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## Editorial

**A**nniversaries, especially those ending in 0 or 5, are usually pleasant occasions, the more personal ones reminding us of how fast life goes on, or how old we're getting! Other more communal, national or world-wide anniversaries can bring out the best in us, or the worst, depending on our political or social attitudes. If remembering makes us depressed, uneasy or even bitter: that's not good. If remembering makes us resolute and determined that the worst of the past will not be repeated: so much the better.

We are living at a time when modern communication makes us immediately aware of the problems and atrocities which wars bring, especially to children and women who are not usually the perpetrators. As if the present reporting on wars isn't enough, the fact is that from next year, and probably for the following four, we are going to be subjected to many hours of anniversaries of events relating to the "Great War"... "the War to End Wars". This fills some with a sense of great interest and excitement, and others with deep foreboding. Some think from this we learn to grow, move on and be better; others think hatreds, anxieties and jingoism will be re-kindled.

So, as ever, to find a balance and as an antidote to all this: how about some rather different and overlooked July 2013 special anniversaries of great significance to the human race. Here goes:

150 years ago: Henry Ford was born. His introduction of the assembly line led to motorised vehicles for the masses (in black, as you know!)

100 years ago: Michael Foot was born. A politician with cleverly articulated but controversial views always expressed with respect even for those on the 'other side'.

80 years ago: The Art Deco Midland Hotel in Morecambe first opened its doors; refurbished a few years ago to its original splendour, it brings a bit of taste back to poor old Morecambe's promenade!

75 years ago: the steam locomotive 'Mallard' reached 125mph along part of the East Coast main line, a speed never beaten yet by a steam engine.

75 years ago: (just one nasty to make us meditate) Jewish street names in Germany

were all renamed.

65 years ago: the National Health Service began operating; and Alcoholics Anonymous was founded.

60 years ago: the Korean war ended.

35 years ago: the first 'test tube' baby in the world, Louise Brown, was born in Oldham. (She herself now has a six year old son, born naturally.)

Isn't it worth remembering some of these good news anniversaries? Pity the mass media doesn't seem to think so and usually overlooks them.

**St. Margaret's Church**  
Hawes

*Friday Night  
is Music Night*

with  
**Muker Silver Band**

in Church

**Friday 19th July 2013**  
at 7.30 pm  
Tickets: £6

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

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## June Competition Answers

The answers are all birds. \* = anagram

1. A bit less than surprising: **starling**
2. Train us home \*: **house martin**
3. Share grew pod \*: **hedge sparrow**
4. St Paul's designer: **wren**
5. Section of a section of a roof: **partridge**
6. Dire raffle \*: **fieldfare**
7. Southwest let: **swallow**
8. Stamp collecting?: **hobby**
9. A pint at two in the morning: **nightjar**
10. White rear to the Victorians: **wheatear**
11. Sour edger \*: **red grouse**
12. A hundred off the next district: **raven**
13. Two pairs of equal and adjacent sides: **kite**
14. Manchester United's little pastry.: **redstart**

Winner: **Kay Ewbank**. £20 to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

## July Competition

**Write and submit your own Limerick.**

**Here's a classic to remind you:**

There was a young woman from Hyde,  
Who ate green apples and died,  
The apples fermented  
inside the lamented;  
And now she's got cider inside her inside.

So a verse we ask you to write;  
But don't stay up all of the night.  
And take up some time  
Over rhythm and rhyme,  
Or you won't be getting it right!

## Castle Bolton Sales

Happily lots of keen and generous people came to snatch our bargains so now we have £652 to add to our usual parish support for our Mission Partners.

Mark and Sarah Newnham are with Mission Aviation Fellowship in Uganda where Mark is an avionics engineer to maintain their flights of mercy and mission. They will be staying with us in Castle Bolton from 24th to 31st August this year.

Neil Jackson lives near Darlington and is Missioner with a special reference to children and young people in NE England.

**Robert Hall.**

## Eunice the Ewe



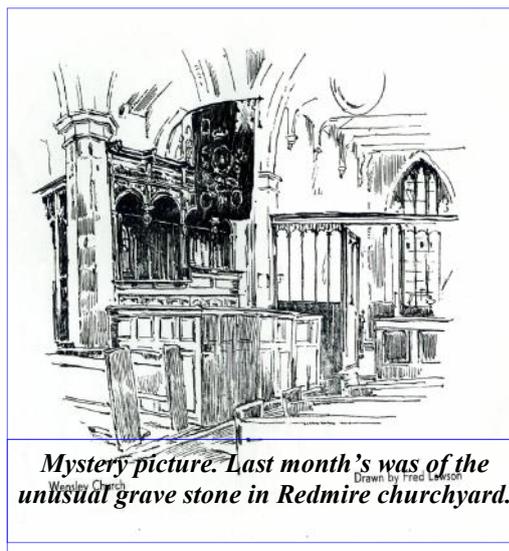
I was hiding with the First Responders on page 3. The winner of the £10 prize was: **Max Percival**, Hawes.

## Bainbridge and District Motor Club

Wednesday 19th June, the Summer Rally. Unfortunately I was unable to attend this rally so with help from Andrew Foster here's where they went! Setting off from West Witton over to Coverham to East Witton then Jervaulx, followed the back road to Newton le Willows, where they had to count the arches under a bridge en route, through Hunton, back to Leyburn then over Grinton Moor to Castle Bolton, Carperby then back to Askrigg to The Crown.

There were extra points given for the person who came back with the longest 'Anthriscus Sylvestris' and another point for its common name, which is cow parsley!

Thank you to Grant and Barbara Humphries for organising this rally. Andrew Foster will be organising the next one on **Wednesday 17th July**, for more information please contact **622331**. Everyone welcome! **E m m a Thwaite**



*Mystery picture. Last month's was of the unusual grave stone in Redmire churchyard.*  
Wendley Church Drawn by Fred Lawson

## Peter Pan 2013

### *'second star to the right, and straight on till morning'*

Rehearsals for the Pantomime "Peter Pan" commence on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**. Join Wendy, John and Michael as they go on a magical journey to Neverland. Captain Hook, Peter Pan and The Lost Boys will make time stand still and your troubles drift away during what promises to be a fun filled adventure.

We were all disappointed that it was not possible to put on this show in December 2012. Preparations by members of the Production Team for this latest production have already begun. Would you like to join?

We are looking for enthusiastic people who would either like to perform (no previous experience necessary) or help in any way behind the scenes. We need assistance at rehearsals, with costumes, make-up, scenery, props, back stage, front of house. Please get in touch as soon as possible so we can share information. Juniors from 7 years and all ages above welcome. Rehearsals will be mainly Tuesday and Thursday evenings with some Sunday afternoons (venue tbc). There will be four performances at Hawes Market House from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. For more information please telephone:

**Jennifer** (HAOS Secretary) **667241**  
or email [pryhousefarm@hotmail.com](mailto:pryhousefarm@hotmail.com).

## Romeo and Juliet

at Bolton Castle

**Wed 17<sup>th</sup> July (Gates open 6.30pm,  
performance starts 7.30pm)**

Inspired by the Olympic Summer and the age-old traditions of British outdoor theatre, the all-male HandleBards company are travelling the length and breadth of the UK on just 4 bicycles, carrying with them all the necessary set, props and costumes required to perform Shakespeare's tale of star-crossed lovers: *Romeo and Juliet*. Using their bikes to power them through the show, this is guaranteed to be a unique evening of entertainment!

Box Office **623981**. Tickets: Adults £12  
Children £10

Booking Advised. Bring own seating. Courtyard is cobbled so blankets are not recommended.

## Goings on at Gayle Mill

Samantha Jennings has brought a smiley face to Gayle Mill where she has been the Heritage Education and Training Co-ordinator for the last two and a half years. She has now begun her maternity leave with lots of best wishes from all at Gayle Mill; we know she will very soon have her hands full with her own little bundle of joy. No doubt they will know how to demonstrate how water powered turbines work from a very early age!

In order to complete the Charity's LEADER project two part time staff have been recruited. Laura Hodgson will be the co-ordinator responsible for the Education and Sue Stokes the co-ordinator responsible for Heritage Skills.

If anyone would like to contact Laura or Sue they can be reached :[learning@gaylemill.org.uk](mailto:learning@gaylemill.org.uk) or telephone: **667320**

The Blacksmithing course has proved to be very popular and the course on 21<sup>st</sup> July is full with a waiting list. As a result we are in the process of planning an additional date to do blacksmithing again. So if you would like to have a go yourself, or are looking for a gift for someone; please contact Sue to register an interest.

