

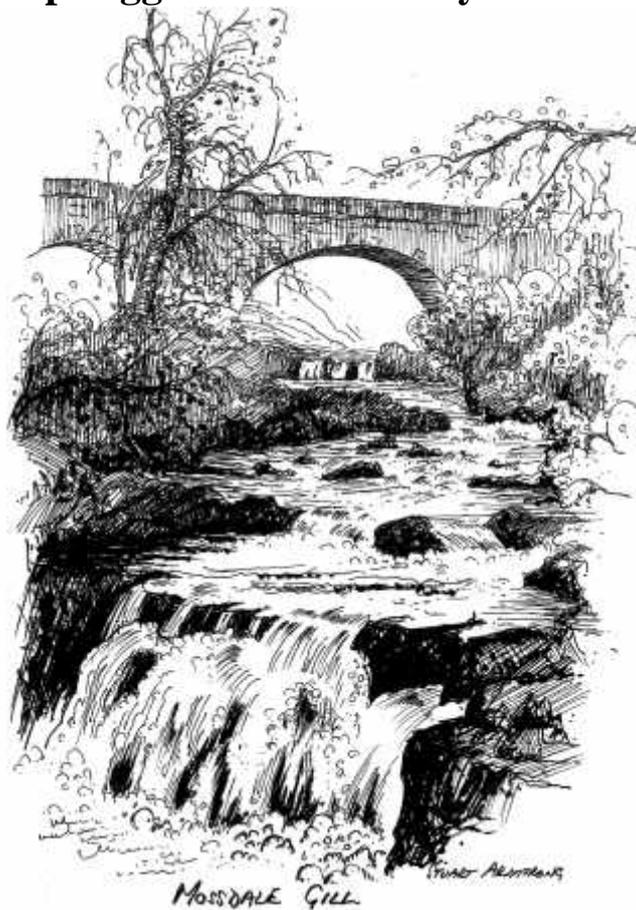
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**THE JUNE ISSUE
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Editorial

So it is nearly here; May 7th and the general election! Election day itself is usually fairly quiet. All the electioneering and media coverage are over and we just wait.

The day after, May 8th, is a very different matter; results, endless analysis, speculation and very possibly talk of party alliances. The TV and papers will be full of it all.

Which is a great shame and sadness! Because this year May 8th sees the 70th anniversary celebration of the end of the second world war in Europe (VE Day). Surely you will agree it's preferable to marking a start of a war. Why, you might ask, do we tend to make such an issue of seventieth anniversaries? Could it be because 70 is the last opportunity we have to be able to talk with a good number of people still around who can actually remember events, in this case from the 1940s (and 50s).

The theme of this editorial could be "Ask your Gran or Grandad". Sometimes we suddenly realise that there is no-one left to answer questions that might arise, or that we are the only one left of our family generation! Of course there are plenty of films, documentaries, archive material and old newspapers about these times, and sections in museums often feature them. But how much do they tell us about our families or our very local communities? There is plenty about the actual war and its horrors but what about the effects of wartime in our families and the local area?

More and more people are doing genealogical research in record offices or churches and graveyards and these can be informative, but do they really tell us personal details, idiosyncrasies or appearances from a time when far fewer photographs were taken; or maybe diaries have been lost or destroyed?

To get a real feeling for life at these times "Talk to your Gran" or as the Grans, let us talk to the younger ones. As one Welsh TV personality used to say "I know because I was there!"

Whether it was life in an air-raid shelter, the feeling and smell of a gas mask, the getting about at night with no street lights and just our flashlight (torch), the number 8 batteries which were always running out, the ration books limiting not only food but clothes and furniture, 'making do and mending', the somewhat pathetic indoor fireworks, the blackouts so that no chink of light could be seen outside, the poor quality of house-coal because as they used to say "all the best goes for the railways", entertainment before television, the favourite saying and phrases of the older generation... talk of all these things makes the period come alive.

Moving on 70 years to an age of sophisticated

computer record keeping, are we being sufficiently careful in our storage of data, especially photographs, videos or recordings and of labelling them? Great care is needed in computer filing. Huge amounts of data can easily be lost. How many of us dig up, from the boxes under the bed, old photographs - no name or date or location written on the back, so good for nothing! Let us be careful in our storage of data so that the generations to come will get a better idea of what life was like now. And to return to our theme, "Ask your Gran", he or she might remember something about some of those old photos from under the bed!

Askrigg and Low Abbotside Village Book

First of all, a big thank you to the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter for their generous grant towards the cost of producing the Askrigg and Low Abbotside Village book. It is hugely appreciated. We have also received a grant from Richmondshire District Council's communities opportunity fund, our bid having been supported by Councillor Yvonne Peacock. A well-supported fundraising curry evening at the King's Arms raised the magnificent sum of £485 and we have had several generous individual donations. We plan further fundraising in the coming months - we are definitely not resting on our laurels. The other good news is that we have found, after a long search, a bookbinder who can meet all our very specific requirements: the book will, as most people will know by now, be A3 size and partially leather-bound. But the critical factor is that as well as being a photographic record of all the parishioners, it will also be a scrapbook, and the items we put on the pages will therefore be variable: scraps of paper, fibre, fabric, wool, as well as tickets, receipts and other memorabilia. So it has to be carefully constructed. We are planning to have it completed by September 1st, and smaller, replica editions to be available for sale well before Christmas.

Charity Concert for Marie Curie and Amala

CASTLE BOLTON

Craven Accordion Orchestra

Saturday May 16th 7.00pm

Tickets £10 from **Margaret Hall, 623012**

includes lucky number programme and interval

Refreshments

Decorative and Fine Arts Society

Tuesday, May 12th 2.00pm

MIDDLEHAM KEY CENTRE

Title: Lancelot Capability Brown: Landscape, Art and Dame Nature

In the approach to the 300th anniversary of his birth this lecture considers the life and work of "Capability Brown". Genius or vandal, artist or copyist? From humble beginnings in a Northumberland village Lancelot Brown became the most famous landscape designer in England. Working with the most essential elements of contours, water and trees he created landscapes so breathtakingly natural that the poet Whitehead commented that only Brown and Dame Nature could distinguish between his work and hers. The talk is illustrated with images of his landscapes in historic paintings and as they exist today.

Dr. Twigs Way is a professional garden historian, researcher author and lecturer. We welcome non- members to this lecture and any future lectures of interest. Lectures are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from October to June. The cost is £8 per lecture. If you would like to attend please contact the secretary **Ros Higson on 01765 635244**, email: rosalindhigson@btinternet.com.

Dales Festival of Food and Drink

Held at Leyburn and staffed by over 60 willing local volunteers, since its inception in 2002 the Festival has given £190,000 to local community initiatives. This year live cookery demonstrations feature many of the region's top chefs including the Wensleydale Heifer's Craig Keenan and the Saddle Room's Master Chef finalist Tom Morrell. There is always the chance to sample some of the magnificent creations and quiz the chefs. The Food Hall has 80 different stands, plus Faming for Food, several literary guest speakers, live music, dancing every day and children's attractions. The festival partakes in Tickets for Troops. By supporting the festival you support these good causes. Keep up to date with the Dales Festival of Food and Drink at dalesfestivaloffood.org, by Facebook or Twitter. Gates open at **10.00am Saturday May 2nd until Monday May 4th**.

Eunice the Ewe



I was on the Walk of Witness last month, page 20. Where am I this month? The winner of the £10 prize was **Rhys Hatfield, Hawes**

Maurice and Yvonne Bell are celebrating 60 years of marriage on 30th April and would like to invite friends to call in to have a cup of tea, and a chat with them on the day from 11.00am at their new home at Park View next to the Bungalow at Spring Bank behind the Children's Playground in Hawes.

Diane writes:

Life has been pretty tough for them of late with Dad's dementia and Mum having problems getting about after falling and breaking her hip last year and it would be great for them to have a lovely day.

I have arranged a letter from The Queen; William Hague has sent a personal letter to them and the Chairman of Richmondshire District Council is calling in with flowers.

Huge congratulations to them from all of the family.

Broadband News

Good news, Superfast North Yorkshire have recently upgraded their website and maps to include details of Community Broadband and the wireless Broadband providers that cover North Yorkshire: www.superfastnorthyorkshire.com/wherewhen.

It is very encouraging to see that wide areas of North Yorkshire now have access to either Superfast Fibre or Wireless Broadband.

Some of the wireless broadband providers are prepared to install wireless broadband in to a community building free of charge as a way to promote their service. However this is usually dependent on there not being a BT service available in the area. Please contact me, if this is of interest to your committee so that I can inquire on your behalf.

