first Wednesdays of each month are proving popular, so make sure you book your seat.

4th April - Kendal
2nd May - Hayes at Ambleside
6th June - Windermere

The usual cost is £7 return or £5 concessions. Leaving Hawes at 11.30am, returning by 4.30pm. Pickups at small extra cost from Askrigg and Bainbridge.

Owing to the success of the Little White Bus, we are looking to expand our team of volunteers. (The commitment could be as little as half a day). For anyone interested, there would be full training towards a MIDAS Certificate. Contact Community Office or Tel:667400.

UWNL Accounts March 2011 to February 2012

Income

<i>Balances b/f</i>	10466.09
Donations & postal subs	923.00
Boxes	2519.52
Adverts	8325.40
Interest	61.11
	<u>11829.03</u>
	22295.12

Expenditure

Production costs	3487.08
Committee expenses & honoraria	1537.34
Software & computer servicing	240.00
Office rental	242.00
Donations & distribution costs	6085.23
Prizes	190.00
Equipment – printer, staplers, etc.	135.60
Bursary student	30.00
Book grant scheme	792.71
Refund to advertiser	30.00
	<u>12769.96</u>
<i>Balance c/f</i>	<u>9525.16</u>
	22295.12

The accounts were audited and approved on 10th March 2012 by Barry Wilcox, MCMI.

Income from collection boxes at our distribution points around the dales has increased considerably this year and many of our postal subscribers have been generous with their donations too, and with their compliments about the Newsletter. We are most grateful for all such support.

Expenditure has been higher than in 2010/11 due to increased production costs and because we made several large donations to charities. However, there were fewer applications for student book grants this year, only four compared with 12 last year, and the student bursary scheme ended early in the 2011/12 academic year.

Donations arising from our monthly competition have supported a number of local and county charities: Breathing Space, Dalesplay, Hawes Christmas Lights Fund, St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth, Sycamore Hall Amenity Fund, and the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Other donations we made included:

- £2000 North Country Theatre
- £1500 Wensleydale School Amala Fund
- £1000 Amala Children's Home
- £300 Seats for Hardraw
- £250 Dalesplay
- £200 H.A.O.S.
- £150 Hawes Christmas Lights Fund
- £150 Wensleydale Tournament of Song
- £50 Wensleydale Chorus

J.W.T.

Laburnum House, Hawes

I went to meet Teresa and Bob, the new proprietors of Laburnum House B&B and Tea Rooms in Hawes. Both ex-teachers who have always dreamed of running a Tea Room, they moved in two weeks ago and are just getting into gear for Easter. Familiar with Yorkshire, although they come from Lincoln, they have been looking at various businesses in the dales and moors; Teresa having had experience in catering before they came here. They are keen to get involved in the community too; Bob is already volunteering to help with the Gala!

Their son, Ian is studying catering at college but will be free to give a hand at weekends. Teresa tells me she is looking for additional help at weekends too, (phone number **667970**).

They also intend to provide a shop window for local artists to display and sell their work, paintings, photographs, prints etc.

Then there's the horse ...they have a horse and a rescue pony that they are anxious to find a paddock for nearby, as they are being looked after elsewhere at the moment, so if anyone reading this can help?

Laburnum House has three letting rooms and is dog-friendly. I welcomed them to Hawes and wished them all the best with their new venture.

S.H

Falls to be Lit?

North Yorkshire Energy Services (NYES), based in York, are applying for temporary permission to illuminate all three falls at Aysgarth for a month in celebration of the Queen's jubilee.

The company feels that with the installation of a temporary water-driven generator at the Lower Falls it will be possible to light up the Upper Falls red, the Middle Falls white and the Lower Falls blue, with a red, white and blue laser display shooting into the sky from dusk until midnight.

A rather more contentious application is in the pipeline for the amplified playing (with the words of both verses being sung) of the National Anthem on the hour throughout the day from 9.00am until 6.00pm from the top of the old mill buildings.

Full details, and how to make any comments or objections can be found at: www.fallsforanything/nyes.co.uk

"Handing on the Torch"

...is the title for a series of five informal meetings about the church today. On the **24th April, we will meet at 7.30pm** at Hardraw Church to consider whether Britain is a Christian country. **On 1st May**, at the Friends' Meeting House, Bainbridge, the discussion centres on a Secular Society. Details of later meetings will be given in next month's newsletter. Meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend, are free and light refreshments will be served. At each meeting we listen to opinions (on CD) of Archbishop Sentamu, Clifford Longley and Rachel Lampard and then share our own thoughts. The opinions of people who do not usually attend services are much sought after!

Geoff Phillips

Gayle Mill Events

Gayle Mill Opens for Guided Tours from 3rd April – 29th September 2012 Tuesday – Saturday at 2.00pm & 3.30pm (closed 5th June)

Additional Tours at 11.00am & 12.30pm Tuesday 3rd July – Friday 28th September. Tours last approximately one hour. Admission prices held for 5th year!

Silver and Metals Conservation at The Bowes Museum – Evening talk on Friday 30th March at 7:30pm - £3.50 entry (inc. hot drink on arrival)

Hear about Karen Barker's project to clean and document the star item of the collection, the Silver Swan. Seek advice on caring for metal objects in your own home.

Demonstration Tour of the Victorian Saw Mill on Sunday 1st April at 11:00am & 2:30pm - £10.00 (inc. refreshments)

During a tour you will have the chance to see and hear the original 1879 water-powered Victorian woodworking machinery being demonstrated.

Introduction to Spinning Yarn & Tassel Making – Hands on course on Saturday 14th April from 10:30am – 4:30pm - £35.00 (inc. lunch)

Join us as we return to our roots with a day of creativity with yarn. Learn how to spin your own yarn using finger spinning and a drop spindle. The newly made yarn will then be put to good use making a decorative tassel to take home with you. Gayle Mill was built in 1784 as a cotton spinning Mill, moving on to spin wool in the early 1800's. The Mill is now restored as it was in its days as a Victorian Saw Mill.

Claire Lambert

Best Foot Forward

These aren't my legs, it was too chilly a couple of weeks ago. I was desperate to get away from the computer for a couple of hours, so here is a shortish fairly obvious walk, *not to be recommended in windy weather!*

Dropped off in Bainbridge I was to walk back to Hawes. The various routes are so well-defined it wasn't a 'map-job', so I set off at a brisk pace to the Roman Road. I had forgotten a) how far out of Bainbridge it actually leaves the tarmac and b) how exposed it is to a very fresh north-westerly wind, and c) for a lone walker, how boring! A fine steady drizzle added to the 'fun'. It was good exercise, though, and a clearing of the mind; and then, joy unconfined! - two curlew (March 8th 2.00pm). Is that the earliest round here this year I asked myself? Apparently not, as I was told the other day of one near Nappa a week earlier.

There are several ways to Hawes from the Roman Road: the first arrived at after two miles, the lane via Horton Gill Bridge into Burtersett by lane or second, the direct path over from Marsett down to Burtersett, not over-exciting, then after another three quarters of a mile the path behind Yorburgh. (We'll recount the details of the old mast on Yorburgh and the cable to it one of these days). I decided to go a bit further to the better-defined bridleway just before Wether Fell. By now the drizzle had ceased, the fell stood in the way of the wind, and the view back down the dead-straight route and far beyond, was well worth the slog.

This bridleway also goes north east to Burtersett but the paths leaving it to go steeply down to Gayle are much more pleasant. However, here's another warning; they are just as slippery with short grass when slightly wet as when icy, and with two recent broken ankles in Hawes (not mine!) it was worth taking extra care.

The path I often take after the steep descent crosses Blackburn Sike and makes its way via a little old quarry and the nar-

rowest walled track due north towards East End, Gayle just up the Fleet Moss Road. For a change I took the other one down to cross the Shaw Lane path from Burtersett to Gayle to drop into the village very near East House. All afternoon I saw just one other person!