### **Demonstration tours**

The two-hour tours continue on the first Sunday of the month at **11.00am and 2.30pm**

## Annual

### **Dales Discovery Evenings**

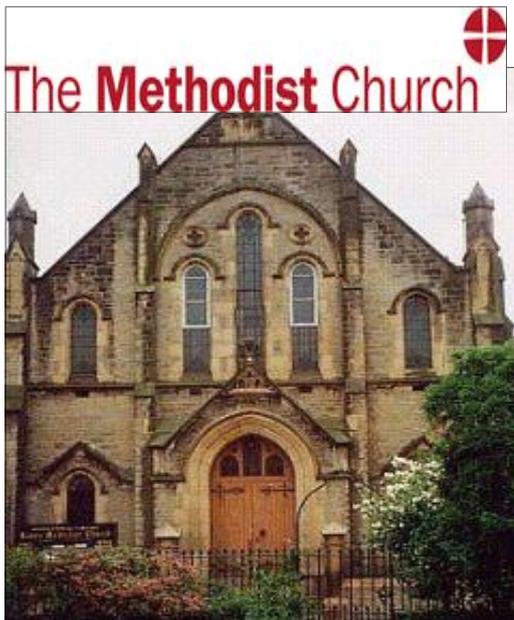
Yes, it is that time again! Six evenings of talks, slides and audio-visual presentations begin towards the end of the month in Hawes Methodist Church. This year's series includes some popular well-tryed performers, and a few new and different ones. A mere £2.50 (children £1.00) for an hour to an hour and a quarter:

**Wednesday July 24th:** National Nature Reserves: Ingleborough. Colin Newlands from Chapel le Dale.

**Wednesday July 31st** Yorkshire Maps and mapmakers; Chris Wright, Gargrave.

Each evening starts at **8.00pm**

**August details next month.**



### Chapel's 100 years

The year 2013 marks the centenary of the building of the present chapel of Hawes Methodist Church. It replaced an earlier building of 1856 on the same site. To acknowledge this centenary there will be a special service of celebration on **Sunday July 7th at 10.30am** when Rev. David Peach from Silverdale, who has taken services here for a few years now, will lead the worship. Everyone is welcome!: those who haven't been for a while; those who have never had a chance to call in to this lovely chapel with its good woodwork, fine acoustics and renowned memorial organ (there's another recital in August), or those on holiday.

After the service there will be lunch in the meeting rooms behind the chapel.

### Preston Under Scar Arts and Crafts Exhibition

**Friday– Sunday, July 19th– 21st  
10.00m to 6.00pm**

All items are produced by residents of the village. Original paintings in all media; metalwork, feltwork, knitting, needlework, jewellery and cards.

Venue: the Village Hall with refreshments available. Donations to charity will be welcome.

### Hong Kong comes to Hawes

Mr Yuk Leung Fu – known to everyone as Danny, is opening a Chinese restaurant in Hawes called Jumbo, on the site of the former Beckindales Cafe. The business is named after the famous floating restaurant in Hong Kong harbour.

Jumbo will be open at the beginning of July initially as a takeaway with cafe style tables giving customers the option to eat in and if this proves popular, Danny hopes to develop this into a full restaurant later. He will be serving Cantonese cuisine with a few popular Thai dishes and most of his meat and vegetables will be sourced locally. Tea/coffee and light snacks (spring rolls, prawn toast etc) will be on offer at lunch times with the full menu available in the evenings. He will also be serving alcohol including Tiger and Tsing Tao beers.

Danny lives near Kendal and owns the Chinese takeaway in Milnthorpe. He has worked all over the Northwest in restaurants and takeaways since he arrived in the UK from Hong Kong over 30 years ago. He opened the first Chinese in Grange-over-Sands which he sold to a cousin and bought the business in Milnthorpe. He is currently looking for a house to rent for his staff in or around Hawes which he will use himself as a base until Jumbo is up and running smoothly.

He said arriving from Hong Kong with his parents into Barrow-in-Furness was a bit of a shock. He couldn't understand why everyone lived in such old houses of only one or two storeys high, but he soon grew to love the open countryside of the Lake District and the friendly people.

He has three children, the eldest has just finished university and the youngest is just starting this year. None of his children wants to take on the business, they are all seeking professional careers in other fields such as architecture and science – they think the restaurant business is too much like hard work and prefer to eat the profits!

Danny tried out retirement for a short while but soon got bored with DIY and gardening and so sought a new challenge with the opportunity to open Jumbo in Hawes (plus the rising cost of university fees means that he now needs to sell quite a few more special fried rices!). If he does get any spare time, he loves taking the whole family for Dim Sum to Chinatown in Manchester. **JUMBO - 667784**

**K.J.**

### Family Photographs at Gayle Institute

On **Sunday 7th July**  
**9.00am-5.00pm**

Kevin Johnson  
(KJ Photography)

is coming to Gayle Institute  
to do a photo session  
(families, pets, etc).

45 minute slot

£20 plus free 8cm x 6cm photograph.

For more information

contact Carolyn on **667139**



### Examples of Burton Hay Rakes Sought

I am an archaeologist, working in Wensleydale, and last year I carried out a detailed survey of West Mill in Askrigg. As many readers will be aware, from the late 19th century to the late 1950s, the Burton family manufactured thousands of hay-rakes every year at the mill, sending them by railway as far afield as Newcastle and Beverley. I am currently in the process of writing an article on hay-rake making at West Mill, and as part of the research I wish to track down further definite examples of Burton hay-rakes. Do you have a rake that you know was made at West Mill, and perhaps bought either by yourself, your father or grandfather? If so, I would be most interested in speaking to you about it, and perhaps coming to photograph it.

### Annual Burtersett Show

This popular little local event takes place on **Sunday July 28th from 2.00pm** and will be opened by Raymond and Eileen Allen.

**Children's Classes (under 7s), (7—10 years), (11—16 years)**

1. Homemade bracelet
2. Garden in a tin
3. Scary mask
4. Collage of "The meadow"
5. Animal made from fruit
6. Three decorated digestive biscuits
7. Action photograph (Max.size 7x5 inches)

#### Adults Classes

1. Scarecrow
2. Flower arrangement in a teapot
3. Limerick on village life
4. Collage of a landscape
5. Decorated orange cake
6. Homemade lemon curd
7. Local photograph with caption (Max. size 7x5 inches)

**Entries:** per item 20p children; 50p adults. To be in between 10.00 and 11.30am

#### Running order:

Judging noon to 1.30pm; Opening 2.00pm; Band 2.15– 2.45pm; Country dancing 2.45pm; Fell race 3.15pm; Band 3.15—3.45pm; Dog show 3.45pm (entry 50p); Awards 4.00pm; Egg catching 4.15pm (entry £1)

**Tea and scones in the Institute.**

I am also very interested in any memories that anyone may have of hay-rake making at West Mill, or relating to hay-rakes in Wensleydale generally. For example, where did you buy your hay-rakes and how much did they cost? Did you repair them, or send them back to the maker? Where else in the Dales, aside from Askrigg and Dent, were hay-rakes made?

If you are able to help, I can be reached on **07951 740938**, or you can e-mail me at [shaunedas@aol.com](mailto:shaunedas@aol.com).

**Shaun Richardson**

### The White Hart , the Tubs and the Brownies

The Brownies of Hawes are busy doing their Gardener's Badge and part of this has involved them in planting up the tubs outside the White Hart Inn. As this was being written they were also about to do the same at the Crown in Hawes.

The White Hart staff are very pleased and grateful and wanted all the Brownies names mentioned:

Jessica, Stella, Ruby, Georgina, Isobell, Esme, Hannah, Edie, Evie, Millie, Mollie, Lola, Abby, Bethan, Harriet, India and Sophie.



Children across the Yorkshire Dales are set to benefit from a new educational resource available free of charge to local primary schools. The Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust has launched the 'Into the Meadows Education Pack', and 100 free copies are available for primary schools across the Dales.

The education pack contains suggested lesson plans and educational activities that are designed to be used by teachers in primary schools. The aim is to teach children about the importance of wildflower hay meadows, the huge variety of wildlife that can be found in these vibrant habitats, and the heritage of hay meadows in the context of farming in the Yorkshire Dales.

*To celebrate the launch of the pack, YDMT were joined at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes by around 75 children aged 7-11 from Hawes, Bainbridge and Askrigg primary schools for an event designed to showcase some of the fun and educational meadow-themed activities that schools can run themselves with the help of the new resource pack.*

### **Aysgarth Station Heritage Site:**

**Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st July**

Mid Summer Weekend 10.00am - 4.00pm An opportunity to visit and learn about the History of this important Victorian Station. Visit the expanding railway museum.

Vintage Flea Market on platform with Stalls to browse Around.

Relax in the Picnic Area. Refreshments Available. Come along and enjoy a day out with all the Family. Car and Coach Parking available on Site.

We are also looking for volunteers: who would like to help over the open weekend.

Also volunteers to help with our work parties on Wednesday and Saturday.

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Healthwatch North Yorkshire would like to hear your views and experiences about Health and Social Care services in your Community. You can also find out about local services in your area.

