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## Editorial

“We were only joking”; “It was only for a laugh”. Anyone familiar with teenagers will have heard things like that. Insensitivity can be their trademark, and the consequences of such words or actions can be hurtful or sometimes devastating. It is bad enough when we know the people “joking”, but when, as has been in the recent news, anonymous social media messages have snowballed and led to the tragic deaths of young people, then this is no joking matter.

We’ve said before that the benefits of the Internet to ease and speed up communication are fantastic; possibly even more so in the finding of information. However, when exchanging personal messages, the comparisons with face to face encounters or using the phone are huge; no immediate conversation, no chance to say ‘hang on a minute, what do you really mean’, and no telling the ‘mood’ of the message. You can even pick that up in a phone call – ‘hearing’ a smile. You can walk away; you can put the phone down; harder to stop emails or tweets.

Apparently there are a growing number of abusive messages on the popular ‘Trip Adviser’ too. Are these in the category “We were only joking”? Such things can devastate businesses.

So it can be easy to be abusive. Is it only in the anonymity of the Web? Are we going through a stage of more aggressive language? Is it only the young? Are more people getting a perverse pleasure by being rude? These days, an unguarded remark or a politician’s rant can be round the world in no time. Attitudes can be quickly formed without knowing the facts or the background, and society so easily becomes more divided.

Have you noticed some people’s attitudes in shops, cafes, bars? ‘Can’t wait’, ‘me first’. Obviously not all service staff have done a ‘Welcome Host’ course! But is the ‘customer always right’ (as the phrase goes)?

To a large extent this last month, with Parliament in recess, we’ve heard less from most politicians, but soon the aggressiveness, and point-scoring of (schoolboy?) House of Commons Question Time will be with us again. Some council meetings can also turn abusive. This is not to say we shouldn’t make our point clearly, even pas-

sionately, but do we need to demolish another’s confidence or reputation or worse, just because of a differing point of view.

Society is better at every level when we can speak peace to one another. Do you remember these words?: “A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.” We can all do with remembering that!

On a more positive note, is it all that hard to say ‘thank you’ or ‘well done’ when pleased with the service provided? It really does make a difference!

## Greetings

### Kit Halliwell

Kit and family would like to thank everyone for their support and kindness over the past year

### GOLDEN WEDDING

BELL - Eric and Kathleen formerly of Little Ings, Gayle, now Cragg Hill Road, Horton in Ribblesdale, Settle.

Congratulations Mum and Dad on your Golden Wedding Anniversary  
September 21st.  
Love and Best Wishes  
From All the Family.

### Happy 60th birthday Nana 10th September 2013

Lots of love from Chloe and Jessica  
xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

**Happy 60th Mum  
10th September 2013**  
Love and best wishes from  
Darren and Jayne  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

### Anne Dinsdale

would like to thank family and friends for their kindness and cards on her 80th birthday.

## Aysgarth Singers

Do you enjoy singing? Would you like to sing in a local choir? If so, we would like to hear from you. The Aysgarth Singers is a mixed voice choir with 44 members and we now have a few vacancies. We are especially short of tenors and basses, but we welcome new members in all sections of the choir.

We start rehearsals on **September 3rd** meeting every Tuesday evening from **7.30-9.00pm** in the Aysgarth Institute, under the directorship of Stan Roorcroft MBE. We work hard and have a lot of fun. There is no audition and it is not essential that you can sight read the music, although it helps.

We generally perform a couple of concerts in the autumn term, often for charity, and then we work towards the Wensleydale Tournament of Song in March. We do not meet during the summer term.

If you are interested, then please contact

Di Clegg 666059 [diana.clegg7@gmail.com](mailto:diana.clegg7@gmail.com) for more details, or turn up on 3rd September.

## The Moorcock Show

**Sunday 1st September 2013**

The Moorcock Show has been held at Mossdale Farm for the last twenty-seven years but this might be the last time it is held there, so do come and enjoy yourself.

The Show, which is a traditional Dales Sheep Show, will take place on Sunday this year. Mossdale Farm is on the A684 Hawes/Sedbergh Road at Thwaite Bridge. Judging begins at noon and finishes at approximately 4.00 pm.

Apart from sheep, there will be local food and craft stalls together with a bouncy castle and children's games.

Two years ago we had a surprise visitor – the vicar from Emmerdale. Will we be lucky and get another star visitor this year?

**Colin Lockett**

### Olive Sharples

I would like to thank family and friends for the lovely flowers, gifts, cards and good wishes for my 90th birthday.

Thank You

## Eunice the Ewe



I

I was hiding in J.T. Atkinson's advert last month. The winner of the £10 prize was **Bethan Sowerby, Hawes**. Where am I now?

## Leyburn Bowling Club

After an excellent first half to the season Leyburn sadly endured a hugely disappointing few weeks around the middle of July and early August, a period which saw us play 2 matches in each of 3 consecutive weeks due to games postponed earlier in the season and this period resulted in just 3 wins against 4 defeats from our 7 matches.

Whilst we were successful in our away match at Sowerby Flatts and home games against both Topcliffe and Sessay we suffered defeats at home to Sowerby Flatts and away to Thirsk, Hutton Rudby and Northallerton.

This means that we have so far played 17 of our 20 league matches and have won 12 games and lost 5.

On 11th August we held another of our Sunday Club Competitions. This was a triples competition and resulted in an incredibly tight finish. Congratulations this time go to the winners T.Pitt, G.Core and S.Pitt.

Our own club singles trophy competitions which we play throughout the season are nearing conclusion and we will be holding all 5 finals at our Moor Road green in Leyburn on the weekend Saturday and Sunday 14th/15th September. Anyone wishing to come along to watch any of the finals is, of course, very welcome to do so.

**Mervyn Buckley**

### Slick and Edith Iveson

Best wishes on your 65th Wedding Anniversary, September 25th  
Love from all the family.



The shop by the library (up 'The Neukin') in Hawes is being grassed over in preparation for a flock of Herdy products. When I met up with Diane Hannah she was knee deep in green felt as she explained how a passion for good design and sheep transformed into The Herdy Company.

Designers Diane and her husband Spencer, inspired by the Lake District's Herdwick sheep, saw a gap in the market for design-led gifts and products for the home that could raise a smile. Having established Herdy in Kendal during 2007, designing all their own products and supplying to retail outlets all over the UK, they opened their first shop in Grasmere in 2010. This proved to be a great success so they looked to expand to a second shop, this time in the Dales, believing that Hawes would be ideal both for its thriving local farming community and year round tourist trade.

Diane talks passionately about the importance of developing an ethical, sustainable business. They source over 50% of their goods in the UK with wool products being made in West Yorkshire. Each year they donate a percentage of their profits to the Herdy fund that supports upland fell farming, the sustainability of rural communities and the Herdwick sheep, and are keen to help support other projects locally in the Dales. Their sense of humour really comes across through their strong design and you can't help but smile at the cute *Herdy* peeping out of apron pockets or the herdybank - as they say "why should pigs have all the money"!

The buzz of activity in Hawes and the number of locals and visitors sharing similar passions for sheep and good design has impressed Diane. With everyone being so welcoming, she is confident that Herdy will fit right in. They are employing a local lady (Julia Taylor) in a full time position and are currently looking for weekend staff for the shop which hopefully will be open by the beginning of September. They have some reservations about being tucked away from the main road, but hope people will soon flock to see Herdy in Hawes.

**K.J.**

## **Yorkshire Dales Outdoor Festival**

**13th - 15th September 2013**

The old Boots and Beer Festival will not run this year however, Mark Reid (of the Inn Way guide books) who was the main protagonist, has taken on the challenge of organising a replacement.

The new festival will be known as The Yorkshire Dales Outdoors Festival. It will run around the same time (mid Sept') but will feature a different format of walks and courses and even cycle tours.

Full details can be found at: <http://www.yorkshiredalesoutdoorsfestival.com/>

Walks and activities will start at various villages throughout Wensleydale, including Hawes, Hardraw, Bainbridge, Askrigg and Aysgarth. All walks to start and finish at a pub.

The event will raise money for Swaledale Mountain Rescue.

## **Seventy Years Playing**

Elaine Ewbank started playing the harmonium for Methodist services held then in the Friends Meeting House at Countersett when she was just ten. She moved the couple of miles to Marssett when she got married. There she began fifty years of playing the harmonium. An electronic organ was bought in 1999 so her feet didn't have to work so hard.

Elaine has no plans to retire and finds time to help out for special services at St. Matthews, Stalling Busk across the dale.

## **Pie and Peas Supper**

A Pie and Peas Supper, followed by a quiz will be held at the Creamery on:

**Friday 20th September 2013,  
Supper from 6.30pm**

Tickets £7.00 Adults. £4.00 Child.

Chips, desserts, tea, coffee and bar available extra.

Tickets available from 'Whites of Wensleydale' and 'The Old Sweet Shop', Hawes.

