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## Editorial

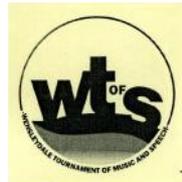
This editorial could be described as a ‘mish-mash’ or a collection of mixed messages of ‘bad news – good news’ and is based largely on what we have been hearing, rather than all views of our committee! So here goes!

We are not Cocker mouth, Keswick, Kendal or Corbridge but the ‘media’ seem to have done such a ‘fantastic’ job that people seem to think that the whole of the North is closed for business. We know that this time of the year is always quiet but many small businesses are really being hit hard. A seventy-odd year old local said the other day “It’s the worst winter I can remember”, well that’s open to debate but we know what he means. Fortunately Upper Wensleydale is not totally reliant on small businesses; just think: Carrs Billington, the Auction Mart, Hillco and the other companies at Brunt Acres in Hawes, the National Park offices, the Ropemakers, the Dales Countryside Museum, the Spar and Pantry complex, the Abattoir, Sycamore Hall, Berry’s Farm Shop and of course the Wensleydale Creamery upon which a very large number of households depend for employment – a great success and attraction for visitors - but the Creamery is also part of many people’s concern.. It is indeed right that it includes a museum related to milk and cheese, a restaurant and coffee shop, and a retail outlet related to cheese, but to include a wide range of general ‘touristy’ goods provided by many of our other town-centre small businesses could be a cause for complaint, together with coach companies allowing insufficient time for visitors to reach the rest of the area. However, here is the good news. 2016 could be the year things happen!

First, The Wensleydale Railway (WRA) has been granted funding to update the Socio-economic Benefit Study undertaken about six years ago looking at the extension from Redmire to Aysgarth. This work will underpin the Railway’s Business Development Plan. A key input to this update is a rail user survey to quantify current travel patterns on the railway. Aysgarth Station site is being busily worked upon; let’s face it, Aysgarth Falls is the honeypot of the Northern Dales and when you think of the benefits the railway has brought to Leyburn it is gratifying that the WRA is turning its attention westwards. Second, to raise the profile at Town Foot, Hawes, especially since the Post Office moved, the Hawes Town Team has new brochures and maps ready; ‘Hawes in Bloom’ is again underway (and it is a delight to learn that Askrigg is also hoping to ‘bloom’!) The naming of Town Foot, Hawes as the ‘Shepherd’s Quarter’ raises a few wry smiles locally, but it could appeal to visitors, and the Town Team has these ideas: update the finger

posts with ‘Shepherd’s Quarter’; contact coach operators and give information about the businesses in the Shepherd’s Quarter to help guide the visitors throughout the town; sheep trail- each shop in the Quarter decorates a model or picture of a sheep relating to their business and displays it in their shop for visitors to find; music in the park- to have some acoustic bands; local musicians to play in the park maybe on set days throughout the summer (using the brass band’s gazebo for shelter); contact the Swaledale Festival to ask if they could hold one event in coming years in the park; hold a launch day for the Shepherd’s Quarter on May 2nd (Bank Holiday Monday). Third, the Museum is expanding to accommodate Yorkshire Dales Lead Mining Museum artefacts with outdoor equipment like the Kettlewell Wheel; and re-development inside - quite a large scheme - and the new ‘Firebox’ café run by Stage One Cycles. Four, the exciting development, including the vets on the old Weatherald site in Askrigg. So is 2016 a bit like twenty years ago when the Upper Wensleydale Community Partnership was established? It had brain-storming sessions too, (and there were some pretty hare-brained ideas that never saw the light of day!) but from it have come the Community Office, Dalesplay, the development of the Little White Bus (even though there is some dismay that a local community facility is taking shoppers away to Tesco), and of course, this Newsletter. So are things looking up? We think so. Let’s all put our hands to the plough or as they chant in many parts of Southern Africa “Harambee” – let’s all pull together!

## The 106th Wensleydale Tournament of Song and Speech



This year we are proud to announce that there are three new patrons of the festival, Dr Gervase Phinn, Mr Piers Browne and Mr Rodney Tennant. and the stunning new logo has been designed by

Theo Eastwood.

It is an exciting year for the Tournament as all the Junior and Senior Choir classes throughout the day and evening of Friday March 11th will take place at the Tennants Garden Rooms, Leyburn, a truly unique venue. All other classes will be held in the Methodist Hall, Leyburn and will be a wonderful presentation of the best in words and music. Come and enjoy two weeks of amazing talent! The Tournament dates are **Speech:**

**Monday February 29th - Friday March 4th**  
**Music: Monday— Friday March 7th—11th**

Programmes are available from Towlers, Leyburn, or from Corner House, West Burton DL8 4JN



Dalesplay has been having a refurbishment. We have had the decorators in freshening up the walls and woodwork, and the flooring has all been replaced. We have lots of new equipment and resources to help the children develop through play opportunities, and the staff have a fresh new uniform. We would like to thank the LVA for their kind donations to the setting; the money was put towards replacing the flooring. Dalesplay celebrates being open for 10 years this April and a huge thank you goes out to everyone who has worked at the setting over the years, volunteered at the setting, helped in setting up Dalesplay and an extra big thank you goes to the directors who voluntarily give up their time and lend their expertise to ensure Dalesplay is running an effective and efficient business. Louise Cloughton our Deputy Manager, Adelle Kilgallon- Sharples our Room leader and play worker in Cuddles and Yvonne Bell our Room leader and play worker in Kidszone have worked at the setting for 10 years and without their dedication, hard work and support Dalesplay wouldn't be the successful establishment that it is today; well done girls.

The children have been busy celebrating Chinese New year, Pancake day and Valentine's day. We have been running half term workshops for everyone to join in with and been learning about music from around the world with our new instruments. We have lots planned for the Easter Holidays and for more information have a look on our Facebook page where we have displayed some posters from around Hawes. We are planning a fun afternoon for everyone to help us celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday but we are awaiting the better weather, then we can enjoy the bouncy castle more. Further information on our fun afternoon will follow in the next newsletter.

If you are looking for childcare come and have a look around, we offer high standard care from fully qualified, first aid trained practitioners in a stimulating environment where your little ones will learn and develop through play. We offer a flexible service with monthly bookings at affordable prices. For more information contact Joanne or Louise on **667789**

**Joanne Fothergill, Manager**

## Eunice the Ewe



I was sitting on the top of the cab. Where am I this month?

Winner: **Josephine Dinsdale, Aysgarth**

## Wensleydale Concert Series

is very pleased to welcome the wonderful violinist Fenella Humphreys and pianist Daniel Grimwood to St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth on **Saturday March 19th at 7.30pm** for a recital of violin and piano music.



Fenella and Daniel are both truly outstanding soloists in their own right and both have impressive catalogues of CDs which have received high praise in the national press and in specialist music magazines. Fenella's latest recording was awarded "Instrumental Choice of the month" in BBC Music Magazine last October.

They are also old school friends (from the Purcell School) and this is a very rare opportunity to hear them perform together.

Tickets are £12.50 (£3 for under 18s and students) bought in advance and £15 on the door on the night.

Full details and tickets available via <http://www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk>

## Pop in for a Pop up

We are hoping to have a Pop Up Business Café in Hawes in April. The idea is to provide free, 1:1 advice to local businesses on various topics. It is designed as a drop-in style event.

Popular topics are: marketing, social media, websites, starting up, growing a business, finance, tax, HR and training. We usually try to have 8 experts covering 8 business topics.

Look out for further details. **Abi Player, RDC**

## £12,000 for Flood Relief in One Night

A charity auction, raffle and Burns celebration supper raised an astonishing £12,000 in Askrigg village hall, thanks to the generosity of local business people and individuals who rallied to the support of flood-hit communities in the north of England and Scotland. Everything from luxury holidays at home and abroad, to flights in a light aircraft and a shoot in Herefordshire, went under the gavel of Hawes auctioneer, Maurice Scott, as telephone and on-site bidding got underway. Meanwhile, in the raffle, a Brough resident won a luxury stay in Low Mill guest house, Bainbridge, followed by a tour with Yorkshire Trikes, and a picnic hamper. Altogether 120 people enjoyed a four-course meal featuring a 36kg haggis, handmade and donated by Martin McIntyre of Borwins. Other businesses who contributed to the meal included the Wensleydale Creamery, Wensleydale Eggs, the Goodlife, Hawes, and Askrigg farmer, Allen Kirkbride. The hall was transformed into a good approximation of the dining-room of a five-star hotel, with an indoor marquee generously loaned by Killington Marquees of Kirkby Lonsdale. Leach Hire provided the tableware and glasses, and table linen came courtesy of C&J Rentals.

