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## Editorial

**D**o you like guessing games? Try this one: What is the average amount of money per family wasted on thrown-out food per month? Answer: **£60**. (From a report a couple of weeks ago from the Waste and Resources Action

Programme). This is equivalent to 24 full meals monthly, or over four million tons of food and drink that could have been consumed. Nearly half goes straight from the fridge or cupboard into the bin.

Big supermarkets throw out about two-thirds of bagged salads and getting on for half of apples and bakery. 96 million chickens are chucked out every year. Confusion over 'sell by', 'use by' or 'best by' doesn't help. At home, the main items being thrown away are bread, potatoes and milk.

Why mention this now, without being overly mournful? Firstly, the Philippines. Human tragedies on this scale can't really be comprehended without being there, although the TV does a good job; and the truth is that the Disaster Aid response, while seeming impressive in terms of millions of pounds, both from voluntary giving and Government, should always be compared and contrasted with what we waste, which runs into thousands of millions of pounds (i.e. billions) every year.



The second reason to mention this is: Christmas. Whatever our beliefs, the season is a good time for most of us; peace and goodwill, jollity, presents and the rest, and we want to provide the best, especially for children. So do we over-buy? Shopping trolleys are bulging already. Will it all be needed? There are extremes of course, at both ends of the spectrum! Some families make the turkey last in various forms for four days! Not so with others. We waste more at festive seasons.

We can't help thinking of the cash spent on expensive glitzy toys – and the child getting more pleasure from sitting in the toys' boxes! ; or the not-too-easily disguised looks in saying thank you for the very thing we didn't really want! "It's the thought that counts", we say. Well this is simply a plea for this year, more than most, to turn our thoughts and good will to the Philippines. It is so easy for these disasters to leave the headlines, but the desperate need of rebuilding the lives of millions will have to go on for a very long time. As one well-known 18<sup>th</sup> century cleric once said: "Don't go to those who need you, but to those who need you most".

**The Philippines.** We are very pleased to be able to say that, because of the financial support the Newsletter gets from its advertisers, from readers via the collection boxes and from donations we receive, we have been able to send £1000 to the D.E.C. (the Disasters Emergency Committee) for the Philippines.



## Sycamore News

Dark nights, a lot colder days and nights means that we are confined to indoor activities rather than outdoors. The Greenhouse has been cleared out and the Summerhouse is kept closed although when the sun has shown itself residents have still used it to meet up and have a natter; I must say that the Summerhouse has been a real success during this summer. Michael and Colin are now going ahead with a venture into the poultry world so sometime during the next week or two we should be seeing about half a dozen different breeds of hens on the Court grounds - "No roosters please"! Our new Team Leader, Jane, is now with us and although she is in attendance only from 9.00am to noon, she has settled in well, getting to know us all. In turn the residents are getting to know her, easy to talk to and very understanding, she'll be all right! We have a Christmas Fayre here on Saturday 30th November; Father Christmas will be here in the "Sycamore Hall Grotto". Once again this is possible due to the 100% interest in Sycamore by our "catering couple" Alice and Chris who are making the arrangements. Admission is free - However there will be a charge of £2.50 for "Santa's Grotto" where each child will receive a gift.

Plenty of Christmas Shopping ideas to be had: Christmas Foods, Home Made Gifts, Sweets, Body Products and lots more.

Refreshments also available. Come along and enjoy a nice afternoon, short notice I know but try to come just the same.

Other dates to look out for: Bainbridge School will be entertaining us with some carol singing on Monday 2nd December and we will be entertained with a pantomime on Tuesday 10th December. I have a feeling that Michelle has something up her sleeve regarding a Karaoke party with carols and popular songs - "sounds good".

A musical afternoon was held on Tuesday 5th November, the music being supplied by Andre Rieu and his Orchestra via DVD on the lounge television, A glass of sherry went down very well as did the mince pies kindly made and donated by one of our lady carers. This was accompanied by a generous chunk of Wensleydale cheese kindly donated by J.L. Blades (Spar Shop), Hawes

**Derek Ramsden**

## Christmas Tree Festival

Preview Concert

**Saturday December 14th 7.00pm**

St. Oswald's, Askrigg, with East Witton Male Voice Choir, Askrigg Ladies Singing for Pleasure Group and Askrigg Handbells

## Eunice the Ewe



Last month I was hiding in the Hawes Doctor's rotas and was found by **Poppy Dodsworth from York**.  
Where am I this Christmas?

## Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society

**A Very Dangerous Work-Sir George Gilbert Scott and the Restoration of Ripon Cathedral**

The prolific 19<sup>th</sup> century architect Sir George Gilbert Scott is perhaps best known today for the Albert Memorial; the Midland Hotel at St. Pancras and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. He began his career as a designer of workhouses. Under the influence of Pugin he participated in the Gothic revival and is renowned for his work in cathedral restoration and as architect of many churches.

**David Winpenny** examines Scott's life and career focusing on Ripon Cathedral as an example of his restoration work. He shows how Scott's intervention could be sensitive and careful but occasionally cavalier. David Winpenny studied English at Birmingham University and taught for several years before joining the Countryside Commission as Co-Ordinator of Information in Leeds. He is author of *Up to a Point - In search of Pyramids in Britain and Ireland*. He writes for BBC Countryfile magazine and is chairman of Ripon Civic Society.

The lecture is at **2.00pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** at the Middleham Key Centre.

Non-members are welcome at £6 per lecture, pre-booking is essential. Membership and further information are available from the Membership Secretary, tel. **01748 886545**

## Annual Carols by Candlelight and Supper

**Wednesday December 18th at 6.30pm**

Hawes Methodist Church, Main Street.

Always something a bit different— but plenty of well-known carols!

**Proceeds towards 'Action for Children'**

## Once upon a time

in the Kingdom of Heaven, God went missing for six days. Eventually, Archangel Michael found him on the seventh day, resting. He enquired of God, 'Where have you been?' God pointed downwards through the clouds. Archangel Michael looked puzzled and said, 'What is it?'

'It's a planet,' replied God, 'and I've put LIFE on it. I'm going to call it Earth and it's going to be **a great place of balance.**' 'Balance?' inquired Michael, still confused. God explained, pointing down to different parts of the Earth. 'For example, North America will be a place of great opportunity and wealth, while South America is going to be poor; the Middle East over there will be a hot spot, and Russia will be a cold spot. Over there I've placed a continent of white people and over there is a continent of black people.'

God continued, pointing to the different countries. This one will be extremely hot while this one will be very cold and covered in ice.' The archangel, impressed by God's work, then pointed to another area of land and asked, 'What's that?' 'Ah,' said God. That's the North of England, the most glorious place on Earth.

There are beautiful people and many impressive cities; it is the home of the world's finest artists, musicians, writers, thinkers, explorers and politicians. The people from the North of England are going to be modest, intelligent and humorous and they're going to be found travelling the world. They'll be extremely sociable, hard-working and high-achieving, and they will be known throughout the world as speakers of truth.'

Michael gasped in wonder and admiration but then proclaimed, '**What about balance God, you said there will be BALANCE!**'

God replied very wisely, 'Wait till you see the bunch of tossers I'm putting down South to govern the country!'

## Gladly Solemn Sound

**Saturday December 7th 2.00pm**

CONCERT

of Medieval Music for Advent  
Hardraw Church

followed by refreshments.

Admission £5 at the door; in aid of church funds

## The Swaledale Festival...

has a new Chair, after Peter Denison-Edson was elected to the position at the Festival's recent AGM.

Now resident in Reeth, Peter was formerly a diplomat and a business consultant on Japan. He says: "Since my first Swaledale Festival in 2006, I have been deeply impressed by the variety and quality of its events, with arts and music of the highest standard from around the world, and a range of activities for all ages and interests in a world-leading landscape"

Peter also chairs the Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Archaeology Group, where he is known for his fascination for most aspects of the Roman Empire.

The next Swaledale Festival will run from 24th May to 7th June 2014.

Information about the Festival, and a full programme of events, will be posted to the Festival website: [swalefest.org](http://swalefest.org)

## Christmas Music

**Saturday 7th December 2013, at 7.00pm**

St Matthew's Church Leyburn

### Swale Singers

directed by Hugh Bowman present a concert including excerpts from Handel's *Messiah* and carols old and new.

Supporting the David Young Foundation which helps young people in Sri Lanka and UK/SL student exchanges

Tickets (at the door) £6, U16s free

## Museum Mirth

History graduate Joanne Halliwell took the Museum Friends by surprise at their monthly meeting, with her dramatic presentation as *Betsy, the Scullery Maid*, as she depicted servant hierarchy in Victorian times.

Involving members of her audience could have proved risky, as she joked and mildly abused her 'victims', but they played along, and she captured the feelings and attitudes of the various workers and servants in the household with their manner — or manners— and their facial expressions and body language.

The same could be said for the audience!; most coming away chuckling, with a 'feel-good' factor on a rather miserable November night. Some, however, were rather disappointed, having expected a more serious study of the subject.