Proceeds for St Margaret's Church Restoration Fund



*Mystery picture. Last month's was of the shelter on the top of Great Shunner Fell  
The first correct 'spotter' was David W. Moore, Carperby*

### **"Capture Wensleydale"**

This is the title for a photographic competition organised by the Leyburn and Mid Wensleydale Business Association. Entries are invited and the closing date is **September 30th**. They can be submitted by memory stick, CD or print to "Capture Wensleydale", Newstead House, Thoraby, DL8 3SZ.

For further information: **07711 211169** or [info@lower-wensleydale.com](mailto:info@lower-wensleydale.com).

### **Fashion Show**

Wensleydale Young Farmers Club fashion show, fundraising in aid of Diabetes UK. Ladies Fashions by Puzzle of Leyburn, and Men's by Carrs Billington.

Berry's Farm Shop in Swinithwaite,  
**6th September at 7.30pm.**

Tickets £7.50 to include wine and nibbles.  
Tickets from Puzzles or young farmers.

YF members were seen on The Dales TV programme, auctioning and judging livestock. Now come and see them model the latest fashions and raise money for Diabetes UK.

### **Meet the Savile Household**

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> and Sun 15<sup>th</sup> September (10am-5pm) at Bolton Castle**

Join Sir John Savile's Household as Bolton Castle is brought to life with the sights and sounds of the fifteenth century. Visit the kitchens where authentic medieval recipes will be prepared and meet the men-at-arms and archers of the castle garrison and learn how to drill as a medieval soldier. As you investigate the rooms of the castle, step back over 500 years in history as our craftsmen and women recreate scenes from the Wars of the Roses and even learn how to dance to medieval music! A great day out for all of the family, with much to see and do for both young and old!

**Katie Boggis**

**Happy 60th  
Birthday Jen**



**Love from Stan. X**

### **School Life with Miss Isabelle McGregor**

**M**y twin sister and I started at Askrigg Primary School in 1949, along with Maureen and Pauline Thwaite, our half-cousin twins. Miss French was headmistress then and we had several new teachers until Miss McGregor became headmistress. She came on the train from Redmire and we ran down the fields to meet her at David Hodgson's Lowlands and carried her bag.

She started a wonderful school garden with new flowers, and fish in a little pond. We took home radishes, spring onions and lettuce we had grown and paid a few pence for them.

We went on nature walks up Mill Gill and had a nature table of wild flowers, cones, old birds' nests etc. Lovely autumn leaves were collected for painting and collage work. She had us enter a competition for the Bird and Tree Society.

She introduced us to Scottish/Country dancing and we loved the radio programmes 'Singing Together' and 'Music and Movement'. We built a snow house every winter, and the boys from their playground would try to demolish it with snowballs.

Christmas time was very special; we sang carols every day and made lots of decorations and party hats. The party was a real highlight; the partition was pulled back to make one big room.

She taught us the rudiments of geography using National Geographic magazines, and history with colour pictures, standing on the piano, of Mary Queen of Scots, Elizabeth 1, Walter Raleigh and the Princes in the Tower. We learnt long poems by heart; poetry was very popular. Times tables and spelling tests were every week.

She had a great natural enthusiasm for all subjects and the ability to infect all pupils with it. She was very fair regarding discipline and you only got a ruler-hit on the back of your hand if you'd been very naughty.

She was always very smart, usually in a tweed suit and brogues. We all sat up straight and were quiet when Miss Scott (school dinners) and Mr Craddock (truant officer) from Northallerton came to see her. There was the annual visit from Nurse Abraham who combed through our hair looking for nits.

I have thought about Miss McGregor and

what a wonderful teacher she was all my life. She helped to inspire my love of nature, literature, poetry, history, geography and gardening. I'm so pleased I was able to tell her that before she died.

**Judy Palin (nee Banks), York.**

### **Calendar Celebrates the Yorkshire Dales**

The Yorkshire Dales has provided the inspiration for a charity calendar that will raise money to help protect and enhance this precious landscape, ensuring that it remains a special place for future generations to enjoy.



The Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust's 2014 calendar features some iconic Dales' scenes including Malham Cove, Hardraw Force, Ingleborough and Pen-y-ghent to name just a few.

Each image has been captured on camera by a different photographer, and brought together through a Facebook photography competition which the Trust ran last year in collaboration with one of their business supporters, Dales Holiday Cottages.

All of the participating photographers provided their images for free to help the charity raise vital funds to support their work across the region.

All money raised through the sale of the calendar will play a vital role in helping YDMT to continue important projects across the Yorkshire Dales and beyond, including restoring wildlife habitats such as broadleaf woodlands and wildflower hay meadows, education and outreach work, improvements to access, and supporting local community groups and businesses.

The calendar is available to buy online priced at £10 (including UK delivery) via [www.ydmt.org/shop](http://www.ydmt.org/shop) or by calling **015242 51002**.

## King's Club 2013

This was the 25th year for King's club. The theme, 'Living on the Edge' gave opportunity to investigate the lives of people who took God at his word and went out on a limb for him and with him. The result was a growing faith, assurance and support through the difficult times, miracles and healings and people saved from famine and to a life in all its fullness - a life with God. We saw something of our heritage stretching back to Abraham, when we are part of God's family. The Extras (teenagers) based at Low Mill expressed this by creating a large family tree (literally) and added their own hand prints to understand what 'belonging' could mean.

Here are some of the comments from the younger members. They say it all!

'I enjoyed everything I have done at King's Club. I came here last year and really enjoyed it too. This is why I decided to come this year. I like the puppet sheep and I like the singing.'

### **Madison Acton aged 7**

'King's Club has been really good because the puppets tell jokes and the songs are lively and have actions - it's fun.'

### **Harvey Boddy aged 8**

'I really enjoyed King's Club this year but if I had to pick a favourite bit, I'd pick doing the quizzes in the morning.'

### **Mollie Clarke aged 8**

'King's Club 2013 was the first time I came to King's club. It's been really good, when we play games outside and when we watch a movie. I've learned a lot about God and Jesus.'

### **Cole Smith aged 8**

Our thanks to all who helped in any way - those who worked up front with the children and Young People during the week in August, but also those many people who helped in the background providing resources and support.

Next Year King's Club will run from Monday August 4th to Friday August 8th, with the final BBQ on Saturday 9th at 5.00pm. Please keep this date in your diaries.

**Mike Hirst**

## Rev. Canon Sue Whitehouse

A chance to say "goodbye" to Sue and to wish her well.

### **Sunday 29th September 10.30am**

Holy Communion Benefice Service

St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth

This will be Sue's final service in the benefice before she retires to Edinburgh

After the service there will be a Bring and Share Finger Buffet at Bolton Hall, Wensley to which everyone is invited.

Food can be taken to the hall the day before between 4.00 and 6.00pm or on the Sunday morning between 8.30 and 9.30am

**Christine Gard**

## The World's Biggest Coffee Morning

*A choice of two!*

### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

Join The World's Biggest Coffee Morning

at **Gayle Institute**

from 9.00am – noon

Donations of cakes appreciated

Contact Natasha on **667630**

or at **Thoralby Village Hall**

from 10.00am to 12.30pm

**all in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support**

ALL WELCOME

## HAOS September Rehearsals

The first rehearsal for Peter Pan will take place on **Tuesday 3rd September at 7.30pm**. Our new rehearsal venue is Griff Thomas's new building on Bruntacres, Hawes. If you would like to take part, either on stage or behind the scenes, please come along. There will be another chance to hear the script on **Thursday 5th September also at 7.30pm**. If you can't attend either of these dates, come along on Tuesday 10th September. Please ring **Jennifer 667241** if you need any more information

## The Games we Used to Play, 1.

- and a few we still do.

**D**id you call it marbles, or taws, holey or ringy? And what name did you have for the big ones? Names seemed to vary from town to town even within the county. Our favourite was 'dobber', but there are so many others: bowler, bumboozer, jack, taw, boulder, masher, shooter, tonk, godfather, or just biggie! Yours?

The marbles or 'alleys' (possibly short for alabaster), included glass alleys and those favourites of many of us, blood alleys.



The word 'taw' for the shooting marble, or the line from which the players shoot, first seems to have appeared about

1700 and its origin is unknown.

We might think that marbles was only played where we were; how wrong can we be! Believe it or not, no one really knows where marbles originated. They've been found in the ashes of Pompeii and in the tombs of ancient Egyptians, and they were played with by Native American tribes, so it's impossible to pin down a precise country of origin. The earliest examples were simply stones that had been polished smooth by a running river, but for centuries artisans made them by hand from clay, stone, or glass.

You might think you know how to play marbles, but I'm afraid you don't. That's because there is no single game called "marbles." Any game that uses marbles can be called "marbles", and there are hundreds of them.

Marbles championships still take place; not just for kids! There is a Yorkshire Meds Marbles Team consisting of three generations of players mainly from Yorkshire or from the Mediterranean area, hence the name.

Tinsley Green in Sussex hosts an annual competition attracting players from all over the world. In this ancient and skilled game competitors aim to knock 49 marbles from a marked circle using their own "tolley" (another marble); two teams of six players take part in each heat and the winning team is the one whose toley/s stay in until the end. (Do you get it?)

There is a purpose-built platform for the

championship which dates back in its current form to the 1930s, though the tradition of a competition here reputedly goes back to Elizabethan times. There's plenty of unfamiliar technical terms and a serious attitude to the game. Marbles of all sizes and colours are on sale at the event.

