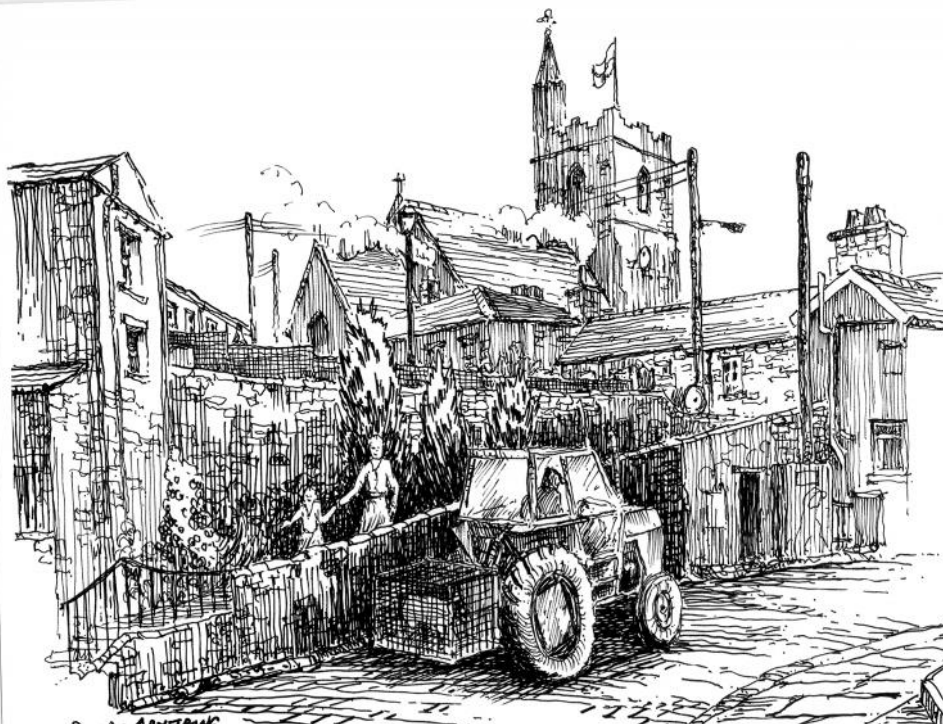


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Editorial

There's a case for taking stock of the pros and cons of information technology (IT), not least for those of us who lived for several decades without it featuring in our daily lives and may still be struggling to come to terms with it.

On the plus side there is the ease of communication with family members in far-off lands through Skype and the ability to keep in touch with far more people than even the most energetic could manage when we had to rely on face to face meetings, phone calls and letters. Living in remote areas we value the choice of buying occasional items on-line without needing to travel to Leeds or Newcastle or York. We have cheap access to information that few homes could have provided in earlier years. There are Uber and Airbnb and no doubt other imaginative apps will be coming along. A benefit that we won't all have noticed is the greater ease of reading when the print can be enlarged on a kindle.

In the Upper Dales we must hope that more and more people in mid-career will be able to earn their living here by using IT to work at home and will incidentally improve the age balance in our communities as well as the quality of their own lives.

There is a downside however. Pornography and addiction to gambling have always been with us but IT makes them easier to reach and a particular temptation to the young. We read about vulnerable people who have been bullied and frightened by trends on social media. The information we pick up has little or no quality control and can be plain wrong. Is it OK for young people to spend more of their spare time communicating through Facebook, Snapchat etc. than actually talking to their friends face to face?

The definition of "working holiday" seems to be changing to time away when we stay in touch by email. Which of us hasn't seen a group sitting around a table in a restaurant each tapping at a keyboard or reading a screen? Is there a danger of damaging our most important relationships for the sake of instant and constant obsession with the ephemeral?

Weighing up the pro and cons is a personal matter and will be different for each of us but it is a good idea for each of us to think about how we use IT. In itself technology is "neutral" but we all need to make sure that for us it is beneficial. A final thought - perhaps the more we use it the more important it is to have a holiday away from it every now and then.

Change—of Two Kinds!

1. Following the closure of the HSBC Bank in Hawes it will be less convenient to pay in hard cash at the Post Office. Any shop or pub which thinks it might benefit from the cash which the Newsletter receives from its collecting boxes, in exchange for notes, please contact us and we may be able to make arrangements.

2. For over 20 years the general appearance of the Newsletter, its title and layout have hardly changed. The Committee has been wondering whether a change would be welcome and has agreed to ask you, the readers! You might also like to submit examples of possible logos. We have Eunice, of course, but she is reserved for the 'find Eunice' monthly competition.


Next Newsletter Issue

Please remember that the next issue is for December AND JANUARY, so items for January should arrive by the next deadline.

Free Greetings

Once again the Newsletter is offering free Christmas and New Year Greetings from businesses and readers. These can be phoned or emailed—see page 40 for the details— or dropped off with any of our contacts in the villages; see page 3. Please make sure that these arrive as soon as possible and in any case no later than **WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 23rd**

Syllabus 2017
The One Hundred and Seventh
Festival of Music and Speech



**Methodist Hall and
Tennants Garden Rooms, Leyburn**
March 20-24th (Speech)
March 27th-31st (Music)
Entries to be submitted by January 31st 2017

October Competition Answers

Places in the extended National Park

1. Big black bird very drunk with beer
RAVENSTONEDALE
2. It's a bit short on sense
ORTON
3. Yes brag at
GREST ASBY
4. A burnt singing mix
SUNBIGGIN TARN
5. Bing with the attic
CROSBY GARRETT
6. Odd ones near the ebay
NATEBY
7. Faraday's cottage is here
OUTHGILL
8. Nigel Eckersley's place
LECK
9. Beast in a china shop with this
BULLPOT
10. Mixed rest in Caton
CASTERTON
11. B lousy place
SOULBY
12. Take an 'o' from the heath.
MORLAND

The best entrant was **Barbara Jolley, Bellerby**. £20 to the Great North Air Ambulance.

Events at Reeth Memorial Hall

Friday December 2nd at 8.00pm – The Emily Smith Christmas Show – Emily Smith (Scots Singer of the Year 2014) brings her Christmas show to England after sell-out concerts in Scotland for the past five years. Tickets £14 in advance (£16 on the door), under 16s half price.

Saturday December 3rd at 7.30pm – IF YOU MISSED IT IN WENSLEYDALE North Country Theatre – The Wish House – a comedy of rural superstition and urban myth - a story of fierce, insane, possessive love ... (and dark goings-on down on the farm). Based on a short story by Rudyard Kipling. Tickets £10, under 16s half price. Tickets are on sale at Reeth Post Office or phone **John Little 01748-884759** or visit www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk



Eunice the Ewe

I was in 'Prunings' on page 16 last month and the winner of the £10 prize is **Janet Woolley, Hawes**.
Where am I now?

November Competition

Missing middles. Several have a local connection

WENSLEYDALE———STRAWS

KINGS ———LENGTH

GRAND———PARK

HAWES———GAME

MIDDLE———FISTED

FORCED———TRIANGLE

COMPUTER———BUTTY

MOBILE———CALL

GIMMER———CUTLET

TRAFALGAR———DANCE

CARRIAGE ———WORK

PAINTED———HILL

WIDDALE———ILL

GARSDALE———LINE

CHEST———HATCH

Preston-under Scar Parish Council

This small Parish Council in Wensleydale has a vacancy for the post of part-time salaried clerk.

The council meets a minimum of ten times each year, and in addition to the usual duties, the successful candidate will act as Financial Officer and also have the responsibility of maintaining the cemetery records. The hours are variable, but will be in the region of 15 hours each month with remuneration in accordance with NALC approved pay scales. The ability to work from home by computer is essential. It is expected that the appointee will undertake training if not already qualified.

