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**THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE
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Editorial

August used to be referred to as the 'silly season', when we might take time off from the serious high-pressured news and cheer ourselves up. We certainly need it and we will try.

But first, the opposite; let us put things into the wider context. Take the weather (I wish we could, and we know where we'd put it!). It is not just ours, abysmal as it is as we write, and getting us all down, but together with the annual monsoons in India and Pakistan, there are reports as we write of devastation in Japan and even in semi-desert areas in North Africa; it sure seems topsy-turvy. Global climate change or what? Apparently pretty well every local creature (save slug and snail) is in serious trouble.

And talking of topsy-turvy, what of the financial situation? Global, European or national, does anyone know how to deal with it? Can we really claim things would be better 'on our own'? We are never intentionally political here, but just now, 'muddle' seems to truly sum up what's going on in so many areas of concern. Steady, carefully thought-out, unrushed policy seems to have left them all. And do not get us on about deception in press, police or banks. You will be reading this as the Olympic Games are underway. Let us fervently hope they are games, and not one huge security war-zone. Unfortunately there are many world-wide axes to grind, and not all unjustified.

O.K., so that is enough. Good cheer all round from here on, maybe also a bit of tongue-in-cheek. There is now no official drought in the South, so water can be wasted again. Not quite every open-air event has had to be cancelled! Enjoy seeing children splashing in puddles! Have a go yourself! Or maybe forget 'staycation'. We suggest another toe-curling neologism: gofarcation.

We didn't win the men's singles at Wimbledon but we came nearer than we have since about 1938 and Johnny Marray actually won in the doubles! We beat the Aussies and the West Indies at cricket! And Bradley Wiggins has won the Tour de France! People in Sheffield are one day fairly soon going to be electrified by rail to London, as are those from South Wales, or maybe more importantly able to come back! We are sure that throughout the world there is unalloyed joy at the near certainty that the Higgs Boson has been proved to exist. It would be even better if it were a bit bigger and carried some weight! 'How will it change my life?', someone asked. Well don't decry pure science; we don't know, yet. They no

doubt said the same about the square root of minus one! And what if someone now suggests the Higgs Boson. could be made up of smaller things; wow!

To be less silly again; things are hard for many people, especially financially, and tensions in many communities, local or world-wide, run high. But this last couple of weeks there have been wonderful examples of wealthy philanthropists, Bill Gates and Elton John, GIVING for their chosen causes.

Philanthropy isn't just for the wealthy. Do we all sometimes concentrate only on the getting and not the giving? That goes also for giving time, hospitality, friendship (especially to those we tend to ignore or suspect or who are having a hard time or who are different from us), which even in these somewhat miserable times can be so cheering.

'Silly' used to mean 'simple'. How about using the 'silly season' for these simple, practical gestures of goodwill? It is always more fun to whinge together than on your own!

It might surprise you to hear of the number, and ages, of readers who think they've found Eunice! You could have a whinge-in with neighbours over Eunice, or even better, over our summer bumper competition.

Over 18s Motel Discos
Saturdays 28th July, 25th August and 29th September, 9.30pm until 2.00am
at 'The Falls', Aysgarth Falls
aysgarthfalls@btconnect.com

burst

**The New Wensleydale
Burst Camp**
Yorebridge, Askrigg

For ages 5– 13 years, this includes a full range of sports and activities throughout the day.

Burst Bus runs a pick-up from Redmire via Leyburn, Aysgarth, Hawes and Bainbridge.

The programme runs from 8.30am to 5.30pm.

August dates: Monday to Friday from August 6th and from August 20th.

Coloured booklets with application form on the back have been distributed, but booking can also be done by phone: **01748 824581** or email: sdc@rltssport.co.uk.

Proposed Housing Development

Rose and Crown in Bainbridge

Expressions of interest with no obligation to buy are sought for a desirable new development of two and three bedroom cottages to the left side and rear of the Rose and Crown.

These will be realistically priced and available only to people satisfying the following conditions:

*You must be an existing resident of the Yorkshire Dales National Park

*You or your partner must be in, or about to start, work in the National Park

*You are a former resident returning to the National Park.

Plans and illustrations are available for viewing in the Rose and Crown Hotel and forms to register interest are available at Reception. Or you may register your interest by writing to:

Mr G.R. Newton, Managing Director,
Randall Orchard Construction Ltd.,
7, Mercury Road, Richmond, DL10 4TQ
newrocreception@btconnect.com



Bumper Summer Competition

All the answers are of a *kind*.

To discover the *kind*, find a C.E.O. b. 1832 in Brompton, d. 1865 in Abergele. The *kind* is the first four words of one he wrote.

The initial letters of the answers lead to anagrams of two more of the *kind*. (4,4 and 7)

You will be able to solve some of the clues even before you have worked out the four-word *kind*— or the C.E.O.!

1. AN APPLE?
2. _____CRUSOE
3. PLEASANT SOFA
4. WITH MY LITTLE HEYE
5. MOST TOWNS HAVE ONE
6. FELINE PIGHOUSE
MECHANICAL LINKAGE
7. GIRL'S (?) PLAYTHING
WAINESOX
8. RISKY WITHOUT
HEADGEAR
9. HIGH NEB IS THE TOP
10. IS IT 'HE IN VETCH'?
11. RISK CLEAR LEN
12. WHAT A GOOD BOOK OR
FILM MIGHT HAVE
13. ST. PETER TUMBLER
14. RAN A WHAT?
15. LEG RACE.

There is £50 prize; shared if there are several correct answers.

Wensley Flower Festival

August 10th– 12th
“Sixty glorious years”

Friday 10th: Preview from 7.00pm in the church. Wine and canapés £7.50. For tickets please send money to Bolton Hall, DL8 4UF.

Contributions for canapés, cakes, scones and tray bakes for teas on Sunday, and volunteers needed. Contact **Pip: 623674**

Saturday 11th. Teas in the village hall from 1.00pm

Sunday 12th Service with Bishop James
11.00am Teas in church from 1.00pm

July Competition Answers

Remove a letter:

1. Bridge—ridge
2. Shine—sine
3. Thought—though
4. Brought—Brough
5. Single—ingle
6. Wheat—what
7. Wharfe—wharf
8. Aire—are
9. Ure—Ur
10. Long—log
11. Flower—lower
12. Stickle—tickle
13. Drain—rain
14. Brake—bake

The winner was **Peter Annison** and the chosen



The children in Dalesplay have been enjoying the Jubilee celebrations and learning all about the Olympics as the torch passed through Aysgarth. We have planned a mini Olympic workshop for the summer holidays along with a range of workshops to suit children of all tastes. These include films, story making workshops, clay workshops, knight/ princess workshops and more. Please email Dalesplay1@btconnect.com or call **667789** for a full list of events. These workshops are open to all children 0-14 years in the Dales including visitors to the area at a very minimal fee of £1.50 per child, to cover costs.

This month we have been preparing the funded nursery children for their big step into school by visiting them once a week and sharing activities whilst the children meet their new teacher and familiarise themselves with the new environment. Some of the children took part in our Sponsored Barnardo's toddle and we raised a fantastic £322 for the worthy charity. The rain stayed away for the morning and we had a fantastic walk and play in Hawes Park.

We welcome Louise back as our Deputy following her Maternity leave; it is lovely to have her back in the team. We are currently looking to recruit a new member of staff to work one day a week between 7-10 hours. This can be term time only or all year around. Candidates must have a level 3 qualification in Early Years; please contact Dalesplay for an application form or further details.

Dalesplay would like to thank Hawes Market House tolls trustees, The Upper Wensleydale Newsletter and Hawes and High Abbotside community fund for kindly donating towards some new equipment needed to support the physical development of children with additional needs in our setting.

Joanne Middleton

St Joseph's Commemorative Woodland, Aysgarth Falls

Familiarisation visit for Tree Planting in Wensleydale: open day visits every Friday throughout August, September, October and November. Meet at 'The Falls' café-bar, Aysgarth Falls at 2.00pm. To book please call **663399**.

Wensleydale Chorus Askrigg; Saturday, 14th July

Spontaneous applause followed Stan Roocroft's painful struggle to the podium following his recent contretemps with a piano he had injudiciously set about shifting on his own and seriously injuring his foot.

His expected expertise conducting the Wensleydale Chorus in Askrigg of Schubert's Mass in G and Vivaldi's Gloria was in no way dimmed and with Greg Smith brilliant on Askrigg's creaky organ the performance excited the applause it deserved.

