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Editorial

Looking back and forth! Back, there was the Jubilee and then the Olympics. Forth, anything to take the mind to pleasant things? To date it isn't looking good. What will be the 'main issues' this year; what will really concern us? Already, triviality is raising its head; we write as even the Prime Minister has had to answer questions about horse meat, and a local authority is talking about punishment for throwing snowballs. Do we make a fuss about the right things? Whatever next? Not that a bit of trivia and gossip is particularly harmful but...

Far from trivial, on the world stage, are new wars, unrest and terrorism which seem to flare up just as others are under control; it's now Mali, Algeria and Northern Ireland (again), and the long drawn-out Israel-Palestine impasse seems to be always with us.

A bit closer to home there's 'Europe'. How many of us really know how, or how much, if at all, any changes might really affect us? And how two-faced we are when discussing possible voting and referenda. Notice is taken of Police Commissioner election results even when there are miniscule voting turn-outs; when unions have block votes or when much larger numbers turn out, opponents often claim they are unrepresentative! Maybe on Europe we ought to have compulsory voting with a test to prove that each of us has read exactly what the issues are!

On the 'home front', i.e. here in our area, much of the above might not concern us (even if it should). What we are fairly certain of is more belt-tightening, job insecurity, less tourism which is such a vital part of the Dales prosperity and who knows, another chaotic year for weather.

This leads on to what more and more people, not only scientists, are saying the world over: that climate change and population growth are the most important world issues above all others, affecting peoples in every continent, as extremes- hot, cold, wet or dry- play havoc with communities and their food and water supplies. As the world population continues to soar there will be more scrabbling after the world's resources, not helped by unscrupulous dealings of some multinationals and local corruption which leads to mass migration on a vast scale. Wouldn't you seek water, food, shelter, work or security if this applied to you?

There are things we can do though! Don't say it would make no difference! 'You in your small corner and I in mine': recycling, eliminating waste, growing veggies, removing concrete and

tarmac to reduce run-off, using less energy (see Rose Rambler on page 30) or even upping our giving to the poorest in the world. It can also cheer us up, 'doing our bit'.

As for the other really big issues, at home or abroad, shouldn't we really try to read up the facts, so that when any opportunity comes to 'have our say' we know what we are talking about and don't make up our minds on hearsay or prejudice?

After the usual thorough committee discussion on this we agreed it was a bit gloomy and heavy. Could readers suggest, we mused, any good, cheerful stuff for the future to cheer us up... and then we thought " Oh yes, Bradford City!"

Wensleydale Railway News

New Timetable: Wensleydale Railway's 2013 timetable is already on the website www.wensleydalerailway.com. There is a varied programme of events, starting with services during this month's half-term and an on-train Valentine buffet lunch on Saturday February 16.. On Mother's Day, Sunday March 10, there will also be a buffet lunch on the train. Booking is essential for these two special events (adult £20; child £12; to book phone 08454 50 54 74). Winter maintenance by railway volunteers included replacement of the level crossing on the A684 at Bedale in mid-January, with ongoing maintenance of the track near Northallerton, in preparation for charter trains booked to visit Wensleydale later this year.

Ruth Annison

Did You Know This?

Kissing Friday

(the Friday after Ash Wednesday):

English schoolboys were once entitled to kiss girls without fear of punishment or rejection, a custom that lasted until at least the 1940s.

In Sileby, Leicestershire, Kissing Friday was called Nippy Hug Day. Men could demand a kiss from the woman of their choice, but if their petition was denied, they had the right to 'louse', or pinch, the woman's posterior - perhaps mimicking the pinching of lice?

What would happen today? Probably a court case!

Competition

Supermarkets and chain stores. Try these:
(hoping they are still in business!)

1. A SAD MIX-UP
2. COTES IN A TWIST
3. BEGAN IN BRADFORD
4. ONE COMES ABOUT EVERY 75 YEARS
5. RATE NEST SOW
6. BEND SHAME
7. GEYSERS COUNTRY
8. READ POST AND LOOK BACK AT EVERY OTHER
9. WEST? AGNES? ON TRENT?
10. WHO'S—— IN LINE?
11. THE SISTER OF POLLY (OF P.G.)?
12. CRAB 'N HOME MIX
13. CHISWICK EYOT IS ONE
14. FRESH USE OF OAR
15. SEASONAL REVERSING WIND

Answers to the Last Competition

(local geography) They stand for Tees, Swale, Ure, Wharfe, Nidd and Aire

(Maths/English) The number of letters in ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE, SIX, SEVEN. So the next one is 5.

(Music) Breve, semi-breve, minim, crotchet. So the next one is Q (quaver)

(Sport) Cricket, 11; rugby, 13 or 15; Association football, 11. Lacrosse = 10. Number of players in the team. *You might know others.*

(History) Some places in the Wars of the Roses where the Yorkists won.

(Geography) They stand for the counties on the south coast of England so the next is D; Devon

(Maths) The size of each angle inside regular figures starting with the triangle with three sides. So the next one (nine sides) is 140degrees

Next in line; Christmas carols and songs:

1. Eight maids a-milking
2. Sire, he lives a good league hence
3. With the angelic host proclaim
4. Give ye heed to what we say
5. Pa, rum, pum, pum, pum. (*Little drummer boy; carol*)
6. Your boughs are green (*O Christmas tree; carol*)
7. The love-song which they bring
8. Sweet singing in the choir
9. To hear sleigh bells in the snow
10. While shepherds watch are keeping (*What child is this; carol*)

11. It's not the way I had him pictured (*Santa looked a lot like daddy; song*)
12. Was seated by my side (*Jingle bells; carol*)

The winner was **Jane Ritchie**, West Burton.

West Burton Event

Friday 22nd February in the village hall. This will be a quiz evening with bar and supper which will be vegetable or meat lasagne. Cost £7.50 starting at approximately **7.30pm**. Ring **663792** for tickets.

An Evening of Words and Song About Country Life

by **Zeke Deighton**

All welcome to Thoraby Village Hall
on **Saturday 23rd March at 7 for 7.30pm**
Admission £7.50 Ticket only
Pie and Pea Supper and Bar
Ring **663407 or 663076**

The Upper Dales Mobile Skip Service

Saturday February 16th

Gayle Green 9.00 pm - 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 9.00 am.

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

Enquiries - County Councillor **John Blackie**
0796 758 9096

THORNTON RUST INSTITUTE

Looking for a place to hold that special event?
If so, why not hire our village hall with refurbished kitchen and new accessible toilets.
For further details please contact
Martyn Donno 662649

Facelift for Dales Countryside Museum

The Dales Countryside Museum is to get a facelift in a bid to boost the number of paid visitors to the museum and increase income to help off-set running costs.

Members of the National Park Authority have agreed to invest £50,000 altering the lay out and entrance area to make it more obvious what is on offer and to encourage more visitors to pay to look around the collection and exhibits - which have also recently been enhanced by the addition of a new sculpture trail.

A report to the meeting, showed that, while only 11 per cent of those currently visiting the building actually paid to go round the museum, an impressive 96 per cent of those who did pay were satisfied with their experience.

The cash injection will be used to alter the entrance and lay-out of the museum in an effort to attract people into the paid experience, increase income and help keep people in Hawes for longer.

With the support of residents and visitors alike, this small investment will reap benefits within a fairly short time period and allow us to continue to offer people the unique glimpse of Dales life past and present that can be found in the Museum. The YDNPA recognises the contribution the DCM makes to tourism in Hawes and its important role in sharing the heritage of the Dales with local people and visitors.

The work should be finished in the spring of 2014 and some new exhibitions, based around the current themes, will hopefully be introduced.

Hawes Christmas Lights

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped erect and dismantle the Christmas Lights

It is very much appreciated and the result was a great display.

Also thanks to all who helped out with Wensleydale's Got Talent both on the day and during all the rehearsals leading up to it, and to all those who supported the evening concert.

Steve Reynolds

Wensleydale Society

As Archives Development Manager, Keith Sweetmore is the senior archives professional responsible for the North Yorkshire County Records Office, which recently received four out of four stars in the national self-assessment scheme.

On **Friday 1st February** he will be speaking on 'Crime and Punishment on the Dales' at The Wensleydale Society.

The talk starts 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**)

Membership is £5 per year, and members are welcome to bring guests (£1 per guest). 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.

give a donation to Christian Aid.

Evelyn Abraham 663 243.

Christian Aid Lent Lunches 2013

The annual Mid Dale Lunches of soup, bread and cheese with tea or coffee will be served at the following venues.

FRIDAY 15th February at Redmire Village Hall .

FRIDAY 22nd February at West Burton Village Hall .

FRIDAY 1st March at Thornton Rust Village Institute .

FRIDAY 8th March at Thoraby Village Hall .

FRIDAY 15th March at Carperby Village Institute

FRIDAY 22nd March at Aysgarth Village Institute.