For a full job description contact:

Mrs Jan Jowett, 625425

janjchris@btinternet.com

Closing date for applications: **November 30th 2016**

Upper Dales Family History Group

The new season of meetings began with a talk by Dawn Webster, curator of Kiplin Hall. Drawing on Kiplin's vast archive of documents, photographs and artefacts her talk dealt with the role of the house and its owners in times of conflict from the 17th century onwards, beginning with a piece of wood supposedly from the block on which Charles I was beheaded during the Civil War! During the 18th century the hall was owned by the Crowe family. Christopher Crowe was commended for quelling a riot in Richmond in 1757 and received a commemorative piece of silver from the town's mayor. Some years later Robert Crowe started the Kiplin and Langton Yeomanry and Cavalry, a volunteer army in operation until 1813. Kiplin then passed into the Carpenter family. John Delaval Carpenter was painted in uniform wearing a sword which is still in the house. Admiral Walter Carpenter joined the navy at 13 years of age and sailed in many different parts of the world between 1847 and 1896. Dawn had his medals and had also listed all the ships in which he served, many of which are recorded in photograph albums in the archive. The next owner Sir Reginald Talbot fought in both the Zulu wars and the Egyptian wars between 1879 – 1885. Once again a portrait of him with a sword and helmet was verified as the same sword and helmet still at Kiplin. Letters between Reginald and his wife giving details of battles won and lost are in the archive.

In the 20th century Kiplin is associated with the Talbots, particularly Bridget who worked with Belgian refugees before nursing wounded soldiers in Italy during the Great War and was rewarded with an OBE and the Italian Military Cross. During the Second World War she designed a flashing light which could be fixed to life jackets and is credited with saving many hundreds of lives. At a later stage of the war the house was requisitioned for housing officers from Scorton airfield and records show that it was also used to store an alarming quantity of ammunition. One room at the hall has been left untouched to show its use at that period – minus the ammunition dump! The next meeting is at **2.00pm on Wednesday, November 23rd**, at Harmby village hall. The speaker is Dorothy Edwards on '*All my Goods and Chattels*'. Dorothy is co-editor of the recently published '*Northallerton Wills and Inventories, 1666-1719*'. The testators were mostly tradesmen in the town and the talk will show how descriptions of their houses and goods give a fascinating picture of the way of life in Northallerton in the late seventeenth century.

Tracy Little

Gayle Mill Christmas Fayre

Saturday November 26th

10.00am – 4.30pm – Admission Adults

£2.50 Children 5-16 Year Free



Our Annual Christmas Fayre rounds off the year; come and enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie whilst choosing those special Christmas gifts. Our range of wooden and craft products tenderly made by our own volunteers will be on sale, together with craft demonstrations by our expert tutors. Order and collect your unique Gayle Mill Christmas Trees. Lots of festive fun under one roof!

DEMONSTRATION TOURS

Sunday December 4th 11.00am and 2.30pm

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



GAYLE MILL IS NOW CLOSED FOR DAILY TOURS. WE OPEN AGAIN FOR ONE HOUR TOURS SUNDAY – FRIDAY AT 1.00PM AND 3.00PM ON MONDAY 3RD APRIL 2017.

VERA RAW

would like to thank family and friends for their lovely cards and gifts during her recent stay in hospital

Hardraw Ladies Caving Group

On a pleasant October afternoon a group of Hardraw Ladies met at Hardraw Old School Bunkhouse to prepare for a caving expedition. There we were met by Helen and Andy, our caving instructors, and *three young More4 photographers and sound recordists*. Inside the Bunkhouse we got dressed in our caving gear, thick socks and wellies, rather cumbersome caving suits, abseiling harness, knee pads, helmets etc. By 3.00pm we were in the cars and heading off to the lovely valley of Kingsdale, looking tranquil in the autumn sunshine. Here we met up with Claire, our third instructor. After a safety check of all our gear, and the filming equipment, we took the short walk to the cave entrance. This turned out to be a round pipe set in the rock, just large enough to lie on

your back and slide down a slope to the cave floor. From there we crept or crawled, walked upright or bent over according to the height of the cave roof. The first pool of water was over our wellies, so from then on we all had wet feet! The cave wound its way into the hillside, the floor sometimes rocky, sometimes smooth but mostly wet pebbles. After about half a mile we came to the edge of the drop down a rock cliff. Here safety was paramount with each of us clipping ourselves on to ropes fixed to the rock walls. We each managed to abseil down the rock face with the help of Helen's instructions whilst attached to a safety rope at all times. Meanwhile the TV crew were perched on a rock ledge with camera, lights and a fluffy microphone on a long pole. They were new to caving and managed extraordinarily well whilst lugging all their gear. At the bottom of the abseil we landed in a stream, and walked on for about 200 metres before returning to the cliff face. Here we had to climb up a narrow wire and metal free-hanging ladder, which everyone managed marvellously—except me, who had to be hauled up on a safety rope! We then made our way back to the cave entrance, this time the water in one pool was up to our thighs, but in the last big chamber we all sat down to mugs of hot tea and chocolate cake provided by Helen and Andy. The last obstacle was to climb out through the sloping pipe, where I had to be hauled out by my arms; all faithfully recorded by the camera crew! We emerged into a pitch dark



night with a lovely moon peeping in and out of the clouds. It was about 8.00pm. After shedding all our gear and most of our wet clothes we got home just before 9.00pm

The film will be in a series of eight episodes on the National Park and will be shown on More4 sometime next year. Helen's enthusiasm for caving has encouraged several of us to try out the experience too, and I must commend all the work she and Andy put in to make it possible. I know she had taken the film crew down in the previous week to make sure it was feasible for them, and she and Andy must have rigged up all the ropes and pulleys for the abseil. So many thanks to them for our exciting and exhausting afternoon.



Sue Foster

Operation Christmas Child



We are again organising a collection of shoe boxes filled with gifts and school supplies for children in Eastern Europe. They will be given to children in hospitals, orphanages and those in poverty or conflict situations regardless of their background or religious beliefs. Many children in the poorest areas are not allowed to start school unless they have pens, pencils, notebooks etc. So finding such items in their box makes a crucial difference to their lives.

To take part in this worthwhile scheme please get a leaflet from the schools, churches or the Community Office in Hawes and follow the instructions as to what can be included in your box. If possible please add a £3 cheque or cash to cover transport, or donate on line, and gift aid it if you can. Boxes must be handed in to the Community Office by **Tuesday November 8th**. This is important because we must get the boxes to Richmond by the following weekend for transport to Eastern Europe.

Remember that a shoe box is often the only gift that a needy child will receive this Christmas.

Thank you for your help.

Heather and Nelson Caplin 667625

Leyburn Arts and Community Centre - *Events Calendar*
Richmond Road, Leyburn DL8 5DL - Film Tickets: Adults £6 - Concessions £5

FILMS

Fri 04 Nov - 4.30 pm & 7.30 pm - **Sunset Song** (15) 2hr 15m.

Fri 11 Nov - 5.00 pm & 7.30 pm - **Ingrid Bergman In Her Own Words** 1hr 48m. Some Subs.

Fri 18 Nov - 5.00 pm & 7.30 pm - **Learning to Drive** (15) 1hr 30m.

Tue 22 Nov - 2.30 pm Only - **Special Yorkshire Archive Screening** - A real treat!

Fri 25 Nov - 5.00 pm & 7.30 pm - **Elvis and Nixon** (15) 1hr 26m.

PART OF THE 'EXPLORING FILM SEASON'

Tue 01 Nov - 7.00 pm - **Meru** (15) 1hr 30m. **£5**. Cafe open 6 pm.

Tue 13 Dec - 7.00 pm - **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (15) 1hr 40m. **£5**. Cafe open 6 pm.

Supported by Film Hub North, led by Showroom Workstation.

Proud to be part of the BFI Film Audience Network.

EVENTS

Tue 12 Nov - 7.30 pm **Rich Marsh (Plus Guests)** Richmond based guitarist Richard Marsh and guests will perform an acoustic evening of popular songs. Tickets £10.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Please contact Kay in the administration office for details and current vacancies.

Tel:624510 - email: admin@oldschoolhouseleyburn.com

Scouts

Scouting in Richmondshire currently provides adventure and enjoyment for over 400 young people. In recent years, Scouting has been re-established in Leyburn and Hawes, providing opportunities for young people in these communities.

These activities are provided in Barton, Catterick, Richmond, Swaledale and Upper Wensleydale by volunteer leaders. This leadership team is led and supported by a District Commissioner. The current District Commissioner is to retire soon, and a replacement is being sought.

Whilst there will be opportunities to be involved directly with young people, the role is primarily one of management and providing support to adults.

Previous Scouting experience is not essential, and training will be available. The role is open to female and male applicants.

If you might be interested, or if you would like more information please contact **Andrew Bedford** at andrew@bedfords.me.uk / **01748 886974** or **Paul Adamson** at jandpra@btinternet.com by **November 18th 2016**.

