

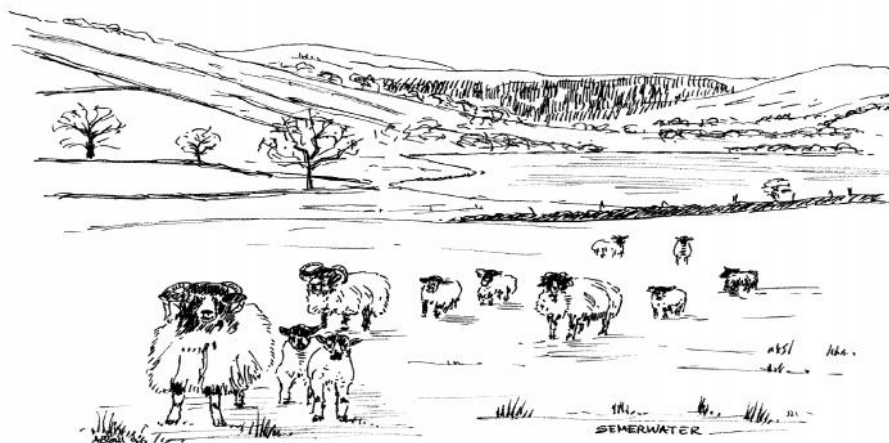
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## Editorial

Something for nothing! Do we all like the sound of that? Well, in our area we are very fortunate to have a large number of volunteers who do 'something for nothing'. When you consider the clubs and groups for children and young people, the societies meeting weekly or monthly providing interest and social contact, the village halls and the churches and chapels, and those doing work in the environment, then the number involved must be very great.

This Newsletter recently celebrated its 200<sup>th</sup> issue with a party for our writers, artists, photographers, regular suppliers of information and what's ons, and those who distribute copies.

There were very many of us - all volunteers.

So where are we going with this? Answer: people can't go on for ever! Even if the voluntary work brings with it opportunities to make new friends or to feel satisfaction in serving the community, the pressures of 'keeping things going' can be as stressful as full time work!

An article last month drew attention to volunteering at Gayle Mill; and the Wensleydale

Railway, always in need of extra help is looking for people to man the old weighbridge in Hawes Station Yard (See page 6). No doubt they will be successful in getting people to lend a hand every now and then.

But speaking to those who run, for example, our village halls or societies, it is not the occasional willing hands, helpful as they are, for a special event or project, that keep things going but committee members, secretaries, treasurers or trustees, or drivers taking friends to hospitals whose commitment goes on – and on – week in, week out, who provide the stability of organisations from which we all benefit.

In the season of Lent, whether we are particularly religious or not, we maybe decide to 'give something up'. Like those of us who might make New Year resolutions, we're not sure how long the effort lasts! But how about this for a change: instead of (or in addition to) giving something up, why not take something up, like a bit of steady volunteering? There really are some 'enlightened self interest' benefits as well!



*The Newsletter Committee and the cake*

### Say it with Flowers

With Mothering Sunday just round the corner, here's an alternative idea to sending cut flowers: the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust has launched the 'Living Bouquet' gift, which for £25 allows you to dedicate a piece of beautiful living hay meadow, full of natural flowers. The YDMT restoration programme has so far seen wildflower seeds added to almost 400 hectares of degraded hay meadow. A Living Bouquet gift will help further improvement.

There are plenty of other special occasions when this might be an appropriate gift. Although recipients do receive a small gift pack, the main pleasure must be the satisfaction of helping the dales environment. For further details ring **015242 51002** or visit [www.ydmt.org/LivingBouquet](http://www.ydmt.org/LivingBouquet).

### Weighbridge Hut in Hawes

The National Park has agreed to lease the weighbridge hut, which is in the station yard at Hawes, to the Wensleydale Railway Trust. The intention is to use it as an information point for the railway and to try to generate interest from that part of the Dale before, as we hope in the future, the railway is extended there. At present, we are



trying to recruit people in the area to be involved; perhaps to form a Hawes Support Group. Although we have written to all Members of the Wensleydale Railway Association in Hawes and the surrounding villages to invite them, there may well be people who are not currently involved with the Wensleydale Railway, who might also be interested in this historic building or in railways and who might like to join the support group.

If you are interested, or know someone else who might be, please get in touch with **Phil Smith** on [pandmsmith@talktalk.net](mailto:pandmsmith@talktalk.net) or **01609 774733**.

### Eunice the Ewe



Last month I was hiding in Farfield Mill. Winner: **Brody Hullock, Appleby**

### Bolton Castle News

Eggcellent Easter!

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 10.00am - 5.00pm**

Enjoy Easter at Bolton Castle with eggciting Easter Egg hunts, eggstravagant egg decorating, eggstroadinary bonnet making and much more! Normal Admission Charges Apply

St George's Day Party:

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April (7.30pm onwards)**

Celebrate St George's Day in style at Bolton Castle with a typically English themed menu, music and plenty of real ale. Our menu will include Boiled Beef with Carrots and Yorkshires followed by Old English Trifle and the bar will be well stocked with real ales from local breweries along with other local beverages. Dress up as a famous English historical character (prizes for best costumes include a meal for two at Fairhurst's Bistro and free season tickets to the Castle)

Tickets: £20 per person (including 2 course meal)

Booking Essential. **623981 Katie Boggis**

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## March Competition Answers

**Hills of the North** (excluding the Lake District)

1. SO A STRANGE MIXTURE;  
**Rogan's Seat**
2. ITCH HOT EVE: **The Cheviot**
3. MORE HELPFUL UNIFORMED YOUTH: **Kinder Scout**
4. N: **Ten End**
5. GREAT PILE OF WRITERS: **Pen Hill**
6. NEWTON UNDER IS BELOW IT:  
**Roseberry Topping**
7. HIGHEST YORKSHIRE PEAK BEFORE 1974: **Mickle Fell**
8. NOT IF PUKED: **Dufton Pike**
9. SMALLEST OF 'THE THREE': **Pen-y Ghent**
10. HIGHEST HOWGILL: **The Calf**
11. RE-WIND: **Winder**
12. CHAIR FOR A SIMPLETON: **Simon's Seat**

The roll-over prize is awarded to **Mrs F. Phalp of Great Ayton** and it donated to Myeloma UK.

We apologise for the very clever (some would say excruciatingly perverse) clue number 4!

## April Competition

**Wild flowers: Anagrams**

1. HIT BE GREY (9)
2. PRICED MOAN (3,7)
3. TEAS WOW DEEM (6,5)
4. ROUND LEDGER (6,5)
5. YELP AS CROW (3,7)
6. IN MOTTLER (9)
7. TORY WELL LATE (6,6)
8. SWIVEL DEER (6,4)
9. BASH GOLD POE (3,8)
10. ROD LUNGES (9)
11. WELDER LEN SPREAD MEG (9, 9)
12. SHE ADDING THE LADY (6, 10)
13. SALTY MAN LED (5,6)
14. O RUTLE SOW (9)

## Mid-dale Lent Lunches

For Christian Aid

**April 4th:** Aysgarth

**April 11th:** Carperby

They are all from **noon to 1.30pm**

## Information Sharing Item

### Communities Opportunity Fund 2014/15

In 2013/14, Richmondshire District Council supported 66 applications with over £600K worth of funding through the Communities Opportunity Fund (COF) 2013/14

This is to notify you that a further year for the scheme has been approved which is open for applications from **Tuesday 1st April 2014**.

Applications can be made for £500+ from Parish/Town Councils, Community Groups, individuals, Members of the Council and Council Officers and all applications must be supported by the Local District Councillor for the Ward in which the application most applies (where this is more than one Ward, the Leader or Deputy Leader must support the application).

If you would like to discuss a potential scheme in detail, please do get in touch.

**Samantha Coultish 01748 901037**

### Wensleydale Railway Update

As a result of serious weather damage to an embankment near Akebar Golf Course, we are unable to operate train services beyond Newton le Willows. Repair work has started and should be completed by April 15th. Until then, we will operate the following service **Every Saturday** from Leeming Bar and Bedale with reversals at Newton le Willows and Ainderby.

Saturdays: April 5th; 12th

Leeming Bar depart: 1000; 1200; 1400

Bedale depart: 1007; 1207; 1407

Each journey is a round trip from Leeming Bar via Bedale, Newton le Willows and Ainderby. Unfortunately passengers cannot alight or join the trains at Newton or Ainderby as there are no platforms.

**Ruth Annison**

### Wensleydale All Stars

A concert followed by supper in aid of church funds:

Bainbridge Methodist Church

**Friday April 11th, 7.30pm**

## 25th Anniversary of the Settle-Carlisle Railway Reprive!

Can it really be 25 years since the line was saved from British Rail's proposal to close it?