All between noon and 1.30pm

There is no set charge for the food. Please give a donation to Christian Aid.

Evelyn Abraham 663 243

Civic Service

The annual Civic Service for Hawes will this year be held in St Margaret's Church at **10.30am on Sunday 17th February**. Bishop James will deliver the address. All are welcome

Wensleydale Red Squirrel Group

Most of you probably won't know but Countryside recently came to Hawes to see our Red Squirrels and to hear about our plans for the future. Maybe you might have seen the programme and enjoyed the great shots of our local red squirrels, or saw the fantastic photo in the Times taken by Simon Philpotts. So although you might be aware that there are red squirrels here, you may not fully appreciate that we are about the only area in Yorkshire that has them in any numbers – and they are multiplying!

Many people think that protecting these endearing animals is something of a losing battle, however recent activities by a number of enthusiasts is showing that, far from fighting a rearguard action, concerted efforts can actually help them breed, spread and extend their territory. With support and encouragement from Red Squirrels Northern England and the National Park, several local people have begun to get together to form the 'Wensleydale Red Squirrel Group' to do everything possible to help them reclaim their old territory from the invading greys.

The initial plan is to hold a public meeting at the Countryside Museum in March so that we can raise awareness of just how important, and valuable, an asset red squirrels are to the region, to devise a plan for encouraging their success and to give as many people as possible an opportunity to play a part in this exciting scheme, from the youngest children up to retired residents.

We would love as many of you as possible to come along, whether it is to find out more, put forward some ideas, because you represent an interested business, or because you just love red squirrels and want to offer your support. We have not yet developed a fully functioning website but visit www.WensleydaleRSG.co.uk and you should be able to find some contact details, so that you can let us know of your interest and support.

You can call **Anthony** on **667896** or **Simon** on **663000**, and please watch out in the next Newsletter for details of this inaugural meeting.

Anthony Bagshawe and Simon Phillpotts

St Oswald's Church Christmas Tree Festival and Preview Concert

There was another tremendously successful Christmas Tree Festival at St Oswald's over the Christmas period, organised by Elizabeth Guy.

Many visitors enjoyed the twinkling lights and the wonderfully decorated trees, each with a different theme, decorated by volunteers from the community. The thought and work that had gone into each one was amazing, and some people must have been working for many months to create their decorations.

The Preview Concert was held on 14th December when a packed church enjoyed entertainment from the East Witton Male Voice Choir and the Askrigg Ladies Singing for Pleasure Group, both under the direction of Diana Hartley. There was a special guest appearance by Mr Thompson from Northallerton, playing the bagpipes.

The entertainment was followed by an amazing supper provided by the ladies of the choir and the church. Donations on the night raised over £1,100 which was divided between the church and the Clic Sargeant charity, chosen by Diana Hartley.

The first of this year's fundraising Coffee Mornings for St Oswald's was held on 12th January, when a good number of people turned out to enjoy each other's company over coffee and biscuits. Just over £150 was raised for the church.

There is another Coffee Morning taking place in the back room of Askrigg Village Hall on **Saturday 16th February between 10.00am and noon.** Everyone is welcome and entry is just £2. There will be a cake stall and raffle.

Times are a Changing

At the recent Annual General Meeting of the Moorcock Show Committee it was decided that next year the show will take place on a Sunday rather than a Saturday. This means the show will be held on Sunday the 1st September 2013 with judging commencing at noon.

The committee wishes to invite anybody interested in being involved with the show to join the committee whose next meeting will take place on **Monday 4th March 2013 at 8.00pm** at the Moorcock Inn.

Given Away

As usual we print a list of all the monies raised which we have heard of that have been given to charities over the Christmas period.

Carperby Luncheon Club for Air Ambulance
£250

West Burton Methodist Church, nativity and carol singing for Action for Children
£454

Hawes Methodist Church Carols by Candlelight for Action for Children
£150

Marsett Methodist Church for the Salvation Army
£25

Hawes Churches Toy Service at the Methodist Church for the Salvation Army
£232

Hardraw Church for the Richmond Food Bank
£100

Askrigg Christmas Tree Festival and Concert for CLICsargeant (a children's cancer charity)
£550

Aysgarth Methodist Nativity for Action for Children and Children in Need
£151

Busking in Hawes and Leyburn, for St George's Crypt, Leeds (*see page 18*)
£280

Castle Bolton carol singing for St George's Crypt, Leeds
£120

West Witton for Children's Society
£96

St Andrew's, Aysgarth, with Thorlby and Thornton Rust, for 'Caring for Life'
£700

Bolton cum Redmire
£339

Fountain Hotel, Hawes. For Amala
£250

White Hart, Hawes, for Sarcoma UK
£25

Crown Hotel, Hawes, for Marie Curie Cancer Research
£80

The George, Thorlby, for Air Ambulance
On-going through the year.

Broadband is Vital for National Park Communities

Members of the National Park Authority have reaffirmed their commitment to support the roll-out of broadband to remote communities as soon as possible. Their determination to help push for the service followed a presentation at the Authority meeting by NYnet - a commercial venture set up by North Yorkshire County Council - explaining its plans to provide all small businesses and citizens of North Yorkshire with high-speed broadband. The project will be achieved through funding from Broadband Delivery United Kingdom and the European Regional Development Fund.

Earlier this year Authority Chairman Carl Lis revealed that the need to have good quality broadband by 2015 was one of the proposed objectives in the draft National Park Management Plan.

"The low population and difficult terrain have meant that it's not commercially viable for the companies to invest in the infrastructure. However, it's very encouraging that the Government is now putting money in to make it happen.

"The Authority is totally committed to helping to get broadband into the National Park in the best way possible. There are already several excellent local community-led broadband initiatives under way within the National Park. The Authority has been actively involved in providing advice and support to schemes in Upper Wharfedale, Littondale, Garsdale and Dentdale.

"When Your Feet Hurt – You Hurt All Over"

Did you know that the knee, hip or back pain you have could be coming from your feet? Dysfunction in the foot can cause pain not only in the foot itself, the problem can travel up the leg and be felt throughout the whole body.

Foot problems can also make you more vulnerable to injuries such as plantar fasciitis, Achilles tendonitis, repeated strains and sprains, and sciatica. A thorough assessment of the feet and analysis of the gait can reveal dysfunction, some of which can be corrected simply with orthotics combined with physical therapy and rehab advice/exercises. So why suffer any longer?

Call Reflex, **015396 24871**

Henderson

In case anyone remembers her, we have just been informed that **Helen Henderson** who was born in Hawes, recently celebrated her 100th birthday in Canada.

Heavens Above

The winter stars drift noticeably westwards this month, slowly giving way to the springtime groups edging in from the east. Even so, Orion and his retinue of bright constellations continue to dominate the southern sky right through February and on into March. Sirius, the brightest of all the stars, is particularly striking, flashing all the colours of the rainbow, low over the horizon.



Sirius may be the brightest star in the sky but brighter still is mighty Jupiter, high in the south around 7 o'clock at the beginning of the month. You can't possibly miss it, roughly halfway between the Pleiades and Hyades star clusters in the constellation of Taurus the Bull. The giant planet is now moving slowly eastwards against the stars and will lie between the tips of the Bull's horns by the time we lose it in the western evening twilight in mid-May. Two of the other naked-eye planets, Venus and Mars, are poorly placed at present but the ringed planet, Saturn, is visible in the early morning hours amongst the stars of Libra. By April, when it reaches opposition, it's visible right through the night. The innermost planet, tiny Mercury, puts on its best evening show of the year this month. It reaches its greatest elongation east of the sun on the 17th but if you've a fairly flat horizon you should be able to catch sight of it any time during the period 10th-21st of February. Look for it *very* low down in the south-west around 6.30 in the evening.

On the 15th of February we have a really close encounter with an **asteroid** when the near earth object 2012DA14 whizzes past us at a distance of only 22,000 kilometres – well within the orbits of some of the TV broadcasting satellites. This tiny chunk of space rock, discovered just over a year ago, is only 45 metres across but still weighs a hefty 130,000 tons – but don't worry, it's *definitely* not going to hit us! At magnitude +7 it should be visible in binoculars as it zooms north at just below half a degree a minute. If you'd like to try and spot this tiny world yourself you can easily find details of its precise track on the internet.

Finally this month a brief word on the late Sir Patrick Moore. He never claimed to be anything more than an amateur himself, but his unflagging enthusiasm coupled with an immense practical knowledge of all things astronomical encouraged countless numbers of budding star-gazers to take an interest in the wonders of the night sky. A truly iconic and inspirational figure!

Al Bireo

Hawes School News

Zumba

Last week a Zumba teacher (Polly) came to school and gave all the children an introductory class for Zumba. We did all sorts of dances, like salsa, to all sorts of music from around the world. She taught us dance routines to help us get fit and how to warm up and cool down properly. She will be starting an after school club for Years 2 – 6.