A.S.W

## **Tender Request for Grass Cutting in Bainbridge Cemetery**

BAINBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL is seeking tenders to award a contract for Grass Cutting in the parish owned Cemetery in Bainbridge village from 2014 onwards. The contract will cover 8 cuts per year and the Contractor will need to supply their own grass cutting equipment and ensure the cut grass is either mulched or removed from site. As well as cutting the main grass area there is also a need to trim round the perimeter of the cemetery to keep it looking neat and tidy.

Please send tenders, in writing, to: **Clerk for Bainbridge Parish, Wegber, Carperby, Leyburn, DL8 4DD. The closing date is 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014** and a decision will be made at the Parish Council meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2014

If you have any queries please ring Cllr. **Brian Brown 650409** or Cllr. **Ian Canavan 650582**.

## **You Think English is Easy! (2)**

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible

## **Hawes Christmas Lights Switch-on Day**

**Saturday December 7th**

All the usual events:  
***Wensleydale's got Talent***  
***.. and More Talent***

***Carol singing***  
***with the band from 4.00pm***

***And then Father Christmas arrives!***

St. Margaret's Church will have a Stall outside the Market House from **10.30am** selling Home-made Jams, Chutneys. Cakes, Fudge and Sweets along with various Christmas decorations.

If any of the community can help with providing any of these items, please let **Margaret Iveson, 667285** know, or bring to the stall on the day, your help would be much appreciated. Proceeds towards the Restoration Fund.

## **Wanted**

Over the summer I have spoken with a number of farmers who have expressed an interest in providing car parking, a campsite or motorhome parking on a temporary basis for the Tour de France main event period, **4 – 6th July 2014**. If I have talked with you about your proposal, then hopefully by the time you read this, you should have received some information from us.

I'm aware that I haven't seen everyone, so if you own land and are prepared to open it as a temporary car park or campsite, then please get in touch. It doesn't have to be located directly on the race route as there will be a big demand and visitors will be prepared to cycle from parking or camp sites to the actual race route.

Please contact me at Hawes National Park Centre before Christmas.

[matt.neale@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:matt.neale@yorkshiredales.org.uk) **666220**

Thank you

**Matt Neale, National Park Area Ranger – Upper Wensleydale**

## **Singers Wanted**

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

We are looking for new choir members- children and adults. Could you spend an hour on a Sunday and during the week? You will be made very welcome.

<b>Competition: Christmas Crossword</b>												
	1		2		3		4		5		6	
7							8					
9					10	11						
	12	13						14		15		
16												
17				18				19				
20						21						
22						23						

**Across**

1. Hark! The \_\_\_\_\_ wrote C.W.
4. He contributed "Regent Square"
7. Away in one
8. Put the museum back in bitter
9. 'Little man-like'
10. "This is the answer" is one
12. Pine classes (anagram)
17. Following the energetic
19. 25 instead of 26 to produce the season!
20. A rancid 6 down might do this to you.
21. Singing on rye, and do this to the odds.
22. You'll have done this on 6 down on the 25th
23. You've to thank him for your tree lights.

**Down**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Above; herein
2. You could migrate to hear this
3. The noble's lower parts
4. Begin in my first art class
5. Sums
6. What do you think!
11. Unfilled I cancelled out
13. "from \_\_\_\_\_ lands afar"
14. The Christ Child's in the Pacific!
15. They're there if you breakdown
16. The Old Norse yawned
18. "\_\_\_\_\_ a linden tree"

**November Competition Answers**

**Local surnames**

- |                                         |          |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|
| Felt came from here                     | METCALFE |
| I nearly take the water under the track | CALVERT  |
| Nosedive less Ed                        | IVESON   |
| Mixed in addles                         | DINSDALE |
| Proud as a _____                        | PEACOCK  |
| One-legger                              | HOPPER   |
| Could be hand- or dumb-                 | BELL     |

- |                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| I'm in the real length    | ALLEN    |
| Marble town               | DENT     |
| You're OK if you are this | CHAMPION |
| What tie tied up          | THWAITE  |
| Waft etc.                 | FAWCETT  |

Unfortunately, no entrants reached the required standard!

## News from The Wensleydale Society

On **Friday 6th December** Miles Johnson will show Aerial Views of Archaeology in the Dales. Miles is the Countryside Archaeological Advisor to the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

Our New Year season starts on **Friday 3rd January 2014** when the history and some hidden gems and lesser known features of York Minster will be described by David Burke who has been a volunteer guide for over 10 years.

Talks 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.



**Mystery picture. Last month's was of Widdale Beck, Appersett Bridge, soon identified by readers. Where's this?**

## Parish Boundaries Review

Richmondshire District Council has agreed to undertake a community governance/ Parish review of the parish arrangements for the District of Richmondshire. The review will consider whether the existing arrangements are reflective of the identities and interests of the community in its area; and effective and convenient to the local community. It will also take into account the impact of community governance arrangements on community cohesion; and the size, population and boundaries of the parishes.

The review may involve creating new parishes, dissolving existing parishes, grouping parishes under a common Parish Council and the number of councillors representing each Parish.

***The Council is seeking representations from residents and interested organisations on the parish arrangements for the District of Richmondshire. The consultation period will last until 3rd January 2014.***

Details of the Terms of Reference and other relevant information are available for inspection below and at the Council's Community Offices.

Any interested persons wishing to make representations may send them in writing to:

The Electoral Registration Officer, Richmondshire District Council, Swale House,

Hawes  
Amateur Operatic Society  
Proudly Presents  
**Peter Pan**  
by John Morley  
This amateur production is by arrangement with NODA Limited.  
A traditional fun family pantomime  
produced by Colin Bailey, Jennifer Fawcett and Joanne Head  
**Tuesday-Friday**  
**3rd-6th December 2013**  
7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm)  
**Hawes Market House**  
Tickets: £8.00 adults, £6.00 U12s  
Available from:  
The Old Sweet Shop, Market Place, Hawes, Monday to Sunday, 9.00am to 5.00pm, Tel. 01969 667746  
Askrigg Village Kitchen, Market Place, Askrigg, Monday to Saturday, 8.30am to 4.00pm, Tel. 01969 650076

## Wensleydale Tournament of Song

The closing date for entries for The Wensleydale Tournament of Speech and Song is **31st January 2014**

If anyone is interested in taking part and has not yet picked up a syllabus, they are available from me by telephoning **663878** or emailing [julie@cornerhousewb.co.uk](mailto:julie@cornerhousewb.co.uk)

Julie Greenslade, Secretary

## NSPCC

Please note that the Aysgarth NSPCC coffee morning that Jean Cockburn organises, and which had to be cancelled in October, will be held in the spring.

## Upper Dales Family History

October's speaker was Dawn Talbot, curator of Kiplin Hall, with the story of Bridget Talbot, the last owner of Kiplin.

Born in 1885 to a younger son of the Earl of Shrewsbury, Bridget had an idyllic childhood at Little Gaddesden near Berkhamstead and in the country houses of her many relatives. Her mother was a keen photographer so Dawn was able to show us many pictures of the family growing up as well as letters from Bridget's brothers away at school and scrap books compiled over the years.

Bridget 'came out' in 1903 and enjoyed a privileged life of visits, dances and foreign travel which came to an abrupt end with the outbreak of war. Bridget trained in First Aid and learned to drive, then travelled to Italy to work as a volunteer with wounded soldiers. Her contribution was rewarded with an OBE and an Italian Military Cross, to say nothing of the souvenir Austrian rifle given to her by an Italian soldier!

By the time WW2 broke out Bridget was splitting her time between Little Gaddesden and Kiplin Hall which she had bought from a cousin in order to preserve it. She was very supportive of the Dig for Victory campaign but her biggest contribution to the war effort was the invention of a waterproof torch which could be attached to a life jacket. She lobbied the Admiral until it was adopted and was credited with saving the lives of many sailors who would otherwise have drowned in the darkness.

In later years Bridget devoted herself to a number of causes, but saving Kiplin was her main interest. Having failed to interest the National Trust in taking it over and considering demolition, she finally set up a trust to manage it and preserve the house for future generations. She also supported a wide range of charities, stood for Parliament twice and finally started her own independent political party.

**Tracy Little**

## The Stories at Christmas

On a mild Sunday afternoon in December, a few years ago, I passed a curious procession: two children leading a donkey along Gaits, Gayle, and a third riding on it, dressed as Father Christmas. Heading for a party perhaps or a photo shoot? What intrigued me was the way they had oddly combined the two stories told at Christmas.

Santa Claus, coming unobserved down the chimney, speaks of extravagant grace. The exquisite excitement reaches its climax in opening the parcels. Parents have been known to suggest that it may all depend on good behaviour in advance but it never does. The gifts always come, though there may be lessons to be learnt about receiving things in good grace and coping with mild disappointment when expectations had been too high.

The story that gives Christmas its name has more depth and darkness. Foreign oppressors make people travel unnecessary distances to register. A jealous tyrant orders the deaths of children without a qualm. Similar abuses are not hard to find on the internet today: this is the real world and in this world three groups of people make journeys. The couple with the unborn child from the north on a donkey, the working shepherds on foot across the fields, eastern scholars crossing the desert on their camels. All look into the face of a baby and find they are glimpsing something beyond their full understanding but something that fills them with hope and trust.