A.S.W.

Walks

Richmondshire Health Walks will be running again in April starting from Hawes, Askrigg and Leyburn/Middleham. Beginners walks are one hour and intermediate two hours.

For a copy of the programme call: **William Gedye on 07710 739192** or email walk.for.health@btinternet.com.

April Competition

They sound the same. EXAMPLE:
Meat and pole in the ground: STEAK;
STAKE

1. Wild animal undressed
2. Makes tea bluish under the skin
3. Dullish colours; eat grass
4. Sea inlets fabric on the snooker table
5. They assist while you are afloat on one
6. Sets loose and cause ice
7. Greeting above
8. Negative replies on your face
9. Friendly old dance hall
10. Paper for the singers
11. Gathering for famous old bike
12. Certain of the coastline
13. Correcting with a pen or pencil
14. Sends away the footwear
15. Look casually over your eyes
16. Roughly a period of intense activity.

Come on, now! These are easier. Let's have plenty of entries. Please state the charity you choose for the £20 prize.

John Leland's Description

This quiet man spent years riding through England in the sixteenth century collecting a huge amount of material that only came to be published about 1710. Even then much of it was described as 'unreadable' but try this fascinating extract of our area: *Wensleydale in the reign of Henry VIII.*

"Bysshops-Dale lyethe joining to the quarters of Craven.

"Ure commit thrughe Wencedale adjoining to Bisshos-Dale. The hed of Ure in a mosse about myle above Coteren Hill is about a 14 mile above Middleham muche westward.

"The upper part of Wencedale is a forest of redd dere, longgyng to the kyng.

"All the toppe of Coteren Hille, and somewhat farther is in Richemondshire. And the utter part of the hill, or thereabout, is a bek cawled Hell-Gille, because it rinnethe in such a deadely place. This gill commithe to Ure, and is divider of Richemont and Westmerland-Shires.

" There is no very notable bridge on Ure above Wencelaw Bridge, a mile above Middleham and more.

"Bainbridge is above Wencelaw Bridge, Aisker Bridge above it, where Ure faul-leth very deep betwixt 2 scarry rokks.

" There be a great number of hopes, or small brokes, that cum into eche side of Ure out of the roky mountains or evar it cum to Middleham.

"The bridge over the Ure by Middleham is but of tymbar."

It seems he got his Helle Gill on the wrong river, and a bit confused between the positions of Aisker (Aysgarth?) and Bainbridge, but fascinating!

(This extract was found in 'A Yorkshire Dales Anthology' collected by Colin Speakman in the 1980s; more sometime! Ed.)

Clothes Collection

The clothes collection at St Margaret's Church in Hawes made £307.80 for church repairs and £461.70 for the Great North Air Ambulance, an amazing total of £769.50. A huge thank you to everyone who donated their clearout.

Janet Middleton

Microsoft Support Centre Telephone Scam

There are a number of scams operating whereby a call is received purporting to be from a Microsoft Support Centre (or other supplier). The calls tend to originate from an Indian based call centre and the caller suggests they are calling to resolve some technical issues that they have identified with your computer and requests the user to follow steps to resolve the problem. These steps are designed to install malicious software/viruses which will enable personal information to be gathered from the computer, or to in some way elicit some form of unnecessary payment.

If you receive such a call under no circumstances should you provide any personal information to the caller, neither should you follow any of the steps they ask you to, no matter how insistent they are.

Microsoft and other such companies do not make unsolicited calls. There have also been occasions where employees in certain companies have effectively been targeted by callers purporting to be from the IS Department or equivalent and asking for personal information or passwords. Under no circumstances should such information be provided. If you receive such a call, please hang up immediately and do not provide any information. Please ensure you remain vigilant.

West Burton School News

On Thursday 8th March, West Burton School held a coffee morning to celebrate World Book Day. There were many exciting stalls, including a stall to raise awareness for the school's chosen charity, Water Aid.

It was a big turn out, parents from all around the Dale turned up to enjoy the children's company. All the pupils dressed up as characters from poems or traditional nursery rhymes. There was a beautiful Bo-Peep, a scary Big Bad Wolf and a very simple Pie Man. The children showed off their costumes while everybody else tried to guess what they were. However, Mrs Stone, the head teacher, thinks the children should revise on their nursery rhymes, as they could not guess the Four and Twenty Blackbirds poem!

On coffee tables, Fair Trade games were placed so children could keep themselves entertained and so they could show the adults all their work. There was a snakes and ladders game in 'Fair Trade' style, and also 'How Many Fair Trade Items Can You Think Of' organised by a Year 4 pupil. Also, a few helpful Year 6s set up a Book Swap stall.

There was a Water Aid stand to raise awareness for dirty drinking water and malnutrition. The School Council organised and decorated the stand. It had one big theme; 'What are you Giving up for Lent?' Everybody had an input and from all the games, and the money their stand had raised, Water Aid now has £100 to help all those poor children in terrible states. £100 could pay a mason to build a hand-dug well in Nigeria, or they could buy four days worth of hygiene education training in a village in Tanzania, it could also go towards four masons to protect a spring in Uganda.

"A great community event, that was well organized and hosted by Class 2 pupils." commented Mrs Eastwood, a Class 2 teacher. The day was a great success, we look forward to seeing the crazy costumes next year!

Ruth Dent and Katie Taplin, Y6

Two Things You Probably Didn't Know..

your mobile phone could do.

Your mobile phone can actually be a life saver or an emergency tool for survival. Check out the things that you can do with it:

FIRST The Emergency Number worldwide for all Mobile Phones is 112. If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile network and there is an emergency, dial 112 and your mobile will search any existing network to establish the number for you, and this number 112 can be dialled even if the keypad is locked. This works on all phones worldwide and is free.

It is the equivalent of 000.

SECOND Have you locked your keys in the car? Does your car have remote keyless entry? This may come in handy someday. Good reason to own a cell phone:

If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their mobile phone from your cell phone. Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button, holding it near the mobile phone on their end. Your car will unlock. Saves someone from having to drive your keys to you. Distance is no object. You could be thousands of miles away, and if you can reach someone who has the other 'remote' for your car, you can unlock the doors (or the boot).

Local Quakers Write to the P.M.

Dear Prime Minister,

We wish to express our deep concern that the targets for carbon emissions are not being met and are unlikely to be met. There is no evidence that the aim of 80% reduction by 2050 will be achieved and, in any case, the aim should be 95% reduction before 2050. A 95% reduction in carbon emissions world-wide might ensure the future of this planet.

How do we do this? By adopting new technologies resulting from wide and intensive research some of which is already being tinkered with but must be prioritised without delay.

None of the renewable sources of energy at present in use are going to make a significant contribution to reducing emissions. The 100 Conservative M.Ps who don't want any more windmills have a good case. Solar power in the form of photovoltaic and hot water panels will never make much of a contribution in the UK. Tidal power (at least predictable), wave power and carbon capture have not, regrettably, been researched and developed as their potential suggests.

What is certain is that we must reduce our dependence on fossil fuels which are the main culprit at present and pose a threat to the further existence of life on this planet - especially if the current research and exploitation for oil results in its continued and increasing consumption.

As an interim measure carbon free production of electricity by any means must be rapidly built to provide all the electricity we need for the next 20 to 25 years. This should give time to research and put into production new types of reactor to use the piles of nuclear waste and plutonium that we have and don't know what to do with at present. This method could provide most of the electricity we will be needing

by then. In 25 years' time it is possible that fusion and other technologies could be coming into use.

