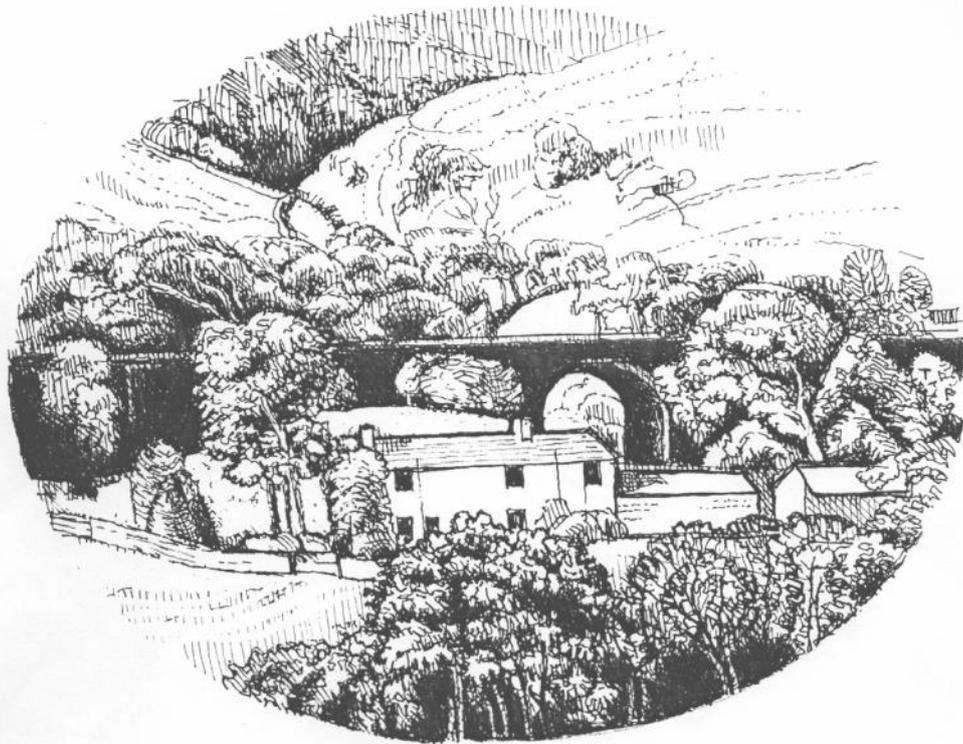


THE UPPER WENSLEYDALE NEWSLETTER

ISSUE NO. 182
JULY 2012

**Donation please:
30p suggested or more if you wish**



Mossdale Head by Tom Purvis

Published by

The Upper Wensleydale Newsletter
Burnside Coach House,
Burtersett Road, Hawes DL8 3NT

Tel: 667785

e-mail: alan.watkinson@virgin.net

Printed by Wensleydale Press

Committee: Alan S.Watkinson,
Barry Cruickshanks (web), Sue E .Duffield,
Sue Harpley, , Alastair Macintosh,
Neil Piper, Janet W. Thomson (treasurer)

Final Processing: Sarah Champion, Adrian
Janke

Postal Distribution: Derek Stephens

**Upper Wensleydale
Newsletter**

Issue 182—July2012

Features

Editorial 3

Olympic Torch 7

Doctor's Rotas 25

Old TV Mast 24

DCM What's On 14

Computer Corner 16

North Country Theatre 22

What's On 23

Plus all the regulars

PLEASE NOTE

This web-copy does not contain the commercial adverts which are in the full Newsletter.

As a general rule we only accept adverts from within the circulation area and no more than one-third of each issue is taken up with them.

.Advertising

Boxed adverts: £6, £12, £18

There is a big reduction for six issues or more, so for six issues the totals are:

£25, £50 or £75

Greetings etc. £2.00

What's ons (non-commercial) are free

Contacts for adverts:

For Hawes area and westward:

**Barry Cruickshanks, Ashfield, Hardraw:
667458**

For elsewhere:

**Sue Duffield, Fellside,
Thornton Rust: 663504**

Whilst we try to ensure that all information is correct we cannot be held legally responsible for omissions or inaccuracies in articles, adverts or listings, or for any inconvenience caused. Views expressed in articles are the sole responsibility of the person by-lined. Articles by committee members carry just their initials. We appreciate being asked before any part of the Newsletter is reproduced

**THE AUGUST ISSUE
WILL BE PRODUCED ON
JULY 25TH AND 26TH
AND DISTRIBUTED
FROM
JULY 26TH TO 30TH
DEADLINE FOR
AUGUST ISSUE,
THURSDAY JULY 19th**



Editorial

Let's celebrate! There is a fair bit going on at the moment – Jubilee, Olympic victories (we hope!), and it won't be long before GCSE and A-level students are gleefully hugging their successful fellow students. These days, too, we seem to make more of celebrating personal anniversaries and birthdays than was once the case; celebrations are 'big deals' now!

On the national scene we celebrate the obvious religious occasions of Christmas and Easter, noting also the similar rejoicings of other faiths, plus the yearly remembrance of the ends of wars (those we 'won' of course).

Yet there are many other truly significant events, affecting our lives, that never, or hardly ever, get a mention, never mind causing a bit of a celebration. Take Magna Carta of the year 1215, one of the most significant documents in history: *"No free man shall be seized or imprisoned, or stripped of his rights or possessions, or outlawed or exiled, nor will we proceed with force against him, except by the lawful judgement of his equals or by the law of the land. To no one will we sell, to no one deny or delay right or justice."* That is certainly worth a celebration – and the keeping of a close eye on things to see that it is preserved.

The passing, in 1832, of the *Representation of the People Act* known as the *Great Reform Act* got rid of "Rotten Boroughs" where just a handful of men could elect an M.P. but the rapidly growing industrial towns had none. Mind you, even then only men who owned property over £10 could vote, so most of the 'working class' were denied. Later Acts gradually increased the franchise, but remember that although New Zealand was the first country, in 1893, to grant votes for women, it was only in 1928 in Britain that women (over 21) were allowed to vote. All this process took a long time and is rarely celebrated.

What a year 1833 was; the Act to abolish slavery and the Factory Act forbidding the employment of children under nine, and limiting those under 13 to nine hours a day; aren't those worth, if not an annual celebration, then worth a 'cheer' every now and again?

Forster Square in Bradford reminds us of the famous Forster Education Act of 1870, a real landmark setting out the education for all children from five to twelve years old.

As for science and technology, three cheers for the electric light, 1800 -1809 (actual date

disputed); the first automobile, Benz 1888; the first radio broadcast, in America, 1906 or 1909 (depending on whom you believe). Imagine life without these!

We could go on throughout the 1900s and remember with gratitude 1946, the first meeting of the United Nations Assembly in the Methodist Central Hall Westminster; 1948, celebrating Bevan's National Health Service; or 1967 and Barnard's first heart transplant. Clearly this is merely a snapshot of different things worthy of celebration. You might think of your own list.

And what of this year itself? Three hundred years ago, 1712, Newcomen's first steam engine, and one hundred years ago, 1912, the National Insurance Act regarded as the foundation of modern social welfare.

We have plenty of things, and people, to celebrate, not least just about 20 years since the World Wide Web really became available. How else do you think all the above things could be so easily brought together!

Annual Exhibition Preston under Scar Artists Friday 27th to Sunday 29th July 10.00am to 6.00pm

Selling exhibition of paintings and hand-made crafts all produced in the village.

Admission free but donations please to the Friarage Hospital.

Drop-off points and contacts

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

Hawes:	Alan S. Watkinson, Burnside Coach House. 667785
Gayle:	Lorna Ward, East House 667405
Bainbridge:	Hammond's Butchers 650631
Askrigg:	Rima Berry, 8 Mill Lane. 650980
Carperby:	Margaret Woodcock, Bella Cottage 663488
West Burton:	Nadine Bell, Margaret's Cottage 663559
Aysgarth:	Hamilton's Tearoom 663423
Redmire:	see Carperby above
Thorlby:	Sandra Foley, Shop 663205

June Competition Answers

Dales in Yorkshire

- | | |
|-------------|-----------------|
| 1. Ape | 8. Tees |
| 2. Rye | 9. Balders |
| 3. Colster | 10. Grise |
| 4. Bils | 11. Great Fryup |
| 5. Stainton | 12. Dove |
| 6. Wheel | 13. Nettle |
| 7. Wester | 14. Fang |
| | 15. Harwood |

July Competition

Remove a letter! (not always the first)

Example: Boulder-shade = stone, tone.

