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Editorial

The referendum! We are being told it is the most significant event for generations. The issue is said to be dividing communities, friends or even families. We suspect that some people have hardly yet got excited about it or given it a thought and those that have complain that they want the FACTS. How can we have facts about the future? So all we are going to say is: let us read both sides of the case – in or out— and then vote. Here’s just a bit of mathematics! If 80% of those eligible actually vote (which is an amazing proportion in British election terms) and if 60% of them choose say, out (or in) that is still only 48% - less than half of all the electorate. So please vote so that we get a clear mandate of over a half - one way or the other. Will it then be all over?

We will now turn to other matters. It’s nearly summer and the countryside is just about at its best and busiest for both visitors and locals. So we thought a gentle reminder of the things that can be annoying, or spoil people’s experience, wouldn’t come amiss!

Let’s begin on the roads; you would think by now that everyone knew to walk on the right hand side – facing any on-coming traffic – but they don’t! And cyclists, please fall back to single file when on our twisty lanes.

There are plenty of notices around concerning dogs, and there are plenty of dogs around; there are also plenty of dog-poo bins! There has been a pleasing increase in dog owners cleaning up – but the trend of sticking the full plastic bag into a dry stone wall or hung on a tree is quite despicable. Please remember that all dogs- even yours! - have a tendency to chase lambs or search out ground-nesting birds. They must be kept on a lead at this time of the year.

Many places are worse than ours for litter, and we do not have an abundance of bins – they themselves are unsightly; that’s to encourage us to take litter home. As the quote says: “*Leave nothing but footprints*”. It is also fair for visitors (whom we usually blame) to point the finger at black plastic from silage bags blowing in the wind or caught on fences and trees.

The abundance of wild flowers at this time is great, and some species seem to be increasing – especially primroses; but please leave them where they are. Wild flowers grow where they want and don’t take kindly to being dug up for our gardens.

One great way we can all help is to report any broken-down walls, stiles or signposts on our rights of way, or difficult footpaths (report to the Rangers within the National Park, and to the County Council outside it) Likewise, the more of us who report

dangerous road surfaces, the better might be the response.

Trees grow old; some large ones become dangerous and have to be felled, but of all the National Parks ours is the least tree-covered. Why not plant a couple as replacements?

Finally, we have been asked to remind everyone at busy times not to stand chatting in groups at places where the footpaths are narrow, forcing others to have to step into the road.

Enjoy the summer!

Look at the Front Cover

We are delighted to use a drawing by **Stacey Moore** who has just opened *The Stacey Moore Art Gallery* between the Market Hall and the Spar shop in Hawes.

After A level in art at the Wensleydale School Stacey went on to Lancaster University gaining her degree in 2014 in Marketing and Design. So where did the art develop? “I just got bored with the course and started drawing friends’ pets!”, she says, and since then she has been busy creating a range of limited edition prints inspired by the animals of the Yorkshire Dales Countryside. “Yorkshire is where I was brought up and it’s where I get my inspiration.”

With grandparents as farmers her love of animals has always been present and in her careful drawings each pencil stroke brings alive her memories. “That’s truly where my passion lies”, says Stacey. She is clearly excited and very busy with the opening of the shop in her home town; her Dad’s expertise in plastering has come in handy!; and the support of the local community is fantastic.

She chuckled as I asked her about ‘art’ in the family. “You’ve to go back to my 100 year old (Great) Granny Oversby, and her oil paintings for that,” she said.

She has already had her work displayed in Richmond and in Herriot’s in Hawes, but now you can call in the shop, see Stacey at work, or view www.stacemooreart.com or [facebook.com/stacemooreart](https://www.facebook.com/stacemooreart)



A.S.W

Mow or Strim Request

We are looking for volunteers to contribute to the upkeep of the top churchyard in Hawes, be it mowing, strimming or any fund raising ideas.

Anyone interested please pop into to see **Geraldine** at the Jewellers or ring **667831**

Annual LVA Charity Bike Ride

This year will be the 30th Annual Charity Bike Ride the LVA have organised and will take place on Wednesday June 8th; starting from Hawes market place at 10.30am, down to Bainbridge then moving into Askrigg, across Worton Bottoms to get back on to the A684. From there, straight down Dale, with a few stops off at the local hostelrys on the way. At Wensley, turning right on to Low Lane before joining the A6018, Leyburn to Middleham road, finishing at Middleham from 5.00pm onwards.

This is not a race but a fantastic day out collecting for our local causes in Swaledale and Wensleydale. Those wishing to take part must contact an LVA member's house to ask if they have a sponsor form. Each rider will then, on the day, be given a number **which they must wear**, to participate.

This year and onwards, **cycle helmets must be worn**.

Last year's ride raised over £10,000 and over the last 29 years a grand sum of £297,000 has been raised which just shows how generous the dalesfolk are.

Can I apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused, and for any delay you may encounter on the day.

Angus McCarthy

Wensleydale Chorus 2016

In 2016 the Wensleydale Chorus will be singing Haydn's Creation.

Performances:

Saturday July 16th 7.30pm

St Oswald's Church Askrigg

Saturday July 25rd 7.30pm

St John's Church East Witton

Rehearsals:

We will be holding a Saturday workshop in West Burton Village Hall on .

Saturday June 18th from 10.00am until 3.00pm .

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

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

Teachers Required

Freelance teachers or Teaching Assistants are required to lead occasional education programmes at the museum. For more information contact **Fiona or Debbie** at the Museum. **666210** or email dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk

Eunice the Ewe



I was hiding in A.C. Ramsden's advert on page 18 and the winner of the £10 prize was **David Middleton, Guidford**. The first person this month to phone in with the answer and great glee was Sue Duffield, our committee member. This is the first time in 17 years she has found Eunice, and the committee wants to extend congratulations! Sue didn't win. It just goes to show the extremely ethical and unbiased way we select our winners!

. Where am I this month?

School of Theatre Dance

Students ranging from the age of 12 to 17 years from Janet Seymour's School of Theatre Dance have returned from their 4th Easter Dance Week and German Exchange in Frankfurt. They were accompanied by assistant teacher and former student, Charlotte Porter and Janet Seymour. Ten members of the Leyburn and Reeth branches of the dance school travelled from Manchester Airport for an exciting week of dance and activities. The German students have visited here twice and this is the second trip to Germany.



They enjoyed four days of dance, including Hip Hop, Jazz, Video Clip, Yoga and Salsa as well as a 360 Jump trampoline activity, bowling and a shopping day in the city. The students stayed with host families for the week and have been making new friends and learning the language. We are looking forward to welcoming our new friends back here next Easter.

Janet Seymour

LASS - Leyburn Arts and Social Society

The June meeting is on **Tuesday 28th at 7.30pm** in the Oak Room at Thornborough Hall, Leyburn. For more information and details of the film to be shown, please ring **622023**

Gayle Mill News

Gayle Mill remains open for one hour tours **Sunday to Friday at 1.00 and 3.00pm**. With Demonstrations Tours are at **11.00am and 2.30pm on first Sunday** of each month. The next is on **Sunday June 5th, 11.00am and 2.30pm**. Come and join our Demonstration Tours first Sunday of each month. A two hour tour where you get to see the original 1879 machinery working! Includes light refreshments; £12.

Gayle Mill Summer Fayre – Saturday 11th June 11th 11.00am – 5.00pm and Beer Festival **noon onwards**. A repeat of our first Summer Fayre last year, an occasion not to be missed! Heritage skills demonstrations, wood and craft stalls, duck racing on the leat, raffle, morning coffee, afternoon teas, and from noon our second Beer Festival showcasing locally brewed beers. Free Admission.

Come and enjoy a fabulous day out in the Dales in the beautiful setting of our 18th century saw mill.

Three Peaks Crowdfunding Exceeds Target

The National Park Authority project to renovate the Swine Tail network of paths on Ingleborough had, with the help of 204 generous backers, exceeded the £10,000 target by more than £700 by May 9th and with a week still to go it was hoped to achieve an even bigger pot. Steve Hastie, the Authority's Three Peaks Project Manager, said "The Swine Tail network has really suffered because of the huge numbers of walkers using it each year and it is badly eroded. It needs a lot of work doing to it including helicopter airlifts of flagstones, and that can be very expensive, but, when the work is completed, walkers will certainly be able to see the difference."