With proper research too, hydrogen technology could be producing much of the fuel for personal as well as road and air transport - the only waste product being water. A no-carbon economy could place this country in a unique position eagerly sought by the rest of the world.

We therefore urge you to take every step to further research and development into these and other technologies. Of course it will cost a great deal but we cannot afford not to meet that cost. If Trident were to be withdrawn the cost would not be a problem.

Quakers have always been seen as people who care about the stewardship of humanity and the planet we share. Much of our witness over the centuries has been about sustainability in business methods, in politics as well as the environment nationally and globally. Our opinion has been highly regarded and respected. We are asking you now to look again at the condition of this planet and change course of action on the use of fossil fuels. In the 18th and 19th centuries Quakers were pioneers in industrial development and science and we now feel that there are alternatives which can be used to provide us with carbon-free sustainable energy.

Yours sincerely,

Graham Watts

On behalf of some Friends of Bainbridge
Quaker Meeting.

Anyone interested in Global Warming and the environment and the follow-up to this letter please get in touch to find out more: 650641

GENERAL WHAT'S ON LISTING

April

- 1 Gayle Mill tour. See p.11
- 2-15 Eggcellent Easter; Bolton Castle events. **623981** for details
- 3 Hawes Drama Group reads 'Don't dress for dinner'. 7.30pm, Gayle Institute
- 3 April 'drop-in' for coffee at St Andrew's, Aysgarth. See p.21
- 3 U.W. Darts league presentation. Fountain, Hawes, 8.00pm
- 4 Maddy Prior and Carnival Band in Reeth. See p.6
- 4 April Coffee morning at Castle Bolton. See p.32
- 6-9, 14-21 Wensleydale Railway events. See p. 23
- 7 Men's Prayer Breakfast at Sycamore Hall at 8,30am. See p.36
- 8-9 Refreshments at Aysgarth Station over Easter. .
- 9 Cakes and plants sale, Castle Bolton Church 10.00am to 12.30pm.
- 10 Coffee morning and stalls; Hawes Methodist Rooms, 10.00am to noon.
- 10 YDNPA Planning Committee. Yoredale Bainbridge. 1.00pm.
- 10 Decorative and Fine Arts Society, Middleham Key Centre, 2.00pm. See p.8
- 11 Wild Wednesday Spring Watch. Fun and games for all ages. Aysgarth Falls N. Park Centre; 11.00am to 3.00pm.
- 12,19,26 Wensleydale Country Markets, Methodist Hall, 10.00am to 12.30pm.
- 13 Penhill Benefice Coffee morning at the Methodist Church Hall, Leyburn.
- 13 Wensleydale Society; 'A Railway woman in Wensleydale' plus AGM. West Burton Village Hall, 7.30pm.
- 14 Sycamore Hall Craft Fair from 10.00am See p.8
- 14 Coffee morning in aid of St Oswald's, Askrigg. See p.17
- 15 Table top sale, Hawes Market Hall for Hawes School.
- 16 St Oswald's, Askrigg, 7.00pm. Annual Meeting of Parishioners and PCC AGM
- 17 Middleham and Dales local history group. See p.6
- 18-24 Great Northern Air Ambulance clothes collection at Askrigg School. See p.26
- 19 Hawes W.I. 'Yorkshire and Beyond' slides and music. Hawes Methodist Rooms, 7.00pm.
- 20 Museum Friends Meeting; 'What have querns ever done for us?' 7.30pm. Non members welcome; £2.00
- 21 Upper Wensleydale Luncheon Club, noon for 12.30pm. John Blackie on 'Life as a Councillor'.
- 21 Richmondshire Choral Society; 'I was glad' (Vaughan Williams and Parry). St Mary's, Richmond. 7.30pm. Details: **01325 374112**
- 21 Big breakfast. West Burton Village Hall to raise money for Jubilee celebrations. 9.00am to noon
- 21,22 'George and Dragon' event; Bolton Castle, 10.00am to 5.30pm. **623981** for details
- 22 Guided walk, Mossdale and Cotterdale. Meet Appersett Green 11.00am 13k.
- 26 Public meeting re-children's Services at Friarage. Hawes Primary School. 5.15-7.15pm, with exhibition and video
- 26 LADS present their two award-winning one-act plays. West Burton Village Hall
- 27 Carperby Village Institute host 'Little Johnny England'. Tickets £12/£14. Proceeds to MacMillian Nurses. For details **663808**.
- 28 Three Peaks Fell Race
- 29 Family Benefice Service at St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth with Nick Harding
- 29 United Service at St Oswald's, Askrigg, at 10.30am. Led by the Venerable Janet Henderson, Arch deacon of Richmond



MUSEUM WHAT'S ON

- 15 April. 10.00am–5pm. Easter Craft Event. Self-led craft activities and chicks hatching in the museum reception!
- 1-29 April. Frank Armstrong's Yorkshire. Original pen and ink drawings of Dales, Moors and Coast. Many featured in the Dalesman magazine. Free

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- 3 Red Squirrels in the National Park; 2-4pm. A talk given by a Ranger. Free with museum entry
- 4 2-4pm. Storytelling and children's craft workshop. £3
- 6 Victorian Kitchen; Friends of the Museum will be telling visitors all about the work in the dairy. Free with Museum entry
- 8 From Fleece to Yarn. Drop in event looking at sheep breeds and types of wool. Including: carding, blending, colours and spinning. Free with Museum entry
- 8 Pathfinder introduction; A basic navigation course for adults and older children. £10. Booking essential
- 10 Dry stone walling demonstration; Dales volunteers walling in the museum amphitheatre. 2-4pm. Free with museum entry
- 11 1-3pm. Make a mini meadow. Discover all about Dales meadows and make your own to take away. £3
- 15 Victorian and Edwardian Photographers of the Yorkshire Dales. An illustrated talk with David Weedon. £4
- 20 'What have querns ever done for us?' A talk by John Cruse. £2

For more details please contact DCM on **666210**

Diamond Jubilee

Hawes Diamond Jubilee Celebration Party will be held outside the Old Board Inn, **2nd June from 1.00pm**. There will be a Hog Roast, Brass Band, games and competitions for all the family. Face painting and a tea party will be available as well as a tombola. Donations for the Tombola are needed so please have a look for anything you can donate and take to Helen at The Old Board Inn or Sara Mason at Mason's newsagents. All proceeds will go to local charities



Coffee Morning in aid of St Oswald's

Saturday 14th April - 10.00 am to noon in Bainbridge Methodist Chapel. Entry just £2. Everyone welcome. Cake stall and Fairtrade Stall.

Thanks to our Audience.

The cast and production team of our latest production, "Beauty and the Beast", would like to thank our audience for the wonderful comments received about the show. They range from: - "The best show we have seen by an amateur company locally; The choice of songs was excellent and the scenery was marvellous" to "I wish it was on longer as I would have come again" and "It was obvious that the cast were enjoying it as well, this showed in their performance". Thanks again because you, the audience, made it all worthwhile.

Over the past few years we have performed some of our most popular productions showcasing the amazing talent which we have in the Dales. To put on shows such as these takes a huge voluntary commitment with rehearsals starting in September, twice weekly in order to be word perfect by the first week in December.

Our expenditure to stage such performances has increased over the years and now costs us very nearly £6,000 per production. This is mainly for the hire of rehearsal and performance space, costumes, scenery and props. In 2009 and 2010 this amount of expenditure exceeded our ticket revenue by some considerable margin and we actually made a loss on the productions in those two years. In order to continue to entertain you we need to at least break even!

Our ticket price reflects the necessity to earn enough to cover our expenditure. It was for this reason that the price was reluctantly increased last year. The maximum number of audience participants we can safely seat for a run of five performances is 800. I'll leave you to do the mathematics. As "Beauty's" first performance date approached it became clear that we had not needed to spend quite so much money on this occasion and were able to reflect this in a reduction in the ticket price. Refunds were made available to all those who had pre-purchased tickets and this year we

were able to record a small profit. This will be ploughed back into the 2012 production of Peter Pan.