1. Crossing-arête
2. Glow-ratio
3. Idea-notwithstanding conjunction
4. Fetched- in old Westmorland
5. On its own- nook
6. Corn- question
7. Yorkshire river- quay
8. Yorkshire river- they exist
9. Yorkshire river- Sumerian city
10. Not short-record
11. Blossom-nether
12. Fish without back- cause laughter
13. Gully-what goes in it
14. Slow down-cook.

Join Writer Simon Armitage for a day walking the Pennine Way

To celebrate the publication of *Walking Home: Travels with a Troubadour on the Pennine Way*, Faber and Faber invites you to join one of the nation's most beloved poets and authors, Simon Armitage CBE, for a very special day walking a section of the Pennine Way.

The Walk: Thwaite to Hawes (circa. 10 miles inc. a climb over Great Shunner Fell. The date: **Saturday, 21st July.**

After party: For those with the energy, Simon will be discussing his book, *Walking Home*, at the Georgian Theatre Royal, Richmond at 7.30pm. Free entrance for anyone who has participated in the day's walk and drinks and nibbles provided on arrival at the theatre.

This will be a popular event, reservation is essential. For more information or to reserve a space please contact **Hannah Marshall on 020 7927 3887** or hannah_marshall@faber.co.uk

New Authority Members

Two new members have been appointed by DEFRA to the National Park Authority. Judith Donovan CBE is a leading Yorkshire business woman with active involvement on a range of boards and trusts, including the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust. She lives in Kirkby Malzeard. Jocelyn Manners-Armstrong, who lives in Dent, has a legal and financial background and runs a business consulting company. Both appointments are for four years.

Existing members Christopher Armitage from Easingwold and Peter Charlesworth, who lives in Ilkley, have been re-appointed for another four years.



Produce Show Needs Help!

As you probably know the Askrigg and District Produce Show on August Bank Holiday Monday has been going every year since the war. Until a few years ago it had been chaired by Dave Jackson and for the last two years by Angus Carmichael. Sadly Angus has left for sunnier climes in North West Scotland.

Although we have a fair sized committee we can not find a chairman. We need someone to chair our 3 meetings a year, help take registration on the Thursday before show day and oversee on the day (someone to say "the Chairman's decision is final").

Can you help us make sure this wonderful show doesn't become a relic of past glories? If you can help please contact either **Mike or Rachel Dechezeaux on 650424** or **Lesley Glancy on 650149** or email us at: askriggshow@hotmail.co.uk

Sycamore Hall

First of all I would like to say thanks for the many kind words of condolence at the end of my last notice, but life must go on and I will do my best to put together something of a report on what's going on at Sycamore Hall.

Last year we won the silver award for the best rural housing scheme which was a great honour for all who live here, and I am now pleased to report that we have once again been honoured by winning it for the second time.

To win this award the residents rallied round to discuss the facilities at Sycamore Hall including staff, management, restaurant and the general way in which it is run. All views were recorded and then submitted to the Elderly Accommodation Council. Over 300 entries were submitted by various housing associations. We're going for GOLD next year!

Once again Alice and Chris came to the front and this time provided a Jubilee Tea –Bravo to them. About 24 residents came down and enjoyed the afternoon tea whilst watching the celebrations on T.V. in a well-decorated restaurant. Sue made a good wine fairy with a bottle in each hand and two union jacks for wings.

"That doesn't fit there

" That fits but is in the wrong colour"

"I got 14 in today"

The idea of putting a jig-saw in the lounge is proving a good idea for some of the residents and quite a few have taken an interest in it.

Excuse me now I am just going down to see if I can put one in!

On Wednesday 20th June Michelle had booked a spot at Aysgarth National Parks to park our yellow bus where, during the entertainment and the picnic arranged by Michelle, we enjoyed our lunch and saw the Olympic flame.

Once again we are to be entertained by Ruth. She will be here at **1.30pm on July 18th** You are welcome to join and enjoy this afternoon of songs and music.

We are looking forward to a date in August when once again we will see the most welcome return of the group from Richmond with learning difficulties, this time giving their version of 'Shrek the Musical.' You are welcome and we will be pleased to see you. All these performers radiate a zest for life as shown by their enjoyment and pleasure in what they do. They are my favourites because their entertaining ways bring a smile to one's face. Their teachers and carers must be very proud of themselves.

Derek Ramsden

Bainbridge and District Motor Club Rally

The Summer Rally began at Swan Farm in Redmire with some challenges, including throwing sponges through car windows, reading number plates from a distance in 10 seconds, reversing as close as possible to a bollard and driving with a football on a tray on the car bonnet without it falling off. Each car then was given a list of 10 villages and had to work out the 8 to visit in the shortest route, finishing up at The Crown, Askrigg; two questions in each village were to be answered on the way round.

When each car got back to Askrigg you had to guess the height of the limbo pole to the height of your car and drive underneath the pole without hitting it. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the rally. Thank you to organisers Bob and Rachel Foster. The Canny Rally will be held **on Wednesday 18th July** by Grant and Barbara Humphreys; all welcome.

Emma Thwaite

Hawes Jubilee Party

The afternoon seemed to go very well and even the weather didn't stop people coming to celebrate at our street party. The amount of food donated was amazing and really surprised us, putting our faith back in the community spirit that Hawes always used to have. Everyone seemed to have a good time, both locals and visitors.

We would like to thank everyone who donated food; there were some fantastic cakes! Thank you to the Tolls Trustees for buying all the mugs for the children, and to Mary and George Sumner (our oldest couple) for presenting them.

Thank you to Cocketts Hotel for letting the children play in their garden making it a large sandpit! And to Hawes band, Colin Bailey and his youth band, and everyone else who helped on the day.

Helen, Sara, Emma and Brenda

Hawes Bonfire Committee

Invite you to their next meeting held on

Wednesday 18th July

At The Old Board Inn at 7.30pm

Don't worry, you won't be given a job, we would just love your support by attending the meeting, sharing ideas and discussing this year's event!

Put it in your diary.



The Wensleydale Chorus

For 2012 The Wensleydale Chorus will be singing Schubert's Mass in G and Vivaldi's Gloria.

Wensleydale Chorus meet for 10 weeks to rehearse, to enjoy good company and a good sing and then enjoy the thrill of performing with professional soloists in the two concerts which take place in the wonderful surroundings of St Oswald's Church, Askrigg and St John's Church, East Witton.

Our soloists this year are Laura Ashton Avery - Soprano, Emma Wardell – Mezzo Soprano, Nick Devlin – Tenor and Jolyon Dodgson – Bass and Greg Smith – Organist.

The concerts take place on Saturday **14th July at St Oswald's Church, Askrigg** and Saturday **21st July at St John's Church, East Witton** at 7.30pm. Tickets will be available on the door or can be reserved by Gilda Foster on **622942**.

**Coach Trip To York
Thursday 16th August**

On Thursday 16th August there is a trip to the York Mystery Plays. There are still some seats available on the coach for anyone who wishes either to book their own seat for the play or to make use of an evening in York for shopping,

The coach will leave Wensleydale about 3 o'clock from Aysgarth to arrive in York (if there is sufficient interest from further up the valley the coach could start earlier from Bainbridge) to arrive in York about 5.00pm. The coach will leave York about 10.30/11.00pm for the return trip to Wensleydale.

Please contact: **Liz Haythornthwaite 663023** for more information or to book a seat.

Q and A

Q: Why do X's at the end of a letter signify kisses?

A: In the Middle Ages, when many people were unable to read or write, documents were often signed using an X. Kissing the X represented an oath to fulfill obligations specified in the document. The X and the kiss eventually became synonymous.

Q: Why are many coin banks shaped like pigs?

A: Long ago, dishes and cookware in Europe were made of a dense orange clay called 'pygg'. When people saved coins in jars made of this clay, the jars became known as 'pygg banks.'

When an English potter misunderstood the word, he made a container that resembled a pig. And it caught on

Q: Why are people in the public eye said to be 'in the limelight'?

A: Invented in 1825, limelight was used in lighthouses and theatres by burning a cylinder of lime which produced a brilliant light. In the theatre, a performer 'in the limelight' was the centre of attention.

**Askrigg Playgroup
Fashion Show**

Askrigg Playgroup are holding a Fashion show on the **5th July at 7.00pm** at Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge to raise money for the Playgroup. There will be fashion and accessories from Erica Dillon in Richmond, and a raffle with great prizes to be won.

£5 per entry ticket which includes a glass of wine or £3.50 without wine. Tickets are available for purchase from Yorebridge House, on the door on the night, or from Charlotte Reilly or Kirsten Civil. We are also still looking for models so any volunteers will be much appreciated. Tel: **Georgina on 07854 977104 or Charlotte on 650680**.