Andy Ryland
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April Competition Answers

1. Scottish hillside; slow down
Brae, brake
2. Darkness– horse on board
Night, knight
3. Ill, smooth and wet
Sick, slick
4. Not fat; ponder
Thin, think
5. Nan– epilepsy
Grandma, grandmal
6. Getting on– join the metal
Older, solder
7. Making mistakes with a silvery fish
Erring, herring
- 8/ Government department; pay off the cost
Defra, defray
9. Castle mound colour patches
Motte, mottle
10. Using the oars and getting bigger
Rowing, growing
11. Informal friend with personal belongings
Cobber, clobber
12. Plus group of instruments
And, band

The winner of the £20 donated to Hawes School was **Shell Lewis**.

Bus services survey

New arrangements for bus services in Wensleydale come into operation on Monday, May 11th, and there will be an opportunity for people to have their say on how the system is working. There will be questionnaires covering all the routes between Leyburn and Gayle, on both sides of the dale, and an opportunity for all passengers to record their experience of the new service. Full details in next month's newsletter.

Betsy Everett

May Competition

Letters and numbers etc.

1. **2.2 P in a K (A)**
2. **8K in 5M (A)**
3. **4 = CR of SF**
4. **6 C in the G E (R C)**
5. **17 M, R to LB (W R)**
6. **9 M of the N C (see P F)**
7. **E of M; End of the SWW**
8. **198 = LW for R F**
9. **20 T in the B P L**
10. **10 GBHOTW**
11. **1 MWTM**
12. **T T T R**
13. **723 = H O I I M**
14. **1440 = T to T in the A**
15. **8 L on a S**
16. **23 P in this I**
17. **T and one S = P (A)**
18. **1215= D of M C**
19. **1215 = Q P T**
20. **I : W of the 6 N R**

Please note that for the Competition and for Eunice finders, entries should arrive by MAY 19TH so that winners can be selected at the committee meeting.

Send the answers even if you've not got them all.
You might be the best!
Please state your chosen charity for the £20 prize.

Friends Hear a Clock Talk!

Owing to an unavoidable swap in the programme the April lecture for the Museum Friends was a surprise for a few who hadn't got the message. The "History of Peat" became "Northallerton Clocks" by Dr David Severs.

It turned out to be most fascinating, with a wide-ranging, country-wide slide-talk about what most of the uninitiated would call "Grandfather Clocks". It concentrated on the appearances rather than the internal mechanisms, and how these subtly changed through the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

The talk was all the more interesting because of the lifetime's research, accumulation of knowledge and national respect for the speaker.

I'm sure clock enthusiasts will be equally enthralled this month by the History of Peat!

Birthday Celebration for Pennine Way

Friday April 24th was a special date in the calendar of thousands of walkers countrywide as it marked the day the Pennine Way was officially opened in the Yorkshire Dales National Park 50 years ago. The 268-mile national trail, which stretches from Edale in Derbyshire to Kirk Yetholm in the Scottish Borders, was opened at Malham Cove in the presence of the then Minister of Land and Natural Resources, F.T. Willey, and Tom Stephenson, the author and writer whose dream of a path running along the Pennines inspired its creation. The anniversary this year coincides with the setting up of a partnership to coordinate the management of the entire length of both the Pennine Way and the 205-mile-long Pennine Bridleway. The new partnership is led by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority with support from all the local access authorities and other key partners. A new Pennine National Trails Partnership Manager has been appointed to oversee budgets, route maintenance and improvement work. The anniversary was being marked by a mass Walk the Way in a Day event on Saturday April 25th, people choosing from 50 circular walks that cover the entire Pennine Way.

Ilkley-born TV presenter Alan Titchmarsh said: "The word iconic is over used, but it most certainly applies to the Pennine Way and to the terrain it traverses. "I've always been proud that it passes through some of my favourite native haunts, and my copy of Alfred Wainwright's astonishing guide is well thumbed.

"I hope that hardy walkers continue to be uplifted by walking even a part of it, and to feel a sense of achievement and wonder as they marvel at the beauty of the countryside around them." The Dales Countryside Museum staged an exhibition of work by a group of Dales artists called Pennine Ways, inspired by the popular walking route using art, photography and sculpture. The exhibition, which finished on Sunday April 26th, was opened by the Authority's Area Ranger for Upper Wensleydale Matt Neale, who in January came seventh in the gruelling 268-mile Montane Spine Race along the entire length of the Pennine Way.

Museum Manager Fiona Rosher said: "More than 2,000 people have been to see the exhibition – it's been a real success. They have said they enjoyed viewing the artwork and the opportunity to share their memories."

The BBC is currently screening a series of four programmes about the Trail while BBC Radio 4 will broadcast a three- part series looking at musicians, poets and storytellers associated with the Trail on May 7th, 14th and 21st. Lots of local organisations are also holding events to celebrate the anniversary and details can be found at <http://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/pennine-way/events>



Friends of the Old School House

During the last year we have been working very hard to establish The Old School House (TOSH) as Leyburn and the wider Wensleydale district's Arts and Community Centre. As a result, we are now providing at least one major musical event every month, a range of craft and educational workshops, room hire for leisure and business use, other events and the popular cinema performances, all supported by our café/bar.

But we must remember that TOSH is a charity and although it is getting closer to being able to financially support itself it still relies on the enthusiasm of a group of very loyal and hardworking volunteers and the donations of the Friends of The Old School House.

May we ask that you help us to secure our future by donating a small sum of money? For every £15 you donate we will present you with a complimentary cinema ticket to be used at any time, plus a free drink to be redeemed before the performance of your choice, a Friends card which entitles you to a discount at participating restaurants and cafes in Leyburn and participation in a monthly draw to win another free cinema ticket.

Thank you for supporting The Old School House Arts and Community Centre.



Free Drop-in Session
Saturday, May 2nd 10.00am - 4.00pm

The Healing Collective: Free Drop-In Session Meet the therapists and experience a 'taster' session. Complementary therapies with a holistic approach to health - Shiatsu, Reflexology, Reiki, Counselling, Bach Remedies. Situated on the A684, adjacent to Berry's Farm Shop and Cafe, Swinithwaite. www.healingcollective.co.uk
 Tel 0845 474 2383

*Mystery picture. Where's this?
 Another easy one.*

Hawes in 1965

The feature in last month's Newsletter of all the shops and businesses in 1965 proved of interest to many readers. There has only been one comment about any omission and that was from the main compilers themselves, Rob and Val Ward, who forgot their own Uncle Bob's Smithy!

Pentecost Praise; Whit Sunday



Pentecost will be celebrated on Bainbridge Green (weather permitting (if ground is wet in the chapel) on

Sunday May 24th at 3.00pm. The preacher is Rev. Chris Lawton from Leyburn, featuring Hawes Silver Band and followed by tea with cream scones.

Anne Deans

Tour de Yorkshire 2015

May 1st to 3rd

Here are the official routes for the three stages:

Day 1 Bridlington, Pickering, Rosedale Abbey, Danby, Whitby, Scarborough

Day 2 Selby, Market Weighton, Beverley, Driffield, Malton, York

Day 3 Wakefield, Barnsley, Marsden, Ripponden, Hebden Bridge, Haworth, Ilkley, Leeds.

Thornton Rust InSTITUTE

CONCERT INCLUDING MEAL

Askrigg Ladies Sing for Pleassure

Friday May 15th 7.30pm

£8.00

To reserve in advance: **663923/663504**

West Burton May Fair

Monday May 25th, 1.00 to 4.00pm

May-pole, stalls, sheep-dog running, barrel organ, children's assault course and bouncy castle, Hot dogs, burgers, cream teas, raffle ,egg-throwing, quoits and water slide,

I Gave Blood Recently

I feel fortunate that I can still do it.

When we moved here over 40 years ago giving blood was a great community social occasion. It was held on a Sunday, and in those days you could have a few pints in the pub beforehand and they would still accept your donation. Nowadays that is considered a health and safety risk. They don't work on Sundays either.

They used to come alternately to Askrigg then Hawes. Nowadays parking on the corner near the village hall in Askrigg is considered a health and safety risk, so they only come to Hawes.

But they still come!

All that time ago there was great pride in the fact that there was a higher percentage of donors in this community than in most areas all over the country. We used to enjoy meeting up with each other whilst we waited for ages to donate, and over the tea and biscuits afterwards. Nowadays we have to fill forms in, there are more stringent tests on our blood, and we make appointments so that it doesn't take as long. They tend to come on a Wednesday afternoon and evening.

