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Editorial

Could it happen in the Dales? If it did, would you care?

To begin with this month, we're looking east – to our partner National Park, the North York Moors.

There are two 'issues' that are at the forefront of concern there. The first relates to Government permission granted for a very large gas processing facility at Thornton le Dale. The County Council, Ryedale District Council and the North York Moors National Park Authority all said the plans should be rejected ahead of the three-week inquiry, while a petition opposing the scheme (which is expected to operate for 20 years) by the Against Having Sour Gas in Thornton (AGHAST) campaign group collected more than **10,000** signatures.

Of even greater significance is the proposed potash mining development on 100 hectares of farmland and woodland near Sneaton, just south of Whitby. York Potash Ltd plans to sink two shafts and the spoil will form an artificial landscape. It will be the deepest mine in Europe. Then there is the major undertaking to transport the mineral – as slurry in pipelines – from south of Whitby to Port Teesside about 45 kilometres away, through Special Protected Areas, Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) and Heritage Coast.

Although we have some quarries etc., matters of this size put discussion about, and objections to, small housing developments in our National Park into perspective! We know there have always been, and always will be, tussles over 'development', 'economy', 'conservation' and 'environment'. But despite carefully chosen nice wording it seems that there is going to be a greater presumption in favour of these things even within so-called protected areas like National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Does it matter? It sometimes seems that the defence and protection of these areas is campaigned for more by those not living within them; maybe they are more sensitive to the values and reasons for the designation of such areas (in all parts of the world) over the last 50 to 100 years.

The growing population with ever-increasing demands for 'things', puts enormous pressure on sensitive areas, but it is always attractive to say that 'jobs will be created'. "How many and for whom", it is fair to ask. That same increasing population also needs the very

things that our areas must continue to offer: space, quietness, exceptional landscape, uninterrupted wildlife and the freedom to wander. These attributes are vital to the deep needs for reflection, refreshment, renewal and recreation.

That is not to say that a small development for vitally important minerals could not, with strict limitations, be permitted. It's a question of achieving a sensible balance. In the last 200 years an area called Parys Mountain in Anglesey has been exploited for copper. You should see the enormity of the devastation. It is immense. Recently, prospectors have discovered new veins deep down. They are just waiting for the right price and right time to start applying to go ahead. You can't help wondering if there's anyone poking around under Wensleydale, Swaledale, Arkengarthdale or Grassington Moor! Eternal vigilance needed! Let us not forget just how valuable to our well-being this area is.

Free Christmas greetings. As usual the Newsletter is offering space for people or businesses to send greetings instead of writing cards. This service has been especially welcomed by the more elderly among us. Please send details in **as soon as possible**.

Subscription renewal. £10 (£15 overseas) are due from January 1st. *Idea: why not buy a friend the Newsletters for the year ahead.*

Next Issue

Please remember that the next Newsletter is for both December and most of January, so forthcoming events and items for both months should be submitted by the deadline.

Thank you.

Dr Malcolm Hamer

Anne and Family would like to thank everyone for their lovely cards, kind wishes and offers of help during his recent stay in the James Cook University Hospital and the Friarage Hospital

November Competition

These are the initial letters of T.V. programmes, on the main channels:

C S
S C D
A R S
W R
M O T D
D A (*Not Dad's Army!*)
P O G F T L O D
T O S
A S M A M
W D Y T Y A
G B R J
M A M M
L L L
E T T C
D W

October's Answers

Most of the 'missing words' led to local links:

Clough RIVER dance (*Clough River is in Garsdale*)
Hawes END game
Castle BOLTON priory
Northern ECHO soundings
Arch BISHOP dale
Stone HOUSE martin
Temple FARM stead
Off ROAD sign
White SCAR top
Black GROUSE shooting
Cycle WAY marking
Hang WEST Stonesdale (*Hang West is tvery old name for most of this area*)
Ask RIGG house
Saddle BACK gammon



Court Reports

There have been other responses to the article about lost tennis courts. Firstly it seems that there was a court in West Burton in a field off Eshington Lane on the right as you go towards Aysgarth. Probably in the field called Jagers, so called as it was where packmen could put their ponies overnight; and in Hawes, the court was moved from near the station to a part of the cricket field 'near to Dr King's barn' and several people remember playing there into the 1960s. *Thank you Jane Ritchie and Kathleen Martin for this information.*

Letter

I read your article on former Wensleydale tennis courts with interest as my husband and I are the current owners of the land on which the West Witton one was situated.

I would like to take this opportunity to add to and update the information that was given, if you feel that readers would be interested.

When we moved to West Witton in 2007, the 1/4 acre plot of land was indeed a plantation of overgrown Christmas trees. Early in 2010 the then owner clear felled the plot, seeded it with grass and put it on the market. My husband and I were looking for land on which to plant native trees and jumped at the chance to purchase the plot, which is ideally situated as it is visible from our house.

Early in 2011 we planted 25 each of mountain ash, silver birch, ash and oak trees and we are pleased to report that all 100 are doing well, putting on much growth this year thanks to the wet conditions. As the plot is alongside the lane that runs down towards Wensley, a route much used by local residents and visitors, we hope that the sight of the trees maturing and changing through the seasons will give much pleasure over the coming years.

I have been able to unravel something of the history of the plot's usage using old maps and documents. During the 19th century arable crops, including potatoes and barley, were cultivated on the land, but a handwritten addition to title deeds shows that it was used by a Tennis Club sometime during the first half of the 20th century.

It subsequently became allotments, which in turn were abandoned due to problems with water supply and rabbit infestation – so although much smaller than the fields around it, this plot has had a varied and complex past in terms of its land use!

We can certainly confirm that it was once a tennis court as when tidying up prior to planting we found the tattered remnants of a net and supporting wire in undergrowth on one of the boundaries – it is amazing that such evidence of a bygone Dales pastime had survived for so long!

Best wishes,

Rosemary Anderson

Coffee Morning & Gift Day

There will be a Coffee Morning and Gift Day for Castle Bolton church from 10.30am to noon at Dale View, Castle Bolton on **Wednesday 7th November**. Please phone **623012** for details

Christmas Fayre at Gayle Mill
Saturday 24th November
10.00am-4.00pm, £2.00 entry

The Christmas Fayre is the biggest event of the year at t'Mill, welcoming happy shoppers in search of a unique and bespoke Christmas gift.

This year the event has a heritage skills twist in celebration of the LEADER funded project taking place at the Mill at the moment. Adrian Woods, an Artist Blacksmith, will be providing demonstrations of blacksmithing on site. Peter Berry will be showing off his skills as a wood carver and tutor. Mike Thomson brings tradition back to toy making during the festive season by turning wooden spinning tops on the lathe, which children can then paint and decorate.

The goods on sale have all been hand crafted by Gayle Mill Volunteers who meet on a weekly basis at this time of year preparing stock. Last year's top products were beautiful slab wood cut out Christmas trees, and a wooden board game called TWANG! Plans are already afoot to create a few new goodies for the 2012 event.

Money raised through the sale of goods supports the charities Gayle Mill Trust and The Friends of Gayle Mill, so if that doesn't fill you with a warm fuzzy feeling, the mulled wine definitely will.

The Fayre is great day about for all, with mulled wine and mince pies included in the entry fee. Explore the goods on offer, take part in the tombola and children can get busy in the crafting corner making baubles and gnomes to take home.

Samantha Belcher

Askrigg and District
Produce Show News

A Lemon Drizzle Cake?

A floral arrangement in a watering can?

A piece of jewellery using recycled materials?

Do you have any ideas for new categories for
Askrigg Produce Show 2013?

Email your ideas to:

askriggshow@hotmail.co.uk

and we'll take a look.

Many thanks,

Lesley Glancy,
Askrigg & District Produce Show Secretary.

The New Cotton Mill at Aysgarth

I descended to the Bridge at Aysgarth; there sending back my horses to the public house, and ordering G. to return with the guide.

During his long absence, I had to admire the delicious scenery, around this charmingly placed bridge; whose wildness has been sadly demolish'd by a late (adametic) reparation, and the cutting down of the ivy.

But what has completed the destruction of every rural thought, has been the erection of a cotton mill on one side, whereby prospect and quiet, are destroy'd; I now speak as a tourist (as a policeman, a citizen or a statesman, I enter not the field); the people indeed, are employ'd; but they are all abandon'd to vice from the throng.

If men can thus start into riches; or if riches from trade are too easily procured, woe to us men of middling income, and settled revenue; and woe it has been to all the Nappa Halls and the Yeomanry of the land.

At the times when the people work not in the mill, they issue out to poaching, profligacy and plunder. Sr Rd. Arkwright may have introduced much wealth into his family, and into the country; but as a tourist I execrate his schemes, which, having crept into every pastoral vale, have destroy'd the course, the beauty of Nature; why, here now is a great flaring mill, whose back stream has drawn off half the water of the falls above the bridge.