(We will be glad to hear from readers with interesting memories of their marbles games!)

A.S.W.

## News From the Wensleydale Orchestra

Partly owing to the sweltering heat, the Orchestra's summer 'Open Rehearsal' did not go as well as had been hoped, unlike the orchestra's performance at the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert of Bondgate Methodist Church, Darlington in June, where the orchestra played extremely well, receiving some very encouraging comments from the audience. Supper at the 'open rehearsal' however, was as good as ever. At the AGM on the 25<sup>th</sup> July, it was regretted that the final day of the Wensleydale Tournament of Song had been cancelled because of the weather, resulting in the orchestra losing the opportunity to compete after much focused rehearsal – especially as, due to prior commitments of our conductor, it may be difficult for us to participate next year. The new term will start on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm**, Thornton Rust Village Institute.

New members are always welcome. Join us on the night or contact **Fiona Johnston, 663325** email; [fiona.ljohnston@btinternet.com](mailto:fiona.ljohnston@btinternet.com) for further details.

## Are You Interested...

to learn dances, both traditional and modern, from places as diverse as Britain, Europe, the Middle East and beyond? If so, come and try:

### Circle Dancing

at Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge,  
weekly from **Monday September 15th**  
**at 7.30pm**

£2.00— £3.00 per session

For information: **Peter 624038, Paula 650548**

## Le Tour

*The first of occasional articles we will be featuring.*

**T**he Tour De France is coming to the Dales in 2014 and in celebration of this fact it is hoped to run a short series of articles to inform and perhaps increase local interest in the subject.

Some of you will have watched the glorious ITV coverage of "Le Tour" in spectacular parts of France and will appreciate that this sort of coverage in one of our most beautiful areas can do nothing but good for the tourist industry of North Yorkshire, but I also hope that it can encourage more and more people to use bikes as an accepted form of transport, especially for shorter journeys of 5 or 10 miles.

The Dales and cycling go back a long way and this area was one of the best for cycling in the 1920s and 30s for very good reasons. Although cycling started to go out of fashion in the 1950s with the growth of motor traffic there has always been a nucleus of keen cyclists who love the Dales, and the advent of the mountain bike in the 1970s generated a new band of riders who realised what a wonderful area the Dales is. This form of riding also largely got round the problem of combating inconsiderate drivers and speeding motor cyclists as one did not meet them up on the many bridle ways that are so abundant in the Dales.

Cycling is increasing in popularity in leaps and bounds for many reasons, not least the outstanding performances of our cycling athletes on both road and track in the Olympics of 2008 and 2012 and the European Tour Scene, but it would be wonderful to see very many more folk take to their bikes for the very practical reasons that it helps maintain fitness, is an economical way of travelling, can be carried out by people of any age/girth and makes more efficient use of available road and parking space.

We have a lot to learn from the Netherlands and Germany on the safe and efficient use of bikes, but we have made tremendous strides in the last 20 years with the Sustrans Charity (Sustainable Transport) building an extensive

network of over 15,000 miles of dedicated cycle paths and signposted quiet roads throughout the Nation. So it is now possible, with careful planning, to travel from one end of the Country to the other without coming into conflict with too much heavy traffic and this makes cycling a more pleasurable experience. However, a look at some of our continental neighbours can make us realise that we still have a long way to go. There, it is accepted that people of all ages and appearances will cycle instead of leaping into their cars and it is not unusual to see three generations of a family going out visiting together, on their bikes, without a bit of Lycra or a helmet in sight.

**Allan Tate**

## Dales Old Time Dance Club

The Dales Old Time Dance Club is looking forward to a new season of dances which are held in Harmby Village Hall on the **second Friday of each month from October to April**. The first dance will be on October 11th, with a mixture of Old Time, Ballroom and Sequence dancing to live music, from 8.00pm to 11.30pm. Membership subscription is £25 for the season, and visitors are most welcome to join us for a charge of £5 per person per session. No experience is necessary, many of us are still learners, so why not come along and spend an evening with us - you will be made most welcome.

For further information, phone **Sally 01677 451813, Jill 625503 or Chris 623229**.

*(It is hoped some people from the Upper Dale will find this of interest.)*

## Art Exhibition in Burtersett

**September 14th and 15th  
10.30am to 5.00pm**

Ann Kerr and Roger Lofts are exhibiting in the Burtersett Institute, and Brian Alderman in his gallery at Hillcrest.

Refreshments available in the Institute. All profits from these to "The Brooke", a charity for working animals abroad



### **New Computer – Custom Build or Buy**

For more years than I care to remember I have been building desktop computer systems for myself and customers. I am often asked what are the advantages and disadvantages of custom builds.



Firstly, for better or worse, mobile computing is a reality these days. Almost everyone seems to be carrying at least one internet enabled device, whether they use it or not. For writing short emails or browsing the internet a tablet or smart phone is often fine. Personally I find touch screen intensely annoying for anything other than short messages. A laptop is still ideal for getting work done efficiently and many have adopted laptops for use in the office and home too. Building custom mobile devices is not really possible on a small scale, certainly not economically.

Laptops can be built, but it isn't easy to find all the parts and a case and I wouldn't consider it a realistic option. Many people still feel if you have a lot to do on a computer then a desktop computer provides the most comfortable environment to do it. Keyboards are much better on desktops, larger screens (and multiple screens) really help you to spread out and make text more easily readable. Quality desktop computers are generally more powerful than laptops (certainly a cheaper desktop will be more powerful than cheap laptops). Video gamers also prefer desktop performance and screen size.

So what are the advantages/disadvantages of building your own computer or having a computer built for you rather than buying one off the shelf? First forget price – it is hard to build a cheap computer from parts. It doesn't mean you can't build a computer of better quality than off-the-shelf for a similar price but not a budget machine. Have you ever wondered why McAfee or Norton are on every new computer? It isn't because they are the best or recommended, it is economics – manufacturers are paid to put them there, so

it means that every manufactured computer is subsidised. Manufacturers also have economy of scale for buying components and copies of Windows from Microsoft. If you want a powerful computer prices rise rapidly and it is then possible to build a custom machine to compete.

Secondly, the big advantage of a custom build is that you know what goes into the machine and get the benefit of manufacturer's warranty on the parts (did you know some parts have a 3 year warranty, but most off the shelf machines only give 12 months?). Manufacturers will pretty much use the cheapest components they can get away with to build systems – a custom built machine can use the best components in terms of quality and performance.

Thirdly, if you have your machine built for you then the builder who knows your machine intimately can help with any issues in the future (try getting service from a large manufacturer after the 12 month warranty has expired). Of course if you build your own you are on your own to fix problems, but that can be a fun challenge if you are that way inclined!

In conclusion, there is still a place for home built or custom built machines for specific needs. For most people who don't need a high powered machine economics mean that an off the shelf computer is likely to be the economically sensible choice. For many a cheap laptop will be the ideal. For light use and portability a tablet or smartphone can suffice, but whilst big companies would like to lock you into these devices I don't see them replacing computers for a while if you need to do serious work.

That's all for this month – any ideas for future articles would be gratefully received – just drop me an email via my website [www.dalescomputerservices.com](http://www.dalescomputerservices.com).

### **Beware!**

Two males carrying PDA-type devices called at a house in Hawes on a day last week purporting to be from the Electricity Board requesting to read the meter. They entered and stole money. Please be vigilant and give any info to:

**PC826 Foster NYP tel. 101 quoting NYP220820130292**

## Handbell and Country Wakes Gathering

Green Dragon, Hardraw Scar

Friday evening September 27th to  
Sunday September 29th

With ringers from all over the country, there will be events from Friday at 7.00pm, throughout Saturday until Sunday afternoon: workshops and massed ringings.

Saturday September 28th event with some of the best bands from all round the country from as far away as Canterbury in Kent, and Devon; also the Wyresvale dance will be performed at this concert one of the oldest traditions in Britain which can be traced back to AD 850 and features in the book of Kells. And this event is a unique and new event in the Dales

Peter Fawcett

## Wensleydale Thank You

The Wensleydale Society was delighted to receive a certificate from the Yorkshire Air Ambulance thanking the Society for its donation of £1,000.

This sum was achieved from the sales of *60 Miles around Wensleydale* by Diane Jolland and David Nash, which was published to celebrate the Society's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The Wensleydale Society would like to thank readers who bought the book and helped to achieve this substantial sum for charity. Copies are still available from Welcome to Leyburn at £4.00.

The first lecture of the 2013-2014 season is on *Yorkshire Textile Mills* by Dr George Ingle, on **Friday 4th October**.

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.

## Would You be interested in Joining a Recorder Choir?

Do you play the recorder?

Would you be interested in forming a recorder choir? Initially, this would be for our own enjoyment – but who knows where it may lead in the future! If you don't know what a recorder choir sounds like, Youtube has a lovely example of an adaptation of Beethoven's 9<sup>th</sup> symphony – but there is other music available! (Look at 'Chamber music – recorder choir' on Youtube for something simpler)

At the moment we are just trying to gauge interest to see whether the idea is viable, so if you think this sounds interesting, no matter what your standard – or even if you don't play at all, but would like to learn – contact **Fiona Johnston, 663325**; email: [fiona.ljohnston@btinternet.com](mailto:fiona.ljohnston@btinternet.com) to express an interest.