Yes! The actual anniversary date is Friday 11th April this year (a week before Good Friday) and many readers will remember the anguish of the 6 year campaign to save the line - and the extraordinary surprise announcement in 1989 by the Secretary of State for Transport, Paul Channon (who has since died) that it was not to be closed. Michael Portillo, then the Minister for Public Passenger Transport, is now famous for his popular television programmes about travelling on railways in the UK and abroad. One of the earliest programmes was about the Settle-Carlisle line.

Have you, or any organisation to which you belong, any ideas of how to mark the Anniversary? Perhaps later in 2014 as it would be something to look forward to after the planning and excitement of the Tour de France's Grand Depart visit? The Settle-Carlisle Partnership is planning some events around the actual anniversary date (see [www.settle-carlisle.co.uk](http://www.settle-carlisle.co.uk)) but if you were one of the thousands who campaigned in the 1980s or use the line now (or both) it would be good to hear from you. Recollections of the campaign? What were you doing 25 years ago when you heard the amazing news that the line was saved? Do you use Garsdale station now and, if so, what benefits does the railway give you? Have you any ideas about the Settle-Carlisle line for the future? Responses would be welcome, either to SCENE (the Settle-Carlisle Enterprise Network) via the Community Office or to me..

Meanwhile the Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line (FoSCL) have arranged for a souvenir 25th Anniversary First Day Cover. Order forms are at the Community Office, DCM and Hawes Post Office or see the FoSCL website and on-line shop.

**Ruth Annison (650349)**

## Middleham and Dales Local History Group

**Tuesday 29th April, 2.00pm**

Middleham Key Centre

The 6th John Rettie Memorial Lecture: *Challenges, discoveries and rich rewards: exploring, researching and writing local history* Dr Alan Crosby.

Local history exploration, research and writing have always been central to Dr Alan Crosby's working life and in this lecture he will provide a personal perspective. In recent years he has begun to reflect on how local history has changed, what makes it so exciting and what motivates so many people to become involved. Dr Alan Crosby is one of Britain's best-known local historians. He is editor of the leading national journal, *The Local Historian*, and writes monthly for the *Who Do You Think You Are?* BBC magazine. He is the author of over thirty books, ranging from edited diaries to histories of individual towns, villages and counties, as well as numerous articles and papers. Over the years he has taught local and regional history courses at a number of top universities. He is a freelance historian based in Preston and his 'special subjects' are the history of North West England, landscape history and social history. He is also an enthusiastic family historian and is proud to have traced his ancestry in one line back to Nidderdale in the sixteenth century.

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

**Art Exhibition**  
**by West Burton Art Group**  
**Easter Sunday and Monday**  
**10.00am to 4.30pm**  
West Burton Village Hall.  
Refreshments available



## Community Office News

### Library

We are gathering your World War 1 anecdotes, photos or anything of interest, for a display within the Library to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the start of the Great War. We will help with photocopying and typing if needed.

Ancestry 'SkillShare' Workshop on **1st May 1.30 – 3.30 pm.** (cost is £3) It is going to be a sharing of techniques for all skill levels. If you are more experienced, please come and share and we guarantee you'll learn something you didn't know before. The number of attendees is limited to five, as we'll be using the library computers.

We are still on the alert for Housebound Lenders, so if you know of anyone wanting library books but can't get here, please let us know. We will choose books to suit and they can be delivered by one of our volunteers or by our Little White Bus.

### Little White Bus

The small bus has been fitted with a tow bar (see below). The large bus, many of you will be pleased to know, has been fitted with an electric step.

The YDNPA and ourselves have developed a new initiative called '2-Wheel Adventures'. We have managed to get funding for an eight-bike trailer (hence the tow bar) which will be used to take up to eight bikes and people to the start of specially chosen routes suitable for families. Look out for the leaflets which will soon be available. You'll be able to book at the DCM or the Community Office. The first journey will be on Easter Sunday.

We'll be sending out a Health Transport questionnaire to all households. Please do your best to fill it in and return it as it will help us to discover any gaps in provision and look for ways to fill them.

There are some places left on some of our trips, but don't leave it too long!

### Post Office

I'm sure everybody is relieved to know that The Post Office will be coming to the Community Office soon. There are potentially four new jobs, so look out for advertisements.

### The Community Partnership Ltd

As you may know, the Community Office is governed by The Upper Wensleydale Community Partnership Ltd. This comprises a Board of Directors who represent the full spectrum of people within Upper Wensleydale. The Partnership's objectives are:

To further the interests of residents, businesses and visitors to the Upper Dales.

To establish and operate an Upper Wensleydale Community Office.

After the resignation of one of our Directors, we are asking if anyone would like to be a Director. Please express your interest in person or in writing at the Community Office. Your application will be considered by the current Directors at their next meeting.

### Coffee

Last but not least, we have just added an Italian Roast to our range of coffees. It's 'Dark and Intense'. Why not try it?

### Fundraisers for Hawes Gala 2014.

**Saturday 26th April.** Dizzy Blonde. Fountain Hotel. £5 entry. 10.00pm start.

**Saturday 10th May.** Darts knockout. Fountain Hotel. 8.00pm start. Includes mega raffle!

### Gala day competitions.

Decorate a cake. £2.00 to enter. Any design, let your imagination go wild! 16 years and under and you keep your cake. Prizes for 1st 2nd and 3rd.

Tour De Hawes make a model bike competition. Use of any material allowed but finished model must fit on a sheet of A4 paper.

Limerick competition. Theme, TDF. Please keep it clean it is a children's day! All age groups.

And for the adults only. Preserves and scones. 4 home made scones on a plate. (Spar will tell us if they have a surge in sales!)

£1 per entry adults. 50p per entry children under 16.

***And could all cups and trophies be returned to either the pet shop or launderette by 1st June.***

Check out our facebook page for more details.

## Prize-winning Swaledale Festival Performers

### for Upper Wensleydale

A cavalcade of prize-winning musicians and artists is set to descend on North Yorkshire from **24th May – 7th June** for this year's Swaledale Festival. A former winner of the BBC Young Musician of the Year, star clarinetist Emma Johnson will appear with the Trusler Carroll Wass Trio in Askrigg on **Wednesday 4th June** and the award-winning Navarra String Quartet on **Thursday 5th June** at Bedale.

The only British winner of the London International Piano Competition, Ashley Wass, will play a programme of some of his favourite piano music at Askrigg on **Tuesday 3rd June**.

The Wensleydale Creamery, Hawes hosts the Will Pound Band on **Saturday 31st May**. Expect English, Irish and Northumbrian folk tunes, with bluegrass, blues, rock and funk rhythms from a very fine young band. Will Pound has been nominated for 'Best Musician' at the *BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards*; when you hear him you'll understand why!

On **Saturday 7th June** the Hawes Silver Prize Brass Band will play traditional brass band music of the area, as well as classical transcriptions and themes from the world of music theatre at St Margaret's Church, Hawes.

In *The 'ūd and the Lute: a musical journey* Palestinian 'ūd player Adel Salameh and North Yorkshire-based lutenist Jacob Heringman bring together musical and cultural history, historical and modern East-West relations, the magic of improvisation and joyous musical creativity. Hear them at West Burton Methodist Chapel on **Tuesday 3rd June 4.00—5.00pm**.

Virtuoso violinist Adam Summerhayes returns with another outstanding ensemble, this time including his wife and music partner Catherine on piano, and Mark Smith, one of Europe's foremost horn players on French horn. The Summerhayes Horn Trio will play Brahms's powerful and moving Horn Trio – surely one of his finest works – and a new commission by Gareth Wood, at St Oswald's Church, Askrigg, **4.00—5.00pm on Thursday 5th June**.

Unless otherwise stated all events start at **7.30pm**. The Swaledale Festival opens on **Saturday 24th May** with a mouth-watering all-Bach programme from the Royal Northern Sinfonia. Two award-winning guitar icons, Martin Taylor, the world's foremost exponent of the solo jazz guitar will be joined by leading folk guitarist Martin Simpson in a superb Festival finale concert on **Saturday 7th June**; both concerts at Grinton. Check out the full programme on our website [www.swalefest.org](http://www.swalefest.org) or **01748 880018** or [enquiries@swalefest.org](mailto:enquiries@swalefest.org) to join our mailing list. Festival booking opens on **12th April**. Priority booking for Friends of the Swaledale Festival opens three weeks earlier, full details and how to join are on the website.

## Two Surveys



Observant readers have contacted the Newsletter about two surveys that are being carried out, one at the top of Kidstones on the Bishopdale side and the other on the Birkdale road beyond Keld where it starts to drop down to Nateby.

Two kinds of activity have been observed; one with levels and theodolites studying the gradients and the other with boring equipment testing and studying the composition of the ground.

Don't worry! This is nothing to do with fracking; that would be out of the question up there.