The charity night was organised by Ian Bell, owner of Abbotside Events, whose staff gave freely of their time to prepare, cook and serve the meal, meaning all the ticket money went to the flood appeal to help the stricken communities of the north and Scotland. Entertainment came from Dent bagpiper, Tony Playfoot, with light-hearted and theatrical Burns poetry, songs and toasts from Eleanor Scarr, Roger Iveson and a contingent of Scots who travelled from Dumfriesshire. Other generous donors included Warner Edwards Gin, Classic Drinks, the Yorkshire Dales Brewing Company, Jim's Bar Ltd and R Campbell & Sons, all of whom provided spirits, beer and wine at no charge, which when sold over the bar raised nearly £1800.

Said Ian: "Without the fantastic generosity of these donors and the support of our generous-hearted local community, none of this would have been possible. A huge thank you to all of them. To raise £12,000 in a single night in a small village is remarkable."

**Betsy Everett**

## Pie and Peas Supper with Quiz Friends of St. Margaret's, Hawes

A Pie and Peas Supper, followed by a quiz, will be held at the Creamery on **Friday February 26<sup>th</sup>**, supper from **6.30pm**. Tickets £7.50 Adults. £4.00 Child. Chips, desserts, tea, coffee and bar available at extra cost. Tickets available from Whites of Wensleydale and The Old Sweet Shop, Hawes. Proceeds for St Margaret's Church Restoration Fund.

## Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society

**Tuesday March 8th, 2.00pm**  
MIDDLEHAM KEY CENTRE

**TITLE : Francisco de Zurbaran; Saints and Sinners.**

Francisco de Zurbaran (1598-1664) was one of the greatest painters of the Golden Age of Spain but he was overshadowed for centuries by his fellow countrymen, Velazquez and Murillo. His style was characterised by a simplicity, austerity and strength reflecting the religious zeal of the time, and a hyper-realism making his figures seem to come alive. He concentrated on one particular genre, depicting images of monks, saints and martyrs. These powerful and often moving images will be explored in the lecture.

**Sian Walters** is a lecturer at the National Gallery and Surrey University, specialising in 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> century Italian painting, and Spanish art and Architecture.

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](mailto:rosalindhigson@btinternet.com).

**Cathy Trewby**



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If you are interested in making a difference in your community and working with local young people then we'd love to hear from you.

**Richie Bastow, Youth Development worker**  
[Richie@nyy.org.uk](mailto:Richie@nyy.org.uk) 07584 263978

## LASS - Leyburn Arts and Social Society

The film to be shown in March is the ever popular Billy Elliott. The group meet at **7.15pm** in the Oak Room at Thornborough Hall on **Tuesday, March. 22nd**. For more information please phone **622023**.



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

**F I L M S**

**Fri 04 Mar** at 4.30 pm & 7.30 pm **Spectre** 12A, 2hrs 28m.  
**Fri 11 Mar** at 5.00 pm & 7.30 pm **Suffragette** 12A, 1hr 46m.  
**Fri 18 Mar** at 4.30 pm & 7.30 pm **The Martian** 12A, 2hrs 24m.  
**Fri 25 Mar** **No film will be shown on Good Friday**  
**Fri 01 Apr** at 5.00 pm & 7.30 pm **The Lady in the Van** 12A, 1hr 44m.

**E V E N T S**

**Sat 19 Mar** at 7.45 pm **Penhill Poachers** This popular local group will be playing a selection of old favourites and new additions to their repertoire. There will be a delicious supper served during the interval. Tickets £13.  
**Sat 02 Apr** at 2.00 pm **Frozen Singalong** PG, 1 hr 42m. Adult £5, Child £2.50.  
**Sat 16 Apr** at 7.00 pm **Quiz Night** Supper included. Tickets £6.50.  
**Sat 30 Apr** at 7.30 pm **The Friends of Dave** This acoustic duo play a wide selection of songs, from Jazz Standards to Neil Young and The Beatles.

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**Churches Together  
in Hawes and Surrounding Area  
Lent Lunches 2016**

All are welcome to our Lent Lunches being held in Gayle Chapel Schoolroom, **12.00 noon** on **Tuesdays, March 1st, 8th and 15th**, with a soup lunch followed by a short reflection. A wonderful way to prepare for Easter, do join us.

**More Lent Lunches**

**Friday** from **noon to 1-30pm.**  
**February 26th**, West Burton Village Hall  
**March 4th** Thornton Rust Institute  
**March 11th** Thoraby Village Hall  
**March 18th** Aysgarth Institute

**Evelyn Abraham 663243**

**Yorkshire Ambulance Service  
Patient Transport Service (YAS PTS)**

Self-booking is normal procedure in Richmondshire although not allowed in some other parts of Yorkshire. Patient's eligibility will be checked before a booking can be made.

**NOT ALL PATIENTS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR PTS.**

To book an appointment phone:  
**0300 330 2000**  
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**0345 122 0535**

**Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT)**



Patron HRH The Prince of Wales

... is delighted to announce the receiving of a grant from the Postcode Lottery. David Sharrod, YDMT Director, said: "The additional £25,000 from players of People's Postcode Lottery will make a big

difference to the landscape, environment and communities of the Yorkshire Dales. As well as supporting long running conservation projects such as woodland planting and wildflower meadow restoration, this funding boost will also enable us to invest more in delivering training, education and outreach through a number of new and existing schemes. I'd like to say a huge thank you to all players of People's Postcode Lottery for this fantastic ongoing support."

This additional funding comes at a very exciting time for the charity lottery as they mark 10 years since the first ever draw. The last 10 years have created thousands of lucky winners but also have provided vital funding for numerous charities across Great Britain and internationally.

**New Lay Worship Leaders**

A Penhill Together United Service (HC) will take place at St Bartholomew's, West Witton at **10.30am on Sunday March 13th** at which two new Lay Worship Leaders will be commissioned.

**Easter Monday Plant Sale**

**10.00am – 12.30pm St. Oswald's Church**  
Castle Bolton.  
In aid of church Mission Partners

## March Competition

**Easter eggs. Each answer contains 'egg' or some connection to one!**

1. CHRIS, KEVIN, BARRY et al (TV)
2. DID IT COME FIRST?
3. ONLY UNDERSTOOD IF DECODED
4. STOLEN FROM THE RIVER?
5. WHO LAID THE GOLDEN ONE?
6. AUBERGINE
7. SOUNDS AS IF IT'S ACROSS THE NECKS
8. I'M IN PLEADED
9. I'M IN STRETCHY PANTS
10. MY HADES
11. "MY TRAIN'S COMING- AND I'M IN IT", SAYS THE SIGNMAN
12. SOUNDS AS IF I'VE GOT A HOOTER- ON THE GRITSTONE TRAIL

## Answers for February

### Dales of Yorkshire

- |                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Silverdale       | 11. Coverdale   |
| 2. Swaledale        | 12. Malhamdale  |
| 3. Baysdale         | 13. Westerdale  |
| 4. Rosedale         | 14. Wheeldale   |
| 5. Great Fryup Dale | 15. Farndale    |
| 6. Apedale          | 16. Eskdale     |
| 7. Ashdale          | 17. Bilsdale    |
| 8. Kingsdale        | 18. Nettle Dale |
| 9. Bishopdale       | 19. Abbeydale   |
| 10. Ryedale         |                 |

Winner: **Margaret Proctor**, £20 prize to St Theresa's Hospice.

## Upper Wensleydale Sunday School

Weekly sessions continue to be very popular with children and parents enjoying the chance to meet, take part in Christian activities and join in worship. Venues change weekly but further details can be obtained from Gemma Anderson (**650821**), Elizabeth Fawcett (**650671**) or Miriam Cloughton (**650982**). Everyone is welcome and refreshments are provided.

## Rocking Horse

*I've been given your contact details by a gentleman from Hawes parish council and wondered if this would be of interest:*

My family and I spent a lovely week over Easter 2015 in the Hawes area, staying at the caravan club site just outside the town.

Having had a relaxing lunch in one of the local pubs, we left to head back to the site. William, our youngest son spotted a child's old rocking horse tied to some railings, adjacent to a road leading up to a row of cottages just off the village one way system. On closer inspection the sign read "free to a good home". Knowing of a pony-mad two year old in the family, I knew that with a little TLC and a lick of paint, many hours of fun were to be had.



I would like to pass on my thanks to the very generous individual or family who put it outside for a passing tourist to take home. As predicted, much fun has been had to date and hopefully for generations to come.

We hope the benefactors get to see the before and after pictures:

With much appreciation -

**The Marshall family from Doncaster**

## Air Ambulance Clothes Collection

**10.00am Wednesday March 16th** from St Margaret's Church, Hawes. Please bring bagged clothes, curtains, towels, bedding (not pillows or duvets) shoes, used ink cartridges and old mobile phones. Bags are available in the church. Full bags may be left in the church any-time up to the 15th of March.