From this tiny, weak beginning unfolded the life and death that has brought love and forgiveness and a sense of God's presence into countless lives. The cave in Bethlehem, Jesus' birth place, was teeming with worshippers from every continent when I was there in October. May this Christmas in Wensleydale open a spiritual pathway for many of us as we pause to welcome the birth of Christ.

**Rev Vera Sinton**

### Jean Cockburn

wishes to thank all her friends for the cards, gifts and good wishes given to her after her accident, and for all the help given to her on her return home..

### Coffee Morning

On Saturday 11th January there will be a coffee morning in Askrigg Village Hall between 10.00am and noon. Entry is just £2 with all profits going to St Oswald's Church. Everyone is welcome. There will be a cake stall and raffle as well as tea and scones.

## The Games we Used to Play, 4

### And some still do

There was, first of all, the task of working out for several games, who was to be 'on' or 'it' or who would be 'picked' for teams; some were always 'picked' last! So:(the present version) Eeny, meeny, miny Moe, catch a tiger by the toe; if he hollers, let him go, Eeny, meeny, miny Moe. This rhyme, popular in several languages, goes back as far as 1825. Older readers had no problem years ago with 'nigger' for 'tiger' and 'screams' for hollers. The one being pointed at on the last syllable, Moe, as the rhyme went round the group, was 'out', and so it went on until the last one was 'it'; probably not much time to play the game by then! — 'tag', 'tiggy', 'kick-can' or 'hide and seek'.

"Put your spuds up" The groups stands round with clenched fists held forward, as one person goes round tapping on each fist: 'One potato, two potato, three potato four; five potato, six potato, seven potato, more'. The 'more' drops out and so it goes on. Seasoned pickers knew how to change the way of counting to cheat!



So the games would begin. 'Tag' or 'tiggy' is obvious to all, but what about 'chain-tag', called 'ralleo'

in some towns, where, on being caught you joined the line of chasers, holding hands, but only the two at each line-end could actually tag or tig those still free.

For a more rough and tumble affair, how about *British Bulldog*? It was actually banned in some areas! 'It' stands in front of the rest who have to get past him to the other side of the area or room. If caught, lifted and held in the air, to the cry of '*British Bulldog*' you then join 'it' to help in catching the rest. By the time there are several 'its', it's a bit rough on the few, or the one, left — usually the biggest, roughest kid, to get past!

Let's go to a party now. More sedate games took place. Many have sailed through the '*Ally Ally Oh, the Ally, Ally Oh, on the last day of September*'. This was sung in Manchester, Bradford, London and Liverpool, but where or

what is it?

Suggestions include reference to the Panama, Suez or Manchester Ship canals but other claim '*Ally Ally Oh*' refers to the Atlantic Ocean.

'*What time is it Mr Wolf?*' Surely still played?

"One o'clock etc., and at 'Dinner time'" you run to escape Mr Wolf. Likewise, '*Follow my leader*'.



'*Simon says*' - where you mustn't do it if the command isn't preceded by **Simon** says. Who was

Simon? Well, the game is recorded as far back as 1264 and might refer to Simon de Montfort. It is played all over the world! Not that it is always 'Simon'. *O'grady says*' in Ireland, *the teacher says*' in parts of China, *the King says*' in Norway, but '*Simon*' prevails in Denmark, Iceland, Spain, Poland... and even Korea! The winner is the one who is caught out last.

No party was complete without '*Oranges and lemons*' the two players making the arch catching the unlucky one of those walking under in the last verse '*and here comes a chopper to chop off your head*'. The winner of course is the last to be caught.

'*The farmer's in his den*' always seemed a bit pointless to me! '*...wants a wife; wife wants a child; child wants a dog*'. Surely, at this point it should end with '*we all pat the DOG*', but it seems to go on, '*the dog wants a bone*'. Fair enough, but whoever goes about patting bones!?

The patting could become more of a massacre when boys were involved!

A little game that seems ever popular is '*Scissors, paper, stone* or, as we called it, '*Scis, pap, brick*'.

Next time we will return to the playground, where, as if by magic, at their own times of the year, marbles, hop-scotch, whip and top and especially skipping, came into season.

A.S.W.

### Correction

The Dales Countryside Museum's Craft Fair was held on November 23rd and 24th. It is not on December 23rd and 24th as stated last month.

**Concert at  
Carperby Village Institute  
Saturday December 7th, 8.00pm**

**THE JIGANTICS**

(featuring Marion Fleetwood and  
Martin Fitzgibbon from Colvin Quarmby)

One of the UK and Nu Folk music's most arresting new bands, The Jigantics are part of a growing group of contemporary artists appealing to a wide range of music followers who are increasingly looking beyond conventional musical stereotypes, and just enjoying a fusion of great songs, stunning harmonies and fine musicianship. In this case it's a genre-defying mix of Roots, Blues, Trad, Country and then some.

One of The Jigantics' great strengths is their ability to combine the power and energy of a five piece band, alongside stripped bare, dark 'love' songs. It's a pretty neat trick and in live performance they carry the audience with them on a journey of foot stomping joy tempered with only the occasional heartbreak. Seeing them live it's clear that the band believes having a good time is an essential ingredient to any gig, ensuring that the road travelled overwhelmingly ends in a smile.

Call **663808** for tickets; £12.00 in advance or £14.00 on the door.

All concert proceeds to St. Andrew's Church.

**Vacancy for Parish Clerk**

**Carperby cum Thoresby Parish Council** is looking for a replacement Parish Clerk to begin work on or about 1st April 2014.

You will work alongside the current clerk until her retirement on 30th July 2014 or thereabouts.

You will work from home and be paid for 4 hours per week at a rate based on the National Scale for Parish Clerks, commensurate with experience and qualifications. Minimum £8.43/hour.

You will be responsible for Agendas, Minutes and Action Points of the Council's meetings and sifting through correspondence.

You will also take on the role of Finance Officer for the Council.

The Council meets in the evening on a bi-monthly basis, January, March, May, July, September, November.

A detailed Job Description, Person Specification and application form can be obtained from the current Clerk, **663417**, [mpbeckett@onetel.com](mailto:mpbeckett@onetel.com)

Closing date for applications is  
**31<sup>st</sup> January 2014**  
**Latest 'Now Then'**

This year's edition of 'Now Then' pays tribute to the Hoppers of Wensleydale, especially the sisters José Hopper and Ann Holubecki.

The magazine is produced by the Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum at Hawes, and its chairman, Sue Foster, commented in her report: "The sad deaths within two months of the two stalwart members ... are a real loss to the Friends."

Both sisters had been on the editorial panel of Now Then and the editor, Colin Day, stated: "It was an enormous privilege to have the cooperation and advice of people steeped in the lore of the Dales. I will greatly miss their support and their friendship."

Before they died he wrote an article, entitled Old-time Hoppers, about how their grandfather, Joseph Hopper, started in the auctioneer business in Wensleydale in 1886.

The latest magazine includes that article as well as obituaries about the sisters. Also in the magazine are articles about A Dales village dance, Thornton Rust field names, Hebrew in Thornton Rust, the Hidden Secrets Sculpture Trail, and the annual report of the museum manager as well as a detailed description of bee boles in the Dales. Alongside Eleanor Scarr's article about the dialect poetry of John Thwaite there is the latter's poem An Owd Draft Yowe's Teeale with a translation.

And there is the story of how the logbooks of W Burton CofE school were scanned and made available as an online archive. Children at the school are now able to use those as a resource for their own study projects.

Copies of the magazine are now available at the Museum, price £2.

**Pip Land**



**Jack Greenslade (left) and Joe Beaton studying  
the online historical archives of  
West Burton CofE school.**

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### “The Mice Who Ate Christmas”

Sunday 29th December, 2.30pm

Dales Countryside Museum

An afternoon for all the family.

Bad Apple Theatre are here between Christmas and New Year with a matinee theatre performance at 2.30pm

“Cheerful theatre for ages 8 to 98!”

ALL tickets £9/; £5 under 16

### Tour de France

**Route in our area confirmed.** The last time we mentioned the route there was a little uncertainty. Most readers will now know that after Bishopdale it goes via Sorrel Sykes, turning on to the A684 by the AA box, thence to Aysgarth.

### Midday Supervisory Assistant Required at Askrigg School

We have a vacancy and can offer anywhere between one and five days per week (you can choose!). If you would be interested in the position, please contact **Kath Alderson** for an application form. The hours are noon to 1:15pm per day, term time only, salary is £6.63 per hour.

The position is subject to an enhanced DBS (formerly CRB) check, which will be done through school and also a health check. If you would like any more details, or an application form, please contact us.

## **TOSH (The Old School House) Leyburn**

We have a new floor in the Auditorium which looks really good and has been tested by the new Dance classes for children and adults on Saturday afternoons, 2.00 - 5.00pm. As I write this, cinema equipment, lighting, curtain drapes, etc are being installed and progress is more visual than previous 'behind the scene' elements.

We now have a Facebook page and would like to encourage Facebook users to link up. We also have a holding page on [www.oldschoolhouseleyburn.com](http://www.oldschoolhouseleyburn.com)

In December LADS Leyburn Amateur Dramatics have their performances, tickets on the door, and on **Saturday Dec. 14th** 'The Uketopians' (Ukeshire and proud) are playing at **7.30pm**. Tickets are £6 and available from Towlers, Tourist Information and Wobbly Dog House and Home. They play a mixture of music from across the ages.