(we would also be looking for someone to conduct/direct.)

## Book and Equipment Awards

*Our annual good news for A-level students.*

As soon as you know your results and have a place at University, contact us to apply for a book/equipment award of up to £250 *for the first year of your course*. We will need to know your local address, the name of the University and details of the course to be followed, and then, later, evidence and details of purchases made.

## Yorebridge Sport and Fitness, Wensleydale Centre, Askrigg

Just to remind you of the Great North Air Ambulance clothes collection we are having **on Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**.

We would be very grateful for any clothes, shoes, bags, belts, towels, curtains, bed linen (not duvets or pillows). Please bag them up and leave them outside the centre front door (next to the blue outdoor store) from Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup> onwards up to 1.00pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks

We are also having a Quiz Night on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September** at the White Rose Hotel, Askrigg at **9.00pm**. The cost is £2 per person with a maximum of 6 people per team. A raffle will also be held. For more information contact us on **650060** or email:

## Late Summer Notes From Snaizeholme

After the non-existent spring which we all experienced, came the astonishingly hot early summer which is being followed by more familiar warm-wettish weather.

The greater spotted woodpeckers have raised three young which, being always hungry, make a bee-line for the peanut bird feeder. This frightens off all the small birds, but they have plenty of other food elsewhere. There are also some small very shy rodents which pick up the nuts which fall to the ground. After hours of quiet watching I have been able to discover that these are not mice but field voles. These little short-tailed creatures live in the walls not, it appears, in holes in the grass as my mammal book tells me.

The mixed corn which I have spread for many years for the pheasants is now being eaten by my few remaining ones but also by numerous rabbits, one visiting duck (I think she must have a nest nearby), and a large flock of chaffinches. The rabbits seem very competitive, but it is possible that the frequent chases are courting rather than competing.

My greatest surprise this year was the activities of a family of young magpies. Although I have always admired the black and white beauty of these birds I have disliked them for their destructive and predatory ways; but this young family played together. They found a two-inch long piece of old dead stick, threw it at each other, pinched it from each other and hid it from each other just for the fun of it. They were behaving just like playful children. Perhaps it is only predators (like magpies and humans) that have the brainpower, time and energy to play like this.

A self-seeded teasel has grown to a magnificent five feet just outside my kitchen window. Just now it is in flower and attracts many insects. They in turn attract spotted flycatchers which dart in and out amongst the teasel flowers snapping up the insects; another cause to stand and stare!

My only other bit of news is about bullfinches, They haven't nested here this year; their call is so unmistakeable and I haven't heard it, but two or three days ago I had a juvenile sitting on the back of a garden chair just outside my sitting-room window.

I haven't mentioned the red squirrels (no sign of greys, I'm pleased to report). This strange spring-less but hot-summered year has suited them very well. They have had a very good breeding season and the young are doing fine. My vow not to try and tame them doesn't work. They are now so used to people that they will come very close. One came in at the kitchen door this morning; I did not encourage it! When I go out there is usually one sitting there saying, "What's for eating?" These woods belong to the squirrels, not to me.



Jane Kemp

## The Gayle Young Voices choir...

raised £270 during a summer concert held at the Gayle Institute. More than twenty people, aged between 7 and 14, sang a wide-ranging repertoire, which included gospel songs such as Swing Low Sweet Chariot, and Disney favourites. Barbara Roocroft conducted with Stan on piano. There was standing room only in the Institute, with parents and family members joined by other interested locals. The money was raised from donations for an outstanding buffet (flan was served hot at the interval!) and a raffle. It will go towards the restoration and refurbishment of the Institute, which as of this month became accessible to wheelchair users, with a new ramp installed.

## Yoredale Natural History Society

The 2013-14 season begins on **Friday September 27th at 7.30pm** the Peat Project by Tim Thom, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. Leyburn Methodist Hall.

## GENERAL WHAT'S ONS

### September

- 1 Marsett Chapel Harvest Service; 2.00pm
- 1 Gayle Mill demonstration tours; 11.00am and 2.30pm
- 1 Moorcock Show. See p.4
- 2 Marsett Harvest Sale and Service; 7.30pm
- 3 HAOS rehearsals begin. See p.8
- 3 Aysgarth Singers rehearsals begin. See p. 4
- 4 Muker Show
- 4 "As you like it", Bolton Castle, 7.30pm. Bookings: **623981**
- 6 Fashion Show; Berry's Farmshop. See p.6
- 8 Hardraw Scar Brass Band Contest. See p.15
- 8 Aysgarth Methodist Church Harvest Service 6.30pm
- 8 Annual Hawes Auction Mart Harvest Festival. See p. 23
- 10 YDNPA Planning Committee, Yoredale, Bainbridge. 1.00pm
- 11 Blood Donors wanted in the Market House, Hawes. Afternoon and evening
- 12 Wensleydale Orchestra. See p 9
- 12,26 Wensleydale Country Markets. Leyburn Methodist Hall. Usual times
- 13 Yorebridge Sports. See p.12
- 13-15 Yorkshire Dales Outdoor Festival. See p.5
- 14 Hazel Brow Farm, Low Row. Open Day. 10.30am to 3.30pm
- 14 "Dancing with the Devil". Keld Heritage Centre. 2.00 to 3.30pm
- 14,15 Heritage Open Days: Many places open to the public, nationally
- 14,15 Bolton Castle, "Savile Household" 622317 10.00am to 5.00pm. See p.6
- 14,15 Burtersett Arts; see p.10
- 15 Guided walk. Askrigg and Worton. Meet at Askrigg Cross, 1.00pm. 6.5 miles
- 15 Hawes Methodist Church Harvest 10.30am. Rev Martin P. James
- 15 Circle Dancing begins. See p. 9
- 16 Yoga classes restart. See p. 23
- 15 Bainbridge Methodist Service at Aysgarth; 10.45am
- 19 Hawes W.I. "My life as a Morcambe Bay Coast Guard". Methodist Rooms, 7.00pm
- 17,24 Middleham and Dales Local History series of lectures. See p. 17
- 18 Stalling Busk Harvest Supper. 7.30pm
- 20 "Howden Jones" bare-knuckle acoustic balladry. Thornborough Hall, Leyburn. 7.30pm. Tickets and details: **622317**
- 20 Pie and Peas Supper and Quiz; Wensleydale Creamery for St Margaret's Church Restoration. See p.5
- 20 Gunnerside Singsong. See p.22
- 20-29 Richmond Walking and Book Festival
- 24 Coffee Morning and stalls, Hawes Methodist Rooms, 10.00am to noon for Hawes Christmas Lights
- 24 Full YDNPA Meeting, 10.30am
- 25,27,28 Upper Dales Family History events and meeting. See p.21
- 27 World's Biggest Coffee Mornings See p.8
- 27-29 Handbell Gathering, Green Dragon. See p. 12
- 27 Yoredale Natural History Society. See p.13
- 29 Aysgarth Methodist Church, joint Service, St Andrew's, 11.00am
- 29 Gayle Chapel Harvest Service; 2.00pm
- 29 Table Top Sale in Market House, Hawes
- 29 Retirement celebration for the Rev Canon Sue Whitehouse. See p.8

### Advance Notices

Trip to Newcastle for shopping: November 14th, leaving Thoraby at 8.30am. Details: **663319**  
 Edinburgh Woollen Mills Fashion Show on behalf of Upper Wensleydale Ladies Luncheon Club, November 12th at Aysgarth Falls Hotel, 7.30 for 8.00pm.  
 Metcalfe Society Meeting, October 12th at the Dales Countryside Museum



## DCM WHAT'S ONS

### September

7 September–9 October. "Journeys with a Needle". An exhibition of textile art by Gina Smith using materials and thread and Inspired by architecture and landscape.

- 1 Discussion and demonstration of the History of Knitting in the Dales. 1.00 to 4.00pm
- 10 Red Squirrels in the National Park. An Illustrated talk. 2.00 to 3.0pm
- 14 Local food: Sausage making; 10.30am to 4.00pm. Book a morning or afternoon session and make your own sausages. £5
- 14-15 Heritage Open Days. 10.00am to 4.00pm. Free entry
- 20 Evening lecture: 7.30pm. Stainmoor Railway by Mark Keefe. £2
- 21 Beginners Family History Day. 11.00am to 3.00pm. Booking required. £15 (includes light lunch)
- 22 A workshop of architecture and landscape in hand embroidery. 10.00am to 4.00pm .Booking required. £15 (includes light lunch)
- 29 Pathfinder Advanced. 10.00am to 4.00pm. £10. Not suitable for children

For further information: 666210

### Hardraw Scar Annual Band Contest

Sunday September 8th

This year's list of competing bands:

Barnoldswick  
 Beverley  
 Cockerton (Co Durham)  
 Hade Edge (near Holmfirth)  
 Harrogate  
 Knaresborough  
 Leyburn  
 Murton (Co. Durham)  
 Otley  
 Shepherd Group (York)  
 Stacksteads (Bacup)  
 Swinton and District (Malton)  
 Wetherby.