Upper Dales Family History

This month's meeting is in Wensley Village Hall at **7.30pm on Wednesday June 22nd** when the speaker will be Dr Jenny Stephenson on *'Taking the Medicine, 145 years of a Family Doctors' House'*. Dr Stephenson, a Sheffield GP, will be speaking about the history of her practice which commenced in 1870. It describes how the team adapted and survived through many challenges over the years, which included cholera, influenza (twice) smallpox, two World Wars, the new NHS, industrial unrest, a flood and a disaster, to name but a few.

Tracy Little



Mystery picture. Last month's was of the old School in Middleham

Wensleydale Concert Series

In May we completed our first year of concerts. It has been an exciting and highly enjoyable time and a steep learning curve too!

Our new programme is available which includes concerts from July 2016 to October 2017. We are slowly distributing them and they are available in National Park Centres, or you can download a copy from our website. We are very pleased to welcome a wonderful and varied group of musicians over the next 18 months. Please do check the new programme and website for details and tickets.

We would like to thank the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter for supporting us financially, which has covered the cost of our new publicity materials. We really appreciate your generosity



Our next concert is on **Saturday July 16th** and is a Guitar Recital by the very talented guitarist and composer Matthew Sear. Full details of the programme are on the website: www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk including a link to hear Matthew playing.

If you want to keep up to date with developments sign up for our monthly newsletter at the website and come and find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/wensleydaleconcertseries

If you have any questions about the concert series please ring **Carol or Liz** on **663026**

Singing for the Memory

A fun session for those who enjoy singing. Aimed at all who wish to exercise their lungs and memories. The June session is on **Tuesday June 21st at 2.00pm** at The Old School House, Leyburn, all welcome, cost £2 which includes refreshments.

Last Month's Competition

Farmsteads or small settlements in the Newsletter area.

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|---------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. SPIKEY MARSH | Thorney Mire |
| 2. WOO SLY BERTH | Low Thoresby |
| 3. SHOP BENCH AND BADGER'S HOME | Countersett |
| 4. TIMBER BIG HOUSE | Woodhall |
| 5. PIGS IN CLEARING | Swinithwaite |
| 6. MIX THAN CRY | Chantry |
| 7. OCCIDENTAL DOOR LOCKED | West Bolton |
| 8. TOME WELSH | Westholme |
| 9. SIMPLE GUY'S SOUND | Simonstone |
| 10. CROSS FELL'S WIND | Helm |
| 11. BAR FLACK PENMAP | Bank Farm |
| 12. O WHY SEEK MEHERE | Howesyke |

The best entry for this quite difficult puzzle was **Margaret Proctor, West Burton**, with 11 right answers, so we are allowing the £20 prize which is to be donated to the Friarage MRI Scanner Appeal.

June Competition

'Heritage' sites; places to visit in Yorkshire (plus one in Co.Durham!) Anagrams.

1. DREAD LINED (museum)
2. LESS ICY DATE ROUND (museum)
3. I BE HAMS
4. I NEARLY SAW A WED YELL
5. LEEDS A LAW (museum)
6. MARROW TO MINE
7. CARTONS OUST NIT
8. WHEN LABLY
9. MASHING PEARLY WELTY
10. CHEATED MAD MILLS
11. WAIL AT A YARN LION (museum)
12. SATNAV ROCK WIGGLER

West Witton Outing

This year's outing will take place on **Wednesday June 22nd** leaving West Witton at **9.15am** and Leyburn at **9.30am**. It will visit the Lion Inn at Blakey (for coffee) and proceed to Helmsley for shopping, refreshments and a visit to Duncombe Park for those interested. Return by 7.00pm.

Cost £10 for the coach only. To book or obtain further details, please phone me on **624109**.

David Barraclough

Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society

Tuesday June 14th, 2.00pm

MIDDLEHAM KEY CENTRE

TITLE : Enamelling: History, techniques and key examples with reference to Georg Jensen jewellery.

This lecture examines the materials, techniques and history of enamelling in the decorative arts from ancient Egypt to the present day, including jewellery and metalwork. There is a particular focus on enamelling in the Arts and Crafts Movement and Art Nouveau.

Sally Hoban is a Visiting Lecture at the University of Birmingham. She has lectured extensively on art, design and antiques throughout the UK. We welcome non-members to this and any future lectures of interest. The cost is £8 per lecture. If you are coming it would be helpful to inform the Membership Secretary beforehand if possible, on **01765 635244**, rosalindhigson@btinternet.com

National Park Car Park Passes Available Online

Residents and visitors can now save time and money by buying car park passes online to use in the Yorkshire Dales National Park at retail.yorkshiredales.org.uk

The passes provide access to some of the most special places in the National Park including Malham, Grassington, Aysgarth Falls and the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes and the car parks at Buckden, Kettlewell, Horton-in-Ribblesdale, Clapham, Linton Falls and Stainforth. The costs are; £15 weekly parking pass for any of the 10 Authority car parks and also for Richmondshire District Council car parks .

£40 annual parking pass for any of the 10 Authority car parks – available to residents, non-residents, visitors and businesses within the National Park.

£70 transferable Accommodation Provider parking pass, which is for use by the business's guests in one of the 10 Authority car parks when the accommodation provider does not have enough guest parking spaces at their own premises.

Date for your Diary

The new and improved Bainbridge 'Bash' will be held on Bainbridge Village Green on

Saturday August. 13th

Put the date in your diary now More details will follow nearer the time.

History of Burtersett Institute *Another of our village hall features*

1851: A “preaching and schoolroom” built with funds supplied by Mr Richard Capstick Allen and labour supplied by the villagers.

Nov.1876: Mr R.C. Allen died and title of “Burtersett Congregational School Chapel” was transferred to his wife, Elizabeth Allen.

Mar.1877: Elizabeth Allen bequeathed title of the chapel to nine trustees of the Hawes Congregational Church Society for “the sole use and benefit of the religious sect or Society called Congregationalists to be by them used as a place for Religious Worship for teaching therein Sunday and Weekday Schools for the holding therein of Temperance Meetings and Lectures or meetings for any other purpose that has as its object the social intellectual or moral wellbeing of the Inhabitants for the time being of Burtesett...”

1912: Building ceased to be used for worship as a Congregational Chapel.

1926:The Yorkshire Congregational Union (YCU) met the villagers and drew up rules under which expenses, maintenance and insurance would be borne by the village.

1926: Building ceased to be used as a Congregational “ordinary” fee-paying school.

1926-1992: Building used by Burtersett Men’s Group.

Feb. 1927:The Charity Commission approved a scheme for the building in which the “Charity (consisting of the Congregational Chapel at Buttersett, in the Parish of Aysgarth, in the North Riding of the County of York, comprised in an Indenture dated 13th March 1877) shall henceforth be administered and managed by the body called the Yorkshire Congregational Union and Home Missionary Society (incorporated) as the Trustees.”

1936: Building ceased to be used as a Congregational Sunday School.

Feb.1975– date: Building used by Burtersett Ladies Group.

1995: Villagers became concerned about deteriorating state of the building and uncertain about the identity of any title holders.

Aug.1995: HM Land Registry issued Land Certificate (no. NYK 166346) to the Institute Management Committee giving it “Possessory Title” to the building; this was subsequently cancelled (in July 1996) when the Congregationalists’ title became known.

May 1996: The Yorkshire Congregational Union (YCU) made its previous title and ownership of the building known.

Nov.1996: YCU re-established a title absolute to the freehold property known as Burtersett Institute by filing a new registration with HM Land Registry.

Jun.1997: Burtersett Institute Renovation

Committee established to raise funds to repair and improve the building.

Early 1998: Discussion between the Renovation Committee and the YCU and the Charities Commission on the Institute’s future.

Nov.1998: The Charity Commissioners for England and Wales issued a scheme for a charity known as Burtersett Village Institute (3088276) in which a management committee manages the Institute, and title to the land is transferred to the Official Custodian for Charities in trust for the Charity.

Late 1998– late 1999: Application for grants for improvement work made to several bodies. Funding obtained from: Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, North Yorkshire County Council Village Grants Scheme, European Regional Development Fund, the Countryside Agency, Richmondshire District Council with smaller donations from other bodies and individuals.

Dec.1998: Architects appointed (Harold R Dick of Richmond) to manage the renovation.

Jan.1999: AGM of the Renovation Committee when YCU representatives were present to record formally the transfer of trusteeship.