The team who come used to be from Leeds, but they have handed over to a team from Lancaster. It was their first time coming here and they all were asking 'is it always this quiet?' What has happened? Where is everyone? I know that as we get older our bodies are not as resilient to losing a bit of blood, so friends my age have had to drop off a bit. No doubt I will have to stop soon. Where are the younger donors? Potentially we all might need to receive blood as transfusions, so it makes sense to give some.

We don't have to make an appointment – they will fit us in where they can – but it is easier for us and them if we do, then waiting time is shorter and they don't have crowds one minute and no-one the next. It is safe to give, and it means there are banks of safe blood in this country and the NHS does not have to import it.

It is still good to meet up with people over a cuppa afterwards – sometimes I meet someone I haven't seen since I taught them at the Wensleydale School 40 years ago! I hope that on **Wednesday 29th July**, when I give my 75th donation (how many arms-full is that!), the team from Lancaster will be able to tell me that they have been run off their feet all day. Just call in at the Hawes Market Hall or ring **0300 123 23 23** now to make an appointment in advance.

Judy Nicholls



Timetable for May Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays and Friday 29th

Leeming Bar	10.00	12.25	15.00
Leyburn depart	10.36	13.00	15.36
Redmire arrive	10.50	13.34	15.50
Redmire depart	11.00	13.45	16.05
Leyburn depart	11.15	14.10	16.19
Leeming Bar	11.50	14.50	16.55

Trains stop at Bedale 7 minutes before Leeming Bar or 8 minutes after Leeming Bar coming back.

Residents' Discount. Our postcode area DL8 is one which attracts a 25% discount on regular fares.

Children travel for £1.00

Anniversary Weekend: May 23rd to 25th.

Full details: **08454 505474** or email:

wensleydalerail.com

Great Daffodil Appeal Hawes Street Collection

Thank you to the brave ladies who faced a very wet day on Tuesday March 31st to give out daffodil pins and collect money for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

A total of £306.63 was raised. Well done, everyone! Maybe next year the weather will be kinder.

Mary Dinsdale

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667449

Upper Dales Family History Group

In March we welcomed back Jane Sammells and Rebecca Atkinson who invited us to 'Take tea with a Georgian lady'. Jane started off in her shift and explained about the various layers of clothing as she was dressed by Rebecca who also makes all the costumes. After being laced into a corset to achieve the fashionable flat fronted silhouette Jane put on her pockets, two deep bags on a cord which tied around the waist for carrying around small personal items and keeping money out of sight. These were followed by the 'bib and tucker'; cotton 'infill' pieces arranged around the neck to change the appearance of a dress. Over all this went the dress itself which was pinned in place to adjust it to fit. Printed cotton muslin for clothing opened up a whole new world of fashion possibilities but was considerably cooler than wool. Cue the invention around this period of unmentionable undergarments for ladies!

To leave the house the fashionable lady wore a spencer, a very short, tight jacket made of stiff frieze. An elaborate bonnet, gloves and a small lace shawl completed the outfit, along with a dainty parasol and even daintier reticule for loose change. The talk finished with details about the meal itself and samples of seed cake along with small cups of caudle tea, a mixture of green tea, white wine, cinnamon, sugar and egg yolk.

Meetings this month are a family history Computer Club at Hudson House in Reeth from **1.00 to 4.00pm on Saturday, May 9th**, and a talk at Fremington Sunday School at **2.00pm on Wednesday May 27th** when Dave Carlisle will speak on "A Gruesome Discovery" – the Swaledale connections of a body found in a lead mine. Contact **01748 850423** for details or see the website www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk

Aysgarth Station Heritage Centre (Wensleydale Railway)

Will be open on May 3rd, 4th and May 24th, 25th. Parking will be available, there will be tea coffee and cakes for sale, the Exhibition Centre, model railway and signal box will be open.

Come and see what the team have been up to over the winter!

Also the weekend of 23rd to 25th May is the 25th anniversary of the formation of the Wensleydale Railway Association. There are special events at the railway on all three days to mark the occasion, including visiting steam engines. See the Wensleydale Railway website for up to date information.

Neil Barker

Swaledale Festival

Saturday May 23rd to Saturday June 6th

On-line bookings now open:

SWALEFEST.ORG

Phone and walk-in bookings :

01748 880019

Here is a summary of the events roughly within the Newsletter area. The full Festival booklet is widely available: information centres.

Saturday May 23rd

Medieval Minstrels **10.30am** Gayle Mill
The Hut People **2.00 and 4.00pm** Gayle Mill
Violin and piano **7.30pm** St Oswald's, Askrigg

Sunday May 24th

Guided walk **10.30a** Gunnerside
Festival service **11.00am** Keld United
Reformed Church
Ragtime band **4.00pm** Gunnerside

Tuesday May 26th

Guided walk **10.30am** Wensley
Organ/saxophone **4.00pm** St Matthew's
Leyburn

Wednesday May 27th

Double bass/piano **4.00pm** St Oswald's, Askrigg
Leyburn band **7.30pm** St Andrew's,
Aysgarth

Thursday May 28th

Poet and playwright **11.00am** Gunner side Chapel

Saturday May 30th

Black Dyke Band **8.00pm** Tennant's, Leyburn

Sunday May 31st

Guided Walk **10.30am** Carperby
Solo piano **7.30pm** St Oswald's, Askrigg

Monday June 1st

Muker Silver Band **7.30pm** Muker Public Hall

Tuesday June 2nd

Yorks. Film Archive **1.00pm** TOSH, Leyburn
Urban Folk Quartet **8.30pm** Wensleydale Creamery

Wednesday June 3rd

Guided walk **10.30am** Bolton Hall
Flute and harp duo **4.00pm** St Mary's, Muker

Thursday June 4th

Ukulele Orchestra **8.00pm** Tennant's, Leyburn

District Council Election Candidates by Wards

Addleborough

Mark Alder ,IND; Yvonne Peacock, CON and Hugh Radice LAB

Bolton Castle

John Amsden; Adrian Thornton-Berry, CON

Hawes and High Abbotside

John Blackie, IND; Brian Pocknee, LAB

Penhill

Juila Smyth LIBDEM; Caroline Thornton-Berry, CON; Matthew Wilkes, IND

Swaledale

Richard Blows, CON; Sharon De-Wit, GREEN; Malcolm Gardner, IND

Sedbergh

Martin Holborn, LAB; Daphne Jackson, GREEN;

Mel Mackie, CON; Evelyn Westwood, LIBDEM

By Parishes. There are no elections in these as there were insufficient nominees, so the ones below are unopposed.

Askirgg and Low Abbotside

Martyin Alderson; Bruce Fawcett; James Hodgson; Allen Kirkbride; Greta Kirkbride, David Madley

Aysgarth District One short

Robert Walker; Peter Windle; David Wood. Alison Sayer. Val Gladman; Brian McGregor. Margaret Jones. John Dinsdale; David Pointon

Bainbridge

Brian Brown; Derek Kerttewell; Yvonne Peacock; Darren Percival; Thomas Tennant

Burton-cum Walden

Ruth Daley; Gail Dent; Rowland Dent; Andrew Landau; Jane Ritchie

Carperby and Thoresby

John Amsden; David Brampton; David Moore; Nicholas Oliver; Steve Sheldon

Hawes and High Abbotside

Sheila Alderson; Debbie Allen; John Blackie; Andrea Caygill; Graham Di Duca; Tony Fawcett, B.J. Fawcett, Abbie Rhodes; Stewart Hunter; Albert Sunter. Ian Woolley

Muker

Raymond Calvert; Phillip Metcalfe; Bryan Porter; Trevor Reynoldson; Ernest Whitehead

Preston under Scar

Adam Alderson; David Amsden; David Brooks; Anna Hackett-Pain; Janet Jowett

Redmire Two short

Andrew Jordan; David Shields; John Smith

West Witton Two short

David Brown; Christine Donovan- Brown; John Hunter.

General Election Candidate

At the time of writing the last Newsletter the Liberal Democrat candidate had withdrawn and was not on our list. The replacement is John Harris.

Wensleydale Chorus 2015

In 2015 the Wensleydale Chorus will be singing Faure's Requiem and Haydn's Nelson Mass..

PERFORMANCES:

Saturday July 18th, 7.30pm St Oswald's Church, Askirgg,

Saturday July 25th 7.30pm St John's Church East Witton

REHEARSALS:

Rehearsals are in Leyburn Methodist Schoolrooms starting at **7.30pm on Wednesday May 6th 2015**. The first rehearsal will stop at 9.00pm to enable choir members to have a cup of tea or coffee and to catch up with other members of the chorus or to introduce themselves to new members. All other rehearsals stop at 9.30pm

During the concert weeks the rehearsals take place in the concert locations with an additional rehearsal with the professional soloists.