With the bell ringing, and the clamour of the mill, all the vale is disturb'd; treason and levelling systems are the discourse; and rebellion may be near at hand.

John Byng

(a Tour of the North 1792)

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Askrigg Coffee Morning

There will be a Coffee Morning in aid of St Oswald's Church, taking place on **Saturday 10th November** between 10.00 am and 12.00 pm at Askrigg Village Hall. Everyone is welcome and entry is only £2. There will be a cake stall and raffle.

An Evening with Daryl

21 November at 7.30pm
In the Fountain Hotel, Hawes
Tickets £10 from Streetwise or the Fountain
(Be quick, these always sell out fast)
In aid of Hawes Gala Funds

Carperby Playing Fields Fundraisers

Carperby Playing Fields Association has a busy pre-Christmas schedule of fund raising events in November. The first will be a concert at Carperby Village Institute on **Saturday 3rd November**. **Colvin Quarmby** make a welcome return and anyone who saw them previously will want to be there again. The five-piece band plays "refreshingly different acoustic music". A potent mix of driving rhythm laced with liberal helpings of folk, country and skiffle, with an intelligent use of pop, topped off with irresistible harmonies and lyrics of pure poetry and subtle wit. Growing favourites on the Folk/Acoustic circuit, the band won the Best Live Act category at the prestigious Hancock Awards in 2010. They have a new album out that was described by one reviewer as "their finest to date, strong material, great playing, exquisite harmonies and fine production from the band". Their live show is always hugely entertaining. Front man Gerry Colvin has to be seen to be believed! Tickets are £12 in advance and are selling fast. Please contact **663808**.

Following this, there will be a Ladies Night on **Saturday 17th November at 7.30pm** where shoes, jewellery, clothes, gifts and other goodies will be on sale; the ideal opportunity to bag an early Christmas present. Admission will include mulled wine & nibbles. Call Jane on **663074** for details.

Finally, on **Friday 30th November at Carperby Sports Pavilion** at 7.30pm there will be a Quiz Night with Pie and Peas supper. Call Tracey on **663651** for details.

Steve Sheldon

Any Old Clothes?

A community clothes collection in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance and **St Margaret's Church**, **awes** is taking place in the church.

Please bring bagged (bags available in the church) clothes, curtains, towels, bedding (not duvets or pillows), shoes and ink cartridges into the church any time up to 12.30pm on the 28th November. Proceeds will be split between the Air Ambulance and St Margaret's Church. Please ring me if you need help with collection.

Janet Middleton 666070

Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society The Georgian Dinner in all its Glory.

'**Appearing to Advantage**' is dedicated to the food and etiquette of the Georgian dinner party; from the agony of the housewife, to the delight of the honoured guest. Ranging from the King's dinners, through those of his subjects, and back to his most lowly servants, the beauty and elegance of dining in an era obsessed with 'taste' will be explored.

Annie Grey is a food history expert specialising in the 18th and 19th centuries. She has degrees in history and archaeology and an interest in the substance of dining, including the cooking and eating of historic recipes. As well as lecturing and publishing articles, she works as a costumed interpreter, leading a team at the award-winning Audley End House, representing Victorian servants at work, and has appeared in and out of costume in the media, including *The Great British Bake Off*, and *Mrs. Beeton Unbuttoned*.

This Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society lecture is on **Tuesday 13th November at 2.00pm** in the Middleham Key Centre.

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

Elaine Frances

Letter

News From the Kent Fan Club!

Dear Alan and the wonderful team of the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter,

This is the Eunice Kent Fan Club calling. As always, we have read the latest copy of your iconic newsletter from cover to cover and we were particularly pleased with the front cover - depicting the approach to Burtersett by Tom Purvis. This is a view from Shaws lane which we know well and the picture is so atmospheric and attractive.

We are writing to say that Floss Birkin has found Eunice - on page 34, sitting on the red admiral butterfly. We were sorry to hear that the red admiral numbers are down - but not entirely surprised given the awful summer weather we have all experienced. Fingers crossed that things will be better next year.

Best Wishes,

The Kent Fan Club.

The Lighthouse on Shivering Sands

When the new keeper arrives on the supply boat a story of suspense and horror unfolds in North Country Theatre's latest ripping yarn *The Lighthouse on Shivering Sands*. Three men, two of them sworn enemies, share the confined space but with talk of murder, madness and revenge how long will it be before one of them will carry out his threat? Will the light remain lit? And is that really a seal basking on a nearby rock or could it be a mermaid?

This tale of deceit and revenge is by Yorkshire's most prolific writer J S Fletcher and was found in a book of 100 Great Horror Stories by North Country Theatre's director Nobby Dimon. "I was drawn in by the names initially, Pharaoh Nanjulian, Jezreel Cornish and Mordechai Chiddock, and the idea of three men thrown together on a lighthouse. But as their stories unfold you begin to wonder which of the keepers, if any, is telling the truth."

"We get a lot of positive feedback from audiences who appreciate the opportunity to see actors playing a number of different roles over the years" said Nobby Dimon "and it's great for me to have such a talented and inventive group of people helping to create the piece."

For more information, **Gillian Howells on 01748 82**

The nearest performances for us are:
Weds Nov 28th, Dales Countryside Museum
Thurs Nov 29th, Leyburn Methodist Hall.



Mark Cronfield as Mordechai Chiddock and Nobby Dimon as Principal Keeper

Askrigg School

Askrigg School are having a Great North Air Ambulance Bags 2 School Collection on **Tuesday 20th November**. Any clothes, towels, handbags, shoes and bedding (but not duvets or pillows please) would be gratefully received at school any time after Thursday 15th November. The last collection we had in April raised a magnificent £485.10 for the Air Ambulance and £323.40 for school - we had 1078kgs of bags ... let's see if we can do better this time!

'Open Hour' - On Wednesday 3rd October we invited parents, carers and older brothers and sisters into school for an informal look at the children's work and to let the children share their learning with their families. This was a great success and as this term's topic is 'The Egyptians' parents were given very specific details about brains being pulled out through noses, booby traps in pyramids etc!



Knitting Basket

(Past and Present, Hawes Market Place)
Needs people who knit or crochet to help raise money for St Margaret's church.

You can help too.

Call in and see Jenny for more details.

Sycamore Hall Craft Fair

We are holding a Craft fair at Sycamore Hall on **Saturday 3rd November from 10.00am till 2.00pm** in order to raise funds for the Sycamore amenity fund, which enables the residents to have trips out and entertainment.

We have numerous stands - if anyone is interested in having a table please contact **Lisa on 07919896612** for more information, we have refreshments also, so come along and get some early Christmas prezzies.

West Burton School News

Now we are in October, all the staff and pupils at West Burton School have settled into the school routine.

After going to see Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat at Darlington Civic Theatre, we have the songs stuck in our heads and ringing in our ears! It was very educational as well as being fun for all ages. If you can, go and see it as it is a great day out!

The harvest festival started on a low note; as for the first time ever we could not walk to Aysgarth Church because of uncertain weather. Alternatively, we took a taxi and let the gathering go on as normal. Our harvest collection for this year was clothes and old mobile phones for the Great North Air Ambulance. After singing three harvest songs, including Autumn Days, Miss Whitehouse helped us re-enact a drama, with a message of "Co-operation and helping each other."

We are looking forward to a visit from Power-down Pete on the 26th of October.

Jack Greenslade and Joe Beaton

Bonfire Special November 5th

A special bus will travel from Hawes via Bainbridge, Askrigg and Carperby to Redmire for a Wensleydale Railway train to Bedale for bonfire and fireworks, returning the same route.

On train bar serving tea, coffee, draught ale, wine, soft drinks and snacks.

Adult fare £9.00. Under 16s free. Booking is essential for the bus : **08454 50 54 74** or email: emma@wensleydalerrailway.com

Annual Toy Service Churches Together in Hawes Sunday December 2nd, 10.30am.

It is the turn of the

Hawes Methodist Church

to host the service this year. As usual the Salvation Army will be receiving new toys and gifts from those attending. It is expected that the Brownies will take part in the service.

Upper Wensleydale's Oldest?

Mary Iveson formerly of Burnside, Gayle had her 105th Birthday on Saturday 22nd September. She celebrated the day with a small party with her immediate family, residents and staff at Brentwood Lodge, where she has lived for the past 5 years.

Mary was born in Appersett and has lived all her life in the area until moving to Brentwood Lodge after having her 100th Birthday. Mary enjoyed many holidays in the UK and Europe with her sisters and friends. She is the last surviving member of 14 children of the Metcalfe family from Appersett. She has a son and daughter and 3 grandchildren.

Mary would like to thank family, friends and staff at Brentwood Lodge for their best wishes and support over the years.

Myra Staveley



Kinesio Taping Comes to Wensleydale!