This year's ticket prices are expected to be Adults £8.50 and £6 for under 12s, for four performances between 6th and 8th December.

For many years a perennial topic of conversation at committee meetings has been that of the name of the Society. Do we keep the title HAOS (Hawes Amateur Operatic Society) or change it?

Any decision to change the name is not one which is going to be taken lightly bearing in mind the long history of the Society. It is felt that a change of name may be beneficial in more accurately reflecting the type of entertainment which we now stage. We have not performed operetta/opera or full musicals for many years as we no longer have enough of the necessary voices needed to do justice to such productions. Members present at recent Annual General Meetings have felt that the term "Operatic" in our name may well be discouraging people from joining the Society in the belief that they lack the appropriate voices. It is proposed, therefore, to ask the readers of this Newsletter for their opinion on a possible name change and, if they so wish, to submit their own ideas on the matter, in order to ensure the positive sustainability of the Society. We are proud of our heritage but feel we need to become more modern. One name already suggested is "Wensleydale Music and Drama Society." Your responses, to be considered at our next committee meeting, would be appreciated before the end of the month.

In this context it may be worth mentioning that other Societies have chosen this route in recent years, notably the 54 year old Northallerton Operatic Society, which in 2010 became the Northallerton Musical Theatre Company for similar reasons to those stated above. With a new name we would also have the great advantage of a new website more easily recognised as our

own, a matter of considerable importance these days of modern technology being used as a powerful media tool. Correspondence may be addressed our Chair, **Colin Bailey** at colin.bailey@btinternet.com or Newstead House, Thoraby DL8 3SZ. It is over to you!

Roger Emmins
HAOS Treasurer, on behalf of the
Management Committee

Prunings

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

The sun has burned off the mist, the Tête à tête daffodils nod their heads, and new growth is pushing through everywhere. What I should really be doing is clearing the residues of winter, weeding, sorting out and tidying up. Instead I can't resist the temptation to get out with the secateurs and take cuttings. Even the pruning that needs doing diverts me into the greenhouse with a bag full of potential new plants. For me this is the "Ahh" factor, the part that makes the plant world so exciting. I am always exhilarated when a tiny scrap of green begins to put out new leaves or buds and convinces me that it is going to grow.

I've been taking pelargonium cuttings since I brought the plants in last Autumn and there are now several dozen growing on in 90mm (3½ inch) pots. I've moved most of them into the polytunnel so that they are not drawn by the polycarbonate of the greenhouse, the geranium types go first, and the slightly more tender regal types follow as the polytunnel does not give much frost protection.

I'm hoping to produce more of the spectacular blooms that were such a pleasure last year. In the regal types *Lord Bute*

(very dark red) and *Cardinal* (dark with pink edges) were really rich, whilst *Hazel* and *Susan Pearce* were absolutely luxuriant in white with mauve patches. Some of the ivy leaved trailing varieties also did well and I've taken as many cuttings as I can from *Pac Sybil* (red) and *Rouletta* (striped)

Now is a good time to split perennials. Large clumps can be dug up and split with two forks or a spade, and basal shoots will grow well as long as they have some viable root attached. Smaller specimens which are fighting their way out of pots or containers will usually reward you with more plants. I normally attack a congested root-ball with an old carving knife. Again the principle is to make sure each piece you re-pot has some root, water them well and keep sheltered until they have established. This time of year it doesn't take long.

Regular readers will know I am not an avid veg grower, I take more pleasure from flowers! However I very much appreciate home grown beans, and so have put runners into modules and will grow them four plants to a big pot and give them a wigwam. It seemed to work last year. The dwarf French beans were quite successful, although the plants left under cover produced more than those on the patio.

Following last year's mixed results I'm sticking to cherry tomatoes this year. The *Tumbling Tom* plants I bought for pennies from Tesco were excellent as were a yellow variety from Gardening Which called *Venus*.(seeds) This year I found seeds for *Tumbling Tom* and they are now germinated and so will need pricking out shortly. I'll grow them in baskets again. That way they look attractive as well as being easy to pick.

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

Rose Rambler.

Bainbridge School News

Climbing Club

At climbing club this term we went lots of times. We were flying up and down ropes doing loads of routes.

At the climbing walls there are 15 different ropes, it's fun. We have three groups and we take it in turns this was sadly the last week. After Easter we will be mountain biking instead.

Becky and Jessica

French Theatre

A few weeks ago class 2 went to Wensleydale school to watch a wonderful French play. It was about a girl called Lea and she got a new game for her Wii. Her mother shouted her for tea but she wanted to finish her game. Then her game weirdly came to life and Lea was really really scared arrrrrrrrh. She was sucked into the game.

Lea kept on playing the game but evil Le Malefique took over and she was even more scared. Then jaune (yellow),bleu (blue) and rouge (red) came to life and Lea became their best friends. Together they defeated Le Malefique and Lea got home safely.

Chloe and Lauren

Swimming

At swimming this term we have done lots of activities. We have done our 100 metres in breast stroke, butterfly, backstroke and front crawl. We've played games as well and one was to find any object and with the object try and save your friend from drowning. Everybody is always disappointed to leave!

Mia and Ana

Water Powered Rocket

Mr Moore's friend called Tim came in with his rocket made out of a two litre bottle. It was also made out of half a tennis ball, plastic fins and a camera on the top. When Tim launched it was really fun. It went over a 100 metres into the air and luckily missed all the houses!

Because it was such fun we made our own rockets and gave them a test flight. Some went up a long way and others not quite so far but everyone's did get off the launch pad and Mr Moore didn't get too wet.

Ethan, Seth and Adam

The Wensleydale Chorus

Rehearsals begin on May 2nd at 7.30pm. Why not come and join us?

We rehearse for 10 weeks and then do two performances and then the Chorus doesn't meet again until the same time the following year. If you fancy joining us for a right good sing contact our Secretary, Gilda Foster on gilda@fosnet.plus.com to register. No auditions – everyone is welcome.

The Wensleydale Chorus will be performing Schubert's Mass in G and Vivaldi's Gloria as their chosen works for 2012. Soloists for the 2012 performances will be:

Laura Ashton Avery - Soprano, Emma Wardell - Alto, Jolyon Dodgson- Bass and Greg Smith accompanying.

Performances will take place at St Oswald's Church in Askrigg on July 14th and St John's Church in East Witton on 21st July. Tickets are £6.00 and are available on the door and the performance begins at 7.30pm.

Julie Greenslade

Police Report

Crimes last month. I want to start this month with a crime that was slightly beyond the bounds of Upper Wensleydale, the type that really irks me to say the least. The Church at Wensley was attacked and stripped of its lead. Most was left in situ rolled up ready to take. As the main road runs by it up t'dale did anyone see anything that may assist us solving this crime. Words cannot describe the miscreants that attack our civic buildings in this way (well they can but they are not the sort to put into print), particularly Churches and schools. Please keep an eye on your local ones and let us know if you see suspicious activity around them – such as “workmen” at strange times as most work is done on such buildings between 9.00am and 4.00pm.

Towards the end of February the car park machine in Gayle Lane car park was broken into and the cash box stolen. Some sort of grinding implement was used so it must have made a noise.

Drunken hooligans. There have been a couple of recent incidents in Hawes where drink is the main factor as the cause of the events/crimes that have taken place. One was a shop window getting smashed. If it has not already happened at the time of writing this article, then there will be “some collars getting tugged” in the near future as it is locals who have committed this crime.