One Saturday rehearsal will take place on **30th May from 10.00am until 3.00pm** in Hawes Market Hall.

New members are always welcome – no auditions, just a love of music is required!

If you would like further information please contact Gilda Foster **622942** gilda@fosnet.co.uk

Penhill Benefice Coffee Morning

Friday 8th May 10.00am – noon at Methodist Church Hall, Leyburn

Coffee/tea and biscuits £1

There will be a sale of cakes and produce

We welcome any produce and cake donations

(Please take along to the hall on the day)

All money raised goes towards funding the benefice office

Do come and join us

Guided Walks

We have a number of walking activities in the area, some organized by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) and some by the Wensleydale Railway (WR) There is no need to book for any of the walks except the Pathfinder Introduction course for which booking is needed. For all walks wear appropriate clothing and footwear for changeable weather.

Friday 1st May: One-way walk from Garsdale station to Hawes (WR), starts 10.30am (Settle-Carlisle line: trains arrive from Carlisle at 10.02 and Leeds at 10.17; also free car parking at station). Meet Walk leader at the station. Choice of 10 mile strenuous route or 6 miles moderate. Bring a packed lunch and refreshments. Little White Bus to or from station as appropriate. Walk is free; buy train/bus tickets. www.ride2stride.co.uk or phone **650349**. (To book for Little White Bus, phone **667400**).

Thursday 3rd May: YDNPA Pathfinder Introductory Course. Learn to use an Ordnance Survey map and a compass at the DCM with practical training around the area from 12.30pm to 4.30pm. £15 per adult, children under 16 £10 . Booking required phone **666210** to book and obtain further details.

Wednesday 13th May: YDNPA Walk – Discover Lower Wensleydale 6 miles starting at 9.30am at Westholme Estate near Aysgarth . £5 per adult, children under 16 free. No need to book.

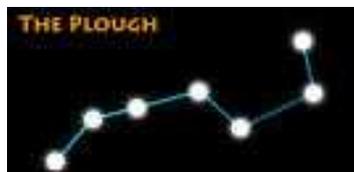
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Thursday 28th May: YDNPA Walk – Hawes Town Trail 2 miles starting at 2.00pm at the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes. £5 per adult, children under 16 free. No need to book.

Friday May 29: Wildflower Walk with Wensleydale botanists (WR). A one way walk which starts from Redmire station at 11.00am. 6 mile moderate route, pausing along the way to identify flowers, including orchids, to Leyburn station (tearoom). Buy single Wensleydale Railway train ticket from Leyburn to Redmire (train departs Leyburn 10.36 (or return train departs Leyburn 15.36 if you leave your car at Redmire; car parking free at both stations). Walk is free with same day WR train ticket; otherwise £3, payable at start of walk. Bring a packed lunch and refreshments. www.wensleydalerrail.com or phone **01677 425805**

Heavens Above

May sees a marked change in our view of the evening sky. The nights are shortening rapidly and the winter stars (apart from Castor and Pollux, the Heavenly Twins) have faded into the western



twilight. The Plough is at its highest for the year, almost overhead, and the 'W' of Cassiopeia at its lowest over in the north. Vega is

gaining altitude in the north-east with Cygnus not too far behind. Now the view south is filled by the spring-time constellations – Hercules, the Northern Crown, Bootes the Herdsman, Virgo, Leo the Lion and The Water Serpent, Hydra, sprawling low over the horizon. The high south is dominated by Bootes' orange leader, Arcturus, the fourth brightest star in the sky . It's reappearance in the spring-time is always a welcome sign that warmer days are not too far away.

On the planetary front you can't really miss the planet Venus, still a dazzling object blazing away like a tiny beacon in the western evening twilight. Next month it meets up with the Solar System's biggest planet, Jupiter, in a spectacular *planetary conjunction* on June 30th. Meanwhile during the first half of this month you might be able to spot the innermost planet, Mercury, low on the western horizon soon after sunset. Best time to look is around 10.00pm when the Sun will be out of the way. The ringed planet, Saturn, is also on view this month. It reaches opposition on May 23rd but it's not particularly well placed for viewing this year low in the south-east by late evening.

Late May is a good time to start looking out for noctilucent clouds. These extremely high altitude clouds are formed by ice condensing around fine particles of interplanetary dust resulting in beautiful ghostly silvery-blue bands and strands that shine long after other clouds have faded into blackness. Best time to look for them is about an hour and a half after sunset low down in the north-west.

Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid week is from **10th - 16th May**. There will be no house to house collection in Hawes this year. Collecting boxes will be available in Mason's Newsagents and in the Community Office.

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

May

- 2-4 Leyburn Festival of Food and Drink
- 3 Aysgarth and Marsett chapels joint service, Bainbridge, 10.30am
- 3,9,16 Gayle Mill events. See p.16
- 4,25 Cream Teas: 1.00 to 3.00pm in St Margaret's Church, Hawes,
- 4,25 Castle Bolton Church plant sales: 10.00am to 12.30pm. In aid of church funds and Mission Partners
- 5 Tea and Scones and every Tuesday in May 1.00 to 3.00pm in St Margret's,Hawes
- 5 Aysgarth Drop in for Coffee: Fernlea, Thoraby. 10.00am to noon
- 5 Hawes Drama Group AGM, entertainment and supper. Gayle Institute. 7.30pm
- 6 Rehearsals start for Wensleydale Chorus production of Faure's Requiem and Haydn's Nelson Mass. See p.10
- 6 Church Coffee Club: Gordon Lodge, Redmire. 10.30 until noon
- 6 Quiz Night for Hawes Gala. See p.15
- 8 'Filling Station', Middleham Key Centre, 7.00pm. Speaker, Jonny Dade, Durham
- 8 Penhill Benefice Coffee Morning: 10.00am until noon. Methodist Church Hall, Leyburn. See p.10
- 9 "Being a disciple" course; West Burton Church, from 10.30am. Details: **667841**
- 9 "Birds of Upper Swaledale" walk. Meet Keld Heritage Centre 10.00am or 1.30pm **01748 886845** for details
- 9 Big Fashion Show, Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge. See p.15
- 9,27 Upper Dales Family History Group meetings. See p. 9
- 9-10 Bolton Castle: Lord Scrope's Medieval Household. See the Castle's household and learn about Life in Medieval days. 10.00am to 5.00pm.
- 10-16 Christian Aid Week
- 11 Little White Bus, Wensleydale Timetable starts
- 12 YDNPA Planning Committee: Yoredale Bainbridge, 1.00pm.
- 12 Decorative and Fine Arts. Society. See p.4
- 13 Corrine Morris, cello concert: St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth, 7.30pm. See p.15
- 14 Ascension Day. United Holy Communion and service at Jervaulx
- 15 Concert at Thornton Rust Institute, 7.30pm. See p.7
- 16 Jez Lowe concert, St Andrew's, Aysgarth. 7.30pm. See p.13
- 16 Craven Accordion Orchestra. Castle Bolton charity concert. See p.3
- 16 70s Themed Karaoke at the Fountain Hotel, Hawes, from 9.00pm.
- 17 Methodist service, St Margaret's, Hawes, 10.30am
- 18 7.30pm. Prayer Fellowship, Dale View Castle Bolton
- 19 AGM of the Wensleydale Music and Theatre Group (formerly HAOS). Gayle Institute 7.30pm
- 21 Hawes W.I. "Wrong time, wrong place" with Katie Wilkomm. Gayle Institute 7.00pm
- 23 Swaledale Festival starts. See p.9
- 23 25th anniversary of the Wensleydale Railway
- 23-29 Gaping Gill Winching Days
- 24 Marsett Chapel Singalong, 8.0pm
- 24 North Yorkshire Dales Methodist Circuit United service, Leyburn ,10.30am
- 24 Pentecost Praise: Whit Sunday, Bainbridge Green. See p.7
- 25 West Burton May Fair. See p. 7
- 25-29 Bolton Castle: Witchcraft and Wizardry. Learn of Medieval views on witchcraft and what happens to witches. Make a wand, Love potion and hat.

June

- 4 Annual service for the Askrigg Friendly Society will take place in St Oswald's Church, at 7.30pm.

DCM What's On

Exhibitions:

'A Linocut Nature' by Helen Roddie will run Until 19 July.

Waiting Room Gallery

This month we are showcasing work from the local crafts group 'Who We Are'. Why not drop by, browse this free exhibition and treat your self and your home!