Cassie Drury Y5

Biscuit Making

Once again Class 3 are collaborating with the Dales Countryside Museum. We are going to be researching local dales biscuit recipes and will be making some too. We will also be carrying out some research amongst our family, friends and neighbours to find out what their favourite biscuit recipes are, and what their memories are from when they were children. We hope to be able to record these memories digitally for posterity, so put those thinking caps on, there could be an interview heading your way shortly!

Mrs Dooley

KS1 Nativity

I'm sure those of you who attended the Nativity, will agree it was delightful. All the children were brilliant and thoroughly enjoyed taking part. Mr Eldridge is grateful to all the staff for all their hard work.



Derek and Margaret Ellis and their family

wish to thank everyone who have helped in any way towards Derek's recovery. Also thank you for the many good wishes, cards and gifts given while Derek was in the James Cook Hospital and the Friarage.

Upper Dales Health Watch

Synopsis of meeting held in December

The North Yorkshire and York PCT historic debt was discussed and letters have been sent to the Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group, the North Yorkshire and York PCT and to William Hague expressing deep concern. Neither the historic debt nor the in-year debt has been created in Richmondshire and Hambleton.

The basic problem is that North Yorkshire has never received a fair funding formula. It has been suggested the NY and Y PCT might not pay GP practices in February and March 2013. If that happens the Central Dales GP Practice would close completely. Very severe health service cuts are expected to be announced in January. The Department of Health is proposing to end the 'Minimum Practice Income Guarantee' that currently helps to protect very rural practices. The Public Accounts Committee, chaired by Rt. Hon Margaret Hodge MP, has produced a report following a review of the D of H which highlighted a lack of any strategic plan for PCT debt and the effect on the new Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) which would inherit this debt.

It was agreed that the Rt.Hon. Jeremy Hunt, Secretary of State for Health should be invited to visit the Central Dales GP Practice.

Telehealth will not be commissioned by Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby CCG. The next HEN meeting will be on the 31st January somewhere in Richmondshire.

A bid for funding for Air Ambulance Services will be made by Cllr Wilkes to the New Homes Bonus Fund on behalf of the Upper Dales Area Partnership.

Central Dales' patients will be able to access the Ophthalmology clinic being proposed by the Leyburn Practice.

Jane Ritchie Hon. Secretary



*Mystery picture.
Where are we this month?*

Palm Sunday Concert at St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth.

The Alverton Singers, directed by Joan Foster, will present a programme of Easter music on **Sunday 24th March at 7.00pm** in St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth.

The main work to be performed is "Stabat Mater" by Pergolesi. The soprano soloist will be Carole Lindsey, who is in the final year of a music degree in vocal studies at Huddersfield University. The mezzo soprano soloist is Emma Wardell, who is well known in this area for her fine solo performances, and the organist will be John Foster.

The concert will also include "Panis Angelicus" by Cesar Franck, "The Legend" by Tchaikowsky and "Cantique de Jean Racine" by Faure.

Ticket £7.00 including refreshments, available from Penhill Benefice Office tel: **663097**, Cecilia House Carperby tel: **663368**, or at the door. (16yrs and under – free.)

Dales Countryside Museum at £2 each.

Pip Land

Charity Receives Royal Seal of Approval

Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) is delighted to announce that His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales has accepted their

invitation to extend his patronage of the charity.

Sharing an active interest in environmental issues, His Royal Highness has chosen to extend his patronage for a further five years until November 2017, at which point The Prince of Wales will have been patron of the charity for 20 years.

Steve Macaré, YDMT Chair of Trustees, said: "The Patronage of His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales means a great deal to the board of trustees and staff here at Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust. We have been very fortunate to secure the support of many individuals and local businesses over the years who share our passion for the area, but knowing you have the royal 'seal of approval' is really rather special."

A spokesperson from The Prince of Wales's office said: "His Royal Highness is delighted to extend his Patronage to the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust."



Now Then

The latest edition of Now Then, the annual magazine of the Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum, is a particularly special celebration of life in the Dales in the past.

The articles range from the impact of some local Quakers on the nation to one by Bob Ellis about the dances and music enjoyed in the villages from the 19th century until the mid 20th century.

The Quakers included William Hillary who was born near Hawes in 1771 and who, in 1824, founded the Royal National Lifeboat Institution; and Dr John Fothergill of Carr End near Semerwater who became one of the leading physicians in London in the mid 18th century.

Fiona Rosher, the Museum Manager, has not only written a report on events at the museum last year but also about one of the exhibits—the stunning bed cover crocheted by Charilla Hardaker of Marske in Swaledale, which won several prizes at local shows in the early 1920s.

Other articles include the second part of the story of how Marie Hartley and Joan Ingilby founded the museum as well as some items which follow on from the 2011 edition, such as a photograph of the class which Mary Burrows taught in Hawes in 1949.

There is also an interesting article by Gillian Waters about the creation of the Bill Mitchell Archive of recordings.

Copies of the magazine are available at the Dales Countryside Museum at £2 each.

Pip Land

Annual Subscriptions

Thank you to those who receive the Newsletter by post that have already paid their annual subscription. Several payments have been accompanied by complimentary comments and the Newsletter team is delighted to know that we are still keeping our readers informed and amused. Thank you, and thank you also to those who added a donation to their subscription.

For those who have yet to pay their annual dues, please would you send your cheque for £10, made payable to Upper Wensleydale Newsletter, to Janet Thomson, Stone House, Thornton Rust, Leyburn, DL8 3AW. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

J.W.T.

Decorative and Fine Arts Society

**Gustave Caillebotte: Impressionist,
Gardener, Sailor.**

Gustave Caillebotte (1848-94), a man of many parts, is one of the least known but most important members of the rebellious Impressionist painters. His continued support ensured their survival as a group.

Through his own paintings, he created a distinctive and fascinating vision of contemporary Paris. He was also a passionate gardener, a philatelist and a keen designer and yachtsman.

On **Tuesday 12th February**, Lizzie Darbyshire discusses his life and work. Lizzie is a graduate of the Courtauld Institute of Art. She has wide experience as a freelance lecturer in the History of Art, working with fine arts societies and art galleries throughout Britain, Europe, Australia and New Zealand.

Middleham Key Centre at **2.00pm**. 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**

Lawyer Returns

Michael McGarry has returned to Hawes after a gap of over three years to practice at the premises he has recently bought from his former partner Richard Johnson.

Michael has given the former Johnsons office a new lease of life. The premises have been completely refurbished having been re-roofed and undergone major structural works carried out with great sympathy by R and B Construction, re-wired by Peter Alderson of Leyburn, new computer system installed by Yoredale Computers and telephones by Dalecom (Dent).

Michael has been travelling from his office in Barnard Castle to visit clients but when the opportunity arose he felt it was sensible to provide Upper Wensleydale with a fixed solicitor's practice to complement the other current practices. He has been overwhelmed by the support and encouragement.

Now the office is open for business, somewhat later than anticipated, Michael says that it is good to be back and looks forward to a future in the upper Dales dealing with nice people.

Rainfall Figures: readings in millimetres

	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	YEAR
Hawes	124	145	220	126	164	299	1851*
Carperby	106	95	161	97	151	200	1345
Bainbridge	102	104	169	105	168	270	1520
Stalling Busk	125	124	222	142	195	298	1813
Askrigg	97	100	158	101	188	221	1428
Thornton Rust	122	104	201	120	173	204	1526
West Burton	102	93	212	93	123	244	1361

* This figure of 1851mm equates to just over 73 inches. That's wet!

**Middleham and Dales
Local History Group**
Tuesday 19th February 2.00pm
Middleham Key Centre

The travels of Lady Anne Clifford: by June Hall

Lady Anne Clifford, who was born in 1590, is one of the best documented women in the history of the north of England. By the time she died in 1676, aged 86, she had lived through the reigns of four monarchs and the Commonwealth. In addition to leaving copious records of her long life, her legacy in the landscape is there for all to see. June Hall's talk will cover her life story within its historical context, and will look at buildings associated with this remarkable woman.

June was resident in the Wensleydale area for thirty years and is the author of many local history publications. She moved to Cumbria ten years ago and now lives near Lady Anne's last home, Brougham Castle, near Penrith.

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

In Need of Prayer?

St. Margaret's Church in Hawes has a small, relaxed and informal group that meets weekly to pray for individuals and events in our community (however small). If you would like us to pray for you or someone you know, please come along and join us, you would be most welcome.

For more information contact:-
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Ann681@btinternet.com or
Janet Middleton Tel:666070 email:
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The Future of 'Leader'
Wednesday 6th February
1.30 - 4.00pm in Gayle Mill.