## Easter Monday Car Boot Sale

**Bolton Park Wensley**

Admission from 8.00am

Vans £8 cars £6

Visitors 50p (children free entry)

Refreshments with Tea, Coffee, Cake Stall, Tombola, and Bric A Brac Stall

**All proceeds in aid of the church and village hall**

## Wensleydale Railway Children's Club Launched

New this year, on the Wensleydale Railway, is a club for children. There will be several Activity Days at different venues along the line during the year, some of which are not generally open to the public.

Club membership is open to children aged four to eleven years on completion of the application form and payment of the annual subscription of £10. This also entitles the child and up to two accompanying adults to enjoy half price travel on any scheduled Wensleydale train, (other than special services). Club members need to just show their membership card when buying tickets.

The very first Young Members Activity Day was on Friday 19th February at Leeming Bar Station at 12.30pm, when children and their parents had a free train ride to Redmire and back with activities and refreshments on the way.

"Our younger guests are an important part of our audience and we hope that this initiative will attract many new young people and their parents to experience the Wensleydale Railway", comments Nigel Park, general manager.

## Wensleydale Society

The Wensleydale Society will meet at West Burton Village Hall on **Friday 4th March at 7.30pm**. The talk this month is entitled Railway Mania, and the speaker is Dr Christine Hallas. Lectures are free to members (membership £5 per year) and £1 to visitors and guests. There is a coach between Middleham,, Harmby, Leyburn and West Witton. For details please tel. **Eileen Jackson on 622287**. The Society also has a monthly walks programme for members. Information about the Society can be found on [www.wensleydalesociety.org.uk](http://www.wensleydalesociety.org.uk).

## LEADER Funding Available

Do you have a project that needs funding? The Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust LEADER Programme has over £2million to give away in the next five years for projects which are innovative and contribute to the local community and the rural economy. Tourism development, farm diversification and small business projects are typical examples.

For further details visit:

[www.yorkshiredalesleader.co.uk](http://www.yorkshiredalesleader.co.uk) or contact **Rima Berry 015242 51002** or email: [rima.berry@ydmtd.org](mailto:rima.berry@ydmtd.org).

## Obituary

The couple had been happily married for 50 years. When informed of the cost of the obituary notice, the man uttered, in true Yorkshire fashion, "How much?"

He reluctantly produced his wallet. "I want summat simple he explained; my Gladys was a good-hearted and hard-working Yorkshire lass but she wunt 'ave wanted owt swanky"

"Perhaps a small poem," suggested the woman at the desk.

"Nay," he said, "she wunt 'ave wanted anything ladi-da. Just put; Gladys Braithwaite's died".

"You need to say when," he was told by the receptionist.

"Do I? Well, put died 17th March 2015. That'll do."

"It is usual for the bereaved to add some meaningful phrase about the dearly departed."

The man considered for a moment. "Well, put in, 'Sadly missed' That'll do," he said.

"You can have another four words," the woman explained.

"No, no!" he cried, "She wouldn't 'ave wanted me to splash out."

"The words are included in the price," the woman informed him.

"Are they? You mean I've paid for 'em"

"Yes, indeed."

"Well, if I've paid for 'em", exclaimed the man, "I'm 'avin' 'em"

The obituary was duly printed:

Gladys Braithwaite. Died 17th March 2015. Sadly missed. Also tractor for sale.

## Upper Dales Family History Group

This month's meeting is on **March 23rd at 2.00pm** in Fremington Sunday School and is another 'missing relative' story. The speaker is Mary Randles with 'Albert's Story' – the fascinating account of her research into the mysterious roots and Dallowgill connections of her mother's half-brother.

For further details phone **0743 2677 783**, email [moverley.yorkshire@outlook.com](mailto:moverley.yorkshire@outlook.com) or see the website [www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk](http://www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk) for details of all events and the worldwide email discussion group.

## Women's World Day of Prayer

**2.00pm Friday March 4th** at Gayle Chapel. Do come along to this joyful, reflective ecumenical service "Receive children, Receive Jesus". Do not be put off by the title; it is an event for men as well as women.



## Microsoft Gets Aggressive With Windows 10

Please excuse my sarcastic humour this month but ... The Windows 10 “free offer” has entered a new phase! If you have Windows 7 or Windows 8 you know the feeling when you switch on to yet another advert saying upgrade now for free (or else ...). It really does start to feel threatening.

Well Microsoft has now decided that you don't get to choose – they will download the upgrade to your computer whether you like it or not. If you are on a light user plan with your internet provider don't be surprised if you get a letter saying you have gone over your limit, and if you are on a slow connection then it is going to be a lot slower for a while as they use up your connection downloading a huge upgrade you didn't ask for.

Once downloaded the installation programme will start – please be aware at this point YOU CAN SAY NO if you want to.

Why am I still saying hold back on this upgrade?

1) I have seen quite a few customers now with problems – the most common being dodgy wireless connections and devices plugged into your computer not working properly. I am sure they will get this right eventually.

2) Most people don't have a good solid backup of their computer – if you decide to go for this upgrade make sure you have a good system image backup of your computer. I have seen a number of people (admittedly not many – but one is too many) left with a paperweight instead of a computer because the upgrade failed. If something happens and the upgrade does not complete properly you may well not be able to recover your computer again.

Details on how to make a backup were in a previous article in this column so I won't repeat them here – but I strongly urge you DO NOT CONTEMPLATE UPGRADING to Windows 10 UNTIL you have a sensible recovery system if something goes wrong.

I still recommend waiting another couple of months before you do this upgrade. If you are on Windows 8 or 8.1 it is a no-brainer you should do it during the free upgrade period. If you are on Windows 7 I am not really convinced that upgrading is necessarily the best idea – you probably have hardware that is a number of years old and Windows 7 will be supported until 2020 by which time it is probably reasonable to be thinking about a new computer. I

can't honestly see anything compelling in Windows 10 – and anyway it is designed to work best on more modern hardware so you are unlikely to see many benefits.

## Windows XP and Vista

If you are still running a computer with Windows XP it is really time to bite the bullet and move on. It is coming up to 2 years since the last security update was issued. Vista too is now showing signs of age – Internet Explorer is out of date and shouldn't really be used and recently Google have started warning that Google Chrome is no longer being supported for Vista. Even Microsoft's own software (such as Windows Live Mail) is out of date and not being upgraded on Vista. It was never a popular version of Windows and again it is time to move on. Chances are you could buy an upgrade to Windows 10 – but you have to ask, if a computer is that old, is it worth the expense.

That's it for this month – if you have any questions or suggestions for article please drop me a line at [carol.haynes@dalescomputerservices.com](mailto:carol.haynes@dalescomputerservices.com).

Here is hoping the start of spring and some better weather arrives soon.

**Carol Haynes**

## Swaledale Festival

There is an amazing line-up for the 2016 Festival and some names, such as the Halle Orchestra, have been published already. The full programme is on the website. The 2016 Festival runs from May 28th to June 11th. Our online booking service opens on March 1st for Friends of Swaledale Festival who have a priority period until March 20th. If you want to be sure of getting tickets for events that you think will be very popular, you can join the Friends via the website at any time. Booking for everyone else opens online on **Monday March 21st** with the 'walk-in' box office and telephone ordering opening on **Monday April.11th**. As well as the website, news and information about us is also published on our Facebook page and Twitter feed @SwaleFest

## Hawes Bonfire and Firework Committee Need Your Help

We are raising money for this year's event by doing the refreshments at The Hoppers Furniture Sale on **Saturday March 5th 8.00am** onwards

If you are able to lend a hand or provide any refreshments for us to sell it would be hugely appreciated

Please let Joanne Fothergill know on **667936**

## Hawes School News

### Maths Event

On Friday February 5th all of the year 3s from Hawes Community Primary School went to a maths morning at Spennithorne Primary School. We had maths problems to do, made origami stars and robots and catapults. The maths problems had horizontal, diagonal and vertical lines. We had to follow and measure a wiggly line to see how far the spaceman was from a star. Origami stars were hard to make but I finished mine. We made robots, however, when we made our catapults they were easy because we had watched a video the day before. We had half an hour for every activity. We all had a great day and made new friends.

**Evie Alder, Lottie Whyte**

### National Number Day

We raised £82.20 for the NSPCC by 'dressing up for digits', where all the children wore either a 'onesie' or clothes with numbers on such as a football shirt. The children enjoyed dressing up and we would like to thank the parents for their support and donations for NSPCC.

### Y5/6 Hockey Festival

On Tuesday February 9th some of class 4 went to a hockey tournament at Leyburn Primary School. The other schools taking part were: Middleham, BAWB, Leyburn, Reeth and Gunnerside. Each school had 2 teams. Both of our teams played 3 matches. Team A was: Matthew, Cole, Harvey, Louis, Georgina, Demi and Jessica. Team B was: Rhys, Ted, Kit, Isabel, Ruby, Esme and Jenna. Both our teams won one game each and we both ended up with five points. Luckily the weather was on our side and the sun shone periodically.

Overall we had a great time and it was certainly worth taking part in the tournament.