Starting time: 10.00am.



## GAYLE MILL WHAT'S ONS

### September

The first Sunday of the month is always Demonstration day at Gayle Mill.

Come along and enjoy a couple of hours seeing the Victorian wood working machinery being driven by water power. Hear the Mill rumblings along with its history also smell the freshly sawn and shaped wood. If that isn't enough, we will make you a cup of tea or coffee and give you a biscuit, all included in your admission. At £12 per adult and accompanied children free it makes a good family morning or afternoon out. Advance booking is advised as there are limited places and we do not like to disappoint visitors if a tour is full. Tel: 667320 to book your tickets.

- 14 Back by popular demand we have an Introduction to Dry Stone Walling course . With local expert William Lambert as tutor the traditional skills are shared in a very informal way, resulting in a renewed wall along the Mill lane. Only a few places are left on this course.
- 15 The Blacksmith tool making course is due to take place with Adrian Wood. This course has proved to be very popular and is **fully booked**. Adrian will also be demonstrating his skills at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November.
- 21 There will be a craft course of "Print a cotton bag" This is an ideal opportunity to personalise a present or have a unique bag.

Local builder Tony Routh has run **Stone Slate Roofing courses** at Gayle Mill on Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. The amazing roof structure built at ground level to allow students to learn the skills without working at heights has proved to be an excellent means of teaching this popular heritage skill. If you missed out and would like to attend a future course please get in touch and we will keep you informed once a future course date has been arranged.



all the best and hope you have lots of fun J  
**Free Nursery Places**

If your child is aged 2 or 3 Years old they may be eligible for a Free Funded Place at Dalesplay. This entitles your child to 15 hours per week of free childcare. For more information please pop into Dalesplay, Call us on **667655** or send us a email at: [dales-play1@btconnect.com](mailto:dales-play1@btconnect.com)

**Louise Cloughton**

**What we have been up to...**

We have been busy at Dalesplay making our new role-play area. We decided to make it into Jack and the Beanstalk's Giant Castle complete with a 7ft Giant and Beanstalk, 2 golden eggs and a sparkly harp. The children have had lots of fun making



food for the giant in his kitchen and trying to saw down the beanstalk.

Our summer workshops went well creating many things such as crazy bug creatures, glittery gift boxes, fruity flapjack and muffins, bracelets and Hama Bead creations. We also tired ourselves out on Sports day running and jumping all over the field.

**Hoppers Sale**

We would like say a huge thank you to the parents/carers who contributed or volunteered to help out for the Hoppers sale, without your help we would not have raised a brilliant £444.00 which will go toward keeping the Childcare costs down and purchasing new play resources.

**Michelle Leaving**

For those who don't already know Michelle Guy will be sadly leaving Dalesplay on 3<sup>rd</sup> September to embark on a new journey at the other side of the world in Australia. Michelle is going to work as a Nanny in Queensland. We will be extremely sad to see her go as she has been a very valuable and loyal member of staff. Dalesplay will greatly miss Michelle's creative flair and organization. We hope to set up Skype to keep in touch with her while she is away; let's hope she doesn't make us too jealous with all the sunshine. Both staff and children wish her all the best on her new adventure.

**School Starters**

We wish all the children starting School and our funded children starting Nursery

**Sycamore News**

We had a very enjoyable musical afternoon when a DVD of Andre Rieu and his entertaining Johann Strauss orchestra was played in the lounge pleasing quite a few people, followed by a cream tea organised by Michelle and the carers.

On Friday August 23<sup>rd</sup> we will have had a showing of the film "Fiddler on the Roof". Don't forget that you are cordially invited to join us in these events; it costs nothing and a cup of tea is thrown in!

Just at present in the newspapers we read of cases of bad care in care homes, but one must not assume that all suffer the same conditions. Sycamore Hall is in my mind the Olympics of care and management of care-needing people. No medals awarded; none expected. The rewards are the knowledge that our home is a happy one for both residential and day room personnel created by the devotion of management, carers and other staff. This might sound like a bit of sentimentality but one must speak the obvious; this is based on my experiences during my seven years as a resident.

I believe that Michelle has some entertainment planned for the very near future, plus a pantomime around Christmas.

I'm trying to organise a couple of events but a lot depends on what outside help and professional advice I receive.

We are now reaping the produce of the greenhouse and garden: beans, cucumbers, tomatoes and lettuce, with a bunch of flowers if wanted.

Michael our resident who has played a large part in cultivating and planting suddenly suffered the death of his wife Brenda after a long illness; heartfelt sympathy from all the staff and residents go to him.

**Derek Ramsden**

### **Bainbridge and District Motor Club**

On Wednesday 21st August the signpost rally was held by Mike Percival and Chloe Billingham. The night started from Castle Bolton; a task was undertaken to drive around Castle Bolton with the navigator holding a bowl of water trying not to spill any water out of the little bowl inside the big bowl, this was also timed!

We were advised there were marker boards on the route round and most people came back only being able to find two. I think Mike and Chloe put these in very sneaky places!

We headed from Castle Bolton over the moor to Fremington, Marrick, Maske, Downholme, Barden, Finghall, through Thornton Watlass, Masham, Fearby, Healey, Jervaulx, East Witton (it's now getting dark!) Coverham, Melmerby, West Witton, Swinithwaite then back to Askrigg! The route was around 60 miles, Thanks Mike and Chloe for organising this.

The Nat Hutchinson rally will be held on **18th September** and is being organised by Dave Teasdale and Tom Fawcett. For details call 07984610498.

Everyone from Bainbridge Motor Club would like to say a massive thank you for all the kind donations and for everyone's help/hard work with the hill climb, it was a fantastic night.

**Emma Thwaite**

### **St Margaret's Church, Hawes**

**Restoration Fund.** The first phase of the restoration of St Margaret's Church, Hawes, is well under way, thanks to the help and support of locals and visitors alike, but also to the extremely generous grant that we have been awarded from the **English Heritage Lottery Fund** for places of worship in England. Without this grant money we couldn't even have considered starting this work.

You, the community and visitors have been wonderful in your support. Please carry on supporting us as we still have a long way to go yet.

**Liz Beresford, on behalf of  
St. Margaret's P.C.C.**

### **Middleham and Dales Local History Group**

*Religion in the Dales* with Dr Laurel Phillipson, Father Dominique Minskip and Mr D. Colin Dews. Autumn course of 3 sessions, beginning on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm** at Middleham Key Centre and continuing on 24<sup>th</sup> September and 1<sup>st</sup> October. **On 17<sup>th</sup> September** Dr Laurel Phillipson, will talk about the early days of the Society of Friends in the western part of the Dales, a story that involves some of the leading persons of the Civil War era. Dr Phillipson, who is an archaeologist and Quaker, has been involved in the restoration of the Meeting House at Airton, and has carried out research into the history of the movement in the Malhamdale-Skipton area. **On 24<sup>th</sup> September** Father Dominique Minskip will talk about Roman Catholicism in the local area during the mid-nineteenth century, and reveal how attempts were made to establish centres of worship in remote upland parts of both Swaledale and Wensleydale. As well as being a parish priest in Hull, Father Minskip is Assistant Archivist of the Middlesbrough Diocese. **On 1<sup>st</sup> October**, Mr D. Colin Dews will give a talk entitled Methodism in the Northern Dales: from Airedale to Teesdale. Further details next month.

*Members £15 or £5 per session Non-members £20 or £7 per session*

To register for a place or for further details please contact Tony Keates 640436 or email [dotandtonyk@btinternet.com](mailto:dotandtonyk@btinternet.com)

### **Roadworks and Closures**

In preparation for 'Le Tour' next July, the County Council is working on more road surfaces on the route.

So far we know of these for September: Hawes, Burtersett Road and the road to Hardraw — **Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 2nd, 4th and 5th.**

Bainbridge - **Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 23rd, 25th and 26th** with traffic lights on **Tuesday and Friday, 24th and 27th**

Road closures are generally from 8.00am to 4.30pm.

## Surgery News

### Save Our Surgeries campaign

As part of the campaign to stop the government withdrawing the Minimum Practice Income Guarantee (MPIG) from rural GP practices, there is now an on-line petition that you can sign to persuade Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt to have a rare outbreak of common-sense. The link to the petition is

<http://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/save-our-surgeries>

Can I ask everyone with web access to please sign this petition? The politicians need to know the strength of feeling in rural communities about their damaging policies. Local Authorities are lobbying on our behalf,

### Factoids

You may have heard that Hospital A&E departments are in crisis, with huge increases in workload, and it's all the fault of GPs. Fact: In our locality, A&E attendances decreased by 1% last year, coming on top of a decrease of 1% the year before. It will be interesting to see how the figures turn out for the present year, following the roll-out of Mr Hunt's NHS 111 service...