Further information about Scouting is available at www.scouts.org.uk/get-involved

Decorative and Fine Arts Society

November 8th 2016, 2.00pm

MIDDLEHAM KEY CENTRE

TITLE: Thomas Heatherwick : "The Leonardo da Vinci of our times" (Sir Terence Conran) by Anthea Streeter.

Since the 1990s, Thomas Heatherwick has emerged as one of Britain's most gifted and imaginative designers. His multi-disciplinary approach to design, blending architecture, sculpture and engineering, is now in demand all over the world. It has prompted Sir Terence Conran, who spotted his talent early on, to describe him as "the Leonardo da Vinci of our times". This lecture explores Heatherwick's career from his redesign of the London bus to his proposed Garden Bridge across the River Thames.

Anthea Streeter studied Fine and Decorative Arts in London and Harvard University. She is a specialist in architecture and 20th century design. We welcome non- members to this lecture and to any future lectures of interest. Lectures are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from October to June at the Middleham Key Centre. The cost is £8 per lecture. It would be helpful to inform the Membership Secretary beforehand if possible, on **01765 635244**,

rosalindhigson@btinternet.com.

Cathy Trewdby

Award For Wensleydale Music and Theatre Group

We have all heard the show business cliché, 'the show must go on' but as Wensleydale Music and Theatre Group (formerly Hawes Amateur Operatic Society) prepared for their final performance of 'The Wind in the Willows' on the night of the infamous Storm Desmond they wondered how. A power outage knocked out all electricity at Hawes Market House as gale force winds battered the town. No power meant no lights, no sound effects and no music. Nonetheless, with the encouragement of the audience, the show did go on with nothing more than emergency and improvised lighting and the determination of the cast. The performance really did go down a storm and was rewarded when the group were announced as winners of a Performance Award at the National Opera and Drama Association (North) awards ceremony held at Houghton le Spring in September.

Colin Bailey, director, said, "We are delighted with the award. We had to pull out all the stops that night but the audience were right behind us and that really helped the cast perform". Colin and the group are now in rehearsals for their next production, Cinderella. "We are thinking of doing it in the dark because the audience enjoyed that night so much" he quipped.

Peter Parlour from NODA said, "I was pleased the lights were not restored as it would have spoilt this unusual experience, though it was disappointing for the lighting crew on the final night. I don't think anyone in the capacity audience went home disappointed. Well done Hawes".

The group is now in rehearsals for Cinderella to be performed at the Market House, Hawes from **Tuesday November 29th to Friday December 2nd.**

Thornton Rust Village Institute

GRAND QUIZ EVENING

Saturday November 19th

Doors open at 7.00pm. Quiz will start at 7.30pm

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663504 or 663923

The Upper Dales Healthwatch

The Patient Participation Group for the Central Dales GP Practice.

Synopsis of the meeting held on October 10th 2016 **Wensleydale Wheels** – the proposal was discussed and it is clear that a lot more detail has still to be worked up. A bid for £125K has been submitted to The Big Lottery for a four year pilot project for which evidence of local support is needed.

Training for Aysgarth Surgery staff to use the N3 line has still to be arranged.

Dr Jones will be retiring on 1st April 2017. There is not sufficient funding to replace him and continue to have two surgeries. Dr. Jones will provide a locum service 2017-8 when other doctors are on holiday. As from April 2017 there will be a GP two week rota system.

Rachel Spensley had joined the Practice Reception team. Every other Friday, Pharmacist Shaun Hockey, will be visiting the Practice to help patients move to the most cost effective drugs. His post is funded until June 2017.

The Central Dales are currently hosting a medical student. He will only sit in on a consultation if the patient is happy for him to do so. Patients eligible for 'flu jabs need to make an appointment at Hawes or Aysgarth Surgery.

Aysgarth Surgery Reception office has been refurbished. **A volunteer is urgently needed** to deliver prescriptions on a Monday in the van the Practice has bought for the purpose. The Monday round consists of leaving prescriptions at the drop off points in West Burton, West Witton, Redmire, Carperby, Askrigg and Bainbridge. Volunteers will need to be over 30 with a clean driving licence and be DBS checked. Anyone able to help should contact Lynn Irwin, the Practice Manager, a.s.a.p.

The Step up/Step down bed at Sycamore Hall has been used twice. So far £150 has been received in donations to pay for the TV and other non-medical furniture and equipment, and a bid has gone in to the Richmondshire District Council's Upper Dales Area Partnership to support this pilot project.

HRWCCG's 2016-17 budget remains very challenging and difficult decisions continue having to be made. **Jane Ritchie, Hon. Secretary**

Macmillan Coffee Morning

This event at The Greens, Hawes, raised £580.

Thank you to everyone who came, helped and donated.

Sandra and Karen

Askrigg Foundation

Remembering the Sacrifice

Sunday November 13th is Remembrance Sunday and Services of Remembrance will be held at 10.30am at both St Margaret's Church, Hawes and St Oswald's Church, Askrigg. The service in Askrigg will be led by Bishop James Bell.

On Armistice Day (**Friday November 11th**), there will be a short service of Remembrance at 10.30am in Bainbridge Cemetery. The children from Bainbridge School will be participating and everyone is invited to come along and join them to mark the two minute's silence at 11.00 am. The service will be taken by Revd Chris Lawton from Leyburn.

Induction and Licensing of our New Vicar

On **Sunday November 13th**, St Oswald's Church in Askrigg will be hosting the Induction and Licensing service for our new Vicar, Rev. David Clark starting at 3.30pm. Everyone from our Upper Dales communities are invited to come along and join in this special service which will be followed by a Welcome Reception. The service will be taken by Bishop James Bell and Archdeacon Beverley Mason and we hope that representatives from our communities and local organisations will come along to welcome Dave and his wife, Sarah to the Upper Dales. Please join us to show your support!

Dave and Sarah will be moving into the Vicarage in Hawes prior to the Licensing service and Dave will take up his new role on Monday November 14th. He will be contactable on the usual telephone number (**667553**). We hope that everyone will make Dave and Sarah very welcome and will allow them both time to settle into their new lives at what is obviously going to be a very busy time of year for them. Our church communities are all very much looking forward to a fresh input to our lives and we hope that you will join us at this very exciting time.

If you have any queries about the Licensing Service, please contact Karen Prudden at the Parish Office on **650800** or email askrigg.foundation@btconnect.com.

Time is Fast Approaching ...

... when we hope the church clock in Askrigg will be back to full working order! After months of waiting and reams of paperwork and official hoops

to jump through, Askrigg PCC has finally been granted a Faculty to undertake the works by the Diocesan Chancellor. We have made contact with the Cumbria Clock Company who are specialists in this field and who have agreed to undertake the work and we are now awaiting a date for them to commence. Thanks to the huge generosity of the community we have the funds to complete the repair works and we therefore hope that we will very soon have a fabulous, working clock back in the church. Members of the PCC would like to thank the generosity of the community, and others, for their donations, not to mention their patience in enduring the bureaucracy involved in this project. Fingers crossed!

K.P.

News from the BAWB Federation

Half term already! How did that happen? The past seven weeks have just flown by and everyone has settled very quickly into another academic year. As always, there is never a dull moment and our children have been busy with all manner of exciting events and activities. The Year 2 children went to Middleham for a Dance Festival which they all enjoyed and the Year 3/4 children have just participated in a football tournament.

Work in school continues to develop our topic of the Egyptians which everyone is enjoying. The Nursery children are focusing on bones and have just had great fun excavating for dinosaur bones! It was amazing just how many they found and they really enjoyed drawing what they thought the dinosaurs would look like! Everyone went along to Aysgarth Church for our Harvest Festival where we looked at produce from all over the world and sang some of our favourite harvest songs.

It was really lovely to be joined by so many family and friends for this service and we were very grateful to receive donations of food for the Richmond Food Bank.

Of course, once we return after the half term holiday we will be looking forward to Christmas and all the fun that brings. We will be starting work on our Christmas productions and can't wait to find out what they are going to be. On 19th November, our PTFA are holding their annual Christmas Fair at Askrigg Village Hall when you will be able to make a start on your Christmas shopping!

The News Room is Open!