Walks For Health

Wed 2 nd	Askrigg Sports Centre	11.00 am	Mill Gill Force	4 Miles
Wed 9 th	Hawes Market Hall	10.30 am	Appersett Viaduct	4 Miles
Mon 23 rd	Askrigg Sports Centre	11.00 am	Yorebridge	1 Mile

Olympic Torch at Aysgarth

We have been left in no doubt by the media that this is Olympic year in Britain. Few people can have escaped the extensive coverage of the torch route on television. Presumably this is all designed to whip up enthusiasm for the Games in July and there is no doubt that substantial crowds have turned out to witness the torch's passage. The danger with constant media coverage is that, like the Leveson inquiry, the general public gets bored with the inevitable repetition which occurs. One torch run begins to look like any other. When the torch came to Wensleydale in June - it was day 33 - the route was less than half completed but presumably once it leaves the north of England we'll hear less about it.



This all sounds a bit negative but don't get me wrong, I'm all in favour of banging the drum for the Olympics, so I decided to go and see the torch when it came to Aysgarth Falls. No-one knew whether Dales folk would bother to turn up at what must have been one of the most rural locations on the whole route. But the crowds didn't disappoint. Over 200 schoolchildren came and the total number must have been a thousand or so. They were all very enthusiastic, waving flags, laughing and cheering and responding to the encouragement from the endless cavalcade of vehicles, so a good time was had by all. The razzamatazz of the whole thing was very glitzy and showbiz and quite a spectacle. The children had a grandstand view and got to touch the torch (or torches—there are 8000 of them) so it was a memorable day for them. Of course, the glorious weather helped.

And the post event comments? As you might expect, many were positive: *'it was brilliant, everything just went off so well', 'we do these sort of events very well, don't we?'* and *'the Olympic people were so friendly and cheerful'*; but also *'it all seemed to be over in no time'*,



there didn't seem to be much connection with the core values of the Olympic Games' and *'I counted 28 police motorbikes, more than you'd see in Wensleydale in a whole year. So who's paying for all that?'* Err... well you and me, I suppose.

There are mixed views about the Olympics. A relative of mine in Berwick said she thought the torch procession was 'pathetic'. (Mind you, she's always been endowed with a healthy dose of cynicism).

I've also heard it said that getting the Olympics was the worst thing ever to happen to Britain. (What about two world wars?) and my wife says that none of her work colleagues have shown the slightest interest in the torch. Lots of local people didn't bother going to Aysgarth Falls or Leyburn to see it. So it's not everyone's cup of tea but personally I wouldn't have missed it. As many people said it's a 'once in a lifetime event' which most of us will never see again. N.P.



21st Birthday!

This year marks twenty one years since the present form of **Dales Discovery Talks** began in Hawes. The six evenings begin on **Wednesday July 25th at 8.00pm** in Hawes Methodist Church.

The first one is entitled "A Tour of the Dales" by Dr Malcolm Petyt.

45th Hawes Gala

When the Gala was still a week away, **Mick Rhodes** wrote “but I am going to go out on a limb and say that wasn't the weather glorious?! And hopefully everyone had a great day.” Then,

“We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who gave up their time to help out before, during and after the gala with the many jobs that we just couldn't do without the help of volunteers. And also a big thank you to the people who turned out on the two occasions to help put up the bunting. It was great to see some of the younger end of the town turn out and help! Again a big thank you also to the many businesses, people and organisations that give both cash and goods in the form of Patrons and prizes.

“Gala really couldn't go on without the support of local people and even in these times of austerity it's great to see everyone helping to keep it going.”

Well not quite true, the first bit! But despite

the blowing down of the marquee, and the event mainly held in the back of the Fountain Hotel, just on cue at 1.00pm the sun actually shone and nothing was to stop the procession round the town - the theme 'Pirates and Seafaring' producing a good number of brave fancy-dressers.

The Wensleydale School Summer Fayre

Saturday 7th July, 2012

11:00am to 4:00pm

In aid of local charities and a Mountain Bike circuit and Skills Park. Please come and support the school and have a fun day out. Further information from Gareth Seaborne at The Wensleydale School. **Tel: 621047**
Gareth.seaborne@wensleydaleschool.net

Setting off, and hurrying back!



Pit Paintings
Exhibition by John Warren
Farfield Mill, Sedbergh

In 1947 the then-new Coal Board took over the collieries of Britain. In 1949, fresh from Grammar School, John Warren was sent to work on the coal face at the Vane Tempest Colliery in County Durham, sunk only yards from the cliff-edge at Seaham Harbour. The pictures in this exhibition are built around memories of those days and of coal mining in what is now an historic period, where pits have become housing estates and the men he remembers are mostly gone.

Following this early start as a mining engineer, John, who now lives in Countersett, went on to develop a career as a successful and distinguished architect, founding the Architectural and Planning Partnership and working in new-build and building conservation, including Strawberry Hill (St.Mary's College), West Dean College (Sussex) and the Naval and Military Club, St. James Square, London. In the early 1980s he worked extensively in Baghdad, restoring buildings in devastated areas of the medieval city.

'Pit Paintings' runs **until 29th July** in Dover Gallery. See www.farfieldmill.org for details.

Ribblehead Viaduct and Blea Moor Tunnel Historic Tours



This summer sees a series of opportunities to be shown the historic areas around the Ribblehead Viaduct and the nearby Blea Moor Tunnel on the world famous Settle-Carlisle railway.

Guided tours take place each **Wednesday from 4th July to 12th September** inclusive — plus Saturday 18th August. Each tour day starts from Ribblehead Station at 10.25.

There are two tours each day, one a short tour of the viaduct only and a longer one of the viaduct and the tunnel. Bring waterproof clothing, strong footwear - and a packed lunch for the longer tour.

The tours are put on by the Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line. Organiser Peter Davies said "These gentle walks are a fine opportunity for people to discover more about the amazing history of Ribblehead - and to take in the stunning scenery besides. The story of how they built the line is impressive throughout but nowhere more so than at Ribblehead."

For more details about the walks visit www.foscl.org.uk

Summer Concert
Sunday 29th July, 7.30pm
St Andrew's Aysgarth

VaCO Orchestra, this time a consort of 12 players. Concert includes Mendelssohn Octet, Martinu Serenade, Mozart Horn Quintet K 407. Ticket enquiries **01765 602856** or **Michael Mason, Cross House, Carperby, DL8 4DQ, 663457.** *Concessionary parking at Falls Country Club, adjacent to the churchyard for £1 only for these concerts.*



Tour guides and Robert White examine quarried but unused viaduct stone.

Friday Night is Music Night

An evening with
The Muker Silver Band
 at **St Margaret's Church, Hawes**
7.30pm on Friday 20 July
 Tickets £6 All welcome

Cantabile Past and Present

St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth
Wednesday July 11th 7pm
 £4 Adults £2 Children
 Tickets only available at the door

Best Foot Forward

The car and wife were on the way to Lancaster, so I said ‘will you drop me off at Newby Head and pick me up at Ingleton; I’ll go over Blea Moor and Whernside’. It was a walk of mixed fortunes. The intention was to walk to the plantation before the lane drops down to Dent Head and take the forestry track to the path over Blea Moor Tunnel. They were felling, and it was dangerous to use my ‘short cut’ and it is surprising how far you descend before coming to the ‘proper’ path at Bridge End in upper Dentdale.



Towards the top with Ingleborough in the distance

However, it was worth it; this route last month was full of primroses and bluebells as it passes the entrance to Blea Moor Tunnel and then climbs steeply through the forest out on to the open moor. Sadly ‘they’ had decided to repair two of the ventilation shafts of the tunnel meaning that the footpath was miserably churned up by service vehicles and very wet for most of the way down to the Force Gill path up Whernside. HOWEVER, from somewhere above Deepdale I heard, for several minutes, a cuckoo. This is the first time for several years!

Now for another tricky bit! I wanted to use the old Turbary Road (it means ‘the right to dig for turf or peat for fuel’) back to near Thornton in Lonsdale. It’s easy to find the other end of it but working out just where it comes down to the Kingsdale Road near Yordas Cave remains a mystery to me. Some clambering around above Yordas got me to it. This cave, still popular with real cavers, was once a destination for Victorian day trippers.



Looking back down to Denthead Viaduct



Yordas Cave

Well on the way to the top, a couple anxiously looking at their map said they thought they might have gone the wrong way; they certainly had. They were going to Dent and had missed the Craven Way round to Deepdale, so I suggested they carried on to the summit and showed them the path off down to the Kingsdale– Deepdale Road.