The company carries this on their vehicles: [drie\\_skis.co.uk](http://drie_skis.co.uk). In the aftermath of the winter Olympics they are endeavouring to locate suitable sites for dry ski slopes. This at first sight might seem possible, but then applications for associated car parking and the inevitable café/restaurant might not go down too well with planning, but either site might make a suitable stopping off place for refreshment on a day out





*Mystery picture  
Last month's was looking across to Widdale  
from Sedbusk  
Not all our mystery pictures are within the  
Newsletter circulation area*

### **Maddy Prior, Giles Lewin and Hannah James**

return to Swaledale on **April 11th at 8.00pm** in support of Reeth Memorial Hall's refurbishment fund raising.

Tickets are £15 in advance, £17 on the door (under 16s half price); on sale at Reeth Post Office or contact **John Little 01748 884759**.

All profits are for the Memorial Hall.

### **Easter Lilies Display**

West Witton

If you wish to make a donation for a lily in memory of a loved one, please write your own name and the name of the person in whose name it is given on an envelope enclosing £3 per lily and give to **Valerie Alsop 622576** by **April 4th**. The lilies will be displayed in the church.

### **Wensleydale Chorus 2014 Advance Notice**

This year the Wensleydale Chorus will be singing the Masse di Gloria by Puccini and the Diabelli Pastoral Mass in F opus 147.

*Performances*, both at **7.30pm**

**Saturday July 19th** St Oswald's Church Askrigg

**Saturday July 26th** St John's Church East Witton

*Rehearsals:*

Rehearsals are in Leyburn Methodist School-rooms starting at **7.30pm on Wednesday May 7th**. The first rehearsal will stop at 9.00pm to enable choir members to socialise. Otherwise rehearsals stop at 9.30pm

One Saturday rehearsal will take place on **31st May from 10.00am until 3.00pm** in Hawes Market Hall.

New members are always welcome. If you would like further information please contact **Gilda Foster 622942** [gilda@fosnet.co.uk](mailto:gilda@fosnet.co.uk)

### **A Message to the Hawes Methodist Congregation**

The members of the Parish of Hardraw offer our prayers and best wishes to the Hawes Methodist congregation on the forthcoming closure of their chapel.

This lovely building will be missed by all the local community. If members of the Methodist Church would like to join our worship in Hardraw, our services are as follows:

1st Sunday in the month is a children's service followed by a short communion.

2nd and 4th Sundays are a service of Holy Communion (Common Worship).

3rd and 5th Sundays are a simple service of Morning Prayer, with added singing.

All services start at **9.00am** except for special services like Harvest Festival, and you would be most welcome to join us.

**Allan Fawcett, Sue Foster  
Church Wardens, St Mary and St John,  
Hardraw**



## MUSEUM WHAT'S ONS

- 4 April -2 June Exhibition Traditions with A twist. Unique knitted pieces.
- 8,15 Drystone Walling Demonstration. Five sessions of This traditional craft between 11.00am to 3.00pm.
- 8 Wild Woollies. 10.00am to 4.00pm. Drop in kids and adults felt workshops with Emma Fountain. £3.
- 9,16,23 Craft for Kids. 1.30 to 4.30pm. Drop in activity for paint and print. For children age 5+. £3 per child
- 10 Knitting Workshop. 1.00pm to 4.00pm. A drop in knitting workshop with textile artist Elizabeth Smith.
- 11 Victorian Kitchen. 11.00am till 3.00pm.
- 12 Sausage Making: 10.00am to noon, and 1.30 to 3.30pm. Make your own sausage with local produce from traditional recipes. £10. Booking required.
- 13 History of knitting. 1.00 till 4.00pm. Learn to knit with four needles.
- 13 Bicycle seat cover Workshop. 11.00 am to 1.00pm, 2.00 to 4.00pm. (10 people per session, under 12s must be supervised). *Meet artist Jan Bee Brown and Daisy (her tandem). Bring your memories and photographs and share your love stories inspired by the song 'Daisy Daisy'. Free admission*
- 25 Dante Ferrara: 7.30pm. An evening of Medieval Music. Part of Friends lecture programme, £2.
- 27 12.30 Introductory Pathfinder course:  
4.30pm. Basic navigation course for all the family. £10. Booking required

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

### Mobile Skip

Saturday April 19th  
9.00am to 1.00pm

Gayle Green. The usual conditions apply

## Upper Dales Family History Group

Our February speaker was Lynda Powell from Richmond's Green Howards Museum who gave us an excellent presentation about the local militia and volunteer forces.

The militia protected the coasts whenever there was a threat of invasion but their main function was to keep the peace, contain local riots and apprehend criminals in the days before an organised police force. They were closely linked to local gentry and landowners. In the North Riding early records show that Timothy Hutton of Marske Hall was granted a commission to raise militia in 1602, he would pay them, and they were under his command.

Serving in the militia was not popular and no-one was there by choice. Lists were made of eligible men who were then chosen by ballot. The militia could be sent anywhere within Britain, but not overseas, and they would be billeted in private houses.

In 1881 there were widespread army reforms and the militia were linked to county regiments. In the North Riding the Green Howards had their depot at Richmond.

Lynda concluded by reminding us that when looking for evidence of Militia and Volunteers before the 1880s we need to look in County Record Offices for documents pertaining to the estates of their commanding officers, but after the 1880s the records would be with their associated county regiments.

The next meeting will be 'The camera as historian' by Chris Makepeace at **2.00pm on Wednesday, April 23rd**, in Harmby village hall.. Chris will also be bringing along his collection of historic maps for sale. The meeting will be followed by the branch AGM. Non-members are very welcome at £2 each; contact **01748 884759** for further information.

**Tracy Little**

## Museum Friends

Last month's meeting entitled "The Restoration of Swinton Hall Gardens" (near Masham) was a very enjoyable whistle-stop tour with 'before and after' slides, presented by Susan Cunliffe-Lister (previously at Burton Agnes Hall).

## **A New Lease of Life for Hardraw Old School**

Hardraw school closed its doors in 1967 and since then it has been owned and managed by William Hulme's Grammar School, Manchester as an outdoor activity centre. When they decided to sell the property in 2013 there were concerns in the village that it would be turned into more second-homes or holiday cottages but its future as a viable commercial enterprise has been secured through its purchase by Andy and Helen Jones. Andy and Helen are currently undertaking renovation and refurbishment of the listed building, originally built in 1875, working closely with the Planning Authority, to bring the facilities up to scratch and to provide living accommodation for themselves and their family.

The business which will be known as the Hardraw Old School Bunkhouse will in the shorter-term simply offer bunkhouse accommodation for individuals or groups but Andy and Helen plan eventually to offer a range of organised outdoor activities from the premises.

Andy and Helen have moved from Lancashire where Helen is a part-time lecturer in Outdoor Leadership at the University of Central Lancashire and Andy is a Crew Manager with the Fire Service in Bacup. Both Andy and Helen have teaching qualifications in a range of outdoor activities and are themselves keen cavers, climbers and mountain bikers.

They have been regular visitors to the Dales for the last 5 years and were delighted to get the opportunity to turn their hobbies and interests into a long-term business activity. They have two teenage children – daughter Courtney is at Settlebeck School and son Conner is studying Outdoor Education at Kendal College. As well as maintaining the historic properties that make the Schoolhouse a listed building, Andy and Helen are keen to put some of their green philosophies into practice. A Biomass Boiler is currently being installed in the outbuildings, where a 'green' roof will enhance the efficiency of this environment-friendly heating source that will supply hot water and heating for both the

bunkhouse and their own accommodation. Other alterations are also planned to improve the appearance and functionality of the premises.

The bunkhouse can currently accommodate up to 25 people and has a communal kitchen, with the old school hall being used for dining and living space. Bookings can be made for individuals or for exclusive use by groups. There are plans to provide some additional rooms as self-contained family



units. Andy and Helen have already created an excellent web-site for their new business :

[www.hardrawoldschoolbunkhouse.co.uk](http://www.hardrawoldschoolbunkhouse.co.uk) which contains more information on the premises, their qualifications and interests and the costs of staying at the Bunkhouse.

We wish them well with their new venture.

**B.M.C.**

## **Bittern Booking Now Open! Swaledale Festival**

Tickets for rides behind the Bittern steam locomotive are now on sale at the Festival website: [www.swalefest.org](http://www.swalefest.org)

Bittern will open the 2014 Festival with three excursions on the Wensleydale Railway on Saturday 24th May, at 09:30, 13:00 and 16:30. Tickets are £20, or £15 for under-19s. Further details are on the website. This is an exceptional chance to enjoy the sight, sound and smell of one of the grandest steam locomotives, in beautiful lower Wensleydale.