In January we shall be starting to show films, every Thursday and Friday nights. Further information will be displayed on Facebook and also on the holding page should we be able to commence film showings any earlier. For more information email [leyburnarts@gmail.com](mailto:leyburnarts@gmail.com) or tel **622023**.

We hope to appoint a team of part-time employees from January. These will include: Caretaker/Cleaner, Administrator, Box Office Staff.

Some of the above roles are subject to funding, please contact **Dawn Clarkson** on [admin@oldschoolhouseleyburn.com](mailto:admin@oldschoolhouseleyburn.com) if you may be interested in the above posts, and require further information.

## **Newsletters by Post**

We have a good number of readers who receive the Newsletter by post and a reminder for them, that subscriptions will be due by the February issue, is included with this issue.

Other readers arrange to have the Newsletter sent by us on behalf of a relation or friend. Can we please remind you that payment will also be due: £10 for the UK and £15 for overseas for a year. Please send a cheque, payable to the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter, to the Treasurer, Janet Thomson, Stone House, Thornton Rust, DL8 3AW

## **Why I Like Retirement !**

- Q: How many days in a week?  
A: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday
- Q: When is a retiree's bedtime?  
A: Two hours after he falls asleep on the sofa.
- Q: How many retirees to change a light bulb?  
A: Only one, but it might take all day.
- Q: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?  
A: There is not enough time to get everything done
- Q: Why do retirees count pennies?  
A: They are the only ones who have the time.
- Q: What is the common term for someone who enjoys work and refuses to retire?  
A: NUTS!
- Q: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the cellar, attic or garage?  
A: They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.
- Q: What do retirees call a long lunch?  
A: Normal.
- Q: What's the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?  
A: If you miss classes, no one rings your mother
- Q: Why does a retiree often say he doesn't miss work, but misses the people he used to work with?  
A: He is too polite to tell the whole truth.
- And, the very favourite -*
- Q: What do you do all week?  
A: Monday to Friday, NOTHING...Saturday and Sunday, I rest.

## **Midsummer Bash**

### **Winter Warmer**

**Saturday 14th December 9.30pm to 1.00am**

**HAWES MARKET HALL**

Mean Plastic Sharks and

The Audio Force Disco

(Josh Westwood)

Happy Hour – all night

Tickets £5 in advance; £8 on the door

Tickets from Spar Shop, Hawes, or contact

**Diane on 07773 436105**

**Proceeds for Hawes Summer Bash**

## Computer Corner

### URGENT VIRUS WARNING

Here's a really serious warning about a particularly nasty piece of scumware called CryptoLocker.

Note, your antivirus or malware detectors are unlikely to protect you from this as its profile is rapidly changing.

This is an example of hostage-ware. Basically it scans your hard drive (and any



hard disk devices attached to your computer over a network including shared folders on other computers) and encrypts your files so that you

can't use them unless you pay to have them unlocked.

There is currently no fix for this nasty apart from keeping a completely separate backup of your system (if it is on your hard disk or a network drive it is likely to be affected too so you won't be able to use it).

The way it works is a type of social engineering - you receive an attachment on an email from an official looking source and when you open it, BAM you have been got. Simple solution is the normal rule of attachments - **TREAT EVERY ATTACHMENT AS SUSPICIOUS** especially if it is attached to an unexpected email or from an unlikely source. Governments and financial institutions do not send out emails asking for details or asking you to open unexpected attachments. If you get an attachment you really feel you need to open call the sender and check it is genuine first. Avoid all the silly jokey emails with attachments from friends - it could be their email has been hacked and used to send out the virus to their friends.

A second line of attack is through out of date copies of Java on your system. Unless you have an absolutely crucial need for Java I recommend you uninstall all copies immediately. Some people need it in which case please make sure it is up to date and future updates installed quickly. If you have multiple copies installed on your computer

remove them all and start with a fresh download from [www.java.com](http://www.java.com).

A third line of attack is persuading you to click on links to infected websites. Treat all website clicks as suspicious - hover over links and look where they are going **BEFORE YOU CLICK** them.

Most important—backup your computers regularly and often and keep them on an unplugged external device (such as an external hard disk or DVDs).

If you do get got and decide to pay to get your files unlocked **DO NOT USE CREDIT CARD** or **BANK DEBIT CARD** - otherwise you may add insult to injury and find your card compromised too. There is also no guarantee that payment will achieve anything at all except loss of cash!

Given that the scum responsible for this virus can accept credit cards how hard can it be to track them down and arrest them?

As usual if you have any ideas for articles or have any questions feel free to contact me via my website (currently it is undergoing a rewrite but contact details are there) at [www.dalescomputerservices.com](http://www.dalescomputerservices.com) or send me a message via my facebook page [www.facebook.com/dalescomputerservices](http://www.facebook.com/dalescomputerservices).

Take care in the Internet Wild West and have a safe and happy Christmas.

Carol Haynes.

### Add Vice Four Authors

*As a result of last month's "You think English is easy", Peter Burrage has sent this. Some of you might have read it before.*

Eye have a spell chequer  
It came with my pea sea  
It plainly marques four my revue  
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.

Aye strike a quay and type a word  
And weight four it to say  
Weather eye am wrong or write  
It shows me strait a weigh.

As soon as a mist ache is maid  
It knows bee fore two long  
And eye can put the error rite  
Its rare lea ever wrong.

Eye have run this poem threw it  
And I'm shore yule bee pleased two no  
It's perfect spelling all the weigh,  
My chequer tolled me sew.

## Dales Cycling

The first article attempted to encourage a change in our cycling habits. So how can you get cycling? Firstly, do not let age, obesity or lethargy get in the way as you will surprise yourself once you get going. You need a bike, but it does not have to be an expensive "top of the range" model and many people already have one gathering dust in some corner or other. The important thing is to check that the tyres are pumped up to the correct pressures and are in good condition and that the brakes, gear-train and steering are serviceable and safe. Get help from a competent neighbour or friendly bike-shop if necessary. If you do not have a bike, there are plenty of used ones available at reasonable prices.

Pick a quiet road, as it is fear of traffic which seems to be the biggest deterrent to many first timers in this country and also pick a day when the weather is clement and there is not more than about 10 mph of wind. It is rare in this area that you can travel far without coming to a hill so, if necessary, go back and forth on your level bit of road until you feel competent at handling your bike. If you haven't ridden a bike for some years it is only reasonable that you will suffer some discomfort in your legs and your nether regions but if you want to gain the benefits I am afraid it is a price you will pay but, provided you limit your early excursions to about 30 minutes, regularity will eventually lead to no discomfort and a very large increase in your ability.

Hills look daunting in your early days but with modern gear-trains having between 18 and 24 gears, it is amazing how soon you learn to climb even the steepest hills in the area. Remember that it is not a race to the top but to stay within your limits. If you run out of puff, stop, get your breath back and then carry on. There is also nothing wrong with walking the hill although I would encourage the first method as, with experience, you will soon find that you can climb without the stops whereas with walking you tend to engender the attitude that you will always walk that hill.

Finally, it is important that as a cyclist, you obey the same rules which govern other road users. Be considerate of pedestrians, obey traffic lights when you come across them, be street-wise in watching for hazards and finally, until we get to the stage of development of Netherlands riding, wear something bright so that others can see you.

**Allan Tate**



Dalesplay would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you all enjoy a break from work and time with your families. Dalesplay will close at 1.00pm on the 24<sup>th</sup> December and re-open in the New year on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

The children have been wrapping up warm to play outside in the frosty weather, we have been watching our wind funnels swirl and listen to our wood chime as the windy days come upon us. Our role play area has been transformed into a wintery house with snow on the roof, a blazing fire scene and stockings hung on the mantelpiece. The children have thoroughly enjoyed playing families in the house and they even made a TV with Emmerdale on. Our small world area is now covered in pretend snow and our doll's house provides a great place for the children to make believe; it still has the famous train track surrounding it though for our enthusiastic train lovers.

The children have made a post box to send Santa their Christmas lists and we hope to make Christmas cards, Christmas tree decorations and much more in the weeks to come. To see what the children have been busy doing please take a look at our Facebook page and 'like' our page for all the latest news and updates. We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year with new and exciting activities and a new member of staff joining our team. If you need childcare or funded 2, 3 or 4 year old places please give us a ring on **667789** or email us on [dales-play1@btconnect.com](mailto:dales-play1@btconnect.com), we are here to provide care and activities for children throughout the dales.