Since June 2009 the LEADER Local Action Group has awarded over £2 million to community-led projects supporting the scheme's aims to improve quality of life and prosperity in rural communities through locally driven rural development initiatives and projects.

This free event offers the opportunity to find out more about LEADER and to hear about some of the many projects which have received financial support from the scheme. There will be presentations from Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust on the charity's new geology project 'Geo Dales', along with a talk from The Swaledale Project entitled '7000 Years of a Landscape and its People', and information about the Gayle Mill Heritage, Education and Skills Project.

There will also be the opportunity to find out about future plans for LEADER and the Rural Development Programme Funding.

Places are limited and it is essential to book in advance by contacting **Rima Berry, the Dales LEADER Co-ordinator on 015242 51002** or by email at rima.berry@ydmtd.org

Annie Taylor formerly of Gayle sends Xmas Greetings and best wishes for the New Year to family and friends from her home in Nannup Western Australia.
Apologies for the non-appearance of this, and one other, greeting in the December issue. Ed.



We all know precisely where it is but we wondered how many, even local, people these days visit it or know that much about it! So, armed with a thoughtfully committee-produced list of 'points and questions', I called into the Office to talk with Andrew Pratt, the Chairman of Directors (they don't have a 'Managing Director').

It so happens that this year sees the centenary of the move from the street in the middle of Hawes (still known as 'the cattle market') to the present site where in those days the emphasis was on 'cattle'. Andrew isn't sure how and where they sold the sheep then.

The mart, official title Hawes Farmers Auction Mart Co. Ltd, is a full commercial business with 9 directors and about 550 shareholders, not exclusively from the farming community. There is just one full-time employee, James Alderson the Chartered Rural Surveyor, and half a dozen others part-time - chair, secretary, auctioneers and yardman but rising to about 20 at the Tuesday sales, and at the busy autumn sales, including the canteen, this number can rise to about 50!

Initially it was established to safeguard local farmers and has always served as a meeting place – in those early days often being the only time and place they got together. There have been 'ups and downs' as we know, but things are looking good just now, with an annual turnover of over £11 million, selling in the order of 110,000 lambs and up to 2,000 cattle each year, although the cattle numbers might fall as local herds decline.

I always thought the big Autumn sales sent the lambs 'down south'. Although there is a real loyalty from buyers in the south midlands, our lambs, as well as ending up in

Devon, Cornwall or Suffolk, can be seen as far away as Aberdeen and Thurso in the north of Scotland. When it comes to the famous tup sales in October, prospective sellers and buyers can arrive from all over the UK and Ireland, the proceedings, as we hear the rhythmic sounds of the auctioneers, can sometimes go on well past midnight.

Older people talk of, and remember, the early auctioneers (usually but not necessarily with a farming background): Willy Preston from Maridales, Gayle, Jimmy and John Cloughton, Gordon Pratt and Raymond Lund who, as Andrew says, "Perform their balancing act between the sellers and buyers."

The whole operation is now well into the 21st century! Every sheep is ear-tagged and details recorded as they leave the ring with, says Andrew, "about 99% accuracy" and all computerized and displayed on a screen in the ring. "The office just issues the bills".

Since the foot and mouth tragedy biosecurity has become much greater; the '7 day rule' meaning that there can be no further selling on for a week after a purchase which can reduce competition; however Andrew feels that with Hawes being so central in the area a closer eye can be kept on stock movements. Every sheep is licensed and tracked 'in and out'.

The Mart is subject to a yearly thorough inspection of its operation, its security and maintenance (even down to noticing any sharp corners on the pens) and Trading Standards attend every week.

Like so many other businesses there is diversification with the Mart, through James, providing a full range of professional land and property services. Several businesses 'ride on the back of the Mart' with various trade stands from time to time: Carrs Billington, tractor, quad bike or feed firms, or others sponsoring a sale, and not forgetting the local joiner using part of the old cattle ring (there's a much newer one up at the top).

So, as probably the biggest centre for Swaledales and Blue-faced Leicesters in the country, things don't seem at all bad!

As for visitors, "Yes, we love 'em; we are a tourist attraction as well." If you haven't been for a while, drop in on a Tuesday!

A.S.W

Print and Scan the World Over (and other stupid things)

Someone sent me a link to a Dutch TV documentary over Christmas which I watched (with some subtitles and some head scratching; if you want to see it check out <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=okhfDsKmAoY> – it is mostly in English). This gave some quite worrying information about the new range of internet ready products appearing on the market and in particular the new range of printers, scanners and network storage.

All of the manufacturers are making loud noises about making these devices easier to use in the home but also giving access to the devices from anywhere in the world. The idea is if you are away from home for work or on holiday and need a particular document you can quickly connect to your home network and grab the file you need or someone at home can put the document on the scanner and you can collect the scan wherever you might be. Sounds like a really neat idea, especially for business trips – right? Well yes and no.

The problems arise because what the manufacturers don't tell you is that if you can access your files from anywhere in the world there is a good chance anybody else can too! The documentary shows how even large firms (such as KLM airlines) and public bodies (such as Europol – the European version of Interpol) have been seriously compromised by these devices.

Ironically the main issue is not with the devices themselves but the way manufacturers get you to set them up from new. To save lots of hassle from customer support they basically turn off all the security features so if you just grab the thing out of the box, plug it in and start using it you basically open the box to the world. You need to go carefully through all the security settings and add your own passwords to stop other people getting in.

Common new devices with this problem are the new HP printers sporting the new



ePrint system. This is designed to let you print easily from your tablet (iPad or Android) as well as print from anywhere or scan from anywhere. The security risk is that people who use scanners regularly forget to remove documents they have scanned. Surprisingly often these documents contain a lot of personal information that can be used by third parties to facilitate identity theft.

So if you have a new printer/scanner or network attached storage device do please read the manual and check your security settings.

One other stupid (actually criminal and really irritating) thing ... the scam I have mentioned many times before, where someone calls pretending to be from Microsoft and wants to fix a problem on your computer, seems to be going from strength to strength. In the past I have seen this as more of an annoyance but over Christmas I was contacted by someone who had had over £500 stolen from their credit card by this scam. If someone you don't know calls you with an offer to help treat them the same way you would treat a stranger at the door demanding entry to your house to fix a faulty vacuum cleaner – i.e. send them away with a flea in their ear. Just because someone says they are from Microsoft doesn't mean they are – it is very difficult to get anyone at MS to talk to you when you are prepared to pay so if they phone you it is absolutely a SCAM.

Have a safe and happy new year. As usual if you have any questions or suggestions for articles do contact me. Email and phone details are on my website at www.dalescomputerservices.com.

Carol Haynes

Our schools:

If you have never written to your MP, now might be the time...

How will the new Government *school funding formulae* (enforced from April) affect our schools in Middle and Upper Wensleydale? In November, after reading the local Headteachers' letter to Michael Gove I looked into the issue. Briefly, this is what I found out:

Local Education Authorities currently have 37 criteria available to allocate budgets to schools. This will be reduced to 12 criteria. More money will follow students rather than being allocated to the school for fixed costs.

There will be a minimum funding guarantee (MFG) for 2 years so that, temporarily, schools will not lose more than 1.5% of their budget.

Under the new formulae, the LEA will be able to allocate a 'lump sum' of up to £200,000 per school to make up for things like small pupil numbers, but the same sum must be given to every school in the LEA regardless of size. Under the current system a flexible lump sum is crucial to small schools to compensate for small numbers of students.

Cumbria LEA, for example, plans to allocate a lump sum of £70,000 to its schools: Settlebeck school will lose one third of its budget under these proposals.

I am unable as yet to find out the lump sum North Yorkshire LEA is allocating. I understand considerations are still underway to find the least worst model in terms of reducing the cuts.

A Government review will take place shortly after implementation.

It seemed to me that in a drive to promote a 'transparent and simple funding model', need and fairness were being ignored. Dismayed by what I had found, I wrote a letter to William Hague and Michael Gove. Here are some extracts:

"I have read your publication 'School Funding Reform: Arrangements for 2013-14'... looking particularly for information on protecting and maintaining small rural schools in the medium term...it seems as though there is a worrying lack of understanding on the part of the DfE over the situation where small schools... are situated in a sparsely populated area." I did however find several references to schools competing for pupils and references to LEA schools becoming academies.

Let me give an example: paragraph 41:

'...that is why we are ensuring that more funding will follow pupils, so that those schools that attract pupils (either because of their curriculum or ethos or quality of teaching) will also attract the funding they need and, in turn, this will lead to pupils having greater choice over better schools'.

The system of an educational free market does not and cannot operate in an area like Upper Wensleydale. With primary schools often between 5 or 10 miles apart (and secondary schools 20 miles or more apart) families rightly send their children to their local primary school. I am sure you will agree that no-one would want to subject 4 and 5 year olds to longer journeys on difficult roads. But this 'lack of choice' is not seen as a disadvantage - indeed communities support and are highly involved in the life of their schools.