May

- 3 Pathfinder Navigation course
- 10 Rug making 11.00am to 4.00pm, including lunch. Booking essential
- 15 Friends'lecture: "History of Peat" 7.30pm
- 17,31 In the Meadow. 10.00am to 5.00pm. Draw, design, cut and print; includes lunch. Booking essential.
- 26 Drystone walling demo.11.00am-3.00pm
- 27 "Fantastic Felt". Booking required
- 28 "Seeing Red"; squirrel talk. 2.00pm
- 29 Victorial Kitchen; 11.00am to 3.00pm

For more details and booking: 666210

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Jeze Lowe in Wensleydale

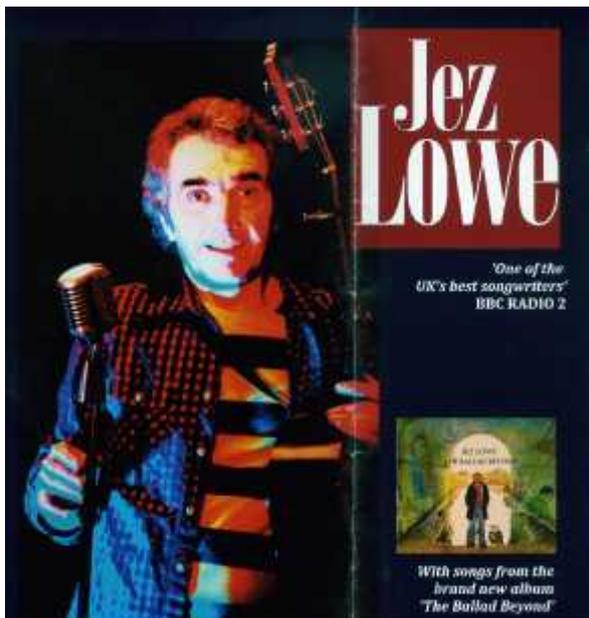
Saturday 16th May, 7.30pm

at St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth

Charity Concert.

A rare opportunity to hear international Folk musician Jez Lowe in Wensleydale. He will be performing in Aysgarth shortly after completing a tour of USA and Canada. Jez is an award-winning singer/songwriter, who plays guitar, cittern and harmonica. Tickets: £11.00 (in advance) £13.00 (on the door) 16 yrs and under - £5.00 Information and tickets from

Joan Foster 663368



Little White Bus

Hawes— Leyburn

The new timetable starts on

Monday May 11th.

Monday– Friday term time, and slightly different for Saturdays and school holidays.

THE COLOUR-CODED TIMETABLE LEAFLETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AND NEED CAREFUL READING.

They show links for onward from Leyburn.

Hawes W.I. Fundraiser FASHION SHOW

at The Fountain, Tuesday 2nd June, 7.00pm.

Entrance Fee £2 on the door

RAFFLE

Plenty of clothes of good value and quality
Lots of accessories including jewellery, bags, scarves etc

ALL MAJOR CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS ACCEPTED

Thank You

The Clothes Collection held at the beginning of March in St. Margaret's Church raised £112.80 for the Restoration Fund with the same amount going to North Yorkshire Air Ambulance. A big Thank You to everyone who contributed items.

Police Report

Hello again. They say time flies when you are having fun! In commencing this article I have just noticed that my first report written for the UWNL was in December 2007. As you may have noticed I have missed a few months lately and this has been due in part to a change of my role. Therefore I have decided to hand over the reins to PCSO Don Watson who will keep you regularly updated, and this will be my last article (don't all cheer at once!). Firstly, it is that time of the year when the roads seem to be getting some attention from the Highways Department. There have been several lengths within the Leyburn area that have been treated so far with tar and loose chippings. Looking at signs that have been put out, there look to be more areas that will be getting similar treatment in the near future.

These areas are liberally signed with warnings and an indicated maximum speed of 20mph. This speed limit is proposed for your safety. Within hours of the tank road at Barden Dykes (on the Range Road a couple of miles from Catterick Garrison) a driver lost control of their car on a left hand bend collided with the high kerb and rolled the car into a field. Luckily it was one of the safer cars on the road with the all round air bags (5* NCAP rated in Top Gear parlance) and the driver was relatively uninjured. However whilst at the collision I saw lots of vehicles approaching the scene at normal road speeds and many of those vehicles may have met the same fate had it not been for the sea of blue flashing lights. The moral is, plan these road works into your journey times and allow longer to get to wherever you are going. Slow down on the loose chippings and you will not come to grief and neither will any passing or following traffic from the stones that get thrown up. If you drive fast, and because of this, stones are thrown up and damage another vehicle then you are liable as "owing to the presence of a motor vehicle on a road (or public place) damage is caused to other property (including vehicles) or injury is caused to someone else" – this is a paraphrase of the Road Traffic Act definition of an accident but you get the gist. Driving in that manner clearly constitutes inconsiderate driving.

Crimes committed on the Leyburn dales section over the last couple of months have included a house burglary in Bainbridge where bodily force was used to break through a door. Fishing tackle and frozen meat were stolen. The same day a car was broken into nearby and stereo equipment stolen. A house burglary occurred at Askrigg where Television and DVD equipment were taken. Entry was by breaking a window. Entry was gained to an

insecure garage in Aysgarth where more fishing tackle and a lawnmower was taken. A shed burglary has occurred in Lower Wensleydale where a lawnmower was stolen. This is a timely reminder to keep your garden equipment secure as you never know who may have seen you using it.

There was another house burglary in Middleham where offenders had entered a house through an insecure front door whilst the occupant was busy in the kitchen and had searched rooms and stolen money and bank cards. Some criminals have the "brass neck" so don't let it happen to you. Touch wood there has not been much agricultural crime over this period, however in mid April an attempt was made to steal a tractor near Marske. The ignition was tampered with but the offenders did not manage to get it started. It is a while since we had the spate of stolen tractors so farmers please beware. For tourists and locals alike please be aware that we are now into the season where cars are being broken into for property which has been left inside. Please whenever you leave your vehicle remove any SatNav devices that are not built in.

Most people do not consider that removing it from the windscreen (leaving the tell tale mark behind) and throwing it into the glove box is just as unsafe as leaving it attached to the screen. And when parked up it may appear to be a good idea to put valuables in the boot before going off for a walk. Bear in mind though that the people seated in the car not far away eating their picnic lunch may not be as innocent as they look! Certain thieves use this type of modus operandi to target vehicles at beauty spots. Take valuables with you or better still leave them at home. It takes a second to break a car window and most rear seats allow access to the boot now so out of sight is not necessarily out of harms way.

Remember though, we live in one of the lowest crime areas in the county with one of the lowest crime rates in England and Wales so as they used to say at the end of a famous television crime programme "don't have nightmares". That's all from me.

Thanks as always.

Andy Foster PC826

**Leyburn and Dales Response Team
Telephone 101
SNTLeyburn@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk**

We at the Newsletter would like to thank PC Foster for his Police Reports submitted regularly, whenever the job permitted, for the last eight and a half years and wish him well in his new role in the Response Team. **A.M.**

Cello Concert Coming in May to Aysgarth!

I mentioned last month meeting interesting people online. One such person has become a good friend called Corrine Morris.

We met originally via Facebook and she is a wonderful international cellist. She was interviewed recently on BBC Radio 3 – check out her playing and an interview here <http://tinyurl.com/cm-radio3>

I have managed to persuade her to come up from London to Wensleydale (St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth at **7.30pm**) and give us a concert on **Wednesday May 13th**. It would be great if as many people could come along as possible and give her a big Dales welcome.

Tickets on the door will cost £15 but can be bought in advance via www.ticketsource.co.uk/cmconcerts for £12 (no extra charges if you print your own tickets) – you can find full details there too.

If you would like to catch a glimpse of Corinne playing check out your YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/CorinneMorrisCellist

It is good to know that good things come from the internet too.



Carol Haynes

Hawes and District Gala News

Plans are coming together for our 2015 Gala and we have some exciting new things coming. We have had some fabulous support from the community with our fundraising and plans for the day, however we would like to ask for your help on the Gala day. If you are available to help with running a stall or have a spare hour to take money on the gate we would be very grateful. Keep an eye out for our posters and banners going up around the dales and remember to spread the word.

We would like to say a massive thank you to everybody who donated and helped out on the Hoppers Refreshments, we had a successful day and raised a great £550. We would like to say a special thanks to Gabi Raw (Little Ings, Gayle) who stayed all day to helps us and did a fantastic job.

We would also like to thank Bainbridge and Distcit Motor Club for organising a car rally and donating the money to Hawes and District Gala. We all had a fabulous and enjoyable night, even though some of us did get lost.