The Chorus achieved the high notes of Schubert's Mass with conviction and grace. Laura Ashton, soprano with Nicholas Devlin, tenor and Jolyon Dodgson, bass, produced between them sublime moments in this moving Mass and the choir was beautifully balanced. Vivaldi's Gloria was quite as moving with the contribution of mezzo-soprano, Emma Wardell.

Great ideas require great music and the audience was visibly moved by the whole of Saturday evening's programme and performance.

A lovely evening for us all.

M.Watts, Askrigg

Fascinating Tales

Following six meetings held across the Dales from Hawes to Richmond, Reeth to Wensley, North Country Theatre already has around 70 participants old and young signed up for its latest community play, *Bartle! A Per Gynt for the Dales*

Connections have been made between tales as diverse as the Scottish *Tam O' Shanter*, and Norse stories of the *Huldra* – a beautiful young maiden with a cow's tail. Participants have linked the monstrous Boyg of Gudbrandsdalen in Norway to the Bogle of Arkengarthdale, trolls under bridges in Coverdale, demons in lead mines and many more extraordinary tales.

North Country Theatre hopes to stage the production in summer 2013. More information can be found on North Country Theatre's Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/northcountrytheatre

Gillian Howells

Hawes School News

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who has helped our school in any way over the last academic year. The list of people is far too numerous to mention individually but includes parents, governors, voluntary helpers, the PTFA, residents of our community, Hawes Tolls Trustees, the Rotary Club, Hawes Parish Council and also residents of Preston under Scar parish for collecting so many Tesco vouchers for us.

Let's Grow Vouchers

During the summer holidays Morrisons will be starting the Let's Grow vouchers scheme again on August 20th. As gardening club will be continuing after the holidays, we would greatly appreciate it if you could support us by collecting the vouchers. Please ask friends and family to help us as well! The vouchers have helped us to purchase a range of equipment over the previous years such as gloves, hand trowels/ forks, storage containers, compost, pea nets and much more.

Year 6s

Goodbye Year 6. We thank you for all the things you have done for our school. You have been an outstanding year to teach. We wish you every success in the future. Please drop in from time to time and say 'hello' when you see us out and about!

Key Stage SAT Results

We were very pleased with the KS2 SAT results which reflect the effort and commitment of the Y6 pupils. WELL DONE. An enormous pat on the back for Mrs Dooley – not forgetting the other teachers who have given them a superb start over the years, so that they began their final years at school very well prepared. In maths 88% of the children scored level 4 or above, writing 100% and reading 100%. At level 5 they achieved 13% in maths, 13% in writing and 50% in reading.

Craig Iveson Award Winners

The Craig Iveson Awards are trophies in memory of Craig Iveson, who unfortunately died in tragic circumstances at a young age. Helene Iveson, very kindly used some of the money given at Craig's funeral to buy trophies for children who have made progress over the academic year. This year's winners were announced at the end of term assembly. These

awards are given to the child in each class who has made the most progress during the year. This year's awards were given to:

Class 1 – Kaylee Nelson

Class 2 – Isabel Watkinson

Class 3 – Libby Winspear

All are very worthy winners. **Congratulations!**

Thank you to Helene for presenting the awards.



Organ Recital



7.30pm, Friday August 17th; admission £5.00

Once again this *summer!* there is the opportunity to hear a recital on the memorial organ in **Hawes Methodist Church**. This year's recital of a varied selection of music will be given by **Ian Pattinson, FRCO**, the organist of Lancaster Priory.

For the best view and sound we suggest you sit in the gallery.

Carperby

In spite of the indifferent weather, *Carperby Open Gardens* was once again a great success, raising the total sum of **£2816.66**. Thanks from the committee to everyone who helped to make it such a good day. **Pat Jackson**

Annual Dales Discovery Talks

This year's series of slide-talks continues in Hawes Methodist Church at **8.00pm on Wednesdays.**

- August 1st** Restoring the rivers of the Dales
David Higgins
8th Dales buildings
Barry Harrison
15th Landscape and geology of the Dales; Adrian Kidd
22nd Dales slides and music show
Ken Biggs
29th Nature's year in the Dales
David Alred.

Admission: adults £2.50 and children £1.00

King's Club - "On Your Marks"

Mon 30th July – Fri 3rd August

10.00am – 3.00pm daily

King's Club is a holiday club for children and young people in Wensleydale.

6-10 year olds use Askrigg School as a base and the teenagers use Low Mill Activity Centre.

For more information

Contact: Mike and Pauline Hirst **667841**

Aysgarth Fete

This year Aysgarth Fete will be held on **Monday August 27th.**

There will be loads for everyone to do with games and stalls, tombola, nearly new and a raffle with some fabulous prizes.

- a.. Hawes Silver Band
- b.. Bouncy Castle
- c.. Teas
- d.. Barbeque
- e.. Evening quoits and BBQ at the George and Dragon

Everyone is welcome. Please do come and join us on Aysgarth village green at **1.30pm**

Yorkshire Day,

August 1st, a day to celebrate everything Yorkshire, but especially the integrity of the county.



Each year, on that day, members of the Yorkshire Ridings Society read a declaration of the integrity of Yorkshire at four of the Bars of York.

A reading is held facing into each of the three ridings and into the city. In recent years a reading has been held in the city centre, too.

"I, (name), being a resident of the [West/North/East] Riding of Yorkshire [or City of York] declare:

That Yorkshire is three Ridings and the City of York, with these Boundaries of 1134 years standing;

That the address of all places in these Ridings is Yorkshire;

That all persons born therein or resident therein and loyal to the Ridings are Yorkshiremen and women;

That any person or corporate body which deliberately ignores or denies the aforementioned shall forfeit all claim to Yorkshire status.

These declarations made this Yorkshire Day [year]. God Save the Queen!"

Many celebrations of Yorkshire Day now take place all over the county. Yorkshire Day Celebrations range from gatherings of family and friends to civic ceremonies. Celebrate in any way you like. We know many events take place but we rarely receive any details. Please let us know about any events in which you take part or which you hear about by dropping us an email to admin@yorkshireridings.org

Hawes Bonfire Committee

..will be doing the refreshments at the 1st September Hopper's sale.

Donations of refreshments and offers of help on the day to serve refreshments would be very much appreciated. The money raised will be put towards this year's firework display.

Please contact **Joanne 667936** if you can help out on the day. Thank you for your support

Best Foot Forward

Here is a case of ‘do as I say’ and not ‘do as I do’! ... at least to start off with (or with which to start off, if you’re fussy about prepositions).



I felt like walking at the eastern side of Wharfedale and having a look at the old lead mines on Grassington Moor, so set off from the top of the town in great earnest as it was a **fine** morning. In so doing I almost immediately took the wrong one of two bridleways and after having battled through waist high vegetation on what must be the narrowest of bridleways, I emerged on the road to Hebden instead of at Hebden itself.. You won’t of course do that.

Thereafter everything was idyllic. It is a lane up to Hole Bottom after which the bridleway goes along Hebden Beck with high crags up to the right. Becks tumbling down over limestone always impress me. The track crosses left over the beck after about a mile, so take notice of the instruction to use the stepping stones.



Gradually there is more evidence of old mining and as the route turns west towards Yarnbury I was a bit confused searching out Duke’s

New Road (track) but soon an obvious disused dam near Cupola Corner, and a distant chimney to the north-east make things clear. I am making my way north to Bycliffe Hill and round about here there are many tracks, so take care. You are also warned of the dangers of shafts.

This area isn’t as despoiled as the lead mines of Swaledale and Arkengarthdale, and last month much of the area was carpeted with small, bright, yellow mountain pansies. Although only about 1300feet up and not a hard walk, the all-round view is very good with a not-very-usual view of Great Wherside to the north. There was the obligatory golden plover calling in the distance.

Fairly suddenly, as the track turns down to the northwest (and as the names include ‘black’) it is obvious we’re out of the limestone for a while but this geological ‘border’ country plays tricks with the water-courses. It is even tricky to work out which way is ‘down’ the shallow valley.

My route takes the bridleway towards Kelber Gate but leaves it for what looks, on the map, like a clear due-south footpath to Bare House and Grassington (still about 5 miles away). It isn’t easy to follow at first and squelchy, and if you don’t know the area, a bit of careful map-reading will help, but as it gradually descends, coming once more on to limestone it’s more obvious with excellent stiles, as it makes its way through a large area of ‘field systems’ and ‘settlements’. To appreciate these more I could have done with a landscape archaeologist—or being in a hot air balloon. Neither was to hand. It is good to overlook to the right, the dense green of Bastow and Grass Woods.

After that I joined a bit of the Dales Way looking down on what must now be one of the biggest and busiest farms in the National Park. Suddenly there is almost a feeling of suburbia as I walk on to Town Head.