## New Sunday Bus Route Hawes – Dentdale – Sedbergh

Dalesplay have been enjoying the extra opportunities we have had to play outdoors with the snap of good weather we have been experiencing. The children have been helping to plant up tubs around the exterior of the setting to help brighten up our outlook. We have begun preparing treats for Mother's Day, celebrating Pancake Day and St Patrick's Day and anticipating activities planned for Easter. A little dickey bird tells us that the Easter Bunny will be paying us a visit so we are very excited.

Some of the older children in the setting have been helping to choose new small world resources for us as we have very gratefully received some money from Betty's Good Cause Award with the help of one of our families using the setting. We would also like to send our sincere thanks to Hawes Silver Band who kindly donated some money to allow us to purchase some beanbags for the children to relax on after a hard day at school and a couple of games for the Wii console that we were very lucky to have donated to the setting. Dalesplay is very grateful for all the help, donations and support we receive, it is through this generosity that we are able to offer a wide range of resources to help the children learn and develop and keep our childcare costs as low as possible. ***Dalesplay is really pleased to announce that we are looking to recruit another member of staff to meet the demand of families using the setting.*** If you or someone you know has at least a level 3 qualification in early years and would be interested in this term time only position please contact **Joanne on 667789** for more information and an application pack before **20th April 2014**. Dalesplay is currently collecting the Sainsbury's for school vouchers which can be posted in our collection box in our entrance, thank you for your support. If you are looking for childcare in a safeguarded, stimulating environment with highly qualified and experienced staff, think you may be eligible for 2 year old funding please give us a ring and we can help.

**Joanne Fothergill**

DalesWestern Bus, is a Sedbergh-based community charity which runs a community minibus driven by trained local volunteers, on similar lines to The Little White Bus. From 6<sup>th</sup> April to 19<sup>th</sup> October 2014 it will be running a service on Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays to connect Hawes with Dentdale and Sedbergh via Snaizeholme Lane End, close to the red squirrel reserve.

### Times to and from Hawes:

Hawes Market place (dep)	13.17
Wensleydale Creamery (dep)	13.20
Snaizeholme Lane End	13.28
Dent Memorial Hall (arr)	13.58
Sedbergh Library (arr)	14.13
Sedbergh Dalesman (dep)	14.50
Dent Car Park (dep)	15.05
Snaizeholme Lane End	15.35
Wensleydale Creamery (arr)	15.43
Hawes Market place (arr)	15.48

Full timetables for all Western Dales Bus services are available from the Hawes Community Office, the Wensleydale Creamery and cafes and shops in Hawes, as well as from the website below.

Contact details: Tel: **015396 20504**

email: [westerndalesbus@sedbergh.org.uk](mailto:westerndalesbus@sedbergh.org.uk)

Website: [www.westerndalesbus.co.uk](http://www.westerndalesbus.co.uk)

The bus route number is **564C**

### Craft Fair

to be held at Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge on

**Saturday 12th April, 10.00am – 2.00pm**

on behalf of Sycamore's amenity fund.

Everyone is welcome, entrance is free although donations to the amenity fund would be most welcome – this enables the residents to enjoy trips out and also entertainment.

there will be crafts to suit everyone and a

warm welcome awaits everyone,

Refreshments will be available. Anyone interested in a table please contact **Lisa on**

**07919896612**



## Computers beyond the grave?

Cheerful subject this month! What happens to your digital life when you die? I suspect most people would think “who cares – I won’t be here to be worried by it”. There are some intriguing questions though which I pose mostly without answers because I don’t think there is any one correct answer. The question occurred to me after reading a distressing article on the BBC website about Apple refusing to unlock the iPad and iCloud account of a man’s deceased wife so that he could recover photographs and other items from the device. They argued that it broke confidentiality terms and conditions to allow anyone to access someone’s account – even a spouse after their partner’s death. This got me to thinking: firstly, what provisions have we made in case of sudden death to ensure those that need access to online resources can maintain it and, secondly, what effects are there when we die on products and services we have bought? Most people leave a will leaving the majority of their estate to a particular person or group of people but how does this work with digital products. I am not a lawyer but my understanding is that digital services, which include things like electronic books and downloaded music and films are only licensed to the person who purchased them. I presume this means that when the person dies all rights to those products will end, and if they are linked to a copyright protection scheme (such as in the case of eBooks from Apple’s iStore and Amazon Kindle) they will be lost immediately when the deceased person’s account is closed.



As more and more services are provided electronically this could have serious consequences for the surviving partner. Do you even know where all these accounts are? If you do then do you know the login details for those accounts and are they paid by subscription – what will happen when the credit card or bank account

processing payments for those subscriptions is cancelled? In the case of eBooks, music and video it could be argued it is relatively trivial (but then it depends if one account has made all the purchases for your entire book collection!) but even more importantly some people use financial services etc.. Do you provide professional electronic services (for example I have a server that hosts websites and emails for clients) – does someone know how to manage that sort of stuff and who to contact if the the worst should happen? I know some people like to keep some things private (even in long term relationships) and also generally one person in a household often manages a lot of things like banking, insurance etc. But there are a number of things you can do to make things easy for your family and dependents – without necessarily disclosing all the details while you are alive if you don’t want to.

- 1) Make a paper list of all website and services you use online with login.
- 2) Make a list of devices that have access pins and/or passwords or other login details. Don’t forget that some devices have multiple logins for cloud accounts, installing apps etc.
- 3) Keep a list of email accounts with login details and which program or websites you use to access them.

Finally clarify what the legal situation is regarding accessing important accounts after your death – check terms and conditions and if necessary write and ask for clarification.

Keep this information up to date and **store it somewhere safe** (and possibly keep a copy with your will).

Let’s hope none of this is needed for a very long time. Keep safe. Again any questions or suggestions for future articles do contact me at [carol.haynes@dalescomputerservices.com](mailto:carol.haynes@dalescomputerservices.com) or leave me a message on 663798.

## Home Baking and Plants

Castle Bolton Church, **Easter Bank Holiday Monday 21st April 10.00am to 1.00pm**: home baking on sale in church for church funds: refreshments and plants for sale for mission partners Mark and Sarah Newnham with Mission Aviation Fellowship in Uganda and Neil Jackson with Scripture Union NE England with special responsibility for young people.

## WHAT'S ON LISITINGS

### April

- 1 Coffee morning; Hall Garth, Thoraby. 10.00am to noon. For St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth and the host's chosen charity
- 2 Coffee Club; Hambleton House, Redmire. 10.30am to noon.
- 2,9 Lent lunches; Hawes Methodist Rooms
- 3,4,6,7 Events at the Old School House, Leyburn. See p.22
- 4 Wensleydale Society AGM. West Burton Village Hall, 7.30pm. See below.
- 4 Deadline for Easter Lilies display. See p.9
- 4,11 Mid-dale Lent lunches. See p.5
- 5 Men's Prayer breakfast. Sycamore Hall 8.30am
- 6 Gayle Mill. Demonstration Day Tours; 11.00am and 2.30pm. Adults £12.00
- 8 Coffee morning and bookstall. Hawes rooms for Aysgarth Chapel
- 8 Decorative and Fine Arts Society; Middleham, 2.00pm. See p.22
- 8 YDNPA Planning Committee. 1.00pm, Yoredsale, Bainbridge
- 11 Filling Station; Middleham Key Centre
- 11 Bainbridge Chapel Concert. Singing for pleasure group; 7.30pm
- 11 Yoredale Natural History Society AGM. 7.30pm. Leyburn Methodist Hall
- 12 Sycamore Hall Craft Fair. See p.12
- 13 Table-Top Sale, Market Hall, Hawes
- 13 Gayle Mill. Blacksmithing Course; 10.30am to 4.30pm
- 14 Gayle Mill open for the season. Every Sunday thro' Friday Tours; 1.00pm and 3.00pm. Adults £6, Kids free
- 17 Hawes W.I. Gayle Institute. 7.00pm
- 19 Mobile Skip in Gayle. See p.10
- 20 Guided walk. Mossdale, Cotterdale. 8 miles. Meet Appersett, 11.00am. Adults £3. Children free
- 20,21 Art Exhibition. West Burton Village Hall. See p.6
- 21 Home baking and plants sale. Castle Bolton. See p.4

- 21 Easter Monday Coffee morning; 10.00am to noon. Thornton Rust Institute.
- 23 Gayle Chapel Gift evening; 6.30pm
- 23 Upper Dales Family History Group. Harmby. 2.00pm. See p. 10
- 23 Gayle Mill. Hay Rake Making, Adults £3.00, Kids Free.
- 26 Bainbridge Chapel Gift day; 2.00 till 4.00pm
- 26 Gayle Mill Workshop; 10.00am to 4.00pm.-Willow Plant Supports and Garden Structures: £65 including lunch, equipment and structures
- 27 Final service of Thanksgiving; Hawes Methodist Church, 3.00pm. See p.15
- 29 "Ride2stride". Settle-Carlisle Walking Festival starts.
- 29 Middleham and Dales Local History Group. 2.00pm. See p.6

### May

- 2 Walk from Garsdale Station to Hawes
- 2 "The Line That Refused to Die". Lecture at Settle Victoria Hall, 7.15pm (£3 admission).