Orthopaedic Massage Practitioner Josephine Lade has become an Advanced Kinesio Taping Practitioner. We've all seen the Olympians wearing coloured tape – it's not just for elite athletes though. Kinesio Taping is suitable for everyone and most types of musculoskeletal conditions from acute to chronic. Pre-event taping also available. Clinics at Hawes and Bainbridge. Contact Jo on **015396 24871** or info@reflex-om.com for information

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

*Extracts from the synopsis of the meeting held
on Monday 8th October 2012*

Cancer in a Rural Setting. Dr Crawford, a Specialist Oncologist at the Airedale Hospital gave a very interesting presentation. He was concerned about the timely diagnosis of cancers some of which were much easier to spot and diagnose than others. Cancer patients use a lot of hospital services and research shows that in-patient expenditure is greater in rural areas. The further the distance from hospital a person with cancer lives, the more likely the diagnosis is to be at death. Some cancers have symptoms that lead to earlier presentation to the GP. A discussion followed the presentation as to the reasons for people in rural areas presenting late for the initial consultation.

Extending the **double yellow lines by Hawes surgery** has been turned down by the Parish Council as Hawes needs the maximum number of parking spaces. Dr West is concerned that cyclists are at risk.

The Parish Connect website is having teething problems which is why the UDHW section may not include the updates being sent in.

The opening time at the **Aysgarth Surgery** will not be changed.

A visit by the new Secretary of State is thought to be unlikely.

Maternity and Paediatric Services - further visits are to be made to small hospitals in the South West. It was pointed out that not enough paediatricians are being trained and that the Friarage is not recognised as a training centre.

PCT shortfall in funding

This could lead to enhanced services being withdrawn. There is the threat of some surgeries closing. From 1st October the Government is reducing funding for drugs which will affect pharmacies and rural dispensing GP Practices. CQC inspection will cost the Practice £1,600. The Government seems to be expecting GPs to continue to operate Minor Injuries Units for no remuneration. The situation looks pretty dire but as yet no actual decisions have been made.

Jane Ritchie

**Patients Asked to “Carry the Card”
to Reduce Infections**

People in North Yorkshire and York who have contracted *Clostridium difficile* infection (C.diff) are being asked to “carry the card” to reduce the risk of getting it again as part of a new campaign.

C.diff affects mainly people over the age of 65 years, although people of all ages can get it. During 2011/12, there were 275 reported cases of C.diff across North Yorkshire and York.

Healthcare professionals in hospitals, health trusts, GP practices and in public health are working together to help reduce the impact of C.diff and improve the care of people who have recently been diagnosed with the infection.

Antibiotics can trigger a relapse of C.diff and people who have had the infection are now being given a card, which they can show to medical staff when they are prescribed antibiotics so doctors can avoid giving them the sorts of medication which may bring about a relapse.

Patients who carry the card should show it to any healthcare professional involved in their care. This includes doctors, nurses, pharmacists, dentists and other healthcare workers such as those in care homes.

Julie Bolus, Director of Nursing at NHS North Yorkshire and York, said: “C.diff is a nasty infection that mainly affects people over the age of 65 years receiving care in the community or in hospital.

“If a patient has had C.diff then healthcare professionals need to know as it can help them decide what medicines, particularly antibiotics, patients should have and which ones to avoid.

“By carrying the card, patients will be helping to manage their conditions better and reduce the risk of relapsing C.diff infection. This in turn will help reduce the length of illnesses, trips to the doctor and time spent in hospital.”

For more information about the campaign, visit www.hdft.nhs.uk/cdiff

Leyburn Bowling Club

Leyburn's Moor Road green closed for the 2012 season on Sunday 23rd September with a club competition which was won by Bob Doig and David Halliday. 2 weeks earlier we had played our annual competition for the Leyburn Cup, this being won by John Gorman with Hazel Derby runner-up.

Following the end of the season we held our Annual Dinner / Presentation Night at The Friar's Head, Akebar, on Wed 26th October. A total of 30 members and friends attended and following a most enjoyable dinner the trophies were presented to the winners of all the club competitions played for during 2012.

Leyburn Bowling Club are pleased to have received a cheque for £183 following the Leyburn Food Festival held in May. This sum is greatly appreciated and our thanks go to everyone concerned. We would also like to thank the Skipton Building Society for their kind sponsorship of the club during 2012.

Everyone at Leyburn Bowling Club feels that 2012 has been a successful season for the club, particularly since we finished 2nd in the JSW League. A number of new members joined the club during 2012. We are delighted to welcome all these people and always continue to look for new members and anyone interested in joining Leyburn Bowling Club. Please contact **Hazel 623480** or **Mervyn 625734** at any time.

We hope to continue our fund raising activities during the winter by holding a number of quizzes, starting with one at Wensleydale Rugby Club in late November, as well as holding a Coffee Morning at Leyburn Methodist Hall on Friday 26th April 2013. Full details of these events will appear in the local press nearer the time.

Mervyn Buckley

Can Anyone Help?

I am researching the former cricket leagues of North Yorkshire including the now defunct Wensleydale League*. Readers might be able to help and so I would like to contact former club or league officials or players and spectators. I can be contacted by email at john.winn@mypostoffice.co.uk or on 0788934383.

** I refer to the Saturday league not the Evening League which still continues.*

Upper Dales Family History

The next meeting of the Upper Dales Family History Group is at **2.00pm on Wednesday, November 28th**, in the village hall at Harmby and will be a practical session, open to all, on reading and transcribing old documents.

The Upper Dales Group is a branch of the Cleveland Family History Society; entry is free for members and non-members are very welcome at £2 each. On Saturday, November 10th, from 1.00 to 4.00pm there will be a drop-in Computer Club at Hudson House, Reeth for anyone who would like practical help and advice on getting started or getting further with their research.

No need to book, stay as long as you like - £3 for the first two hours, then £1 per hour. For further details see the website at www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk or contact:

Tracy Little 01748 884759.

Quaker Grave Yard

Discussions are on-going concerning the small Quaker graveyard at Town Foot in Hawes.

The whole area will be cleaned up, some new trees planted and seats provided, adding to the facilities in the area.

This a joint venture between the Community Office and the local Friends Meeting

HAWES CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
Extravaganza
Saturday
1st December 2012

WENSLEYDALE'S GOT TALENT
1.30pm Hawes Market Hall
followed by community buffet and games.
Free Admission, bring your own snacks.

4.00pm
COMMUNITY CAROL SINGING
in the Market Place
with Hawes Prize Silver Band

4.30pm FATHER CHRISTMAS arrives

VARIETY CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Hawes Market Hall.
Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm.
A night of musical and vocal entertainment.
Tickets £5 from Whites of Wensleydale or on the night.

Great Bus News

One Way £1 Offer for Young People.

A new scheme offering reduced price bus travel for young people in the Yorkshire Dales began **27th October 2012**. The new scheme, managed by DITA*, is designed to make bus travel easier and give young people in the Dales the opportunity to go places, meet friends and have fun.

Young people, aged under 19 with appropriate ID, can make a single journey on most buses in the Yorkshire Dales for just £1 after 5.00pm on weekday evenings and at anytime during weekends and school holidays.

* DITA The Dales Integrated Transport Alliance is a community-led group of individuals and organisations who want to get better transport in the rural area of the Yorkshire Dales National Park and Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It is a charitable company limited by guarantee guided in our work by an Advisory Council of stakeholders. There is a long list of supporters, comprised of the many parish and town councils, businesses, statutory authorities, community groups and others who have an interest in the work we are doing. See dalesconnect.net

Little White Bus 2. Yes, a second Little White Bus is now running in the Upper Dales. This is making it possible for young people to be picked up from areas like Simonstone, and down the Dale to Carperby, so as to attend Hawes Youth Club. This not all good news; part of the reason is that the Askrigg Youth Club has been closed.

Why Did the Hairdresser Cross the Road?

To get to the other side. Carol Moore, of Fringez 'n Freckles and Sweeneys the Barber, is moving across Hawes Market Place, into the former Little Cheese Shop beside Cocketts Hotel.

The new salon has the advantage of being on the ground floor, on the sunny side of the street, and a bit easier for parking. Clients old and new will be welcome from November 15th, and the phone number remains the same, **667449**.

Hawes Community Bonfire and Fireworks Display

In a break with tradition, hoping to attract weekend visitors as well as locals, this year's Bonfire and Fireworks Display will take place on **Sunday, November 4th**, in the Community Field behind the Dales Countryside Museum. The Field will be open from **6.00pm**, and there will be the opportunity to buy hot dogs, soup and maybe even chilli con carne before the festivities begin.

Owing to an overload of events at the end of Hallowe'en week it has been decided not to hold a "Best Guy Competition" or a "Penny for the Guy" walk for children this year. There may well be Guys with nearby collection boxes dotted around the town - usually at the pubs - and there may be an informal judging of the Guys over the weekend.