The Turbary Road, lovely green lane, going south west rises steadily and when it reaches the limestone the sound of rushing water below points to a remarkable cave/pothole with no surrounding fence; quite awesome to peer into.

I’ve never managed to be at the top of Whernside in full sun before, and my burnt arms bear witness to it; there were also other people there! The descent was great. I took a route leading to Kingsdale Head, picking up a feint tractor track over soft, springy grassland and just at a trottable easy gradient.

You may leave the ‘road’ at Blea Dubs over a slippery path and limestone pavement down to the Kingsdale Road, but I fancied walking a bit further so took ‘Tow Scar Road (track)’ to Westgate. It goes south east beneath the white scar, bright in the afternoon sun. Pleasant field paths then take you via Thornton Hall to emerge in Ingleton just at the entrance to the Waterfalls Walk.

We’d arranged to rendezvous in ‘Curlew Crafts’ where I ordered three gallons of tea.

A.S.W.

Heavens Above

After last month's historic solar transit, Venus returns this month as a brilliant 'morning star'. It continues to draw away from the Sun right through July and by the month's end rises well over 3 hours before dawn. For most of July it appears not too far away from the planet Jupiter low in the east-northeast. On July 15/16th the pair are joined by a slender waning crescent Moon - a great photo opportunity for all you budding astro imagers.



The 15th of July also sees a dramatic occultation in the early morning hours when the Moon will appear to pass in front of Jupiter's disc hiding it completely from view. The bad news is that the full occultation is only visible if you live in the far southeast of the country. Unfortunately for us, from our part of the world, we won't get to see even a partial occultation as the limb of the Moon just misses the planet and its four biggest satellites. Even so a close conjunction like this is still well worth observing especially if you can view it through a telescope or binoculars.

During July we're right in the middle of the noctilucent cloud season. Noctilucent means 'night-shining' and displays of these rare silvery-blue high altitude clouds can be quite beautiful. Look for them glowing wraith-like low in the north-west after sunset, and in the north-east just before dawn. This month and next is also an ideal time for viewing the rich star clouds of the summer Milky Way - a glorious spectacle on a moonless night from a dark country site. Its pale luminous band stretching from Sagittarius and Scutum low over the southern horizon up to Cygnus high overhead is a treasure trove of star clusters and nebulae, well worth sweeping with binoculars or a wide-field telescope. Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

Bake Sale

At the Lychgate

St Thomas and St John's, Hardraw

Noon to 4.00pm on Saturday 28th July

During the Hardraw Festival Weekend

Local NHS Encourages Responses on Tobacco Packaging

The Department of Health is seeking feedback from the general public on whether there might be public health benefits of "standardised" or plain tobacco packaging.

The estimated smoking population in the county of North Yorkshire is 97,600 (16%) and each year it is estimated that smoking costs the county around £152.3 million. In 2011 there were 1044 smoking-related deaths.

Public health professionals in North Yorkshire believe that there is strong evidence that plain packaging on tobacco products can reduce smoking in under 18s which means we can potentially stop people getting addicted to smoking in the first place.

The consultation runs until **10th July 2012**, and the relevant documents can be found at: <http://consultations.dh.gov.uk>

Burtersett Show 2012

Sunday July 29th at 2.00pm

To be opened by

James and Lorna Ward

Classes, adults

1. Limerick on the theme of 'The Olympics'
2. Longest stick of rhubarb
3. Photograph on the theme 'Sky' Max. 7x5 in
4. Quiche
4. Hand knitted item
5. Strawberry jam
6. Sculpture from recycled materials

Classes, children's groups:

under 7; 7-10; 11-16

1. A drawing on the theme 'My family'
2. Photograph on a 'Transport' theme
3. Three decorated cup cakes on a plate
4. Home-made soft toy
5. Hanging decorated mobile
6. Short story or poem on 'My best friend'
7. Garden in a tin

All entries to be taken from 10.00 to 11.30am

Events: Band 2.15 and 3.15pm.

Dog show 3.00pm

Fell race 3.15pm

Egg catching 4.00pm

Refreshments will be served in the Institute.

Telephone Booking

A country cottage did you say? We've simply got to get away.
 Across two fields and down a track? I think I'll go and start to pack.
 We often go to southern France, and book a gite well in advance,
 But this year, with the credit crunch, We'll settle for a nice pub lunch.
 Our basic needs include a shower - you know, the sort with extra power.
 A DVD player is required for entertainment when we're tired.
 And digital TV ranks high, you did say that we can get Sky?
 Are mobile signals nice and strong? We can't be out of touch for long.
 Is Marks and Spencer's near at hand, and is the cottage on Broadband?
 Can Tesco's van get up the drive? We'll need it when we first arrive.
 Our daughter's boyfriend might come too, he'll bring his drums and play for you.
 His motor bike won't make a sound, or drip black oil onto the ground.
 Can Granddad come on Sunday night? His pills should see him through all right.
 Will someone bring 'The Sun' each day? That really would improve his stay.
 We'd like to bring our little dog, a Doberman called Captain Zog.
 He'll never think to scratch your chairs, or cover every bed with hairs.
 As you can see we're ideal guests - I bet some folk are perfect pests.
 We're not the sort to ask for much - and Thumper's coming in his hutch.
 Say that again - what did you say? The nearest shops are miles away?
 There's no electric, no flush loo? The only sound's a nearby moo?
 The hospital is far away? We won't get papers every day?
 Well, this year, for the family's sake, I think we'll book a City Break.

Judy Hulse

Films at the Vicarage

You are welcome to the Vicarage in Carperby on the following dates to watch a film. There will be an afternoon viewing between **2.00-4.30pm**, and will include coffee/tea and cake. The evening viewing is between **7.00-9.30pm** including a glass of wine/soft drink & nibbles.

Tues 17th July - Film: CHARIOTS OF FIRE
Tues 14th August Film: OF GODS AND MEN

Disgruntled of 1942!

Extract from a summer Yorkshire Dalesman

May I give my recent experiences in Aysgarth? So different to what I have had in other villages in the Dales, where with few exceptions have I enjoyed yearly visits during the past 24 years, and have come to love both places and inhabitants.

Twice in the last 2 years have I found fresh pleasure in leisurely cycling through the district, both times did I find it impossible to get a bed in Aysgarth for one night: I think on my last visit I tried seven places without success. All were "full up" when I told them it was "tea, bed and breakfast" for one night! Every one seemed very nice and each told me to try "so and so," etc. Finally, I was recommended to go down to a good sized place where "I know they have plenty of room and not full" but the same reply. So I went on to West Witton, and the very first place I called in the village was the old fashioned inn "The Fox and Hounds" which made me welcome and treated me well.

After tea I had the curiosity to go round the village and found I could have plenty of choice!

Hawes Cricket Club

July fixtures

Sunday	1st	Thorp Perrow	Home
Saturday	7th	Hawks	Home
Sunday	8th	Kendal I.C.	Away
Sunday	15th	King James	Home
Sunday	29th	Blades	Home

All games start at 2.00pm

West Burton School News

West Burton School has been very patriotic recently, as they have shown their love for Great Britain by dressing up in red, white and blue for the day and coming together with the village to have a Jubilee Day. Despite all the red, white and blue, the school has still had lots of exciting changes.

As many parents know, Class 2 goes outdoors every Friday fortnight to learn survival skills like lighting fires, building dens, tying knots and teamwork games. However, Class 2 think that their Forest Schools sessions should either be longer or more often. Mrs Eastwood, the Class 2 teacher, took this opportunity and used it to her advantage by asking her class to write a persuasive letter to the head teacher, Mrs Stone. She received many hopeful letters in her inbox and read each of the letters with thought. Soon the decision was made – it was a positive reply! Mrs Stone made a deal that if the children did well in their SATs they could enjoy more Forest Schools as a reward. Let's hope they keep up the good work!

On the last Friday of half term all the school, including the teachers, dressed up in red, white and blue clothes for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. In the morning the school created Jubilee and Olympic themed crowns. Fortunately, everyone managed to make a crown without any hassle! Later on, it was time for lunch – or, a picnic indoors! The tables got filled with sandwiches, crisps, scones and other tasty treats! Never done before, Edward Harker, a Y6 pupil, was asked to raise a British flag attached to the school. To finish, the National Anthem was sung by the great whole school choir, accompanied by a few talented recorder players. They even all danced around the maypole, which is a tradition the school follows every year. It seems the school loved this very patriotic day!