Regular drop-in sessions at Richmond Library will be on:

**Thursdays June 13th and 27th; July 11th and 25th and August 15th and 29th; all 11.00am to 2.00pm**

## **The Church in Hawes: Looking Ahead...**

The 'Churches Together' meeting held in the Methodist schoolroom on 21<sup>st</sup> May, briefly reported on by Rev Janet Park in the last issue (p.18), raised more questions than it answered, the concerns and challenges the Church currently faces likely to remain a subject of debate for some time to come. The higher than average attendance for such a meeting, bringing together modernists and traditionalists, Anglicans, Catholics and Methodists, reflected a sense of the critical moment in respect of diminishing church membership and attendance, of consequent financial and material problems such as church maintenance, and, of course, the role of the church in the wider context, with particular reference to poor and oppressed communities throughout the world. The recent joint service for Christian Aid held in the Methodist Church, which for once and all too rarely gave us a full church, must have been an encouragement and inspiration to all who were present.

The questions discussed at the meeting are likely to be of interest to most people in Hawes, whether church-goers or not. It is increasingly acknowledged that we all have spiritual needs, though the term may leave some people uncomfortable, perhaps even hostile. How those needs are satisfied is clearly a matter for the individual; more and more people are turning to creative expression, for example, to satisfy their deeper impulses. Whether we like it or not, however, thinking about these things brings us back sooner or later to the question of the Church, its history and teaching and role in the community, and of course to the buildings and sacred spaces which have been handed down to us.

Leaving aside the special position of St Margaret's and the magnificent effort being made by the congregation and others to meet its fundraising objectives, as supported by English Heritage, the future generally seems anything but certain. Are we happy to sit back complacently and, at some indeterminate date in the future but perhaps closer than we may care to think, see church doors closing one by one? Can Hawes live on as a true community without a Church? Or is the Church an indispensable part of the community? If so, what can you or I do to ensure its survival and well-being, or to reinvent it so that it better serves the needs of all?

**Margaret Parry**

## **Consultation Update : Maternity and Paediatric Services at The Friarage**

NHS Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has announced its intention to start the formal public consultation around the provision of paediatric and maternity services at the Friarage Hospital 'as soon as possible'. The consultation was recently given the go-ahead from the Secretary of State after having been referred for review by the North Yorkshire Scrutiny of Health Committee but had been temporarily put on hold. This was while more clarity was sought about the impact of a separate project currently being undertaken by the NHS in Darlington, Durham and Tees around reviewing the quality of health services. The CCG has now been given the reassurance that the work proposed in the north will not adversely impact on the two options for consultation and a project team is now being established to launch the consultation. Dr Vicky Pleydell, Chief Clinical Officer for Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby CCG, said: "We needed the reassurance from the northern CCGs that their work would not impact on the two options that will form the basis of our consultation. I'm pleased to say we have now been given this reassurance.

"We discussed why we are not intending to consult on a third option of leaving the service as it is. The case for change is clear, and it would not be safe for the service to remain as it is currently. "The number of sick children requiring inpatient care and number of high risk births are too small to support the size and experience required of medical teams to ensure a safe and high quality service.

"Our preferred option would mean that the vast majority of children's and maternity services at the Friarage would be retained and women would still be able to choose the Friarage for low-risk births. Children would still be assessed by the appropriate clinician at the paediatric short stay assessment unit.

## **Books Requested**

Donations of unwanted books (hardback or paperback) would be very much appreciated during the next few weeks, with proceeds to be shared between projects on the Wensleydale Railway and the Settle-Carlisle line.

Please either leave books at the Ropeworks in Hawes or phone and I will collect by arrangement. Many thanks.

**Ruth Annison 650349**



### Windows 8.1 on the Way Soon

A major upgrade to Windows 8 will be coming soon, imaginatively called Windows 8.1. It



will be publicly available as a 'preview' version from June 26th. If you really want to see what's new you can use the preview version but be warned if you try it you will need to reinstall Windows from scratch and all your apps and desktop applications to upgrade to the final version of 8.1 when it is finally released. I would advise holding on and waiting for the final version to be released properly and avoid the hassles. This will all happen through the Windows App store.

The first question most people ask is 'have they put back the missing Start button on the desktop'. Well the answer is yes and no. They have put a "Start" button of sorts but it does not show a start menu like it used to in Windows – instead it takes you back to the colour tiles pages, but it appears also to allow you to go to a list view of apps if you want. Microsoft are being cagey about the details of how the new Start button will work but my guess is that it will be used to 'encourage' you back to the tiles because that is where Microsoft anticipate making a lot of money. They really want to wean users away from the old desktop (no money for MS). Having said that most people I meet prefer to use the desktop on a PC or a laptop.

If, like me, you want to use the traditional desktop as your main screen and you would like a normal Start button with a start menu I recommend a third party program called Start8 which is produced by [www.stardock.com](http://www.stardock.com). This makes Windows look, work and feel very much like Windows 7 and if you don't want to you never have to see the tile again. At \$5 it is well worth investigating (there is even a free trial version so you can try before you buy).

So what else is there to look forward to in Windows 8.1 ... well a new version of Internet

Explorer (version 11) which they claim is a lot faster. It needs to be because current versions are lamentably slow compared to Google Chrome and Firefox.

There are other enhancements coming but having watched a Microsoft presentation they mostly seem cosmetic changes aimed at letting people customise things a bit more.

Final words – warning:

1. Scams seem to be doing the rounds still, especially telephone cold calling. I have had a number of people ask me about phone scams this month. Please don't let people you don't know con you into letting them into your computer or get your card details.

2. Yahoo and BT still seem to be having real problems with their email systems. Hackers are still breaking into accounts and sending out loads of spam to your address book. It is really too bad as this has been going on for over a year. A number of people contacted me about this – there is nothing you can really do except complain to BT or Yahoo if you are affected and change your password. The only alternative is to change your email address.

That's it for this month. As always do drop me an email via my website ([www.dalescomputerservices.com](http://www.dalescomputerservices.com)) if you have a question or comment. **Carol Haynes**

**St Margaret's Church**  
**Hawes**



**SUMMER**  
**FAYRE**

**The Market Hall, Hawes**  
**on Saturday 27th July, 2013**

**From 10.30am**



**Coffee - Lunch - Tea**  
**Stalls - Cakes - Produce**  
**Books - Nearly New - White Elephant**  
**Raffle - Tombola**

## Best Foot Forward

### Along the Edge.

You won't seem many people on the 'other' side of Mallerstang—opposite to Wild Boar Fell— but it is just as dramatic. On a few previous occasions it was foggy, so on a promising day last month I set off to include the Edge in a walk from Appersett to Nateby.



The path towards Mossdale still has signposts (even a new one) which indicate the distances *increase* as you get nearer! Nevertheless I was soon at Collier Holme and looking up to, as the redoubtable seventeenth century Lady Anne described it, 'the end called Cotter'. She got carried up in a sedan chair while her entourage all stuck in the mud. It is much improved now, but still a weary slog. I usually come down it.

As you can imagine, the 'promising' day soon went off with a biting wind springing up, but from Cotter End, Lady Anne's High Way becomes quite level on easy limestone as it curves steadily clockwise with developing views first down Garsdale and then round to the very top of Wensleydale and towards Mallerstang. Near the ruin of High Dyke it is joined by the new Pennine Bridleway and for the next two and a half miles crosses several tumbling becks by ford or footbridge until reaching the best one of all at Hell Gill, the old boundary between Yorkshire and Westmorland.

A fenced plantation to the right used to boast the best bilberries round here. It's full of trees now! It is quite hellish looking into the gill.

From here the walk to the Edge begins, simply taking a straight line NNE over the Riggs and White Brow. There are no walls, few landmarks, but increasing all-round views and after a couple of miles the first part of the Edge appears. It was lunchtime for me. There was absolutely no shelter from the (still-continuing)wind, but a couple of Dinky-sized trains across the valley below Wild Boar, some skylarks trying to keep going and the distant 'piping' of a golden plover. So I didn't stay too long.

It is still a gradual rise to the Edge which twists and turns—Loven Scar, High Band, and

White Band with an easy tractor-track along the top but this looks at times as though it is leaving the edge, so one either wanders off to the left, or keeps to the track. I tried a bit of each but when reaching the main watershed between High Seat and High Pike returned to the Edge and started dropping down due north. I do not know where exactly! Somewhere along White Mea Bottom, then Green Hill, I suspect. Yes, I know you will say "GPS"; well I like the map, not that it is much



help around here, and the sheer joy of trying to make out which rounded hill is which, and which far distant fell has the Nine Standards on it, is my kind of fun. (To the concerned lady in Gayle: I did have my tiny old-fashioned mobile phone in case of disaster in boggy wilderness which I found myself in for a long time!) A few sheep tracks helped, and eventually another (or was it the previous one) faint tractor track appeared, plus a distant curving wall just north of Bells which I'd been hoping to see for some time!