Following a meeting of Trustees, attended by members of the village community, The Askrigg Foundation has agreed to allow the temporary use of their vacant shop unit as a 'pop-up' community facility. The project has been co-ordinated by Betsy Everett who has put a great deal of time and effort into smartening up the inside of the unit, preparing displays and a staffing rota.

The News Room opens **10.00am to 4.00 pm, Monday to Saturday**, staffed by volunteers and is a place to drop-in for conversation, information, to pass on news for the local publications and village noticeboard or just to view or buy pictures and cards from a selection of local artists. There are also computers with internet access and a photocopying service available. So far, the project has been very well received, both by locals and visitors alike. It has been wonderful to meet so many people who are visiting our lovely community and coming in for a chat or to share information, and local residents have found it equally useful as a place to share news and information or just to meet people.

The long term future of the premises is yet to be decided but in the meantime, the News Room will continue, provided sufficient volunteers can be found to take on a shift. If you are interested, please contact **Betsy Everett on 650180**, or just drop in and check out the rota.

Recruitment Drive for Young Rangers

Young people aged 11 to 16 who love the outdoors are being recruited to join a special group called Young Rangers in the Yorkshire Dales National Park. They will be able to learn new skills and find out more about the National Park environment as they work alongside experts tackling different jobs in all weathers.

Activities the Young Rangers get involved in include path maintenance, conservation and survey work, dry stone walling, woodland maintenance, bush craft skills and much more. Anyone who would like to find out more about joining the young rangers should contact Rachael Alderson on **652366**,

Email: rachael.alderson@yorkshiredales.org.uk. More information is also available on the Dales Young Rangers Facebook page [@dalesyoungangers](https://www.facebook.com/dalesyoungangers).

Leyburn Bowling Club

Our green has now closed for the 2016 season but what another successful season our club has had. As well as finishing runners-up in the JSW League we retained the Bateson Bowling League title.

On Saturday and Sunday September 10/11th we held our Finals Weekend when the finals of our five Singles competitions were played. Our Presentation Night/Dinner will again this year be held at the Queens Head, Finghall, on Thursday November 3rd when all trophies won during the season will be presented.

We will be holding our final Quiz Night of 2016, again at the Dalesman's Club in Leyburn on Thursday December 1st at 7.15 pm. As usual tickets for this popular evening will be just £5 per person and again the quiz will be accompanied by a Buffet Supper, plus a raffle and other prizes. Tickets are available from **Hazel 623480 or Mervyn 625734**.

This is the final article for 2016 but we look forward to the articles returning next spring in time for the 2017 bowling season. In the meantime if you would like any details or information regarding our club you are welcome to contact us on the phone numbers above.

Middleham and the Dales Local History Group

MIDDLEHAM KEY CENTRE,

Tuesday November 15th

In the Pipeline; Oliver Cooper

In the Pipeline will discuss recent work undertaken by Northern Archaeological Associates (NAA) for Yorkshire Water within the Dales and beyond, and will focus on the Swaledale pipeline.

Oliver Cooper, a project officer for NAA has 20 years experience of archaeology including 11 as a professional archaeologist.

With NAA he is responsible for overseeing a number of infrastructure projects, and on a voluntary basis he has also been involved in large scale research projects including the Yorkshire Dales Mapping Project.

NAA is one of the North-East's largest and best-known industrial heritage consultancies.

Visitors are welcome at £3 per meeting. For more information contact **Tony Keates 640436**, dotandtonyk@btinternet.com

Cinderella



This year the award winning Wensleydale Music and Theatre Group will be staging the much loved and traditional pantomime - Cinderella. Come and enjoy a great evening of family entertainment and follow the

story of down-trodden Cinderella bullied by her wicked step-mother and horrible step-sisters and find out if, with the support of her best friend Buttons and her Fairy Snow, she gets to the ball thrown by Prince Charming. Will love triumph in the end? Come and see. Performances are at HAWES MARKET HOUSE, **Tuesday November 29th to Friday December 2nd all at 7.30pm** (Doors open 7.00pm) and Leyburn Methodist Hall Friday 6th January 2017, 7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm) Saturday 7th January 2017, 2.30pm (Doors open 2.00pm) and Saturday 7th January 2017, 7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm). Tickets are £9.00 for adults and £6.50 for U12s. available at Hawes Community Office and Library tel. tel. **667400** open from Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.30pm, Saturday 9.00am to 12.30pm and Leyburn Arts and Community Centre tel. **624510**. You can also book on-line at www.wensleydalemtg.co.uk

Subject to demand, The Little White Bus is offering a return service from Leyburn, Redmire, Carperby, Askrigg, Bainbridge, West Witton, West Burton and Aysgarth for the Tuesday performance in Hawes. Advance bookings only, reservations to be made no later than **Monday November 21st** - please contact the Box Office on **667400**.

Hawes Christmas Lights 2016

If you can help for a few hours on **Wednesday November 9th** it would be greatly appreciated. We will be starting at 8.45am at Town Foot.

On Saturday December 3rd the **Children's Party** will be in the Market House in the afternoon with fun and games with Colin Bailey. Everyone welcome, Community Buffet. **Carol singing** in the Market Place and **Santa** arrives at 4.30pm.

At **7.15pm**, in the Market House, we will be holding "**Wensleydale's Got Talent**". In the past we have had some very good acts, it would be terrific to see some older contestants. Closing date for entry is November 4th.

For more details of all the events, or if you would like to help, please contact **Kevin White 667236**.

Hawes School News

It's been a busy start to the term at Hawes Primary School. The new nursery children have settled well into school. Everyone is working hard and really focusing in on their learning. We have elected our new school council who will help Miss Vasey make improvements to the school. We have also got new house captains for our three houses: Hill, Fell and Dale.



We had a lovely surprise this week as Katherine McCarthy, a member of our local community, very kindly donated her wonderful Minnie Mouse cake she had made to the children. As you can see from the picture, it was a work of art and seemed a shame to

cut it up but the children enjoyed eating her!

After many years of recording our productions and nativities and also playing 'Father Christmas' for us, Dr Hamer would like to take a step back. Does anyone have the time/ knowledge to record our productions and put them onto DVD for us for parents to buy. We also would be very grateful for someone to be Father Christmas on the last day of the autumn term. Dr Hamer said we can borrow his outfit!

Please let Dawn in the Hawes Primary School office know if you are able to help us. Thank you.

Dawn Alderson

HAWES CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL 2016
SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER
Children's Party
In the Market House
1.45pm: Community Buffet
Fun and games with Colin Bailey
Bring your own snacks - Free Admission
4.00pm: Market Place: Community Carol Singing
with Hawes Prize Silver Band
4.30pm: Father Christmas arrives
Wensleydale's Got TALENT
7.15pm
In the Market House
Everyone Welcome

Report from the Farm

The sky is blue and the sun is shining through the copper beech leaves on this stunning autumnal day, always a bonus at this time of year. The fields are still lush due to the recent rainfall and the trees will develop golden shades as the days grow cooler and shorter.

These shorter days mean less time in which to complete daily tasks on the farm. Our dairy cows are enjoying a last graze of fresh grass. They are inside during the night but will soon be settling into their winter quarters. We have recently bought three heifers which have been reared by a lady. They are calm and have settled well into our herd which is always an advantage. I think cows must appreciate being inside for the next six months, warm and dry, with a constant, plentiful supply of silage, while outdoors it's pouring with rain or snowing and blowing a gale.

This year's crop of mule gimmer lambs are mostly in the south of England now following the September sales. They will be having lambs of their own in Spring 2017. Our sheep have been dosed and prepared for the cycle of life to begin again. The tups (local name for rams) will be joining them in the next week or so. The timing is crucial to plan the arrival of lambs in April, hopefully to coincide with fresh spring grass. Shearling Tups are being spruced up for the annual Swaledale sales in Kirkby Stephen and Hawes.

This is an important event for breeders where high prices for champion individuals can be paid and the reputation of breeders confirmed. Every season has its challenges but at least this year the income from the sale of lambs has risen, which is always good news.