Aug.1999– May 2000: Renovation work carried out (by Andrew Ramsden, Building Contractor, Burtersett) including installation of water/toilet facilities and the building of a new porch.

31st May 2000: Institute re-opening ceremony.

Tony Harrison

Wensleydale Writers

In early July Wensleydale Writers will launch their latest anthology, *Wensleydale in Words*. This attractively illustrated collection of poetry and prose will highlight some of the dale’s less well-known features. Profits from sale of the book will go to support the work of the charity Herriot Hospice Homecare. This hospice without walls provides care to patients in their own homes across Richmondshire and Hambleton.

Copies of *Wensleydale in Words* will be available locally or from **Susie Wood** (price £5 plus p&p), tel: **640415**; email: susenic.aol.com.

Helen Weatherall

'Musicality' Concert

St.Margaret’s Church Hawes

Friday June 24th at 7.30pm

Tickets £7 at the door

Proceeds towards the Restoration Fund,(Kitchen and Toilets)

All Welcome

Heavens Above

June's not the best time of the year for star-gazing. The sky never really gets properly dark with astronomical twilight lasting nearly all night long. But if you're prepared to stop up that little bit later (not too much of a chore on a warm summer's evening) there are still plenty of interesting objects to catch the eye. All the summertime constellations – Hercules, Scorpius, Lyra, Cygnus and Aquila - are nicely on display in the south along with the summer Milky Way, a fabulous spectacle from a dark location. We still have three bright planets on view too, and there's always a chance of seeing a display of rare Noctilucent Clouds during the next few weeks if conditions are right. Noctilucent or 'Night-shining Clouds' form around 50 miles up – five times higher than ordinary clouds – and are composed from ice coated around minute particles of dust floating in the atmosphere. Lit up by reflected sunlight they're visible long after normal clouds have faded away into the darkness, forming glowing bands and strands of silvery-blue filaments – a lovely sight in the deep blue twilight.. The best time to see them is during the weeks either side of the Summer Solstice – June 20th this year – when the Sun is less than 18° below the northern horizon. Try looking about an hour and a half after sunset low in the north-west, or at a similar time before sunrise, low in the north-east. A good display can last all night and makes a great photographic target. The three naked-eye planets vying for our attention this month are Mars, Jupiter, and the ringed planet, Saturn. Jupiter rapidly tracks westwards during the next few weeks losing altitude as it goes, so the best time to catch it is at the beginning of the month. It lies just above a waxing crescent Moon on June 11th – a lovely pairing in the early evening in the gathering darkness. Mars, just past opposition and slightly brighter than Jupiter, is due south at midnight at the start of June but fades rapidly as the month progresses. Catch it while you can! Saturn comes to opposition on June 3rd when it stands directly opposite the Sun in the sky. You'll find it a little to the left of Mars though at magnitude +0.1 it's a good deal dimmer. Saturn is rather low in the sky this year and poorly placed for viewing but still a glorious sight in a moderate sized telescope. If you've some really good binoculars and a steady hand, you might just catch a glimpse of its largest moon, Titan, on the night of June 18th.

Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

The Interregnum— Upper Dales Churches

We are delighted to say that we now have all our services and weddings covered until the end of September with the help of numerous retired and local priests. So far, we have met some really lovely new people who have each brought very different worshipping opportunities. The vacancy for a new priest has just been advertised with interviews due to take place in the first week of July. We are really looking forward to meeting candidates in the hope of securing a new priest for the Benefice before the end of the year. As soon as we are advised by Bishop Nick that we have been successful in our recruitment, we will let you know. Meanwhile, the PCCs, and particularly the churchwardens, of our four churches are working really hard to provide both worshipping and social activities for the communities as well as progressing very necessary works to the fabric of our churches. This is not an insignificant task and they should all be congratulated for their continuing efforts. It is wonderful to see the dedication to our churches and communities that is allowing us to maintain our churches in this way and to allow us the opportunity to work more closely together. Please support these efforts by coming along; to services and events held.

K.P.

Hawes Cricket Club

Upcoming fixtures:

Sunday	June 12th	Masham	Away
Saturday	June 18th	Hawks	Home
Sunday	July 3rd	Settle	Away

1pm start for all games.

We also have practice and 20 over games every Thursday night, weather permitting. Anyone is welcome to participate, umpire, score or simply watch, so please come along. A £1 donation from players will contribute to use of facilities, equipment and help support Hawes cricket.

James Raw

Castle Bolton Plant Sale

Thanks to everyone! We made £230 for our Mission Partners and the Newnham family now in Liberia with Mission Aviation Fellowship. Total so far this year £430.

Robert Hall



What to look for in a new computer

Since Microsoft released Windows 10 I have had quite a number of people ask me what to look for in a new computer. So here are some thoughts. Firstly it depends on what you plan to use it for. If you just want to use the internet, email and write the odd letter don't spend a fortune. If you want to play high powered graphical games you need to spend quite a lot to avoid frustration (and possibly consider building a computer or getting a custom computer built for you!!)

Desktop or laptop?

There is no doubt that the market has definitely moved towards the laptop. They are generally cheaper than desktop computers these days and there is a lot more choice.

If you plan to do a lot of work in one place – and especially if you are going to do a lot of typing, the desktop computer is probably still the best choice as they support a larger screen and a much more typing friendly keyboard.

The new all-in-one desktop computers can be a good compromise - they do away with a lot of the clutter of the traditional tower computer (and the messy wires – even more so if you have a wireless mouse and keyboard). They also generally support wireless connections.

For most people a laptop is more than adequate and is often just as powerful, and has similar specs, to desktops.

The geeky stuff to look for:

There are 4 basic things I look for in a new computer: the processor (CPU), the amount of memory (RAM), hard disk size and whether it has a CD/DVD drive.

CPU – there are two main brands, Intel and AMD. Both brands are fine but they make a range of processors at different performance and price points. With Intel it is worth looking at their Core series of processors (Core i3, i5 or i7). Generally the higher the number the faster/more powerful the processor, and also the higher the price. Common AMD processors are labelled A6, A8, A10 etc. and again the higher the number the higher the performance and price. AMD processors also often have good quality graphics built into the same chip (with Intel there is usually a separate chip).

RAM – as a general rule more memory is needed in computers as time goes on and new programmes make bigger demands. There are computers around now with 4Gb, 8Gb, 12Gb, 16Gb and even 32Gb of RAM. For most users 8Gb is adequate and is probably no more expensive than a machine with 4Gb. If you want to do things like use video editors and demanding photo editing programmes you should probably have as much memory as you can afford.

Hard disk – 1000Gb or 1Tb is very common now and more than adequate for most needs. Again if you want to use demanding things that use large files it may be worth considering more. It is pretty easy to upgrade your hard disk if you run out of space. For desktop users it is usually easy to add an extra hard disk if needed later.

CD/DVD – Increasingly laptops are coming without optical drives – if this is important to you, check it has one before buying.

I hope this has given a little help. If you have any questions or suggestions for articles please send me an email to carol.haynes@dalescomputerservices.com

Reiki Awareness Week June 5-11th

What is Reiki?

Reiki is a Japanese technique for stress reduction and relaxation. We live in a world of energy that nourishes and maintains all living things. When this energy flows uninterrupted there is balance and harmony within and around us, and we feel fine. However, life moves at such a pace these days and it is very common for us to lose our way. If you are struggling with life, Reiki can help restore a sense of physical and emotional well-being.

To celebrate Reiki Awareness Week, The Healing Collective at Swinithwaite is offering a 1hr Reiki session for the reduced price of £25.

Leyburn and District U3A

Mr Richard Sands, from Richmond, a retired Beefeater, who has a reputation as an entertaining and interesting speaker, will be giving the talk at the June meeting. This will be held on **Friday June 17th** at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre, The Old School House at 10.30am. Coffee will be available in the café from 10.00am.

Keeping The Skies Alive- The Askrigg Swifts

Thursday 5th May was a long awaited and exciting day. Swifts had arrived in southern counties the day before and sure enough on arriving home that evening we heard the unmistakable high pitched shriek of our summer visitors. Only a day later than last year despite the cold weather, the swifts had returned from equatorial Africa, a journey of 7000km, to lay eggs and rear their young. An hour later our faithful female flew straight into her box at the back of our house, followed soon after by her mate. We have installed a camera in this swift box and we were able to see the pair on 'land' for the first time in 9 months. They are not built for terrestrial living and they belly-flop ungainly across their nesting cavities. Living almost their entire life in the sky however, they are supreme aerialists and it is a joy to see them in effortless and acrobatic flight on a beautiful evening.