From here following the boundary of the Open Access brings this walk gently to an end in Nateby, where in a cottage garden beside the lane, they were sunbathing. That's altitude and exposure for you!

If you like solitude, this is for you. I saw no-one from before Hell Gill until the sunbathers.

A.S.W.

## Askrigg Parish Walk

**Sunday 14th July** - Parish Walk leaving from The Cross in Askrigg at **2.00 pm**. A gentle walk to Stalling Busk, via Bainbridge where walkers can join or leave, and also enjoy some refreshments. Everyone is welcome to join in. Further details from **Elizabeth Guy (650671)**.

## £14,500 From Sell-out Event

Holidays, weekend breaks, several days' shooting, tickets for Robbie Williams and tickets for Twickenham - just some of the 60 lots that were generously donated to the Bell family for the recent Bid 'n' Boogie evening in Askrigg, which raised a staggering £14,500 for Yorkshire Cancer Research. The highest bid placed at the sell-out event was £600 for an apartment holiday in Portugal, second highest was the dinner party for eight from Susan and Laurence Allison at their home, Cogden Hall, which fetched £500, and a further £300 was paid for afternoon tea for twelve. "The amount raised from such a small community is amazing and we are all absolutely thrilled and delighted," said Sandra Bell, on behalf of herself, mum Anne and sister-in-law Kate. "It just shows how our close-knit community, with such great friendships, can pull together and get behind such a worthy cause." Sandra says it was Anne's idea to stage the event after taking inspiration from a similar one she attended. "After battling breast cancer herself over 10 years ago, mum felt she wanted to give something back and thought that raising money for Yorkshire Cancer Research was a way to do her bit to help others," she said.

Stuart Bell from Kirkby Stephen, Anne's brother-in-law, was the auctioneer - though his usual role is auctioneering livestock - and they sold 2,500 raffle tickets: first prize was a 22" flatscreen television with built in DVD player, donated by J.R. Iveson's of Hawes. "We are hugely grateful and want to express our thanks to individuals and businesses in and around Wensleydale for their generous donations and their help in the preparation, set-up and selling of raffle tickets," said Sandra. Even the hot roast beef for the supper was a gift, donated by Abbotside Events who did the roast, with the bread for the sandwiches given by J.W. Cockett and Son of Hawes. There was dancing to the Toni James band following the auction, the music deliberately delayed so as not to interfere with the Swaledale Festival concert at St Oswald's by the Renaissance choir from Durham - another sell-out event.

**Betsy Everett**

## Advance Notice

Spanish Afternoon, White Hart, Hawes  
Sunday August 11th

**T**here is eager anticipation amongst the staff, pupils and parents of Askrigg and Bainbridge primary schools. In

September, for the first time, there will be one Executive Headteacher to lead and manage both schools. Her name is **Miss Charlotte**



**Harper.** She lives in Wensleydale and is known by some, for her regular participation in the Wensleydale Tournament of Song. She will be leaving her current post in Ripon this term. Appointing

an Executive Headteacher was the main focus for the two governing bodies during the autumn and spring terms. Pupil members of both school councils took part in the two-day interview process in February, and now everyone is delighted to be welcoming Miss Harper on board. Already, she has been able to attend a few important events this term, in preparation for her start in September. When the existing Headteachers in each school left in 2012, the Governors at Askrigg and Bainbridge seized the opportunity to enter into a Collaboration. The two schools have formed a partnership to work together to ensure all the children have the best, most enjoyable education and reach the highest standards possible. It means there will be greater opportunities for pupils, staff, parents and members of the community, and ultimately, we hope, help to secure a future for our village schools. During this last school year, each school made alternative arrangements to ensure stability and continued progress. At Askrigg, the governors are very grateful to Mrs Clare Bastow for fulfilling her role as Acting Headteacher, and at Bainbridge, the governors are equally grateful to Mrs Maxine Price for being their part-time Headteacher and for guiding them successfully through their Ofsted inspection. The future is very exciting. It is a new era for primary schools everywhere, and in particular in rural areas such as ours. At Askrigg and Bainbridge, we are confident that Collaboration is the right course to take. Here is one of Miss Harper's favourite quotes:

**"Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today."**

She has the support of all staff, governors and parents as she takes on her new role as our Executive Headteacher and we wish her every success.

**Di Clegg, Chair of Askrigg Governors**

## Hawes School News

### Thank You

We are extremely grateful to the team at the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter, who have very kindly given us a donation of £600. This is to fund an exciting end of year workshop for the whole school led by Zoolab. Zoolab is an organisation which visits educational establishments with a range of exotic animals such as exotic frogs, tarantulas and giant snails for the children to see handle and learn more about. The company organise a range of different workshops, which are differentiated according to the age of the children involved.

The donation will also help to fund the swimming lessons booked for September for children in Years 3/4/5 and 6.



### Spot's Birthday Party

We got on a Fosters coach to go and see Spot's Birthday Party at Lancaster Grand Theatre. Soon we arrived and all of us were very excited to see Spot's Birthday Party.

We liked it all it was really amazing and great fun. We would like to thank everyone who helped.

### **Thomas Whitehead**

When we got back to school we had a Spot's Birthday picnic. Becky made some cupcakes and some juice and some strawberries and grapes. We had ham, cheese, egg and tuna sandwiches. It was a really special treat. Thank you Becky for this.

### **Isla Kitchingman**

### Class 3 River Walk

Class 3 went to Hardraw Force for their river topic.

Once we arrived at Hardraw we crossed the road carefully and went through the Green Dragon Inn to see Hardraw Force, stopping by the bandstand to have a drink. The bandstand was built under the rock cliff to allow good acoustics. When we saw the waterfall, it was plunging into the plunge pool. We sat on the

benches at the bandstand to have our lovely lunch provided by Becky. On the way back to school we walked part of the way alongside the River Ure. Even though it was exhausting we had a lovely time.

### **Kathryn Lindsey**



We would firstly like to thank the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter for their generous donation, with which we have purchased a new activity table for the children. They are really enjoying their time playing with it.

The children have been covering a topic about growing things. They are watching how our planted seeds are doing and are daily caring for them. We have been busy reading the hungry caterpillar and making a display all about it.

We have been playing outside a lot while the nice weather has been here which has been great for us all to burn off some energy.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> August Dalesplay will be doing the refreshments at the Hopper's Sale. Donations of cakes welcome!

For more information about places or funded places available in September please contact Dalesplay 667789

### **Louise Cloughhton**

## Bainbridge School News

Although Bainbridge Church of England Primary and Nursery School's most recent Ofsted report was a good one, head teacher, staff and governors still felt the school was lacking something.

They discussed it with the children and realised that, apart from the name on the notice-board, there was nothing to show it was a Church school. "There was a big white space on the wall at the front and we felt there should be something there," said acting head teacher, Maxine Price. "We're a Church of England School and proud of our Christian ethos so a cross was the obvious choice."

Staff and children came up with a unique and unusual design, Dales blacksmith Will Wilson was commissioned to make it, the parochial church council of St Oswald's Church, Askrigg, paid for it and the Rev Ann Chapman gave it her blessing. Children at Bainbridge Primary School enjoyed a cookery demonstration by local chef, Tristan Prudden, as part of their 'food and farming' project recently.

Tristan, who trained at Gordon Ramsay's Tante Marie Cookery Academy, before working at the prestigious Devonshire Arms Hotel



in Bolton Abbey, is now at the Aysgarth Falls Hotel and was delighted to visit the school and share his knowledge and skills. He uses quality local ingredients to produce wholesome meals, and thinks children are never too young to learn: he started cooking at home with mum, Karen, when he was just two.



"I wanted to try and inspire the children to make the effort to cook at home and to show them just how easy it can be to produce a quick, nutritious meal," said Tristan.

The next step is for the children to visit a professional kitchen where they can learn about the environment in which food is prepared.

## West Burton School News

The Class 2 pupils of West Burton School participated in the Kwik Cricket tournament at the Wensleydale School on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June. The whole of Class 2 were split into two teams of ten; team 1 played two matches and team 2 played three. Myles Robinson, captain of team 2, stated, "The results were promising." Team two won one game and lost two. Joe Beaton captain of team 1 commented, "I thought we played well and put in our best efforts even though it was very warm." Each team played well for their first attempt even though we didn't have time for much practice. It is coming to the end of the term and the Year 6s are practising their leavers' play and the storyline is still unknown by the other years. The secretary, Mrs Greenslade, is helping out with the performance. The Year 6s and staff are refusing to tell anyone about it, so still it remains a secret until the last assembly on the last day of term.