Donations of suitable material for the fire are welcome - please ring **Mike Fothergill** to arrange a time and place for delivery **667936** or **07966 624 649**. Please do not take it down to the field unannounced.

Once again the members of the Fireworks Committee, chaired by Mike Fothergill, have worked incredibly hard to get this annual event off the ground. The sheer hard work of collecting all the wood (mostly pallets) and building the fire, to say nothing of organising and lighting the fireworks, has to be seen to be believed.

Please come and support this community event, and bring lots of cash! Finally, please remember that you are not allowed to bring your own fireworks (no, not even Sparklers!) to the field as it would invalidate our Insurance.

Ian King

Askrigg Pie and Peas

There will be a Pie and Peas supper at the Crown Inn, Askrigg, on **Friday 23rd November at 7.00pm** to raise funds for the Yorebridge Sport and Fitness Community Centre, Askrigg. (Reg. Charity No. 1126 795). There will be a Raffle with attractive prizes so come and enjoy the evening.

Tickets £7.50 (Adults) and £5.50 (Children) available from the Centre (**Jan on 650060**).

Kieran



Oh No! Disaster!

A number of times over the last couple of weeks I have been helping people with a computer that has either stopped working for some reason or they have lost all of their data. The usual response is panic and the main cause is lack of a plan for WHEN disaster strikes and almost inevitably no backup, or a very out of date backup.

Computers are not perfect machines, and despite what we think of our abilities they are not operated by infallible users. You need to have a plan for what you would do if all your precious photographs were to be lost or all your business email and documents.

I have written before about backing up computers but I would guess that of the people I meet day to day over 95% have no strategy for protecting themselves against loss of their digital life!

I also have a confession – my own strategy is not 100% perfect either – there is no perfect strategy – but having a plan and implementing it will at least protect you from total disaster.

There is no one size fits all plan but here are a few things to think about:

1) Hard disks store your data and they are mechanical devices that wear out. Hard disk manufacturer's usually warrant their devices for 3 years from manufacture (though computer manufacturers often only provide 1 year cover to consumers) so if you have a computer that is older than 3-4 years it isn't really a matter of if the device will fail but rather when.

2) Desktop drives tend to be more reliable than laptop drives – especially if you move your laptop when it is switched on (we are all guilty of it). They are high precision, mechanical devices which move at incredibly fast speeds – it doesn't take much of a jog or knock to cause permanent and irrecoverable damage. If damage occurs to key files used by your system to get it to run your system may die instantly or not start up again after even a minor accident.

3) USB sticks/thumb drives, whatever you call them, are not a solution for backing up data. They are great for carrying a copy of data but they are too fragile and too unreliable to be a good form of backup. If you must use USB sticks use at least 3, and rotate them in use so that you always have at least 3 recent backups. Also do backups often with this sort of device.

4) Blank DVDs are a good way to store back-

ups BUT you must use good quality disks. Unbranded or supermarket brands are just not as good as high quality branded disks. My preferred manufacturer is Verbatim. Even if you do make good backups on to DVD they are only good if you check the contents are correct (use verify with a backup program – OK it takes twice as long but your backup is only useful if the disk is burnt correctly. Storage is also important – don't store disks in a way where they can get dirty or scratched – buy proper covers for them or use CD cases – and store them in a cool dark place. Manufacturers reckon that properly stored DVDs should last 100 years but that is probably a bit optimistic! One last thought – don't think you will save money by using rewritable disks – buy write once disks (such as DVD+R) as you are likely to encounter fewer problems.

5) The best solution for backups is an external hard disk. They are more expensive but they are quicker and more efficient and hence you are likely to do the backup more often – or even schedule a regular backup. If you do use an external hard disk make sure you remove it when not in use – a lightning strike might well kill your backup as well as your computer if it is plugged in during a storm. Make sure to use the appropriate procedure before removing the drive to tell the system you are going to unplug it or else shutdown your computer before unplugging.

That's it for this month. If you have any questions do get in touch via my website, www.dalescomputerservices.com.

Carol Haynes

Computer Workshop

We are still running Wednesday afternoon computer workshops. Drop in any time 1.45 – 4.15pm at the Community Office in Hawes.

Use our lap tops or bring your own. It's for anyone – beginners or anyone with a problem to solve. No fixed fee – just a donation.

Thanks, **Trish West**

A Forester's Travels in Brazil

Friday November 30th, 7.30pm

Gayle Mill; £3.50

Slide show by John Cumberland covering highlights from two trips to Brazil:

Amazon Delta, Iguassu Falls, Rio de Janeiro

Prunings

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

It's strange how things creep up and catch you. The rich greens of spring and summer which were still evident at the end of September, faded to nondescript shades, and then, in a matter of a few days, - and a few cold nights - the warm hues of autumn showed themselves.

Snatches of sunshine can be so precious and they highlight the dozens of wonderful red, russet and orange tones that follow. This year I am particularly impressed by *Spirea Gold-flame* which has been coloured up for weeks now, and even the deadheads are interesting. In contrast *Spirea Anthony Waterer*, an impos-



ing shrub which has wonderfully large panicles of deep carmine flowers in the summer, has suffered from mildew this season and now simply looks scruffy. Another hardy individual with interesting colour this time has been *Weigela Briant Rubidor*. In the spring the leaf buds open with a quite acidic green, contrasting strongly with the deep red blossom, but now, where the frost has touched it the leaves are a wonderful tawny shade. Where is it exposed to sun and wind the colour is better, in shelter it looks much like any other *Weigela*.

Now is the time of year when I try to judge what has done well, and vice versa. Given the poor conditions, volume of rain and low temperatures it seems that the survivors have much to commend them. In that context *Rudbeckia Goldsturm* has to be a winner as it is now looking gorgeous, golden and cheerful, and despite the wind the petals are not badly marked. Another clear winner is *Potentilla Fructicosa* (the shrubby one). I have quite a collection now, from white (*Abbot's Wood*) through various shades of cream and yellow to the spectacular *Hopley's Orange*, but my favourite has to be the mottled pink of *Grace Darling*. This year I bought another pink one - *Princess*, and it too has done well. The cuttings are already in pots and I shall be turning the soil warming cables back on before the end of the month.

On those precious occasions when the sun shines I look at all the jobs which I should



have finished. If I felt really energetic I suppose I should turn some of the compost bins. I am lucky that I have plenty of room to hide them in the old sheep pens, but the result is that they don't get enough attention, and therefore the process takes much longer than it should. I am still convinced that I save something by mixing homemade material into commercial compost and thus make it go further,



but some of it will be three years old by the time I use it. One salient feature is that I get rid of the shredded paper. I am not entirely convinced that the saving is worth the effort. I could of course buy a rotary tumbler, but that would be a completely new (un) economic argument. In the meanwhile I shall console myself with the feeling that the exercise does me good.

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

Rose Rambler

Parish Councils given a Boost

Parish councils have all sorts of responsibilities, so keeping up to date with managing them can be difficult and time consuming, especially for parish clerks. A recent initiative called *Caring for the Parish* has been giving training to parish councils over the last three years, particularly in areas such as desk top publishing, health and safety risk assessment, promoting community events and developing village caretaker schemes.

The Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust has been heavily involved, with funding from the European LEADER scheme and although the project ends in December this year, the foundation has been laid for further training so that our villages can be cared for by parish councils with the appropriate skills and contacts. For more information call the YDMT on **015242 51002** or email gillian.muir@ydmtd.org

Police Report

There have been two incidents in October which spread fear amongst our communities and are I feel the most despicable type of crime. Both incidents targeted the elderly and most vulnerable people in our community. Two males were seen in Askrigg on an afternoon and early evening on a Monday. I am told they looked “out of place”. I am not going to describe them further as if you saw them then we would like to hear from you. In both cases the suspect(s) just walked into peoples homes’ from the street. In one case a not insignificant amount of cash was taken from the victims wallet. Please remember to keep your doors locked and put the chain on before answering it especially now the dark evenings are here.

Farms have been targeted again over the last few weeks. Sheep have been taken in Walden . The offenders have skilfully handled and separated the sheep and must have had a livestock trailer to take them away. Sheep have also been stolen in the same period of time on the Tank Road near Preston-under Scar. A small quad bike trailer was attempted to be stolen from Bainbridge, however the offenders were either disturbed or failed to break through the locks fitted. Please be vigilant. You know who “belongs” in the area so please report strangers with cattle trailers etc.

A crime that we have not had a lot of in the Upper Dales so far occurred in late August in Swinithwaite. It is quite a prevalent crime and is getting more commonplace. It is very inconvenient and very expensive when it happens. I am speaking of the theft of catalytic converters. The thief goes under your vehicle and just cuts the item from the car leaving a gaping hole in the exhaust system. Having to get under the vehicle means that it is 4x4’s, large vans and motor-homes that are most at risk of this type of crime. There are ways of securing your catalytic converter by marking it with a kit and one such firm that supplies them is “retainagroup”. Full details are available on www.retainagroup.com and the kit is £9.95 currently.