The publication does go on to acknowledge small schools in paragraph 42:

'Small rural schools can play an important role in local communities. We remain firmly committed to supporting them wherever they represent an efficient use of a local area's funding.'

"Not only can rural schools play an important part in the local community, but the reverse is true. Our primary school, with its active parent teachers association, open door policy and 4 parent governors, 2 local appointed governors and 2 staff governors is highly accountable to the families and community it serves - this can not be said for the governing body of academies where many local governor posts are optional and only 2 parent governors are required.

"In conclusion, may I ask just how you intend to keep open our small rural schools, (where numbers of pupils are small because of the sparse population, not because parents have sent their children elsewhere), if you will from next April remove the flexibility of the LEA to apply a funding formula that works? If it is indeed *'...unfair to allow subsidies to continue to reach schools with a few pupils, at a significant cost to the schools with the majority of pupils'*, could you please explain what you have in mind from April 2015?"

I have received two replies, one from William Hague and one from the funding section of the Department for Education. It seems William Hague is pressing Michael Gove on the issue and included a copy of a letter he had received from Gove assuring him that the MFG will now

continue beyond 2015. The letter from the funding department contains the same platitudes about small schools as the original funding document, but nowhere have I read anything that is convincing about the long term, or that would encourage strong candidates to apply for posts in our small schools. I did find it ironic that my letter was sent around the time of the Police Commissioner elections - a Government move to 'increase local democracy' while all the time our schools are under threat with no local consultation at all. **Please, switch on your computer, or get your pens out!**

Amanda Killip

(In view of the importance of this matter we have allowed this article to exceed our usual limit on size. Ed.)

Gayle Mill Craft Group

The Craft Group has been meeting over the last year in order to make items for sale at the Mill's events, such as the Christmas Fayre, and in the Gayle Mill shop. Funds go towards the upkeep and ongoing restoration of the Mill.

We are a group of women who meet not only to raise funds but to gossip, share and laugh. Some of us are new to the area, are newly retired, are volunteers at the Mill, or are weekend visitors. We enjoy making and creating, and finding new ways of "upcycling" our materials. Our crafts range from knitting and crochet to rag-rugging and jewellery-making.

Sometimes we meet just as a get-together and show-and-tell; sometimes we work on a programme of learning new skills from each other or from a visiting tutor. We meet on alternate **Thursday mornings from 10.30am to 12.30pm**; and our next meeting at the Mill is on

Thursday 14th February .

The group runs on a drop-in basis with no commitment to come every time. If you would like to join us please contact **Maggie Townsend**: raggimaggi.quarry@yahoo.co.uk, telephone **667071**; or best of all just drop in for a chat. (and wear something very warm!).

A Helping Hand From Our Policeman

After a particularly cold winter a year or two ago I asked the District Council if we could have a grit bin placed at the top of our track ('Back Lane' to the locals). It is quite steep and unmade with a rough, broken surface and is well used, serving a small group of residences, one being a private hotel. In icy weather it is difficult for vehicles and dangerous for walkers. The request was granted but nothing happened although a small bin did appear outside the Medical Centre where the pavement and road are nice and level and quite safe. Is that "my" bin I wondered? I gave serious thought to recruiting some muscle or even mechanical assistance to highjack this hardly-used bin under cover of darkness and put it in the agreed spot outside Laburnum House, handy for the barrowing and spreading operation down the lane.

In the recent cold spell the lane was again very icy so I trundled my wheelbarrow and shovel along to the "doctors' bin" and set about stealing some of the precious contents. I was copped! A tall, handsome community policeman loomed and asked politely if I needed any assistance. As I explained the situation my expectation of handcuffs and a cell in the Tower receded. He offered to help in the nefarious business but was unable to wheel the full barrow because of his height. Not only would his knees be trapped between the handles but the angle of the barrow would have spilled the grit in one pile. And anyway, wheeling a barrow at the crouch to prevent spillage is not the most comfortable method. So we walked amicably back to my home, me with barrow and police escort with shovel. On arrival this splendid pillar of the law spread the whole barrow-load for me, expertly flinging shovelfuls of grit in all the icy places from top to bottom of the lane.

This whole episode was a wonderful demonstration of what community policing is about. Yes, I know crime and criminals are the main reason for having a police presence in the town but giving friendly individual help in this way is also important.

I am very grateful. And I didn't even ask his name.

Margaret Bridgman

Aysgarth and District Parish Council

Owing to the retirement of the present clerk a replacement is required.

The Clerk is responsible for the administration of the Parish Council and to act as Responsible Financial Officer. The post is part time, 4 hours per week, mainly working from home.

The Parish Council meets once a month apart from December when there is no meeting. Salary is based on the Local Councils Scale. No qualifications necessary but must be willing to work towards the Certificate in Local Councils Administration. Help towards training will be given.

The applicant needs to be I T literate and have access to a computer, printer and internet connection.

For further information or to apply please contact the Clerk,

**Mrs A Clarkson, Pinfold, Newbiggin in
Bishopdale, Leyburn, DL8 3TD.**

Email: anne.r.clarkson@btinternet.com

Tel: 663418

Closing date for applications 18th February.

Upper Dales Family History Group

There will be a drop-in computer club at Hudson House in Reeth on **Saturday, February 9th, from 1.00 to 4.00pm**, for anyone interested in beginning to research their family history on the internet or looking for help to get further. Members of the group will be on hand to help and there's no need to book. £3 for the first two hours, then £1 per hour - stay as long as you like. For details contact **Tony Keates 640436; dotand-tonyk@btinternet.com**

The next group meeting is at **2.00pm on Wednesday, February 27th**, in Harmby Village Hall and will be a practical session on reading and transcribing old documents. Bring pencil, paper and magnifying glass if you need one. Entry is free for members and non-members are very welcome at £2 each. For further details see the website at www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk or contact **Tracy Little 01748 884759**.

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Hoe Down

Put **Saturday 23rd March**

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in aid of Gala funds.

Help Improve National Park Website

Volunteers are needed to join a special focus group that will have a big say in the look and content of the National Park's website.

The plan is to reorganise the site adding many more images and to make it more interactive. A small online focus group was set up in 2009 which it is hoped to re-establish.

Details about the focus group and how to join can be found at www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/web-focus-group.

Additional feedback will come from an annual survey currently running to find out what people think about on the website - and everyone who takes part will be entered into a prize draw to win a hamper containing £50 of Yorkshire produce from Kettlewell Village Store.

A Warning to Ladies

I should advise all persons who pilgrimate the valley, if it is but for a day, to take with them an extra pair of shoes and stockings; for whether they visit fall or fell, they are pretty sure to get wetshod in seeking the best points of view. Besides, by wading a beck here and there, one avoids many a weary detour; and no harm follows being wetshod if you only change your foot-gear as soon as your march is done. The walking tourist will find it very convenient to have his light marching-kit sent by the Mail-cart that goes up and down the valley every day, and calls at the principal villages on the route.

Females pilgrimating Wensleydale, on foot, will not “merrily hent the stile-a” so long as the present preposterous form of petticoat prevails. A distinguished foreigner remarks: “It is ridiculous to call woman’s the softer sect when they are hopped with steel, and it is visible to the naked eye that are a deal more sterner than men’s.” The stiles of Wensleydale are narrow slits in the walls, on the average from six to eight inches wide; and some I saw measured only four inches.”

(From George Hardcastle, Wandering in Wensleydale, 1864.)

Exhibition

at the National Park offices,
Yoredale, Bainbridge

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February and March 2013

open 8.30 am to 4.30 pm Monday to Friday

“These works represent my personal response to the beauty and majesty of the Yorkshire Dales; I have tried to capture the vibrant freshness and powerful physicality of this landscape.

The paintings express immediacy and quick gestural spontaneity, conveying man’s temporary occupation within the solid, natural structures that sustain their beauty through time and season and the ever changing elements ...”

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

Ranger Report

Red Squirrels - There continue to be plenty of regular sightings of our native red squirrel from Hardraw, Shaw Ghyll and Sedbusk. Occasional reports come in from Gayle and Burterset and I’d welcome reports of red or grey squirrels from Askrigg, Bainbridge and Raydale areas. Many locals and visitors have been asking me about the recent apparent increase.

Two of the reasons behind the increase in local sightings over the last 6 months could be

1) As we all know, last spring and early summer was very wet and this had a marked effect on the amount of nuts and berries trees produced later in the year. This meant less food available for squirrels so they broaden out their areas in search of food, and

2) Displacement of squirrels due to the felling work of some areas of forest at Snaizeholme, resulting in the obvious loss of habitat. The areas being felled will soon be replanted, but it typically takes 15 - 20 years for newly planted trees to produce ‘food’ to sustain squirrels. Hopefully during that period, a small breeding population of reds will remain, so that the numbers will flourish once the new trees mature.