Mrs Farmer

**St Margaret's Church
Hawes**

**Marske
Choir**

Singing a variety of music

Sunday 30th October 2016

7.30pm in church

£5 on the door

Raffle

~ Everyone Welcome ~

Yorebridge, Wensleydale Centre, Askrigg

**Come and join us in our new activities this
autumn!**

HIGH INTENSITY CLASS An intense aerobic workout on **Fridays from 12.15 to 12.45pm**

KIDDIE CORE Core skills and mobility for 2- 4 year olds on **Wednesdays from 2.00-3.00pm.**

We're also now taking two classes to Hawes at NASH:

HIGH INTENSITY on **Wednesdays from 6.00.-7.00pm** for six weeks from **November 2nd to December 7th** Cost is £24 for six weeks.

We are also starting at NASH 'TENNIS4TOTS' on **Fridays at 2.00-3.00pm** for 5 weeks from **November 4th to December 2nd.** Cost is £20 for the five weeks or pay as you go at £5 per session.

For more information on any of the above or to book a place please contact **Jan** on **650060/07968606571** or email admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk

Wensleydale's

Got T*LENT

Saturday December 3rd
7.15pm prompt
Hawes Market House
Closing Date for entries
Friday November 4th 2016

Open to all Ages, young or old

If you would like to enter or want more
information please call in at
Whites of Wensleydale, or Wensleydale Press

Moorcock Show

I would like to thank everyone and the businesses in the area who donated superb gifts for our raffle at the Moorcock Show. The support was superb and very profitable. I would also like to thank Alison Coates for her help and support over the years.

Once again, many thanks,

Pauline @ Aisgill

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

October

- 30 CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR
- 30 Penhill Praise; Castle Bolton, 10.30am
- 30 Marske Choir at St Margaret's, Hawes 7.30pm. See p.12
- 30 Bainbridge Methodists at St Oswald's, Askrigg, 10.30pm
- 31 Halloween

November

- 1 All Saints Day
- 2 Hawes Drama Group reads, "Murder in Company". Gayle Institute 7.00pm
- 3 Hawes Christmas Festival and Wensleydale's Got Talent. See p 12
- 4 Hawes Bonfire, 6.30pm
- 4 Domino and Whist Drive, Muker Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 5 North Country Theatre 'Wish House'; Leyburn Methodist Hall. **01748 825288** for details
- 5 Guy Fawkes night
- 6 Aysgarth Methodists at Bainbridge, 10.30am
- 6 Gayle Mill Demonstration Tours, 11.00am and 2.30pm. **667320** for details and booking. See p.5
- 8 Decorative and Fine Arts Society; 2.00pm. See p.7
- 8 YDNP Planning Committee; Yoredale, Bainbridge. 1.00pm
- 8 Deadline for handing in 'Shoe Boxes'
- 10 Trip to Newcastle from Thoraby. **663319** for details
- 11 'Filling Station'. Thornborough Hall, Leyburn, 7.00pm
- 11 Armistice Day service at Bainbridge Cemetery. See p.9
- 13 Remembrance Sunday
- 13 Licensing of Rev Dave Clark; St Oswald's Church, Askrigg. 3.30pm. See p.9
- 15 Middleham and Dales Local History Group. See p.10
- 16 Penhill Ladies, 7.30pm at Carperby Village Institute. See p.14
- 17 Bainbridge W.I. AGM. See p.21
- 18 Children in Need Day
- 19 Thornton Rust Quiz Night. See p.8
- 19 Christmas Pie Supper; Bainbridge. See p.18
- 19 BAWB PTFA Christmas Fair. See p 9
- 20 North Yorkshire Dales Methodist United Circuit; Richmond 10.30am
- 23 Little White Bus Trip. See p.21

- 26 Gayle Mill Christmas Fayre, 10.am to 4.30pm. See p.5
- 27 Advent Sunday
- 27 Aysgarth and Bainbridge Methodists at Sycamore Hall, 10.30am
- 27 Toy Service for Churches Together in Hawes. Gayle Chapel, 2.00pm
- 28 Taize Service, Gayle Chapel. See p.21
- 29 'Cinderella' show begins. See p.11

For Penhill Benefice events see p.14

For films etc. at Leyburn and Community Centre See p.7

DCM What's On



'Spear at Semerwater' events take place on **October 28th and 29th**. There will be a floating pavilion installed temporarily on the lake with an artwork representing a spear in the museum that was found at Semerwater. The evenings will feature poems, performance, fire, food and drink. Minibuses will shuttle people from the museum to the lake between **4.00 and 9.00pm**. Will Lord will be casting a replica of the spear at the Lake through the day during Saturday 29th. See the website www.semerwater-spear.co.uk. See also p.40

The exhibition *Nature, Skin and Bones* is on show at the museum **until December 21st**.

Our shop is open every day **10.00am – 4:30pm**, with lovely gifts for presents and a really great selection of charity Christmas cards on display, 70p in every £1 goes direct to the charity.

Friday November 18th at 7.30pm. June Hall will be giving a lecture on "Richard the III in the North" for the Friends of the Museum. It costs £10 to become a Friend and you can attend all the lectures in the year, receive a Now Then publication, attend the away day and have free access to the museum and exhibitions for a year. There is an idea for a Christmas present!

Advance notice of a matinee theatre production between Christmas and the New Year. A really lovely family show "The Elves and the Carpenter" **2:30pm on December 28th**.

Tickets available from the museum £9.50, under 16s £5, under 5s free.

Contact the museum on **666210** or hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk

Doctors' rotas as supplied by the Health Centre

HAWES SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning					
Wb	Oct 31st	Nov 7th	14th	21st	28th
Day					
Mon	JB	FJ	BP	FP	JB
Tues	FP	BP	FJ	JB	FP
Wed	J	F	J	F	J
Thur	P	B	F	P	P
Fri	F	P	P	B	F
Doctors: B- Brown, F - France, J - Jones, P- Pain , C - Closed Morning Surgery: 8.45-10.15am Tues till 10.45am; no appts Afternoon Surgery: 5- 6.00pm Tues 1.30-4.00pm; appts only <i>For appointments and all enquiries ring 667200</i>					

AYSGARTH SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning					
Wb	Oct 31st	Nov 7th	14th	21st	28th
Day					
Mon	FP	BP	FJ	JB	FP
Tues	JB	JF	BP	FP	JB
Wed	P	J	P	J	P
Thur	F	P	B	F	F
Fri	B	F	F	P	B
Doctors: B- Brown, F - France, J - Jones, P- Pain , C - Closed Morning Surgery: 9.00 - 10.30 am no appointments Afternoon Surgery: 4.00 - 5.30 pm appointment only <i>For appointments and all enquiries ring 663222</i>					

Penhill Benefice

Sunday November 13th

REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

9.30am St. Margaret's, Preston under Scar

9.30am St. Mary's, Redmire

10.45am St Bartholomew's, West Witton

11.00am St. Andrew's, Aysgarth

Sunday November 27th:

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10.30am Holy Communion Penhill Together United Service, St. Andrew's, Aysgarth with the Archdeacon Bev Mason

Tuesday November 1st , 10.00am to noon:

AYSGARTH DROP IN FOR COFFEE

Yorebridge, Thoralbby

Wednesday November 2nd 10.30am to noon:

CHURCH COFFEE CLUB AND BOLTON CUM REDMIRE GIFT DAY

Gordon Lodge, Redmire

Saturday November 26th, 2.00– 3.30pm:

ST ANDREW'S GIFT DAY The Vicarage, Carperby

Friday November 25th, 7.30pm:

AYSGARTH SINGERS CONCERT

St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth

Four part choral repertoire with readings and some communal hymn singing

Tickets: £6 at the door (accompanied children free) £1 charge for car parking at the Falls Motel. The concert proceeds will be shared between the Singers and the church roof.

Help us Make Will Aid a Winner this November

During November, Hall and Birtles Solicitors in Hawes, North Yorkshire will write basic Wills, without charging our normal fee. Instead, we hope that you will donate a similar amount to Will Aid charities.

You will gain peace of mind, knowing your affairs are in order, and thousands of people in need will gain the skills, tools and support they need to improve their lives for a suggested donation of £95 for a single Will or £150 for a pair of matching Wills or £50 for a Codicil to an existing Will (no VAT payable).

It is extremely important to seek qualified and professional expertise when making a Will, so do not put it off any longer. Telephone **667171** or call in and make an appointment today.

Hall & Birtles Solicitors, Fulford House, Town Foot, Hawes, North Yorkshire. DL8 3NN (e-mail: hawes@hallandbirtles.com)

Town's Trade Could be Affected

The Caravan Club site in Hawes at Brown Moor will close as usual after the New Year but unlike previous years it will not be reopening in the spring.