A message to workmen. There have been numerous thefts throughout Richmondshire and Hambleton recently where Builders/ Workmen’s vans have been broken into. In

each case tools have been stolen. We have some stickers available at Leyburn Police Station – “no tools left in the van overnight”. This is the message really. Please remove your tools from your van at the end of a day’s work. I am well aware that after a hard day’s work you may not feel like it, but replacing your tools may well wipe out any profit that you may make from the job. Make the job economically unviable for the thief – not yourself.

I am showing my age now as I was listening to Radio 2 phone in show in the small hours the other day. A lorry driver brought up his bugbear of people driving with fog lights on when not required. If you are a regular reader of this article you will know that I have mentioned the same subject several times in the last few years. I bring it up again as with the darker nights I have seen an increase in drivers (including lorry drivers) wrongly using front fog lights as additional lights to help them see. This is not the purpose of these lights. **To see further in the dark use high-beam.** Fog lights are designed to just light up an area a short distance in front of and to the side of the vehicle with an intense light so that the side of the road can be distinguished in poor visibility when main headlights can be a hindrance shining back off the fog. Having them on when visibility is good causes oncoming drivers to be dazzled. Fog lights are switched on with a separate switch movement and do not go off when you switch from high to dipped beam – which additional driving lights do. Use when not required may result in a fixed penalty ticket!

If you have any information which can help with any of the above mentioned crimes please get in touch. Remember the contact number is now 101 (for any non emergency matter) . It is still 999 for any emergency or crime in progress

Andy Foster PC826
North Yorkshire Police
Leyburn Safer Neighbourhood Team
Safer Neighbourhood Police Officer for
Upper Wensleydale
Tel. 101
SNTLeyburn@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Hawes Christmas Lights Spectacular 2012

We have come again to the time of the year where the Hawes Christmas lights committee erects the lights in Hawes. Committee members have spent many a long night repairing the cross-streets lights and are looking forward to having them switched on. We have purchased a few more new lights in addition to refurbishing some of the old ones.

The Switch-On will be on **Saturday 1st December** along with **'Wensleydale's Got Talent'**. Last year was a great success and we hope that we have a similar experience. All children, parents and grand-parents are invited, both local and visitors. Doors open at 1.00pm **Colin Bailey** is our master of ceremonies and will start the programme at **1.30pm prompt**. Please come along and give your support. Admission is free but parents are asked to bring some party food to share. After the Talent Show we will have a few games and the nibbles. At 4.00pm, in the Market Place, there will be Carol singing with the Hawes Prize Silver Band and **Father Christmas** will arrive in his sleigh at about **4.30pm** with gifts for all children.

An extra event, to finish off the day, will be a **Christmas Extravaganza** taking place in Hawes Market House on **Saturday 1st December**. Doors open 7.00 for 7.30pm start. We have folk duo Ian & Sue Bembridge, pianist Ray Daynton, monologist Eleanor Scarr and locally based group, NGA (Sam Scarr and Colin Bailey) will be joined by young musicians to close the evening with a selection of well known hits. Tickets are £5, including tea/coffee and are available at Whites of Wensleydale or on the night.

We again ask everyone to become a **Friend of the Hawes Christmas Lights**. All personal donations will have a chance to win a Christmas bonus of 10% of the funds donated. Forms will be distributed in early November and additional application forms are available at Hawes Post Office and Whites of Wensleydale. The Christmas bonus will be drawn during the Variety Show.

The Christmas Cards will, once again, be for sale in town shops with all proceeds going towards the funds for purchasing new lights. If you have any good photos of the lights, or one that would make a Christmas card from Hawes,

the committee would be grateful to receive them, please leave them at the Post Office or Whites of Wensleydale.

All work is done by volunteers and we are always asking for assistance in the repair and refurbishment of the lights throughout the year, as well as the erection and removal of the lights. If you can give a few hours please come along, we do have a good laugh while working.

The cherry picker will be attending on **Wednesday 7th November** to put up the overhead lights, let's hope for a dry day. We will be starting at **8.30am** from the Post Office. If you can assist please contact **Kevin White 667236**.

The Christmas Lights Committee wishes a peaceful, safe and wonderful Christmas and New Year for you and your families.

Liz Lawson

60 years of the Wensleydale Society

The Wensleydale Society marked its 60th anniversary last month with a celebratory dinner at West Burton Village Hall.

The forthcoming lecture is from Paul Sheehan, the National Park's Access Ranger for Lower Wensleydale, speaking on **'Dormice Within Freeholders Wood'** and the wildlife, management of this Local Nature Reserve, adjacent to Aysgarth Falls, on **Friday 2nd November**.

Talks start at 7.30 pm at West Burton Village Hall and we make it easier to get to lectures by our return coach between Middleham and West Burton, which picks up in Harmby, Leyburn and West Witton. (details from Eileen Jackson 622287)

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

As mentioned in the October Newsletter an attractive new book **'A 60 mile Walk Around Wensleydale to Celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Wensleydale Society'** by Diana Jolland, with maps and drawings by David Nash, is available from Welcome To Leyburn and The Walking Shop, Leyburn priced £4.00.

Annual membership of the Wensleydale Society is only £5 and entry fee for non-members is £1. For membership information please contact **Prof David Milner (Secretary) 624361**.

Microbiology to Microsoft!

Don't let anyone tell you there are no local 'characters' left in the Dales these days.

Take Gavin Edwards in Aysgarth, for example. Gavin was born in Burtersett, went to Bainbridge School until he was seven, then to Hawes. At eleven he moved on to Leyburn Secondary School, leaving at 14 without passing an exam.!

When he said he wanted to go to University, the actual unforgettable words of the reply were "People like you don't go to University". (See below!) So he went to Scarborough Technical College to do his 'O' and 'A' levels. At that time we were still in the North Riding and students as far as Teesdale often went there. There was a special bus laid on.

This was followed by Zoology at Liverpool University but Gavin soon changed to microbiology. In the first year there he married Val from Askrigg, having only really got to know her as they had both used the Scarborough college bus.

"Why zoology?", I asked. Gavin 'blames' the 'Born Free' books which he loved, plus an almost unbelievable outdoor childhood with various friends in what he describes as the 'hundred square miles of playground', first introduced to him and inspired by his mother and her long walks, maybe with '14 kids and a couple of goats up the Roman Road'! He wonders why and is saddened that so few local people then or now use the outdoors so freely.

With his Burtersett crowd he was exploring caves and mines from being eight years old; Swinner Gill first, then round about home. They canoed on the river or the flood ponds carrying canoes for miles. At 14 he was teaching the Scouts to canoe. On Wether Fell he learnt to use an ice-axe, taught himself to ski on Yorburgh, and did some abseiling in Coverdale. They camped out on the fells. Dare we say they weren't afraid of a bit of hunt saboteuring! Never actually saw a fox! Many of these teenage activities are recorded with their own cine-filming. See opposite.

So after university Gavin worked at the Rank Hovis McDougal (RHM) flour mills at Birkenhead Docks soon becoming Shift Manager, then to Trafford Park in Manchester as Production Manager. The next step brought him back to the Dales to the then Animal Feed Mill



in Long Preston. This was in 1979 and such organisations were changing, e.g. with the in-



Teenage escapades

roduction of a computer from Harrogate. It was clear to Gavin that they didn't know what they were doing and he had some ideas using skills learnt, believe it or not, through his bio-chemistry! This chance occurrence led to his interest in computers.

In 1981, he therefore found himself at Bradford University for a one-year MSc degree in Computer Science. "The year of the first P.C." he said. He was in Bradford Mondays to Fri-

days. To make clear the difficulties at this time, Val called from the next room “And we had two kids by then!”



in April 1984 Yoredale Computer Services was set up, initially for writing software. Since then, in a very fast-moving industry, Gavin’s work has spread to many parts of the country—almost all by word of mouth—as he trouble-shoots and helps, often spending many hours at home testing out new software etc. His catchphrase seems to be “Walk into a place; solve the problem with nothing but knowledge”. That gives the pleasure.

That is by no means all. With a Liverpool-born father who was in the merchant navy at 14 with some dare-devil tales to tell, and meeting Gavin’s mother (originally from High Force) as she was nursing there, he being in the hospital with malaria, life was never dull and later when Gavin’s father returned to Burtsett after periods at sea, bringing much-needed income for a poor family, it seemed that the wide world was very real to Gavin.

So there has been, and still is, much world wide adventure. 1977 saw Gavin and Val trekking in the Spanish Pyrenees in Franco’s time with the Basque country areas still using pack-horses, not a single person speaking any English; and them not having a word of Spanish!