Also, there has been a change to the school's recording system. Instead of children doing work during the term and then making it into a topic folder at the end of the term, they shall fill in what they have learned in their 'Learning Journals'. Here, children write what they have discovered, and if they have understood the topic at the end of the lesson. This means that on parents' evening, Mums and Dads can just quickly flick through this book – as it is set out clearly, and full of colour.

Ruth Dent and Will Smith Y6

Planning the Pennine Way

A few details from 1942!

From the formation of the Pennine Way Association until the outbreak of war local sub-committees of voluntary workers were surveying the route, and a large amount of useful data had been collected when war-time conditions made it impossible to continue. The information so obtained would be available for use by any authority interested in furthering the scheme.

WHAT IS REQUIRED The above mentioned survey has revealed that of the 250 miles of the route a little less than seventy miles are without footpaths of any kind. Sixteen of the seventy miles are in country where in the past there has been no restriction on rambling. Such liberty, however, might be lost in the future owing to various causes such as change of ownership, development of new grouse moors, or as a consequence of increased usage of the country by walkers. Therefore, it may be said, seventy miles of new footpaths are required to complete the scheme.

Some indication of the route would probably be necessary. Waymarking is a controversial subject, and it may be mentioned the Pennine Way Association does not favour the idea of marking the way with splashes of paint as was the pre-war practice in some continental countries.

On the higher ground stone cairns could be erected as is done in the Lake District, Snowdonia, and other mountainous parts of Britain. These are effective in use, and, being built of stone gathered on the ground, are not out of harmony with the surroundings, and need not be unsightly. In the dales it might be necessary in some places to erect some kind of signpost which should be designed to be as simple and inoffensive as is practicable.

A small number of simple footbridges might be required over some of the moorland streams. These need be nothing more elaborate than a single plank adequately secured against floodwaters. In many places on the fells dry stone walls are common. However careful one may be, it is not always possible to scale these without dislodging some stones. To avoid this annoyance to the farmer wooden ladder stiles could be erected where required.

Open Day

Hawes Fire Station

Sunday August 26th from noon to 4.00pm

BBQ, Drinks, Bouncy Castle,

Tombola, Face Painting

and much more.

All proceeds to the
Firemen's Benevolent Fund.



DCM What's On

July–September

An exhibition celebrating the competitive spirit of Dales Communities

July

- 1 A demonstration of North Country quilt techniques—how to use patterns and materials, plus patterns to buy. 1.00 to 4.00pm.
- 4 Behind the Scenes at the Museum; See how the curators care, catalogue and display the Museum's collections. 2.00 to 4.00pm
- 8 Rails in the Dales. An illustrated talk by railway historian Bob Ellis. 2.00 to 4.00pm.
- 11 Food in the hay field: Drop in and taste. 10.00am to 3.30pm
- 13 Friends of the Museum dressed in costume, explaining the work undertaken in the Victorian kitchen dairy. 11.00am to 3.30pm.
- 14 Exploring Archaeology Ties in with the national Festival of British Archaeology. Keith Webster will host this weekend drop in. 10.00am to 4.30pm.
- 15 Exploring Archaeology weekend continued with further drop in events. 10.00am to 4.30pm.
- 15 Pathfinder Intermediate; 10.30am to 4.30pm. A navigation course, mostly outdoors. Topics include: map reading, grid references and compass work. Not suitable for children. Walking boots and waterproofs essential. Bring food and drink, no dogs.
- 21 Archaeology in the Dales. Archaeologist will hold an illustrated talk. 2.00 to 4.00pm.
- 21 Hawes Rural Heritage Trail. 11.00 to 3.30pm. A moderate (11km) walk through fields and along old bridleways picking out signs of the past. £3.
- 22 How to get started; demos of Baltimore patterns. 2.00 to 4.00pm.
- 24 Drystone Walling Demo 2.00 to 4.00pm. Practical demonstration by a Dales Volunteer in the amphitheatre.
- 24 An illustrated talk by Ranger Matt Neale on how the red squirrel is faring in the Yorkshire Dales. 2.00 to 3.00pm.
- 25 Have fun learning about bumblebees, butterflies and bugs in this drop in session for 5-14 year olds. Under 7s accompanied by an adult. £3.
- 26 A gentle (2.4km) walk in Snaizeholme, Meet at Mirkpot House 2.00pm. £3
- 27 Drop in and Taste.—Cooking with vegetables from the museum Garden. 10.00am to 3.30pm.
- 28 Archaeologist Annie Hamilton Gibney will lead a full day workshop on coil pots. Drop in family event. 10.00am to 4.30pm.
- 31 Drystone Walling Demonstration. 2.00pm

For further information on any activity
'phone 666210

Housing Development Plan Report Published

The National Park Authority has now published a long-awaited Inspector's report on its proposed Housing Development Plan, which sets out how it will release sites for affordable housing over the next 15 years.

The report by planning inspector David Vickery follows his examination of the plan in January and two subsequent periods of public consultation.

Mr Vickery has accepted 29 sites for development - ranging in size from two houses to up to 30 and potentially providing up to 236 new homes. Half would be affordable homes to rent or buy, probably through the involvement of a local housing association. The remainder would be open market housing with a legal agreement restricting their occupancy to people who need to live or work in the National Park.

However he has also rejected four sites that would have provided 10 new homes for local people in Aysgarth, Low Row, Muker and Thornton Rust.

His report will now go before YDNPA Members at the Authority's next meeting.

The inspector's report is available on the YDNPA website at www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/hdp-examination.

More Q and A

Q: Why is someone who is feeling great 'on cloud nine'?

A: Types of clouds are numbered according to the altitudes they attain, with nine being the highest cloud. If someone is said to be on cloud nine, that person is floating well above worldly cares.

Q: Why are zero scores in tennis called 'love'?

A: In France, where tennis became popular, round zero on the scoreboard looked like an egg and was called 'l'oeuf,' which is French for 'egg.' When tennis was introduced in the US, Americans (mis)pronounced it 'love.'

Q: Why is shifting responsibility to someone else called 'passing the buck'?

A: In card games, it was once customary to pass an item, called a buck, from player to player to indicate whose turn it was to deal. If a player did not wish to assume the responsibility of dealing, he would 'pass the buck' to the next player.

Q: Why do people clink their glasses before drinking a toast?

A: It used to be common for someone to try to kill an enemy by offering him a poisoned drink. To prove to a guest that a drink was safe, it became customary for a guest to pour a small amount of his drink into the glass of the host. Both men would drink it simultaneously. When a guest trusted his host, he would only touch or clink the host's glass with his own.

Q: In golf, where did the term 'Caddie' come from?

A. When Mary Queen of Scots went to France as a young girl, Louis, King of France, learned that she loved the Scots game 'golf.' So he had the first course outside of Scotland built for her enjoyment. To make sure she was properly chaperoned (and guarded) while she played, Louis hired cadets from a military school to accompany her. Mary liked this a lot and when she returned to Scotland (not a very good idea in the long run), she took the practice with her. In French, the word cadet is pronounced 'ca-day' and the Scots changed it into 'caddie.'

Bridleway Nearing Completion

We're nearly there! After more than seven years and thousands of hours of hard work, the last sections of the Pennine Bridleway national trail - a 52-mile route through the National Park - are almost finished.

When it is completed, the whole trail will stretch about 200 miles from Derbyshire to Cumbria along ancient packhorse trade routes and drove roads that have been connected by new links.

The creation of the trail for mountain bikers, horse riders and walkers has been made possible to date mainly through financial support from Natural England and a Sport England award of £1.8 million.

The section through the National Park from the A65 at Long Preston to the Cumbrian border was funded by Natural England, with support from the National Park Authority and North Yorkshire County Council, with additional funding from Yorkshire Forward.

Peter Lambert, the YDNPA's Pennine Bridleway Officer, said: "It's fantastic that, after so many years of work, our section is almost finished - it will be one of the final pieces in the national trail's jigsaw.

I would just like to say a massive 'thank you' to everyone who has helped us in the process - without them it wouldn't have happened."

An Evening of French Music

**Sunday, 1st July, 7.30pm.
St Andrew's Aysgarth**

An Evening of French Music with the Ripon-based St Cecilia Orchestra. Music by Lalo, Faure, and Bizet, featuring the famous Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso and the Havanaise by Camille Saint-Saens, with solo violinist, Joanne Atherton.

Tickets Adult £12, Concession £10, and Child £5, available from Aysgarth NPC, by phone **01765 602856**, or at the door.

Cookies without Milk!

I get a lot of questions about cookies – no not the American biscuits – and there seems to be a lot of confusion about what they are, what they are for and do you need to worry.