### Shingles Vaccination Campaign

Shingles is a very uncomfortable disease for any patient unfortunate enough to suffer from it. For the over 70s, it can be a potentially life-threatening. Studies have shown that there are approx 50 000 cases annually in the over 70s, with 1 in 1000 cases resulting in death. From October this year there will be a national vaccination campaign against the causal agent, the virus Varicella Zoster. For this NHS year, the vaccine will be offered initially to 2 groups; those who are 70 on September 1st, and those who are 79 on the same date.

So why not vaccinate all over 70s? It appears that supplies of the vaccine, Zostavax, will be limited during this first year of the campaign. It is intended that all 70-79 year-olds will eventually be vaccinated as part of a catch-up campaign. The vaccine can be given at the same time as your annual flu jab.

### Viagra patent expires

This summer saw the ending of the patent on Viagra in the UK. This was the brand name of sildenafil, which is now available as a generic copy. For those patients who do not qualify for prescription on the NHS, and have to buy this drug on private prescription, this is significant. The price of generic sildenafil is dropping rapidly. Already we can offer the generic at half the price of branded Viagra, and I anticipate the price will eventually drop to ~10-20% of the branded price. For NHS patients, we will be dispensing generic sildenafil from now on. The alternative drug, Cialis, is still on patent and prices will remain unchanged.

### Winter flu jab campaign

We expect the first deliveries of flu jabs to be delivered during the week commencing 23rd September. This year sees the beginning of a programme to vaccinate all children between the ages of 2-17. Previously, only children in designated 'at risk' groups were vaccinated. For the 2013 campaign, only children aged 2 or 3 on September 1st are to be offered routine vaccination. The vaccine is a nasal spray, not a jab. In future years, vaccine will be gradually rolled out to all 2-17 year olds. Of course, any child in an 'at risk' group will be offered vaccination

### Our Locality is the best

The government's patient experience survey shows that GP services within the Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group are the best in the country. Overall, 94% of patients rated their experience of GP services as very good or fairly good. You can be sure I will be sticking this report under William Hague's nose as part of my lobbying about the loss of the MPIG.

### Quote of the month

'The NHS will last as long as there are folk left with the faith to fight for it'. Nye Bevan

As usual, if you have any suggestions or comments about the services we provide, please contact me at Hawes surgery, 667200, or email [clive.west@gp-B82045.nhs.uk](mailto:clive.west@gp-B82045.nhs.uk)

**Doctors' Rotas:** not sent to the Newsletter. The simplest way to see them is to insert "Central Dales Practice Rota" in your search engine.

## Best Foot Forward

### Round the back.

The Howgill Fells, those 'sleeping elephants' as they've been described, are always empty



*Mine are like these!*

and a delight to tramp over unless it is foggy, in which case, as there are no walls whatsoever, they can be very confusing. To clamber down and up 40 degree slopes from one rounded ridge to another is very tiring, but to keep to



these long open ridges is sheer joy!

However, as most walks on them tend to start in the Sedbergh area or from the Lune Valley and make for the top point, the Calf, I thought a wander up from the 'backside' would make a change. There are several starting points; this is from Ravenstonedale.

Looking at the Howgills from the top end of the village the most obvious and appealing hill is the rounded Green Bell. I assume 'bell' refers to the shape of one up-turned, though no dictionary wants to confirm that to me!

It is always quiet in Ravenstonedale village as this walk wanders up the main street and out on to a long but fairly gentle climb on a SSW footpath which soon reaches open country between Snow Fell and Knott. It isn't very distinct and soon peters out beyond Knoutberry, so turn to the right and climb up to the Trig Point on the top of Green Bell.

At this point, on a good day, take time to peer down the gills leftwards to Adamthwaite and Artleside then beyond to the Rawthey valley and Baugh Fell and Wild Boar.

This is now typical 'Howgills' country with long sweeping tracks and the rounded ridges,

and our route drops down SW before rising again to the not-too-pleasant-sounding Randygill Top with its cairns. Good spot for lunch.

Our return route is more or less due north down to the obvious col of Leithgill Bridge (no real bridge of course!), then swoops up to an unnamed top before the pleasure of a long track all the way down over Hooksey to the limit of Open Access at a sheepfold. Take the track and lane to Scar Sykes farm.

This walk now changes its nature completely as its takes to footpaths and bridleways, none too clear to find! We are making for Newbiggin on Lune (not directly back to Ravenstonedale) for reasons soon to be made clear!

A clearly marked path on the map goes due east to Round Hill passing through the interesting Weasdale Tree Nursery. It is well-marked at first! I hope you do better than me! Wading through high vegetation and keeping eyes open the pleasant unfenced lane eventually appears to Sandwath and a path past fishing lakes to Newbiggin and to 'Norman's', AKA Lune Springs Garden Centre. We are not here to buy plants but to receive a cheerful welcome from the said Norman in his coffee shop and to enjoy his drinks and 'slices'! Open every day.

Now further paths, first due south for a km. to Beckstones, then due east on a bridleway far clearer on the map than the ground, return us to the lane into Ravenstonedale. There are two pubs (worth returning to with the family for a meal) and a most unusual church to look round.

The walk is about 11 miles, and if you are into 'watersheds' as the famous Alfred Wainwright was (his Coast to Coast walk passes nearby), then it will interest you to know that all the becks at the start flow into the Eden and the Solway, and round Newbiggin they all flow to the Lune and to Morecambe Bay. There's much debate about which little tributary round here is the true source of the Lune. **A.S.W.**

## Hawes Market House

The Annual General Meeting will be held on **Friday 4th October at 7.00pm.** *This is an open meeting for residents.*

## Hawes School News

### Cluster Sports

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in the cluster sports at the Wensleydale School on Tuesday, competing against lots of other local schools. The children competed very well, Jack Cloughton came 2nd in the year 6 boy's long distance race, the boys' relay team came 4th and a particular special mention goes to Max Percival who came first in the skipping race and Cassie Drury and James Chapman who both achieved first place in the javelin competition. Well done!!

### Sports Day



What a beautiful day for our sports. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the overall winners were Dale with 109 points, second were Hill with 107 and Fell came in just behind on 102 points – so a very close result.

### Hoodwinked

Huge congratulations to all the children who took part and performed in our production of 'Hoodwinked'. The children did a fantastic job learning all those lines and songs and their hard work really paid off. I think we have some budding stars in our midst!

We would like to thank the parents who helped to provide costumes and came to watch and support us. Thanks to your generosity in the collection box we raised £127.02 for school funds.

We would like to apologise to Max Percival (the jester) for inadvertently omitting his name on the programme.

N.B Max (the jester) told the joke 'Where did Robin Hood go to school – Arrow, Rich Guy came into school and said 'Eaton' would have been more appropriate as Alfie Eaton played Robin Hood!!!! Special thanks go to David Drury for putting up the

back drop and to Rich Guy for taking it down.

### ZooLab



On Thursday 4th July 'Zoolab', an organisation which visits educational establishments with a range of exotic animals such as exotic frogs, tarantulas and giant snails for the children to handle and learn more about. The company organise a range of different workshops, which are differentiated according to the age of the children involved.

We are very grateful to the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter who financed the event

### New Walk Routes Guide Produced

Seventeen new walking routes *without obstacles* have been created in the National Park

The routes - dotted all over the 680 sq miles of the National Park - can be walked by people of all ages with limited mobility, parents with pushchairs or young children, and dog owners whose pets are not nimble footed enough to get over stiles.

These routes provide walks on firm surfaces with easy gradients and very few - if any - obstacles. You might come across the odd gate but they will be at least a metre wide. Hopefully these are just the start of a larger number of similar walks.

Now details and maps of each walk, including descriptions of the terrain, have been put together in special 'Miles without Stiles' packs along with information about loos, information centres and car parks.

The packs have been produced by the National Park Authority and are on sale for £2.50 each in National Park Centres at Reeth, Malham, Grassington, Hawes and Aysgarth Falls.

## Heavens Above

The nights really begin to draw in this month as we head towards the Equinox on September 22nd. This is the moment the Sun crosses the Celestial Equator from north to south, and marks the official start of autumn in the northern hemisphere.



From then on we'll have more hours of darkness than daylight until the Vernal Equinox comes round next March.

There's a seasonal changeover in the night sky too, as the bright summer constellations begin to slip westwards gradually making way for the less spectacular Autumn groups. The Summer Triangle stars – Vega, Deneb and Altair are still high in the south-west, however, and remain prominent late into the night well on into November. Hercules is still well placed high above the western horizon but Arcturus, which dominated the springtime sky, now hangs low in the north-west and will soon disappear into the western twilight.

Autumn's main constellation is Pegasus, The Flying Horse, famous for its Square – a large quadrilateral of four medium bright stars. You'll find it high in the south by late evening with the stars of Andromeda trailing eastwards from its top left-hand corner. Star charts tend to make the Square appear smaller and brighter than it really is.

Beneath the Square is a region of sky often referred to as 'The Water'. It's home to a series of constellations with aquatic associations – the Dolphin, the Sea-goat, the Water Carrier, the Fishes, and Cetus, the Whale. None of them are particularly distinctive apart from the Dolphin. Its four main stars form a lozenge-shape sometimes called 'Job's Coffin' but don't ask me why! This September the two outermost planets, Neptune and Uranus, lie in The Water but you'll really need a telescope to pick them out. You'll have no trouble spotting the biggest planet, giant Jupiter, however. By the end of the month it's rising before midnight and can't be missed over in the north-east amongst the stars of Gemini. The Red Planet, Mars, is also visible in the early morning sky in the constellation of Cancer, the Crab. Venus is a dazzling evening star but

isn't at all well placed at the moment low in the WSW after sunset.