There are going to be refurbishments to the toilet block, the motor home waste point is to be improved and service points on the site will be renewed.

This means that the site is expected to reopen in **early July 2017**

Penhill Ladies

Penhill Ladies social group next meets on **November 16th at 7.30pm** in Carperby Village Institute, when Stewart Huntington will speak on "Mastering the Munroes". New members and visitors are welcome. For more information phone Jill on **625503** or Shelagh on **663958**.

Prunings November 2016

I just love to watch the colours of Autumn as they alter. I find it amazing that if I drive along the same bit of road regularly I can watch the splashes of colour appear, and grow and brighten until there is a whole palette of brilliance. On TV I heard someone from Kew discussing how the mild wet Spring had left the trees in very good condition. This is certainly borne out by the display they now provide. In addition to the visuals there are spectacular crops this time. We have had loads of apples, neighbours have had loads of plums, there are berries everywhere, and even the ash trees are festooned in seed cases. I've been filling up pots with spring bulbs, as you do! However I think tulips would work well, and there is still time to plant them. You need to do it quite late and make sure they are well drained or they are prone to rot. Choose varieties that are not too tall and use suitably deep tubs or pots. A fairly light compost with extra grit is best and they can be planted quite close together. When the flowers are over and they look scruffy they can be disguised with an under-planting of variegated dwarf ribbon grass for example, as you can cut off the stems but you need to leave the leaves to feed the bulbs. As with all tulips they'll need to be lifted and dried if you want to use them again. Another way to prevent rotting is to lift the tubs or pots off the ground so that they can't draw up extra water in the wettest times. I had the front steps rebuilt this spring, and I am very pleased with them. (It's a sign of old age when it becomes necessary to add a step and make them shallower!) The only disadvantage is that I have lost the planter at the side of them, and it was full of *Persicaria* which flowered right through the season. I miss its constantly changing colour. Time for another tub I think. If you have a cold frame or green-house now is a good time to sow sweet peas if you want some early blooms next summer. Early sown seed has a much better chance of producing multi stemmed bushy plants, but

they will need some protection once they have germinated. I have always sown them in "Root-trainers". If you have never tried these they are brilliant, and can be used for all sorts of sowings and cuttings. The advantage is that they keep the roots separate and encourage them to grow downwards. When the plants are ready you just open them up like a book. They may seem expensive to begin with, but can be re-used almost indefinitely as long as you treat them with care. Some of mine must be at least ten years old. On the pruning and cutting back front I bought some excellent, if expensive shears this year by *Jacoti*. They are not for the faint hearted and you need really strong gloves or you could chop off a finger. They come in a protective leather sheath and are better than any of the secateurs that I had.

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

Rose Rambler



Mystery picture
Last month's was of the Dame's School
in
Bainbridge. Where is this one?

Heavens Above

Venus is back this month, a dazzling object low in the south-west just after sunset. It's only visible for about an hour or so for the next few weeks but stays up much longer in December as it gradually pulls away from the sun - a lovely 'Christmas Star' — right through the festive season.



The nights are really beginning to draw in now and amongst the stars the change in the seasons is very apparent. Many of the summer groups have disappeared altogether (though the Summer

Triangle is still reasonably high in the south-west) and a good many autumn ones are also past their best. Mid-evening sees the low southern sky filled by the 'The Celestial Water' – a faint quintet of constellations with aquatic connotations. Cetus the Sea Monster is probably the easiest of the five to recognise but none of them is especially distinctive. This year The Water is home to the two outermost planets, Neptune and Uranus. Neptune is low in the SW in Aquarius and Uranus almost due south in Pisces. They're both visible in binoculars but you'll need to do a bit of research on the internet to discover their exact location.

Higher in the south you'll find the Great Square of Pegasus with its four medium-bright corner stars fairly easy to identify in a rather barren part of the sky. Trailing away from its top left-hand corner are two chains of stars forming the constellation of Andromeda, home to the famous spiral galaxy, M34. It's reckoned to be the furthest object easily visible to the naked eye. Can you spot its hazy patch? Further to the east lies the straggly 'K' shape of the dashing hero, Perseus who rescued Andromeda from the clutches of Cetus.

The beautiful Pleiades star cluster glitters just below his feet. You'll find Andromeda's mother, Cassiopeia, and her consort King Cepheus, almost overhead during the wintertime. Cassiopeia's distinctive 'W' shape lies in the northern Milky Way on the opposite side of the Pole Star to the Plough, and contains many fine open star clusters. Good targets for binoculars. By the middle of the month Orion and his retinue of bright winter constellations climb into view from the east. They'll dominate the southern sky from now until next spring; a spectacular sight on a sparkling frosty night, if you can brave the cold! Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

Anagrams

This has got to be one of the cleverest emails in a while.

Someone out there must be "deadly" at Scrabble..

(Wait till you see the last one)!

You might have seen a few before.

PRESBYTERIAN :

BEST IN PRAYER

ASTRONOMER:

MOON STARER

DESPERATION:

A ROPE ENDS IT

THE EYES:

THEY SEE

THE MORSE CODE :

HERE COME DOTS

DORMITORY:

DIRTY ROOM

SLOT MACHINES:

CASH LOST IN ME

ANIMOSITY:

IS NO AMITY

ELECTION RESULTS:

LIES - LET'S RECOUNT

SNOOZE ALARMS:

ALAS! NO MORE Z'S

A DECIMAL POINT:

I'M A DOT IN PLACE

THE EARTHQUAKES:

THAT QUEER SHAKE

ELEVEN PLUS TWO:

TWELVE PLUS ONE

This Month's Smile

Tommy Cooper Jokes

Two aerals meet on a roof - fall in love - get married - The ceremony was rubbish but the Reception was brilliant.

So I went to the dentist. He said, "Say Aaah." I said, "Why?" He said, "My dog's died."

I got home, and the phone was ringing. So I picked it up, and said, 'Who's speaking please?' And a voice said, "You are."

So I rang up my local swimming baths. I said, 'Is that the local swimming baths?' He said, 'It depends where you're calling from.'

So I rang up a local building firm. I said, 'I want a skip outside my house.' He said, 'I'm not stopping you.'

The Dentist said, "Have a seat." Now, most dentists' chairs go up and down, don't they? The one I was in went back and forwards. I thought, 'This is unusual'. And the dentist said to me, "Mr. Cooper, get out of the filing cabinet."

Two cannibals sat eating a clown. One says to the other, "Does this taste funny to you?"

Police arrested two kids yesterday. One was drinking battery acid and the other was eating fireworks. They charged one and let the other one off.

You know, somebody actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a little note on the windscreen, it said, 'Parking Fine.' So that was nice.

A man walked into the doctors. The doctor said, "I haven't seen you in a long time." The man replied, "I know I've been ill"

A man walked into the doctors, he said, "I've hurt my arm in several places" The doctor said, "well don't go to those places"

I had a ploughman's lunch the other day..... He wasn't very happy !

I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't find any.

I bought some HP Sauce the other day. It's costing me 6p a month for the next two years.

Two blondes walked into a building ... you'd think at least one of them would have seen it.

Phone Answering Machine message:- "If you want to buy marijuana, press the hash key"

My friend drowned in a bowl of muesli. A very strong currant pulled him in.

A man came round in hospital after a serious accident. He shouted, "Doctor, doctor, I can't feel my legs!" The doctor replied, "I know you can't, I've cut your arms off".

I went to a seafood disco last week ...and pulled a muscle.

Two fat blokes in a pub, one says to the other, "Your round!" The other one says, "So are you, you fat slob!"

Clean Water for Remote Region of Malaysian Borneo

If you're looking for a quality inexpensive gift here it is. I, along with my daughter, have produced a 2017 charity calendar to help raise funds for the following project.

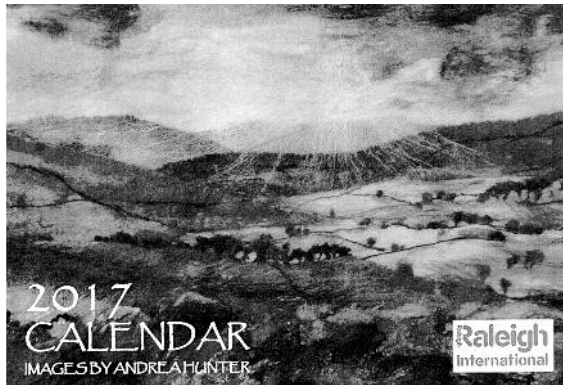
If you are interested please contact me on Tel: **667644** with your details.