Upcoming Fundraising Events
Gala Quiz - Wednesday 6th May, Crown Inn Hawes **9.00pm Start**. Teams of six.

Big Fashion Show - Saturday 9th May, Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge. **Doors Open 6.00pm Fashion Show starts 6.30pm**. Ex-chain store ladies and children's Fashion
 £5.00 per ticket including a drink. Tickets available from **Emily Pickard 07868568993** or **Alice Thwaite** Sycamore Shop. Limited Space.

Hopper's Sale Refreshments

St Margaret's Church will be doing the refreshments at Hopper's Sale in the Market House, Hawes on the **9th May**.

Offers of help would be greatly appreciated and should be made to **Margaret Iveson (667285)** or **Liz Beresford (667340)**.

Donations of baking to sell at the sale should be brought directly to the Market House on the day.

The Big Night Out

A Christian youth event for 7-11 year olds at Lightwater Valley. With guests –

CENACLE.

Tickets £18 on the gate.

Saturday 9th May from 2.00-9.00pm

Routers, hubs and other annoyances!

A common call I receive for help goes like this: "I got a new router and ..." ... "now my printer doesn't work!" or "I can't get on the internet" (by the way BT call routers Hubs and some ISP talk about access points; for most people these generally mean the same thing – though technically they are different!).

Why does this happen? Well when you plug in a new router you effectively set up an entirely new wireless setup in your house. All of your devices know how to connect to the old one but if you are using wireless you will need to tell the wireless devices how to connect to the new router. If you have older devices you will have to do this manually. On computers this is usually via

an icon on the desktop (top right corner on Macs, bottom right corner on Windows – though in both cases the icon may be hidden) for Android Phones and Tablets, iPhones and iPads you will need to find the WiFi section in the devices settings and may well have to type in the wireless password that matches your new router (this is usually printed on a label on the router along with the name or SSID of the wireless network). Note sometimes the wireless is called with Wireless key or Security Key. It is not usually the same as the Router Admin user and Password which is used to change setting in the router. Wireless printers and other devices are often a different matter and the method depends on the make and model. If you have a little LCD screen try to find WiFi, Wireless or WLAN setup. If it doesn't have an LCD screen you may have to reinstall the printer from the CDs to get it to work wirelessly. On newer devices a simpler method is now common (this goes for Windows computers, Android devices and most new printers – I haven't seen a simple way to do this on Apple devices). Basically when you go to connect there is an option to use WPS (which stands for Wi-Fi Protected Setup). If you use this option all you need to do is press the WPS button on your new router – usually you need to hold it for about 10 seconds and then release it and a light should start flashing. At this any device you tell to connect should work out the password and settings automatically. Again on printers just find wireless setup and choose WPS method, on computers try to connect and they should say enter the password or press the WPS button. On Android devices go to Wireless settings but don't tap on your network instead tap the menu button at the bottom of the screen and you should see the option to connect using WPS. I hope that is helpful. If you need help you can contact me as below. If you would like to ask any questions or have suggestions for future articles please drop me a line at:



carol.haynes@dalescomputerservices.com.

Gayle Mill Events

ONE-HOUR TOURS - £6 per person, children 16 and under Free

Gayle Mill is open for one hour tours at 1.00pm and 3.00pm.

Guided Tours run Sunday to Friday each week until Friday 2nd October 2015.

DEMONSTRATION TOURS – **Sunday 3rd May 2015 11.00am and 2.30pm £12**

Come and join our Demonstration Tours first Sunday of each month. A two hour tour where you get to see the original 1879 machinery working! Includes light refreshments.

HANDS-ON HERITAGE WHEELWRIGHTING - **Saturday 9th May 2015**

9:00am – 4:30pm £75 per person including all tuition and lunch



You can join us, as did Guy Martin in Channel 4's 'How Britain Worked' to have a real hands-on experience in making a traditional steel-hooped hot bonded cartwheel from scratch. You

could even have a ride on his famous Gayle Mill wooden bicycle. All tuition and lunch included.

HANDS_ON HERITAGE INTRODUCTON TO WOODCARVING - **Saturday 16th May 2015 10:30am – 4:30pm** £65 per person

A superb day of wood carving under the expert tuition of our visiting Wood Carver, Peter Berry.

All tuition, materials and lunch included in this rewarding day.

WILLOW WEAVING – GARDEN OBELISK AND MINIATURE HURDLES – **Saturday 30th May 2015 10.00am – 4.00pm** £65

Enjoy an inspiring day creating decorative, but useful garden structures. You will master some simple techniques of weaving and preparing willow rods and walk away with your own garden obelisk to add height to your garden and support runner beans, sweet peas and clematis. Miniature hurdles compliment the day and all will help to get your garden in bloom!

All tuition, materials and lunch included in this spring activity.

To book for all our courses please call **667 320** or email: admin@gaylemill.org.uk

Bob and Ian Belton would like to thank everyone, both friends and businesses who sponsored them in the Silverstone half marathon, they raised £117 for SSAFA, and their times were Bob 1.40.24 and Ian 1.47.49. Again a big thank you.

Letter

Dear Sir,

Traditional Village Dance at Askrigg

The article in the March issue of the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter referred to a period before my time but I have very clear memories of the Upper Wensleydale Dance Band scene in the decade following the Second World War, my wife, Rosemary, and I being actively involved and playing on many occasions at the Village Hall. The first local band I can recall (about 1947) was Mickey Walker's Trio comprising himself on Piano, George Beresford on Accordion and Chris Cockburn on Drums.



A little later pianist Jimmy Stephenson from Wensley ran a trio, the drummer being Bobby Straffen from Leyburn. I can't recall the third member of the group. By the early 1950s Carperby was the hub of the Upper Dale scene - the usual Bands being The Ramblers from Staindrop, Gladys Robinson's Nightbirds from Ripon and The Rhythmellos from Northallerton. Fox's Meteor Band (from Kirby Stephen) was popular at Hawes and Tommy Reynoldson's Band ("Rennos") monopolised the scene round Leyburn, Middleham and further east. During that period dances were usually billed as 50/50 - in theory 50% Old Time and 50% Modern (Ballroom) but in practice it was more like 2-to-1 Old Time/Modern. There was no Modern Sequence dancing and the basic programme would comprise St. Bernard's Waltz, Veleta, Spanish Waltz, Military Two Step, Eva Three Step, Boston Two Step, Barn Dance, Schottische, Gay Gordons coupled with Quickstep, Modern Waltz, Samba and Slow Foxtrot. Occasionally there would be a Doris Waltz, Lancers, Dashing White Sergeant or Tango, and in the mid 1950s Rock and Roll made an appearance.

Rosemary joined Rennos Dance Band in 1948 playing with them until 1955. During that time other local musicians in the band were George Hare (Trumpet and Violin) from Leyburn and Alice Snuggs (later Ewbank) and Jessie Brown on piano and accordion. The remaining members of the band came from the lower Dale. In 1955 Rosemary and I, together with Bill Layberry from Hawes on drums, Doug Foster from Carperby on guitar and John Houghton from High Bentham set up our own band - The Ambassadors - playing throughout Upper Wensleydale and beyond until 1958.

We played regularly at Askrigg Village Hall and also at Hawes, Carperby, Redmire (the old Drill Hall), West Witton, West Burton, Thoraby and Aysgarth and I can also recall going further west to Ingleton, High Bentham, Dent, Sedbergh, Brough as

well as Gunnerside and other Swaledale venues. In 1958 work took Rosemary and I to Harrogate and from 1958 until 2008 we had a 50 year unbroken stint with the Ray Horner Combo from Boroughbridge. Rosemary and I are still active musically and with a Wensleydale dance band pedigree stretching back to 1948 we can still provide the authentic sound for anyone wishing to revive the post WW2 Scene.

Mike Reaks

Wensleydale Centre, Askrigg.



Come and join us in a variety of activities this spring and summer!

Anyone for Tennis?

Take advantage of our great tennis offer. Take up a tennis membership for just £25 for individuals and £40 for families and play tennis as often as you like during spring and summer 2015!

Health and Wellbeing Sessions

Sessions are starting each **Wednesday from 10.30am to noon from Wednesday May 6th**. A qualified instructor will lead an exercise session to increase your activity levels to meet your everyday fitness requirements. This will be tailored to your individual needs. Cost is £4 per session.

Our soft play childrens' sessions are continuing on **Fridays in term time from 1.00 to 2.45pm**. Come along with your child and meet up with others. Cost is £3. Bring a snack for your child.

Also continuing are the popular Netball sessions on **Tuesday evenings from 7.30 to 9.00pm**. Come along for fitness, mobility and for competition. Cost is £4.