There have been excursions to climb on Kilimanjaro and the active stratovolcano of Mount Meru in Tanzania, with its huge cliffs; Machu Picchu in Peru, Lake Titicaca and the Amazon, to celebrate the silver wedding, and more recently to the Serengeti (Tanzania and Kenya), trekking on donkeys with a Masai guide.

There have been trips over the highest road in Spain, and Gavin has climbed to the top of Mt Sinai in Egypt. This coincided with the Eastern Orthodox Easter with numerous pilgrims there.

At the present time Gavin is active on his mountain bike and walking. He says he’s ‘too big for caving’! Baking (mainly bread), wild-life and photography are always an interest—when it’s fine. And when it is wet there is work to be done. Yoredale Computers also has son, Gareth, on board. He seems to be a bit of a chip off the old block, too. Maybe something about him one day?

When Gavin comes to sort out your computer problems, which he will do with great skill, if you’ve a little time ask him about his escapades from schooldays to these days; he’ll oblige and you won’t be disappointed!
A.S.W.

Help us to Make Will Aid a Winner This November

During **November**, David Gall Solicitors in Hawes, North Yorkshire will write basic Wills, without charging our normal fee. Instead, we hope that you will donate a similar amount to Will Aid charities.

You will gain peace of mind, knowing your affairs are in order, and thousands of people in need will gain the skills, tools and support they need to improve their lives for a suggested donation of £90 for a single Will or £135 for a pair of matching Wills or £40 for a Codicil to an existing Will (no VAT payable).

It is extremely important to seek qualified and professional expertise when making a Will, so do not put it off any longer. **Telephone 667171** or call in and make an appointment today.

David Gall Solicitors, Fulford House, Town Foot, Hawes, North Yorkshire. DL8 3NN
(e-mail: info@davidgall.co.uk)

Thoralby Trip

Thursday November 15th
To Newcastle for Christmas shopping
Coach leaves Thoralby:
8.30am
To book: **663319**

Best Foot Forward

A friend from County Durham said he'd like to go up Wild Boar Fell; a friend of his said it wasn't worth it—just a boring slog.

The friend obviously picked the wrong route up from the Rawthey valley, in which case I'd agree with him. The best thing about this fell is that you can approach in all sorts of ways making a walk of anything from six or seven miles up to 14 or more.

Here are two of them; then the one we went a couple of weeks ago. The Pennine Bridleway from the end of Lady Anne Clifford's Way at the Thrang, picks up another one which climbs over the shoulder of the fell on its way to Stenerskeugh (I just love that Norse word!). Then turning south you can climb to the Nab at the top. For a full day, start at Garsdale Station and walk right over to Kirkby Stephen station, taking the train back.

This latter route wanders from the station road into Grisedale on a path, wet, as they all are now, but this is wet most of the time! I never know what to make of Grisedale—immortalised as we are all aware as 'the Dale that died'. Some of those who lived there think it's a good job it did! A few bold holiday-makers and second-home owners live there from time to time and keep trying to 'do up' cottages. Nevertheless, it's an atmospheric spot. On the occasional late spring days with the flowers—and the sun – out, it is idyllic. In cool mist with the semi-wild horses keeping an eye on you it makes you want to compose your own 'Wuthering Heights'.

I love the names as you wander up the dale: Blake Mire, Rowantree, Moor Rigg, Reathe, the Scales and right at the end, Round Ing.

From there, to get to Wild Boar, it is a bit of a trudge; more of that in a minute.

Our walk started at Lunds just opposite the old school. I can never really believe that even as late as the 1940s there were such a lot of children there. We crossed the railway on the (wet) bridleway over South Lunds pasture then on a path overlooking Grisedale. I want to recommend this, the view is lovely. Presumably the Grisedale children went this way to school.

At Flust (another great name!), or Round Ing, the route simply goes north west up the rough moor first to Swarth Fell Pike and then on to

Swarth Fell itself. From hereon the view is to the east, right across Mallerstang to the long rounded ridge from Cotter End to Ure Head Hugh Seat and High Seat.

It drops down from this fell before curving round and, following the long edge climbs right up to Wild Boar Fell and the Nab. People on the train going down Mallerstang feel to be high above the valley bottom. It is much more spectacular from here. The edge is, indeed, very steep and gritstone. The advantage in going in this direction is that the way down north is a steady gradient with opportunities



for a trot! A view opens up to the west and north now, to the Howgills and the North Pennines with Great Dun Fell's golf ball visible (if you're lucky).

To get to Kirkby Stephen station cross the minor, and very pleasant, road from Mallerstang to the Kirkby-Sedbergh road on to a bridleway to Moor End then the road. I have also sometimes gone via Wharton and the di-



minutive Lammerside Castle and followed the river Eden to the road to Nateby. The walk a couple of weeks back was a bit shortened as we crossed the railway, picking up a bridleway towards Pendragon Castle... where two wives were waiting for us.

A.S.W.

Bricklayer's Accident Report

*This is a bricklayer's accident report,
printed in the Insurance Company Gazette*

Dear Sir,

I am writing in response to your request for additional information. I trust the following details will be sufficient:

I am a bricklayer by trade. On the day of the accident, I was working alone on the roof of a new six-story building. When I completed my work, I found I had some bricks left over, which, when weighed later were found to be slightly in excess of 500lbs. Rather than carry the bricks down by hand, I decided to lower them in a barrel by using a pulley, which was attached to the side of the building on the sixth floor.

Securing the rope at ground level, I went up to the roof, swung the barrel out and loaded the bricks into it. Then I went down and untied the rope, holding it tightly to ensure a slow descent of the bricks. You will note in Block 11 of the accident report form that I weigh 135lbs.

Due to my surprise at being jerked off the ground so suddenly, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope. Needless to say, I proceeded at a rapid rate up the side of the building. In the vicinity of the third floor, I met the barrel which was now proceeding downward at an equally impressive speed. This explains the fractured skull, minor abrasions and the broken collarbone, as listed in section 3 of the accident report form.

Slowed only slightly, I continued my rapid ascent, not stopping until the fingers of my right hand were two knuckles deep into the pulley

Fortunately, by this time I had regained my presence of mind and was able to hold tightly to the rope, in spite of the excruciating pain I was now beginning to experience. At approximately the same time, however, the barrel of bricks hit the ground and the bottom fell out of the barrel. Now devoid of the weight of the bricks, that barrel weighed approximately 50lbs. I refer you again to my weight. As you might imagine, I began a rapid descent, down the side of the building. In the vicinity of the third floor, I met the barrel coming up. This accounts for the two fractured ankles, broken

tooth and severe lacerations of my legs and lower body. Here my luck began to change slightly.

The encounter with the barrel seemed to slow me enough to lessen my injuries when I fell into the pile of bricks and fortunately only three vertebrae were cracked. I am sorry to report, however, as I lay there on the pile of bricks, in pain, unable to move, I again lost my composure and presence of mind and let go of the rope and I lay there watching the empty barrel begin its journey back down onto me. This explains the two broken legs.

I hope this answers your inquiry.

Haytiming

Through closed car windows all the way home
I smelt hay, its thin sweet fragrance.
They worked all yesterday

and some already lies in long green bricks
on bristly fields, the rest like swathes of hair
still waits for the machine.

I step across our threshold
Virtute non Verbis spelt in tiles
and think of old Julys

of men who walked out of this house
to the Somme, to Caen;
up this lane a boy brought telegrams.

I climb steadily, going west,
to a shaved meadow where the dog
careers about, tossing the loose hay.

Below, the quilted land thrums with mowing,
while a horse big enough to pull gun carriages
sleeps in the shade.

*By Ann Pilling. In the collection
'The Dancing Sailors'*

Aysgarth Methodist Church

...would like to thank all those people who
kindly donated monies for the Gift Day
in aid of roof repairs.

Songs of Praise

Sunday 18th November at 6.30pm

In thanksgiving for the life of Rebecca Dinsdale
of Castle Bolton. Led by Rev Janet Park

Chapel Gallery Hawes

Up and Coming November Workshops

Contact Anne on 0845 3882289, call into Chapel Gallery, or email to book or for info: info@chapelgalleryhawes.co.uk

Weds 8th November 1.00-4.00pm: £10.00

Making friends with your Sewing Machine: Make a needle wrap and pincushion and get to know your sewing machine.

Mon 12th November . 7.00-9.00pm : £10.00

Fused Glass Workshop to create Christmas hanging ornaments using float glass. All materials, firing and finishing inclusive. Six places only.

Weds 14th November 1.00-3.00pm : £15.00

MAKE & TAKE: Felt Flower Brooch Workshop with Fiona Gill, aka Marmalade Rose, from Hawes. Create your own felted flower brooch for yourself or an early Christmas present in an afternoon.

Thurs 22nd November Leave Hawes 8.00am home by 7.00pm : £17.50

Knitting and Stitching Show, Harrogate. Show has exhibitions of knitted and stitched works as well as stockists of all things lovely, yarn, fabric & tools. **Only 15 Places** available on a 'First Come First Serve Basis'. See Anne @ Chapel Gallery or Jenny @ Past & Presents, Market Street, Hawes for booking.