Thanks for your support,

Andrea Hunter.

"As a Newcastle University Civil Engineering student I will be working with my peers with the support of *Raleigh International* to design and build a gravity fed water system and lavatory in a remote village in the region of Sabah, Borneo. 70% of the proceeds from this calendar will help fund this expedition."

Amelia Hunter



Wensleydale Bridge Club

meet every Wednesday at 7.00pm in the Key Centre, Middleham.

New members and visitors welcome.

01969-663243 Anthony or

01748 834108 Jean.

A684— Upper Wensleydale's Highway

Part 2: Eastwards from Hawes

This article begins at Town Foot, Hawes and proceeds along Burtersett Road, Nob Hill or Millionaire's Row as it was known! I suppose it has the biggest group of larger houses and other buildings in the area, many built in the last few decades of the 1800s.

Notice first the Liberal Club, (now Philip Holden's and the Chinese Takeaway), established in 1886 and containing a small library. Opposite stands the ex-Congregational Chapel formed in 1843 with the building erected in 1851 with the minister's house attached at the back. It became part of the national United Reformed Church in 1972 and closed in September 1982.

See if you can work out how many of the large houses (some built for the 'high-ups' of Burtersett Quarries) have been divided in two over the years. Further up on the left stands Wesley House, the ex-Methodist manse. It was built by the then Wesleyans in the mid 1800s.

The Hawes Auction Mart was established in 1887 with the present complex in place over a hundred years ago. At the end of Old Gayle Lane is the Methodist Cemetery, given to the church in 1923 for the benefit of the town and now managed by the North Yorkshire Dales Methodist Circuit.

Here is a picture of the original vicarage. In 1980 the Ripon Diocesan Board proposed its demolition and rebuilding and asked for any objections from the parochial church council. The council was unable to come to any decision at their meeting on April 1st



1980 owing to 'considerable lack of information about this matter'.

The Rev. C.B. Bardsley, writing as acting secretary to the council, raises these issues with the Church Commissioners:

"1. If Canon Hill is still vicar of Hawes when demolition and rebuilding of the vicarage is put in hand, what provision will be made for accommodating Canon Hill and his effects?

2. Some doubts were expressed about the advisability of demolishing and rebuilding the present vicarage. Has full consideration been given to the possibility of renovating and improving the present vicarage, and why was this idea discarded?

Norah Worth recorded the demolition.

The Wensleydale Press moved from JR Iveson's, then Mason's Newsagents, to its present site in the early 1980s. It had been a derelict garage-cum-farm wash-house.



Before we leave Hawes it is worth mentioning the dates of other significant buildings in the town. St Margaret's Church 1851 replacing the chapel of ease at the bottom of the present churchyard; the original Methodist chapel 1856, replaced in 1913; the Conservative Club established in 1882 and built in 1886, and the school built in 1887-8 "with accommodation for 320 and an average attendance of 150"!

The highest recorded population of Hawes was in 1881 (1890 recorded). Was this because of the coming of the railway in 1878? The number includes Burtersett, Appersett, Widdale, Snaizeholme and Gayle The latest census (2011) which then also included High Abbotside across the river was 1347.



Carrying on along the A684 we pass the newly-painted mile posts to Bainbridge (some people had never noticed them before!). It is a significant journey now, boasting on the left some of the best *drumlins* in the area – spoil left over from the ice-age, and several hardly-noticed streams under the road: Eller Beck, Hunger Hill Sike, Raydale Sike, Bands Gill and Goodman Sike.

Crossing the main river from the road via the bridleway near Burtersett's Mire Bank Lane end or on the stepping stones at Borwins isn't recommended in wet weather!

Not many readers will remember the road before the widening and straightening in the 1960s, just west of Bainbridge— more next time as we 'do' Bainbridge on Upper Wensleydale's Highway. **A.S.W.**

Christmas Pie Supper

Bainbridge Village Hall

Saturday November 19th from 7.00pm

Entertainment, raffle and tombola.

Tickets, including sweet and coffee: £12.50

From **Margaret Preston 650095**

Rita Cloughton 650552

Police Report

This period has been considerably busier for incidents.

On September 19th an insecure house was entered in West Witton and a TV stolen.

On September 24th following an RTC a vehicle was left insecure, the spare wheel was stolen along with a Satnav and laptop.

September 25th a vehicle was stopped in West Witton and a male tested positive as a result of a roadside drug test.

September 27th a walk in burglary occurred in Aysgarth; the male was disturbed and made off. Nothing was taken.

October 10th an insecure out-building in Redmire was entered, a Stihl chain saw and a back pack sprayer were stolen.

Also on October 10th a vehicle broken into in Bainbridge; nothing taken.

October 11th in West Witton a trailer was broken into and a strimmer and chain saw stolen.

October 13th a trailer spare wheel was stolen whilst at Hawes Auction Mart.

There have also been two minor RTCs and a Person reported for speeding on the A684.

In Leyburn on September 21st three houses were broken into and a considerable amount of property stolen.

As always, your calls for suspicious activity and persons are always welcome.

A free system that lets people register to receive the latest crime notifications and community news in your neighbourhood has been introduced. North Yorkshire Community Messaging is designed to let you get important information from North Yorkshire Police when you want it.

When you create your North Yorkshire Community messaging account, you can tailor messages for the type of message you receive, your preferred channel (i.e. phone, text, email, twitter) and the locations that matter to you. The alerts that you receive are not confidential, so you will be able to share the information with friends and family. You may also wish to encourage others to sign up to the service so they can receive their own alerts. The system will also be the point of contact with all Neighbourhood Watch groups in your area.

Registering is safe, secure and easy; it only takes 5 minutes. Visit www.nycm.co.uk on a smartphone or PC to get started.

To contact North Yorkshire Police: 101 (Non-Emergency). 999 (Emergency only)

If you have any community issues you would like to address or discuss, contact me,

PCSO 5232 Don Watson via the Force Control room or e-mail:

Donald.watson@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Upper Wensleydale Industrial and Provident Society (Wensleydale Wheels)

There will be a General Meeting of UWIPS (Wensleydale Wheels) on **November 4th** in Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge, at 4.00pm. All members of the Society are invited to attend.

Some administrative changes to the rules are being proposed. Copies of these changes are available to members prior to the meeting by contacting **Roger White** (Treasurer) via e-mail - rwhite1402@gmail.com - or by telephone **662634**

Wensleydale School News

There is the well-known saying 'Lies, damned lies and statistics..' Not at the Wensleydale School and Sixth Form, as a four month long project has finally come to fruition. This week we officially 'rolled over' our data, reporting and tracking information to our new systems GO4Schools and SIMs. This may sound a very dull subject, but the staff and students in school are very excited! There has never been a more important time in education to understand the wealth of data we have on students and their progress. Many changes to GCSEs, A levels and Yr7-9 curriculum have meant a radical overhaul in how we teach and what we teach. The marks and grades we collect need to be analysed and 'crunched', to provide meaningful feedback to students. GO4 schools will let us do this - all in one place and in real time. If a teacher marks a piece of work and enters the grade on 'GO'- parents and students will be able to access this information straightaway. From the Headteacher's perspective the best thing is that 'GO' includes this new data in all of the whole school calculations instantly, giving me a very accurate picture of where we are in the year. Our marksheets show how a student is progressing over time in a particular subject and highlights where there may still be misconceptions or misunderstanding.

Thanks to Go4schools, The Wensleydale School data will be giving us accurate statistics to support our students ...and no 'lies' in sight.

Mrs Julia Polley, Headteacher
of the Wensleydale School and Sixth Form

For Sale

Double size foam mattress topper,
5/8 inch thick.

Used six weeks only.
Cost £100. Will accept £30
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Best Foot Forward

For this Best Foot Forward I thought we'd go on an expedition. This one is to the source of the River Wharfe. No, not with Burton and Speke but with my equally intrepid wife. Base Camp was in Oughtershaw, the last place in Wharfedale which can lay claim to being a hamlet. Surprisingly it is



only six miles from Hawes, nearer than Aysgarth. For some Oughtershaw might seem like the end of the world but compared with what is to come it is a metropolis.