Our Running group is on **Fridays from 7.30 to 8.30pm**. This is going from strength to strength and all the feedback is very positive making this a fun, social and individually challenging session. All aspirations and abilities are catered for. Cost is £2.50.

The ever popular Gentle Exercise class for the over 50s is also continuing on **Fridays term time from 10.00 to 11.00am**. We can help you to maintain levels of fitness and enable you to live life to the full! Stay for a chat and cuppa afterwards. Cost is £4.

New members welcome in all our activities! Just turn up or contact us for more information.

For more information or bookings on any of the above please contact us on **650060/ 07968 606571** or email admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk

Best Foot Forward

Creating your own long distance trail



After the Pennine Way was created in 1965, other long distance walks started to appear though not all nationally recognised (as isn't Wainwright's Coast to Coast Walk). So we (me, son and walking mate) decided one January to create our own, and named it the "East of the Pennines Way.". With hindsight it isn't east of the Pennines, but **on** them, but east of the Pennine Way! The 175 miles was then walked in July. I'm not now sure why it begins in Winster in Derbyshire; I think it was to ensure that the splendid 'edges' in the east of the Peak District were included, and one of us had picked up a book of 'ancient routes', one starting at Winster! Most of it lies on rights of way, but because we were (still are) keen to tramp over the tops, there are some wild, wide open bits! Here is the gist of it. A look round Winster's famous Moot Hall then picking up a line of causey stones leading to the Nine Ladies on Stanton Moor with burial chambers and stone circles, and on to the pretty village of Rowsley with its working water mill. Through the grounds of Chatsworth brought us to Baslow and then up on to the famous edges—Baslow, Curbar and Froggat—and north to Hathersage for the first night. The next day took us up on to Stanage Edge with unusual carvings on the flat, very gritstone rocks, but then twelve miles of high heather moorland with golden plover and cloudberry, superb views westwards into and over the Upper Derwent Valley to Bleaklow, and along an old 'Salters' Way' to Dunford Bridge for the night. It's a forlorn village now, being at the eastern end of the old Woodhead railway tunnel to Sheffield. Dunford Bridge to Ripponden took us via the Holme Moss TV mast, the site of the once famous 'Isle of Skye Inn' on the A635, demolished to make sure beer never got into the reservoirs they were building! (So they say!) and the Wessenden Valley down to Marsden in the Colne Valley (at the end of the Huddersfield Narrow canal), then up and out of it, finding our way now on numerous old rights of way and crossing under the M62 at Scammonden Dam, built at the same time as the motorway. This is typical South Pennines scenery, full of black gritstone history— farms, cottages, halls and reservoirs.

The valleys running east are steep-sided and hard work to cross! But the area of 17/18th century

villages, like Midgeley, causey tracks and a 'Limers' Way are full of fascination. Walking on a drain/conduit for a reservoir avoided a lot of rough wet moor as we descended via the (over-rated!) Bronte Waterfall to Haworth for the night.

It might be getting more familiar to you now.



It is hard to believe that from Haworth to Bolton Park our route was almost entirely within the City of Bradford boundary: Oakworth (of 'Railway Children' fame), Newsholme with its lovely Dean, Goose

Eye hamlet and to Steeton in the Aire valley where we gathered our strength (and hats!) for the crossing of Rombalds (aka Ilkley) Moor to Addingham.

Although late afternoon, Beamsley Beacon beckoned; I had heard of it from babyhood and never been; so did, and we rendezvoused at Bolton Park farm for the night, just across the Wharfe from Bolton Abbey.

Now where will this East of the Pennines Way end? Pick up next month's Newsletter to find out!

A.S.W.

Mastering the English Language (as if anyone can)

The English Plural

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes, but the plural of ox becomes oxen, not oxes.

One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese, yet the plural of moose should never be meese.

You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice, yet the plural of house is houses, not hice.

If the plural of man is always called men, why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?

If I speak of my foot and show you my feet, and I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?

If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth, why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?

Then one may be that, and three would be those, yet hat in the plural would never be hose,

And the plural of cat is cats, not cose.

We speak of a brother and also of brethren but though we say mother, we never say methren.

Leyburn Bowling Cub

Our Moor Road green opened for the 2015 season during the second week of April. The "official" opening was due to be Sunday 12th April when we were set to hold our first Jumble competition of the season but sadly due to heavy rain in the morning we had to postpone it for a week. By the time this edition of the Upper Dales Newsletter is available we should, of course, have held the competition, as indeed we should also have begun our JSW League programme, with our matches scheduled to start on Wednesday 22nd April. For the first time in 2015 we have also entered a second league this summer, the Bateson Bowling League, and matches in this competition are played on Friday afternoons at 2.00pm (JSW matches are normally played on Wednesday evenings at 6.30 pm). Please note that on the Bank Holiday weekend of **Saturday, Sunday and Monday May 2nd, 3rd, 4th** Leyburn Bowling Club will be holding our annual Open Weekend. This is specifically intended for people who are new to bowling so if you would like to try your hand at Flat Green Bowling for the first time this is just for you! Tuition and equipment will be provided free of charge and refreshments will be available. We look forward to seeing as many new bowlers as possible so please come along to our green from 2 pm on any of those days. As always the Club will welcome all new members this season, whether you have bowled in the past or are new to bowling. If you wish to bowl competitively, of whether you simply prefer to bowl socially, you are very welcome to join us -- you can come along to our green any time (Monday and Thursday afternoon are our usual practice days) -- there's no need to wait until the Open Weekend! We already have a number of members who live in the Upper Dales and being the nearest outdoor bowling green we are always keen to attract more bowlers to our club from the area ! We are again offering 1/2 price membership for all new members who join us during the 2015 season. If you require any further information re the Open Weekend, or about Leyburn Bowling Club generally, please telephone **Hazel 623480 or Mervyn 625734.**

Mervyn Buckley

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 May 1st to 3rd Bank Holiday

Little White Bus Transport and Timetable Information £3 return Bus tickets can be collected bus tickets at Hawes Community Centre & Carol Ridge & Buckles Hairdressers

Pick up Point	Friday 1 st May	Saturday 2 nd May	Sunday 4 th May
Hawes Market Place - The Board Hotel	15.00	11.30	11.30
Hawes Market Place - The Board Hotel	Return 10.15	Return 4.15	Return 10.30
Hawes Market Place - The Board Hotel	16.15	14.50	
Hawes Market Place - The Board Hotel	Return 11.00	Return 15.15	
Hawes Market Place - The Board Hotel	Return 12.00	Return 21.00	
Aynsgharth Garage	19.45	18.15	17.15
Aynsgharth Garage	Return 22.45	Return 18.30	Return 16.30
Edge of the Dales Bus From Kettlewell	11.35	11.35	
Edge of the Dales Bus From Kettlewell	15.05	15.05	
Edge of the Dales Bus From Kettlewell	16.35	16.35	

Ticket and 1/2 price return bus on hand

Please Note - We have 11 Seated Pint Bus on Hand To transport customers Back to Kettlewell - £1.50

PART-TIME OFFICE VACANCY (2-3 days/week)

Outhwaites, the Hawes Ropemakers

EXPERIENCE IN BOOK-KEEPING IS ESSENTIAL, including either Purchase or Sales Ledger (preferably both) as well as the general routine a small but busy office. A good telephone manner is required.

HOURS OF WORK 9.00am - 5.30pm Monday to Wednesday all year; applicants should also be available to cover for absence of office colleagues.

SALARY on scale of £15,000-£18,000, depending on experience. Please phone **Mrs, Ruth Annison**

Prunings

The wonderful sunshine and warmth during the early part of April brought about such an alteration in the state of the plants and trees it was hard to believe there had only been a few glorious days, and how welcome it was. Inspired by growth and burgeoning buds we set about the shrubs on the patio. To be fair, we had to do something or there would not be room for the garden table and chairs. One of the plants that had been left unchecked last year was the Prostrate Juniper (*Juniperus Horizontalis*). This plant is often recommended as good ground cover, and I have seen it suggested as an alternative lawn plant although the one we have is far too spiky for that. It had formed a low smooth mound and its extremities were reaching almost six feet from the centre. It has quite a pleasant scent and its blue green foliage is a welcome sight in the winter. My husband attacked it with the most serious secateurs he could find and was soon half way to filling the second trug.

“Just look at this!” He had cut a branch out to lessen the more impenetrable section, and underneath it was a pheasant nest from last year containing seven eggs. It is a testament to its density that the bird had built and occupied the nest without anyone noticing and it was less than ten feet from the kitchen door. That really is ground cover.