### Wensleydale Society

The Society's AGM takes place on **Friday April 4th at 7.30 pm** at West Burton Village Hall. This year we need a new Chair person and a new Talks Reporter.

The meeting will be followed by a talk on *Writing Memoirs of Yorkshire People*; please note that this is a change to the published programme.

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.



## Doctors' Rotas Supplied by the Health Centre

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### Aysgarth Garage Now Recruiting!

After the exciting news of the re-opening of Aysgarth Garage in the last edition, Mark and his wife Kathryn are now looking to start recruiting staff. They will require fully skilled mechanics/MOT testers, an apprentice for the workshop and part time assistants for the convenience store and fuel forecourt.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please send your CV to:  
**Aysgarth Garage, Wensleydale, DL8 3AD**

or e mail to:  
[oystonautotech@btconnect.com](mailto:oystonautotech@btconnect.com)

They would also like to hear from anyone who is interested in supplying local produce etc. for the new Aysgarth Country Store.

### Well Done, Jean

For a long, long time Jean Cockburn of Aysgarth has been the organiser for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

"I took over, it must be more than 30 years ago", she said. But now is the time to hand over to someone else.

The area covers Aysgarth, Thoraby, Thornton Rust and Carperby. Jean hopes a volunteer will be found; have you read our Editorial?!

**Jean Cockburn 663201**

### Thanksgiving

#### Sunday April 27th at 3.00pm

This is the date and time of the final service of worship at Hawes Methodist Church. It will not be an easy time for the members of the congregation, but we invite as many people as possible from other churches in the area, and friends from the town and elsewhere, to make it a memorable occasion.



It will be followed by refreshments. We don't normally include words of an overtly spiritual/religious nature, but on this occasion please accept the words of this two-versed hymn, which are very pertinent to the event and particularly Methodist:

*This, this is the God we adore,  
 Our faithful, unchangeable friend.  
 Whose love is as great as his power,  
 And neither knows measure nor end;*

*Tis Jesus, the first and the last,  
 Whose spirit shall guide us safe home;.  
 We'll praise him for all that is past,  
 And trust him for all that's to come.*

## Hawes School News

### World Book Day

What a fun day was had by all last Thursday to celebrate World Book Day. Thank you to everybody for making such an effort with the different costumes; the variety was amazing. Our special school lunch proved to be very popular too and smelled delicious. Thank you to Becky for all her hard work.



### London Residential

Planning for our residential is well under way and we've got some exciting excursions to look forward to. After the Easter holiday a full itinerary will be sent out with details of all our plans and a meeting for parents will also be announced. At the moment we are still awaiting confirmation of a funding request from the Hawes Tolls Trustees and so we are unable to announce the final cost per pupil. However with the generous support of the P.T.F.A who have offered to cover the cost of the transport (£1800) the amount is likely to be approximately £150.

### Zoolab

Our friends from Zoolab came into school again on Thursday with a mixture of exotic and furry animals to show us. This is what some of the children thought:-  
I learned about rats, snakes, stick insects, spiders and snails when Zoolab came in. My favourite animal was the snake because it is very smooth and not slippery like a squid. The stick insect looked like a scorpion when we held it, they looked camouflaged. The tarantula is quite dangerous. We could not touch it because it can flick

its hairs and it could itch for up to two weeks or if it lands in the back of your throat it could make it hard to breathe. The snails were slimy and we saw the eggs. Did you know snail shells are made out of the same thing as our hair and finger nails? The rat was very cute and it had loads of hairs on it. Most snakes are found in America.  
**Dylan age 7**

Today Zoolab came and we got to meet new animals. My favourite animal was the rat because it was clever and could climb into its box. We also saw some stick insects, they are green and long and look like a stick, they are camouflaged. You couldn't touch the tarantula because it flicks hair and I didn't touch the snake because I was scared of it.  
**Barnaby age 7**

I have learnt about tarantulas and other animals. My favourite animal was the stick insect because it looked like a stick most of the time at one point it looked like a scorpion.  
**Isla age 6**

### PTFA Bingo

A big Thank you to everyone who supported the PTFA's Bingo Night a couple of weeks ago. The evening was a great success, everyone had lots of fun and we raised a fantastic £161 for PTFA funds.

### A Campaign

This Newsletter has been trying for years to educate the Dales on the use of the **apostrophe!**

We are unsure of our success, as people still confuse its with it's (short for it is) and insist upon 1960's, 1970's etc. instead of 1960s.

Now we've been asked to embark on a further project! One of our keen readers gets very upset at seeing "12pm" or "12am". They have no meaning. You will notice that we always use, simply NOON, for the middle of the day. Not that we have much cause to use MIDNIGHT in our What's ons! (For train and bus times we use the 24-hour clock.)

## Police Report

By the time this goes to print the lighter nights should be with us. Although we have had little snow it seems to have been a very long winter, or am I just showing my age. Crimes committed on the Leyburn dales section over the last month have included a theft of an Ifor Williams tipping trailer from Coverdale; an attempt on a Land Rover in Swaledale; a theft of a Land Rover from Swaledale (same date); a holiday cottage in West Witton had most of its furniture and equipment stolen; another theft of an Ifor Williams flat bed trailer from Bellerby; a theft of a petrol ride-on mower from Harmby and about 25 sheep taken from Coverdale.

Farm machinery and equipment remain top targets for criminals travelling into the area so please secure when not in use. Thanks to a sharp-eyed Hawes local who promptly reported a suspicious Transit van, officers managed to catch up with it in Carperby and two people were arrested when suspected stolen property was found in the rear of the van.

It has been noted that there are an increasing number of vehicles travelling around Wensleydale in particular with defective lighting. Please check your lights regularly and avoid getting stopped and being issued with paperwork. Defective lights are a moving traffic offence and this gives an officer the power to require the breath test. As the weather begins to take a turn for the better (here's hoping anyway) then we will see an upturn in motorcycles travelling through the dale.

Owing to the increased complaints regarding speed, be it perceived or real, the mobile camera vans will be out and about. Be aware that speed limits apply to locals and visitors alike, so keep an eye on that speedometer and drive/ride appropriately.

Finally unless you have been on the Moon for the past year you will be aware that the Tour de France (le Grand Depart) is coming through the Dales on the 5th July. For many this will be a great occasion. Some see it as an inconvenience. What is apparent is that it is already bringing more tourists to the area, and many are cyclists who are riding the route. Drivers – please be aware of the cyclists and afford them some cour-

tesy by giving them plenty of room. Cyclists – please be aware that although many of the route's roads are unclassified country roads, they are main arterial routes as far as residents are concerned. Please show some consideration and do not ride in large packs as this makes it very difficult for traffic to pass you. This can lead to impatience and potential collisions. Remember the Highway Code applies to all road users. Let us all stay safe..

Thanks as always

**Andy Foster PC826**  
**Leyburn Safer Neighbourhood Team**  
**Wards of Addlebrough and Hawes & High**  
**Abbotside**  
**Telephone 101**  
**SNTLeyburn@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk**

## Quite a Downsize!

It is pleasing to hear that after standing empty for several months the little high-quality take-away at Town Foot, Hawes is about to re-open. In fact on the very day that this Newsletter issue is being printed.

So last week I called in to see what is happening. There I met Rob Hodgson, Annabel, Squiffy and his two doggy pals plus a considerable amount of equipment waiting to be installed!

We will be in safe hands, gastronomically speaking. Rob and Annabel have moved up from Arncliffe, and here's the downsizing bit— Rob with his parents and grandparents before him were at the Devonshire Arms at Bolton Abbey where he grew up. Annabel is from the Yorkshire Wolds.

Rob trained in Park Lane, London, has worked as chef in restaurants and pubs.

Annabel has worked as a cook but has another 'string to her bow'; she is a lymphoedema therapist. That might come in handy! Give it a 'Google' if you wish to know more.

So "Hodgson's on the Hoof" deli and take-away is about to open, offering, soup, sandwiches, hot stew and complete meals prepared for walkers or for locals to take home. It will be open every day except Sundays and Mondays, 8.30am to 4.00pm.

The star of my visit had to be Squiffy, the Parson's Jack Russell, recently featured in the Craven Herald, who has a liking for beer and begs for it then carries around his own little tankard on his neck!

**A.S.W.**

## **.Best Foot Forward**

Previous Best Foot Forwards have located themselves all over the Yorkshire Dales and even beyond. Perhaps not surprisingly there has been a slight bias towards the northern parts of the dales but the distribution has been pretty widespread. This walk is not far from the centre of the dales.