Venturing off the tarmac, the Dales Way follows a farm track. After a friendly warning by the local farmer that a herd of bullocks was soon to come hurtling past, it seemed a good strategy to have lunch down by the infant Wharfe. At this point it is about eight feet wide, a far cry from the grand river at Grassington or Tadcaster. The post van came up the track and ten minutes later came back down again. What a contrast between delivering letters in remote parts of the dales and doing the same in city streets.

After a mile or so we came to Nethergill Farm. At 1250 feet above sea level the land is not very productive hereabouts. We met a chap cutting grass who



told us that much land had been turned over to forestry. You could see all the new planting up the hillsides. He reckoned the young trees were doing well. However, there is another side to Nethergill: a sign saying 'Teas' led us into the house where a room has been set aside for field studies. It was a mine of ecological information and was apparently well used by visiting groups. We were greeted by the lady of the house, Fiona Clark, who is quite an accomplished artist, and who invited us to help ourselves to hot drinks and flapjack for a small charge. The Nethergill initiative, which is also about sustainable farming, was set up eleven years ago. It was briefly featured in this newsletter a few years ago and a more detailed article has been written by Fleur Speakman in the current Yorkshire Dales Society Review.

Dragging ourselves away from this hospitality we continued up the track to Swarthgill, the last inhabited outpost in Wharfedale. There wasn't much sign of life here, though it is a working farm. Two lads were having a break on a long day in the middle of the Dales Way. They were doing it the opposite way to most of the guide books and complained that all the signposts pointed backwards. At least they had the wind behind them. At this point we were also overtaken by a fit young man running and carrying about fifty small flags. He was marking the route of a 40km challenge run the next day.

From Swarthgill the track deteriorates to a rough path and gets a bit boggy. A good deal of new tree planting has taken place here but we had been told that a lot of it had not been very successful. Not surprising as it is a fairly bleak area. At one particular stile we climbed over the boundary between Wharfedale and Ribblesdale. This is the main watershed of England. We looked at the rather unprepossessing sources of the Wharfe and the Ribble. Rain which fell to the left would end up in Hull; rain to the right would go to Preston.

This just left the climb up to Cam Houses, one of the highest inhabited dwellings in the Yorkshire Dales. Today it looks quite presentable but thirty or forty years ago it was empty and neglected. I once remember walking past there solo on a wet and windy winter's evening. The buildings loomed out of the mist in the gathering gloom. Taking a rest I sat by an outhouse. Doors banged, timbers creaked and the wind wuthered through the place with a plaintive moan. Definitely a spooky experience.

There is now a decent track up to the Pennine Way, quite steep but otherwise easy. We walked back along to Kidhow Gate below Dodd Fell with fine views of Ingleborough, Wild Boar Fell and Buckden Pike. I had hidden an old and little used bicycle behind a wall, the idea being to free-wheel back to the car at Oughtershaw. This cunning plan backfired somewhat when I realised that a) it's not all downhill and b) the cogs were all jammed in top gear, so I was forced off the saddle once or twice. Eventually, however, it's a fine whizz down off Fleet Moss.

This territory really is at the heart of the dales. Several rivers rise within a few miles of each other here and the views at the top are very central to the whole of the dales. It just needs decent weather.

N.P.

Churches Together Advent Taizé Service

To mark the start of Advent Churches Together in Upper Wensleydale are holding a Taizé Service at Gayle Chapel on **Monday November 28th**.

The event will start at **noon** with a hearty soup and bread lunch followed by the service itself at 1.00pm. So make a start to the advent season by joining us for the occasion. All are welcome to attend.

Churches Together Toy Service

Following a break of two years Churches Together in Upper Wensleydale are again holding what was previously the annual Toy Service. This year it will be held at **2.00 pm Sunday November 27th at Gayle Chapel**.

All toys donated will be taken to The Salvation Army for distribution. All are welcome to attend this service. All donations of new toys will be gratefully received and help make the Christmas of children who might not otherwise receive a present.

Coast to Coast Path to Benefit from 'Plastic Bags' Initiative

A badly eroded section of the Coast to Coast path around Nine Standards Rigg is set to be repaired courtesy of Tesco's Bags of Help initiative, which provides grants – all raised from the 5p bag levy – for environmental and greenspace projects. The YDNP has been selected to receive a grant of £8,000, £10,000 or £12,000 from the initiative which will be used to provide a flagged surface across the peat bog. Three projects have been selected by Tesco and the actual amount the YDNP proposal will receive will be determined by the votes of shoppers at the Northallerton and Catterick stores between **October 31st and November 13th**.

Bainbridge Women's Institute

Bainbridge WI meet on the third Thursday in the month at Bainbridge Village Hall. The meetings start at 7-30pm. We also have extra activities which are a Craft Group, a Walking Group and a Book Club.

The meeting on **November 17th** is our Annual General Meeting. The committee will be providing a hot meal and would like to have numbers in advance please. Names should be sent to **Margaret Preston (650095)** by **November 4th**

Wednesday Trips

I am glad to report that a full bus went to Skipton on Wednesday October 12th.

Despite a few showers and a bit of hill fog we were able to enjoy the delights of both a busy market and, for those wanting a quieter moment or two, a walk along the canal path and through Skipton woods nearby.

Our next trip is scheduled for **November 23rd** to Ambleside in the Lake District. We will visit Hayes Garden Centre in its magnificent setting beside Windermere Lake. In previous years the Centre has certainly been full of Christmas sparkle! If anyone wants to pop in to the town itself this can be easily arranged.

The following month of December will see us making a trip to Kendal. Being near Christmas this one is bound to be popular, so be sure to book early at the Community Office.

Looking forward to seeing regulars and newcomers !

Richard Noble

Fund-raising Gets off to a Brilliant Start

Thursday August 25th was the day some of our young musicians found out their GCSE results and they chose to celebrate their achievements with our hosts, Adrian and Bridget Thornton-Berry and the team at Berry's Farmshop and Cafe.

Guests enjoyed an evening of fine food and music under the cover of the Court Yard, raising funds to support music and performing arts activities for young people in Wensleydale and Swaledale. Despite the weather, it was the perfect setting for a Summer's evening of music performed by talented young, and not so young, musicians from the local area.

Over 60 friends and supporters thoroughly enjoyed being entertained by 25 musicians during the course of the event. So far £600 has been raised and we hope to see this reach our target of £1,000.

If you would like to donate you can do so by calling in to Berry's Farmshop and Cafe. There are collection tins near the pay points in the cafe and shop or by donating via our website:

blueboxt.co.uk

Colin Bailey



New artwork by David Murphy in association with Arts and Heritage, the Dales Countryside Museum and Casswell Bank Architects.

On the Saturday: an evening of poems, performances, fire, food and drinks.

A floating walkway will connect the pavilion to the shore.

This is inspired by the prized bronze spearhead found on the shores of the lake in 1937 and now held in the Dales Countryside Museum. Pavilion open from 10.00am each day.

Free shuttle buses will run every half hour on both evenings from the museum to the lake. no need to book.

PREMISES TO LEASE IN ASKRIGG

Two ground floor letting units available:

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with kitchen, toilet facilities
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Use Class A1 Retail. Rent £3,500 pa.

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with limited accommodation.
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Further details from The Askrigg Foundation,
The Parish Office, 1st Floor, Market Place, Askrigg,
Leyburn, DL8 3HG Telephone: **650800**
Email: askrigg.foundation@btconnect.com

Thanks From Jean

Jean Cockburn of Aysgarth would like to thank all her friends for cards and presents she received for her 90th birthday.

Also all those who supported the coffee and tea day which raised £880 for Aysgarth Church, the Chapel and the Institute funds. Especially thanks to those who worked hard in the kitchen all day.

£100 was raised at night with a whist drive and supper; and the birthday cake was made by Sue Hugill.

Many thanks to you all.

Jean

Barbara Roocroft

sends grateful thanks to friends, family
and neighbours for their good wishes,
practical help and kindness following
her accident and subsequent
hip replacement.
She intends to be on the move very soon!

Caretaker required Bainbridge Village Hall

General caretaking duties.

From December 12th

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