Unfortunately the whole business is shrouded in confusion and is not helped by security software scanning your computer and telling you it has found hundreds or thousands of cookies on your system as a security issue and then proceeding to delete them.

First what are cookies? They are tiny files stored on your computer when you visit websites and without them many websites do not function correctly. Some people assume cookies are a bad idea and turn them off in their browser (or are sometimes advised to turn them off by friends). This restricts websites from storing these little files and consequently people wonder why their favourite websites no longer work the way they should.

What do cookies do? There are two main cookie types that are used by almost every website: session and persistent.

Session cookies allow websites to maintain information relevant to what you are doing on the website during that visit. When you close the windows the cookie should be deleted. A typical example of this is if you visit a shop online and add things to the shopping cart – the cookie stores a session number identifying your shopping cart so that the web server sending you the web-pages can keep track of what you put in the shopping cart. A lot of online shops forget what is in the cart as soon as you close the window – they are using session cookies.

Persistent cookies allow websites to remember you or settings you chose every time you visit that website. An example for a persistent cookie is used on the BBC website. If you go to www.bbc.co.uk without a persistent cookie you will see news and

weather for London. If you click on London and tell the website where you live it will give local news and weather instead. This is not stored as a location, but rather it is stored as a reference number in the cookie so that next time you visit the BBC the website looks at the cookie, sees the reference number and checks your location from that number. Lots of websites (including shops like Amazon) use persistent cookies to remember you every time you visit the website – that way they can give you a personalised experience of their website.

Where things can get tricky is that some websites display information (especially pictures and videos) which are obtained directly from other websites. For example if you see a YouTube video on Facebook the video is actually coming from youtube.com – consequently you may get a Facebook cookie on your system but because you are looking at YouTube content you will also get a cookie from YouTube. If you are logged in to both sites it is possible that your interests could be obvious to both websites (ie. Facebook may be able to work out which videos you watch and YouTube may be able to tell you have a Facebook account). Some websites deliberately place cookies from all sorts of websites and this means there is potentially a security issue meaning your browsing habits and preferences can be shared. Your personal information should not be disclosed through this process but marketing companies have agreements with many websites for collecting anonymous browsing data. Browsing reputable websites should not cause any problems.

This is another example of where you need to be careful where you visit and which websites you trust with personal information. There is nothing to stop a website where you register from tracking, logging and sharing the information you provide on their website with other people and companies. Having said that, the same thing happens in the non-internet world (eg. the electoral roll is available for sale to companies and consequently your information is available to anyone who wants to buy it – hence the amount of junk that comes through the letter box!).

All in all cookies make the internet a much more useful place. Regular deletion of cookies is not really necessary and security software only flags up loads of cookies because it makes them LOOK as though they are doing something useful. For a fuller description of cookies see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HTTP_cookie.

As always feel free to send me any comments or suggestion for articles via my website www.dalescomputerservices.com (and yes you will get a cookie if you visit – but no milk!).

Carol Haynes

Exhibition
Yorkshire Dales National Park
Authority , Yoredale, Bainbridge



Roy Hubbard
Mixed Media

Drawings, Paintings and Graphic Work
July and August 2012

Open 8.30 to 4.30 Monday to Friday

“My work is inspired by natural forms, with the intention of celebrating nature in its diversity and habitat. I enjoy using watercolour; acrylic and graphite, ... Experimenting with a range of media and varied surfaces allows me to explore new ideas and possibilities.

Direct observation plays an important part in my research, via location drawing, photography or studio practice, exploring collected finds. I am particularly attracted to upland terrain, especially my native Pennines.”

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

Search is on for
National Park Heroes

Volunteer heroes who work tirelessly to help keep the National Park looking fantastic are being sought for a national award; and the public is being asked to help in the search by nominating the individuals, groups or projects they think are worthy.

The UK Association of National Parks (UK ANPA) has launched an award scheme to honour the volunteers who bring their skills and enthusiasm to work in the National Parks to help others enjoy Britain's beautiful breathing spaces

Our National Park Authority Area Ranger Iain Mann, who is the lead officer for volunteering, said: "I know there are lots of people - including our own Dales Volunteers - who give their time freely and willingly to ensure that the National Park's fragile landscape is conserved and enhanced for future generations."

Carl Lis, Chairman of UKANPA and of the YDNPA, said: "Whether they're mending foot-paths or helping out surveying historic features, our volunteers love our National Parks and that enthusiasm is infectious. They help us with some of our most vital conservation work - they're a formidable force for good!"

The awards will see the best individual, best group and best project lauded - with the best individual winning outdoor gear from UK ANPA's brand partner Merrell. Winners of the group and project categories will win a £1,000 bursary to help facilitate future volunteering activity.

The awards will be judged at the end of October by TV presenters Julia Bradbury and Helen Skelton.

Volunteers can range from school children to those with more than 50 years' service, all of whom give their time and energy to many aspects of work in the UK's 15 National Parks.

Nominations are invited from individuals or groups working on joint projects within the boundaries of a UK National Park.

The deadline to submission of nominations is **midnight on September 7th**. Up to five nominees will be shortlisted in each of the three categories and the winners will be announced in early November.

More information and a downloadable nominations form are available on the UK ANPA website at:

www.nationalparks.gov.uk/volunteer-awards.

Kids and Crochet at Gayle Mill

The volunteer team at Gayle Mill celebrated the Jubilee weekend with local families by exploring the traditional skill of crochet.

For those who don't know, crochet is a way of making fabric by creating loops in yarn using a crochet hook. It used to be a commonplace skill, particularly among women. In recent years it has developed an arts and crafts following, and like knitting, is becoming more fashionable again.

This might not be the sort of thing which would normally excite young children. However, at the Mill children were taught to crochet so that they could make their own bedroom window bunting ready for the Jubilee.

One mother who attended the event with family and friends said "All 6 children had great fun, we will be back for Halloween with our passports". At the event children were given a Gayle Mill Passport which is stamped each time they visit the Mill. Once they have 3 stamps they can claim a prize.

During the event families could see a demonstration of crocheted bunting making by Gayle Mill Volunteer Janet Thomson, and a traditional knitting demonstration by local artist Kate Trusson. As part of the Family Fun event a small exhibition of *Mill Memories* has also been created. This display looks back at the Mill during the Coronation years in 1952/3 and mile-stone years in the Queen's reign since.

The display features memories from volunteers and directors like Tony Routh of Bainbridge, and information about the Haysweep patented at the Mill during that period. Visitors to the Mill can



Samantha working with George to create his

see the display and an example of the old Haysweep for the rest of the summer.

During the day the team raised £48. Gayle Mill Trust would like to thank local families for attending and taking part in the event.

Police Report

Hopefully the next couple of months will give us some decent weather but, as per previous "summers", there will probably be periods of heavy rain. So here is a timely reminder. Remember the River Ure often floods between Appersett and Wensley at various locations along the A684 road. Signs are put up along the road and "Road Closed" signs are erected because the road is flooded and not drivable. The barriers are only across half of the road to allow residents access to their properties but road closed means just that! Do not drive around the barriers or the likely consequences will be at least a wet or severely damaged vehicle. If you get stuck in the water you not only risk your own life and that of your passengers - but of those that have to rescue you. Please apply some common sense. Follow the diversions!

There has been a recent upturn in crime in Upper Wensleydale. Numerous outbuildings have been broken into. The usual target items have been stolen, namely strimmers, chain saws, lawnmowers and power tools. To make these items less attractive to thieves please mark them with some details or maybe paint them with a cheap can of spray paint – record serial numbers so that if they do get stolen we can circulate details. Preferably put their details on the Immobilise website. It makes them easier to trace if they are discovered as we can tie them back to owners. Often when executing warrants property which is believed to be stolen is seized but has to be returned to the criminals as it cannot be identified as stolen. Serial numbers or marking it removes any doubt.

Andy Foster PC826

**Leyburn Safer Neighbourhood Team
Wards of Addlebrough and Hawes and
High Abbotside**

Tel .101(non emergency/general enquiries)

999 (emergency or crime in progress)

SNTLeyburn@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Mystery Picture. Last month's was of Crackpot Hall before its roof fell in.



Introduction to Blacksmithing

Hands on course

Gayle Mill

**Sunday 29 July 10:30am – 4:30pm £50.00
(inc. lunch)**

Working under Adrian Wood's expert tuition you learn the basic skills of a blacksmith. You will make a key ring, decorative hook and toasting fork which are yours to take home with you.

Wensleydale Gun Club

The LVA charity shoot in May raised over **£250**. Thanks to all the sponsors for the prizes for this event, and to those who attended.