So where is the centre of the Yorkshire Dales? Most people I asked said “Hawes, of course” but it does depend on your definition of the area. Taking the National Park as a boundary, at least in its present form, I calculated that the centre is somewhere on the southern slopes of Middle Tongue in Langstrothdale. (Don’t ask me how I worked that out but it involved scissors, glue and a lot of mess. It might have been easier to Google it).

This walk is actually a bit further south on the opposite side of Langstrothdale. It follows the splendid ridge which separates Wharfedale from Littondale. It is a walk of fine views so don’t do it on a claggy day. I parked at Buckden and caught the Pride of the Dales bus down towards Kilnsey. This was the first time I’d been on one of their buses. They are much the same as ours in Wensleydale and, like ours, are under threat of service cuts. The driver lamented that it would mean the loss of two jobs but was confident his wasn’t one of them.

Fifteen minutes later I stepped off the road into an Open Access field. I was spotted by dozens of Swaledale sheep who converged on me from all directions. By the time I reached Knipe Scar there must have been over a hundred of them. Turning to face them felt almost biblical, as though they were expecting a sermon! In the absence of any concentrated feed nuts I had to leave them looking decidedly disappointed.

At the top of the scar is a wonderful little limestone pavement with the odd tree growing in it. The route now heads for the boundary wall, separating the parish of Kettlewell and Starbotton from the parish of Hawkswick. It is always a pleasure to pull away from the noise of traffic on the road into the magical world of bird calls in early spring. The sound of curlews, lapwings, a skylark and the not-so-tuneful gulls welcome the nesting season and the promise of summer into the dales.

On this clear, calm day the views began to

open up. Kilnsey Crag lay behind me, along with a lovely stretch of Wharfedale. Scargill House, the Christian Centre near Kettlewell, appeared on the right, looking much more extensive than it does from the road. Shortly after the Kettlewell to Arncliffe path a group of Belted Galloway cattle were enjoying the morning sunshine. The ridge now opened up in front as Buckden and Starbotton came into view and then Pen y Ghent and Whernside to the west. The Three Peaks actually played hide and seek for quite a while, coming and going in the view and not all appearing at the same time until quite late on.

The path beside the wall is generally walkable. It is not a public right of way but the National Park Authority has recognised it as a desirable open access route and put in stiles or gates where needed. Much of it is straightforward but in later stages it gets fairly boggy and there are a few broken peat hag sections.

A minor detour to the top of Birks Fell is the highest point of the walk. At 2001 feet it is the lowest two-thousand-footer in the dales. Nearby is Birks Tarn, one of the largest and highest tarns of its kind in the dales. It is supported by the peat on the fell top and is very full at the moment. A few early gulls were screaming around the edges.

One of the beauties of this ridge is that you can do as much or as little of it as you want. There are access paths criss-crossing from most of the adjacent villages. I decided to stop at Horse Head Pass but the ridge goes on and on, ending up at the wonderfully named Cosh Outside. By then you are nearly in Ribblesdale which makes for a tricky return journey.

Views of the Howgills, the Lake District, the Hambleton Hills and Pendle Hill encompassed several counties and must have stretched over a radius of forty miles. With some reluctance I dropped down to Yockenthwaite and followed the Dales Way back to Buckden. After seeing no-one on the ridge it seemed quite busy (eight people actually). It was a most memorable day.

**N.P.**

## **Beginners Linedance**

Thornborough Hall, Leyburn  
Every Wednesday, 10.30—11.30am

## Prunings

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

What a difference a few days of sunshine can make. In no time at all the *Tête à Tête* daffodils on the banking have emerged and



flowered as if last month's disastrous weather had never happened. Driving to Northallerton last week it was fascinating to see a shimmer of green over a brown field, a sure indicator that however miserable it has felt, the ground temperature has been adequate to permit germination. Along the roadsides among the detritus of winter and last season's hedge-cutting, all manner of green shoots are erupting, and the Blackthorn is covered in tiny white pinhead buds. – the blossom will not be long.

On a lovely sunny day at this time of year, before the leaves have opened and outlines are blurred, it is interesting to look at the shapes displayed by trees: those which have been altered by exposure to the prevailing Westerlies lean to the East; those on exposed slopes gently follow the contours. Some are unaffected, and there are plenty which have produced amazing outlines especially when they have been the subject of ancient attempts to stabilize a river bank.

The different habitats which exist on the North and South facing sides of a stone wall are much easier to see at the moment, recently rebuilt patches will have no moss, but the shady side of an old wall sports a burgeoning cushion of vivid green. Many species of moss thrive and play host to numerous lichens which also cover the stones

themselves. Pushing their way through the hedge-back debris, one of the vigorous natives that can be seen now before the grass engulfs them are the Lords and Ladies. Also known as Cuckoo Pint and Jack in the pulpit *Arum maculatum* emerges with arrow shaped leaves, often with black spots.

Much more recognisable during late April or May in flower it has a club shaped spike smelling of urine, and develops red berries in the autumn. Be careful with this one as it is fairly toxic to humans. It is closely related to *Arum italicum* and sub species *marmoratum* both of which are grown as garden plants for their interesting variegated foliage, these too produce red berries which should be avoided. If you grow them as I do, as soon as they emerge the plants can be divided and potted up, a job best done in rubber gloves!

Looking back, despite the wet and wind and rain, we have actually had very little hard frost, and many plants of marginal hardiness will have survived. Even *Diascia Ridigens*, which needs rather more TLC than average, is beginning to green up and the new shoots in the base of the plants promise swathes of colour later on. Amazingly some young plants in pots which were left outside to fend for themselves have made it. I can't wait to take some cuttings and watch them grow. Good luck! And whatever you grow, take time to enjoy it.

**Rose Rambler**

## St Oswald's Year of Music

EVENTS

### **Sunday April 6th, 3.00pm**

Leyburn Band. All welcome; free.

### **Monday April 21st**

Bell Tower Open Day and refreshments.

Guided tours to the bell chamber:

**10.30am, noon and 2.30pm**

### **Saturday April 26th 10.00am to 5.00pm**

Gregorian Chant Workshop

(Book to participate: **650880**)

Service of Vespers: **4.00pm**

## Annual Report March 2014

This year sees the completion of 200 issues of the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter which continues to be valued by the community from Lunds down to Wensley, Walden, Bishopdale and the tops of Dentdale and Swaledale. We have continued our policy of including features, reports of events, greetings, interviews and comprehensive what's on lists together with advertising for local businesses within our area, these being limited to about one-third of our space to allow room for news etc. It is from commercial adverts that we receive much of our income and we are grateful.

The strength of the Newsletter still depends upon the very large number of people who send information, articles, letters, photographs, front cover pictures and what's on, and many others who help with the distribution or allow copies to be available in their shops etc.

We continue to be very keen about accuracy and formatting and for these we thank our proof-readers and our two final-processors, plus the Wensleydale Press with whom we have a very good working relationship.

Although the Hawes area and Askrigg/Bainbridge are the largest communities, we endeavour to cover the whole area as fairly as possible with committee members from all parts. Our committee meetings are both business-like and fun, and you might be tempted to volunteer. 2013-14 saw the departure of Sue Harpley to live in Scruton and the addition of Karen Jones to the committee.

Copies of the Newsletter are posted to about 100 people all over the country and overseas; archive copies are available in the Dales Countryside Museum; we keep records of people featured, the main articles, winners, mystery pictures, 'Best Foot Forward' places and competition topics and can answer any inquiries about these. We welcome submission of articles from you, our readers – don't be shy! Mind you, we often receive more than we've room for. It is especially pleasing that girls and boys in our local schools write for us.

The 200<sup>th</sup> issue was celebrated at Sycamore Hall with a magnificent attendance of many of our 'workers', a buffet supper and a cake!

A.S.W.

## Help Your Local Community

Suggestions are being welcomed for project ideas that could benefit local economies and communities across the Yorkshire Dales.

The Yorkshire Dales LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) has secured a small amount of 'Transition Funding' from Defra to enable the preparation of a new LEADER Programme which, if successful, would run from 2015-2020. This is an exciting prospect with the potential to create many opportunities for the area.

LEADER is a grant-giving initiative that aims to improve the quality of life and increase prosperity in rural areas by empowering passionate local people to identify development opportunities specifically suited to their own local environment, culture, working traditions and skills.

In the Yorkshire Dales area the charity Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) is the lead partner in the multi-agency partnership that is the LEADER programme. Over £2.7 million was awarded to a wide range of community-led rural development initiatives in 2009-2013 in the Yorkshire Dales area. To help create a successful proposal for 2015-2020 funding that meets the needs of communities in the Dales, input is being welcomed from local residents, businesses, and organisations to highlight local needs and opportunities, and identify those that LEADER funding may be able to support.