When migrating they regularly fly at 10,000 feet, and can fly at 27,000 feet if they need to. Amazingly, young birds spend up to three years in continuous flight before breeding for the first time. We will never know for certain where exactly our Askrigg swifts go when they leave here in early August. What is for sure though is that unless we do something about it, we will lose swifts from the UK for ever. Because swifts are not land birds and can not be supported on their legs (only cling momentarily) or take off from the ground they have to nest in enclosed spaces, usually wall or roof cavities, high up, and with a small entrance hole. The tall properties that line Askrigg main street are just perfect for them. However, as older buildings are renovated and the spaces under the eaves pointed up the birds are unable to find a nesting site.

One sad effect of the large amounts of Lottery money made available to do up old buildings has been the destruction of nest sites for swifts, swallows and martins. A study in Glasgow has shown that once the tenements there had been renovated the swifts left and have never returned. We all know new-builds in Wensleydale that are completely sterile to wildlife with nowhere for our migratory birds to lodge. It is estimated that 11,000 new swift nesting sites need to be created per year to halt the decline in population of 50% over the past 25 years. Swifts have lived in human habitations for centuries and there is no reason why with a little thought they can't continue to do so. It is easy to install a swift box high up on the wall of your house. The excellent website swift-conservation.org has lots of information about how to

do this and there is a big choice of swift boxes available. They can be incorporated into a new-build or added to an existing house and this can be cheaply done. In addition, it is so important when restoring a wall to point around those holes where we know swifts can squeeze to leave entrances about 60 by 30 mm in size. It works; councils in the Netherlands and Germany have successfully reversed the decline in their areas by encouraging thoughtful building practices. If we don't take action it is certain we will lose these life-enhancing birds within a generation. If you would like to sign a petition to press for new-builds to make provision for wildlife then google 'petition parliament 129733'.



As I write three of our boxes are occupied and we are hoping for the others to fill up in the next week. I love watching our swifts glide silently across the garden at an astonishingly high speed, minutely adjusting their flight path, straight into their entrances. Our camera box pair are busy building a kind of nest from debris caught in the air - feathers, straw and spiders' webs. It does not look like you and I imagine a nest to look like, but they are the experts! I think maybe in the winter, when dreaming about the spring to come, I could squeeze a couple more boxes up under the roof....

Amanda Killip

Abbey Belles Chorus Blown Inside!

The celebration to mark the designation of Town Foot, Hawes for tourism as *The Shepherd's Quarter* had to be hastily transferred from the Play Park into the Dales Countryside Museum on the early May Bank Holiday Saturday owing to the severe wind which would have made it well-nigh impossible to appreciate the *Abbey Belles Chorus*.

Those who saw the notices and went to the Museum had a real treat., The prize-winning Abbey Belles Ladies Barber shop singers from Selby gave an hour of superb music—and we'd a chance to join in.

Next Issue: July

This will have a full colour cover and readers may submit—as soon as possible— summertime photographs for consideration for inclusion.

The Upper Dales Healthwatch

The Patient Participation Group for the Central Dales GP Practice

Synopsis of the meeting held on April 11th

The Aysgarth Superfast Broadband Cabinet is now live but NHS England still has not provided an N3 secure line to Aysgarth Surgery. This is being chased up.

A **Telemedicine** pilot project at Sycamore Hall is being planned. Sycamore Hall is also going to pilot a 'Step up Step down' bed. This will enable patients coming out of hospital to receive health care from GPs and District Nurses for up to 6 weeks, or allow a patient to get healthcare to prevent them from having to go into hospital. Central Dales patients can still be discharged from hospital into the Friary and be under the care of one of the Richmond GPs.

Brentwood Lodge, Leyburn – if no other solution can be found, two of the proposed bungalows to be built on the site could be used for the present Health Services until such time as their relocation elsewhere in Leyburn was agreed. The future of the Dental Surgery is the responsibility of NHS England.

The **new website address** is www.centraldalespractice.nhs.uk. Information on the Upper Dales Health Watch has been included.

The **Two Year Nursing Project** is going well. Central Dales and the Leyburn Practices are involved in joint training and are sharing shifts.

Training for **NHS Health Checks** has taken place, and patients thought likely to benefit will be invited to attend at one of the Surgeries. Anyone who has not visited a surgery for the last 3 years can also ask for a health check.

The Pharmacist in Hawes now has a consulting room, so patients can ask for his help with minor ailments.

If **repeat prescriptions** are currently due for dispensation at different times, the Practice can arrange for a GP to reset the dates so that all medication can be dispensed at the same time.

The Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby CCG has a potential budget shortfall of £3M in 2016-17 which the CCG is working to manage. A positive meeting has taken place with the Council of Members (the GPs) and the Governing Body of the HRWCCG at which possible savings were discussed. The budget for 2016-17 will be presented to the HRWCCG Governing Body at their meeting at the end of May.

The **defibrillator** in Preston-under-Scar has been

used and has saved a life.

Missed appointments are a growing issue. Patients need to understand that this wastes precious NHS time and resources, and that they should always contact the surgery (or the hospital) if they are unable to get to their appointment.

**Jane Ritchie, Hon. Secretary,
the Upper Dales Health Watch**

Leyburn Bowling Club

Many thanks to everyone who came along to our Open Weekend for new bowlers at the early May Bank Holiday. Leyburn Bowling Club always appreciates new members, both male and female throughout the 2016 season and at the present time we are particularly short of lady bowlers. Our two league competitions have now started and Leyburn have made a good start to the season in both our Wednesday evening JSW League season did however start with a defeat at Sowerby Flatts when we lost 5.5 to 1.5, but since then we have recorded two consecutive 6-1 victories against champions Hutton Rudby (home) and Richmond (away) followed by 2 5-2 wins at home to Sessay and Masham. We have also begun our defence of the Friday afternoon Bateson League, which we won last year at the first time of asking, by defeating Bedale 4.5 to 2.5 in our opening match.

Mervyn Buckley

Bainbridge and District Motor Club

A glorious sunny Wednesday night, was the night we got for the ladies and members rally, which was held in support of Hawes school PTFA. £211.00 was raised for the PTFA.

In contrast to that, Wednesday May 18th was a cold wet night for the 12 village rally! Fiona and Sharon Mudd organised this and gave us 18 anagrams of villages to work out, and to visit 12 of the villages in the shortest route. We were also to collect items beginning with the letter 'M'. This got a few of us thinking and we came back with things like moles, magenta flower, merlot, money, mobile!

The next rally is on **Wednesday June 15th**. It will start from Scarth Nick, Redmire and is being organised by Mike and Chloe Percival. **07859 108390**. Everyone welcome, please have a look at our Facebook page, Bainbridge and District Motor Club for up to date events.

Emma Teasdale

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

May

- 27 Coffee Morning, 10.00am to noon.
Leyburn Methodist Hall. Proceeds for
Aysgarth Methodist Church
- 27-30 Wensleydale Festival. Redmire Station.
Music and beer event
- 29 Marsett Chapel Sing along, 8.00pm
- 29- June 11 Swaledale Festival events.
See p.22
- 29 Anglican/Methodist United Services:
St Oswald's, Askrigg. 10.30am
- 30 West Burton May Fair from 1.00pm
- 30 "Wellie amnesty". See p.14; and Askrigg
Sports

June

- 4 Men's Prayer Breakfast at Sycamore Hall,
Bainbridge
- 7,14,21,28 Tea and Scones with stalls 1.00 to
3.00pm. St Margaret's Church, Hawes
- 8 LVA Charity Bike Ride. See p. 4
- 10 Filling Station, Middleham Key Centre,
7.00pm
- 12 Penhill Together Holy Communion Service
at St Margaret's, Preston under Scar
- 12,26 Bainbridge Methodist service in
Sycamore Hall
- 14 Decorative and Fine Arts Society. See p. 6
- 14 YDNPA Planning Committee.
Yoredale, Bainbridge, 1.00pm
- 14,26 Yoredale Natural History Group walks.
See p.19
- 15 Penhill Ladies- 'Life of a Honey Bee'
See p.16
- 16 Bainbridge W.I. Philip Harvey on
"Amberdale-the smallest dale". 7.00pm
- 17 Leyburn and District U3A. See p.9
- 17,18 Longridge Wood, West Burton,
Open Days. 10.00am to 4.00pm
- 18 Wensleydale Chorus workshop, West Burton
Village Hall 10.00am to 3.00pm. See p 4
- 19 Methodist Songs of Praise with "Singing for
Pleasure" group. Aysgarth, 6.30pm
- 19 Marsett Chapel Anniversary, 2.00pm
- 21 Middleham and Dales Local History Group.
See p.21
- 22 West Witton Outing. See p.6
- 22 Upper Dales Family History Group. See p.5
- 22 Wild flower meadow walk. Meet Crown Inn,
Askrigg. 10.00am **01524 251002** for details
- 23 Referendum! In or Out?
- 24 'Musicality' Concert in St Margaret's Church,
Hawes. See p.7