Portas Pilot Application

Following the Mary Portas challenge to towns throughout the country, an application is soon to be submitted on behalf of Hawes under the title 'Hawes Town Partnership'. The lead organisation is the Richmondshire District Council and the partners are the Business Association (Wensleydale) Ltd., the Hawes and High Abbotside Parish Council and the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. More details of the application will be given later.

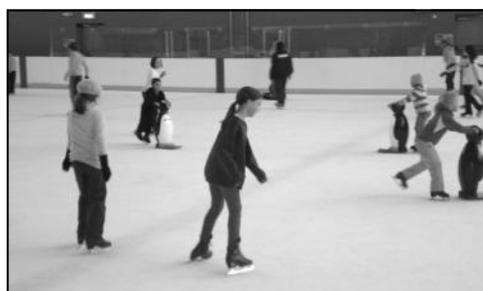


Askrigg School's Ice Skating Trip

On Tuesday 22nd May the whole school went to Billingham ice rink. The ice rink had been refurbished, so the school had not been for a few years, (we didn't know where we were because it looked so different). Once everyone had ice-skates on; it was time to get on the ice!



Everyone was a little bit nervous, so after clinging onto the side for a bit, the nerves went away and they started to go further in. Some of the smaller children in class one, had never been ice-skating before, so they got



little penguins to help them, (although some of the older children and the adults would have liked them too!) So overall everyone enjoyed the trip, and lots of them wanted to stay for longer!

Sophie and Katie Y6

Wensleydale Railway

June 30- July 1. 40 miles of coins
21 Special afternoon train and strawberry tea
28/29 1940s weekend in Leyburn
For timetables, full details and to book where necessary please telephone:
08454 50 54 74

Thornton Rust Country Show

The annual Thornton Rust Country Show will be celebrating its 30th anniversary on 28th July. This year the prizes will be presented by Melanie Jones, daughter of Ron and Chris Jones, the couple who initiated the show so many years ago.

We are hoping for a bumper display for this special anniversary show. Floral exhibits will include Olympic and Jubilee themes and there will be a class for a decorated 30th Anniversary cake in the Home Cookery section. There will be no exploding ginger beer exhibit this year and probably no impromptu sideshow such as the one visitors witnessed as they arrived a few years ago: a few of the organizing committee decided to erect a second gazebo at the last minute, but could not figure out how all the bits fitted together. It soon became a community challenge, with the visitors joining in the fun too!

Do come and join us on 28th July. The show will be held in Thornton Rust Institute and opens at 2.00pm, with the presentation of prizes at 2.30pm. There will be a tombola and plant stall, and teas will be served during the afternoon.

J.W.T.

New from Yorebridge Sports and Fitness FREE tennis this summer!



This July and August play tennis for free on our tennis courts! Book a court to come and have a game with your friends or family or sign up for free tennis coaching sessions during the school summer holidays.

For more information or to book a court or a coaching session ring Jan on **650060/07968 606571** or email admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk.

Date for your diary We are holding a Fun Day for all the family on **Sunday July 22nd** from 11.00am to 3.00pm. Come along and join in a whole host of activities such as face painting, football, tennis, cricket, treasure trails, bouncy castle, soft play etc. Watch out for information flyers with more details.

Prunings

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

Bright sunshine highlights colour and contrast: at the top of the patio steps the *Aeonium* looks even blacker against the acidic green of *Philadelphus Aurea*. At the other end of the spectrum the pinky white blossom of *Weigelia Florida* var. form a frothy garland over the muted green and cream of the variegated leaves.

Even in the rain the blues in the natural world will always stand out, but once the sun warms them they sparkle. I have a *Geranium Pratense* by the back door and its vivid hue makes the sky look pale. With a rather more purple tinge and beautiful veining, *Iris Sibirica* (AGM= *Award of Garden Merit*) is always good value. It is very stately in habit and much less difficult than most iris as it does not have large tubers which need to cook in the sun. It is rhizomatous and as long as its feet don't get too dry it will multiply happily and form an imposing clump. In a dry border the plant will benefit from some extra, well rotted, organic material. I find it very vigorous so it must be pretty tough. It may take five years to reach its maximum height of around one and a half metres by which time it will need to be divided, a job best done in mid to late summer after flowering.

My favourite honeysuckle- *Lonicera Tellmanniana* - is at its best today. I have it growing in a large pot to stop it invading the border as it is very enthusiastic, and it grows up a trellis by the kitchen door which faces South East. The buds look pink until they begin to open and then they reveal centres of the richest golden orange imaginable. When there is not too much breeze it is wonderfully scented. This variety is very tough and is one of the few plants which has really appreciated the extra rain. I confess that in hot weather it tends to suffer because the pot is perhaps too close to the wall and I have to remember to water it. Another really striking example is *Lonicera Periclymenum* "*Serotina*" sporting very red flowers which open to reveal a creamy pink centre. All the *Periclymenum* varieties are developed from the hedgerow plant and can be highly fragrant. "*Serotina*" has the AGM as has *Lonicera Japonica* "*Halliannia*". This one starts golden then opens to white.

All Honeysuckles are easy to propagate: soft and hardwood cuttings as well as layering will yield good results and there are 19 varieties listed on the Royal Horticultural Society's Plant Selector.

The sun has done such a good job on colour it's easy to forget how much it does for the weeds!

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

Rose Rambler.



Bellerby Open Gardens and Scarecrow Trail

A great family day out

Sunday 8 July 2012

11.00am – 4.00pm

Admission £3.50; under 16s free.

Off-road parking free.



Cast of the North Country theatre cast: Last Dance of a Dalesman

New Community Play Begins to Take Shape

The North Country Theatre is planning another large scale community play for 2013 and are looking for performers of all ages to take part. Many people will remember their two previous community play projects, *The Passion Plays* in 2002 and *Last Dance of a Dalesman* in 2005. Now they are hoping to create *Bartle- A Per Gynt for the Dales* to be performed open air across the district next summer.

Thanks to support from the Rural Development Programme England and European Leader Fund the company are able to begin the process this year with a series of meetings and workshops to explore Swaledale and Wensleydale folklore and looking for other material for the play. There are plans to make a connection with Richmond's twin town Vinstra in Norway which is the original home of the Per Gynt legend.

"We want to recruit about 40 local people from all over the district who will work with professional actors and production team. Our starting point will be two wonderful pieces of upper dales folklore the dialect poem *Reeth Bartle Fair* and *The Burning of Bartle* ceremony at West Witton" said North Country Theatre's Nobby Dimon who will write and direct the play. "Anyone interested in being involved in

any way should contact us or turn up at one of the workshops."

People who are interested in folklore, local history as well as theatre are invited to attend exploratory evening meetings – at Reeth Memorial Hall on Thursday 28th of June, **Wensley Village Hall Tuesday 3rd July**, Richmond Catholic Church Hall on Wednesday 4th July and Hunton Village Hall on Thursday 5th July. Call North Country on **01748 825288** for more information or look out for the Bartle! leaflets.

Shape Up and Dance

Just a thank you to everyone who has supported all Zumba, Pilates and Shape Up sessions since January. Exercise classes finish for the summer on July 20th and will restart on Monday September 10th. Although a weigh-in will still take place during July and August, a new Shape Up weight loss course starts on September 10th 6.00pm, at Hawes Market Hall. So do come along to find out how to lose weight and more importantly how to keep that weight off, without depriving yourself. Further details can be found on my website www.shapeupyourhealth.co.uk or ring me for details (please see boxed advert on page 9).