This walk is about 12-13 miles, and again if you like solitude, there aren’t many people about, although on the moor there is a ‘Lead mining trail’ that can be followed.

A.S.W.

Rainfall Figures. Readings in mm.

	Janu- ary	Febru- ary	March	April	May	June	Total for half year
Hawes	192	120	32	128	88	213	773
Carperby	129	41	15	137	80	133	535
Bainbridge	158	69	24	118	75	158	602
Stalling Busk	156	105	31	141	94	180	707
Askrigg	121	67	19	140	86	130	563
Thornton Rust	132	50	19	140	92	169	602
West Burton	74	42	9	147	79	143	494

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 f u r t h e r u p 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.

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 14th August : OF GODS AND MEN

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

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.

There may not be much garden produce on show because of the weather but I am sure there will be plenty of flowers and cookery to look at, and crafts.

J.W.T.



Windows 8 – Coming fast

I wrote a few months back about the new Windows 8 development. Despite my attempt to remain even handed in my comments quite a few people have commented to me that they read between the lines and yes I don't particularly like where Windows is going.

The fact is that by the end of September/early October new computers will be shipping with Windows 8 installed and I would guess that by the end of October/early November upgrade packs and Windows 8 disks will be appearing the shops. For better or for worse this is the way Microsoft is going. There are a number of things to be aware of:

1) New computers with Windows 8 installed are likely to be locked to using Windows 8. In the past if you bought a new computer and you didn't like the version of Windows that came with it you could probably remove it and install an earlier version. This sort of thing won't be possible – or may involve sending the computer to the manufacturer if you don't like Windows 8 as MS are insisting that the computers be locked down to prevent anything other than Windows 8 working. This will have a knock on effect for people like me who use tools to repair and support windows as we won't even be able to start a computer from a CD anymore when windows has a fault and won't start! This won't affect custom built computers – but the cost of Windows may increase on these systems as MS have hinted that they will no longer supply the system builder copies of Windows and so a full priced retail copy will be required.

2) If you want to move your existing system to Windows 8 you will be able to do that fairly cheaply for the first few months. To try and get Windows 8 on to computers MS will be initially selling upgrades for Windows XP, Vista and 7 users for around £25 (or at least that is what they have said). Having said that, I can see no pressing need for Windows 7 users even to consider the upgrade.

3) Yes the Start menu has gone and been replaced by the Metro interface – and yes most people don't like it very much on laptops and desktop PCs – it isn't really designed for those

devices. It is primarily designed for mobile devices such as phones and tablets, and is awkward to use with a mouse. Many people I meet in my day to day business don't like change – Windows 8 will be a big change and there will be a learning curve.

4) Once Windows 8 is released new computers with Windows 7 will start to become scarce (and my guess is prices will start to rise). Also Windows 7 DVDs will disappear from shops. If you are contemplating buying a new computer or upgrading your existing computer to Windows 7 to avoid Windows 8 I suggest you take the plunge sooner rather than later – preferably before the end of September. Please note upgrading older systems (especially if they have Windows XP installed) is not a trivial job, and you may need to upgrade the hardware too to get Windows 7 to work.

Like it or not Windows 8 is coming and it is all about money – you have it, Microsoft want it. They hope to turn computers in time to pure Metro devices (the desktop is already called the legacy desktop and it is clear that MS ultimately want it gone). In Metro you can only buy applications from the Microsoft store and this is the primary reason MS are doing this – they need your cash and they have seen Apple doing this successfully.

My personal recommendation is to upgrade to Windows 7 if you haven't already and if you plan to get a new computer get one with Windows 7 on it.

As for tablets and phones – the new Windows 8 devices look surprisingly nice to use. Microsoft are releasing their own tablets (Metro only initially) called surface, which look like they will be very nice devices – nice enough to get Apple worried. Wait for the lawsuits, it is going to get interesting!

That's all this month, any questions or suggestions for articles please do contact me via my website www.dalescomputerservices.com.

Happy holiday (I hope you have a snorkel if the weather is anything to go by).

Carol Haynes

Ribblehead Viaduct and Blea Moor Tunnel Historic Tours

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



Guided tours take place each **Wednesday until 12th September** inclusive — plus **Saturday 18th August**. Each tour day starts from Ribbles-

head 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 Ribbleshead - 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 Ribbleshead."

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

Thornton Rust Scarecrow Festival

Over the August Bank Holiday weekend, **25th to 27th August**, Thornton Rust will be holding a Scarecrow Festival. The event will be raising funds towards the cost of the new kitchen at the Village Institute.

The festival will be open between 10.00am and 5.00pm over three days. Refreshments will be available in Thornton Rust Institute throughout each day, including morning coffee, soup lunches and afternoon teas. There will, of course, be a tombola stall too!

During the festival, visitors can obtain a plan of the scarecrow trail from the Institute, and those who guess the correct titles for the displays will be entered in a prize draw.

We are hoping for fine weather and a fun weekend so please come to inspect the temporary installations that will magically appear throughout the village for 25th—27th August.

J.W.T.

A-Level Results

Students within the Newsletter area who are going on to Higher Education after A-levels may apply to the Newsletter for our Book and Equipment Award.

The value of the award is up to £250 and covers any books or materials or IT equipment essential for the course.

When you know where you are going to study, please write in giving details of the course. If accepted, on providing us with receipts for goods bought, will we send you the award.

Askrigg Events

Rachael Kirkbride writes: My dad, Allen Kirkbride has arranged a 60s and 70s night with Ray and the Teenbeats at Askrigg Village Hall on September 22nd in aid of Yorebridge Sports.

The event will start at 9.30pm and finish at 12.30am. Tickets are £10 each And this includes an Abbotside Events hog roast. Tickets from: Allen, **650325 or 07581 615200**. It would be nice to see many people come and support our fundraiser for this local sports facility.

I would also like to remind people that tennis is free in August on the MUGA. I have been taking up this offer and think it is a great opportunity to get into tennis or just have a bit of fun with friends. Rackets and balls are available from the Centre, so there is no excuse not to go! Maybe we can find the next Andy Murray!

The Upper Dales Mobile Skip Service

Saturday August 18th

Gayle Green, 9.00 am - 1.00 pm

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

WARNING - Please note that NO waste must be dumped the night before the skip visits on Gayle Green, or on the day before 9.00am. 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.

Enquiries - County Councillor John Blackie

0796 758 9096

Walks for Health for August and September

Month	Meeting place and time	Destination	Level
Mon 13 th Aug	Askrigg sports centre 11.00am	Worton Bridge	B
Mon 27 th Aug	Hawes Market Hall 10.30am	Appersett Viaduct	I
Mon 3 rd Sept	Askrigg sports centre 10.30am	Yorebridge	B
Wed 5 th Sept	Bainbridge Green 10.15am	Bainbridge Special	I
Wed 12 th Sept	Hawes Market Hall 10.15am	Hardraw	B
Mon 17 th Sept	Askrigg sports centre 11.00am	Newbiggin	I
Wed 19 th Sept	Askrigg sports centre 10.15am	Worton Bridge	B
Mon 24 th Sept	Hawes Market Hall 10.30am	Appersett Viaduct	I

Please feel free to call a walk leader for any further information

Alan McDonald 650137 Jill Woolley 650103 Vanda Hurn 650445
 Linda Fahey 650477 Joan Haigh 650446 Gwen Clark 667411

'B' walks : level, no stiles, up to one mile.

'I' walks: up to 4 miles.

Burial in Askrigg

There was great pleasure all round watching the burial of the Askrigg Time capsule last week. This is linked with a small scale infrastructure project improving the village environment, run by the Askrigg and Low Abbotside Parish Council and part funded by the Dales LEADER Programme.

Loads of volunteer effort went into both



The lead casket goes in

implementing the project work of improving the Village Hall toilets and restoring the Parish Council owned "flagged" area. A true community led approach! A privilege for our Local Action Group to be involved in getting this to happen in a small way. Opening will be in 50 years!

Askrigg School News



Our Y6 children in their graduation gowns as they graduate from primary to secondary education. Goodbye and good luck to them and to Mrs Woods, Mrs Preston and Mrs Monk who are also leaving us. However, as they say, when one door closes another one opens and we are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Bastow as our Acting Head teacher and Mrs Spence into Class 2.

Kath Alderson

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.

West Burton School News

This last term for Y6 has been a very successful one - with many fun and exciting things to go and see. The children have taken part in concerts, school visits and trips round the Dale.