**Jenna Drury Year 6**

On Tuesday February 9th pupils from class 4 participated in a hockey competition at Leyburn Primary School. Students from class 4 got to school early and caught Foster's coach. On the coach ride there we were put into 2 teams.

Both our teams didn't make the semi-finals but both won at least one match before the knock-outs. All the pupils enjoyed playing and taking part even if we didn't make the finals.

**Kit Halliwell Year 5**

## Hawes School PTFA

Dates for your Diary

**March 4th 6.30pm** Pie and Pea supper at the Wensleydale Pantry, £5.00 per adult, £3.00 per child. Tickets available from The Wensleydale Pantry, The Chippie and School. Also a game of Bingo after supper £1 per card.

**April 16th, 8.00pm** Domino Drive at The Board. £2 entry. raffle

**April 20th**, Bainbridge and District motor club rally, set off from top car park in Hawes between 6-7.00pm. £5 members, £7 non members per car. Follow a set of clues on a magical mystery tour.

Please come along and join in these wonderful fundraising events. We look forward to seeing you there.

**The PTFA Committee.**

### **Upper Wensleydale Community Office News**

Post Office - After Christmas we sent off all the used stamps you had kindly brought in to Macmillan Cancer Support. Please keep bringing in your used stamps, and we will send them to different charities each time the box is full.

Community Office - New courses on ipads, tablets, social media, internet shopping etc will be starting on **Monday afternoons, 2.00-3.00pm, from March 7th**

We will be closed for Easter on Good Friday and Easter Monday, but we will be open as usual from **9:00am - 12:30pm on Saturday March 26th**

Library - During the Easter School Holidays the library will be running a morning children's activity on **Thursday April 7th**

The Little White Bus - We are constantly on the look out to improve and extend our Community Bus services. If you are interested in being a volunteer driver or wish to be considered for a paid position should a vacancy arise, please send your details to [uwco@btconnect.com](mailto:uwco@btconnect.com) or call **667400**.

Find and follow us on Twitter - [@LittleWhiteBus](https://twitter.com/LittleWhiteBus) and [@HawesHub](https://twitter.com/HawesHub)

**Abbie Rhodes  
Manager**

## *Another in our 'Village Hall' series*

### **Castle Bolton Village Meeting Room**

I decided to talk to Irene Pickard, the most 'senior' person in the Dale to have been brought up in Castle Bolton, to her brother Alan Peacock, and to Thomas Hunter who was brought up in the village and lived and worked there through a lot of his adult life, bringing up his daughters in the village (Wendy Morton his eldest daughter is now a Member of Parliament!). They were all very helpful and the time I spent with them a real pleasure for me! Tom lived directly opposite the Meeting room so was well placed to know what was going on!!

The building owned by the Bolton Estate was originally a blacksmith's forge and when the weather is very dry a paler patch can be seen in the grass where the blacksmith hooped wheels.

It was used by the Horns from West End farm as a store for potatoes and "artificial" (this taught me the word used for fertiliser!) It came in paper sacks... no plastic, and Alan remembers a sack bursting and damaging the plaster on the wall against which it was leaning.

The building was acquired by the village from Lord Bolton to convert into a village hall for meetings etc. Previously meetings were held in the Methodist Chapel on the opposite side of the village (now converted back into a dwelling, which it was before being converted into the Chapel about 1900.)

To enlarge the building a piece of land at the rear was taken by agreement from the gardens of Mr J Richardson and Mr H Rutter (this is now Dale View where Robert and Margie Hall live) and the Peacock family extended the Meeting Room at no cost to the village.

Concrete blocks were used for building the extension and the sand and gravel used for making these was obtained from Ape Beck in Apedale and mixed into blocks in Peacock's Limeyard. They offered the free use of their block-making machine to make these. Agreement was reached with the Horns that the village would renovate a collapsed building at the rear of West End farm to replace their store room. Again the work was done voluntarily by the villagers.

The Meeting Room was officially opened in March 1955 by the then Lord Bolton. Present were Chairman Mr James Peacock, Secretary Mr Mec Spensley, and Treasurer Mr David Peacock, along with many villagers, followed by a "tea".

When opened some pictures were hung, given by Fred Lawson and George Graham. George Jackson

made and gave the curtains. Ronnie Richardson was the caretaker for many years. In later years when funds were needed for the upkeep the paintings were sold to raise cash.

Only over-14 year olds were allowed in the Meeting Room without supervision. Darts were played, and in the winter whist drives to raise funds for the room.

Every summer the Boys Brigade from Stockton came on a camping holiday by the river. They attended a Service in the Methodist Chapel and then had a BIG tea provided by the Village. I recently met a 65 yr old visitor who had fond memories of this annual event

At a later date a small billiard table was acquired and a board could be placed on top to convert it into a table tennis table. Barbara Deans was able to have exhibition boards and an outside notice board fitted after successfully applying for a Euro grant.

George Jackson, a teacher from Ripon wrote plays, and the village children were involved in performing them. There is a plaque on the Meeting Room wall commemorating this.

Much more recently when Anne Spensley and Florence Peacock were in charge of the Meeting Room it was refurbished with new carpet, chairs and card tables.

David Peacock, who was treasurer for many years, was given a 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday party in the room, to which he was sure no one would bother to come. How wrong he was as we crowded in and he entertained us with poems from his school days!

Cream teas have been served in the Meeting Room on several occasions when we have had Open Gardens in the village, but in general now it is not used very often, as folk are more likely to stay in their own houses in the evenings .

**Margie Hall**

### **National Park Volunteer Award**

The Yorkshire Dales National Park has over two hundred Dales Volunteers. One of them, Frances Bland, a former finance officer with the Park Authority, has earned the National Parks UK 2015 Volunteer Award. This means she has gained the award ahead of nominations by all the other 14 UK National Parks, which is a great honour. Frances spent many hours walking 172 miles of footpaths in the Dales, recording features of interest whilst doing so. She also set up many of the geocache GPS trails which have proved so popular and has been involved in numerous other volunteer activities. She is naturally delighted to receive the award.

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

### **FOR EASTER CHURCH SERVICES**

**See page 37**

#### **February 2016**

- 26 BAWB collaboration: Last day for consultation comments
- 26 Pie, peas and quiz. Wensleydale Creamery from 6.30pm. See p.5
- 28 Aysgarth Methodists at Bainbridge 10.30am
- 28 Tournament of Song starts. See p.3

#### **March**

- 1 St David's Day
- 1,8,15 and 4,11,18 Lent lunches. See p.6
- 4 Wensleydale Society. See p.8
- 4 Other Roads in Concert. See p.13
- 4 Pie, peas and bingo. Wensleydale Pantry. See p.21
- 4 Women's World Day of Prayer. See p.8
- 5 Children's book Coffee Morning. See p.16
- 6 Mothering Sunday
- 6 Gayle Mill Demonstration Tours begin:  
First Sunday of each month, at 11.00am and 2.30pm. The two hour tour is £12 includes light refreshments.
- 7 7.00pm at the DCM. 'Yore Past-Ure Future' public meeting
- 7,14 Singing for pleasure group: TOSH Leyburn, 7.30pm. **623897** for details
- 8 Decorative and Fine Arts Society. See p.5
- 8 YDNPA Planning Committee. Yoredale, Bainbridge, 1.00pm
- 11 Filling Station: Middleham Key Centre 7.00pm
- 12 Gigspanner at Carperby Village Institute. See p.22
- 15 Middleham and Dales Local History Group. See p.18
- 16 Newsletter AGM . See p.13
- 16 Penhill Ladies. See p.15
- 16 Air Ambulance clothes collection.10.00am, St Margaret's, Hawes See p.7
- 17 Circle Dancing re-starts. See p.19
- 17 St Patrick's Day
- 18 Leyburn and District U3A meeting. See p.16
- 19 Wensleydale Concert. See p.4
- 19 Gayle Mill: Lino Printing, 10.30am to 4.30pm. £55, which includes tuition by Kath Lockhart, materials and lunch
- 20 Palm Sunday
- 20 West Burton Quiz Night. See p.18

- 21 Gayle Mill remains opens for one hour tours, Sunday to Friday, 1.00 to 3.00pm. Price £6. Children 16 and under free
- 21 Eastertingle at Gayle Chapel
- 22 Marie Curie street collection in Hawes. See p.17
- 22 YDNPA Full Authority Meeting, 1.00pm
- 22 Film 'Billy Elliot' at Thornborough Hall, Leyburn, 7.15pm. See p 5
- 23 Upper Dales Family History Group. See p.8
- 25 Good Friday
- 27 Easter Day CLOCKS FORWARD
- 27,28. West Burton Art Group. See p 14
- 28 Easter Monday Bank Holiday
- 28 Plant Sale. See p.6
- 28 Car Boot Sale for Wensley Church and Village Hall. See p.7

### ***DCM What's On***



**Exhibitions and events to celebrate the Dark Skies Festival** over the half term holidays. Then from March 24th to July 3rd "In Tandem". An exhibition showing the stunning landscape of Malhamdale.