Lesley

WHAT'S ON LISTING;

July

- 1 Gayle Mill Tours, 11.00am and 2.30pm.
(Also one-hour tours Tuesday-Saturday 2.00 and 3.30pm).
- 1 Carperby Open Gardens from 11.00am
- 1 Ordination of Rev Janet Park at the Methodist Conference in Plymouth
- 1 Gayle Chapel Camp Meeting; 2.00pm.
- 1 Guided walk; Mallerstang. Meet Garsdale Station, 10.30am. 8 miles
- 1 Evening of French music; St Andrew's Aysgarth. See p.15
- 3 Drop in for coffee. Cross House, Carperby; 10.00am to noon
- 3 North Country Theatre Exploratory Evening; Wensley Village Hall. See p.22
- 4 Bolton cum Redmire Church coffee club; Hambleton House, Redmire. 10.30am to noon
- 5 Fashion Show in Askrigg. See p.6
- 7 Wensleydale School Fayre. See p.8
- 8 Guided walk; Semerwater and Raydale.
Meet Lakeside 1.00pm. 5 miles
- 8 Bellerby Scarecrow Festival. See p.21
- 10 YDNPA Planning Committee at Yoredale, Bainbridge. 1.00pm.
- 10-12 Great Yorkshire Show
- 11 Cantabile Past and Present. At St Andrew's Church, See p.9
- 12,19,26 Wensleydale Country Market; Leyburn Methodist Hall. 10.00am-12.30pm
- 14 North Yorkshire Dales Methodist Circuit. Celebration and Gift Day; Wensleydale School and grounds. 10.30am to 3.00pm.
- 14 The Wensleydale Chorus at St Oswald's Church, Askrigg at 7.30pm. See p.6
- 15 Stone Mine and Stone Circle. 6m Meet Aysgarth Falls N.P. Centre 1.00pm.
- 17 Film at Carperby vicarage. See p.12
- 17 W.I. Coffee morning and stalls; Hawes Methodist Rooms 10.00am to noon
- 18 Friends of the Museum visit to Easby Abbey. 667424 for details or to book
- 18 Sycamore Hall concert, open to all. See p.5
- 19 Hawes W.I "60 years of Schooling" by Rex Stott. Methodist Rooms, 7.00pm.
- 20 Swaledale Silver Band in St Margaret's, Hawes. See p.9
- 21 Hawes Rural Heritage Trail. Meet N.P. Centre. 11.00am 7 miles.
- 21 The Wensleydale Chorus at St John's Church, East Witton at 7.30pm. See p.6
- 22 Wildlife activity day; Ribblesdale Quarry National Nature Reserve. 9.30am to 3.00pm. (Entrance by railway bridge at Ribblesdale Station)
- 22 Family Fun Day at Yorebridge. See p.20
- 22 Aysgarth Methodist Church; Songs of Praise 6.30pm.
- 23-27 'Knights and Ladies' events at Bolton Castle. 10.00am to 5.30pm.
- 24 Coffee morning and stalls; Hawes Methodist Rooms 10.00am to noon.
- 25 Dales Discovery series starts. Hawes Methodist Church, 8.00pm. See p.7
- 26 Gayle Ladies. "Red Squirrels" by Matt Neale, 7.30pm.
- 26 Wildlife in Snaizholme. Meet Mirk Pot House, 2.00pm.
- 27-29 'Preston Artists' Exhibition. See p.3
- 28 St Margaret's, Hawes. Summer Fayre. See p.4
- 28 Bake Sale at Hardraw Church. See p.11
- 28 Thornton Rust Show; 2.00pm. See p.20
- 29 Summer concert; St Andrew's, Aysgarth See p.9
- 29 Table Top sale in Market House, Hawes for primary school
- 29 Introduction to blacksmithing course. Gayle Mill. 10.30am to 4.30pm. See p.19
- 29 Burtersett Show; 2.00pm. See p.11
- 30 King's Club begins, Askrigg
- 31 Until 12th Sept. Wednesday Tours of Ribblesdale viaduct and Blea Moor

Before It's Too Late!

This is Yorburgh above Burtersett, a sort of small sister to Wether Fell, though a lovely little climb in its own right (if you're nimble over walls). Looking up to it I'm sure most people can't see what I'm on about!



Walking up the bridleway from Burtersett some years ago I noticed some lengths of exposed white-covered cable about half an inch diameter and made inquiries. It's time this story is recorded before the details are lost; try as I will I can find next to no written record.

In the early 1950s TV reception (for the very few in the Upper Dale who had it) was extremely poor as it was transmitted only from Emley Moor near Huddersfield.

John Blythe and Bryan Whitehead were the instigators of the scheme to lay a cable about 1½ miles long from a small relay station mast on the top of Yorburgh down to Burtersett and Gayle, then on to Hawes. A company named Eclipse from Shildon was involved.

As you can see, the little building and mast are still there, the mast used as a weather station for the present day para- and hang-



gliders.

There were, of course, joints in the cable and boosters on the way down which were only covered with tea chests. It seems the work was done very quickly, the weather got in and there were frequent breakdowns.

A repeater box, situated on Richardson's barn just as you climb out of Gayle, contained many glass valves which apparently reacted to changes in heat causing great variations in TV reception. The cable crossed the beck beside Gayle Bridge via a galvanised pipe and in later years the same pipe was put to use carrying BT lines.



On one unfortunate occasion, because BT records showed the cable under the tarmac, the pipe was cut through and many phones were cut off!

As it was too expensive to underground the cable, it was carried hap-hazardly overground on any poles available, houses being linked in.

In 1971 the large transmitter at Bilsdale in the North York Moors was built by the BBC after which improved reception and colour were then available.

In the 1950s there was a similar relay mast on Ellerkin Scar for Askrigg.

A.S.W.

AYSGARTH SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning											HAWES SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning										
Wb	July 2nd		9th		16th		23rd		30th		Wb	July 2nd		9th		16th		23rd		30th	
Day	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	Day	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm	am	pm
Mon	W	W	FJ	FJ	WJ	WJ	J	J	W	W	Mon	J	J	W	W	F	F	WF	WF	JF	F
Tues	J	C	W	W	F	F	WF	WF	FJ	FJ	Tues	W	C	JF	J	WJ	WJ	J	J	W	W
Wed	W	W	F	F	W	W	J	J			Wed	J	J	J	J	F	F	W	W		
Thur	J	J	W	W	J	J	F	F			Thur	F	F	F	F	W	W	J	J		
Fri	F	F	J	J	F	F	W	W			Fri	W	W	W	W	J	J	F	F		

<p>Doctors: F - France, J - Jones, W - West , C - Closed</p> <p>Morning Surgery: 9.00 - 10.30 am (no appointments)</p> <p>Afternoon Surgery: 4.00 - 5.30 pm (appointment only)</p> <p><i>For appointments and all enquiries ring 663222</i></p>	<p>Doctors: F - France, J - Jones, W - West , C - Closed</p> <p>Morning S'y: 8.45 - 10.15 Tues till 10.45 (no appointments)</p> <p>Afternoon Sy: 5.00 - 6.00 Tues 1.00 - 4.00 (appointments only)</p> <p><i>For appointments and all enquiries ring 667200</i></p>
--	---

BELL
 Congratulations Ellen
 on your
 18th birthday July 7th
 With love and best wishes
 Nana and Granddad x x



ELLEN BELL
 Happy 18th birthday
 7th July
 Lots of love
 on your special day.
 Dad, Mum and Darren



Ward
 James would like to thank
 everyone who send cards,
 good wishes and presents, for
 his
 70th birthday



McGregor
 Brian and Sylvia would like
 to thank family and friends
 for their good wishes, lovely
 flowers, cards and presents on the oc-
 casion of their Ruby Wedding Anni-
 versary



Sylvia and John Turner
 would like to thank their family and
 friends for their cards, great kindness,
 generosity and support following
 the death of their son Richard.
 They would also like to thank Rich-
 ard's
 friends for their cards and their help
 and support during this difficult time.

Terry Knox
 Eileen would like to thank family and
 friends for the kindness and support
 they have given during Terry's illness.
 The cards and lovely messages have
 been
 a great comfort.
 Special thanks to all the staff at the
 Hawes Health Centre,
 including the District Nurses.

Hawes School News

It's Raining, It's Pouring...

Hawes School's annual walk has had to be re-scheduled to July, as inevitably it rained on the day. Everyone had been looking forward to this great community event and hopefully the weather will pick up.

Roop Singh

We have once again been visited by Roop Singh. Roop is very knowledgeable about the



Sikh religion and he spent an excellent day, which was very informative, with our top class who very much enjoyed the day.

Class Three

For once, blessed with sunshine, years 4/5/6 had a great time at Robinwood. It was really a lovely place to go and socialise and test our nerve. The children, as always, were very well behaved.



Swiss Student

Once again we are hosting a Swiss student. Shilpa is with us for three weeks and has already been hugely helpful to the teachers. The children have made her feel very welcome and love telling her all about their important stories!

Nursery Trip

Nursery have been on an exciting visit to 'The Play Barn' at Settle. Going on a train will have been quite exciting on its own. Thanks for all the help we received which went towards making this event such a success.

Class One

Miss Caygill has taken class one to Bowes Museum for their summer trip. What a splendid time they had. Every year Miss Caygill likes to do something different and it gets harder to think of new places that are not too far.

There are still lots of things that need to be completed before the end of term. Thanks very much particularly to the PTFA and Tolls Trustees for their generous and continued support. Also we would like to thank Julie Woodyer and the people of Preston under Scar, who have collected approx 1800 Tesco vouchers for our school.

**David Eldridge
Headteacher**