Public Rights of Way – We have steadily improved the footpath to Aysgill Force, but the landslip keeps slipping, which doesn’t help. Some of the stiles have been replaced with handgates, the rough surfaces near the waterfall have been cobbled and some minor tree pruning has taken place, hopefully to allow a decent view of the waterfall when the leaves are on the trees as well as during winter. Our volunteer walling team have also been busy, around Gayle, Snaizeholme and also at Apperset, carrying out repair work to the historic lime kiln.

During February we will be carrying out some maintenance work on the stone flagged section of the Pennine Way on the southern slopes of Great Shunner Fell. The flags were originally laid here between 1994 and 1998. The route was previously quite eroded, but a number of factors now mean that the worse sections have mostly re vegetated successfully.

Please do feedback any reports of damaged gates and stiles on public footpaths or bridleways and we will do our best to repair them. You can find me at Hawes National Park Centre or call **666220**

Matt Neale

Area Ranger - Upper Wensleydale

Police Report

A spate of thefts of garden ornaments and furniture has occurred over the past few weeks. One thing these items have had in common is that they were made out of metal – particularly cast iron. A garden seat was taken from the garden of a house in Main Street Hawes, an urn from another house nearby on Town Foot and, whilst not in the area covered by this publication, two urns were taken at East Witton. If you possess similar items then you should consider marking such items with some form of permanent mark such as engraving.

There was an attempted theft of some valuable livestock in early January from a farm on the edge of Hawes. Unlike me, the offenders did not mind running the gauntlet of several border collies who were doing their utmost to be, shall I say, “very protective”. It appears that the animals may have been targeted as the offenders were very specific in their choice. Luckily either the animals escaped or the offenders were disturbed by someone passing.

A livestock trailer was stolen from the Auction Mart at Leyburn also in early January. Some good police work resulted in the trailer being spotted near Northallerton and a person was apprehended. I wish to remind farmers to be vigilant at sales and look out and report to us any suspect character. You know who attends sales and who looks out of place. Offenders have to turn up in some sort of towing vehicle to remove livestock trailers. Make sure they do not take yours! Sign writing your trailers or putting your post code in large letters on the roof is a good deterrent or helps tracking if should it go – better still fit a tracking device.

I mentioned damage to walls in my last article. It now seems that someone is deliberately cutting livestock fencing on the along the path that runs from the Church at Hawes across to Gayle Lane on Bealah Bank. This maybe someone’s way of objecting to the erection of this fencing; however it is deliberate criminal damage and measures are in place to catch out the culprit.

Heating oil and diesel thefts are still occurring sporadically. Keep a regular check on your oil level in your tank. Ideas for securing it can be found on the website

www.oilsecure.com.

Diesel tends to be taken from vehicles containing a large quantity, such as vans or heavy goods vehicles. Think about where you park overnight as it is mainly ones parked in the more out of the way places that are targeted.

If you can offer any information that may help us to solve any of the above crimes contact either myself on the number below or have a word with **PCSO Don Watson**.

Andy Foster PC826

**Leyburn Safer Neighbourhood Team
Wards of Addlebrough and Hawes & High
Abbotside
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SNTLeyburn@northyorkshire.pnn.police.
uk**

Why We Do It!

Robert and Margie Hall went busking in Hawes and Leyburn on the market days before Christmas and the money they extorted from the very generous people visiting those markets was sent directly to SGC—that’s St George’s Crypt.

Robert writes: “We do it because we've been supporters of SGC for some years. We think that they do outstanding poverty relief work mainly with homeless: the problem is greatest in the largest centres of population, and Leeds is our local one of these in Yorkshire. The problem is worse this year, and it's getting worse. Being homeless is worse in the cold than in the summer, so it's a good experience for us to busk in the WINTER - Margie's accordion playing has definitely improved during the 4 years she's had her accordion (she practises 2-3 hours/day, but showing that improvement's not easy when your fingers are frozen in Leyburn and Hawes market place in the winter! Barclays' bank staff in Leyburn deserve a medal as they ply us with hot coffee and mince pies.

We have a niece/god-daughter (with psychological problems) who has been homeless/wandering for nearly thirty years - we don't know where she is nearly all the time (UK/USA/Europe), but we know that she relies on places like (and probably from time to time including) SGC - this also helps to bring it home to us.”



Best Foot Forward

Great Shunner Fell really is 'great' in expanse; what puzzles me about it is that its distance from Hardraw is getting greater! There's one obvious reason we won't dwell on. The others involve the terrain. When the Pennine Way became popular the track of the second half of the 5 miles from Hardraw became extremely boggy and chestnut pailings were laid down. These wobble with passing feet and are, frankly, a dead loss. So the helicoptering in of West Riding mill-floor flags on to the route some years ago, has worked much better.

However, some of these are now sinking, and as the black peaty water on the top disguises its depth, wary walkers are again taking to the sides—and bog. So that doesn't help. (*But did you read Matt's note in the 'Ranger's Report'?*) One other increasing hardship (if you choose other routes) depends upon the sheep, or rather the lack of them! Whereas some years ago they'd nibbled the vegetation to a pleasant few inches height, now especially in summer, you've a lot further to raise your legs.

Even so, this hill holds a special attraction. Go up or down it by various routes. The Pennine Way south from Thwaite is maybe better than northwards from Hardraw because the gentler slope down is good for a trot!

Or why not use the Hearn Coal Road which leaves the PW about a mile out of Hardraw going up the Hearn Beck valley. It does become less visible and you've to look for an old metal gate to see where to cross the beck and climb up to the old pits on Pickersett Nab. There used to be a fine beacon-cairn on the top, visible from Hawes. I can't believe it fell down and have often wondered if it was knocked. It could be a very useful marker if coming down in fog. From here it is a fairly level mile to the big cross-shaped wind shelter at the top of Shunner.

You can, of course, simply follow the fence to the top from the cattle grid on the Buttertubs road. It looks at first as if it is going the wrong way. Why not get there from Sedbusk over Abbotside Common? Coming down this way (if it is your first time) make sure after about half a mile from the top you take the correct fence (the left) at the junction or you will end up down in Fossdale Gill. It is, in fact, very pleasant with waterfalls and a variety of vegetation, but then you've to get out to the road.

I like to come down to Cotterdale which in

clear weather is relatively easy. Leave the route down to Hardraw after about a mile from the top. It used to be possible to navigate by using the bound-



ary of the plantations but they've felled 'em! When you get into Jinglemea Bog or the nearby old pits you will know the bridgeway is about to appear. It is strange to walk down to Cotterdale through where the plantation was, now very open with a rapid spread of Oxford ragwort. If you leave the top of Shunner further down there is now a faint tractor track (a little spongy) that leads to where the above bridgeway goes into the ex-plantation.

For the very energetic who like the emptiness and wide open spaces why not follow the long winding fence westward from the summit across to Hugh Seat, (three miles) and then down the wide ridge via Ure Head and Cotter End back to the main road near Appersett.

The greatest pleasure of Great Shunner is the view from the top. A 360° clockwise panorama — Swaledale, Pen Hill, Great Whernside, Buckden Pike, Pen y Ghent, Ingleborough, the Dentdale and Howgill Fells, Nine Standards Rigg, and the long North Pennines: Cross Fell, Great Dun Fell (with its white golf ball), Dufton and Knock Pikes and Mickle Fell (Old Yorkshire's highest!) If you're lucky and it is clear, the far-westward view of Lakeland completes the picture.

I'll be up again this year. Never been from Birkdale and Great Sleddale; looks interesting—and rough! Anyone done it?

A.S.W.

Bid and Boogie Charity Auction and Dance with Hog Roast Supper

In aid of Yorkshire Cancer Research

ADVANCE NOTICE

for Sunday May 26th in Askrigg Village Hall where it is expected that over 250 people will attend.

Donations invited for the auction, raffle and for any form of sponsorship.

Please contact:

Kate Bell 650710 or Sandra Bell 666060.

Many further details will appear in future Newsletters.

Prunings

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

A Happy New year to all, especially those of you who, like me, prefer to let optimism triumph over reality.

Last year we were remarking on the mild spell over Christmas and how emerging shoots might be caught out; the year before we had already suffered two deluges of the white stuff and our concerns were for what might or might not have survived. Today, (22nd) for the first time there is enough sun to make the snow sparkle, but the tiny shoots trying to push their way through are not visible under the white blanket. It may be obvious, but again we have to live with the fact that we grow things in unpredictable conditions.

The warm summer we might have hoped for in 2012 was most elusive and we were inundated with rain. It was hard to miss the pictures of the torrent rushing down West Witton and the serious state of affairs in Bellerby, despite the fact that here in the Dales we are relatively well prepared for water. No more hose pipe bans in the foreseeable future? Probably not, and if it does happen we shall look at our water management companies and question what on earth they have been playing at and how they have wasted all the money.