- 24-26 Dentdale Music and Beer Festival
- 25 Hawes Gala
- 25 Party on the Green; West Burton from 8.00pm.
Live bands, bar and BBQ, supporting five
guys raising money for three charities.
- 26 Aysgarth Methodist at Sycamore Hall, 10.30am
- 26 Table Top Sale in Market Hall, Hawes
for Hawes Primary School
- 27 Bainbridge Sports.
- 28 Wensleydale Society visit. See p.22
- 28 YDNPA Full Authority Annual Meeting.
Yoredale, Bainbridge. 10.30am
- 29,30 North Country Theatre at Bolton Castle.
"Twelfth Night-or What You Will". See p. 14
- 30 Singing for the Brain. Gayle Institute
2.00pm

From For Gayle Mill Events. See p.5

National Park Guided Walks

- 5 "Falls, Freeholders and Flagstones". Meet
Aysgarth Falls N.Pk. Centre at 1.00pm for
five mile walk.
- 12 "Discover Lower Wensleydale". Meet as above
walk. Five miles.
- 15 "Explore the villages of Upper Wensleydale".
Meet at the DCM, 1.30pm for a 3.5 mile
walk.
- 19 "Falls, Freeholders and Flagstones".
As June 5 walk.
- 21 "Hawes Town Trail". 2.00 to 4.00pm. Meet at
the DCM for this easy two mile walk through
Hawes and Gayle exploring the history.
Free event.
- 26 "Kisdon Classic". Meet at the Farmer's Arms in
Muker; 11.00am for a six mile walk to Keld
and back.
- 30 "By Castle and Byway". Meet Aysgarth Falls
N.Pk. Centre at 10.00am. Seven mile walk.



Maybe we do need the SATS



Exhibitions and events: To 3 July "In Tandem". An exhibition showing the stunning landscape of Malhamdale.

June

- 2 What does a ranger do? Come and talk with Matt Neale, our Area Ranger, 2.00 to 3.00pm and hear over a cup of tea what he does
- 3 Using natural materials create frames for artwork. 1.00 to 4.00pm
- 4 Using willow learn to create things like giant meadow flowers or support structures and baskets, 11.00am to 4.00pm. Ten places only. £40 plus £10 for materials.
- 5 Traditional Knitting demonstration, 2.00 to 4.00pm.
- 12 Pathfinder Intermediate Navigation. 10.30am to 4.30pm. Gain skills in map reading and compass work, includes 8km walk. Adults £15. Booking Essential
- 15 Join Dales Volunteers on this moderate 5.6km guided walk. 1.00 to 4.00pm. Adults £5, Children free. Booking Advised
- 19 Father's Day 11.00am to 4.00pm. Celebrate with Dad with traditional games
- 20 Summer Solstice Cycle ride, 3.30am. Adults only. 666873 for details
- 26 National Park Event: Rugmaking; 11.00am to 4.00pm. Learn the basics in a day workshop with Heather Ritchie. Materials and lunch included. £40

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

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ENQUIRIES/APPLICATIONS to Mrs. Ruth Annison tel 01969 650349
References required

The children moving up to Hawes Primary School Nursery have started their transition process by getting to know their new teacher. After the half term, the children will visit the school nursery with Dalesplay staff and familiarise themselves with the environment ready for them starting in September. They all seem really excited and eager to meet their class peers.

We are really pleased with our new fencing to secure our outdoor play area and we would like to ask everyone to help us take care of it and not knock it over when we are closed. It helps to keep the children safeguarded and acts as a barrier between the school children and Dalesplay when we are all playing outside.

We have planted our vegetables outdoors now and hope for lots of nice weather to help them grow. We even had a visit from a snail; the children named him 'Tiddles' and he stayed with us for the day until he was released back into nature for a quiet life. The children were fascinated by how he moved around and munched away on leaves; they did a little research on how to look after a snail and drew pictures of him. Dalesplay is pleased to share with everyone that we have had our 18 month food hygiene inspection and we continue to hold a 5 star food hygiene rating. Dalesplay provides a nutritious balanced diet for all the children and we cater for all dietary requirements. At Dalesplay we believe it is extremely important to promote a healthy lifestyle to help children live a long and healthy life. All food is freshly prepared, home cooked and we use local suppliers to source our food.

We have spaces available for children 0-3 year olds; we offer a range of packages to suit your needs and we offer childcare on a flexible basis to keep childcare costs to a minimum. Dalesplay provides high quality care in a safeguarded, stimulating environment where children can have fun whilst learning, making friends and developing new skills. We work closely with parents and carers to ensure we meet individual children's needs and work closely with local primary schools to provide wrap around and continuous care. For more information contact **Joanne or Louise on 667789**, email: dalesplay1@btconnect.com and arrange to come and have a look around our setting.

We also offer government funded places for 2-4 year olds and holiday care. Please take a look at our Facebook page 'Dalesplay' and see what we have been busy doing in the setting.

Joanne Fothergill

Wellie Amnesty

Thank you so much for the Books... can we now have your old wellies please!

Following our successful appeal for your unwanted children books, I am launching another appeal. This time for unwanted children's wellies. Go and rummage through those cupboards, attics and out-buildings to see if there are any left behind by your growing children! In the March issue of the Newsletter I told you about the school in Shipley where my eldest daughter Sarah is training with the Teach First Charity. Sarah and the children at the school want to send you a big thank you! I took boxes and boxes of beautiful books that you donated down to the school just before the children broke up for Easter. The interest amongst the children was quite dramatic. Several of the class teachers have commented to Sarah that the children are showing a before unseen keenness to read. The books have been distributed according to age across the school and are freely accessible to the children in each class. Again this seems unbelievable to most of us, but many of the children have no access to books at home. Much of the school funding is diverted into pastoral care leaving little for resources. You also donated £440 in total. The school want you to know that each class has now been supplied with reference books for the children such as dictionaries.

Sarah has been instrumental in setting up an allotment within the school grounds. Sadly many of the children do not have suitable footwear or clothing to go rooting in the earth on wet Yorkshire days! But with your help again perhaps we can find enough 'un-loved' wellies to help the children get outside. We need all sizes suitable for 4 year olds up to the largest year 6 children - so small adult sizes. I will be having a collection point at Askrigg Village Sports, **2.00pm Monday May 30th**. I will be set up next to where the 'Wellie Wanging' Competition takes place. You can bring your wellies to me there and have a chat about how we are trying to support Sarah's work at her school.

If you can't come to Sports Day you can ring me on **650056 (Home) or 650771** to arrange to drop them to my house or for me to collect them from you.. Many thanks again for your support.

Claire Daykin

Lorna and James Ward

Congratulations on your

Golden Wedding Anniversary

June 4th 1966

With love from

Jackie, Steven and Jack, Matt and Natalie

Steve and Stacey

XXX

North Country Theatre is 20!

It's incredible to think they have been entertaining our communities with their hilarious, intelligent and inventive theatre productions the same number of years as the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter has been produced. Some of you may remember their opening production of Nobby Dimon's thrilling version of *The 39 Steps* at the Georgian Theatre and the Elite Cinema Leyburn in May 1996. *The 39 Steps* went on to have a life beyond the dales and has toured the world as well as being on Broadway and has only recently closed after 10 years in the West End. By 2000 the DCM and West Burton village hall were on the tour schedule – that year it was with *Meantime*, Nobby Dimon's play about John Harrison the clock maker who solved the problem of how to find longitude at sea. Harrison was played by local actor Martin Dower, and in 2003 another local actor Mark Cronfield made his first appearance in *Moll Flanders*.