#### **March**

- 6 Drop in kids crafts. Create something special for Mothers Day. 11.00am to 4.00pm
- 18 "Black Bolton", 7.30 to 8.30pm. At the Museum. A talk about the once thriving pottery industry in Burton-in-Lonsdale. Part of the Friends lecture programme
- 25 until 10 April. 10.00am to 5.00pm. Kids find bunny rabbits hidden around the museum.
- 29 Drystone Walling Demonstration: 11.00am to 3.00pm. There will be five short drop in sessions through the day

NB. All YDNPA Walks £5 per Adult, Children Free. For details of walks see p. For further information on any activity 'phone **666210** '

#### **Eggcellent Easter!**

Enjoy Easter at Bolton Castle with eggciting egg hunts, egg decorating, bonnet making and more!

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

**(10.00am-4.00pm)**

## LVA Bike Ride Where the Money Went

Here is a list of the organisations within the Newsletter area that received grants:

Central Dales Practice £880; Sycamore Hall £440

Swaledale Mountain Rescue £440.

All these £220 each: Hawes Playgroup, Thornton Rust Institute, Dalesplay, our four Primary Schools, Hawes Brownies, Yorebridge Sports, Gayle Institute, West Witton Village Hall, Askrigg Foundation, Wensleydale Music and Theatre Group, Young Voices, Hawes Christmas Lights Committee. Bob Craske Bike Fund (£300).

This is out of a magnificent total of just over £10,000

Last month the North Riding Dales Licensed Victuallers held their annual presentation evening at the White Rose Hotel, Askrigg to hand out the proceeds from the Charity Bike Ride last year.

Last June around 120 cyclists set off from Leyburn and meandered up dale finishing in Hawes. £10,200.00 was eventually raised by sponsorship and was handed out to over 30 organisations in Swaledale and Wensleydale. The secretary of the LVA Angus McCarthy thanked Black Sheep Brewery for sponsoring the bike ride each year, for the cyclist themselves for raising this huge amount of money, and reminded everyone that this year's ride will be from Hawes to Leyburn on Wednesday 8th June and which for the first time helmets will be compulsory. There will however be a prize for the best dress headgear.

## National Park Money

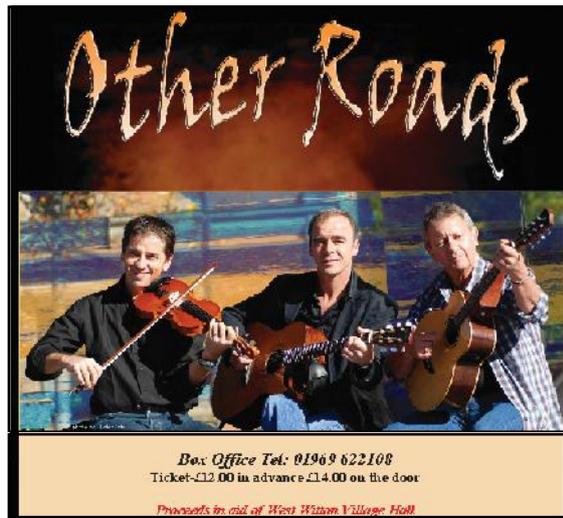
Over £90,000 has been given out by the National Park Sustainable Development Fund during 2015/16. Many organisations have benefitted; for example the Wensleydale Railway Association, the Dales and Bowland CIC (who promote bus services) and Burton cum Walden Parish Council have each been granted nearly £5,000. It is probably too late to apply for any remaining money from this financial year but individuals, businesses, community groups and voluntary organisations will be invited to apply for funding from the 2016/17 budget. The only condition is that a project should comply with either of the statutory objectives of the National Park, namely to conserve the natural environment and cultural heritage or to promote the public's understanding and enjoyment of the area.

To find out more contact Andrea Burdon at the National Park on **652337** or at [SDF@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:SDF@yorkshiredales.org.uk)

## The Other Roads in Concert, West Witton Village Hall Friday March 4th, 8.00pm

(Doors open 7.00pm. Licensed bar)

We are very fortunate to have booked OTHER ROADS on the first night of their UK TOUR 2016. The concert is a fund raiser to help ensure the future of West Witton village hall and the much needed pre-school facility for locals. Other Roads are one of the finest contemporary folk bands to emerge in recent years. These talented multi-instrumentalists incorporate guitars, mandolin, fiddle, bouzouki and



harmonica with some extremely fine harmony singing. They perform an eclectic mix of traditional, contemporary and original compositions, ranging from soft lilting ballads to foot stomping Celtic fiddle tunes and choruses. [www.other-roads.com](http://www.other-roads.com)

**Grant Humphreys, The Old Vicarage,  
West Witton. 622108**

Email: [grant.chumphreys@btinternet.com](mailto:grant.chumphreys@btinternet.com)

## Want an Exciting Afternoon?

Why not attend the Annual General Meeting of the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter to be held on **Wednesday March 16th from 1.30pm** in Thornton Rust Institute. You will be very welcome.

## Eastertingle

GAYLE CHAPEL

**Monday March 21st**

Two sessions from **9.30am**

Eastertingle is an enactment of the Easter story with the school children and parents taking part.

Helpers/marshals are needed. Please contact **Rev**

**Janet Park 623818**



### Aysgarth Station Group

During the month a fence, in the style that existed in the 1950s, was erected along the east end of the up-platform; also the cables and fittings to reinforce the site's electricity supply were fixed in position. The system change-over is planned for late February. Work also commenced to improve the land drainage around the goods shed and extend the site's water supply to the goods shed and the stable block.

Other planned work includes the completion of the water and drainage pipework, refurbishing the 110v generators, removal of concrete block bases that were constructed when the site was used as a coal yard, replacing the faulty steps in the goods shed and the erection of a fence, with flower beds, along the milk dock.

The Aysgarth Group work on **Wednesdays and Saturdays between 10.00am and 4.00pm**

### Correction

Would you please be kind enough to publish a correction to the Wensleydale Railway Item on page 22 of UWNL221. The refurbished coach WAS at Redmire but NOW resides at Aysgarth!

Also planned: Aysgarth Station open days for Easter are :

**Sunday and Monday March 27th and 28th**

Thank you and, Kind Regards,

Neil Barker

### Gregorian Chant at St Oswald's, Askrigg

The fourth Gregorian Chant workshop will take place at St Oswald's Church, Askrigg on Saturday 7th May from 10.00am to 4.30pm, ending with a service of Vespers. As usual, the musical director will be Philip Duffy, Associate Director of the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge and former Choir-master of Liverpool Roman Catholic Cathedral. The music will be that for Ascension Day. No previous experience is required – we even have people participating who do not read music very well, but who manage and thoroughly enjoy the day!

Participation costs just £15 to include tuition and a personal copy of the music. If you are interested in attending, **contact Mary Rose Kearney on 650880** for more information or to book a place.



*Mystery picture. Last month's was of Diana's Well, East Witton Fell. Where's this?*

### Hawes Community First Responders Recruitment meeting

**Saturday March 12th, 9.00am to 1.00pm**

HAWES MARKET HOUSE

Volunteers are, once again, being sought to join the Hawes First Responders group. Responders provide immediate life saving care to members of the community in an emergency situation such as heart attack, breathing difficulties or collapse, in the vital minutes before the ambulance arrives.

Volunteers will be trained in CPR and the use of defibrillator and oxygen.

Come along on **March 12th** for more information and an informal chat with the First Responder Trainer, Patrick Murphy.

**Gordon Sleightholm, Co-ordinator, 667348**

### The West Burton Art Group

Annual Exhibition of paintings for sale in

West Burton Village Hall on

**Easter Sunday and Monday**

**10.00am to 4.00pm**

and donations for refreshments will go to a local hospice charity.

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Having recently had an unplanned stay at James Cook Hospital, I have thought something is trying to tell me it may be time to retire, so from April 1st, that 's it!



After fifty years of electricianing I am giving up (or 'in', whichever fits!).

My dad started the business over sixty years ago so it will be the first time there will be no Craske electricians in the Dale although my youngest son Oliver runs his own electrical business in York.

I will certainly carry on working, but on my hobbies such as our large garden, steam roller and vintage cars etc. I would like to thank all my customers in the Dale for their past support and hope I have looked after them. I will still be knocking around the Dale but not crawling about in attics any more!

Thanks again.

**Andrew Craske**

### Penhill Ladies

Recently-formed women's social group, "Penhill Ladies", meets on the **third Wednesday of each month in Carperby Institute at 7.30pm.**

Local residents' first visit is free, so why not come along and try us out. The meeting on **March 16th** will be a Yoga Taster session with Kathy Chilton (no equipment needed). For further information, phone **Shelagh on 663958 or Sally on 368108.**

### Where are They Now?

In the days of our providing bed and breakfast, at tea time one day, two guys – a Japanese and a Korean – turned up on their way north to Edinburgh.