Finally this month, look out for the Full Moon on September 19<sup>th</sup>. It's the closest Full Moon to the Equinox making it this year's 'Harvest' Moon. Low on the eastern horizon straight after sunset, its huge golden globe makes a beautiful sight in the deepening darkness. Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

## Upper Dales Family History

Members of the Upper Dales Family History Group are hosting two days of special events at Thornborough Hall in Leyburn this month. The weekend begins on **Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**, with a visit from Paul Mills of the Yorkshire Film Archive with 'You Should've Seen Us' a film presentation looking at life from 1908 to 1958.

On **Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**, members of the group will be giving a series of short talks on their own local research, including the Simpson and Robinson families and the Rev Jonathan Tinkler of Arkengarthdale. After lunch there will be the choice between a practical workshop on tracing military ancestors, visits to local places of interest or a short guided walk to the smelt mill complex at Keld Heads mine.

Tickets for the film evening are £6 and for the Saturday events, including a buffet lunch, £12. Non-members are very welcome on both days. For details and to book tickets for either day, contact **Tracy Little 01748-884759** or email: [tracy@swaledale.org](mailto:tracy@swaledale.org)

Also this month the regular meetings recommence with a talk at **2.00pm on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**, in Harmby Village Hall. The speaker is Sir Thomas Ingilby who will be talking about 'The Ingilbys of Ripley Castle' - a fascinating insight into the Castle that has been home to his family for over seven hundred years. Non-members are very welcome at £2.

## Food Banks

These are available in the area for dropping off tins or packets for the Food Bank in Richmond.

Collecting points we know of: St Margaret's, Hawes, West Burton Chapel and Hawes Methodist Church. Please help if you can.

## Chaste out - Curva in

When Gino and Vanessa Andreoli moved in to their new home in Hawes, they discovered their sofas didn't fit up the stairs; by selling them in their shop window they started the rumours...was Hawes to have its first Italian furniture store? The sofas disappeared, but then stylish bar stools, tables and chairs were delivered which seem to add weight to the rumours...but the temporary sign for **Caffè Curva** revealed the true nature of this new business—a sandwich deli bar and cafe with a Mediterranean feel.

The name "Curva" is Italian for bend or curve – describing perfectly their location in Hawes on the corner of Market place and Penn lane on the site of the former Chaste bistro. Gino and Vanessa will be serving speciality coffees and teas, homemade cakes, freshly made sandwiches and light lunches. The Italian cold meats, olives and ciabatta/panini on offer will give it that Mediterranean twist.

The couple have moved from Bishop Cropwell near Nottingham, famous for its Stilton so they feel right at home in another cheese producing town. Although from Italian roots, Gino was brought up in Northampton, Vanessa however is originally from Whitby so is coming back to her Yorkshire roots. Gino was deputy head of a Junior school and Vanessa assistant head of a primary school. They both love walking and great food and were looking for a complete change of lifestyle. Whilst on a walking holiday in Derbyshire they were regular visitors at a popular cafe/sandwich deli in Hathersage which inspired them to look for a similar business opportunity in an equally popular walking area. In February this year whilst holidaying in Hawes they saw Chaste up for sale and thought it an ideal location to start their new business venture.

*Caffè Curva* should be opening at the end of September/early October, with an 8.00am opening for local workers and walkers wanting an early start. They will be running the business between them, initially with help from their son James, but hope in time to take on local staff to give them a break to get out walking in the area. Gino and Vanessa are keen to be involved in the local community which they have found to be really friendly and welcoming.

**K.J.**

## Singsong

Do you remember happy days in Sunday School, singing *Jesus bids us shine, or Jesus wants me for a sunbeam*, when you were young, so many years ago?!

Well, Gunnerside Choir and Muker Silver Band are offering you the chance of an evening reviving the memory of those youthful days, by putting on a concert of Sunday School Hymns.

Come on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September** to Gunnerside Chapel at **7.30pm**, and sing the old songs and hear the Band playing some of the old tunes. Admission £6 including supper which will follow the concert.

The evening was Duncan Bythell's idea, and though he is unable through illness to conduct, it has been decided to continue with plans, as a tribute to all the years of support he has given to Gunnerside Chapel. Let's hope that every pew is full. Hymn sheets with all the words will be provided, so there will be a chance to raise the roof with well loved tunes and words.

**Sylvia Crookes**

## Christian Aid Week

### Hawes area

This year the local Christian Aid campaign raised £1143.84. Thanks are due to all the 23 people who did the house to house collections, and to the organisers of the coffee morning and the chapel service. As in previous years, Pearl at Barclays bank provided invaluable assistance ensuring that all money was duly recorded and paid in.

Compared to previous years, the house to house collection has stayed fairly constant, showing a slight increase this year in fact, but sadly, the dire weather reduced attendance at the coffee morning so there was a slight decrease in the overall money collected. Nevertheless, the generosity of people in Hawes and district means that once again more than £1100 has gone to help some of the world's poorest.

Thank you to everyone who has made this possible.

**Prof. Susan Bassnett, Area secretary**

## Hawes Auction Mart

### Churches Together Annual Harvest Festival service Hawes Band

**Sunday September 8th at 6.30pm**

The Churches Together Charity for the coming twelve months, including the collection in the Auction Mart, will be for Water Aid.

### Churchyard Help

St Margaret's top churchyard is becoming overgrown and we need help in keeping it tidy. All our funds are currently channeled towards the restoration project and paying the church bills so we are unable to pay for maintenance of the top churchyard. (Richmondshire District Council is responsible for maintaining the churchyard near the street and the middle churchyard).

If you can help in any way, please contact **Margaret Iveson** on **667285**.

### Wensleydale's Got Talent

It's got to that time of year again when we are organising Hawes Christmas Festival.

We are continuing with the popular "Wensleydale's Got Talent" and are now inviting anyone under the age of 16 to pick up an entry form, complete and return by Friday 18th October 2013.

On the evening of Saturday 7th December we will be presenting a Variety Evening. Further details will be available in the November issue.

**Kevin White**

## Yoga Classes

Among the more useful skills we can ever learn are things we can do for ourselves to look after our health, - increasingly so in the fast-changing modern world which puts stress on body, mind and spirit. Yoga meets these challenges perfectly with its integrated range of techniques and exercises to promote awareness of health at every level – holistically. Taking time to slow down, unwind and retune regularly is essential for these skills to be effective.

Yoga classes with Sue Lightfoot will recommence for Autumn Term the **week beginning Monday 16th September** at the following venues:

Wensley Village Hall, Mondays 7.00—8.30pm

Middleham Key Centre, Tuesdays 7.00-8.30pm

and Wednesdays 11.00am – noon (Gentle Exercise)

West Burton Village Hall, Wednesdays 7.00-9.00pm

Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge, Thursdays 7.00-9.00pm

Sue is a fully qualified and experienced yoga teacher. Classes accommodate a range of abilities and new students are welcome.

Individual tuition tailored to specific needs is also available, by appointment.

For further details, advice and enrolments please contact Sue by telephone **663993** or

e-mail ([susan.lightfoot1@homecall.co.uk](mailto:susan.lightfoot1@homecall.co.uk))

## Prunings

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

Strange how Autumn seems to creep up on us. The colours have subtly changed from the brilliant depth of green we saw in the summer. Now the *Aralia* had begun to redden even before the flowers emerge, and the dwarf *Sorbus* which I keep in a tub has turned very orange. Even the Rowan berries have turned. Alternate heat and rain has made growth very luxuriant and it is tempting to leave things when they are looking good, but this is an excellent time for taking semi ripe cuttings. If they don't take well now there will still be plenty of time for hardwood snips over the winter. I have had a very mixed response from the Hydrangeas this year: Those in pots seem to have put on lots of green but little in the way of flowers. On the contrary, the *Hydrangea Arborescens* which has taken years to establish, has now reached about 6 feet square and has rewarded me with cascades of creamy white blooms. I have never seen it so impressive.



On the wildflower front it has been a very good year for harebells. Up in the dales where there are lots of stone walls they avoid shadow, but if you look where there are fences between the fields you may be lucky enough to find them. They like to be in the sun, and they don't seem to mind the wind, so expect them in exposed places. They have quite a long season for such an apparently fragile plant and so you may still get a glimpse of them nodding in the breeze. In one wildflower meadow nearby I was lucky enough to see orchids, but as they were some distance away and I didn't feel inclined to clamber over the wall, I have not identified them. If I have time I'll go back with a book! The same field was clearly home to lots of butterflies. Again, I shall have to make a definite effort if I want to distinguish between the various browns and skippers.