To celebrate 20 years of excellence North Country are doing their first Shakespeare – and inviting back actors who have contributed to the company's success and appeared in a number of productions over the years. So an unprecedented cast of ten, including Martin and Mark, will take to the open air stage to do *Twelfth Night* for two weeks in June. A magnificent Riviera setting amongst the idle rich provides a 1930s framework for the play, in which music, mirth, mistaken identity and madcap schemes will keep you enthralled. And just who will be cross gartered with yellow ribbons? Find out at Aske Hall on Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th or Bolton Castle on **29th and 30th June**, or Kiplin Hall on Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd July. Gates open at **6.00pm for picnics and the play starts at 7.30 pm**. Advance tickets are available from Castle Hill Bookshop or from North Country Theatre on **01748 825288** or <http://www.northcountrytheatre.com/>.

Come and celebrate, be part of the fun and enjoy Shakespeare as done by North Country Theatre.

Gillian Howells

Beamish

The Beamish Car Rally will once again be stopping off on Bainbridge Village Green on Sunday June 19th for their lunch break. The cars will start arriving from 11.00am with the last leaving some time around 2.00pm.

Bainbridge WI will be holding their usual cake stall on the green, selling sandwiches, cakes, tea/ coffee to participants and visitors. Come along and enjoy this fantastic spectacle.

Doctors' rotas as supplied by Central Dales Practice
Please note there is no difference between am and pm doctors

HAWES SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning					
Wb	May 30th	Jun 6th	13th	20th	27th
Day					
Mon	C	FP	JB	FJ	BP
Tues	J	JB	FP	BP	P
Wed	P	F	F	F	F
Thur	F	P	P	P	F
Fri	P	B	J	B	P

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
For appointments and all enquiries ring 667200

AYSGARTH SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning					
Wb	May 30th	Jun 6th	13th	20th	27th
Day					
Mon	C	JB	FP	BP	F
Tues	F	FP	JB	JF	B
Wed	J	J	P	J	P
Thur	P	F	F	P	B
Fri	F	P	B	F	F

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
For appointments and all enquiries ring 663222

Notes from Thorney Mire

Late Spring.

There is a horse chestnut tree in the top wood which is always impatient for Spring to arrive. It comes into leaf while the other trees are thinking about it and they have been thinking about it for a long time this year as the Spring has been so cold. Years ago conkers were ground down and given to horses to cure their coughs, which was probably not a good idea as horse chestnuts are poisonous to horses although deer can break down the toxins in them. In the last squirrel survey, two red squirrels were seen together; previously we had only seen one. The rooks have noisily increased the number of nests from the six remaining from last year, to about twenty. Hearing a commotion in the beech tree I looked up to see a rook pulling off twigs from the branches of the tree, flapping its wings to keep its balance. Eventually it succeeded and flew off with them in its beak and headed for its nest. I once heard that rooks do not like taking twigs from the ground. If this is true, why do they make life so difficult for themselves? Surely nest building takes up enough energy as it is. The collective noun for rooks is a parliament— enough said; they make enough noise.

The four lapwing which nest in the fields at the top of the lane have returned again this year. I thought they may have been joined by some more when a flock of a dozen or so flew over the field, but they didn't stay. The curlews are still in full voice. According to one source there has been a 63% decline in curlew numbers since 1970 and the B.T.O. are hoping to do some research into the fall in numbers. We have had an explosion of goldfinches. There doesn't seem to have been a decline in their numbers. Flycatchers, wrens and

pie wagtails have put in an appearance again and a willow warbler is taking the lining from the hanging basket for nesting material.

You can tell that Spring is in the air when the great-tit, always a handsome bird I think, is more concerned about attracting a mate than food. I watched him doing his very subtle and understated movements on the top of the bird feeder, trying to attract a partner who showed some interest, but was not giving him her full attention as she had one eye on the food. The swallows have returned and although some have been checking out the outbuildings none of them have taken up residence yet. I can't help wondering if the swallows which nested and hatched in the outbuildings last year, survived the long journey and have returned. I will never know.

Sylvia Turner

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Summer Sunday and Bank Holiday Bus Services Through Hawes 2016

The following Sunday DalesBus services also run on Bank Holiday Monday, May 30th. On Bank Holiday week-ends they offer opportunities to stay in Hawes overnight - arriving Sunday, leaving on Bank Holiday Monday. (*Accommodation providers, please note!*)

No 856 between Hawes and Northallerton:: Allows almost three and a half hours in Northallerton and useful for getting to Northallerton railway station and hospital. Passes are valid on this service and also One Way £1 fares for young people.

No 830 from Ingleton- Ribblesdale station - Hawes – Buttertubs Pass and down Swaledale to Richmond, allows three and a half hours in Richmond before the return journey. Max fares for passholders are £4 Single, £6 return.

Gayle-Hawes-Garsdale Station: On Sundays, The Little White Bus service runs a limited scheduled service on this route plus a demand-responsive service in Upper Wensleydale (subject to availability; pre-book, fares payable). On Bank Holidays, Little White Bus runs a normal Monday service on this route. For details please consult the Community Office (01969 667400).

Other DalesBus journey opportunities and connections include: Sunday service No 857 from/to Buckden reaches Hawes via Aysgarth and Bainbridge. Sunday service No 859 (Ripon-Leyburn -Richmond) offers guaranteed connections at Ripon with the No 820 to/from Dewsbury, Wakefield and Bradford. And on summer Sundays and Bank Holidays, you can do a day trip to Hawes from Middlesbrough, Stockton, Darlington, Richmond and Swaledale; arrive Hawes 11.40, depart – 16.33..

Timetable details for all these services (please check them with care!) are given in the orange timetable headed *Wensleydale and Swaledale Summer Bus Times*, available free from Hawes Community Office, Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes Ropeworks and Askrigg shop or on DalesBus own website www.dalesbus.org (and from Traveline, tel **0871 200 22 33**).

Penhill Ladies

Penhill Ladies social group meets on **June 15th at 7.30pm** in Carperby Village Institute, when Jackie Pope will speak on "The Life of a Honey Bee". Visitors are welcome. For more information phone **Tricia on 622599 or Shelagh on 663958**.

Yorebridge, Wensleydale Centre, Askrigg.

Come and join us in our Learning Curve programme of activities which take place in our newly refurbished classroom funded by Richmondshire District Council.

1) Conversational Spanish and Italian Classes – are you off to Spain or Italy for your holidays and would like to learn enough of the language to see you through? We are running 6 beginner and intermediate classes from **Thursday May 26th** - Spanish from **9.30-11.00am** and Italian from **11.15am -12.45pm**. The cost is £6 a session; booking essential.

2) Take Better Pictures – Masterclass with Mike. National and International news photographer Mike Barker will show you how to take better pictures on everything from a mobile phone to a top of the range camera. Gain confidence and learn to live without the dreaded auto button on! **Wednesday June 8th from 2.00-4.00pm**. The cost is £10; booking essential by June 1.

For more information or bookings on any of the above please contact Jan Hale on 01969 650060/07968 606571 or email admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk

Caught Out!

It is always easy to spot Duke of Edinburgh Award students on one of their expeditions: overloaded and earnestly poring over a map.

This group of eight were pondering where to go, near Stone House on the way to Newbiggin (they said). Are you going via Litherskew?", I asked. Blank looks. So as I pressed on up to Sedbusk, I called back:"There's one of the very narrowest stiles in the Dales just up here," having noticed the size of their packs.

Well there was! Obviously quite recently it has been smartly rebuilt, neat and WIDE with a lambing gate. I wonder if they are still looking for it— or simply saying "daft old fella doesn't know what he's on about!" **A.S.W.**

Bainbridge Sports

Will take place on **Monday June 27th**, commencing at **6.00pm** with the children's races. The fancy dress will be at 7.30 pm, for children and adults, and Hawes band will be in attendance, as will Taylor's Fair.

They move to Bainbridge every year after their days at Hawes Gala, before travelling on to Hull and onward to Iceland and Western Europe. Quite a show!

Having a Bash

Last year my good friend Dave and I completed a one-day course making a table using Gayle Mill's superb Victorian woodworking machinery. Fired up by this adventure we decided to return to t'mill and try our hand at blacksmithing. Should be fun we thought, should be simple enough; just a case of bashing a bit of hot metal about a bit. Little did we know just how intriguing and involving our day course would be. At 10.00am eight boiler-suited course members were warmly welcomed by Claire, the Mill Manager, who in turn introduced us to Adrian and Andy, our instructors, both of whom were local blacksmiths. It was evident from their friendly banter that once the all-important health and safety issues were explained we were in for some real 'smithing' tempered by expert knowledge and close tuition.