After the usual complimentary cup of tea, they were obviously in a hurry. "We go to waterfaw" said the one with a little English; and they went off to Hardraw. About an hour and a half later they were back. "We want Blonte waterfaw", he said. "We go to Hawth". I suppose Hawes, Haworth and Hardraw are relatively confusable on a map. I wouldn't fare too well with Japanese maps.

As their final destination was Edinburgh it seemed best to advise them to wait until morning when at least it would be light. So that was OK.

6.30am and a knocking on the door; unfortunately not on our bedroom but that of other visitors. "Hewow, Hewow; we go to Hawth" said he, and without breakfast they were off to the Blonte Waterfaw.

Now for those of you who know Haworth, the first sign that 'shouts out' to you on parking in the main carpark (at least then) proclaims 'Edinburgh Woollen Mills'.

We still wonder what they think of English maps, signs and information given, and where they are now!

**A.S.W.**

## Books

If I tell you I need you to scour your house for unused children's books, I wonder if you would know why?

The plight of children in our world seems to me to be one on which adults are losing a grip. Our attempts to care for our children seem forlorn; from children fleeing seats of terror to the soaring incidents of child mental ill health amongst our wealthy 'safe nations'. Children everywhere are exploited and mistreated by family or strangers. They are, it seems to me, old before their time. I am shocked by the tendency of the west to blame many of society's ills on children and adolescents. To belittle them by constantly having little faith in their intelligence, or saying that exams are easier, that they have no staying power and are lazy and uninterested in education or finding work. This is not my experience of children. It does not surprise me that so many resort to the sanctuary of their room and technology. Where are the adults in all this? To be fair, we seem to have a lot 'on our plates', both as individuals and as a society. But sometimes it seems we are watching a generation float away on a tide of trauma and isolation driven by a myriad of causes, from the pressure generated by rich wealthy societies to achieve, to the devastation of wars and natural disasters.



My daughter is at the beginning of her training as a teacher on the 'Teach First' scheme. This takes very high achieving graduates and places them in a school for two years whilst they receive their training. Sarah has been placed in a school in Shipley just north of Bradford city centre. She had been at the school a couple of days. She rang me to ask me to find any children's books in her and her sister's bedrooms and bring them to her. She had no books to give her class for them to take home for their 'reading for pleasure' material. Sarah continued to explain that not only that, she could not afford to buy a 'Class Pack'. This is a pack of enough books of the same text for each child. This enables the teacher to read a text with the whole class. I was shocked to hear this. I could not understand how a school in Britain could find itself in such a situation. Sarah explained that much of the school income was used for staffing and that extra staff were needed to provide the 'pastoral care' to children with many complex needs. That this left little money for resources. Most of the children at the school are white British, though there is, as you

would expect, a wide racial mix. Unlike many of us lucky enough to live in the Dale, many of the parents are not in a position to organise lucrative fundraising events to plug the gap.

All this came at a time while I was trying to assimilate the news of the little boy who died with his brother, fleeing from Syria last year. The family were trying to reach relatives in Canada. The little boy's body was washed up on a beach in Turkey. I was due to spend my summer holiday on a beach in Turkey a little further up the coast.

I'm not sure what I can do for the children of Syria. Nothing seems enough. So I decided to do something for the children at a school on the outskirts of Bradford who have no reading books. Perhaps that was something I could do.

*I will be organising a fundraising coffee morning.* It will take place at my house (Campanula House, West End, Askrigg) on **Saturday March 5th at 10.00am**. My daughter Sarah will be there to talk to people about 'Teach First' and her work at the school. Any money raised will be used to buy 'Class Packs' of reading books. There will also be an appeal for any unwanted children's books for the school to use for the children to take home. These can be brought to the coffee morning, or dropped either at my house or The Crown Inn Askrigg where Louise has kindly agreed to have a collecting point for them.

Thank you for reading this!

Please come and have some coffee and cake with us on March 5th and find out a bit more about what I hope to do to support Sarah's work at the school. **Claire (Daykin)**

## Leyburn and District U3A

The monthly meeting is on **Friday March 18th at 10.30am** in Leyburn Arts and Community Centre, The Old School House. The speaker is John Heslegrave about his passion for Dry Stone Walling and his contribution to maintaining the beautiful Dales landscape. There will be opportunity before the talk for members to obtain information about the many interest groups now running. The Café will be open from 10.00am.

### PLUM 13' TRAMPOLINE

This is available for free or perhaps, if you wish, for a small donation to St. Margaret's Church Restoration Fund.

Requires dismantling. Hawes area - call **667383**.

## All Change at Simonstone Hall

Spring is most definitely on its way in the dale, and there is more than just a seasonal change under way at Simonstone Hall, which is now under new ownership and management!

The hotel remains privately owned and is now being managed by returning local, Jake Dinsdale. After working throughout West Africa and most recently in central London, Jake is delighted to be returning home to Hawes and the Dales to put his enthusiasm, hospitality experience and architectural training into action as he takes on the exciting challenge of putting Simonstone Hall back on the map as *the* top destination in the Yorkshire Dales.

During the busy summer season there will be an opportunity to make plans for any renovation works for the quieter winter period. Jake emphasised his belief that this careful planning, with guest ideas and feedback, will be key to the success of new business; to move the hotel forward over the coming years and ensure that the service, food, events, weddings and accommodation are the best possible.

Jake and his brilliant team of staff are off to a terrific start, having taken the reins ahead of the fully-booked Valentine's weekend; and with Mothers' Day and Easter in quick succession this month they are looking forward to welcoming old and new faces for the award winning menus, superb Sunday lunches, afternoon teas and a whole host of events.

Set at the foot of Stags Fell, with breath-taking views over Upper Wensleydale, the River Ure and the foothills of the Pennine range, Simonstone Hall epitomises the very best that the Yorkshire Dales has to offer.

The building has a fascinating history and has undergone a multitude of alterations and additions over the last four centuries. The land on which the hotel stands was once part of the larger empire owned by the Abbots of Jervaulx and consisted of only a small farm building. It has since had numerous tenants in the Stuart family and was altered in 1733 by Cuthbert Stuart, whose initials can be seen within the building façade. Lord and Lady Wharnccliffe, descendants of the Stuart family, resided at Simonstone for many years, using the Hall as a hunting lodge to entertain many prestigious guests and artistic notables. Further alterations and additions were made in 1885 by architects Carpenter and Ingelow, designers of Lord

Wharnccliffe's nearby Hardraw Church (1880). During WWII the Hall was occupied by British Armed Forces and was returned to a private residence until it was first established as a hotel in 1981 by John and Sheila Jeffryes and since 1997 it has been owned as part of the shooting estate by Mr & Mrs Cannon. The new owners are delighted to become a part of this exciting history, having had a long personal association with Simonstone Hall, Hawes and the surrounding area.

The Simonstone Hall team is very excited to welcome customers to the Hotel over the coming weeks and months to sample the fantastic food and wines on offer, to check their progress and to offer feedback, ideas and much-appreciated continuing support as they enter the newest phase of the Simonstone Hall history!

## Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal Street Collection

Marie Curie's largest fundraising campaign returns this March. More collectors than ever are needed this year to collect coins and hand out daffodil pins. Being a collector is a great way to help Marie Curie nurses care for more people with terminal illnesses at home, so they can spend more time with the people they love.

Last year, the appeal raised £7.5 million, funding almost 400,000 hours of nursing care, including £1,817 from collections in Wensleydale. A great result, but, sadly, one in four people in the UK don't get the care and support they need at the end of their life.

—This year the Leyburn collection will be held on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, and the Hawes collection will be on **Tuesday, March. 22nd**. Would you be able to give an hour of your time to help raise money for the charity? Now you can sign up on-line via <https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/get-involved/daffodil-appeal> or phone the York fundraising office on **01904 755260**

**Margaret Knight, Secretary**  
**Wensleydale Fundraising Group**

**Sporting Clay Shoot**  
**Arngill**  
**Sunday 10th April**  
**1.30 Start**  
**Open to non members**

## Heavens Above



The Vernal Equinox falls on March 20th this year. It's the time the sun crosses the celestial equator from south to north and marks the official beginning of spring – something to really look forward to after such a damp and dismal winter. March also sees a noticeable change-over in our view of the night sky. The bright winter stars are still on show, but they're all well past their best, and it won't be long before they disappear into the twilight. By late evening towards the middle of the month the southern sky is filled with a whole new set of stars – Virgo, The Northern Crown, Bootes the Herdsman, Hercules the Strongman, and the season's main constellation, Leo the Celestial Lion. Leo is one of the few constellations that actually resembles its namesake – a fearsome crouching lion. It's really easy to pick out with a large sickle-shaped pattern of stars (a bit like a backward facing"?) outlining its head and shoulders and Regulus, a bright white first magnitude star marking the creature's heart. Another brightish star, Denebola, lies at the end of its tufted tail. This year there's a brilliant interloper in the south-eastern sector of Leo where it borders on to Virgo. It's Jupiter, the largest planet of the solar system, a dazzling magnitude minus 2.4 object shining much brighter than any star. The giant planet completely dominates this otherwise faint region of sky. Jupiter reaches opposition (when it's directly opposite the sun as viewed from the Earth) on March 8th rising at sunset and staying visible all night long. It stays with us until the end of August so make the most of those rare cloud-free nights to view this fascinating world.