The football pitch at Hawes seems to be coming under attack from someone who is leaving glass bottles buried in it. This is obviously being done with intent to cause injury. DNA and fingerprints stay quite well in/on glass – a message for whoever is doing this- you are living on borrowed time.

“Boy Racers” in Hawes. I personally have spoken to two of the main suspects for this and let them know that Hawes

residents are sick and tired of them. They are being actively targeted and if they carry on driving around like lunatics they will be losing their licences. Unfortunately my pleas in October fell on deaf ears. Maybe parents should have a word with their teenagers before they or someone else loses their life. Alternatively don't pay for their vehicles to be repaired when they do crash.

Walls and trees tend to win in crashes and fence posts can skewer a driver – or more likely the passenger. I and my colleagues do not want to be the ones coming to your house with the knock that every parent dreads.

If you witness dangerous driving by these individuals who are well known to the locals then maybe it is time to do something about it and report it to the police directly and not through third parties and provide us with the evidence to put these individuals before a court.

Please contact the police if you can help with any of the crimes. Thanks as always.

Andy Foster PC826
Leyburn Safer Neighbourhood Team
Wards of Addlebrough and Hawes &
High Abbotside
Telephone 101
SNTLeyburn@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Drop in for Coffee
St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth
Tuesday 3rd April 10am– 12 noon
Pamela Thornton, Church View, Aysgarth
Tel: **663420**

£1 to include coffee/tea and biscuits.

Proceeds will be divided between the church and a charity of the host's choice

Village Dances

I am undertaking a research project for the Dales Countryside Museum to create an archive of material pertaining to the old village dances that took place in the local area. The scope of the project includes notations of how the dances were performed, recordings of and sheet music for the tunes played, background information about the musicians and general reminiscences about the village dances. If any reader has information that might be relevant to this project, I would be most grateful if they could e-mail me at bob@bpellis.idps.co.uk or phone me on **667311**.

There were two kinds of local dance in the era before rock and roll and discos took over; there were what were sometimes called 'country dances', at which some of those most commonly performed local dances included Buttered Peas, Kendal Ghyll, Meeting Six, Brass Nuts and the Huntsman's Chorus; then there were what one might call 'popular dances' at which dances in vogue throughout the country between the wars were danced to the popular dance band music of the time. It is the 'country dances', their tunes and the musicians who played them that are the main focus of this research project because those dances and tunes were often peculiar to this area or were local variants of ones known in other parts of the country. 'Popular dances', on the other hand, had little in the way of local flavour because the dances were those in vogue nationally at that time and were performed to tunes that had been made popular throughout the country by the radio and by gramophone records.

A typical village dance usually had between two and four musicians playing instruments that included the fiddle, the concertina, the melodeon and the accordion. Among the local musicians were Harry Cockerill ((accordion) from Askrigg, Kit White (melodeon) from

Swaledale, Sam Fawcett (concertina) from Baldersdale and the Beresford family (fiddles, accordions and concertinas) from Langstrothdale. The Beresfords included three brothers who sometimes played as the Langstrothdale String Band. Dances often went on right through the night and some dancers and musicians walked home in the morning after a dance, had a wash and a bite to eat and then went straight to work!

Field recordings of some of the local musicians were made in 1953 by folklorist, Peter Kennedy. Topic Records, who now own the copyright but have no plans to release the Kennedy recordings, have kindly agreed to provide the museum with copies of the recordings he made in the Dales. Further recordings of Harry Cockerill's music were made in the early 1970s and were released in 2007/8 by Musical Traditions Records on two compilation CDs.

These provide a valuable record of the musical style of some of our local musicians. A number of transcriptions of 'country dance' tunes have also survived, including some collected and published by Leta Douglas of Giggleswick in the early 1930s and a collection known as the William Calvert Manuscript, which has been published on the internet by the Village Music Project. William Calvert appears to have been a fiddler from Leyburn in the early 19th century and his collection, which is dated 1812, contains 13 reels, 11 jigs, 8 country dances, 8 hornpipes, 7 airs, 2 slip jigs, one march, one strathspey and one allemande. Unfortunately, little is known about William Calvert. Other 19th century fiddlers' tune books from North Yorkshire that have been published include those of Joshua Jackson and Lawrence Leadley. Leadley from Helperby.

Fewer dance notations have survived. Leta Douglas published a handful that she

collected in the early 1930s and Dr. Flett and John Browell published a couple more from upper Wharfedale in articles written in 1966 and 1973. A few others from Wharfedale have been published online by Geoff and Liz Bowen on the Yorkshire Dales Workshops website, but that seems to be about all that has survived.

If anyone knows of any other tune or dance notations that have survived or has any more general information about the old village dances, I would be grateful to hear from them.

Bob Ellis

Wensleydale Railway

Easter Weekend: On Sunday April 8 Pink Rabbit will meet and greet the train (departing Leyburn at 10.20) when it arrives at Redmire at 10.35, for the start of the annual Easter egg hunt. The usual half hour walk up to the gates of Bolton Castle takes a good hour with small children (who must be accompanied), searching for chocolate eggs. On Sunday and Monday (April 8 & 9) visitors are welcome at the Open Days at the Aysgarth station site from 10.30am The Vintage bus runs from Ripon, Masham, Leyburn etc (and from Hawes) on these dates stopping at Aysgarth Falls in both directions.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee: To mark this special occasion, we have linked together 8 footpath routes totalling 60(ish) kilometres between the stations at Garsdale and Northallerton. This distance (the length of the original Wensleydale railway) will be walked in sections during 2012. The first of these guided walks will be from Aysgarth Falls to Bainbridge on Tuesday April 24 (vintage bus back to Redmire station). On Friday May 4, the walk will be from Garsdale station to Hawes , with 6 and 10 mile options (bus back to Garsdale station). This walk will be started by Everest mountaineer Alan

Hinkes OBE at 10.30 am after trains arrive from Settle and Carlisle. It is Wensleydale Railway's contribution to the Settle-Carlisle Walking Festival (walks, talks and music from May 1-7). Details are given on www.ride2stride.com; free Festival programmes from the Dales Countryside Museum.

Murder Mystery Nights : These events were introduced last year and have rapidly become very popular. Booking is essential; events on Saturday April 21st and October 13th start from Leeming Bar and on August 11th starts from Leyburn. Book on **08454 50 54 74**

April Running Days: Every day except Mondays 16, 23 & 30; Wednesdays 18 & 25; Thursdays 19 & 26. August and September are the only months in which trains run every day so please check operating days and dates carefully during the year!

Ruth Annison 650349

The Upper Dales Mobile Skip Service

**Saturday April 21st
Gayle Green, 9.00am - 1.00pm**

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, or on the day before 9.00 am. This places the mobile skip service, which is of huge benefit to us all in the Upper Dales, under threat of complete withdrawal by NYCC, as it is interpreted as illegal fly-tipping.

**County Councillor John Blackie
0796 758 9096**

I Want to Tell You a Story

Vanda Hurn writes: "I expect that you know that Richard Fawcett has been in Thailand, teaching English as *a Global Vision International (GVI)* volunteer. He gave an illustrated talk to a large audience, in Hawes, earlier last year and a good sum of money was raised to help those in need in Thailand.

"I thought that people would appreciate hearing what *'the sheep dog demo man'* does after the demos have stopped for winter. I have Richard's consent for this to be printed in the Newsletter. We have two Thai residents in the Upper Dales, Nan Metcalfe and Kung Blades; Kung's family have suffered serious flooding in their home in Bangkok."