***Project ideas can be on the theme of land management, farming and forestry, culture and heritage, community and rural services or local business opportunities.***

Consultation drop-in session will be held **1.00-6.00pm on Thursday 3rd April** at Settle Quaker Meeting House. A further consultation workshop is to be held in Middleham Key Centre, **Wednesday 4th June starting at 1.30pm**

## Gregorian Chant Workshop

Saturday 26th April - 10am - Gregorian Chant Workshop at St Oswald's Church. £10 fee for tuition and music. Booking essential (**650880**). The day will culminate in a Service of Vespers sung in the chant at 4.00 pm - everyone welcome - free



## Heavens Above

Spring has sprung and with it comes a marked change in our view of the evening sky. By the middle of the month most of the winter constellations have faded into the twilight save for a few hangers-on in the west – we still have The Heavenly Twins, Castor and Pollux, and Procyon the lesser Dog Star - but Orion won't be seen until late Autumn and the view south for the next couple of months is dominated by the main springtime constellations of Leo and Virgo the Virgin. Leo is a really ancient constellation - one of the original 'Signs of the Zodiac' - dating back to Babylonian times. In Greek mythology he was the fierce Nemean Lion slain by Hercules as one of his twelve labours.

Leo is one of the few star patterns that actually resembles the real thing with a distinctive pattern of 6 stars outlining his head and mane. It's often referred to as The Sickie and looks like a large '?' seen in a mirror. Regulus, Leo's bright white leader, forms the 'dot'. Between Leo and Procyon you'll find the faintest of the 12 zodiacal constellations, Cancer the Crab. It's home to Praesepe the beautiful Beehive Cluster – a glittering swarm of stars that shows up well in binoculars.

Low over the south-eastern horizon, shaped like a large straggly 'Y' lies the other main springtime constellation - Virgo the Virgin. Virgo is another really old group and has often been associated with a fertility goddess of one kind or another. Its principal star is Spica meaning an 'ear of wheat'.

High in the south-eastern sky is Arcturus, the pale golden-orange leader of Bootes the Herdsman. Bootes is shaped a bit like an enormous kite with Arcturus marking its sharply-angled foot. Legends say he was given immortality in the heavens as a reward for inventing the plough. His two Hunting Dogs are represented by the constellation of Canes Venatici, which lies just below the tail of Ursa Major, the Great Bear. The seven brightest stars in Ursa Major form the familiar shape of The Plough which never sets from our latitude and wheels in a great circle around the Pole Star according to the season. After languishing low in the north-east during

the winter, it's now virtually overhead. On the opposite side of the Pole Star is the other main circumpolar constellation, Cassiopeia, now at its lowest in the north. Its large 'W' shape is very easy to pick out. Gaining altitude in the east are Hercules the Strongman and the compact little constellation of Lyra the Harp. Lyra's principal star, blue-white Vega, takes the overhead spot during the summer months replacing yellow-hued Capella now sinking rapidly in the west. Vega is the fifth brightest star in the sky and along with Altair and Deneb forms the famous 'Summer Triangle' asterism.

Spring skies this year are enlivened by the presence of the Planet Mars which you'll find mid-way up the southern sky by late evening slightly higher and to the right of Spica, Virgo's main star. Mars' baleful reddish glare contrasts well with Spica's noticeably blue-white tint. Mars reaches opposition (when it's in a straight line with our own planet and the Sun) on April 8<sup>th</sup> but due to the elliptical nature of its orbit it's actually closest to the Earth (just over 57 million miles away) about 6 days later. The Red Planet is on view nearly all night long during April, but giant Jupiter, slighter brighter than Mars, and still an impressive object over in the west now sets around 2.30am. Venus is a magnificent 'morning star' low in the east just before dawn. The ringed planet, Saturn, lies in Libra at the moment and rises in the SE just after 10 o'clock in the evening.

There's a total eclipse of the Moon this month, on the night of April 14/15<sup>th</sup>, but unfortunately it won't be visible from our part of the world as the Moon sets just after the eclipse begins. However, you might be able to catch a few 'shooting stars' on 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> April when the Lyrid meteor show reaches its peak. The best time to look is late evening before the Moon rises and interferes with the view. On the mornings of April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> a waning crescent Moon lies close to dazzling Venus. Look for them around 5.00am. The Moon appears to the left of Venus from the UK and the pair make a beautiful spectacle in the dawn twilight. Have clear skies!

**Al Bireo**

## **Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society**

**Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2.00pm**  
Middleham Key Centre

### **Title: Pevsner in your Neighbourhood: Nickolaus Pevsner and the Buildings of England**

Discover how a German refugee, an internee and a jobbing journalist, became the Grand Old man of English art history. The answer lies in his extraordinary one-man survey of all the architecturally significant buildings in the country, county by county. **Susie Harries** explores what he said, rightly or wrongly, about buildings in your area— churches, houses, shops, tower blocks, factories, cinemas— and sets his pronouncements in the context of *The Buildings of England*.

**Susie Harries** is a writer, editor and lecturer, specialising in 20<sup>th</sup> century culture and the arts. She has published several books the most recent being a biography of Sir Nickolaus Pevsner.

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

### **Post Office News**

We can confirm that the Upper Wensleydale Community Partnership has agreed that the Hawes Post Office will relocate to the Community Office in the Neukin after the present building is sold.

The Royal Mail sorting office will almost certainly move on to the Bruntacres Business Park.

#### **...and from the Postmasters:**

Thank you to the 100+ people who overwhelmingly supported the public meeting. As with any new venture, there will be teething problems. Rest assured, we will endeavour to make the changeover as smooth and efficient as possible.

You have all been very supportive of the Post Office in the Upper Dales in the past as we hope you will continue to do so.

**Linda and Stephen Reynolds**

## **Hawes Bonfire and Firework Committee**

would like to thank Angela Lee for her dedicated role as treasurer and we are very grateful for all her hard work over the years as she stands down from this position. As a result we are now looking for a new treasurer to take on this voluntary role. If you would be kind enough to help us in this role we would be very grateful, please contact Mike Fothergill on **07966624649/ 667936**.

We would also like to thank Peter Iveson for kindly clearing up the bonfire site with his digger. We are very grateful for all the help, support and donations given to make the Bonfire happen, without them the event couldn't go ahead. If you can spare just an hour of your time this year to help we would be hugely appreciative as many dedicate days to put this event on and it would relieve some of the pressures from them. Thank you again for your support, on behalf of Hawes Bonfire committee.

### **Old School House**

#### **Events in Leyburn**

**April 3rd, 4th; 2.00 and 7.30pm** Film: 'Saving Mr Banks'. Bookings: **624510**

**April 6th 7.00– 8.30pm** Poetry evening. Judith Lesley Marshall reads from '*Land of my Ancestors*' (inspired by research into her family history).

### **Clerk's Hours**

Ian King, the Clerk of the Hawes and High Abbotside Parish Council will be in the Community Office as follows: **Tuesday 2.00 to 3.00pm and Friday 11.00am to noon** to answer any questions or to receive any representations on Council-related matters.

If he is not available, one of the Councillors will take his place.

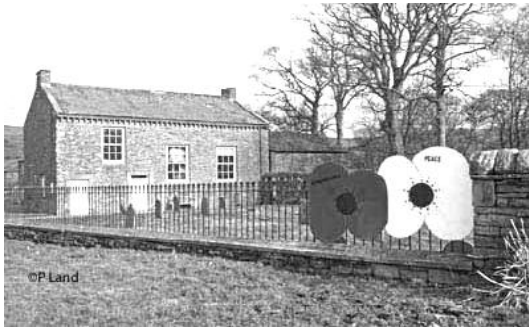
**Peace and Remembrance Wall at Bainbridge**

Messages have already been posted on the Peace and Remembrance Wall outside the Quaker Meeting House in Bainbridge.

This was started on March 1st when two large poppies, one white and the other red, were mounted on the railings. The objective of the wall is to give people the opportunity to make their individual remembrances and expressions of their attitudes towards war and peace. Messages, ribbons or poppies can be attached to the railings.

The Meeting House is open from **10.30am to 12.30pm each Wednesday** when materials will be available for posting messages on the wall and Friends will be there to answer questions and chat.

The displays inside the Meeting House now



*Photo by Pip Land*

include the bugle used by James Preston from Askrigg who was fatally injured near Ypres in 1917 and information about the work of the Friends Ambulance Unit (FAU) during the 1st and 2nd World Wars.

John Leyland of Bainbridge was one of the 96 conscientious objectors with the FAU who were awarded the Croix de Guerre for their bravery. His son, Peter, served in China with the FAU during the 2nd World War.

If any local families have any other mementoes which they would like included in remembrance of those who fought or served during either of the two World Wars they can contact **David Pointon (mobile - 07554009445, email: d.g.pointon@btinternet.com).**

The Peace and Remembrance Wall and the displays will continue until October.