The pupils were overjoyed when they heard that they were going to go and see the Olympic Torch going through Aysgarth Falls; some of you probably went as well, as it is not every day that we get to see a major moment in history so close to us. The children arrived after the long walk from West Burton to Aysgarth raring and ready to go. It was a long, anticipating wait for the torchbearer to arrive, but they were easily distracted by the chocolate brownies and Samsung freebee goodies. The crowds of screaming and excited children started to grow in numbers as the torch got nearer. They were sure that the torchbearer would arrive any second now, but there was more. Coca Cola and Samsung buses came round; people were dancing and giving out more freebies! Then finally the time came for the torch to arrive, and what a splendid sight it was. Some of the especially lucky children actually got to hold the torch, how amazing to witness such a big moment practically on our doorsteps.

After long hard work, the children were ready for their second event, the Flower Festival at Aysgarth Church; some of you might have come to watch the singing there. The children had such fun performing and sang their hearts out throughout. Months of preparation were put in order for this performance. The children started with 'Thank you Lord' a lively song thanking God for the world. They followed with 'He's got the whole world,' an upbeat song that all the children enjoyed singing; 'I Like the Flowers' a lovely round, but that was all from Mrs Stone. Mrs Roocroft, a local, came in to help the children with two more songs, 'This Train Goes Marching' a funny mash-up of 'This Train is Bound for Glory' and 'Oh When the Saints Go Marching In' Then was the hardest song yet, 'Room to Grow.' It included a group of girls made up of Y4 pupils, Katy Stanley, Sophie Sharp and Ellie Harker along with two Y6 children, Katie Taplin and Laura Dent, who had to open and close the song, as well as trying out some difficult melodies. The girls coped with the

pressure well and did a superb job. They closed their part with 'Think of a World.' But now the close of the show was handed over to the teachers! They did an amazing performance of 'The Rose'; the Flower Festival was a big success.

Only the next day there was another event, a bus-load of children from Wigton Moor, a school in Leeds, came to visit the school. They couldn't bring all the school so they picked only a handful. West Burton and Wigton Moor visit each other quite regularly. Class 2 treated all the children to a lovely arts and craft activity. In honour of the Olympics they made medals, you could choose between two different materials to make your medal out of, card or paper clay, the medals are now on display in the class room. Even though it was raining the children still took the other school down to the waterfall. It was a joyful occasion.

Unfortunately this is our last report on West Burton School, but we are sure they will find another team just as good, but who knows you might just see Katie Taplin on the spine of the next best-selling novel when you walk into a bookshop, or maybe Ruth Dent printed at the end of a big newspaper report. Who knows? But for now **Ruth Dent and Katie Taplin** Y6 signing off, on route to bigger and better things.

(We have been most impressed with these reports from Ruth and Katie. Thank you. Ed.)

West Witton Feast

A wide range of activities will take place in West Witton over the weekend of the 25th and 26th of August. The main details are as follows:

Saturday 25th

Cottage Show in the village hall. Entries from 9.30am. Open to the public 1.50pm

Exhibition in St Bartholomew's Church 'Coronation and Jubilee events over the years in West Witton (from pre-war)' 10-noon and 2-5pm. Teas and coffees

7.00pm Fell Race. **9.00pm** Bartle Parade

Sunday 26th

Patronal Festival, St Bartholomew's **9.30am**

Village sports and other activities from mid day on the sports field.

Upper Dales Health Watch
*The consultative group for the Central
Dales GP Practice*

**Synopsis of the meeting held on Monday
July 9th 2012**

- **Double yellow lines outside the Hawes surgery** have still to be extended. The Upper Dales Health Watch has a page on **Parish Connect** - the Upper Dales Area Partnership's website www.parishconnect.co.uk

- The third postponement of a visit by Andrew Lansley was deplored.

- **Maternity & Paediatric services at the Friarage.** A full report will be published in September.

- There has been a spate of very poorly visitors that has, on occasions, meant **long surgery queues** whilst emergencies were dealt with.

- Funding for the setting up of **Practice Patient Groups** was not now going to be paid for by the PCT. The Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby CCG Chairman had confirmed recognition of the UDHW.

- A national ruling for an allocation of **10 minute appointment times** will mean an altering of afternoon hours at both surgeries. Details will be in the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter.

- It is proposed to tell patients the likely **projected time** a doctor would be able to see them, giving patients at the morning Hawes and Aysgarth open surgeries the option to return to the surgery at that time or on another day if the wait was going to be too long. Patients who preferred to sit and wait were welcome to continue to do so. This would be trialled from Sept – Dec.

- **Aysgarth surgery's sound proofing** was discussed again. Cost was discussed and UDHW representatives using the Aysgarth Surgery were asked to sound out their communities as to possible fund raising.

- A request for **Aysgarth patients to be allowed to sit inside** when the Receptionists arrive will be considered. An update from the **North Yorkshires LINK's** Richmondshire Group was given www.northyorkslink.org.

- Details of the Hambleton, Richmondshire & Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group's **Health Engagement Network** was tabled www.northyorkshireandyork.nhs.uk/HRW

Jane Ritchie, Hon. Secretary

Leyburn Bowling Club

Although the weather would not have us believe it Leyburn Bowling Club has just passed the halfway mark in our JSW League season for 2012, and a very successful season it has been!

Following a defeat at Northallerton in the first match of the season, Leyburn have subsequently won 11 of our next 12 matches. These include a 5 - 2 away win at champions Hutton Rudby and a 7-0 home win against Northallerton to avenge our opening match defeat.

As a result of this, with 7 league matches still to be played, we find ourselves top of the league although Hutton Rudby in second place have one game in hand. One fixture we are eagerly awaiting is, of course, Hutton Rudby's visit to our Moor Road green on Friday 10th August, the penultimate league match of our season.

Away from the league matches our club competitions have now got under way and these culminate in a Finals Weekend on Sat 1st Sept / Sun 2nd Sept.

This last month also saw a Sunday Club Triples competition on 3rd June won by Brian Moffitt, Graham Core and David Halliday, and a similar Pairs competition on 24th June won by Hazel Derby and Hazel Doig.

Unfortunately, owing to the very wet weather at the start of July we had to postpone our Car Boot Sale at our usual venue of Cracken House Farm Field, Harmby Road, Leyburn, (opposite Tennants), until Sunday 9th September when we hope the weather will be kinder to us!

Mervyn Buckley

Timber Extraction

We see the big timber trucks taking the felled timber, but where to? At the top of the Dale most of the plantations being felled are owned by Tilhill Forestry or Land Factor but they sell the timber standing to the best buyer who then employs the haulier to remove the timber.

At the present time, with many plantations started in the late 1960s or early 1970s coming to fruition, the companies are having to distribute the timber quite widely to get the best price.

In some cases, where the intention was to



Ready loaded at Ribblehead

fell in stages, it is all having to be done at once because of 'wind blow'. In the case of High Houses (Snaizholme) aerial photography revealed that between 30 and 35% of the plantation had fallen.

There are four categories of timber from sections of the tree: **1.** Largest logs, about the bottom third, are taken to saw mills, near Kirkby Lonsdale or B.S.W. Timber Group north west of Carlisle. These go by wagon, the timber being then used mainly in construction. **2.** Much of the smaller timber is taken by train from Ribblehead, twice a week, at about 500tonnes per train, to Kronospan in Chirk, North Wales to be used for chipboard and other re-constituted boards.

3. For fencing posts or pallets. **4.** The last lot goes for wood fuel, some to the Semcorp Biomass Power Station on Teesside.

The routing of the timber trucks through the area does, of course, cause concern. It is not, however, an ad-hoc arrangement and Timber Transport Groups exist throughout the country. For our area the somewhat cum-

bersome title is North Yorkshire Timber Freight Quality Partnership which is a liaison of local authorities, timber companies



Aerial view of the Chirk works

and hauliers. It covers all aspects of timber transportation including priority route maps, restrictions (avoidance of 'school-runs' for example), timing of movements, temporary permissions and discussion and work in advance to avoid damage to highways or property, or disruption.



Semcorp Biomass plant, Teesside

While speaking to Tilhill, I asked why the felling leaves the odd tree standing. There are now U.K. Woodland Assurance Standards for sustainable management which require a number of trees to remain, to be perching sites for birds of prey. Some felled trees are required to be left to decay to encourage and support wildlife and insects. **A.S.W.**

Annual Village Cricket Match

Swinithwaite v West Witton

Sunday 5th August 2.30pm

West Witton Playing Fields

Teas served at £3 per person.

Profit for St. Bartholomew's Church.

Locally led Songs of Praise Open Air Service at approximately **5.30pm**

Come and support your team! Lots of fun!