Here is Richard's letter:

Last Friday, at 7.00pm. 10 of us GVI volunteers set off in a minibus to Bangkok, a 14 hour journey. We were in convoy with a large container truck, one third full of provisions (food, water, medical and sanitary items.) In BKK. we met 20 students at their university, where we added a lot more to our load. The police stopped traffic to enable us to cross a very busy street, carrying and loading hundreds of boxes and bottles. We piled into the small remaining space in the back of the container. It was stiflingly hot. No air. As we drove east, north, west, and then south around this huge city, we came face to face with the floods. Starting at ankle, then knee, then waist deep. Dirty, smelly water with green algae growing on every surface it touches. In many areas, the water hasn't subsided at all. There is nowhere for it to go.

Hundreds of cars are parked, especially on bridges, on what bit of higher ground there is, lifted up on to blocks, pallets, old tyres, anything that will protect them. Many families are camping on small areas of dryness. Our reluctant truck driver, travelling at snail pace, many times had to be cajoled into continuing with the journey. Much too deep for anything but "high up" vehicles now.

Covering the whole of one side of the truck was a huge banner, reading in English and Thai "Flood victim relief. Global Vision International." As we drove along, people cheered and clapped. Eventually, at a bridge, we could go no further. Small boats appeared and large tubs and bowls; anything that could be pushed or rowed by scores of people.

We loaded them up and rowed, as prearranged, to a temple, where 100 folks have been living for the past month. They helped us unload the various craft as we ferried back and forth. This was their first aid supply since they became marooned in the temple. There was such a cheery atmosphere. Laughter, joviality, "kapkun kraps" (thank yous.) It was a scene of great joy even, amongst their misery.

They have no drinking water available. Toileting is all into a plastic bag, and then thrown out, into the water. There is no option. But, how long can it be before some disease sets in, with this heat and humidity?

When we were done, the elder monk invited us into the temple, thanked us individually, blessed us, and presented each one of us with an amulet. Once we were satisfied that we could do no more, back in the truck, travelled the flooded streets. Two men on the roof, with a loud hailer, shouting "food, water." Scores of people, arms outstretched, were hurriedly wading through the water towards us from all sides. Great big smiles, cheers, thank yous.

At 7.30pm. we were done, and "done for." We'd had little sleep the previous night. Some volunteers looked positively jaded. We stopped in BKK. overnight in the famous KhaoSan Road, a real hive of activity. At 9.00pm. on Sunday, we set off back. 13 hours later I was in Ko Klang, having experienced, again, a weekend with these loveable Thai people, in their adversity. Cheers for now.

Richard

Windows 8 – A First Look

Yes you read that right! It seems only yesterday that Microsoft brought out Windows 7 and not that much longer ago Windows Vista.

Many people are still using Windows XP which most people are happy with but the truth is that Windows XP has only a limited lifespan and support will cease in the not too distant future. That means that no more updates will be provided including critical security updates. Sooner or later users will need to move away from Windows XP and, whilst Windows Vista was almost universally hated, Windows 7 is proving a worthy successor and has a lot of nice features built on a familiar user experience.

Windows 8 has been hitting the press as Microsoft have released a public preview which you can download and try (more about that later). If you haven't seen it yet you are in for a shock! When you switch on you are confronted with a full screen photograph (and nothing else) – you drag that out of the way to get to a login screen (which is now linked to a Hotmail or live.com account) and once you have filled in your password you are taken to the new Metro interface.

Metro has been designed to work across a range of devices – in particular mobile phones, tablets, laptops and desktop computers. If you have a touch screen you can work with your fingers otherwise you use a mouse or touchpad to make selections. The Metro screen consists of a screen full of brightly coloured tiles – each representing some sort of application (app) and including an app store from Microsoft. The app store is where you go to buy new programs (or currently download freebies) – and this will be the ONLY place you can buy apps for Metro. Microsoft have taken a leaf out of Apple's book and want to control everything you buy (and mostly what and how you do it) – and this is the primary reason for Windows 8 – Microsoft want to make a lot of money by

locking you into their app store.

If you want to use Internet Explorer to surf the web or check your email you do it from Metro by just tapping the app. All apps run at full screen (no windows) and strangely there aren't save or close buttons etc. Just press the Windows key (to the left of the space bar) to return to Metro.

There is an app called Desktop which changes to a more familiar Windows 7 style desktop but the big surprise is there is no Start button to bring up the usual menu! Press the Windows button and you are back at Metro.

I will write a bit more about this in coming months as Windows 8 develops and I will keep my personal opinions to myself for the time being so that you can have a chance to play without too many preconceptions.

If you want to have a play with Windows 8 be careful not to upgrade your current version of windows to the customer preview version (there is no going back). A better way to do it is to set up a virtual computer on your computer (this is like another computer running in a window on your desktop). If you want clear instructions how to do this (it is completely free) the following webpage has a very clear set of instructions (probably worth printing out) with all the links you need and picture by picture instructions: <http://windowssecrets.com/newsletter/step-by-step-how-to-safely-test-drive-win8/>

Be brave and give it a go. I would love to have your feedback and thoughts about this new version of Windows (tell me if you mind me quoting them in a future article). You can drop me a line via my website as usual: www.dalescomputerservices.com

Next month I would like to write an article about computer terms and words that confuse you. Why not send me a note of any words you would like explained.

Carol Haynes

Askrigg School News

Snakes in School

Jay (Julian, who is our school dinner man) is literally in love with snakes, and we wanted to find out more...



We were so amazed to know that he has 18 snakes! He has several different species, some of which are boa constrictors, pythons, also bull and pine snakes. His oldest is a python – 15 years old and the youngest is a 9 month old boa!

Unfortunately we weren't so pleased to hear about what he feeds them; small rabbits, mice, and rats! YUCK! It was rather interesting to hear when he feeds them. He told us; if he feeds them on Wednesday then he might feed them in 4 days then in a month! So it's more like being in the wild. We asked him why he does love and keep snakes, he replied saying: "I love their patterns and they are very different and peculiar. If anyone would like the idea of a snakes, then here are a few facts: they live for around 20 to 25 years depending on their health. If you over feed them it will be shorter, and under feeding them, longer life span."

One more fact is they grow their whole life, unlike humans!

We do hope that you now know more about snakes, or this has helped you to learn about them and Jay!

Sophie Y6 and Thomas Y6

A Fairtrade Treat!

Class 1 have been making chocolate products for our school Fairtrade Café.

We began by investigating the changes that occur when chocolate melts and then did some taste testing with white, milk and dark chocolate. We measured and added extra ingredients to create a tiffin bar (with packaging inspired by Andy Warhol).

We conducted some market research with children and adults to see which tiffin bar was the best and found that people liked dark chocolate with marshmallows and jelly cherries the best! This was a surprise because we thought that the white chocolate would win, but with all the extras, this was quite sweet – even for Miss Benbow and Mr Armstrong!

We are filming adverts this week to promote our product and in maths we're calculating the costs and working out how much to sell our tiffin bar for.

We have had so much fun during this topic and loved learning about Fairtrade and how it helps communities in different parts of the world. We did enjoy the chocolate part ever so much!

Class 1

Air Ambulance Collection

There will be a collection of clothes, shoes and handbags for The Great North Air Ambulance on **Tuesday 24th April at 8:30am**. School would be happy to accept bags from Wed 18th April. The last collection (in October) raised £324 for the air ambulance and £216 for the school

Hawes School News

KS2 Production

The KS2 production of 'Treasure Island' is on Tuesday 27 March at 1.30pm and Wednesday 28th March at 6.30pm. The children are really excited and looking forward to sharing their production with you.

Class 3 Sausage Making

The sausage making project Class 3 have been involved in with the Dales Country-side Museum ended on a really high note with the whole class gathering at the museum to taste the delicious sausages they had designed. The museum made everyone who came feel very welcome. We all left feeling very full!



Y6 Settlebeck Science Project

On Monday 26th March Y6 children are going to Settlebeck for the afternoon to participate in a school science project. They will be picked up from school at 12.15pm after having an early lunch, and returned for 3.15pm.