I have spent a couple of weeks of this new year suffering and recovering from a particularly nasty virus, and when I could not drag myself out of bed I have been reading Ken Thompson's "An Ear To The Ground." You may have come across him in various magazines, but this book is fascinating. He has several other titles published, all available through Amazon. This one however, really makes me think about what we growers do and why we do it.

One of the most thought-provoking chapters for me has been the one that deals with climate. Much of what he writes makes good sense. It seems clear that we are likely to experience drier summers and wetter winters, but also greater variability and the unexpected deluges will be more frequent. Since plants which can tolerate both drought and flooding are a bit thin on the ground he suggests that taking better care

of our soil might be a more viable option. Reducing the use of fertilizers (less carbon use) and increasing organic matter will help with water requirements in the summer and cause less compaction and erosion in the winter. Keeping soil surfaces covered by growing plants and minimising the use of hard surfaces (paving and decking) avoids much of the run off which is the main cause of localised flooding. After all, what is a flood but water with nowhere to go? Of course to improve the organic matter we are back to the old favourite – Compost!

Whatever my new year resolutions might have been I think I need to take a more realistic view of the compost problem. I have now ordered Ken Thompson's book on the subject and I shall see if it tells me anything I had not already come across. What **is** news to me, and probably to most of us, is that 1 kilogram of carbon is burned to make every kilogram of nitrogen fertilizer and 1 kilogram of pesticide uses **5** kilograms of carbon! My main resolution has to be to try and take the longer view.

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

Rose Rambler

Hawes and High Abbotside Parish Community Fund (The Poor's Close Charity)

The Trustees of The Hawes and High Abbotside Parish Community Fund have limited funds available from which to make grants for the relief of poor persons (this could cover needs arising from sudden distress or sickness, help with travelling expenses to hospitals, or providing fuel and food for the sick) or for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the Hawes and High Abbotside parishes, including the advancement of education and of citizenship or community development.

The Trustees will shortly be considering applications for grants from residents or organisations in the parish. Anyone wishing to make an application should contact **Rev A Chapman (667553) or Ian Fowler (667044)** not later than **Friday, 22nd February.**

Sycamore Hall News

What could be better on a dark damp afternoon than to take a comfortable chair in our lounge and listen to the Marsett singers singing songs for us just as they should be sung, no frills, just down to earth rendering of popular songs. The offering of Elvis's "Love Me Tender" and reading of the "Ballad of Semerwater" were followed by Tom and his company's along with the help of grey rocking horse bringing us their version of "Uncle Tom Cobly".

Mustering people, mostly in wheelchairs, shortly after lunch, into the lounge on Monday was no mean feat for the carers on duty today. We all accepted a late start but it did not intimidate our charming Ruth one little bit to sing for us songs from the Big Band era, it was a prize-worthy afternoon with an air of nostalgia with the likeness to a cruise ship lounge.

A visit from S.G. productions is always something to look forward to and their performance on Wednesday afternoon was no exception, erecting a framework of twelve feet by ten, covering it with homemade backcloths and scenery. The young couple then proceeded to sing, act and dance through their interpretation of "Jack and the Beanstalk". Mince pies and sherry followed served by ever faithful "friends of sycamore."

On the 17th of December we were treated to a concert of carols by the pupils of Bainbridge School entering the lounge in a very uniformed way which was a tribute to their teachers. The expressions of their faces and their presentation of the trying to please is a sight to behold. (My favorite concert of the year). Once again many thanks to the friends of Sycamore, Julie and Dot, for their constant hard work on these occasions.

Derek Ramsden

25 YEARS AT THE FOUNTAIN!

Greetings and Best Wishes to Angus and Mandy who complete 25 years as proprietors of the Fountain Hotel, Hawes on March 1st

Thornton Rust Institute

Midway along the Dale nestling on the South side of Wensleydale two mites from Aysgarth but a world away from the hustle and bustle of tourist traffic sits the picaresque village of Thornton Rust.

Like most villages hereabouts we have our own Village Institute. Here the similarity ends. Thanks mainly to funding made available through the Rural Development for England LEADER -Yorkshire Dales Programme, which is jointly funded by Defra and the European Union, we have recently completed a major refurbishment providing a brand new kitchen extension and newly converted accessible toilet facilities.

There are many activities planned throughout the coming year so keep your eyes open for more information which will be published nearer the time of the individual events. Everyone is welcome to come and join us and enjoy the peaceful surroundings of our pretty village. We are now "open for business" and our hall and facilities are also available to hire at reasonable rates (See the advert on page 4) for your own private or public functions.

Our grateful thanks to our supporters without whom this project would not have been possible: The Estate of the late "Reg" Harrison, Aysgarth and District Parish Council, Thornton Mire Fund, Campaign to Protect Rural England,

The North Ridings Licensed Victuallers Assoc.

It has taken the best part of 25 years but finally we have made it.

Supported in partnership by:



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TREVOR AND EVELYN

would like to thank family and friends for all the lovely flowers, cards and presents received on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary

Letter

Having lived at Gaudy Farm above Gayle and Hawes from 1970 to 1999 and only then reluctantly moved to Askrigg, we have long nurtured the hope of returning to our old stamping ground.



As the years have gone by we have considered a variety of schemes, but in the end we have been shown that there is a real need in Hawes for an Extra Care Home along the lines of Sycamore Hall in Bainbridge, and where there can be additional facilities beyond a normal old people's home. In our view provision is needed for various therapies including consulting rooms for various types of assistance including dementia sufferers. Waiting lists are ever increasing for this kind of accommodation and Hawes has been specifically named in many discussions and plans. In fact we have a much higher proportion of retired people than the national average. Arguably every person who moves into one of these units is likely to release housing on to the general market.

The idea of an amenity like this only recently began to take shape as it became evident that the field we own above Kirkbride Way could be a generously proportioned site for an Extra Care Home to accommodate 40 to 45 oldies like ourselves. We have from our architect/planning expert a detailed plan of the possible development which would be in a central position for all that Hawes offers in the way of services, access by car, and on foot via a reasonably level foot path to the Creamery and thence by existing paths into the centre of Hawes. The intention would be to provide on the spot facilities as required by residents, their visitors and staff alike, and plenty of car parking space for all using an easy and safe entrance from the Ingleton road.

We now have a beautiful block model of the kind of place we - and many others - envisage. It has been prepared for consultation purposes and we are therefore especially interested in people's views and opinions and are happy for anyone to view it either at our home in Askrigg (telephone: **650641**) or at another suitable venue in Hawes which can be arranged. The south-facing site will allow for unobtrusive development on its slopes and levels as well as providing outstanding views. The

buildings are designed to be traditional in character - in stone, set in expansive gardens to the south and incorporating such outdoor features as a conservatory and coffee lounge with suitable easy grade access paths.

The scheme is in the hands of the Planning Authority for preliminary advice. We are aware that the National Park Planning Authority is seeking suitable sites in Grassington, Sedbergh and Hawes. Although it has made some of the neighbours anxious we have been at pains, due to the advantageous lie of the land, to locate the development well away from their current boundaries.

Some who currently are obliged to park their cars on the Ingleton road will be offered garden and garage space using the same entrance to the Home.

As far as operators are concerned we will be happy to engage with any responsible not-for-profit charitable organisation or private operator.

Graham and Mary Watts

West Burton School News

Last term ended on a high with the World War II Christmas Concert. It was a big success due to Mrs Eastwood's and Mrs Stone's guidance, Mrs Roocroft's piano playing, and of course, the Chef Club's mince pies and cupcakes! Also Class One were stars in their nativity play directed by Miss Taylor.

And to kick-start the Spring Term, Class Two have been on a residential to Marrick Priory, in the heart of Swaledale. It was once a nuns' convent, but in the 1960s, it was transformed into an Outdoor Education Residential Centre. The activities included: archery, high ropes (vertical climbing), low ropes (assault course), outdoor climbing wall, team building activities, orienteering (indoor and outdoor), indoor abseiling, half-day walk, and a night walk in the woods!

Altogether, Class Two thoroughly enjoyed the trip, and found it very informative. Joe Beaton stated: "It was a very independent and exciting trip; I would recommend it to anybody!"

We are looking forward to our new term, based around the history and geography of India, and are determined to do our personal bests.

Jack Greenslade and Myles Robinson

HAWES SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning										AYSGARTH SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning										
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Traditional Village Dance in Askrigg

The Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum are organising a traditional village dance in Askrigg Village Hall on **Saturday 2nd March from 8.00 to 11.00p.m.** This event will be a celebration of the village dances that were common in Wensleydale and the surrounding dales during the nineteenth century and the first half of the twentieth.