Young Voices Summer Concert

The Young Voices Summer Concert at Gayle Village Institute on 6th July was an evening of beautiful singing, summer punch, cream teas, a cake stall and a raffle the proceeds of which were in aid of the Village Institute.

Once again a big thank you to Barbara and Stan Roocroft and their choir for giving us a wonderful performance, with many new songs which the children had done well to learn in a short amount of time. Fiona Lambert also showed us how beautifully she plays the flute.

Thank you to all who attended and supported the event, baking cakes for the stall, giving prizes for the raffle and donating on the evening. It was a real success on a very wet night. The total sum raised was £220.

Natasha Dinsdale

Exhibition August 2012

**Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority ,
Yoredale, Bainbridge**

Roy Hubbard (Mixed Media)

Open 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday

‘My work is inspired by natural forms, with the intention of celebrating nature in its diversity and habitat. Direct observation plays an important part in my research... I am particularly attracted to upland terrain, especially my native Pennines.’



For more information, tel **Lesley Knevitt** at the National Park Authority, on **652326**

For Sale

**Brand new ‘Office DEPOT’
Long reach stapler;** durable metal,
anti-slip base; plus staples. £15
Tel: **667785**

Property to Let

2 South View, Askrigg

**The Charity known as the Almshouses, for
the benefit of the Parishes of Askrigg and
Low Abbotside.**

(Reg Charity No 222055)

Notice is given that a vacancy exists for an almsperson of this Charity.

Single people or married couples of retirement age born or residing in the Parishes of Askrigg and Low Abbotside or surrounding parishes are eligible for appointment.

Application for appointment must be made in writing to **Mrs Susan Monk**, Victoria House, West End, Askrigg DL8 3HN on or before the **17th August 2012.**

Every applicant must state his or her name, address, age and occupation and must be prepared to produce sufficient testimonials and other evidence of their qualification for appointment and unless physically disabled to attend in person.

Notes:

In special cases to be approved by the Charity Commissioners, persons who do not possess the prescribed qualification as to birth or residence may be appointed if otherwise qualified.

Almspeople may be required to contribute a weekly sum towards the cost of maintaining the almshouses of the Charity.

Clerk to the Trustees

Thoralby Village Fete

Sunday August 12th; 2.00pm

GREAT FAMILY FUN

Fancy Dress Competition -

Races on the Village Green -

Tug of War - Tombola - Nearly New

Books - Plants - Children's Corner

Face Painting - Cakes

Bouncy Castle - Crockery Shy

Whisky and Sweet Throws - Egg Throwing

Refreshments in Village Hall

Raffle

FOTHERGILL

Congratulations Brenda
on your 60th birthday 7th August.
With love and best wishes from Brian, Sylvia,
Karen, Andrew and Mam

Hawes Gala

OK, so the weather wasn't great! But where country shows, agricultural shows and music festivals were all cancelled, Hawes Gala carried on!

It's been 28 years apparently since the gala was taken indoors because of the weather and had it not been for the disaster on Friday night we may still have been able to have most stuff on the field and in the marquee, but the marquee sadly could not cope with the high wind and had collapsed by 9.00pm. It has also been a good number of years now since the committee took a vote not to reserve the market hall for emergency use and even though the market house committee have always said we would take priority if we needed to reserve it, Friday night before gala is a little too late to ask the renters to clear the decks for us!

So a quick phone call to Angus at the Fountain.. "Yes of course you can have the back room tomorrow!" were his exact words and pretty much the same response from the other pubs meant that we would not disappoint the kids. Everyone still got to dress up in some fantastic costumes and about 72 children collected their 50ps. And even a few adults got into the spirit too. Harrogate sea cadets marching band did a great job of adapting to the circumstances as did astral circus and Ron the Punch and Judy man. Simon Shaw did a great job presenting the Captain's table although Sue never did try a fish eye! And our Gala Queen Bella Sunter did a tremendous job of presenting the prizes and opening the proceedings.

Many thanks to all who made Gala work out well this year and to everyone who still turned out to support it by generously making donations to help with the shortfall in gate takings.

We really couldn't do it without you!

Mick Rhodes

Flower Festival at Stalling Busk

St Matthew's, Stalling Busk
25th, 26th & 27th August -

Flower Festival on the theme of the Olympics
Church open every day
Fabulous refreshments served

August What's On at Gayle Mill

- 1 An introduction to basket weaving- Hands on course; 10.30am to 4.30pm £35 inc. lunch. £5 off for UWNL readers. Tutors: Willow Pool Designs.
- 5 Demonstration Tour of the Saw Mill. 11.00am and 2.30pm—£10 inc. refreshments. A chance to see a demo of original 1879 waterpowered Victorian woodworking machinery.
- 12 Intro to Drystone Walling; 10.30 - 4.30. £10 inc. lunch. Rebuild a Mill wall onsite with tutor and William Lambert.
- 26 Gayle Guided Walk; 11-12.30. £3.50 inc hot drink Join Gaby Rose, Building Conservation Officer for YDNPA. Gaby will discuss changes in historic architecture. Meet at Gayle Mill.
- 29 Find Gayle Mill at Reeth Show and see wood mizer and firewood processor demos. Family craft activities.

Hawes Christmas Lights
are inviting participants for



Wensleydale's
Got
T★LENT

Saturday 1st December 2012

Hawes Market Hall

as part of the Annual Christmas Party.

Any type of group/solo entertainment is welcome from anyone under the age of 18.

Closing Date for entries
Friday 19th October 2012.

If you would like to enter or want more information please call in at

Whites of Wensleydale, Hawes Post Office,
or **Wensleydale Press** for an entry form.

7 July–4 September

An exhibition celebrating the competitive spirit of Dales Communities

August

- 1 Yorkshire Day! 10.00am to 3.00pm.
Drop in and taste Yorkshire grown and made food
- 8 Discover and Do; 2.00 to 4.00pm. Join Rhoda Foster for storytelling and a children's craft workshop. £3
- 11 Heritage Craft Day. Demonstrations of Woodworking, pottery, feltmaking and blacksmithing, with the chance to buy. 10.00am to 4.00pm
- 12 10.30 til 4 Morning felting demos, after noon workshops 2 til 4 (please book) £3 for materials
- 14 Drystone Walling Demo. by a Dales Volunteer 2.00-4.00pm
- 15 Discover and Do; 2.00 to 4.00pm. Join Rhoda Foster for storytelling and a children's craft workshop. £3
- 16 A Bird's Eye View. 2.00-3.00pm. Wildlife Conservation Officer gives an illustrated talk on birds of the Dales
- 19 Patch It Up. 1.00-4.00pm. A demo of English and American patchwork using Paper piecing and templates
- 21 Drystone Walling Demo by a Dales Volunteer 2.00-4.00pm.
- 21 Yorkshire Pizza; 2-4pm. Pizza making for children, 7-12 years, please book
- 22 Discover and Do; 2.00-4.00pm. Join Rhodab Foster for storytelling and children's craft workshop. £3
- 23 Haytime Food; 2.00-4.00pm. Make haytime trifles, for children age 7-12 years. Please book.
- 25 Fantastic Flowers. 1.00-3.00pm. Learn fascinating facts about wonderful Dales wildflowers and make your own using different craft materials. Age 5-14, under 7s to be accompanied by an adult. Children £3.
- 25 Learn about bumblebees, butterflies and bugs in this drop in session for 5-14 years. Under 7s accompanied by an adult. £3.

- 26 Would Yew Believe It. 10am-4.00pm. Demo of wood turning with a chance to buy the finished pieces.
- 28 Baking Granny's Biscuits. 2.00-4.00pm. Biscuit making for children age 7-12 years. Please book
- 28 Drystone Walling Demo 2.00-4.00pm
- 29 Meadow Magic! 1.00 to 3.00pm
Lots of flowery fun; help make a wildflower meadow collage - or make your own! A drop-in craft session led by Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust and Natural England. Age 5-14. Adults to accompany under 7s.
- 30 Wildlife of Snaizeholme. 2.30-4.30pm
Meet Mirkpot House. A gentle 1.5 mile walk spotting tracks and signs of local wildlife. £3

For more info on any activity, tel **666210**

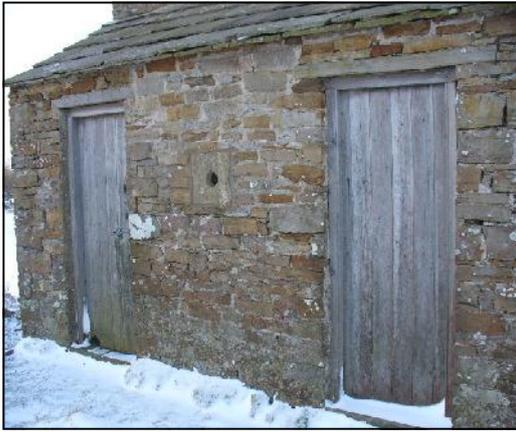
Wensleydale Railway News

Result of the Coin Challenge

Wensleydale Railway's 36 hour Coin Challenge at the end of June raised a truly amazing £4695! Clearly some people had been saving their loose change for weeks in order to produce it on the day.. The coins were laid out in rows on the platform at Leeming Bar station and took up a very large area - and then it took rather a long time to pick them all up again for banking! Several people in Upper Wensleydale had been collecting coins for this event - thank you all for your donations, which will be used to improve the track east of Leeming Bar, to Castle Hills (near Northallerton). And of course further donations of coins will be very welcome.