**Joanne Fothergill**

## Under The Bush Beauty Room

...is now OPEN at The Mulberry Bush, Hawes. Kathy Scott from Ginger Tree Health and Beauty is with us on a Tuesday to provide express beauty treatments such as mini facials, waxing, tinting, manicures, pedicures and Gelish nails. Neal's Yard Organic skin care products available to test and buy. Perfect preparation for the Christmas party season. Flexible appointment times. **Call Kathy on 07530 602209 or Helene on 667100**

## Tourists— 1750s Style

*It is surprising how far and wide the travel writers of 250 years ago managed to get. Here is Richard Pococke (1704-65) in the Dales in May 1751*

From Hardraw I went westward, and saw a fall of ten feet at a rivlet called Cotter with several small cascades above it. We ascended a hill of the same name, which is very high, our guide guessed from the top down to the Ure 600 yards, but I did not think it so much. We went along the side of this hill, and came to Hellgills, called in the map Helbeck Lunes; it is a rivlet which rises a little further to the north, and has worn down the rock about twenty feet deep and about four feet in width. It is curious to see the waters run at so great a depth in such a narrow channel and to step over it. To the east of it is another very small stream, which divides the county of York from the county of Westmoreland, and falls, if I mistake not, into the Hellgills. Hellgill is the rise of the Eden which falls in at Caerlisle.

About half a mile lower there is deep water in it, from which they say the Ure rises, the water going under the ground about a quarter of a mile, and coming out in a field called Lin Park, and they say they have put chaff into the one and it has come out of the other.

There are no deer in these mountains. The prospect from the height of Cotter is the most awful and grand I ever beheld. The mountains all round, some with their lofty heads at a distance, as Ingleborough and Penigent and the valley beneath, which tho' it is much narrower to the west of Ascrig, yet is still a fine vale of good pasturage, and what is uncommon, there are houses built in most of the fields, which is an unusual prospect, and at a distance make the appearance of scatter'd villages.

About Hardrow they find freestone flags, which rise very large, and in them are figures of worms, snakes, and the like, but whether only accidental figures, as such reptiles inclosed, I cannot take upon me to say, but I rather think the former.

On the 24th, leaving this fine dale, we went to the south-west, over the vale in which Widhill Beck runs, having Weather Fell to the right; and ascending up Tenant Hill to the southeast, we had a fine view of the green vale and the lofty mountains all round. On this hill we came to some shafts where they had dug for lead. The

stone they dug up are of an ash-coloured marble, and full of trochi and entrochi, and so I observed the rocks were as we went along the mountain. We soon came to Camhill, and near to some cabbins called camhouses, to the north of which are two springs near each other, which soon joyn, and fall into the valley, and then it is called Cam Beck; this they call the rise of the Ribble. In the valley below, a little to the north of it, is a wet moor, out of which there arises a spring, which is the head of the river Wharfe.

*(This seems a bit confusing round the sources of the Eden and Ure; and near 'Widhill'. The ascent of Tenant Hill could be significant. We had much debate a few years ago about the derivation of the name Ten End. Same hill? Ed.)*

## Askrigg School News

Class 1 went on a very exciting trip – to our local village!

We were shown around by Teddy's Mummy who is an expert on local buildings and we learned a lot about building traditions in the Yorkshire Dales. We saw how buildings had changed over time. We had to use our keen, sharp eyes to spot the changes. We could imagine how they might have looked when they were built and each building was full of surprises.

We spotted fire windows, 17<sup>th</sup> century carved lintels and a range of Georgian knockers.

Once you start really looking, you can discover some amazing facts about buildings. We are very lucky that Mrs. Armstrong knows a lot about old stuff.

Freddie Y2

## Carols by Candlelight

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Sing along with Rosi and The Noel Singers at Rookhurst, Gayle at 7.00pm followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies.

Tickets £5 available from Whites of Wensleydale and The Sweet Shop, Hawes or contact **Ann Pilling 666969** or **Vera Sinton 666948**

Proceeds towards

St .Margaret's Church Restoration Fund.

## Prunings

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

How often is it that events are sent to try us? My wonderful electric Leaf Vacuum has so far turned out to be a non event! There was a perfect day for it, and we decided to try it out. Careful unpacking, religious following of instructions, bag attached, belt tightened, arrows lined up, sections locked in place, so far so good – but - the on/off switch was OFF and wouldn't move. Plugging it in showed that it was actually ON. We couldn't switch it off. It has to go back of course so it may be some time before we can tell if it serves its intended purpose.

On a brighter note, the other new toy I have recently purchased has been less of a problem. Last year Garden News offered a compost tumbler at a reduced rate. Of course I “ummed and ahhed” over it and by the time I had made my mind up they had sold out! This year I ordered it as soon as it appeared. It came in a box: two large plastic tubs, lots of nuts and bolts, with a stand. The instructions were clear, and it was 75% assembled when my husband appeared. One look and he said, “It's easy to see you're not an engineer.” - Have I ever aspired to such dizzy heights? Of course not. - I had put all the nuts on the wrong way round and they wouldn't tighten. There were 14 bolts holding the two halves of the barrel together, so I took them all out and replaced them correctly. It is now in the compost corner suitably filled and I have so far turned it daily. Perhaps not the best time of year to begin such an experiment, but one has to start somewhere. I await the results with bated breath!

As it is shrub planting time I read Graham Rice's article in the newspaper with great interest. Quoting the late great WJ Bean, whose first edition of “Trees and Shrubs Hardy in the British Isles” will celebrate 100 years since publication next year, he discusses the best time to plant. Of course most specimens are now container grown which poses less of a problem but still, autumn and spring are still better than winter, and he points out that bare roots, which are still available, will benefit from adding a fungal

preparation – Mycorrhiza develop an association with plant roots. They extract moisture and nutrients from the soil and pass them on to the roots exchanging them for sugars. *Rootgrow* is a proprietary product approved by the RHS for assisting root development.

The article listed some of the best new shrubs on the market this year. I treat such luxuries with some scepticism as experience tells me that hardiness may be subject to local conditions. There is an interesting *Caryopteris* with silver foliage, but I think it may need a sunny and very sheltered spot. There is a new variegated *Hebe* called “Heartbreaker” which sounds lovely, but again, it may not survive unless protected from wind. The best of the



bunch it seemed to me was a new *Hydrangea Quercifolia* (oak type leaves) which has red stems with yellow foliage in spring turning to russet in autumn and white lacecap flowers in late summer. I shall look out for that one.

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

**Rose Rambler.**

## Hawes Playgroup

We run two sessions a week on Monday and Wednesday, 9.20 to 11.15am, term time only.

We welcome children from aged 18 months (with a parent or carer), and two years plus without a parent or carer staying.

We are in the Market Hall, so if there are any parents out there who would like to come and visit us, feel free to drop into any session or contact playgroup leader, **Carol Hall 667234.**

We are holding a domino drive on **Sunday December 15th at 6.00pm** in Gayle Institute.

## Farming Today (and Yesterday!)

It seemed, to the Newsletter Committee, a long time since we featured a farming family in the area, so I was volunteered to visit the Cloughtons of Browna Paddocks on Long Shaw (on the back road from Askrigg to Hardraw).

The gathering actually took place at Richard and Carolyn's at Copperfield, Brandymires,



Photo: Geoff Keble

Hawes, where John (Richard's and Len's father) had been for his dinner; his wife being away on a trip to Blackpool. It was quite a family gathering: father John, the two sons, Carolyn's and Richard's three children plus brief appearances from their cousins. It's all 'go' with the Cloughtons.

There's an impression sometimes that farmers are a dour, complaining lot and all in their sixties or over; it wasn't the case last week as we talked, either about changes from the past or about the future. We have here a family at ease with itself in a farm still about the right size to keep its head above water, admittedly with the Single Farm Payments, and as John says, "And every other scheme we can be in!". There was never any doubt that Len and Richard would follow father, John.

We can't be sure of the name, *Browna Paddocks*, but it is 18th century and was known as the lonely farm; it is a bit on its own. John's father bought it just after the second world war; 100 acres then, but more now, from the river up to the moor, and mainly on limestone. They are very fortunate that their land never floods, neither do they have any trouble with walkers or tourists! When the railway closed and was sold off in the 1960s they bought some railway land: £5 per acre!

With Holstein/Friesian dairy cattle and about 600 Swaledale sheep they are one of only three

dairy farms left in Hawes and High Abbotside. Richard remembers also that when, rounding up sheep on Abbotside Common, there would have been 17 farmers; now just five. All their sheep are well-hefted; they can get to within about ten when bringing them down (as they have to do now—new directive for November to April).

A typical winter day starts with milking, about 6.30am, then feeding and mucking out; there's always walling to do. Richard quite enjoys this. He's reminded by his dad that his grandfather was a good waller. Len's busy with tugging, and we muse over the £65,000 just spent on a tup. Browna Paddocks had a 1975 herring bone milking parlour, but a new one was installed in 2010.

John, who says he's now the 'supervisor', remembers milking by hand. Ten, he says, which isn't bad. He began farming in 1960 with John Sunter (ex-Simonstone and Albert's father). He was also destined for farming. His father, Jimmy was an auctioneer for 47 years, and John was to follow. In fact, he remembers standing, at the age of six, on a table practising his auctioneering skills! He has a really good memory for names and faces which he claims is a great help. At this point, both Richard and Len, who have no regrets about going straight from school to farming, state quite firmly that they won't be into auctioneering! It was a bit sad to hear of the huge decline in the weekly sheep sales at the Mart. John reckons he can remember 7000 on a 'normal' Tuesday, and going on until 5.00pm. "There were just 700 a couple of weeks ago." However, the big sales in September and October still do well. And although it is now over a decade since the ravages of Foot and Mouth, we wondered just how vigilant everyone still is.