Tesco Computer for Schools

Tesco are again issuing the 'computer for schools' vouchers' from 12th March until 20th May. Please ask family and friends to collect these for us, as the more we collect the better resources we can get for school.

Folk Musicians

On Monday 19th March we arranged for some folk musicians to come into school for the morning. The children listened to a variety of folk music from different countries. They then had the opportunity to join the musicians with dancing and also playing a variety of musical instruments. We were particularly in awe of the fancy foot-work displayed in the clog dance!



Petition re Air Ambulance

From the Community Office. As we have been known to use the services of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance as well as donating money to the service. I have been asked to circulate the following information:

Please may I bring to your attention a petition *to encourage the Government to exempt Air Ambulance services from duty on the fuel they use, in the same way as the Lifeboats (RNLI) are exempt.*

If we gain 100,000 signatures, Parliament is duty bound to debate the issue - currently we have over 15,000 signatures.
<http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/29349>

WHAT'S ON LISTING;

What's on in the Churches over Easter

HC= Holy Communion

Hawes Area

Palm Sunday April 1st

9.00am St Mary and St John, Hardraw HC

10.30am St Margaret's Hawes HC

10.30am Hawes Methodist Church HC

6.30pm Gayle Methodist Church

Good Friday April 6th

10.00am Churches Together Walk of Witness from Gayle to Hawes Methodist Church for service 11.00am

Easter Day

9.00am St Mary and St John, Hardraw HC

10.30 St Margaret's, Hawes HC

10.30am Hawes Methodist Church

6.30pm Gayle Methodist Church HC

Askrigg/Bainbridge area

Palm Sunday April 1st

10.30am Aysgarth and Bainbridge Methodists together at Bainbridge. Rev Ruth Gee, Chair of the Darlington District

10.30am St Oswald's, Askrigg HC

2.00pm Marsett Chapel

4.00pm St Oswald's children's service

Maundy Thursday April 5th

6.00pm Supper in St Oswald's, Askrigg. All welcome including children

Good Friday April 6th

1.30pm St Oswald's Meditation on the Cross

Easter Day

10.30am St Oswald's Café service HC

2.00pm St Oswald's BCP HC

2.00pm Marsett Chapel

Aysgarth/West Burton, Redmire/ Castle Bolton/Preston area

Palm Sunday April 1st

9.00am Breakfast in Redmire Village Hall

- 9.40am Donkey Procession leaves for Redmire Church

- 10.00am Family Service St. Mary's, Redmire

9.00am Breakfast in West Witton Village Hall

- 9.45am Procession to St. Bartholomew's Church

- 10.00am Family Communion, St Bartholomew's, West Witton

9.30am Morning Service, Preston-under-Scar

10.45am West Burton Methodist Church Shake up' family service

Holy Week Meditative Services in church at 7.30pm

Mon 2nd, Aysgarth; Tues 3rd, Preston; Wed 4th Castle Bolton

Maundy Thursday April 5th

9.30am West Witton, HC

7.30pm Thornton Rust Mission Room HC

7.30pm West Burton Methodist Church, Maundy Thursday service HC

Good Friday 6th April

The Stations Of The Cross

9.05am Preston-u-Scar, outside church

9.35am Redmire Green

10.00am Castle Bolton Green

10.50am Carperby Cross

11.20am Thornton Rust Institute, meet outside Mission Room

11.50am Thoraby upper green

2.15pm Newbiggin meet by waterfall

12.50pm West Burton Market Cross

1.25pm Wensley Bolton Hall Gates

1.45pm West Witton opposite Wensleydale Heifer

2.15pm Aysgarth Falls Motel car park

Services in Church

9.30am St. Margaret's, Preston-u-Scar
10.15am St. Oswald's, Castle Bolton
2.00pm St. Bartholomew's, West Witton
2.30pm Aysgarth Church

Easter Day

6.30am (Meet car park 6.00am) Churches together 'Son-rise' service Pen Hill
9.30am St. Oswald's, Castle Bolton HC
9.30am St. Margaret's, Preston-u-Scar HC
9.30am St. Bartholomew's, West Witton HC
10.45am Bainbridge and Aysgarth Methodists together at Aysgarth, HC
10.45am West Burton Methodist Church

11.00am St. Andrew's, Aysgarth Family Communion with activities for children, egg decorating & egg rolling etc.
11.00am Holy Trinity, Wensley HC

Heavens Above

Venus continues its stunning display as a dazzling 'Evening Star' this month. You find it high in the west soon after sunset, brighter by far than any of the stars. It reaches its greatest brilliancy at the end of April when it won't set until well past midnight. Last month Venus passed very close to Jupiter when the pair appeared to form an impressive 'double star'. This month Venus makes an even closer approach to the Pleiades open star cluster on the night of April 3rd. Decent binoculars - 7x50s are ideal - should give you a terrific view of this rare encounter as the planet slowly drifts through the southern part of the cluster. Best time to look is

from 7.15 pm onwards.

The ringed planet, Saturn, is also at its best for the year this month when it reaches opposition on April 15th. You'll find it low in the SE slightly to the left of Spica, the brightest star in the constellation of Virgo the Virgin. Saturn is fractionally brighter than Spica and shines with a steadier slightly yellowish light. Mars, still prominent after its own opposition at the beginning of March, is high in the south at dusk in April. It stands just to the east of Regulus the bright white leader of the constellation of Leo the Lion. Leo and Virgo along with Bootes the Herdsman and Hercules the Strongman are the main springtime constellations.

They're all a good deal less spectacular than the winter star groups which have mostly disappeared into the western twilight until the autumn. Even so it's still well worthwhile trying to pick them out in the southern sky. Leo is very distinctive with a pattern of six brightish stars in the shape of a sickle forming the Lion's head and shoulders. Kite shaped Bootes, further to the east, is home to Arcturus the 4th brightest star in the sky. Compare its golden-orange colour to steely-blue Vega now gaining altitude in the east.

If you're out and about during the second half of the month you might spot the odd shooting star. The annual Lyrid shower reaches its peak in the early hours of April 22nd when up to 10-15 meteors an hour can sometimes be seen. Carol Tyler from Hawes caught a glimpse of the unusually brilliant **fireball** seen over the UK on March 3rd. Did anybody else? *Sporadic* meteors like this one, which don't belong to any regular annual shower, can be seen at any time of the night and come from any part of the sky, so it's well worth keeping a look out for these truly spectacular events no matter what time of the year. Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

At the Crossroads

What made a funny stories in 1940, war-time? Examples:

‘A story going the rounds concerns a Lancashire man motoring in the Yorkshire Dales who had reason, in the absence of signposts, to revise his opinion that he knew the roads as well as the back of his hand. At one crossroads he was completely baffled, so he stopped his car and waited for a passer-by who could direct him.

At length an elderly native came up and the Lancashire man asked him which of the roads led to Oldham.

The native stopped, contemplated him steadily for a few seconds, and then continued on his way, remarking, “If they’d wanted thee to know t’way to Owdham, they wouldna’ ‘ave takken t’signposts down”

‘There was an amusing story told the other day of a school teacher who was taking a class in English literature. He quoted the lines *Oh to be in England now that April’s there* and then asked “Who said that?” The small boy who was questioned thought it over carefully for a moment and then replied “Hitler, Sir.”’

Penhill Benefice Coffee Morning

Methodist Church Hall, Leyburn

FRIDAY APRIL 13TH

10am-12 Noon



Coffee, Cakes, Home Produce,

Books,

Name The Doll & More

Entrance £1 to include coffee & biscuits

(Proceeds will go towards the upkeep of the benefice office)

The Friarage Family Rally and March

I am the Organiser for the Friarage Hospital Family Rally / March taking place on Saturday May 26th, starting at 2.00 pm at County Hall Northallerton with the Rally which will be addressed by William Hague MP, and then followed by the March along the High Street and past the main entrance to the Hospital to the public park next door.