**Sophie Preston, Joe Beaton and Jack Greenslade**

## Penhill Benefice Events

### July

- 2 St. Andrew's Drop in for Coffee; Cross House, Carperby; 10.00am to noon. Proceeds for church and a charity of the host's choice.
- 3 Bolton-cm-Redmire coffee club; Gordon Lodge, Redmire; 10.30am to noon
- 22 Prayer Fellowship, Carperby vicarage; 7.30pm
- 27 to 11 August: "2013 Stories from the Dales"; an exhibition of paintings and poetry. Holy Trinity Wensley, 10.00am to 5.00pm

### Pupils Join in the Façade Performance

As part of the Swaledale Festival, pupils from year 5 and 6 were invited to take part in the Façade Performance at Aysgarth Church.

Façade was written by Edith Sitwell as a type of chanting set to music. Rosi Keating worked with us all in school and we really enjoyed working with her because she was really excited and always happy. She helped us learn all the pieces of music and words that we had to learn off by heart. Façade is proper words but you wouldn't normally put those



words together, a bit like nonsense poems. For example: *When the vanilla coloured ladies ride and satin bouquets of foam.* We practised for two months on Thursday mornings and went to Reeth School for rehearsals, which wasn't always good because the travelling made some of us feel sick.

On the day of the performance we went to Aysgarth church to rehearse the whole thing. A lot of us were really nervous because all the other performers were there and they were really good. It was really hot in the church when we were practising and we were glad when we went home and got some fresh air. At the performance we had to wear bright coloured clothes and look as silly as we could so that we stood out in the audience and because silly people go with silly poems. We all had to stand at the front and the other performers moved around. We all enjoyed it and had a great time.

**Rosie and Jodie Y5**

### Heavens Above



Look low in the south this month and you'll see one of the reddest of all the really bright stars - Antares - 'the Rival of Mars'. Antares is a colossal supergiant around 500 times the size of our own Sun. Placed at the centre of the solar system it would swallow up all of the inner planets including the Earth and Mars and reach right out to the orbit of Jupiter! Like many stars of its type Antares pulsates slightly in size changing in brightness as it does so. Many million years from now it will become completely unstable and explode as a brilliant supernova outshining every other star in the sky.

Antares marks the heart of Scorpius, one of the old Zodiacal constellations. In ancient Greek mythology Scorpius is meant to represent the scorpion which killed the boastful hunter, Orion, by stinging him on the heel. Both Orion and the Scorpion were placed in the sky by the Gods but on opposite sides, so that they can never repeat their encounter - when Orion sets, Scorpius rises and vice versa.

Scorpius is a superb constellation almost rivalling Orion in splendour, so it's a real shame that we can never see all of it from our part of the world. We only get a good view of its northern section. To see the southern part - its distinctive curved tail and the curl of stars forming its 'Stinger' - you'll have to travel to more southerly latitudes. A good excuse for a holiday in warmer climes!

The core of the Galaxy lies a little to the east of Antares, in the constellation of Sagittarius the Archer, and on dark moonless Summer nights the dense star clouds in this part of the sky are really conspicuous. If you can find a location well away from street lights a pair of low powered binoculars will show you the lovely pale band of the Milky Way streaming up from the horizon towards the three bright stars of the Summer Triangle high overhead. A glorious sight. Have clear skies!

**Al Bireo**

## Hawes Midsummer Bash 2013

Local Midsummer Bash Organiser and Promoter Di Blades is embarking on the 11<sup>th</sup> Midsummer Bash held in Hawes with the beautiful backdrop of the foothills of the Wensleydale National Park.



For those of you who haven't heard of our very own Glastonbury, The Midsummer Bash is a music festival for all the family with a fantastic line up of bands from our surrounding area, huge stage and amazing lighting, beer tent and food served by The Burger Queen. With the event holding 1000 people it is clear that it brings a huge surge of tourism to the town with pubs, B&Bs and shops all feeling the benefit. In fact it was noted that when the event had to be cancelled last year all the hoteliers noticed a huge drop in numbers. Although this event brings much needed tourism to the town it is an event that the local people of Wensleydale look forward to all year. During a hard summer season for all local people whether it is farmers with hay timing or people working in the service industry it is a great opportunity for all to get together and have a good time in a safe and family friendly environment. The Bash enjoys huge support from Hawes and High Abbotside Parish Council by allowing the event to use the Community Field and many of the

local businesses and Di would like to take this opportunity to thank those for their support.

The music played at the bash is varied so there is something to please everyone from Blues and Jazz to Rock and Pop this really is an event for everyone. Appearing in this year's line up and kicking this year's Bash off are The Anything Goes Orchestra who are a Ukulele based band playing classic Jazz, Swing, pop and punk music. The combination of the ukuleles to big bass, washboard and kazoo creates an amazing big band sound. Next introducing a new comer with a huge future, Hannah Lamb. Hannah is a regular at open mike spots in her home town of Rothbury in Northumberland but her sublime vocal style together with a stunning talent for reinterpretations and mash-ups has led to a string of summer festival appearances throughout the region. Hannah plays a mix of contemporary and classic songs in her own distinctive style. Regulars to Hawes are up next and they are Sugartown, who are a song writing partnership made up of Rebecca Reynard and Wayne Hawson. Their music has influences from Pink, The Script and The Cranberries plus many more.

Citizen Smith are a fun and bouncy band that love nothing more than to get the crowd moving their playlist includes songs from The Zutons, Supergrass, Kings of Leon, The Rolling Stones and The Undertones. Bash newcomers are Rising who play classic blistering rock, including BonJovi, Whitesnake, Journey and Van Halen and will be sure to get the crowds jumping.

The band that are headlining this year are the North of England's well known band The Exploding Buddhas. This year they are celebrating the band's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Buddhas play songs from The Sex Pistols, The Clash and take in the best of the last 3 decades including The Jam, Blondie, Oasis and The Foot Fighters. With missing a year last year it is safe to say this year's Midsummer Bash is eagerly awaited by locals and tourists alike.

For more information on The Midsummer Bash contact **Di Blades on 07773 436105**.

### **We Need To Talk About Ivy**

Driving around the countryside is a very sobering affair these days. Trees with a heavy ivy infestation seem to be the norm rather than the exception. They are everywhere: on major and minor roadsides; in hedgerows; farmland; private gardens and estates; popular walks and beauty spots. Even the big landscape trees are not spared from this fate, waving their few remaining branches in grotesque desperation, their main body already consumed by a looming ivy canopy.

Yet, Ivy *Hedera* may be the biggest, curable tree disease of our time! Ivy is not a parasitic plant, but it does out-compete their hosts for light and water, eventually smothering them. The trees are left top heavy and vulnerable to winter gales. Whether the tree was healthy or not, does not make a difference to ivy, it climbs everything, if left unchecked. Many locals from Teesdale and North Yorkshire, for instance, will notice a difference in the landscape in 5, 10 and 15 years from now, when thousands of big trees have disappeared. I know a few visitors from continental Europe, who notice this unsettling development. Americans, Australians and New Zealanders already recognise ivy as a growing problem in their own countries and have established ivy control groups. I am currently working with the "Civic Pride Team" of Durham County Council, looking into land ownership and into the possibility of forming a group of volunteers, working with council and landowners to control ivy infestation. After all, it is easier to cut a few stems of ivy, than to deal with the many different consequences of losing mature trees in our area, not only from a landscape point of view, but also in regard to the ecological, climatic and economic balance of our countryside, which affects us all. Groups and individuals interested in this new Civic Pride Project are encouraged to see the *Teesdale Mercury* for further developments and the establishment of an Ivy Control Group in your area.

#### **Tips on Cutting Ivy**

If you want to have a go at controlling ivy growth on your favourite trees or hedges

yourself, please observe a few simple rules: Using a folding hand pruning saw, cut the stems of the ivy, where ever it is easiest, around the trunk of the tree, without injuring the tree bark. Also, don't try to pull the ivy from the tree as this can damage bark and branches of the tree as well as disturbing any nesting birds. Refrain from cutting ivy on trees, hedges and any other structure that have nesting birds in them.

**Sophie Ebeling, Barnard Castle**

### **Leyburn Bowling Club**

Leyburn's excellent start to the 2013 bowls season has continued with 6 wins from our first 6 matches including victory over last season's champions Hutton Rudby. Only 14 matches to go! The winners of our club pairs competition on the 9<sup>th</sup> June were Peter Nicholas and Chris King with Hazel Doig and Barry Richardson runners up. Ten teams entered and for once we had beautiful sunny weather. Finally, can we please remind everyone that the club are holding a Car Boot Sale at Craken House Field Farm, Harmby Road, Leyburn ( opposite Tennants ) on Sunday 7th July starting at 8am, in aid of club funds. . As well as the Car Boot Sale itself there will be a tombola and sizzling bacon butties will be available

**Mervyn Buckley**

### **Chorus**

The Wensleydale Chorus will be performing Mendelssohn's *Elijah* for their 2013 programme.