Jupiter's size (it's big enough to swallow all of the rest of the planets put together) makes it an impressive sight viewed with a telescope. Even a moderate sized one reveals some of the dark bands and lighter zones on Jupiter's noticeably flattened disc. Look out for the Great Red Spot, a massive storm that's been raging in the planet's turbulent atmosphere for hundreds of years. If you can't get hold of a telescope, good binoculars will show you the four largest moons (there were 63 others at the last count!) as tiny points of light strung out either side of the disc. You can watch them change their relative positions from night to night. A fascinating sight. Have clear skies!

Al Birio

## Middleham and the Dales Local History Group

### Dales Village Dances and their Music

In a multimedia presentation, Bob Ellis will trace the history of village dances and dance music in the Dales and will include some field recordings of traditional musicians. *Dales Village Dances and their Music* at Middleham Key Centre on **Tuesday March 15th 2016 at 2.00pm** will cover the origins of some of the tunes and dances, their social context and how fashions in Dales dances and music changed over the years. Bob will also play some short extracts of Dales tunes on pipe and tabor and on melodeon to illustrate aspects of the history. There will also be some biographical information about various Dales musicians, including William Calvert, who lived at Harmby in the



early 19th century and is buried in Spennithorne. Bob Ellis spent most of his career as a professional historian, first as a teacher of history (including 14 years at the Wensleydale School), then as a college lecturer, a chief examiner and a writer of history books and articles. He has played the melodeon in folk dance bands and for a Morris dance team for over 20 years and has run workshops and tune sessions at folk festivals. For the last couple of years he has researched the history of Dales village dances and their music and is creating an archive on this subject for the Dales Countryside Museum at Hawes.

Annual membership of MDLHG, due in January, is £10, visitors are welcome at £3 per meeting. For more information contact **Tony Keates 640436**, [dotandtonyk@btinternet.com](mailto:dotandtonyk@btinternet.com)

Elaine Frances

### West Burton Village Hall

#### QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday February 20th 7.30pm

Teams of six. Hot Supper Tickets £8 from  
Chris Pratt 663792

## Police Report, March

Hello again. Apart from the wind and rain the Upper Dales have been a little quieter of late. There have been two minor traffic collisions, damage only, two reports of suspicious activity one being a possible abandoned vehicle (which turned out not to be), the other reports of males on land rabbiting without permission, a report of anti-social behaviour, noisy youths in cars in Hawes Market place, and a male has been reported for the use of a fraudulent Driver's Licence. There was also what is becoming a regular occurrence, numerous vehicles whose drivers think they are the owners of amphibious vehicles or possibly have aspirations of becoming submarine commanders which then become beached like poor whales and have to be recovered the following day when the floods have subsided.

I have been requested to inform the enlightened ones of you out there, that the Dales Police Team now has a 'Twitter profile.' We can be found on Twitter by typing in [@DalesPolice](#) and pressing 'follow'. It will be used as another means to disseminate local police incidents and crime reduction campaigns. Twitter should not be used to report incidents to the police.

I would also like to make our community aware of a service provided by The British Red Cross which aims to improve wellbeing, independence and quality of life by connecting you to activities in the community. A member of the Red Cross team will meet with you to find out more about your needs and interests. The volunteer or member of staff will then offer short-term support and companionship to help you attend relevant services and activities. For more information on how to become a community connect volunteer and services provided contact British Red Cross, Yorkshire Moors and Dales Community, Connect Service, Carrick House, Thurston Road, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL6 2NA. For information and referrals please call **Pauline on 07921 403288 or Rebecca on 07894 802794**. email: [moorsanddales@redcross.org.uk](mailto:moorsanddales@redcross.org.uk).

As always, keep reporting anything you deem suspicious, as it happens or as soon as possible.

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 [donald.watson@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:donald.watson@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk).

## Harrogate and the Dales Association of the National Trust

You can put 'added value' on to your National Trust (N.T.) membership by joining the Harrogate and the Dales Association. The Association is a voluntary group of National Trust members and volunteers founded in 1978 to promote and prosper the work of the N.T.

Members enjoy a varied programme of regular walks, lectures, lunches, visits and fund-raising activities with a very friendly and welcoming group of people. It's a great way to support the N.T. and enjoy yourself.

Membership of the Association is £7 single membership and £11 for 2 people at the same address, contact **Kath Rayner, Membership Secretary on 01423 203261** for more details.

### TOSH Events

FILM: Life is Beautiful  
(La Vita e bella) (PG)

**Friday February 26th**

Tickets £6 Adult £5 Concession  
Tel **624510**



PENHILL POACHERS ....

**Saturday March 19th; 7.15pm for 7.45pm**

Licensed Bar - Tickets £13 Ticket includes a two-course buffet supper by Karen Chapman

An evening of contemporary, acoustic music with some unusual takes on well known songs.

Tickets on sale now .....Book early to avoid disappointment as this group, along with Karen's supper, has proved very popular

### Spring into Spring!

The Spring sessions of Circle Dancing start on

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm**

at Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge.

Experienced dancers and beginners all are welcome For more information call

**Peter.....624038**

**Paula...650548**

## Settle and Carlisle News

The line between Carlisle and Appleby is to be closed for several months due to a major landslip involving an estimated 500,000 tonnes of earth.



The section, at Eden Brows two miles north of Armathwaite, was closed by Network Rail on February 9th after aerial surveys and ground monitoring revealed the embankment had moved so much it was no longer safe to run trains. The area

of land affected by the landslip is more than 130m long and 70m wide.

At this stage it is not possible to provide an accurate timescale for the final repairs but it will take several months at least. Martin Frobisher, Network Rail's route managing director, said: "An estimated 500,000 tonnes of earth have moved already and the embankment is still moving. That's 10 times the weight of the QE2 ocean liner when it is fully loaded. The extent of this landslip means it is no longer safe for this section of railway to be open to trains.

"Our monitoring has detected a twist fault in the tracks caused by the ground movement. The slip is accelerating and it is not safe to run trains in this situation.

"Our engineers on site are undertaking detailed ground surveys and this will enable us to design a permanent and lasting repair.

"Network Rail's contractors have already started to build access roads and compounds so we can get our heavy machinery to where it is needed.

"The River Eden has severely eroded the base of the embankment. This, combined with the recent repeated storms and saturated ground, caused the landslip.

For travellers from Garsdale to Carlisle the 10.21am train runs to Appleby and a bus takes people on to Carlisle arriving at **11.37am**. Return journeys leave Carlisle at 1.52pm and 4.06pm arriving at Garsdale at **3.13 and 5.27pm**



On a brighter note the new link to the line from the Arcow quarry at Helwith Bridge was opened in January. Imagine all this lot going by road!

New support available for you

## Warm & Well

in North Yorkshire

Do you worry about winter?  
Do you struggle to pay your household bills?  
Do you have a cold home?

There is free help available across North Yorkshire

For any concerns about staying warm and well this winter, please call 01904 704177 or email [info@ruralyorkshire.org.uk](mailto:info@ruralyorkshire.org.uk)

Lines are open 9am - 5pm Monday - Thursday or leave a message and we'll call you back!

 **healthy homes** Practical & financial support to help residents stay warm and well this winter. See [ruralyorkshire.org.uk](http://ruralyorkshire.org.uk)

## Thorlby Village Hall

Colin Bailey and Friends in Concert  
Saturday, April 2nd at 7.00 for 7.30pm  
Licensed Bar and Raffle  
Tickets £10 including light supper  
Phone **663747 or 663875**

## Prunings March 2016

The tub with underplanted irises turned out to be a real bonus. When the rain was lashing, their nodding heads were a wonderful splash of colour on a grey day. Today (15th) the sun has turned them into jewels and if it were not for the white stuff this morning and the low temperature you could almost say Spring had arrived!

I am always fascinated by the fact that it is increasing light rather than temperature that gets the new growth going, although the warmth has brought on many plants much earlier than normal. You don't have to travel far to see hawthorn hedges already greening up and even the hazel catkins are stretching out and swaying in the wind. Adam Nicolson, writing in "The Oldie" describes being enchanted by rain drops hanging on the hazel catkins and the effect this produced. I had to see it to believe it, but if you can find one carrying a big enough blob of water it acts as a magnifying lens; get close enough and you can see an upside down



world with a sea of sky at the bottom. - magical!