Dances that were once popular locally, such as Meeting Six, Buttered Peas and Huntsman's Chorus, will be explained by callers Fiona Rigg and Les Robinson and then danced to the music of *Tumbling Tom*, a highly respected folk dance band from the Kendal area.

Modern technology will be used to enable *Tumbling Tom* to play along with recordings made a lifetime ago of traditional dance musicians such as Harry Cockerill from Askrigg, Kit White from Swaledale and the Beresford family from Langstrothdale.

Between dances Eleanor Scarr will provide some light-hearted anecdotes about dances from the past.

Refreshments are included in the price of the tickets and a bar will be provided. Tickets cost £10.00 and are available from :

Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes,
Eleanor Scarr in Askrigg (**650216**),
Bob Ellis in Gayle (**666074**) and
Sue Foster in Hardraw (**667424**).

Great Success

The organisers of the Sunday Lunch held at the Stone House Hotel on Sunday December 2nd wish to thank everyone who contributed in any way, including Chris and the staff at the hotel, for making it such a huge success. £1000 was raised for Herriot Hospice Home-care.

Doreen Whitehead

Organ Donor!

I have an electric organ which I have been trying to give away for a while and wondered if any readers would like it or know someone/ youth group/community group who would like it. It is a YAMAHA ELECTONE B-605 and I am happy to deliver.

I can be contacted on 663792 or email cpratt54@gmail.com

Christine Pratt



Local Food Pop Up Market

A celebration of Yorkshire Dales Food
Dales Countryside Museum
Sunday 21st April 2013 10.00am-4.00pm

Free stands in the exhibition Hall, meeting room and concourse for local food producers and suppliers.

A family event at the Dales Countryside Museum promoting local food producers and suppliers as part of our ongoing museum based local food project. There will be free admittance to the public

To book your free stall please email:
jane.sammells@yorkshiredales.org.uk



Happy New Year to everyone.

Dalesplay opened its doors after the Christmas break and a good spring clean on 3rd January. It's all change around for staff members as Joanne has gone off on maternity leave; whilst she is away, Louise is stepping into her shoes and Adelle is acting deputy.

We have also had a bit of a change of the layout in the cuddles room as we have been able to purchase a fantastic new story corner, thanks to a grant kindly donated to us from Betty's.

The children have been busy helping to make a castle for the role play area and have had lots of fun doing activities based around this and playing inside it.

We have a couple of new starters receiving their 15 hours funded entitlement at Dalesplay for the spring and summer term.

Dalesplay is still running the Monday After School Film Club from 3:30 – 4:45pm. If you wish to book a place or have any other enquires please phone **667789**.

Louise Cloughton

Cancer Screening

NHS North Yorkshire and York is keen to increase the uptake of cervical screening services amongst young women. In the last three years there has been a 10% drop in the number of 25-34 year old women using the service in North Yorkshire. The NHS wants to raise the awareness of the benefits of early diagnosis and is asking close relatives of the women to encourage them to be tested. It stresses that the smear test is quick and easy and can be a lifesaver. It also says that those who fail to attend clinics are really putting their lives at risk. Further information can be found online at <http://mysmeartest.co.uk/>. or by ringing the NHS Communications Team on **0300 303 8394**.

Falls Motel

70s and 80s night, February 16th; 9.30pm

Thank You and Bye Bye

Having spent 5 years working at Brown Moor Caravan Club Site, we have now completed our time here in Hawes.

We would just like to say a huge "Thank you" to you all for making us feel so welcome and at home. We have had the most wonderful time here and have made some lovely friends.

There are not many places left in this country where you can feel a real sense of community, but you have it here in Hawes and you should all feel very proud of yourselves.

It is with heavy hearts that we leave but with fantastic memories - and we will be back to visit. Our very best wishes to you all.

Ian and Ros McAll

Wardens - Brown Moor Caravan Club Site, Hawes

Chicken and Chips Supper

Followed by a 'Yorkshire' Quiz and Raffle

Friday 1st March

at The Wensleydale Pantry, Hawes

from 6.30pm

Adults £7 Children £4

Proceeds for

St Margaret's Church Restoration Fund

Tickets from

The Old Sweet Shop and

Whites of Wensleydale

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

WHAT'S ON LISTING; please add these dates to your Diary

February

- 1 Wensleydale Society. See p.5
- 5 Hawes Drama Group reads two one act plays. Gayle Institute; 7.30pm.
- 6 "LEADER" event. See p.11
- 8 Annual Glitz'n Glamour Ball at Simonstone Hall. See p.16
- 9,27 Upper Dales Family History Group Meetings. See p.16
- 10 Holy Communion, St Oswald's, Askrigg. 10.30am (New date)
- 12 YDNPA Planning committee; Yoredale, Bainbridge. 1.00pm.
- 12 Decorative and Fine Arts Society; Middleham Key Centre; 2.00pm. See p.10
- 12,13,18,19 Tea and Scones at St Margaret's Church, Hawes for Church Restoration Fund
- 12 Shrove Tuesday
- 13 Ash Wednesday Church Services:
 - 9.15am. St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth
 - 10.00am. An 'Ashing Service' at St Oswald's, Askrigg.
 - 7.00pm St Oswald's Church, Castle Bolton
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 14 Leyburn Arts Society film: Corinna - Corinna. Thornborough Hall. Details: 622023
- 15 Museum Friends; 7.30pm. Jonathan Woolley: "Scenes in the Dales"
- 15 and 22 Lent lunches. See p.5
- 16 Coffee morning for St Oswald's, Askrigg; back room of the Village Hall. 10.00am to noon.
- 16 Mobile Skip in Gayle. See p.4
- 17 Civic Service at 10.30am, St Margaret's, Hawes; Bishop James. See p 5
- 17 St Oswald's, Askrigg. Café-style 10.30am (Note new date)
- 19 Middleham and Dales Local History; Key Centre 2.00pm. See p 11
- 20 Carperby W.I. 7.30pm. Christine Wallach; 'Cast out and set free'.
- 20 Upper Dales Ladies Luncheon Club. Rose and Crown, Bainbridge, noon. Followed by Miles Johnson;

'Conservation in the Yorkshire Dales'. **663742** for details.

- 21 Hawes W.I. 7.00pm. Methodist rooms. Jonathan Woolley: 'Jubilee celebrations'.
- 22 Mixed darts Knock Out at Hawes Club
- 22 Deadline for Poor's Close. See p.20
- 22 West Burton supper and quiz. See p.4
- 23 Horse race night; Board Hotel Hawes From 8.00pm
- 28 Gayle Ladies, 7.30pm. Susan Bassnett. 'Politeness in different places'.
- 28 Leyburn Arts Soc. film. Warhorse. Thornborough Hall. Detail: **622023**

March

- 1 Quiz and Supper; Wensleydale Pantry. See p.24
- 1 Singer in the Bar to celebrate 25 years of Angus and Mandy at the Fountain, Hawes
- 2 Traditional village dance in Askrigg. See p.23
- 11 Lent Taizé service in Hawes Methodist Chapel; 1.00pm.

Gayle Mill What's On

February

- 3 Demonstration Tours: 11.00am and 2.30pm.—£12.00 per ticket
- 11-22 (Mon-Friday) Half-term opening at Gayle Mill, afternoon tours only, at 1.00 and 3.00pm.
- 14 Special Crafting Group Open Day from 10.30am onwards. Free entry
- 16 Bird Box Making-Family Fun Day; 10.00am to 4.00pm. £2.00 entry
- 23 Wheel Wright Talk; 1.00-3.30pm. Free entry

St Margaret's Church are catering at the Hoppers Sale on 2nd February to raise funds for church restoration
Donations of Cakes, Biscuits and Sandwiches would be much appreciated



DCM What's On

From 1st February the museum will be open 10.00am–5.00pm daily for the rest of the year.

The first exhibition of 2013:

1 February till 27 February.

“Your Yorkshire Dales: a snapshot”. The top 20 images and captions submitted to a photographic competition, which show the special qualities of the Yorkshire Dales.

February

15 A lecture by Jonathan Woolley for the

Friends of the Museum. The theme is “Scenes, Shows and Celebrations in the Dales”.

20 Drop in and taste between 10.00am to

3.00pm, Yorkshire rhubarb and friendship cakes.

Our summer exhibition will be focusing on ecology, and the wildlife photographers Richard and Cherry Kearton. We are researching local information on the Kearton family. If you can help please speak to Fiona or Debbie at the museum.

For further information on any activity 'phone **666210**

Job Vacancy...

for a **Locum Support Worker** to assist in the running of the Sycamore Club, Bainbridge.

Position includes supporting people with mental health problems in a group setting.

Promoting independence as well as group activities.

Monday - FORTNIGHTLY

12:30 - 4:30pm -

main base is

Sycamore Hall Bainbridge.

For further information on this now paid, rather than voluntary, post please ring

Malcolm Ashman on 01609 780758 or

Jackie Glackin on 07891192271