Professional Soloists take the solo parts and this year we are pleased to welcome Charlotte Jackson – Soprano, Emma Wardell - Alto, Nicholas Devlin – Tenor, Jolyon Dodgson -Bass and Greg Smith accompanying.

Performances will take place at St Oswald's Church, Askrigg on **July 20th** and St John's Church in East Witton on **27th July**.

Tickets are £6.00 and are available on the door and the performance begins at **7.30pm**.

## Prunings

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

A little sun, a little rain and unprecedented warmth: suddenly the earth explodes into life. In only a few days the roadside verges, which were peppered with buttercups and stitchwort, become engulfed in green, and the statuesque forms of the meadow sweet, cow parsley and sweet cicely rear up at the back: a sort of wild herbaceous border. Soon we shall have the cranesbills poking through and the sturdy native campanulas will display their lovely bells in subtle shades of blue and white. I once earmarked a particularly pretty blue one to steal some seeds. I waited until the flowers had faded and the seed pods looked nearly ripe, then carefully purloined one of them keeping it safe to dry in a paper bag. – as you do. When it failed to release any seeds I cut it open with surgical precision, and a kitchen knife. Sadly I had been too late in the first place, and the seeds were long gone, presumably very fine, they had escaped through a tiny hole at the back. – You live and learn. I've just taken cuttings from *Mrs Popple*, my most reliable fuchsia. It has lived for many years in a south facing position against the front wall. This winter razed it to the ground, but, as ever it has survived even though it was almost smothered when the wall was hacked out for pointing in the autumn. In a mild winter some stems usually live through it and the following summer it looks like a climber, - not this year. My favourite fuchsia is *Jack Shahan*. It is not a hardy variety, but I have succeeded in preserving one plant in my unheated greenhouse. I shall certainly propagate from it and I put its



survival down to having let it dry out before the worst of the frosts. I always look carefully for the first tiny green shoots in such cases, because when they appear it is very easy to

overwater and lose the plant because it either drowns or damps off. Outside, the only other varieties that have made it are *Riccartonii* (small leaves, small dark flowers and quite common in hedgerows in the South East) and *Magellanica Alba* (small leaves and flowers which are white with a hint of pink) The latter two usually survive in the North if they have managed to create a good root system, although they might leave it quite late before they risk putting up new shoots. One of my unexpected rewards has been the *Phlomis*, which I grew from seed last year having borrowed the seed from a neighbour's garden. To be fair they didn't look much by the end of last season, but this time they are spectacular. That's another one to add to my list of plants that are as tough as old boots. This spectacular surge of growth means of course, that there are weeds everywhere and I shall never catch up with the problem. I much prefer to work with those plants which will reward me with beautiful blossom or foliage. Good luck! And whatever you grow, take time to enjoy it.

**Rose Rambler.**

### **Tour de France Activities Group**

A meeting has been arranged as a joint initiative between Richmondshire District Council, the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, and Hawes and High Abbotside Parish Council for anyone who would like to be a part of a group tasked with arranging activities in Hawes before, during and after The Tour de France, which will pass through the town on Saturday July 5th, 2014. The invitation is extended to all local businesses, social, voluntary and community organisations, and interested individuals - you will all be welcome to attend. This really is a fantastic opportunity to join together to help make The Tour de France 2014 a lasting legacy for the town and to show the rest of the world what Hawes has to offer. The meeting will be held in The Dales Countryside Museum at **6.00pm on the 10th July**. Please contact

Abi Bromirskyj on:

[abi.bromirskyj@richmondshire.gov.uk](mailto:abi.bromirskyj@richmondshire.gov.uk)

**01748 827033** if you wish to attend by 8th July. If you are unable to do this then please just turn up on the night !



## DCM What's On

### July

- 6 Animation workshop; 10.00am to 2.00pm. Come and make your own props and short film. Free event..Booking advised
- 7 Rugmaking workshop; 11.00am to 4.00pm. Learn to make rugs with Heather Ritchie. Booking essential, £15 includes all material
- 9 An illustrated talk looking at how the Red squirrel competes with the Grey squirrel for habitation and future conservation
- 13 Local food: Taste of the past; 10.00am to 3.00pm. Drop in and sample foods of the past. Part of the Festival of British Archaeology
- 14 Pathfinder Intermediate; 10.30am to 4.30pm. A full day's navigation course, mostly outdoors covering map reading, grid references and compass work. Unsuitable for children. Cost £10
- 19 Evening lecture: Metcalfe history, 7.30pm. Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum. Gift Day. Bring your donations and enjoy a talk by Viv Metcalf. £2
- 21 Archaeology: 10.00am to 4.30pm. Drop-in event with Keith Webster, who will show us how to look at finds and what they can tell us
- 24 Birds in the Dales: An illustrated talk with Wildlife Conservation Officer, Ian Court. Free event. 2.00 to 3.00pm.
- 26 The Victorian farmhouse kitchen, the work in the farmhouse diary. 11.00am to 3.00pm.
- 27 Archaeology drop-in: 10.00am to 4.30pm. Keith Webster will describe prehistoric monuments, landscapes and explore equinox alignments
- 27 Hawes Town Trail. 1.15 to 3.15pm. An easy 2 mile walk looking at the history, industry and buildings in the town
- 2 Moth identification: 11.00am to 1.00pm Join Park Area Ranger, Paul Wilkinson for this moth identification workshop
- 30 Drystone walling demonstration: 12.30pm. Meet in the amphitheatre for demonstration and talk about this traditional rural craft
- 31 Animation workshop: 10.00am to 4.00pm. Come and make your own props and short film. Booking Advised.

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

### Marssett's Thanks

A great big thank you to Barbara and Stan Roocroft and the Young Voices for their excellent concert at Marssett Chapel on Sunday afternoon (June 16th).

Barbara and Stan have come for twenty years, first with their own children, and now with grandchildren and many other children who are given a chance to enjoy singing.

What a pleasure it was to hear them! Thank you.

### Coast to Coast Cycle Ride

#### in Memory of Reg Fagg

On July 9<sup>th</sup>, James, Andrew and Jonathan Fagg, along with partners/friends are setting off to challenge the Coast to Coast Cycle ride from Whitehaven to Sunderland – 135 miles in 3 days! The aim of the ride is to raise awareness about motor neurone disease, an illness that so cruelly took Reg from us nearly three years ago. All sponsorship/donations will be very gratefully received and split between The Motor Neurone Society and a new piece of play equipment for the park in Hawes. For more information or to donate, please call in at The Chippie, Hawes.

## **Surgery News**

### **Dr Holubecki-France**

By the time you read this, Dr Holubecki-France should have returned to his duties, having made a complete recovery from his serious illness. May we thank all who have offered their best wishes, and everyone for their help and patience over the last 3 months. This episode has brought home to us the risks to their own health that our doctors are running by operating as a 3-doctor practice, and just how fragile the provision of services to you becomes when a doctor falls ill.

### **Practice Funding**

Many of you will have seen press reports and items on the TV news about the latest threat to the future of rural general practices, and in particular the ability of your practice to continue offering services from two surgeries. This is all due to a new GP contract imposed from this April by NHS England (what the Department of Health calls itself in England).

One aspect of this contract is that a funding stream called the Minimum Practice Income Guarantee (MPIG), which many deeply rural GP

practices depend upon, is to be gradually withdrawn from next April. This funding forms about one sixth of our total, so there is no way that we can continue as things are when it is withdrawn. These are not proposals; this is written into the contract and will happen if the government is allowed to get away with it. It is not as if this funding needs to be cut in order to save money. Instead, our cash will be distributed to GP practices in the towns and cities. You can be sure that Dr West and I will fight this all the way, just as we did in 2008 when the Dept of Health tried to finish us off by proposing the ending of GP dispensing of medicines. They lost then; they must be made to lose now. As well as raising awareness in the media, we have been busy lobbying MPs. I had a meeting with William Hague in mid June. He has offered to lead a delegation to lobby NHS England. As I write,

I have a further meeting coming up with Tim Farron, MP for Lonsdale and West-

moreland. Some of our patients are his constituents. He is president of the Lib-Dems, and several GP practices in his South Lakeland constituency are under similar threat to yours.

In a recent letter responding to your local patients' consultative group, Upper Dales Healthwatch, the secretary of state for health, Jeremy Hunt, appeared to pass the buck to NHS England. As I pointed out to William Hague, it is not NHS England that will be voted out of office in May 2015... We are greatly encouraged by all the expressions of support that we have received since the story broke. You can help by expressing your views in the local and regional press, and by lobbying your MP. Mr Hague can be contacted at his constituency office:-

Unit 1, Omega Business Village, Thurston Road

Northallerton, DL6 2NJ

Tel **01609 779093**

Email him at [haguew@parliament.uk](mailto:haguew@parliament.uk)

Let me be clear about this. For as long as I am practice manager at The Central Dales Practice, you will be served by Aysgarth surgery.