August Railway Events

Events include a Geology Excursion (Aug 17), 7 mile guided walk Finghall to Leyburn (Aug 21), Vintage Bus & Train week-end (Aug 18/19); Open Days at Aysgarth Station (Aug 18/19 and 26/27). Event details, steam dates and driver experience detailson www.wensleydalerailway.com or phone **08454 50 54 74**).



Mystery picture. Last month's was of Old Bowbridge at Breckonbar. The first 'finder' was Bess Crompton of Askrigg who adds 'I played there many an hour when I was a child'

Where are we this month?

July Mystery Picture

Bow Bridge over Grange Gill Beck is a grade 11 listed building.

An extract from the English Heritage Inspectors report said:

“Bow Bridge is thought to date to the 13th century and was built to service the Wensleydale estates of Jervaulx Abbey. The bridge is located north east of the presumed site of Fors Abbey which was the original foundation before the monks moved it to Jervaulx in 1156. The site of Fors Abbey was occupied after by a grange of Jervaulx known to have existed until the mid-16th century. The bridge provided access from the grange to the extensive Jervaulx estates in upper Wensleydale and also lay on a significant medieval route carrying traffic along the northern side of Wensleydale and over the Dales to the west.

It continued to serve as part of the road network through the post-medieval period and in the late 18th century was widened on the southern side in order to carry the Richmond to Lancaster turnpike. The bridge was replaced in 1899 by a new bridge built 30 metres downstream when the road was widened and straightened.”

“Bow Bridge is a good example of a surviv-

ing medieval pack horse bridge which retains a range of structural features. Its importance is emphasised by the historic link with the Jervaulx Abbey estates and by its later widening as part of the 18th century turnpike network. Taken as whole the bridge makes a significant contribution to the study of transport and communications in the Yorkshire Dales in the medieval and post-medieval periods.”

Eleanor Scarr, Coleby Hall

(and English Heritage never mentioned Eunice seen on the photo!)

Hello,

Eunice this month is in the Mystery Picture, and the Mystery Picture is of the beck that runs parallel to Gill Gate Lane, between Coleby Hall & Gill Gate, at Bowbridge.

In 1970-71 W J Dinsdale of Gayle converted the adjacent redundant Bowbridge Methodist Chapel into a house for me and my family. We'd a couple of very happy years there, having moved from one of Redvers Hopper's flats in Winville, Askrigg.

Yours,

David Sharpe

Do You Enjoy Singing?

Perhaps you would like to join a local choir? We are the Aysgarth Singers, a community mixed voice choir with 47 members who live in and around Wensleydale. We rehearse every Tuesday from 7.30 - 9.00pm in the Aysgarth Institute, from September to Easter. We are friendly and welcoming and simply enjoy singing. Some of us can read music, some of us can't. It doesn't matter, and we don't audition new members! So, if you are interested, just come along to our first rehearsal on September 4th and try it out.

We generally perform a couple of concerts near Christmas and again in March. Subs are £10 per term.

For information, please call **Di Clegg 666059**

White Hart Country Inn, Hawes

When I went along to talk to Pat Kirkbride about the White Hart, she was quick to make the point that her son, Matthew is the landlord, and so I had a chat with both of them. Many years ago, (as some of you will remember!) Pat had a little shop and cafe in Hawes called the Wensleydale Pantry, not the one similarly named but where *Separates* used to be. Before that, she and her sister June had the Black Bull across the road as did their mother Doreen before them. So much for history. Pat has had plenty of experience in catering and hospitality

After a brief period working for the NHS, Pat and son Matthew decided to try for the White Hart which had been closed for about a year. Originally a 17th C Inn, the White Hart has been a popular watering hole for many years and it was sad to see it not in use.

Enter Matthew, who after leaving Lancaster University with a degree in History and Politics, and now living in Hawes, took on the challenge of running a public house, which he seems to have taken on with great enthusiasm, taking particular pride in looking after his real ales. He recognised that he had many of the attributes needed to work in hospitality; he likes people, he likes managerial responsibility ...and there's the real ale!

There are currently five completely refurbished en-suite rooms and eventually there will be nine. Pat has, she says, a great team of staff and they offer, in addition to accommodation, lunches and evening meals. The *new* White Hart Inn has been open for about nine months and is doing very nicely, in spite of, says Pat, the terrible summer weather!

We wish Matthew and Pat the very best of luck with their venture.

S.H.

Askrigg Parish Party

Sunday 5th August - 5.00 pm

St Oswald's Parish Party at Town Head Farm. Everyone welcome! Entry £3 for adults includes pork and apple sandwich and trifle.

Entry for children under 11 is free and includes a sausage sandwich and trifle.

There will be a raffle.



Heavens Above

It's meteor time again with one of the best showers of the year - the Perseids - active from late July to the third week of August. The shower is particularly prolific for two or three nights each side of August 12th (when the stream reaches its maximum) and you'll be *very* unlucky not to see a good number of these swift, bright 'shooting stars' if you're out and about and conditions are favourable. In a really good year roughly 100 an hour are sometimes visible - a spectacular sight if those endless cloudy skies we've had to endure this summer don't interfere with the view. Best time to look is after 1 o'clock in the morning when the Earth meets the meteoroids head on, causing brighter, easier to see vapour trails.

Slightly later in the month there's a good opportunity to glimpse the innermost planet, Mercury in the early morning sky about an hour or so before sunrise.

During the week 18th to 25th August try looking for it in the east north-east around about 5.00am. A good pair of binoculars will help to locate it and you'll also need to find a fairly flat unobstructed horizon as this elusive little world is always pretty low down. Venus and Jupiter are also visible in the east in the early morning sky this month. Venus lies to the lower left of Jupiter and is much, much brighter. At magnitude 4.2 it far outshines every other star-like object in the sky blazing away like a miniature beacon in the hours leading up to dawn.

You might notice that there are two full Moons this month - the first on August 2nd and another on the 31st. When there are two full Moons in a single month, the second one is often mistakenly called a 'blue Moon'. Two full Moons in a month isn't a particularly rare event, however, and the second one will *definitely* not look blue. In fact during the summer months the rising Moon often takes on a distinct golden-orange colour as it never gets very far above the horizon, and its light is 'reddened' by having to pass through a much greater depth of atmosphere before it reaches us. Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

Prunings

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

‘Lavender’s blue dilly dilly,
Lavender’s green
When you are king dilly dilly’
I’ll be your queen.’

An English folk song from the 17th century is an indicator that Lavender has been a national favourite for a long time, and there are many producers who distil from it essential oils that are used in a wide range of cosmetic, medical and household products. Using lavender it seems, is as old as civilisation and there is evidence from all ancient peoples, as far back as the Phoenicians that its antiseptic properties were greatly valued.

Here are several factors to be aware of if you covet beautiful, lush lavender displays, as plants sold as lavender are not always what they seem. The name Lavender comes from its use by the Romans to scent the water in their baths, (lavare – to wash) and by that time it was highly prized. In this country it came to prominence during the 17th Century in the Great Plague when people carried bunches of it to ward off the infection. Today we know that the disease was transmitted by fleas so it is likely that the lavender helped for it is effective in deterring insects.

There are three main types of Lavender and understanding the difference may help if you want to grow it in our northern climate. True Lavender, or English Lavender is *Lavandula angustifolia*, *officinalis*, *vera*. This plant has narrow leaves, short stems and barrel shaped flowers. It produces the best essential oils, those used in high quality perfume, is very hardy and there are many varieties including the well known Munstead and Hidcote.

Spike Lavender (*Lavandula spica*, *latifolia*) is a coarser plant which produces three times as much essential oil, but of inferior quality, and this is used mostly for room-sprays insect repellents, disinfectants and so forth. The scent contains notes of eucalyptus.