We are hoping for between 5000 - 10000 people to be there drawn from the towns and the huge rural area the Hospital serves, to demonstrate just how important retaining the 24/7 consultant-led maternity and children's services at the Hospital is to them. I very much expect there will be a large contingent present from the Upper Dales.

Full details in next month's UW Newsletter. The Rally/March will cost around £5000 to stage, for all the traffic control, health & safety, and public address plans to be put in place, and I am hoping this cost can be minimised by voluntary help in kind, sponsorship, donations, grants and free use of the equipment we need. Any suggestions would be welcome as to how we can borrow this equipment, for example high visibility vests, PA systems, hand held radios, portaloos, a stage to address the Rally from. We also need 100 volunteers to act as marshalls on the day.

Please contact the UW Community Office / Library on **667400** or UWCO@btconnect.com if you can help. The Office will also account for any donations - any amount left above what is needed will be handed across to The Friends of The Friarage to be spent on the hospital and its services.

Our objective is to ensure the Rally/March is an outstanding success and sends a loud and clear message out to the NHS - Hands off The Friarage !! Thank you in advance for your help.

John Blackie

Mobile : 0796 758 9096

Something of a Record?

A few people said to me, "You ought to go and see Mabel Metcalfe; she's been in St Margaret's choir for 80 years!"

Mabel, born in the house she still lives in, in The Holme in Hawes (the cottage with that fiendish creeper across the railing in summer), thinks she started singing soprano when she was about six. That was even before Canon Hill came and he was in Hawes for 50 years. "He was very musical and trained the choir. We often sang an anthem and I rushed back from Catterick where I worked for the M.O.D. in secretarial work."

There was just a gap of three years when Mabel worked in Liverpool in the Food Office, experiencing life in air-raid shelters, although her first bomb was one which fell just across from the big 'shooting lodge' up the road to Garsdale Head. We pondered about what they might have been aiming for!

These conversations often produce snippets of information forgotten about, like The Holme (Penn Lane) before the bridge was built. "We used to get across the beck when it wasn't flooded. Across the other side there was a café in the old Quaker Meeting House for the troops."

Mabel misses the choir; the climb up to the church is too much now and she gets a pain when trying to sing, but she has happy memories of those 80 years! And she lives in a fantastic place for watching all the passers by; quite a suntrap too.

A.S.,W

O Dear!

WORLD SURVEY BY PHONE... Last month a worldwide telephone survey was conducted by the UN.

The only question asked was:

"Could you please give your honest opinion about solutions to the food shortage in the rest of the world?"

The survey was a massive failure because of the following:

1. In Eastern Europe they didn't know what "honest" meant.
2. In Western Europe they didn't know what "shortage" meant.
3. In Africa they didn't know what "food" meant.
4. In China they didn't know what "opinion" meant.
5. In the Middle East they didn't know what "solution" meant.
6. In South America they didn't know what "please" meant.
7. In the USA they didn't know what "the rest of the world" meant.
8. In the UK they hung up as soon as they heard the Indian accent.

St. Andrew's Church Easter Sunday & Monday, 8th/9th April

It is planned, once again, to provide refreshments at Aysgarth Station over the Easter week-end. Donations of tray bakes, tea breads, biscuits, etc. will be appreciated; also helpers will be required at the station over the week-end. Please see lists in church

Flying Start for the Swaledale Festival

The 'Olympianist' makes a flying start to this year's Swaledale Festival. Concert pianist Anthony Hewitt is celebrating the Olympic Games with a charity cycle ride from Land's End to John O'Groats - followed by his piano in a BeethoVan! He speeds into Reeth for a free open-air concert on Saturday 19th May and heralds a fortnight of musical delights.

Highlights of the action packed programme are international luminaries the King's Singers, the Brodsky Quartet, Ian McMillan, the European Union Chamber Orchestra, Canadian singer Patricia Hammond, Dutch jazz violinist Tim Kliphuis, Irish harpist Jean Kelly, Senegalese kora maestro Kadialy Kouyate, Polish violinist Magdalena Filipczak, Serbian pianist Viktor Bijelovic, and the 2012 Reeth Lecturer: 'Time Team's' Carenza Lewis.

Our multi-talented Artist in Residence, Sir Richard Rodney Bennett, will play piano alongside jazz singer Claire Martin at Middleham, attend the first performance of his specially commissioned piece for the Royal Holloway Choir and Acoustic Triangle, and launch an exhibition of his colourful collages.

Alongside numerous talented local artists, we also present guided walks exhibitions, drama and poetry, events in Wensleydale and late-night blues and folk sessions. We have an extensive programme of workshops and masterclasses for schools and young people, and we have lowered all ticket prices for under 19s; most are only £3.

Checkout the website www.swalefest.org or pick up a brochure at [Welcome to Leyburn or Hawes Community Office](#). The Box Office **01748 880019** opens on 23rd April, but you can send in a postal booking now.

And What Mattered When Looking for Accommodation?

Extracts from 'Where to find Dales Hospitality.'

Askrigg. Come to Wensleydale for safety. Comfortable rooms. Indoor sanitation. Near station.

Elm House Farm

Board residence, nr moors, indoor sanitation, hot and cold, good table, garden, games. **The Willow Garth, Miss Sadler.**

Hawes. B. and B., board residence and apartments, residentially situated, near station and buses, modern conveniences, electric light.

Misses E. and M. Blythe, "Eastburn"

West Burton Comfortable farmhouse accommodation, beautifully situated, daintily served food. Modern conveniences. **Mrs Close, Cote Farm.**

And in 1940 this might surprise:

STOP SMOKING. Complete treatment 2/6. Results guaranteed. **PEACOCK DYSON, Chmist, Horwich, Lancs**

Church Coffee Club Bolton-cum-Redmire PCC

Wednesday 4th April 10:30am to 12 noon at
Margaret & Robert Hall, Dale View, Castle Bolton



Mystery picture. It's time we had an easy one. Last month's was of Nicholl Rill, Litherskew. One reader thought it might be in Dentdale

Carperby Charity Concerts

Concerts at Carperby continue to pack the crowds in. The current series of charity concerts began in February when Miranda Sykes and Rex Preston were the guests and **£390 was raised for Yorkshire Air Ambulance**. The second concert sees the return of **Little Johnny England** on Friday 27th April. For those of you who missed them in 2010, here's your opportunity to see a unique outfit. The band consists of five of the most gifted musicians on the folk/ rock circuit who specialise in accessible pop grown from traditional roots. **Record Collector** called their album, *Tournament of Shadows*, "an album that oozes class in every department". Tickets are £12 in advance or £14 on the door and are already selling well. All proceeds from this concert will go to **MacMillan Nurses**.

Details and tickets for all the concerts can be obtained by calling **Steve Sheldon on 663808**

Leyburn Bowling Club

Leyburn Bowling Club will be opening it's green for the commencement of the 2012 bowling season around the middle of April. We are always looking for new members to join us and anyone who would like to try their hand at Flat Green bowling will be made very welcome.

We are accordingly holding an Open Weekend on **Saturday and Sunday April 28th and 29th from 2.00 to 4.00pm**. This is designed especially for people who have not bowled before. Everyone is welcome. Tuition and equipment, as well as refreshments, will be provided absolutely free of charge each day.

Leyburn Bowling Club is situated on Moor Road -- turn into Grove Square and we are 100 yards past Thornborough Hall and the Library, on the left hand side.

If you require any further information and details please telephone **Hazel on 623480** or **Mervyn on 625734**.

Mervyn Buckley