You can't talk to upland farmers without a mention of the various policy changes over the years regarding 'the tops'; gripping, filling in the grips, drastically reducing sheep numbers, heather re-planting, run-off, flooding, grouse, birds of prey, stoats, weasels and shooting! John can remember autumns when the whole of Newby Head would be purple with heather.

It really seems the only real 'bind' is the paper work which just gets more and more of a chore; the recording of every milking, of every sale, and the detailed testing, especially for penicillin, (with rejection sometimes) of milk

for the Creamery, plus the complicated payments dependent on the composition of the milk.

What of the third generation of this active family? Len's Robert is into farming and spends a day a week at Askham Bryan College in Thirsk; farming's not for Hannah, though!

Richard and Carolyn's Laura who sat throughout our session with great interest, has been much involved with the Wensleydale Young Farmers and hopes to keep with it— all kinds of activities; practice judging and the annual show at Pateley Bridge - but she's busy with her art course at Darlington College and hoping to go to University doing textile design etc.

Emma, in the local 'Young voices' is busy with her leading role in the forthcoming 'Peter Pan', also enjoys badminton and hockey. Young Jack, who briefly breezed in, (he's into cross-county running, and football as his dad and uncle were) has just declared he wants to be a farmer. It looks as if the future for Brown Paddocks is bright. They seem to be a hefted lot! John never far from his birth at Simonstone; wife from Litherskew, then moved just across the Ure to Catriggs, and back again, half a mile on marriage, to Brown Paddocks!

And thank you to busy 'three-jobs' Carolyn who managed to get everyone together!

**A.S.W.**

## **West Burton School News**

We have been very busy since the half term holiday. Years 2 to 6 enjoyed a trip to the Civic theatre at Darlington to see "Horrible Science". After a packed lunch eaten in the churchyard they walked to the indoor market to research food prices.

Jane Sammels from the Dales Countryside Museum spent a morning in school when we investigated Viking food and replicas of Viking artefacts.

This term everyone has had dance lessons. This has included Street Dance which was particularly popular and an Indian Dance session when Shantha Rao came and shared her Indian culture with us.

## **Askrigg PTFA Report**

Congratulations everyone, we made a total of £780 at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 16th November. That is fantastic! Barclays Bank have agreed to match fund up to £750, so our grand total is **£1530!**

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way at all. I really felt that we were a great team this year, with so many of us involved. It ran smoothly, there was a fabulous atmosphere, and we achieved our goal of raising money for our children at school.

Many thanks to the combined schools choir too, they sang beautifully and were a marvellous asset to the Fair.

I have received lots of positive feedback from members of the community, who said what a lovely morning they had, and what a great community feel there was. This really is a great achievement and we should all be proud of our little school community.

PTFA use any money raised to help the children and their families in many different ways. In the past this has included: heavily subsidising the transport costs for the swimming bus, contributing to transport costs for trips to enhance the children's learning, buying the smart board and other technological resources, purchasing equipment, books, arts and crafts, games and much more for both classrooms, donating funds for Eco group, and School Council, and buying equipment to enhance the fantastic productions which are staged each term. Not forgetting the occasional treat such as Easter eggs!

This term we are donating money to the gardening club to provide a new fence to keep out the rabbits and smarten up the gardening area, contributing to replacing the wood chips in the play ground, contributing to the transport for the year 5/6 residential trip, providing our children with refreshments at the pantomime, and of course contributing to the transport of the swimming bus again, which dramatically reduces costs to each family by a substantial amount!

We are an extremely successful PTFA, let's continue to be a united and thriving group for the benefit of the children of our school.

Thank you once again.

**Carolyn Teasdale, Chair of Askrigg PTFA**

## Heavens Above

We have a dazzling 'Christmas Star' this December. It's the planet Venus, blazing low in the SW soon after dark. At the start of the month it sets almost 3 hours after the Sun, but gradually sinks into the twilight as we head towards the New Year. On January 11<sup>th</sup> it passes between us and the Sun, providing a rare opportunity to see Venus as both an Evening *and* a Morning Star on the same night!

Jupiter also puts on a great show in the coming months, shining far brighter than any star in the constellation of Gemini, the Heavenly Twins. It's the giant planet's best performance since 2002, and it dominates the southern sky right through the winter, visible all night long by the year's end. Jupiter reaches *opposition* - when the Sun, Earth and planet lie in a straight line - on January 5<sup>th</sup> when it stands roughly 60° high at midnight. Decent good-sized binoculars will show you the four main Galilean moons, and a small telescope the intricate banded structure of the planet's turbulent atmosphere.

The Winter Solstice falls on December 21<sup>st</sup> this year. It's the time when the Sun reaches its lowest point in the sky as seen from the northern hemisphere, and we get the shortest days and longest nights - a real bind for many



people, but for star-watchers the best time of the year. Nothing beats the view south on a clear winter's night with Orion and his retinue of brilliant constellations sparkling in the frosty air, and the pale ribbon of the Milky Way arching right across the heavens. This winter there's the added bonus of a major meteor shower reaching its peak with no moonlight to spoil the view. Go out on the night of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of January, after the Moon has set, and with any luck you might see up to 30-40 Quadrantids (called after the obsolete

constellation of The Quadrant) over the course of an hour. Many of them have a distinct bluish train.

Right at the end of January, from the 20<sup>th</sup> onwards, you should be able to spot the innermost planet, Mercury, which puts on its best evening performance of the year. Find a fairly flat unobstructed horizon and look low in the WSW just after sunset to catch a glimpse of this elusive little world.

By the time you read this piece, we'll have found out if Comet ISON has survived its close encounter with the Sun on November 28<sup>th</sup>. If it has, you should be able to spot it (sporting an appreciable tail, we hope) in the east in the early morning sky, and in the north-west in the evening sky. In the New Year it glides through the constellation of Ursa Minor, passing only a degree from the Pole Star on the night of January 7-8<sup>th</sup>. After that it begins to fade rapidly as it heads out again into the far reaches of the Solar System almost certainly never to return.

Compliments of the season and here's hoping for clear skies next year!

Al Bireo

## Awards for Yorebridge House

After recently attending the White Rose Yorkshire Tourism Awards, we are delighted to announce we have been presented with the 'Restaurant with Rooms of the Year Award'. A very proud moment for us all, especially as only a couple of weeks earlier we achieved another massive success when we were awarded 'Small But Special Accommodation Award' at the Yorkshire Life Food and Drink Awards 2013.

## Word Play!

Just in case you are not aware of the effect that financial problems are having on Japan's banks, I can confirm that Origami Bank has folded, Sumo Bank has gone belly up, Bonsai Bank is cutting its branches and trading in the Kamikaze Bank has ceased after its shares nosedived.

At the Karate Bank 500 employees have been given the chop. Analysts also report that something fishy is happening at the Sushi Bank as customers are getting a raw deal.

## Dales Flagship Project Reaches Out

A pioneering education and outreach project from the Yorkshire Dales is expanding into the Forest of Bowland in an effort to encourage even more people to experience the benefits of spending time in the countryside.

To date, the *'People and the DALES'* project, run by Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust thanks to funding from Natural England's Access to Nature programme, has given 4,750 people from disadvantaged urban backgrounds the opportunity to visit the beautiful Yorkshire Dales countryside.

To support this aim, YDMT has joined forces with the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty thanks to a grant from its Sustainable Development Fund. Through the partnership a pilot project is underway to explore the potential for a project akin to People and the DALES to be introduced to encourage a wide range of people to visit the Forest of Bowland AONB.

The pilot has researched possible groups, places to visit and delivered a series of events for refugees and asylum seekers and other disadvantaged community groups from Manchester, Burnley and Morecambe.

Groups enjoyed a Halloween themed event at Cobble Hey Farm, kite making and orienteering at Beacon Fell Country Park, visited Lower Gazegill Organic Farm where they enjoyed homemade ice-cream, and felt making at Laund Farm, all within the beautiful countryside of the Forest of Bowland.

For some individuals it was their first visit to the AONB and an eye-opening experience that illustrated just how accessible and uplifting the countryside can be.

## Annual Christmas Charity Concert

**Hawes Silver Prize Brass Band**  
and

**The Aysgarth Singers.**  
Hawes Market House

**Friday December 20th, 7.30pm**

Admission on the door £7.00

(Mince pie and mulled wine included).

Come along, celebrate and join  
in the singing  
of traditional carols.

All proceeds from the concert and raffle  
in aid of Hawes local charities.

## Railway News

**SANTA IS COMING** but there's a deadline! We can't postpone his annual visit so please book very soon for Santa Specials on the Wensleydale Railway, before all the seats have gone. Santa Specials on December dates start from Leeming Bar (phone **08454 50 54 74** to book).

**December 26th– January 1st:** Scheduled services on the Wensleydale Railway between Finghall-Leyburn-Redmire (or as advertised nearer the time), with special holiday return fare of £6 (info from the Dales Countryside Museum. Tel: **666210**).

**New Year's Day:** Join an 8 mile guided walk from Redmire station to Aysgarth Falls and back - or add interest to the day by catching the train departing from Leyburn at 10.37 to Redmire. No need to book but bring packed lunch and drinks. Free parking at both stations. Any dogs **MUST** be on a lead held by an adult throughout this event.