Lavandin (*L. x intermedia*). Known as Dutch lavender this is a sterile hybrid and cannot be grown from seed. It has larger leaves and flowers which last well, and although it yields high quantities of essential oil and is used in cheaper perfumes and oils the scent, which is more woody, does not last well.

In France, where the industry has thrived for centuries many new varieties have been developed. *Lavandula stoechas* with its paler colours and rabbit ears is well known as French Lavender, often sold as Papillon. This one is not reliably hardy in this country, especially not in the North and is likely to be a disappointment.

There are around 30 lavender farms in the UK and it would be wise to buy from a northern base and enquire to be sure they have field grown rather than tunnel grown plants. Any of the *angustifolia* varieties should survive if planted before the autumn. There are lots of wonderful vibrant shades on the market. They like alkaline soil, a free draining site and full sun. The only danger is that, despite the strong aroma, rabbits may nibble away at the tender shoots. The plants should be cut back to 2cm. above the old wood in September (use the clippings for cuttings which take well) and in a year or so you can look forward to a glorious display.

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

Rose Rambler

Ents in the Dales

We’re delighted to hear that the dales are full of Ents—the name given to old gnarled trees in Tolkien’s *Lord of the Rings*. Some could be over 800 years old: that takes us back to Magna Carta and makes most of our ‘old’ houses look like new build. Half of them are oak trees with ash, alder and beech also prominent.

Apparently 80% of Europe’s ancient trees are in the UK and we’ve got some of them here in the Dales.

Now a new survey is being carried out to see exactly how many we do have. So far 833 have been recorded but Phill Hibbs, the National Park Trees and Woodland Officer, wants us all to join in the survey so that none is missed out. He says they play a vital role in the local ecology, providing a habitat for all sorts of wildlife, and most of us would agree that they are full of interest and character so they deserve all the protection they can get.

If you think you’ve spotted an ancient or interesting tree somewhere in the National Park, make a note of where it is, take a picture if you can and contact **Phill on 01756 751600**.

Snaizeholme

Until recently I have avoided writing about the pheasants at Mirk Pot. There used to be large numbers here and I was afraid that some shooters would have found them too tempting. It would be possible to write a book about their personalities and habits. I have, for instance, seen in the past a stoat positively dancing round a cock pheasant while he, head bent and constantly facing the stoat, wings slightly



spread and feathers puffed, for all the world like an old picture of fighting cocks, stood his ground and crowed at the stoat. In the end it gave up; but it was a big drama while it lasted.

At present no stoats, but the three local cock pheasants defend their territories from each other constantly. They seem to eat practically nothing, have lost their tail feathers and look a bit scruffy, but the aggression is still there. Of hens, they occasionally visit to pick up a little corn but they obviously have important things to do. They sit (again seen in the past on about 14 eggs all of which usually hatched) but it's a lucky mum now who manages to raise four young.

The red squirrels are full of enthusiasm and hunger. Curiously the summer seems to be the time they are the shortest of food; no ripe fruits so when I put out the food in the morning it is not unusual to have six or seven of them arguing about who gets it first. Even if they are so full they can't take any more, the competition still goes on with them belting back and forth, burying what won't go in their stomachs.

The small birds are doing brilliantly and the goldfinches and siskins at the niger seed con-

tainer are a joy. The only trouble is that the larger and more numerous chaffinches are inclined to take over, in spite of the fact that they also eat birdseed and peanuts.

Of the larger birds there is a family of magpies (two young) and the occasional visiting jackdaw. I have seen one jackdaw fighting off two magpies which surprised me. Two pairs of wood pigeons (no young as yet) and about eight stock doves all pick up seed mixed corn from the ground. I don't have a bird table, just hanging bird feeders which the bigger, bullying birds can't manage.

The blackbirds which were here in quantity in winter have all gone elsewhere to nest, and I hear but don't see our song thrush. Altogether in spite of the bad weather, it has been, so far, a good bird summer. I hope that when the ground-nesting birds hatch, we get some real summer for them.

Jane Kemp

News From the Vets

We've been surprisingly busy here at the surgery for June and July mainly due to the weather preventing farmers getting on with their other jobs. Unfortunately Nematodirus (a gut worm that causes lots of problems in lambs) continues to be a problem this summer, if in any doubt farmers can bring a sample to us at the surgery to check.

Dental care month was a success and lots of dogs went home with their free dentasticks after having their teeth checked. And those that needed a dental have gone home with a nice white smile. Dental disease is a major problem in dogs and cats. It's always better to have them checked early and therefore early intervention rather than waiting and the teeth having to be removed.

One unwanted animal we're seeing a lot of recently is ticks. There has been a large rise in the number of ticks that we have seen over the last few months. Please be vigilant for these pests on your animals and contact us at the surgery for advice on how to deal with them.

Davinia Hinde

WHAT'S ON LISTING;

For Gayle Mill events see page 17

July

- 28 Thornton Rust Country Show.
See p.9
- 30 King's Club starts; Askrigg. See p.7

August

- 1 Yorkshire Day. See p.7
- 1 Bolton cum Redmire PCC Church
Coffee Club, Hambleton House,
Redmire. 10.30am to noon
- 1 Tea and Scones and Book Stall. This
and every Wednesday in August
for St Margaret's, Hawes. 1.00 to
3.00pm
- 1,8,15,22,29 Dales Discovery Series;
Hawes Methodist Church. See p.7
- 4 Kings Club BBQ. 5.00pm
- 4 Men's Prayer Breakfast. 8.30am,
Sycamore Hall. Speaker;
Diocesan Rural Officer. **650685** to
book.
- 5 Swinithwaite v West Witton cricket
Match. See p.15
- 5 Askrigg Parish Party. See p.20
- 6-10 Falconry, wild boar and bees!
Bolton Castle events. 10.00am to
5.30pm.
- 6-10 and 20-24 The New Wensleydale
BURST Camp. Yorebridge. See p.3
- 7 Drop in for Coffee. 10.00am to noon at
Greygarth, Carperby. Proceeds for
St Andrew's Church and charity.
- 8 Guided walk from Bainbridge. Meet
Village green. 1.00pm. 6 miles.
- 9,16,23, 30 Wensleydale Country
Markets Leyburn Methodist Hall.
10.00am to 12.30pm.
- 10-12 Wensley Flower Festival. See p.4
- 11,18,19 Wensleydale Railway events.
See p.18
- 12 Thorlby Fete. 2.00pm. See p.16
- 13-17 As 6–10 above
- 14 YDNPA Planning Committee. 1.00pm
- 14 Films at Carperby vicarage. See p.9
- 15 Carperby W.I. Julie Clarke cookery
Demonstration. 7.30pm.

- 15 Stream dipping. Aysgarth Nat. Park
Centre. 11.00am to 3.00pm.
- 16 Hawes W.I. Trip to Kirkby Stephen:
Lynn Hopwood Collection
- 17 Organ recital; Hawes Methodist
Church. See p.6
- 18-19 Spanish Armada weekend at
Bolton Castle
- 19 Stalling Busk Fete. 3.00pm.
- 19 Table top sale in Market Hall, Hawes
for school
- 19 Family Service.10.30am. St
Margaret's Hawes. Speaker: Mr P.
Holdsworth
- 20-24 Roundheads and Cavaliers; Bolton
Castle
- 21 Coffee morning and stalls; Hawes
Methodist rooms. 10.00am to noon.
- 25 Wensleydale Show
- 25 Annual Gift Day. The Vicar and PCC
will collect donations in Askrigg and
Bainbridge for the upkeep of the
church
- 25-26 West Witton Feast. See p.13
- 25-27 Thornton Rust Scarecrow Trail and
Refreshments. See p. 11
- 25,26,27 St Matthew's, Stalling Busk
Flower Festival. See p.17
- 26 Healing service. 4.00pm. With
refreshments to follow; St
Margaret's, Hawes
- 26 Holy Communion taken by Bishop
John 10.30am.
- 26 Hawes Fire Station open day. See
p.12
- 26 3.00pm. Lakeside Service at
Semerwater
- 27 Aysgarth Fete. See p.7
- 27 Bank Holiday Monday at St
Margaret's, with Cream Teas an
stalls. 1.00 to 3.00pm.
- 27-31 As 20–24 above.
- 30 Wildlife in Snaizholme. Meet Mirk
Pot House. 2.00 to 4.00pm. **666210**
to book

September

- 2 Service of 'Clypping' St Margaret's
Church. 2.00pm. A united service
to launch the fund raising campaign