One of the most interesting plants I have come across this summer arrived as a gift, and was brought from Crug Farm Nursery in North Wales. I have had *Thalictrum Aquilegifolia* in the past, but this one: *Thalictrum Delavayi* is much prettier because the flowers are larger. I shall keep it in a large pot in a sheltered place over the winter, and see if it survives. According to the Crug Farm website they were grown from seed collected in exotic locations, so I shall try the seeds as well.

Now is the time for seeds. I already have lots of little paper bags with scribbled notes on them. There is an *Aquilegia* that I bought earlier in the summer and have carefully kept separately so that it couldn't hybridize. I must sow that one next week. So many urgent jobs waiting, I am almost overwhelmed. No doubt most will get done, and those that don't won't matter.

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

**Rose Rambler.**

## September Competition

**They sound the same.** Each clue leads to two words which sound the same.

Would you like an example?

Peruse the slender-leafed plant: READ, REED

Now it's your turn:

1. Everything for piercing holes
2. A feeble period of time
3. Darkness on horseback
4. Against mum's sister
5. Make better on the foot
6. Makes a loud harsh cry; fry/stew
7. Misplace toilets
8. Town official's story; water plant
9. Officially examine what's used in the Mass
10. Vendor down below
11. Valley over the face
12. Time between two events round the track
13. Failed to notice in the fog.
14. Pour down on the side.

## Churchill Travelling Fellowships

The deadline for 2013 applications for awards from the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust for travel in 2014 is no later than **5.00pm on Tuesday September 25th**.

Each year the Trust awards Travelling Fellowships to 100+ individuals, to spend 4-8 weeks abroad increasing their knowledge and enhancing their experience in relevant subjects, whether related to work, community or leisure interests. Full details about the awards and application procedure are given on the Trust's website. These days online applications are required (call into Upper Wensleydale Community Office in Hawes - phone 01969 667400 and ask the friendly team there if you need help with getting this information). Applicants, who must be UK citizens, can be any age; no qualifications are required and a Fellowship is often described as 'the chance of a lifetime.'

There must be others in this area who have had Churchill Travelling Fellowships, as I did some years ago. It was the most incredible opportunity and I would encourage anyone who thinks such an experience is for them to find out whether any of this year's subjects are relevant to their own interests - and, if not, to check next summer when the subjects for the following year are announced. The Trust's phone number is **020 7799 1660**; email [office@wcmf.org.uk](mailto:office@wcmf.org.uk).

**Ruth Annison**

## The Wensleydale Railway in September

Train services run between Leeming Bar and Redmire every day in September, with a special Afternoon Tea train on Saturday September 22 (book in advance for this event, as seats are limited). The last Open Days at Aysgarth station this year will be on Sat/Sun September 14/15th when Rod and Janet Morris and the team will again provide plenty of interest to those who knew the station in the past and for new visitors.

On Sunday September 29th (changed date) there will be a repeat of the excellent Geology Walk 'Around and About Askrigg' with an experienced specialist leader. Although

this event is intended for rail passengers from Leeming Bar etc (with a coach connection from Redmire to Askrigg), 10 places have been reserved for people from Upper Wensleydale (please ring me first for more details, before booking these places through the WR office tel **08454 50 54 74** as the rail passengers will do). 6 miles strenuous walking, with many pauses for looking and learning as we go; bring packed lunch and drinks.

Book in advance with the office for special events in October: Murder Mystery on Fri/Sat 4/5th; Mediaeval Murder Mystery at Bolton Castle on Sat 26th; Driver Experience on Thursdays 3rd and 17th).

**Ruth Annison 650349**

## Unwanted Items Wanted

St Margaret's Church, Hawes, are asking for items to sell at Hoppers Sale on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

The Money raised will go towards our Restoration Fund. Items wanted include China, Pottery, Silver, Jewelry, Paintings, Ornaments and small furniture.

If you want to help us in this way, please let us know in plenty of time to enter the items in the catalogue. Please contact

**Margaret Iveson 667285**

### 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

## The Famous Summer Competition ANSWERS

**Clue to place:** *Wheat sown oft (5,4,4.):* **HAWES TOWN FOOT**

**Puzzles to solve:**

Who is he above the Post Office? **KING EDWARD IV.**

What for 263 years? **QUAKER CEMETERY.**

Where might two numbers add up to 735? **ON NO ENTRY SIGNS.**

What did T and V G do? **GAVE A SEAT.**

If it takes just two hours from Richmond to Ingleton; what does 'D' mean? **RUNS AS 826 to CATTERICK.**

**Clue to place:** *It has falls, green, chapel, school and fair:* **WEST BURTON**

**Puzzles to solve:**

Who provided positive music? **CHAPEL ORGAN.**

How many dove holes (under 1976)? **19.**

Where can you get through with two tens and two twenties? **PHONE BOX.**

Why do you suppose Sydney (died aged 42) features in the window? **LOCAL PREACHER**

From outside, nine in reality; artistic licence from inside, twelve. What? **NUMBER OF PANELS, BACK CHAPEL WINDOW.**

**Clue to place:** *HPB village. (Lower and middle):* **ASKRIGG**

**Puzzles to solve:**

What might you get from S74 9TF? **WASTE BIN.**

How many visible metal straps on the octagonal structure? **9+6+11 ON CROSS.**

Where has it drained for 246 years? **MANOR HOUSE DRAINPIPE.**

Who are commemorated for services to the A.P.S.? **REDVERS AND MARGARET HOPPER.**

Where might you get two big red kisses? **WALL OF 'SUMMERDOWN'**

**Clue to place:** *Sfenjsf— go back one:* **REDMIRE**

**Puzzles to solve:**

11 rusty spikes on top and 12 below; where? **OLD GATE OPPOSITE MANOR HOUSE.**

600428 seems a lot to be hit; where? **BACK OF 'MOTOR VEH.PROHIBITED' ROAD SIGN.**

Who says it's unfit for human consumption? **REDMIRE PARISH COUNCIL; ON WELL.**

Where might you find Queen Bee? **PETUNIAS IN FLOWER TROUGH.**

A place to get churned up? Where? **MILK CHURN STAND AT THE PHONEBOX.**

**Clue to place:** *I said " ", with your guitar in the Underground!:* **SEDBUSK**

**Puzzles to solve:**

Two lots of fifty-somethings, and just two need extra help? **RAILINGS. WHITE HOUSE.**

Where do a sheep's head and a white rose feature together? **OAKDENE PORCH.**

Whose customer ref .is 1213046? **TAYLOR, BARN END.**

What was Chapel Cottage once called? **ROSE COTTAGE.**

What links the old school in place 9 with the old P.M.C. here? **THE YEAR 1875**

**Clue to place:** *Town stew it (4,6), the 11,1,7,18,1,13 end : WEST WITTON, KAGRAM END*

***Puzzles to solve:***

Where do three coppers stand? **ON GRASSY MOUND; COPPER BEECH.**

FP —? Bank ½ **MOOR**

Where might you find all these together:

WWW SW;WWW;EB TEED; WW SW TEED **ON POLE 258**

What's the link to the Duke of Devonshire? **CHATSWORTH COTTAGE.**

Where have they chained six tree trunks? **HILDASGARTH**

**Clue to place:** *1784 mill village: GAYLE*

***Puzzles to solve:***

Not so much a square peg in a round hole; more a square hole in a round. **MILLSTONE**

Where might you get a story told? **YARN HOUSE .**

Fawlty Towers connection? **SYBIL'S HOLIDAY COTTAGE.**

Westmorland in this village? **ON FORCE HEAD FARM**

Armistice Day 2005; connection with whom? **PETER SAVAGE.MANHOLE COVER**

**Clue to place:** *The village where Dr Spooner might refer to old Farmer Platt! Go up a bit: AYSGARTH*

***Puzzles to solve:***

How far to the Falls? **800YARDS ON 'CORNLEA'.**

Just 35 triangular ones. **SPRING HILL COPING STONES.**

Who was Frank's second wife? **ANNIE, IN ROCK GARDEN.**

Six round ones round a round, under an arch. **CHAPEL WINDOW.**

Where are these vertical: HDTBSBSBLPC:- **NAYLOR MYERS BAG.**

**Clue to place:** *Not soft nor cooked : HARDRAW*

***Puzzles to solve:***

Rear wheel drive? **'RWD' ON 'STONEGARTH'**

The connection between Ashford, Bath, Chester? **METAL TAB ON GATE INTO GARDEN.**

Who was the faithful friend and organist? **CLEMENT SCARR BOW.NOTICE BOARD.**

What from Bird Table Heaven? **TWO SEATS, MEMORIAL GARDEN**

Who from Burnley's commemorated leaning against a wall? **FOTHERGILLS (GRAVEYARD).**

**Clue to place:** *Brace pry: CARPERBY*

***Puzzles to solve***

What was special in 2009? **BEST KEPT VILLAGE.**

How many yellow stars? 36 **IN BUS SHELTER.**

Two? One either side of Hill View? **OLD POST OFFICES.**

What is the temperature range on the circular thermometer? **-40 TO +60.**

Where does this disaster ring a bell? **TITANIC BELL; KENDELL BECK COTT.AGE.**

This year's winners of the £50 prize are **Nelson and Heather Caplin, Burtersett**, who achieved a very commendable 80% and managed to find four answers in a village not included!