A number of portable forges were installed under an awning together with small anvils. Each forge was connected by pipework to a powerful air-blower and soon the red/orange heat of 1400 degrees was ready for action. Andy explained that the awning served two purposes; to protect us from the elements and to provide a shaded area so we could correctly judge the ambient temperature of the near-molten metal. What he actually said in his Yorkshire burr was 'the metal you're using is still blooming hot even when it's looking black – so don't pick it up wi' yer hands; it's a mistake you'll only make once'. Noted! So what were we each to make from our pieces of mild steel? A rack of coat hooks in the shape of a Viking dragon followed by a small curled key ring. Adrian and Andy modestly suggested that blacksmithing is just a matter of thumping a piece of metal with a hammer; but it most assuredly is not. Watching Adrian deftly craft delicate curves and shapes we were acutely aware that this traditional craft is anything but brutal. True, whacking metal with a hammer is a part of it but it underpins the judgement of a skilled expert to heat the metal correctly, to carefully tease to the desired shape and to know when to return the metal to the forge. As Andy explained, 'over time you get to hear the metal sing, to know what force to apply and to craft the shape you want. It takes time so don't expect perfection in just one day'.

Watching these guys gently tap metal into beautiful shapes with nothing more than a heavy hammer was to marvel at real skill. So, with strategically placed buckets of water and donning

protective glasses and gloves we tentatively thrust our virgin metal into the glowing coals. Once we judged it was at the correct temperature (a dull/bright orange) we carefully used tongs to quickly transfer the cooling steel onto our anvils and, with hammer, attempted to mimic Adrian to flatten and tease out the shape into a dragon's head. How hard could that be? As it turned out, flipping hard! The earlier demonstration was quickly lost to memory. It had looked so easy but slowly and surely eight dragon heads evolved followed by the beasts' bodies shaped by additional techniques. After a superb lunch we were ready to make the hooks and pound the rivets used to affix them to the dragon body. As with everything, subtle ways of using smithy tools made things easier the more we practised and were encouraged by our instructors.



Clearly more time and a heap of talent would have improved our efforts but by late afternoon we could all proudly display our handiwork. The location is stunning, the staff and volunteers warmly welcoming, the tuition personal and professional. No matter what the chosen course, they all offer a hugely enjoyable insight into rural crafts. So now Dave and I have a decision to make. Advanced Blacksmithing? A Wheelwright course? Litho printing? We haven't decided yet but inexorably the lure and magic of Gayle Mill will surely entice us back again.

John Holloway

Flower and Wedding Festival

Did you get married in St Margaret's Church, Hawes? In Summer 2017 we are planning a Wedding Photos and Flower Festival (on a small scale). Would you like to help us by either lending us photos or photocopies of photos of your wedding, bride and groom, bridesmaids, best man, parents, guests etc? We will happily do the copying. The sooner we can get organized with photos, the sooner we will be able to set a date. This, of course, will help us to raise funds for the St Margaret's restoration fund.

If you would like to help, please would you get in touch with **Kathleen Martin on 667512 or Margaret Iveson on 667285.**

Kathleen Martin

Hawes School News

Kwik Cricket

On Tuesday May 3rd, Harley, Jessica, Matthew, Jenna, Nia, Ruby, George, Kit, Taylor and Louis went to play kwik cricket at Middleham Primary School. The teams were Hawes, Middleham, Leyburn A and Leyburn B. In our first match we played Leyburn B and we won it. The second match we played was Leyburn A but we didn't win. The last match we played was against Middleham. It was very close between us because we just lost by two runs. After we played all our matches, they announced the winning team. Even though we didn't win we all enjoyed our morning. We arrived back at school in time for lunch.

Jessica and Harley

Y3/4 Tennis

On Tuesday May 10th, eight children from Class 3 went to The Wensleydale School, Leyburn to play tennis. When we arrived, we were allowed to practice on the court because the other schools were not there yet. Only four schools arrived to play the matches. Four of our children took part in the semi-finals. Gracie and Euan got into the finals. Both played extremely well with Gracie winning the girls' competition. She has a medal to prove it! We all had great fun and want to play more tennis!



Rishi Sunak visits school

Rishi Sunak, our local M.P. kindly agreed to visit school on the 22nd April. He came into class 4 for 40mins to receive and answer questions asked by the children and to talk about before and life as a politician.

Rishi is very new to politics. In fact, this is the first time he has applied for an election! And he won! Well done Rishi. Before Rishi became a politician, he studied economics at a university in Silicon Valley

[California]. He had to prepare for years before he could qualify for becoming a member of parliament.

Rishi is Richmondshire's government representative. He works in London most of the time, in the Houses of Parliament [the big building attached to Big Ben]. He has met the Prime Minister, David Cameron, along with other M.P's. He has even met her royal majesty, Queen Elizabeth!

Some of the things Rishi is fighting to make better in Richmondshire are:

1. Broadband; many people have terrible broadband.
2. Farming; lots of farmers in the dales work hard to support their families, often staying up the night. Do they get paid fairly for their labours? No. Rishi is trying to make farmers' clients pay up fairly.
3. Rural schools; rural schools are schools like ours, out in the lovely Dales. Most government money goes to the big city schools, and rural schools do not always get enough money to supply adequate teaching equipment. It was really kind of Rishi to come in and talk to us. He could have gone to another school, or stayed down in London. But he chose to come up here and talk. So we think he deserves a great big: **THANK YOU**

Mathew Lewin Y6

Y4 Orienteering

On Tuesday morning, Year 4 went to a chilly, wind-swept Leyburn Shawl to do some Orienteering. Before starting we split ourselves into groups of six and voted on who should be the team leaders. Each team received an aerial photograph of the Shawl and a list of twenty six objects to be found. After we were given a safety talk we set off to find the objects. We had to search for sports equipment like a football, a cricket bat and a black bib. After a little help from a man and his dog we found a rugby ball. The golf putter proved the hardest to find! Working as a team we found all the objects and plotted them on an aerial photograph. There was a thirty second penalty for each object that was plotted in the wrong place!

Once each team member had raced over and touched the finishing board our time was recorded. Our teams came in first and third meaning together we **WON** the competition. We were thanked for our sportsmanship, manners and respect. We had a great morning! Thank you Mrs Whyte for your help.



Ranger Report

Coppicing for wildlife

Since my last report, National Park Authority staff and volunteers have completed this year's coppicing in the eastern part of Freeholders' Wood, adjacent to the Middle Falls at Aysgarth.

The aim is to create a variety of woodland habitats – clearings, thick bushy growth and more mature trees. This variety of conditions attracts a wide range of plant and animal species. The open glades provide ideal conditions for woodland flowers, while the thick coppice is favoured by nesting birds. A coppiced woodland is a rich habitat for wildlife - much richer than a uniform stand of mature trees.

Once cut, the coppiced timber was stored and then collected by the Freeholders of Carperby, who have an ancient right to do so.

Anyone walking through the wood will have noticed the wire mesh Gen Guards that are used to protect the new coppice growth from deer and rabbits. The guards will remain in place until the new shoots have established themselves and then be removed for reuse on future coppicing.

Over the winter months we have managed to complete some of our smaller projects. Paul, the Access Ranger, and his team of volunteers have built a stone footbridge adjacent to the ford on Flout Moor Lane between Aysgarth and Thoraby. The work included constructing new abutments from reclaimed stone and installing a secondhand stone flag to form a 'clapper bridge'. The team also laid stone flags to provide a path over the boggy ground at either side of the bridge.

Working with local contractors we have repaired the flood-damaged stepping stones at Slapstone Wath on the River Ure. Two had to be replaced and pinned to the riverbed after being struck by a tree floating down the river during one of the winter storms.

Open access closures

We are receiving notification of 28 day discretionary closures on open access land on some areas of moorland within the National Park. These will take affect from mid May onwards. Restrictions may also exist regarding dogs on open access land.

For more information on the areas and times of the closures, contact your Area Ranger or nearest National Park Centre. The closures do not affect public rights of way across open access land.