The laurels are amazingly early with candlesticks of white buds just waiting to burst. (Laurel grows readily from seed, though it takes a while to reach a decent size) It's time to sow lots of other seeds, and I have been folding together "Roottrainers" ready for the sweet peas. If you haven't tried them, they work very well, and when nice long roots have formed it is simple to open them out ready for planting. If they seem expensive don't worry, just open them carefully and they can be used year after year. They are also very useful for taking cuttings, and they come with a clear plastic lid to stop the drying out.

Talking of cuttings – there was a useful snippet in "Garden News". If you use hormone rooting compound you will know that generally speaking it doesn't have a long shelf life. I seldom use it myself

as I don't think it makes much difference, and I'm not sure I trust what it might contain. However, it is very easy to make your own, and you will be sure that what you are using is harmless and garden friendly. Simply cut some willow twigs, crush them a little, and pour over boiling water. Leave them overnight and then you have liquid to water into the compost. Other ingredients may be added, including aspirin and honey, the latter acting as a fungicide, and if you want to know more there is a wealth of information to hand when you "Google" hormone rooting compound. I particularly liked the info. on [www.mykitchengarden.info/](http://www.mykitchengarden.info/) as it explains which natural rooting hormones are available, and which natural acids come into play. I like the idea of using a product that I know is organic because I made it myself, and of course long before sophisticated chemicals were available our ancestors discovered ways speeding up and enhancing nature's processes.

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

## Pie and Pea Supper and Bingo Night

**Friday March 4th 2016**

The Wensleydale Pantry From 6.30pm

Raising funds for

Hawes Primary School PTFA

## Breaking News!



A special visitor Peppa Pig will be attending this year's *Centenary Moorcock Show* in September.

## It is for Everyone

We think sometimes that readers assume we only have articles in the Newsletter prompted by us, like the 'standard' monthly features.

Not so; we are happy to consider articles, features and interesting local news from any readers. If you don't feel confident, write on. We are experts at correcting and 'tidying up'

**Small shop to let  
Askrigg Main St  
From April 1st 2016**

**Please apply to Kathleen Harrington  
Telephone 01969 650682**

## Newsletter Outlets

Here is the list of where the Newsletters are available.

<b>Upper Dentdale, Cowgill:</b>	Sportsman's Inn
<b>Lunds</b>	Moorcock Inn
<b>Upper Swaledale</b>	Muker Shop
<b>Gayle</b>	Wensleydale Creamery
<b>Hawes</b>	Spar Shop Cockett's Hotel Elijah Allens Mason Newsagents Community Office/Post Office Four pubs. J.R. Iveson Chapel Gallery Ropemakers National Park Centre, DCM Honeycott Caravan site
<b>Hardraw</b>	Green Dragon Cart House
<b>Simonstone</b>	Simonstone Hall
<b>Bainbridge</b>	Sycamore Hall Garage Yorebridge House Corn Mill tearoom
<b>Worton</b>	Victoria Arms
<b>Askrigg</b>	Sykes Shop Village Kitchen H.P.B. Three pubs.
<b>Aysgarth</b>	Hamilton's Tearoom Garage George and Dragon Aysgarth Falls Hotel National Park Centre
<b>Thornton Rust</b>	Fellside
<b>Thoralby</b>	Shop The George Inn
<b>Newbiggin</b>	Streethed Inn
<b>West Burton</b>	Shop Hartle Butcher
<b>Swinithwaite</b>	Berry's Farm Shop
<b>West Witton</b>	Arkwright's Shop
<b>Woodhall</b>	Garage
<b>Carperby</b>	Cross House Garage Wheatsheaf Bella Cottage
<b>Castle Bolton</b>	
<b>Redmire</b>	Shop Hogra Farm Bolton Arms
<b>Preston under Scar</b>	
<b>Wensley</b>	Three Horseshoes

## Carperby Concerts 2016

The two Carperby Concerts in 2015 raised over £1000 for charity and the team hopes to better that this year. There will be three concerts in 2016, all of them featuring world class artists from the folk and roots genre. Peter Knight's Gigspanner are the first guests and they will be at Carperby Village Institute on **Saturday 12th March**. Peter Knight was the fiddle player in folk-rock giants Steeleye Span. Since his departure from the band at the end of 2013, Peter has turned his full attention to his new trio Gigspanner, and in the process has firmly established their burgeoning reputation as one of the most innovative acts on the folk/roots scene.

Justifiably met with significant critical acclaim, Gigspanner's riveting new album 'Layers of Ages' sees the band blowing the dust from a collection of well-worn traditional music and song to reveal authentic moments of staggering originality and great beauty, and was among The Daily Telegraph's 'Best Folk Albums of 2015' list. This is their only date in Yorkshire on a nationwide tour, so don't miss them! Tickets are £14 in advance or £16 on the door but there are only about 12 left. Please contact **663808** for tickets or further information. There will be a licensed bar and all proceeds from the concert will go to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Later in the year Irish super-star Kieran Goss returns on Saturday May 7th and The Jigantics, with Marion Fleetwood and Martin Fitzgibbon, will be performing on Saturday 24th September.

Check out the new website at [www.folkicons.co.uk/carperbyconcerts.htm](http://www.folkicons.co.uk/carperbyconcerts.htm) or follow us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/carperbyconcerts](http://www.facebook.com/carperbyconcerts)

**Steve Sheldon**

Drop-off points and contacts	
for news, articles, reports, letters, what's on dates, competition entries, suggestions and comments:	
<b>Hawes:</b>	Alan S. Watkinson, Burnside Coach House. 667785
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<b>Bainbridge:</b>	Sylvia Crookes, 3, Bainside 650525
<b>Askrigg:</b>	Rima Berry, 8 Mill Lane 650980
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<b>West Burton:</b>	Nadine Bell, Margaret's Cottage 663559
<b>Aysgarth:</b>	Hamilton's Tearoom 663423
<b>Redmire:</b>	see Carperby above
<b>Thoralby:</b>	Sandra Foley, Shop 663205

## **Easter Church Services**

**Palm Sunday, March 20th** (HC=Holy Communion)

### Penhill/Mid Dale area

9.00am Coffee and croissants West Witton Village Hall

9.30am St Bartholomew's West Witton (HC)

9.00am Breakfast Redmire Village Hall

10.30am Joint Service at St Mary's, Redmire

4.00pm St Margaret's, Preston u Scar (HC)

### **Holy Week**

#### Penhill/Mid Dale Area

Meditation Services in church at 7.00pm

- Monday St Margaret's, Preston under Scar

- Tuesday St Bartholomew's, West Witton

- Wednesday St Oswald's, Castle Bolton

- Maundy Thursday Thornton Rust Mission Room (HC)

West Burton (HC) 7.30pm

#### Upper Dale Area

- Maundy Thursday - Lenten Reflection at St Oswald's, Askrigg from 7.00 to 8.00pm

### **Good Friday**

#### Penhill/Mid Dale Area

Stations of the Cross Venues:

9.05am Preston-u-Scar, 9.35am Redmire Green,

10am Castle Bolton Green, 10.50am Carperby

Cross, 11.20am Thornton Rust Institute, 11.50am

Thoralby upper green, 12.15pm Newbiggin

waterfall, 12.50pm West Burton Market Cross,

1.25pm Wensley, Bolton Hall Gates, 1.45pm

West Witton near Wensleydale Heifer, 2.15pm

Aysgarth The Lodge car park

Services: 9.30am Preston; 10.15am Castle

Bolton; 2.00pm West Witton; 2.30pm Aysgarth.

#### Upper Dale Area

10.00am Walk of Witness starting from Gayle Chapel and walking through the town to conclude with a Stations of the Cross Service at

11.00am in St. Margaret's.

### **Easter Day**

#### Penhill/Mid Dale Area

6.30am Son-rise service; Pen Hill Beacon

9.30am St Mary's Redmire (HC)

9.30am St Margaret's Preston u Scar HC

9.30am St Bartholomew's W Witton (HC)

11.00am St Andrew's Aysgarth with Thornton

Rust Family Communion

11.00am Holy Trinity, Wensley (HC)

#### Upper Dale Area

Farewell to Ann - this will be the Revd Ann Chapman's last day in the Benefice and she will take all the following brief services at

9.30am Hardraw Church (HC)

10.30am Hawes Church (HC)

12.30am Stalling Busk Church (HC)

2.30pm Askrigg Church (HC)

Refreshments will be served at each church and the day will culminate in a *Service of Celebration at St Oswald's, Askrigg at 3.15pm* where we will celebrate what Ann has achieved during her time here and wishing her well in her new life in Scruton,

All are welcome to all or any of these short services.

8.00pm Marssett Chapel Singalong