Doctors' Rotas as supplied by the Health Centre

AYSGARTH SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning											HAWES SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning										
Wb	Jul 30		Aug 6		Aug 13		Aug 20		Aug 27		Wb	Jul 30		Aug 6		Aug 13		Aug 20		Aug 27	
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Tue	FJ	FJ	W	W	J	J	W	W	F	F	Tues	W	W	J	J	W	W	J	J	WJ	WJ
Wed	J	J	J	J	W	W	J	J	W	W	Wed	F	F	W	W	J	J	W	W	F	F
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Doctors: F - France, J - Jones, W - West, C - Closed Morning Surgery: 9.00 - 10.30 am (no appointments) Afternoon Surgery: 4.00 - 5.30 pm (appointment only) <i>For appointments and all enquiries ring 663222</i>											Doctors: F - France, J - Jones, W - West, C - Closed Morning Surgery: 8.45-10.15 Tues till 10.45 (no appointments) Afternoon Surgery: 5.00-6.00 Tues 1.00-4.00 (appointments only) <i>For appointments and all enquiries ring 667200</i>										

Surgery News

Thursday 21st June I begin by offering apologies for the cancellation of all doctors' surgeries on that day. This was due to a combination of circumstances that overtook the practice, and not due to any industrial action by any of your doctors. Dr West was on annual leave abroad. Dr Jones's mother-in-law died suddenly and he had to attend her funeral in London. At very short notice, we were unable to find a locum to replace him (not helped by this being the day of the strike called by the British Medical Association). Dr Holubecki-France spent the day doing telephone consultations, house calls and running mini surgeries at Hawes and Aysgarth for patients who needed to see a doctor urgently.

New Surgery Times

From Monday 3rd September we begin a trial of revised surgery times for afternoon and evening surgeries. This will last for 4 months until 31st December. All doctor appointments will be for 10 minutes. The new times are; **Tues afternoon** surgery at Hawes will be **1.30-4.00pm** instead of 1.00-4.00pm. **Evening surgeries at Hawes** will be **4.40-6.00pm** instead of 5.00-6.00pm. **Afternoon surgeries at Aysgarth** will be **3.30-5.30pm** instead of 4.00-5.30pm. The morning open-access surgeries will run at the same times as before, but will be split up into 10 minute appointments. When you check in for these surgeries, the receptionist will give you a time when you can expect to

be seen. You then have the choice of waiting in surgery or leaving temporarily. Return to the surgery just before the time you have been given, and you will see the doctor as close as possible to your allocated time. This is probably of more benefit to patients attending Hawes surgery, where shopping, banking etc can be done during the waiting period. ***If you park your car in our car parks in such a way that it blocks-in another vehicle, you must stay in surgery to prevent inconvenience to others.***

There are no changes to the nurse clinics.

As usual, if you have any comments or suggestions about the services we provide, please contact me at Hawes surgery **667200**, or e-mail clive.west@gp-B82045.nhs.uk

Clive West

Can You Help?

I would be very happy to hear from anyone who can give me information on the history of Thornton Lodge, Thornton Rust.

I am particularly interested in the alleged coke shortage which occurred just before the start of the Second World War (1938-39) which forced the lodge to close.

Please telephone **Vanessa** on **663375** or email v.kilvington@btconnect.com if you have any information.

Vanessa Kilvington

Community Office News

We are having a Book Sale and Coffee Morning on **Tuesday August 1st 10.00 am to noon**. Coffee is free if you buy at least one book.

Our Computer Skills Workshop has started again after a short break. It's ideal for those completely new to computers and also for those who are proficient but want to know more. For those rash enough to try it, we could have a bash at Facebook, or social networking in general as well as internet shopping and banking, or whatever you'd like to do. Bring your own Lap Top or use ours. No set fee, donations welcome. **Wednesdays between 1.30 and 4.15pm.**

Our Little White Bus is proving very popular so if you are interested in any of our Wednesday trips, please book early to avoid disappointment. There will be a trip to Kendal on the first Wednesday of every month. During the summer there have been additional trips, to see the Olympic Torch at Aysgarth, to Skipton, to Hayes Garden Centre at Ambleside, to Barnard Castle and Bowes Museum and to Saltaire. On the **15th August**, there's a trip to Kiplin Hall (very good cafe and lovely gardens as well as the house) and **19th September**, the trip is to Morecambe. The cost of the trips is usually £7 return and £5 for concessions. The bus leaves Hawes at **11.30 am and arrives back at about 4.40 pm.**

Just a reminder - the Little White Bus does a Hawes and Villages Tuesday Market Day Special, going from Gayle, through Hawes, Bainbridge and Askrigg and back again three times during the day; no need to book, just hop on. It can include Carperby, Aysgarth and points between, on request. FLAT FARE £1 per journey, no concessions, no bus passes. The bus meets many of the trains at Garsdale, but we can usually arrange to meet the non-scheduled ones if you book in advance. We can email timetables or you can call in at the Community Office and pick one up.

For bookings and all enquiries phone **667400**. try the bus mobile: **07816 989448** outside our opening hours:

Monday 10.00 am - 4.30 pm
Tuesday 9.30 am - 6.00 pm
Wednesday 10.00 am - 4.30 pm
Thursday 10.00 am - 6.00 pm
Friday 10.00 am - 4.30 pm

We are thrilled to report that we have secured funding, from NYCC and DITA (Dales Integrated Transport Alliance) for a second bus. It will enable us to fulfil many of the demands we've been unable to meet because of the commitment to meeting our scheduled runs to Garsdale station. We are still in the planning stages of timetabling, etc. Although we already have team of enthusiastic volunteer drivers, we would welcome more. MIDAS training will be given to anyone interested.

A New Project: Is to work with Quakers and the local community, including local children, to develop the Hawes Quaker Burial ground to make it into a more useable garden. It's ideally situated but gets very little use. This means re-configuring the access and re-designing and planting the area and providing benches. *Interested in being involved in the planning, funding or execution? Contact Trish on 667400.*

Library: The Summer Reading Challenge, for children of 4 - 11 years of age, has just started. Get your stickers, wristbands, loan voucher and more. Enrol now, it's free! ... and Don't Forget: We collect your used stamps and empty print cartridges. We have a PowerPoint projector and laptop loans. We have WiFi access and a REAL coffee machine! **The Upper Wensleydale Community Office, The Neukin, Market Place, DL8 3DD. Tel:667400.**

Email: uwco@btconnect.com

Web: www.hawescommunityoffice.co.uk

Trish West

Sycamore Hall News

It was a beautiful sunny day when John set off in the bus with about 12 residents to Aysgarth National Park office to see the arrival of the Olympic flame. With a space already booked we were able to sit in a prominent position.

First on the scene was a cavalcade of maybe 30-40 police bikes followed by various types of transport, no end of buses and floats worth noting, every one was a German BMW and all brand spanking new.

Then followed the flame held high by a young lady amidst a lot of clapping and shouting. TV cameras were abundant but rather disappointing was the fact that Aysgarth was not shown on the night's TV news; thank you to John, Shirley, Pauline and Michelle for their constant care.

It was a shocking night weather wise, rain and thunder so it was no wonder that on Thursday June 28th our entertainment Party "Bring me Sunshine" was a bit late, but the show must go on and for the next hour we were entertained by the versatile young people, who involved the residents in their routine with songs we all knew and their ability to change into a various array of very colourful costumes; enjoyed by all.

Standing now next to the greenhouse having been painted by Colin, and flowers by Michael, our summer house is a real asset to Sycamore Hall. Thanks to Dave Bushby helped by Simon, Michelle's husband who dismantled it and rebuilt in just under a day; a great feat in my mind. It's fantastic to realise that people take such an interest in Sycamore.

It was in fine style that Professor King celebrated her 90th birthday by inviting the residents to tea in the lounge. Congratulations Professor King, and on behalf of the residents and myself, thanks for the wonderful tea provided for us. I will keep you informed of future activities.

After eight months of planning I feel I have gone beyond my limits to get the Valuation Day off the ground but it is evident in my mind that my vision of a great day will not materialise, so I will not mention it again in my reports.

Derek Ramsden

1st Hawes Brownies

As another Brownie year draws to a close we have managed lots of outside activities.

We took part in the Jubilee celebrations and have played rounders and had our own Olympics. Amazingly the weather stayed dry for our cookout at Hardraw and who cares if it rains for the water fun night.

We have one Brownie, Reece, who is leaving this term and we have two new Brownies who have joined us.

May I please remind everyone that we are still a Brownie helper short. Can you help?

Linda Reynolds, Brownie Admin

MOSS

Bunty would like to thank all family and friends for cards, flowers and presents for my 80th birthday; it was a weekend to remember.

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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	
Thoraby:	Sandra Foley, Shop	663205