Mon 26th November 7.00-9.00pm : £16.50

Fused Glass Jewellery Workshop to create three pieces of jewellery using dichroic, coloured and float glass. All materials, findings, firing and finishing inclusive. Six places only.

Thurs 29th November 1.00-4.00pm : £10.00

MAKE & TAKE: Christmas Decorations. Choose your style of decoration and make away to your heart's content! Materials provided.

Fri 30th November & Sat 1st December 10.00am-5.00pm : FREE

Celebrating the Christmas Season: Come and share a mince pie and maybe a glass of mulled wine (while it lasts!) and celebrate the amazing creations by local artists. You may even spot a unique Christmas present for your friends and family.

Letter to Santa

Write a letter to Santa and receive a personal reply.

Pick up a pack from Hawes, Bainbridge or Askrigg Post Office available until the 15th December.

Pack costs £2 and contains letter to Santa with stamped addressed envelope and activity sheets. Any profits will be given to a local charity.

Linda Reynolds

World's Biggest Coffee Morning For MacMillan Cancer

On September 28th this annual event was held at Gayle Village Institute. It was wonderful to see so many turn out for this well deserved charity.

I would like to thank everyone who attended for their support and generosity, I would also like to thank those who donated cakes and prizes for the raffle stall.

It was a great success. The total sum raised was £430.00.

Natasha Dinsdale

Hawes School PTFA

The **Bags 2 School** collection date has been set as **Tuesday 20th November**. We would very much appreciate any second-hand clothing, sheets, blankets, curtains, soft toys, pairs of shoes, belts and handbags. Please make sure items are weatherproof (in black bags) and at the school, ready for collection by 9am on the day.

The **Christmas Fayre** will be held at the school on **Friday 23rd November from 6.30pm**. Trade stalls, Games, Tombola, Cake stall, Refreshments and Drawing of the Grand Christmas Raffle plus more. Much festive fun to be had by all! Free Entry

Anna Fagg (secretary), 666819

GENERAL WHAT'S ON LISTING;

October

- 31 Gayle Mill Autumn Family Fun
- 31 Wild Wednesday Autumn Watch; Aysgarth Falls Nat Park Centre. 11.00am to 3.00pm.
- 31 Halloween

November

- 1 All Saints Day
- 1 Sycamore Hall Craft Fayre. See p.7
- 2 Wensleydale Society. See p.15
- 3 NSPCC Coffee morning 10.00am to noon; Jean Cockburn's in Aysgarth
- 3 Aysgarth Falls Hotel; stand-up comedy night from 9.00pm. **663775**
- 3 Colvin Quarmby–Carperby Village Hall; See p.6
- 4 Gayle Mill tours; 11.00am, and 2.30pm. £10.00. (inc refreshments) **667320**
- 4 Hawes bonfire and fireworks. See p.11
- 5 Bonfire Night; train to Bedale. See p 8
- 5, or 6 An Introduction to Wood Carving– Hands on course; 10.30am to 4.30pm. £35.00 (inc. Light lunch)
- 6 Hawes Drama Group reads "Living together" by Alan Ayckbourn. Gayle Institute, 7.30pm.
- 7 Coffee morning; Castle Bolton. See p.4
- 8, 15, 22, 29 Wensleydale Country Markets, Leyburn Methodist Hall 10.00am to 12.30pm
- 10 Askrigg Coffee morning. See p.5
- 11 Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day. Services:
9.30am–Redmire
9.30am–Preston under Scar
10.30am–St Margaret's, Hawes
10.45am–West Witton
11.00am–Aysgarth
- 13 YDNPA planning committee; 1.00pm. Yoredale, Bainbridge
- 13 Decorative and Fine Arts. See p.6
- 15 Thoraby shopping trip to Newcastle; **663319** See p.17
- 15 Hawes W.I."Cake Crafts for Christmas"; Methodist rooms, 7.00pm
- 15 Elections of Police Commissioner at Hawes Market House
- 15 Shopping trip to York. See p.22

- 15 Ginger Tree event at Simonstone. See p.26
- 16 Museum Friends "Travellers in the Turnpike age". Talk by June Hall, 7.30pm
- 17 Ladies Night–Carperby Sports Pavilion 7.30pm. See p.6
- 17 Pie Supper, Bainbridge. See p.22
- 17 Family Portrait Day; Thoraby. See p .24
- 18 Memorial Songs of Praise, Aysgarth. Methodist Church. See p.19
- 21 Ladies Luncheon Club. See p.26
- 21 Carperby WI 7.30pm Annual General Meeting
- 21 An "evening with Daryl". See p.5
- 23 Hawes School PTFA Fayre. See p.20
- 24 Gayle Mill Christmas Fayre. See p.5
- 24 Falls Motel Disco. 9.30pm to 2.00am. £10 including refreshments
- 25 Table Top Sale at Market House, Hawes, for Primary School
- 28 Last day for Air Ambulance clothes Collection at St. Margaret's. See p.6
- 28 Upper Dales Family History. See p.10
- 30 Evening Talk "A Forester's Travels in Brazil"; Gayle Mill 7.30pm. See p.12
- 30 Sugartown live in the bar at the Fountain, Hawes from 9.00pm
- 30 Quiz Night inc. Pie and Peas– Carperby 7.30pm. See p.6

December

- 1 Upper Dales Christmas Lights Festival; Hawes. See p.15
- 2 Annual United Toy Service for the Salvation Army; Hawes Methodist Church, 10.30am See p.8
- 3 Taize service; 1.00pm Hawes Methodist Church; (lunch from noon) .See below.

Advent Taizé Service

The village of Taizé in France has an ecumenical centre which over the years has become well-known for its unique kind of worship, appropriate for any time of the day, week or year.

Again, this year, on **Monday December 3rd** there will be a service including Taizé music and meditation in the Hawes Methodist Church.

This time the service will begin at **1.00pm after a lunch from noon.**



Dalesplay has a new facebook page to help keep you all up to date with what is happening. Just type 'Dalesplay' into the search on your facebook homepage and 'like' our page. We will regularly be uploading photos of the setting and activities we have been doing, along with any events we have planned. We have already uploaded a full list of workshops planned for the half term and our Halloween disco we have planned on the **2nd November**.

All our half term workshops run from 1.30-3.00pm at a minimal cost of £1.50 per child and these are open to everyone including visitors in the area. The Halloween Disco will be £1 entry and doors open from 6.30-8.30pm. A tuck shop will be held to buy snacks and again everyone is welcome including visitors to the area.

At Dalesplay this month we have been busy, learned lots of nursery rhymes, made owls after visiting the library and reading a story about a little owl, and been out and about in the community buying ingredients from the shops and seeing what it's like where we live and play.

The children have enjoyed pretending to be in the jungle with our small world jungle play area and learnt the different sounds and prints that animals make. We have been carving pumpkins, making scary masks and learning about Diwali.

If your child is three between September and December they are eligible for 15 hours of government funded place in an early years setting, starting in January. At Dalesplay we offer these hours flexibly to suit your working needs. If you would like some more information on childcare or the government funded entitlement, please email dales-play1@btconnect.com or phone us on **667789** and we will be happy to help.

Dalesplay will hold their annual Christmas Fayre on **Sunday 25th November** in the Market Hall. There will be games, bric-a-brac, trade stalls, tombola and refreshments. Doors open 10,00am-400pm and we'd love to see you there.

We would like to thank everyone who kindly helped out and donated refreshments at the September Hoppers sale which raised £560 for Hawes Bonfire and Fireworks.

Joanne Middleton

Christmas Shopping Trip to York

Thursday November 15th

Coach leaves Carperby bus shelter at **9.30am**.
with pick up on route.

Leave York at approx **5.00pm**.

Anyone interested please telephone:

Jane on 663074 or 07891803063 asap

New Members Needed for Access Forum

New members are needed for a group that provides guidance and advice on ways to improve and manage public access and opportunities for open-air recreation in the National Park.

There are currently five vacancies on the independent Yorkshire Dales Access Forum and application forms need to be submitted by **Monday, November 19th**.

Rachel Briggs, the Access Development Officer for the National Park Authority said: "The forum has the job of working with individuals and organisations that use the 680 square miles of the National Park for leisure and enjoyment and advising on ways to improve their visits to this special place.

"This can be anything from suggesting the upgrade of a specific footpath to looking at mobility issues. The members also take part in consultation on a range of documents and strategies issued at local and national level."

Current members represent interests ranging from land management and agriculture to local business and outdoor recreation.

The forum meets three times a year, although members also sit on a variety of advisory groups that meet more frequently. David Gibson, Vice Chair of the Yorkshire Dales Access Forum, said: "Access forums were set up to improve access in the countryside and to help avoid conflict between those who own and work the land and those who use it for recreation, so it is important that the forum has people with a range of interests."