**DALES RAILCARD HOLDERS (SETTLE-CARLISLE AND LANCASTER-MORECAMBE LINES)** Check carefully for dates on which the special Winter Offer of £8 Day Return fare applies as it does not include peak holiday dates.

**PETE SHAW'S SETTLE-CARLISLE CAL- ENDARS:** Still available at Outhwaite's Ropemakers in Hawes and we can also post them for you if required. Tel **667487**.

**Ruth Annison**

### Yorkshire Dateline Important Information for Seasoned Travellers



## Tour de France

### Hawes and High Abbotside

#### Working Group Buzzes with Ideas.

We include here some of the arrangements already made or promised for the Grand Départ and some of the great suggestions being followed up after the November meeting held at the Wensleydale Creamery.

Funding from various sources is being made available. Three banners are already bought and in place. It has been agreed that festivities will range over the three days: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 4th, 5th and 6th with the suggested themes being 'People, Sheep, Cheese'- or possibly 'Market Town', Hawes now the highest in England.

The Hawes Band will be available on the Saturday and Sunday, and it has been further suggested that we aim for the record for the longest street-party table in the town as there will be no traffic allowed; possible theme: cheese/wine/beer. It was agreed that this would provide good press coverage.

Big screen TV is being arranged on the north platform of the station so that it is visible from the community field, where camping will be allowed. The National Park has allocated 25 portaloos.

Art works and sculptures are being encouraged, hopefully on the cricket field (with protection for the pitch) and the suggestion of a 'chalk bike' carved in the landscape up in the Buttertubs area sounds fine but that would involve a good deal of negotiation with interested parties.

As for a lasting legacy for the town, a public tap/ drinking fountain for cyclists and walkers has been put forward. Children are already involved in the creation of murals.

A generous offer of time and expertise has been received for the planting and floral decoration of the whole town and its houses.

Discussion is also taking place in respect of social media sites: Facebook and Twitter.

The next meeting is on **Monday December 9th at 3.00pm** at the Creamery.

## Operation Christmas Child

Thank you so much to those who have supported Operation Christmas Child this year. We were pleased to take 109 carefully wrapped and filled shoe boxes to Richmond Methodist Church for transport to Serbia and Ukraine. The boxes are delivered by hand to the neediest children through local charities and churches.

For many of the poorest children their box will be the only gift they receive at Christmas. We hear stories of not only how the boxes bring joy to the children receiving them but how the fact that someone cares for them has a real impact on their families as well.

Parents have been touched and encouraged in the task of bringing up their children in difficult situations of poverty, crime and social breakdown. Last year over a million boxes were sent from the UK to Eastern Europe and Africa.

This year you have donated over £350 towards transport of the boxes and Operation Christmas Child will be able to claim at least £56 from Gift Aid. Many gifts were donated on line.

So thank you to all who helped and to the Community Office Staff and Stephen and Linda at the Hawes Post Office for being willing to receive the boxes.

**Heather and Nelson Caplin**

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

## Hawes Christmas Lights Festival

Saturday 7th December

### 1. Variety Concert

Hawes Market Hall

7.00pm for 7.30pm.

A night of musical and vocal entertainment.

Tickets £5 from Whites of Wensleydale or on the night.

### 2. Christmas Market

near the Market House and the forecourt of Cocketts Hotel. With various stalls and seasonal refreshments.

### 3. Wensleydale's Got More Talent

A competition of handicrafts, cooking and photography in the front room of The Market Hall, 10.30am-12.30pm.

### 4. Wensleydale's Got Talent

1.00pm for 1.30pm start

*All welcome*

### 5. Santa Arrives and Carols

4.00pm, Market Place.

We are also fairly sure that Santa will arrive to the dramatic sound of fireworks. You will remember Saturday, November 2nd, and the rain! Only five of the Hawes bonfire fireworks managed to be set off. Trying to light any more could have been a waste of £1700, so it is hoped to have them at the Lights Festival.

### Fireworks

Hawes Bonfire Committee would like to thank everyone who turned up on such a dreadful night of rain for this years bonfire. Because of the horrendous weather the firework display had to be abandoned owing to the lighting of the fireworks being made impossible in such torrential rain.

We hope to salvage them for the turn on of the Christmas lights so fingers crossed. Let's hope next years event won't be as wet and we will get a dry night. A huge thank you to all those who helped out to make the event possible and all those who supported us through donations of money, food etc. Without these donations the bonfire and fireworks would not have been possible and we hope to bring back a fabulous firework display next year. Thank you once again.

## 90th Celebration

Last Thursday (November 21st) Hawes W.I. celebrated its 90th anniversary with a lovely meal at the Wensleydale Pantry.



Norma Fowler, the President, welcomed ex-members Margaret Johnson, Delia Dubois and Joan Rice, representatives from Bainbridge, Thorlby, Carperby and Marske W.Is, together with present members, except sadly for the oldest one, Nora Oversby, who just the day before had had a fall. There was a welcome also for the 'gentlemen' who were allowed to attend on this special occasion!

The first meeting had been on November 26th 1923, and Norma then detailed the many and varied activities, interests and concerns of the Hawes W.I. over 90 years, and which, at its height had had 60 members. She said they now looked forward to the 100th anniversary.

Grace said by Rev Henry Dubois gave thanks and rejoiced in the renewal of friendships and was followed by what everyone described as a splendid carvery.

A celebration 'Cockett's cake' was cut by Gladys Metcalfe, the longest standing member—50 years, and a toast was proposed by Trevor Johnson, "recently returned to God's Own Country", he said, as he spoke of the great work of the non-sectarian W.I. over so many years.

He hoped there would be many more such splendid banquets, and then the chatter and the clicking of cameras continued. An evening to remember!

A.S.W.

### Bank Cards!

Barclays Bank in Hawes invites you to view local schools' Christmas cards on

**Tuesday December 17th,**

**9.30am to 3.30pm**

All Welcome

**Hawes Chemist's  
Christmas Opening Times**

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am - 5.30pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am - 5.30pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am - 5.30pm
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am - 5.30pm
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am - 5.30pm
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am - 5.30pm
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>CLOSED</b>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00am - 5.30pm
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am - 5.30pm
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am - 5.30pm

When we are closed ring NHS Direct on **08 45 46 47** to find out where the nearest open Pharmacy is.

If the doctors surgery is closed and you require medical attention/advice ring either -  
**01969 667 200**  
or NHS Direct on **08 45 46 47**

**Tina Spence**  
would like to thank everyone who sponsored her in the Great North Run. The total amount raised was £465 for Herriot Hospice Homecare.

**Bainbridge School PTFA Events**

Bag2school collection of any reusable clothing, soft toys, pairs of shoes, bags or bedding on **Wednesday, 4th December at 9.00am** at Bainbridge School

Pie and Pea Supper, Crown Inn, Askrigg.

**Friday 24th January 2014**

**From 6.30pm**

Tickets £7.75 available from

**Angela Peacock 650212**

**Melanie Clarkson 650037** or Crown Inn

**Wensleydale Writers**

*"Flights of Fancy"*

is a collection of writing on the theme of flight and rescue by members of the Wensleydale Writers group - including Mike Amos who is now our President.

Raising money for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and The Great North Air Ambulance it is available from Towlers in Leyburn, Berry's Farm Shop and several other outlets.

**Summary of December and New Year events and greetings**

**SPECIAL CHURCH AND CAROL-SINGING EVENTS (HC=Holy Communion)**

**ASKRIGG AND BAINBRIDGE AREA**

Bainbridge Methodist Chapel	Sunday	Dec 22	10.30am	Carol service at Sycamore Hall
	Sunday	Dec 29	10.30am	Annual Covenant service joined by St Oswald's
St Oswald's, Askrigg	Saturday	Dec 14	7.00pm	Christmas Tree Preview. See Page
	Sunday	Dec 15 to Jan 1st		Tree Festival daily 9.00am to 6.00pm
	Sunday	Dec 16	10.30am	HC
			4.30pm	Service of Carols and Lessons
St Matthew's, Stalling Busk	Christmas Eve		4.00pm	Christingle
			11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist (HC)
	Christmas Day		10.30am	HC
	Christmas Eve		7.15pm	HC
Bainbridge Meeting House Marsett Methodist Chapel			8.00pm	Lessons and Carols by Candlelight
	Sunday	Dec 22	10.30am	Quaker (Society of Friends) meeting
	Sunday	Dec 1	8.00pm	"Singalong", with Askrigg Ladies Singing for pleasure.
	Sunday	Jan 5	2.00pm	Annual Covenant service

## HAWES AREA

Gayle Methodist Church	Sunday	Dec 22	2.00pm	Carol service
	Wednesday	Jan 1	6.30pm	Gayle Methodist New Year supper
	Sunday	Jan 12	6.30pm	Annual Covenant service
Hawes Methodist Church	Monday	Dec 2	1.00pm	Taizé service after lunch at noon
	Sunday	Dec 8	10.30am	United Toy service for Salvation Army
	Wednesday	Dec 18	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight and supper
	Christmas Day		10.30am	United Christmas morning celebration followed by short HC for those who wish.
St Margaret's, Hawes	Sunday	Jan 5	10.30am	Annual Covenant service
	Wednesday	Dec 18	1.30pm	Christingle service with Hawes School
	Sunday	Dec 22	4.00pm	Service of Lessons and Carols
	Christmas Eve		10.00pm	HC
St Mary and St John, Hardraw	Sunday	Jan 19	10.30am	United service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
	Sunday	Dec 22	4.00pm	Christingle service
Hawes Junction Chapel	Christmas Eve		11.30pm	HC
	Saturday	Dec 7	7.30pm	Carols by Candlelight