### **Dr Mary Carnegie-Brown**

Now for some good news. Some of you will have seen Dr Carnegie-Brown (Dr Brown) in surgery over the last few weeks. She has been working as a locum GP during Dr Holubecki-France's absence. I am delighted to tell you that Dr Brown will be joining the practice as a part-time partner from July 1<sup>st</sup>. Educated at St. Andrews and Manchester universities, Dr Brown began her career as a medical officer and GP in the army, working at a number of locations around the world. Since leaving the army Dr Brown has worked at Catterick Village practice and the Hallgarth practice at Shildon, as well as working as a locum for many practices in our locality. She comes very highly recommended by the GPs she has worked with, and we are very pleased to have her on board. Dr Brown will work 2 days each week. When all the partners are around, she will work Mondays and Tuesdays. When any of her colleagues are on

holiday, she will work mid-late weekdays. This means that when all the Docs are here, there will be 2 doctors on at Hawes and Aysgarth Mondays and Tuesdays. I am sure you will all make Dr Brown feel very welcome; she is certainly looking forward to seeing her new patients.

#### **NHS 111**

I am assured that this service will finally go live Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. For serious life-threatening medical emergencies, dial 999 as before.

For medical problems that cannot wait until your surgery re-opens; Between 18.00-18.30 and 08.00-08.30 Monday-Friday, call your surgery and you will be given a number to ring for our answering service, which will only be available during these times. Between 18.30-08.00 Monday-Friday, all day weekends and bank holidays call 111.

The NHS 111 call-handlers will take your details and will direct you to the most appropriate NHS service. NHS 111 is available 24/7 but I would recommend that you call your surgery during working hours. You can contact your surgery 08.30-18.00 Monday-Friday. Hawes surgery **667200**. Aysgarth surgery **663 222**. NHS 111 replaces the NHS Direct service.

**Clive West**

#### **Lost Sheep in Yellow Jerseys**

From July 5th to September 5th you are likely to spot sheepy models or pictures in all kinds of places and businesses. This is an initiative by the Dales Tourism Business Network to promote the area.

Visitors will be encouraged to post photographs on Facebook of any they have spotted, with the business name. "The sillier the better" say the promoters!

**Mick and Abbie Rhodes**  
of Rhodes Pet and Garden  
would like to thank everyone for their  
custom as they celebrate their fifth  
anniversary of being open.

#### **Sycamore Hall News**

Residents are making the most of the glorious weather we are having at the present. People are walking out, sitting outside the front amongst the beds of flowers which create an alluring environment but not only at the front, we have a very attractive delightful garden round the back of the hall, with two or three seating bays to relax in. Responsible for the garden set out and the rearing of the plants and flowers now blooming in the beds around the hall are two of our residents, Michael and Colin. Full credit to them for their devotion, skill and the voluntary time given to grant us this floral display. Their skill in greenhouse care is also able to be seen by the way things are moving in the culture of tomatoes and cucumbers which are growing rapidly.

The entertainment for Dementia Awareness Week went down very well; a well conducted quiz in the morning and then in the afternoon a musical film was shown in the lounge. Expressions of enjoyment could mean this could become a monthly event with a different show each time (something to think about).

If anybody feels like joining us on these days please come along, you will be very welcome (and it's free). Ring Michelle on 030 70 192 4055 for dates. I have just been notified about the entertainment booked for the next few weeks.

"Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" for June 21st and on June 26th Tony and his keyboard.

I get a lot of pleasure watching the birds from my lounge window, and in particular I took an interest in a pair of crows building a large nest in the top of one of the trees. After a week or so the nest was finished but then a lot of fighting seemed to take place round about the nest. In a while things seemed to settle down but then I noticed that overnight the nest completely disappeared, not a trace of it left. Are there any bird lovers who could explain the reason for this mystery?

**Derek Ramsden**

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

**July**

- "For Penhill Benefice events, see p.15
- "For Gayle Mill events, see p.6
- 6 Midsummer Bash. See p.17
- 6 Keld to Muker wild flower walk.  
10.00am. **01748 886845** for details
- 6 Guided walk: Mallerstang magic. Meet  
Garsdale Station, 10.30am. 8 miles
- 6, 14, 21 Hawes Cricket Club at home:  
2.00pm.
- 7 Guided walk: Kisdon circular. Meet  
Keld 11.00am 6.5 miles
- 7 Carperby Open Gardens. See p. 24
- 7 Hawes Methodist Church: Centenary  
Service for present Chapel. See p.7
- 9 YDNPA Planning Committee;  
Yoredale, 1.00pm.
- 9-11 Great Yorkshire Show
- 12 Filling Station, Thornborough Hall,  
11, 25 Wensleydale Country Market,  
Leyburn Methodist Hall; 10.00am to  
12.30pm.  
Leyburn. 7.00pm. **667841** for details
- 13 Guided walk: Semerwater circular.  
Meet foreshore, 1.00pm. 5 miles
- 14 Wild Wednesday-bugs and beetles.  
Aysgarth Falls N Pk. Centre.  
11.00am-3.00pm. **662910** for details
- 14 Aysgarth Methodist Church; service  
at 6.30pm.
- 14 Methodist Churches: 'Action for  
Children' Sunday
- 14 Bellerby Open Gardens and  
Scarecrow Trail; 11.00am to 4.00pm.
- 14 Askrigg Parish Walk. See p.12
- 16 Coffee Morning for Hawes W.I.  
Methodist rooms, 7.00pm.
- 17 Bolton Castle: Romeo and Juliet.  
Ring **623981** for details and  
booking. See p. 6
- 18 Hawes W.I. "Fans". Methodist rooms,  
7.00pm.
- 19 Museum Friends Gift Day; 'Metcalf  
History'. 7.30pm'
- 19 Muker Band at St. Margaret's,  
Hawes. See p.4
- 19, 21 Preston Arts and Crafts  
Exhibition. See p.7
- 21 Introduction to Blacksmithing; Gayle  
Mill. See p.6
- 21 Stones mines and stone circle. Meet  
Aysgarth Falls N Pk. Centre,  
1.00pm 6 miles

- 24 Wild Wednesday-meadow magic.  
See the 14th for details
- 24, 31 Dales Discovery evenings; Hawes  
Methodist Church. See p.11
- 27 Hawes Town Trail. Meet Dales  
Countryside Museum, 1.15pm.
- 27 St. Margaret's, Hawes, Summer Fayre.  
See p.11
- 27, 28 Bolton Castle; Tournee, 14th  
century event
- 28 Bainbridge Methodist Church service  
in Sycamore Hall
- 28 Table Top Sale, Hawes Market Hall,  
for School funds
- 29 Annual Kings Club starts; Askrigg  
School and Low Mill. (Family BBQ  
3rd Aug at 5.00pm)
- 29-Aug 2. Bolton Castle 'Marvellous  
Middle Ages'
- 30 Coffee Morning and stalls. Hawes  
Methodist rooms, 10.00am to noon

**Anniversary Specials!**

The Tenth Anniversary of the return of passenger trains to Wensleydale Railway is on **Thursday July 4th**, with events over the week-end to mark the anniversary. On Sunday July 7th there will be a rail/coach excursion from Leeming Bar to Carperby Open Gardens (why not arrange to meet friends or relatives who live down the dale at Carperby?) and a special train will run from Leeming Bar to Northallerton West on Sunday afternoon. Enquiries and bookings for these events to WR, tel: **08454 50 54 74**.

Other rail-related events in July include Open Days at Aysgarth station (**Sat/Sun July 20th/21st from 10.00am to 4.00pm**); Leyburn 1940s week-end. (**Sat/Sun July 27th/28th**) and an Afternoon Tea Train on Sunday July 28th. Scheduled services run throughout July \*except Wednesdays and Thursdays, and every day in August and September. Please check timetable for train times for day and date of travel or see [www.wensleydalerailway.com](http://www.wensleydalerailway.com)

**Ruth Annison**

## Hawes Surgery Rota

www.centraldalespractice.co.uk

Tel:- 01969 667 200

	Week One		Week Two		Week Three		Week Four		Week One	
	~July 1st Dr West on holiday		~July 8th Dr West on holiday		~15th July Dr West on holiday		22nd July		^29th July Dr Brown on holiday	
	a.m	p.m	a.m	p.m	a.m	p.m	a.m	p.m	a.m	p.m
Monday	Dr Jones	Dr Jones	Dr France	Dr France	Dr France	Dr France	Dr France	Dr France	Dr France	Dr France
	Antenatal		Antenatal		Antenatal		Antenatal		Dr Jones	Dr Jones
Tuesday	Dr France	Dr France	Dr Jones	Dr Jones	Dr Jones	Dr Jones	Dr West	Dr West	Dr West	Dr West
							Dr Jones	Dr Jones		
Wednesday	Dr Jones	Dr Jones	Dr France	Dr France	Dr Brown	Dr Brown	Dr West	Dr West	Dr France	Dr France
Thursday	Dr France	Dr France	Dr Jones	Dr Jones	Dr Jones	Dr Jones	Dr Jones	Dr Jones	Dr West	Dr West
Friday	Dr Brown	Dr Brown	Dr Brown	Dr Brown	Dr France	Dr France	Dr France	Dr France	Dr Jones	Dr Jones