Anyone who would like to join, should contact **Rachel Briggs on 652363** or email her at: rachel.briggs@yorkshiredales.org.uk

Pie Supper

Bainbridge Village Hall

Saturday November 17th at 7.00pm

£12 Sweet and entertainment included

Further details from **Rita 650552**

Margaret 650095

AYSGARTH SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning											HAWES SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning										
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Sycamore Hall News

I feel I must start this month's report by complimenting the staff at Sycamore for their dedication to work during the recent floods and blocked roads by reporting for duties during the spell. "Well done, all of you".

Last Friday we were once again delighted to watch a regal performance by S.G. Productions. A very talented bouncy young couple, quickly changed into various costumes and danced to songs from the stage and films of years gone by. Invitations to join in with songs from Rogers and Hammerstein were taken up most heartily by the audience, the most appropriate being 'Singing in the rain'. The young girl's impersonation of Judy Garland was very impressive and went down a treat with the residents; a very good choice of entertainment.

I hear they are back at Christmas time, so will let you know.

A pat on the back for Dilys and Liz for organising the quiz last Friday in the day room—very well thought out, its essence being 'chocolate'. After answering questions on the manufacture and types of chocolate we were treated to biscuits, naturally with chocolate.

All is quiet at present apart from a Fire Safety talk by the Fire Officer, and a clothes sale, but I suppose that shortly we will be thinking about ideas for Christmas. When we come up with a list of the entertainment I will let you know.

Don't forget **November 1st** entertainment by our regular keyboard artiste, Tony, at **1.30pm** and the Craft Fayre on **Saturday November 3rd**.

Derek Ramsden



Mystery picture. Last month's was of the post box at Countersett. Gwen Fawcett, Raydale-side, was quick off the mark! This one shouldn't be too hard.

More Bus News

The Little White Bus

In addition to scheduled journeys to Garsdale Station and the Hawes, and Villages Market day Specials we have several extra treats:

Until Christmas we'll be providing a bus from Hawes to Leyburn Market on **2nd & 4th Fridays** and from Hawes to Kirkby Lonsdale Market on **1st & 3rd Thursdays**. If they prove successful, we'll consider making them a regular feature:

Hawes – Leyburn: 26th October, 9th November, 23rd November, 14th December.

Leaves at 10.00am and returns at 1.00 pm.

(This bus can make stops at Bainbridge, Askrigg, Carperby, and Aysgarth.)

The cost is £4 return (£3 concessions)

Hawes – Kirkby Lonsdale: 18th October, 1st November, 15th November, 6th December, 20th December

Leaves Hawes at 9.30am and returns at 1.00 pm

The cost is £4 return (£3 concessions)

And we continue our Wednesday Trips:

These start from The Market House in Hawes at **11.30 am** and are back in Hawes between **4.30 – 5.00 pm**

Kendal: 7th November:

Hayes Garden Centre at Ambleside:

21st November

Kendal: 5th December:

Northallerton: 19th December

The cost is £7 return (£5 concessions).

Arrangements can be made to pick up at Askrigg and Bainbridge for an extra £2 return.

Book AND pre-pay at the Community Office.

AND THERE'S MORE!

Newcastle Town Centre:

Wednesday 24th October

Hawes 9.30 am. Leave Newcastle 3.30 pm

£10 (£8, concessions and under 18s)

Blackpool Illuminations

Tuesday 30th October

Leaving Hawes at 4.00 pm. Leaving Blackpool around 9.00 pm

£12 (£10 Concessions)

Teesside Park Thursday 1st November

Leaving Hawes 3.00 pm. Leaving Teesside 8.30 pm

£10 (£7.50 concessions and under 18s)

Arrangements can be made to pick up at Askrigg and Bainbridge for an extra £2 return.

Book AND pre-pay at the Community Office.

We also retain the Demand Response service, but please remember we can't guarantee instant availability. Booking ahead is advised. We can provide you with local taxi phone numbers.

667400 for further information.

Family Portrait Day

On **17th November** local Portrait Photographers Susan and John Reay will be setting up their studio in Thoraby Village Hall.

Half hour sitting fee only £5, print prices reduced by 15% with all sitting fees and 10% of all print sales going to Thoraby Village hall.

Support the village hall and at the same time find a Christmas gift.

More details and booking phone Sue or John on **663590** www.dalesbarn.com

Food Bank Scheme

It might seem hard to believe but with rising food prices, more unemployment and reducing benefits, some people even in what seem to be affluent areas, are having to seek help from charities and church groups.

Centred on the Influence church in Richmond,

several local 'food bank' boxes are being made available for you to drop off suitable tinned or packaged items which will be taken to the centre. They are already attracting some gift.

So far, clearly marked boxes are located in Hawes, Bainbridge, West Burton and Aysgarth-Methodist churches.

Yorebridge Education Foundation

Are you in or going on to Higher Education?

Do you live in the Primary School catchment areas of Hawes, Bainbridge or Askrigg?

If so you could receive a small grant from the Yorebridge Education Foundation.

Apply with your details to:-
Yorebridge Education Foundation
C/o The Upper Wensleydale Community Office,
The Neukin, Market Place, Hawes, DL8 3RA

Heavens Above

Jupiter, the biggest of all the planets, puts on a great show this winter. You'll find it soon after dark shining brilliantly high in the south in the constellation of Taurus the Bull. It's already much brighter than any star and will brighten even more as it heads towards opposition on December 3rd. By then it will stand roughly 60 degrees high at midnight and is visible all night.

Jupiter is a real whopper of a planet. With a diameter just less than 90,000 miles, it's eleven times the width of the Earth, and even a small telescope will show some detail on its noticeably flattened disc. It doesn't have a solid surface as such. What we see are the outer layers of its immensely deep atmosphere churned into a complex banded system of light and dark cloud belts due to its extremely rapid spin – 28,000 mph at the equator. Jupiter's most famous feature is the Great Red Spot, a titanic oval-shaped storm more than 20,000 miles long which has been raging in the planet's atmosphere for hundreds of years. It shows up well in a moderate sized telescope.

If you can't get hold of a telescope, good binoculars will show you Jupiter's four biggest moons – Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto. They appear as tiny beads of light strung out on either side of the planet, and change position from night to night as they orbit their giant parent. Apart from ice-covered Europa they're all bigger than our own Moon and, if it wasn't for Jupiter's glare, could easily be seen with the naked eye. There are another 60 moons in Jupiter's entourage, many of them only a few miles across, and are probably captured asteroids.

If you're out and about late on the evening of 28/ 29th of November look out for a close conjunction between Jupiter and our own full Moon. The pair will be just over 1 degree apart around 1.15am. An impressive sight but *next* November we may see an even more dramatic one when Comet ISON makes its closest approach to the Sun. There are claims that it might equal the full Moon in brightness making it one of the most spectacular comets for hundreds of years! Comets are notoriously fickle objects, however, and like so many others it may not live up to expectations. We'll just have to wait and see. Have clear skies!

Al Bireo



MUSEUM WHAT'S ON LISTING

Exhibition

10 October–21 November.

The beauty and drama of waterfalls at night. Special landscape features of the Yorkshire Dales, captured in black and white, photography of John Arnison

November

- 4 Drop in and taste in the DCM. 11.00am to 2.00pm. Cooking up Autumn soup
- 16 Friends of the Museum Lecture. June Hall: "Travellers in the Turnpike age"
- 20 Drop in and stir in the DCM local food room Christmas pudding making, 10.00am to 3.30pm.
- 28 North Country Theatre presents: The Lighthouse on Shivering Sands, 7.30pm. Tickets £9/£5(u/16s) See P.7

December

- 1 Christmas fun day at the Museum; 10.00am to 4.00pm. Free entry to the Museum, quizzes, games and activities. Craft stalls
- 28 Bad Apple Theatre presents a matinee performance at 2.30pm of a: "Yorkshire Christmas Carol". Tickets £9/£6(u/16s)

In the Christmas holidays there will be activities for children available. For further information on any activity 'phone **666210**. Closed Christmas Eve to Boxing Day and during January.

****Advance notice - put it in your diaries****

**The Glamour and Glitz of
Hollywood
Hawes Gala Ball
8 February 2013
Simonstone Hall**

Ladies Luncheon Club

**Wednesday November 21st
noon.**

Rose and Crown, Bainbridge
After the meal 'Christmas decoration'
with Terri Anderson.
663714 for details

Celebration at Simonstone Hall

**Ginger Tree Health and Beauty
Thursday November 15th**

6.00 to 9.00pm

Christmas Shopping, new products to test
and buy, charity raffle, chat and fun.
Ticket £5.00 including wine and buffet
from Simonstone reception or Ginger Tree:
07530 602209

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

Thoralby: Sandra Foley,
Shop 663205