## AYSGARTH, WEST BURTON, THORALBY AND WEST WITTON AREA

St Andrew's, Aysgarth	Sunday	Dec 22	11.00am	Carol service
	Christmas Eve		10.00pm	HC
	Christmas Day		11.00am	Family service with Bishop James
Aysgarth Methodist Church	Sunday	Dec 29	11.00am	Readings and carols
	Sunday	Dec 8	6.30pm	Nativity service
	Sunday	Dec 15	10.45am	Carol Service
	Sunday	Dec 22	10.30am	Join Bainbridge at Sycamore Hall
Thorlby Village Hall	Sunday	Jan 26	10.45am	Annual Covenant Service
	Sunday	Dec 22	2.30pm	Carol service
Thornton Rust	Sunday	Dec 22	4.00pm	Carol service
West Burton Methodist Church	Sunday	Dec 15	6.00pm	Nativity service
	Mon, Tues	Dec 16,17	6.00pm	Carol singing around village from 6 pm
	Christmas Eve		8.00pm	Christmas Eve HC
	Christmas Day		10.45am	
St Bartholomew's, West Witton	Sunday	Jan 12	10.45am	Annual Methodist Covenant service
	Sunday	Dec 15	6.00pm	Carol service
	Wednesday	Dec 18	6.30pm	Carol singing. Start at the Village Hall
	Sunday	Dec 22	9.30am	Methodist service (not HC)
	Christmas Eve		4.00pm	Christingle Crib service
Swinithwaite	Christmas Eve		11.30pm	HC
	Sunday	Dec 29	9.30am	Readings and carols
	Monday	Dec 23	6.30pm	Carol singing. Start at Swinithwaite Hall

## CARPERBY, REDMIRE, CASTLE BOLTON, PRESTON AND WENSLEY

Carperby Village Hall	Sunday	Dec 22	7.30pm	Carol service
Castle Bolton Church	Monday	Dec 16	7.00pm	Carols round the village
	Christmas Eve		10.00pm	HC
Preston-under-Scar	Sunday	Dec 22	6.00pm	Carol service
	Monday	Dec 23	6.00pm	Carols round the village
	Christmas Day		9.30am	HC
Redmire	Sunday	Dec 29	9.30am	HC
	Thursday	Dec 12	7.00pm	Carols in the Bolton Arms
	Sunday	Dec 22	4.00pm	Carol service
	Christmas Eve		3.30pm	Crib service
Wensley Church	Sunday	Dec 29	11.00am	HC
	Friday	Dec 20	6.00pm	Carol service

## GENERAL WHAT'S ON LISTING

### December

- 3 Coffee morning and bookstall;  
Hawes Methodist rooms, 10.00am to noon (For Aysgarth Chapel)
- 3-6 'Peter Pan' Panto. Hawes Market Hall. See p.8
- 4 Bag 2 school collection. See p.324
- 4 Carols at Rookhurst, Gayle. See p.16
- 6 Wensleydale Society. Aerial view of Dales archaeology. West Burton Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 7 Hawes Lights Switch-on and Festival. See p. 6, 23
- 7 'Gladly Solemn Sound; Hardraw Church, 2.00pm. See p.5
- 7 Christmas music; Swale Singers. p.5
- 7 The 'Jigantics' concert, Carperby. See p. 11
- 10 Decorative and Fine Arts Society meets; See p.4
- 11 *For info. Only.* North Country Theatre at D.C.M. *Sold out.*
- 12,19 Wensleydale Country Markets; collection of Christmas orders. Leyburn Methodist Hall, usual times.
- 13 Yoredale Natural History Society; members' evening and quiz ; Leyburn Methodist Hall, 7.30pm
- 14 Preview concert for Christmas tree festival. See p.4
- 14 Midsummer Bash–Winter Warmer. See p.13
- 15 Play Group Domino Drive; Gayle I Institute. at 6.00pm. Details from Carol Hall, **667234**
- 16 Dominoes, Thoraby Village Hall 7.30pm
- 17 YDNPA Full Authority Meeting; Yoredale, Bainbridge, 10.30am
- 18 Whist Drive, Thoraby Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 18 Carols by Candlelight and Supper. See P.4
- 19 Carperby Christmas Whist Drive in the Institute ,7.30pm
- 20 Christmas Charity Concert. See p.21
- 21 Carperby Christmas Domino Drive in the Institute; 7.30pm
- 29 "The Mice Who Ate Christmas" p.12

### January

- 3 Wensleydale Society; 'York Minster' with David Burke; West Burton Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 11 Coffee morning; Askrigg Village Hall. See p.9
- 14 Decorative and Fine Arts Society: 'Love, Power and Scandal' - a royal

jewel for every occasion.

- Middleham Key Centre, 2.00pm
- 24 Yoredale Natural History Society; Red squirrel conservation; Leyburn Methodist Hall, 7.30pm
- 24 Pie and Peas for Bainbridge PTFA See p.24
- 31 Wensleydale Tournament: deadline for entries. See p.8

### Hawes Pub and Club Events

#### December

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Domino Drive	The White Hart
Sat. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas lights	
Sat. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Karaoke	Fountain
Wed. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Bingo	Hawes club
Wed. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Quiz	Crown
Sat. 14 <sup>th</sup>	African Food Event	Crown
Sat. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Band "Mean Plastic Sharks"	Hawes Market Hall
Sun .15 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Carvery	Fountain
Tues. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Domino Drive	Hawes Club
Fri. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Darts Knockout	White Hart
Sat. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas Draw	The Crown
Sun. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Christmas Draw +Quiz	White Hart
Wed. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day	Times from pubs
Thu.26 <sup>th</sup>	Karaoke	Fountain
Sat. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Domino Drive	The Board
New Year Eve	Live Music in the Bar	Fountain
New Year Eve	Live Music in the Bar	White Hart

#### January

Sat. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Pairs Darts Knockout	Fountain
Fri.10 <sup>th</sup>	Pairs Darts Knockout	Board
Sat. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Domino Drive	Fountain
Fri. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Single Darts Knockout	White Hart
Sat. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Single Darts Knockout	Fountain

## Christmas Greetings

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>IVESON</b></p> <p>Alick and Edith wish all family, friends and neighbours a merry Christmas and a happy New Year</p> 	<p><b>Audrey Stringer</b> of Askrigg wishes all her friends and neighbours a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year</p> 
<p><b>Annie Taylor</b> of Nanup, Western Australia sends her Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all her friends and relations in the UK</p> 	<p><b>Judy Fawcett</b> would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.</p> 
<p>ALAN AND SUE HARPLEY WISH ALL THEIR FRIENDS IN HAWES AND THE DALES A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS.</p> 	<p><b>Mary Sumner</b> wishes all her friends a Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>fringez 'n freckles</i></p> <p>Would like to wish all our customers and friends a merry Christmas and a happy New Year</p>	<p><b>Hazel Metcalfe</b>, Meadowside, Hudswell, would like to wish family and friends a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.</p> 
<p>Mrs D. Hulley, Cornerstones would like to wish all family, friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">~o*o~</p> <p><b>Marilyn and Tony Philpott</b> wish all their friends in Wensleydale a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.</p>
<p><b>Jean Cockburn</b> wishes all her friends in Aysgarth a very happy Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BOWN</b></p> <p>Ian, Trish, Sam and Katie would like to wish all their friends and neighbours a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. We are not sending cards. Instead a donation has been sent to the British Lung Foundation.</p>
<p><b>Unni and John</b> would like to wish Barry, Elsie, Sandra and Tony a wonderful Christmas and good health and happiness in 2014 .</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TO MITT and GAGS-</b> Happy Christmas from the grandchildren.</p>
<p><b>Mattie Furnish</b> wishes all friends and relations in Wensleydale a very Happy Christmas and sends her best wishes for 2014.</p> 	<p><i>Chris, Hazel, Josh &amp; Ella (Thwaite)</i> Would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We are not sending cards locally this year and will instead make a donation to charity.</p> 
<p><b>Derek Ramsden</b>, Sycamore Hall would like to wish all his family and friends a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.</p> 	<p><b>Jean Roberts, Moorhills</b>, would like to wish relatives, friends and neighbours a very happy Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.</p> 

 <p>Merry Christmas from David, Amanda, Ethan and Reese Scarr (No Christmas cards being sent this year, we will be donating to the Alzheimer's Society )</p>	<p><b>Barbara and James Peacock</b> at Sycamore Hall wish a happy Christmas and New Year to all their family and friends.</p> 
 <p><b>James Harrison</b> of 43, Little Ings would like to wish all his friends and relatives a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.</p>	<p><b>Paul and Susan of Aysgarth Joinery</b> would like to wish all their custom- ers a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.</p> 