Surgery Times:- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 08.45am to 10.15am & 5pm to 6pm  
Tuesday 08.45am to 10.45am & 1pm to 4pm

All evening surgeries & the Tuesday afternoon surgery by appointment only

\* Dr Jones on holiday

# Dr France on holiday

~ Dr West on holiday

Ante - natal clinic every Monday @ 10.30am

^Dr Brown on holiday

Child Health Surveillance 2nd Wednesday & 3rd Thursday monthly @ 2pm to 4pm

Please give 48 hours notice when ordering repeat prescriptions

Routine doctors visits in Swaledale every Friday. Medicines delivered to Keld, Thwaite, Swaledale

Woolens in Muker, & Gunnerside. Please order medicines by Wednesday for Friday delivery

Routine doctors visits to Dentdale & Garsdale every Monday. Medicines delivered to Dent Post Office

## Aysgarth Surgery Rota

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Tel:- 01969 663 222

	Week One		Week Two		Week Three		Week Four		Week One	
	~1st July Dr West on holiday		~8th July Dr West on holiday		~15th July Dr West on holiday		22nd July		^29th July Dr Brown on holiday	
	a.m	p.m	a.m	p.m	a.m	p.m	a.m	p.m	a.m	p.m
Monday	Dr France	Dr France	Dr Jones	Dr Jones	Dr Jones	Dr Jones	Dr Jones	Dr Jones	Dr West	Dr West
	Antenatal		Antenatal		Antenatal		Antenatal		Antenatal	
Tuesday	Dr Jones	Dr Jones	Dr France	Dr France	Dr France	Dr France	Dr France	Dr France	Dr France	Dr Jones
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Thursday	Dr Jones	Dr Jones	Dr France	Dr France	Dr France	Dr France	Dr France	Dr France	Dr France	Dr France
Friday	Dr France	Dr France	Dr Jones	Dr Jones	Dr Brown	Dr Brown	Dr West	Dr West	Dr West	Dr West

Morning surgery Times:- Monday to Friday 9am to 10.30am (no appointment necessary)

Evening surgery times:- Monday to Friday 4pm - 5.30pm (appointments *only*)

Rota subject to alteration at short notice when a doctor is on holiday

\* Dr Jones on holiday

# Dr France on holiday

~ Dr West on holiday

Child Health Surveillance 1st & 3rd Wednesday monthly at 9.30 to 11.30 am

Ante - natal clinic every Monday 2pm

^Dr Brown on holiday

Please give 48 hours notice when ordering repeat prescriptions

Medicines delivered every weekday to Askrigg, Bainbridge, Carperby, Redmire, West Witton

& West Burton

### Carperby ...

opens its gardens again this year on **Sunday July 7th** and this will be our 23rd year. As usual we will be serving our famous mouth watering refreshments and welcoming people from all corners of the country and beyond

Approximately 20 gardens will be open and Reeth Silver band will entertain in the afternoon. Off-road parking available All for the charge of £3.50 accompanied children free Money raised is for the upkeep of the Village Hall.

**Pat Jackson**

### Elaine and Tom Ewbank Askrigg Playgroup...

are hosting a ladies pamper and shopping evening on **Friday 26th July 7.00pm** at Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge. Tickets are £5 which includes a glass of wine or fruit juice.

Tickets can be purchased by calling **Louise Alder 650727**, or **Alice Thwaite** in Sycamore shop or any Askrigg Playgroup mum or on the night.

Come and enjoy a fun filled night out.

**Louise Alder**

## Hawes Gala

*(Stop press! A brief mention )*

Well, the weather wasn't quite as bad as last year– the marquee stood up! It was a nice change to see the procession led by horses and riders from the Wensleydale Trekkers, most appropriate for the *Country and Western* theme which provided some good fancy dress ideas, not least *Cowboy Builders!*

The mood was up-beat as Alison Wade set things going in the Market Place and the Gala Queen was driven off in an open-topped car.

The new Gala Queen selectee for next year is **Megan Iveson**. The annual window display winner is shown below.



**Congratulations!**  
**Rachel on your 40th birthday**  
**July 10th**  
 Wishing you health and happiness.  
 Love always.  
 Dad, Mum, Mike, Diane, Stuart,  
 Kathy, Owen and Lily.

**Happy 40th birthday**  
**Rachel**  
**July 10th**  
 Lots of love from Andrew, Holly,  
 Daisy and Jake  
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## New Park Management Plan

Nethergill Farm in Wharfedale, just over Fleet Moss from Hawes, was the scene of the launch of a new National Park Management Plan in June. The plan outlines what needs to be done in the next five to ten years to keep the Yorkshire Dales special. It is the product of a partnership of councils, government agencies, local farmers and tourism businesses and comes after extensive consultation with both visitors and locals.

YDNPA chairman, Carl Lis, stressed how crucial people were to the welfare of the park and that the future of the area depended very much on those who live, work or visit here. Chris and Fiona Clark, who live at Nethergill Farm, added that the landscape of the Yorkshire Dales was a tremendous asset to what goes on in the area and the Management Plan was designed to protect that asset. The plan is available at:

[www.yorkshiredalesmanagementplan.org.uk](http://www.yorkshiredalesmanagementplan.org.uk).

### Reminder

Will those with tickets to see Zeke Deighton in Thoralby please remember the re-arranged date:

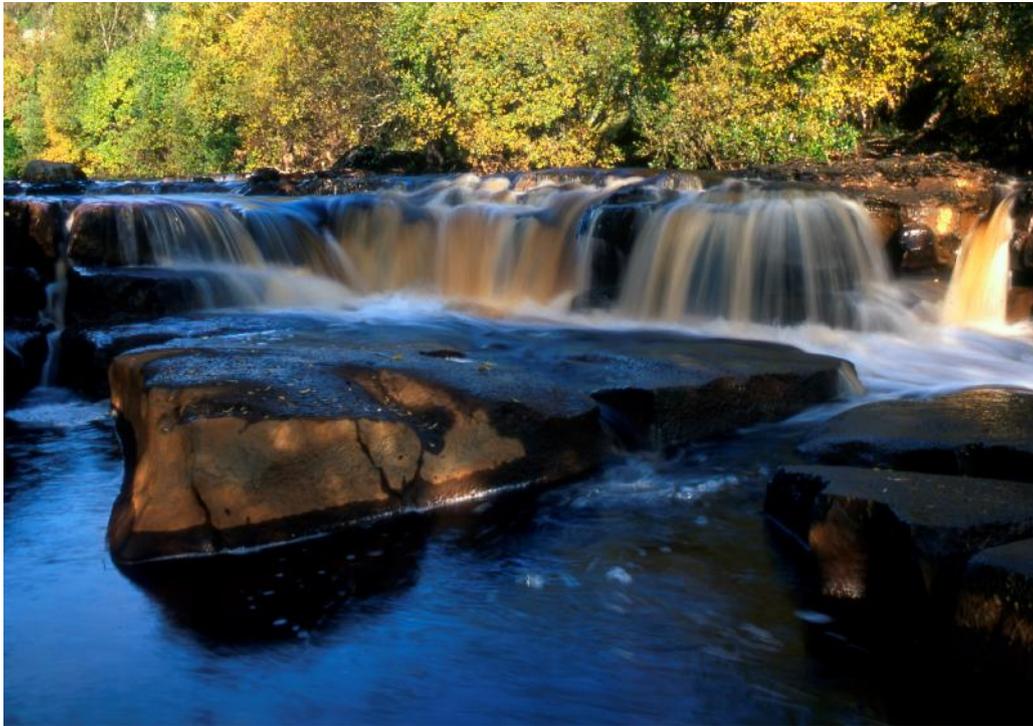
**Saturday July 13th at 7.00 for 7.30pm.**

#### Drop-off points and contacts

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

<b>Hawes:</b>	Alan S. Watkinson, Burnside Coach House. 667785	
<b>Gayle:</b>	Lorna Ward, East House	667405
<b>Bainbridge:</b>	Sylvia Crookes, 3, Bainside	650525
<b>Askrigg:</b>	Rima Berry, 8 Mill Lane	650980
<b>Carperby:</b>	Margaret Woodcock, Bella Cottage	663488
<b>West Burton:</b>	Nadine Bell, Margaret's Cottage	663559
<b>Aysgarth:</b>	Hamilton's Tearoom	663423
<b>Redmire:</b>	see Carperby above	
<b>Thoralby:</b>	Sandra Foley, Shop	663205





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