We have had another successful year at the Wensleydale Tournament of Song in the speech classes.

All children in Years 3-6 took part, first choosing and then practising their own poem to deliver individually. Particularly successful were the following West Burton children.

Year 3 1<sup>st</sup> place went to Zachary Slater along with The Dorothy Willmott award for the highest mark in his class

Year 4 Naomi Hannon took 2<sup>nd</sup> place with Jamie Slater in joint 3<sup>rd</sup> place

Year 5 Zoe Bell was in 2<sup>nd</sup> place with Nancy Colley in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Year 6 Luke Greenslade took 1<sup>st</sup> place along with the John Cocket Memorial trophy. Amy Neate and Sophie Sharp were in joint 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Ellie Harker in joint 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

There are also 3 bursaries awarded for the week and we were awarded one along with Middleham and Crakehall Schools.

This event is a personal achievement for all children. It shows the results of several weeks' hard work and **all** children can be commended for the successful way they stood in front of an audience to deliver their poem. It was a great achievement for everyone in the way they represented their school so well.

**Sally Stone**

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

Tea and Scones also Book Stall and White Elephant Stalls.

From 1.00 to 3.00pm. Every Tuesday and Wednesday in April plus Easter Monday (21st April)

Proceeds towards the Restoration Fund for St.Margaret's Church.

**Cash for Clothes**

This collection held for Aysgarth St Andrew's raised £100 for church funds. Thank you to all who donated. There will be another collection soon— so sort through your wardrobes. (No blankets or bedding).

**Easter Church Services**

**Palm Sunday, April 13th** (HC= Holy communion)

Penhill/Mid-Dale area

- 9.00am Breakfast in Redmire village hall
- 9.45am Donkey procession to church
- 10.00am Family service, Redmire Church
- 9.30am Preston under Scar; HC
- 5.00pm West Witton village hall tea, then:
- 5.45pm Procession to church
- 6.00pm Worship, West Witton Church

Askrigg/Bainbridge

- 10.30am St Oswald's; HC and Distribution of Palm Crosses
- 10.30am Bainbridge Methodist Church
- 4.00pm Bainbridge Messy church

**Holy week**

Penhill/Mid-Dale area

- Monday:
  - 7.30pm Preston u Scar, meditation
- Tuesday:
  - 7.30pm West Witton, meditation
- Wednesday:
  - 7.30pm Castle Bolton, meditation
- Maundy Thursday;:
  - 9.30am West Witton, HC
  - 7.30pm West Burton Methodist, HC
  - 7.30pm Thornton Rust, HC
  - 7.30pm West Burton Methodist, HC

Askrigg/Bainbridge area

- Maundy Thursday
  - 7.00pm St Oswald's Maundy supper

**Good Friday**

Hawes area; Walk of Witness leaves Gayle 10.00am for United service in Hawes Methodist church, 11.00am  
Penhill/Mid-Dale area Stations of the Cross:  
*9.05am Preston; 9.35am Redmire Green; 10.00am Castle Bolton Green; 10.50am Carperby Cross ;11.20am Thornton Rust Institute; 11.50am Thorlby Green; 12.15pm Newbiggin; 12.50pm West Burton cross; 1.25pm Bolton Hall gates; 1.45pm West Witton (Wensleydale Heifer); 2.15pm Aysgarth Falls Motel*

Services:

- 9.30am Preston;
- 10.15am Castle Bolton;
- 2.00pm West Witton.
- 2.30pm Aysgarth St Andrew's; United service

Askrigg/Bainbridge area

Afternoon St. Oswald's meditation

**Easter Day**

Penhill Top Son-rise service 6.30am

Penhill/ Mid-dale area

- 9.30am Castle Bolton. HC
- 9.30am Preston. HC
- 9.30am West Witton HC
- 10.45am Aysgarth Methodist HC
- 10.45am West Burton Methodist
- 11.00am St Andrew's Aysgarth, egg rolling and decoration
- 11.00am Wensley HC

Askrigg/Bainbridge area

- 10.30am St Oswald's HC
- 10.45am Bainbridge Methodist; at Aysgarth
- 2.00pm Marsett Methodist; Stalling Busk

Hawes area

- 9.00am Hardraw HC
- 10.30am St Margaret's HC
- 10.30am Hawes Methodist Church
- 6.30pm Gayle Methodist Church HC

**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>	Sarah Champion 23, Little Ings	667006
<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>Thorlby:</b>	Sandra Foley, Shop	663205

**Newsletter Accounts**  
**March 2013 to February 2014**

**Income**

<i>Balances b/f</i>	<u>11822.52</u>
Donations and postal subs.	841.00
Collection Boxes	3423.88
Adverts	11610.50
Interest	<u>50.84</u>
	<u>15926.22</u>
	27748.74

**Expenditure**

Production costs	9543.10
Distribution costs	684.69
Donations	5317.00
Committee expenses and honoraria	1506.52
Room rental	30.00
Prizes	160.00
Book grants scheme for students	750.00
Refund to advertisers	<u>100.00</u>
	18091.31

*(Unclaimed cheques: 416.52)*

**Balance c/f** **10073.95**

The accounts were audited and approved on 13th March 2014 by Barry Wilcox, MCMI.

The bank balances carried forward this year are less than in 2012/13 because we have made many more donations during the year and 2013/14 was also the first full year of the Newsletter being printed by the Wensleydale Press. New postal rates also increased our distribution costs.

We have supported three local students with book and equipment grants during the year and we made several small donations arising from our monthly competitions to British Heart Foundation, Stroke Association, Sycamore Hall Amenities Fund, Yorkshire Air Ambulance and Yorkshire Cancer Research.

Larger donations included:

£1000 DEC Philippines Typhoon Appeal

£1000 North Country Theatre

£600 Bainbridge C of E Primary & Nursery School

£600 Hawes Community Primary School

£407 West Burton C of E Primary School

£250 Askrigg PTFA

£250 King's Club Coach Fund

£200 Gayle Village Institute

£200 Hawes WI

£150 Dalesplay Equipment Fund

£100 Askrigg Playgroup

£100 BlueBoxt Productions

£100 Wensleydale Chorus

£100 Wensleydale Tournament of Song

**J.W.T.**

**.Central Dales Practice -  
Appointments**

Here at The Central Dales Practice we try to do the best we can for our patients and as such feel that the time has come to re-view how appointments work and how patients can get the best from their appointment. Open surgeries are for patients to come along each morning to see a GP whether the patient has an urgent medical problem or an ongoing problem. Afternoon appointments can be booked in advance and are primarily available for those patients who cannot make the open morning surgeries owing to work commitments. Appointments are 10 minutes and allow enough time for the GP to deal with one and at most, two problems. If a patient needs to discuss more than 1 or 2 problems, then they need to make a pre-booked double appointment, to allow time for this. In addition, we have noticed that sometimes one appointment is made when both a parent and a child need to be seen. Appointments are one per patient as the GP does not have time to see two patients in one 10 minute appointment. We want you to get the best from your appointment and to do this, the GP needs time with each patient. Don't forget – telephone appointments are also available upon request. If a patient is ever unsure as to what type of appointment they need they should give our Receptionists a call who will be more than happy to help.

**Lynn Irwin, Practice Manager**

## GREETINGS

<p>Mary Pratt and Family extend heartfelt thanks to everyone for the wonderful support and care received over the last few years. Donations in memory of Gordon amounted to £1300 which has been divided between Macmillan Nurses and Herriot Hospice Homecare</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Peacock</b></p> <p>Ann, Paul, Christine and the family thank everyone who attended Andrew (Sherriff's) funeral service; for the many cards and letters of condolence and the generous donations of £627.50 received in Andrew's memory for Herriot Hospice Home Care and the Yorkshire Air Ambulance</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">The funeral of the late <b>Brian Fawcett Routh</b> of Wrose, Bradford, and formerly of Greensley Bank, Bainbridge, and West Garth Farm, Burterset, took place at Rawdon Crematorium on February 28th, aged 63 years.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The family would like to thank family and friends for their support and cards of condolence at this sad time.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pearl Coates</b></p> <p>would like to express her thanks to everyone for their kind words, cards, flowers and gifts on her leaving Barclays Bank; also to the staff at Calver's Restaurant for a lovely meal.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">She was truly overwhelmed by everyone's good wishes and would like to send her regards to all.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thomas Raw</b></p> <p>would like to thank everyone for cards and phone calls during his recent stay in hospital for his operation. They were much appreciated and the recovery is going well.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ALLEN DINSDALE</b></p> <p>During my spell in hospital, many thanks to all who have sent letters and cards of best wishes and encouragement. They have been much appreciated.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Gladys Metcalfe</b></p> <p>would like to thank everyone who sent gifts, flowers and cards received on her 90th birthday</p>	