The winter flowering Clematis I bought last year (Wisley Cream) has survived the winter and is now growing well. It has not yet flowered, but then it has only had half a year to establish. We have given it a trellis and tied it in. It needs to be cut



back this year to encourage more bottom growth, and I shall try to propagate from it. Last week I saw my first butterfly of the year. It was a Small Tortoise Shell, and a very welcome sight. Julian Rollins writes in Garden News that although 2014 was quite a good year for butterflies, 2013 was a record year. The Small Tortoise Shell in particular has been experiencing a resurgence after a steady decline since the 1970s. We seem to have had fewer Red Admirals around the garden, and although we always have Lavender and Buddleia I have hardly ever seen a Brimstone. Perhaps the way to see some would be to grow the feed-plant for the caterpillar. Buckthorn or Alder Buckthorn are required, but as both are poisonous this is not without risk. www.ukbutterflies.co.uk gives some detailed distribution maps which show we may be on the

edge of their range. This is a very interesting site and runs in association with www.butterfly-conservation.org

Talk of our transient visitors makes me think of colour, nectar and scent: the catalogues are full of temptation, and I shall pore over them during the next inclement spell. We shall doubtless have plenty more.

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

Rose Rambler



The sun has been shining and the children have enjoyed playing outdoors at Dalesplay.

They enjoyed a visit from the Easter Rabbit who kindly brought the children chocolate rabbit lolly's and stayed for a little play with us outside. We have had lots of Easter crafts on offer and I think the egg rolling was by far one of the favourites.

During the half term some of the children visited the Community office in Hawes to celebrate their 10th Birthday and thoroughly enjoyed their visit and the activities on offer.

Our activities have been based around the theme of Nursery rhymes; we have been using rhymes to help us count, make patterned cobwebs to go alongside the rhyme 'Incy Wincy spider' and much more. Dalesplay is happy to report that with the help of John Blackie we have now got a light fitted on the corner of the electric building in the car park. Although we don't need it at the moment with lighter nights it will be much appreciated later on in the year as it was pitch black when using the back entrance into the school yard.

Dalesplay is collecting the vouchers for school from Sainsbury's. We would be very grateful if anyone in the community have any; we have a collection box in our entrance.

If you are looking for childcare from 0-14years and would like to access 2/3 year old government free entitlement places or need childcare after school nursery we can help, please give us a call on **667789**. We have a range of packages available to meet families' needs in the dales. We are run by a group of voluntary directors and we are a non-profit making charity which allows us to keep childcare costs to a minimum for working families in the dales. Children who attend Dalesplay are cared for in a safeguarded environment and we provide a high quality service

Joanne Fothergill

Trip to Try

A new occasional feature for day or half day rides around the borders of our area.

The road from Hawes over to Ingleton always raises the spirits with Ingleborough rising on the left and Whernside on the right, with Ribbleshead viaduct roughly between them. Join the A65 in Ingleton and hasten on noticing both the old school in Cowan Bridge with its 'Bronte' plaque and connection, and the old Kirkby Lonsdale station on the right just before Whoop Hall; the road used to take a long, then sharp turn via the station. Then the interest really starts; remind yourself of the steeply arched old Devil's Bridge over the Lune, but just before the town of Kirkby Lonsdale. turn left on the road to Carrnforth. It twists and turns through the pleasant villages of Whittington and Arkholme (also with a closed station but on the Leeds- Lancaster line), and its large, quite new village hall. After a few miles turn left on a narrow lane signposted Gressingham. This is a lovely small village on a hill and the road soon leads down to a splendid old 'Loyn' bridge over the Lune with a motte and bailey castle beside it, to Hornby with its Castle (gardens open to the public occasionally: next time May16,17th).

Over the large wide river Wenning bridge in Hornby turn off left on the minor road and left again to Wray.

Wray is worth a walk round along its narrow main street and has one of the best scarecrow festivals around (now on until May 4th this year) Not only that, the Bridge House Farm tearoom right at the end of the village is recommended for very good lunches and has a small garden centre. I think the best bit comes next! Continue out of Wray with bridges over rivers Roeburn and Hindburn following the main lane, not turning left on roads signposted to Wennington or Bentham, nor on the right to Lowgill, and this road winds its way eventually to Settle. It goes east for about ten miles along the edge of the Bowland Fells; sometimes between meadows, sometimes through woodland and a stretch of unfenced lane over moorland with a long view north looking at the Three Peaks from an unusual angle. This is Mewith lane across the 'Forest of Mewith' crossing over the Bentham to Slaidburn road and on to the hamlet of Keasden where it crosses another long unfenced fell road from Clapham also to Slaidburn via Stocks Reservoir. Don't turn off on these or left, signposted 'Austwick' unless you prefer

to take that route via Austwick to Helwith Bridge and Horton.

Surprisingly just before Eldroth (not even named on some maps) stands an idyllic little well maintained church and grounds. Proceed criss-crossing the Leeds- Lancaster line and the Settle bypass, to either Giggleswick or Settle.

You might prefer to miss Settle and take the 'other side' of Ribblesdale via Little Stainforth to Horton. This tour, near the boundary of the old West Riding with Lancashire, is often overlooked but is very scenic. As you gaze south you might be very tempted to return, to explore on foot the vast Forest of Bowland area. Dare I say it? In many ways it is as good tramping ground as the Dales — in good weather!

A.S.W.

West Burton School News



An Olympic athlete, Bex Wilson came to school last week. We collected sponsorship money over the Easter holidays and did fitness challenges on the village green in the sunshine. We had a brilliant day. The money we raised goes towards helping Bex take part in the next Winter Olympic Games. She hopes to compete in the two women bobsleigh team. We wonder if any of us will become Olympic Athletes? Bex told us how hard she has to train to be as good as she is!

Hawes School News

Everyone is back to school and raring to go with their learning. We've got dance club and cricket club running this half term and both of these are very well attended. Gardening club is also about to get underway, so we're hoping for some good gardening weather. Children in Years 5 and 6 have started their outdoor education at Low Mill where they experience activities such as rock climbing, canoeing, abseiling and gorge walking. We are very grateful to Askrigg Foundation who gave us a donation towards the cost of the activities.

The summer term certainly promises to be a very busy one!

Mrs Dooley, Headteacher

P.T.F.A Easter Egg Competition Winners

We are very grateful to the P.T.F.A who organised an egg hunt and a decorated Easter egg competition on the Friday of last term. The winners were:

	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4
1st	Frankie	Jake	Natasha	Jack
2nd	Jackson	Abigail	Isla	Hannah
3rd	Grace	Lauren	Leon	Esme



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Richard and Anne
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Drop-off points and contacts

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

Hawes:	Alan S. Watkinson, Burnside Coach House.	667785
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Bainbridge:	Sylvia Crookes, 3, Bainside	650525
Askrigg:	Rima Berry, 8 Mill Lane	650980
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Aysgarth:	Hamilton's Tearoom	663423
Redmire:	see Carperby above	
Thoralby:	Sandra Foley, Shop	663205



Leyburn's Art & Community Centre Events Calendar

Digital Photography Course (Saturday 9th May, 10.30 am to 4.30 pm) Learn to use key camera functions to get better pictures. £65 inc. lunch & drinks

Artisan (Saturday 16th May, 7.30 pm) An Evening of music at Wensleydale School. A fund raiser for The Old School House. Tickets £12

Swaledale Festival (May 23rd to June 6th) As part of the Festival we will be showing a film and there will be an art exhibition featuring Piers Brown and Denise Burden

Parent & Baby Film Screenings (Friday 29th May 10.30 am) Showing **Midnight In Paris**. Parent & baby film screenings shown last Friday of every month. *Sound levels will be kept low throughout.* Tickets, adults £7.50 inc. coffee & biscuits. General public welcome, usual prices apply

Sing Along to Frozen (Saturday 30th May, 2.30 pm) This is your chance to sing along to this very popular film. Highest grossing animated film ever. Just follow the bouncing snowflake

Films in May; Fridays

Big Eyes (12A) Amy Adams, Christopher Waltz, Krysten Ritter. **8th, 5.00 + 7.30pm**
The Theory of Everything (12A) Eddie Redmayne, Felicity Jones, **15th, 4.30 + 7.30pm**
Ladies in Lavendar (12A) Judi Dench, Maggie Smith, Daniel Bruhl **22nd, 5.00 + 7.30pm**
Testament of Youth (12A) Colin Morgan, Georgina Bennett, Emily Bevan **29th, 4.30 + 7.30pm**

Tickets: Adults £6; concessions £5 Telephone bookings: 624510