A note to dog owners

The breeding season - which lasts until July 31st - is a very sensitive time for birds and domestic and wild

animals as they give birth to, and then raise, their young. We would advise owners to keep dogs on a lead to reduce the risk of unintentional disturbance.

If you encounter any problems whilst using public rights of way or open access land, please contact either Paul Sheehan on **666226** or myself on **662912**.

Nigel Metcalfe
Area Ranger, Lower Wensleydale

Police Report June.

The last Month has been a very quiet period for incidents of crime being reported; 15 sheep were taken from the Askrigg area, a burglary in Bainbridge and two Minor Road Traffic collisions. Numerous calls were received from the public in relation to suspicious activity/ persons. NYP has a huge area to look after and your assistance as our eyes and ears is greatly appreciated.

At the time of writing, the sun is shining but it's not that warm yet and as the coming days drift into the hot and balmy days of summer (hopefully), people will be out and about visiting all our world renowned beauty spots. Cars will be parked with all types of lovely pickings on view for the less than honest members of our wider community. If you can see it — so can they. Remember to keep valuables either with you or at least out of sight. Leyburn officers will be conducting Crime awareness visits at car parking locations throughout our area providing a reassuring presence and dispensing advice to the public.

Julian Sutcliffe PC558 is the Northern Dales Beat Manager based at Leyburn and can be contacted on [Twitter @DalesPolice](https://twitter.com/DalesPolice).

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.
Donwatson@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Yoredale Natural History Society

Walks in June

Tuesday 14th. Ribbleshead Quarry National Nature Reserve. Meet **2.00pm** at GR763789—the track is just beyond the railway bridge at Ribbleshead. Contact number: **622043**

Sunday 26th Bell Flash Private Nature Reserve. Meet **2.00pm** at car park east of West Tanfield. Contact number: **663379**

Visitors are welcome at these events: £2.00

News from the Wensleydale School and Sixth Form

ASPIRING debaters clinch a place in the final of the prestigious PixL 'Up for Debate' competition.

With team-mate Imogen Hayden, the students from The Wensleydale School and Sixth Form College, will tackle some of the best young debating minds in the country on July 6th, in Jafar Hall, the spectacular new purpose-built debating chamber at Eton College. Before then they will receive intense training from the UK's top debating coaches at a masterclass in London, where they will learn to deepen their analysis, sharpen their argumentative attacks and maximise their persuasive impact on the audience.

The team will also see a West End Show and dine at The Kitchin Restaurant, a Michelin Star eatery run by top chef Tom Kitchin. The trio won through to the national final at the regional heats, held at Sunderland University. Imogen, 13, of Spennithorne, Sam, 13, of West Grafton and Rosalind, 14, of Leyburn, won their round one match arguing against violent video games. They took the second round match proposing a stop to child labour in less economically developed countries. Round three was an impromptu debate with just 15 minutes to prepare on vegetarianism – a topic they are passionate about. In the final round they just lost the debate opposing the removal of coursework from GCSEs. But they were put through to the final for their strong individual performances and consistent victories as one of the best eight teams nationally. "It was a bit scary at first but really good fun too," said trumpeter Sam who hopes to work in music in the film industry one day. Rosalind, who hopes to work in set design and props, added: "I am quite opinionated and love learning new things so I really enjoyed the whole experience and am looking forward to London and Eton." Imogen, who wants to work in musical theatre, said: "When we didn't win we thought it was over and when they rang to let us know we were in the final it was amazing." Teacher Charles Barnett, who runs the debating club, said he was thrilled with the team's success. "They all performed incredibly well offering clear and concise argument that was well delivered and very persuasive," he said. "The masterclass and the final at Eton College will be incredible experiences that the team members richly deserve."

For more information on opportunities at The Wensleydale School and Sixth Form visit www.wensleydale.n-yorks.sch.uk



Belvoir Hill Charity Gig at Wensleydale Rugby Club

8.00 p.m. Friday June 17th

At the end of June, I will be travelling to Ecuador in South America for two weeks on the volunteer programme 'Amazonas Explored' with VESABROAD.

I will be staying in a jungle town situated at the junction of two rivers. Each day I will travel by canoe to an otherwise inaccessible community and will work with the local people to provide them with fresh water, to restore Primary Schools, to teach English to the children and to build bathrooms for those who do not have access to such basic facilities as we take for granted.

I am thrilled to have the opportunity to help make a difference to the lives of people who are less fortunate than myself and I am hoping that the experience may result in helping me be a better person.

Belvoir Hill, the band in which my brother, Simon, plays, have kindly offered to hold a gig at Wensleydale Rugby Club, (and they are letting us use the clubroom at no charge – thank you to them), to help me raise the funds needed for me to go. As some of you who have been to one of Belvoir Hill's gigs may already know, they always put on a really good show, so you are guaranteed a good night!

It starts at 8.00pm. The bar will be open. Tickets at the door: £6 for adults, £4 for students and children.

Kate Chorley, Thornton Rust

A colorful poster for the Hawes & 49th District Gala. The text is in various colors and fonts, set against a blue background with white clouds. The main title is "Hawes & 49th District Gala" in large, bold letters. Below it, it says "Open Fancy Dress - All Welcome!" and "SATURDAY 25th JUNE, 2016". The location is "Hawes Community Field" and it will be opened by "The Gala Queen - Eilish Grant and Attendant - Gabi Raw". The start time is "at 12.30pm outside The Board Inn" and there is a "Shuttle Bus - From 12.00pm (Hawes/Gayle)".

Hawes Silver Band, Bishop Auckland Pipes and Drums, Circus skills workshop, Magic Show, Inflatables, Balloon modelling, Photo booth, Face painting, Races, Teas, Trade stalls, Beer tent
Children's disco, Hawes Market Hall 6-30- 8.30pm £2.50
Special guest appearance.
Under fives must be accompanied by an adult
GALA ADMISSION by programme £3 in advance, £4 at the gate. Under 16s go free.

Prunings, June 2016

This has been a week of colour. I remember, long ago, having a paint box where lots of greens were named, but the shades and hues in it were nothing compared with the myriad greens and golds that the trees are showing as they burst into life. In the hedge-backs the yellows emerge. Today I had to detour owing to a closed road and as we negotiated the lanes there was a stretch with every colour imaginable: primroses, cowslips, bluebells, jack-by-the-hedge and cherry blossom overhead. We drove round a corner and caught a glimpse of oilseed rape in the distance, and then huge clumps of brilliant gorse on the moor. What a treasure to view.

How wonderful to have some sunshine and warmth even though there is a chilly breeze. In fact the breeze had been more aggressive than I had allowed for, and yesterday (14th) I just had to sort out hose-pipes and do some watering. It was amazing how the pots had dried out. Suddenly the grass is growing like wild fire and my other half and the mower have put in a lot of hours. We have obtained the necessary preparation for treating moss which seems to be everywhere and borrowed a spreader to apply it. I have noted the warning that subsequent clippings should not be used as mulch, but they will be usable if composted for at least six months. Now there is another job I need to get involved with! I'm not sure I feel like turning a compost heap when the sun is shining.

Recent building repairs have meant that boots and stones landed in a corner where I had some ferns. Concerns that they might have come to harm were unwarranted. I should not have worried, when they felt the time was right they sprouted. - Tough as old boots!

Woman's Weekly featured a double page spread on ferns this week and Monty Don enthused about them on Gardener's World. Although in general they appear to have similar characteristics there are dozens of varieties which will grow well in our gardens and if you choose carefully you can find specimens for different soil types as well as positions. Most prefer an acidic environment but there are quite a few which grow best in limey soils. A beautiful appropriate example is the soft shield fern (*Polystichum seliferum*). Some will tolerate a high level of drought but most prefer some shade, and they can be used to create green leafy corners where not much else will thrive. A really good combination is to put them with Astilbes as they too like moisture retentive conditions. I think my favourite is the Hart's Tongue because I remember it from playing about in streams as a child, and I have recollections of Maidenhair Ferns spilling out of cracks in the rockery when I was a youngster. I

gather that some will thrive in pots and tubs, although I suppose they would need to be large ones to give the plants a chance.



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

Rose Rambler

Middleham and Dales Local History Group

MIDDLEHAM KEY CENTRE,

Tuesday June 21st, 2.00pm

Fact or Fiction? Mrs Gaskell and The Life of Charlotte Bronte, by Dr Juliet Barker

The Eighth John Rettie Memorial Lecture

Few biographies have so successfully shaped our image of their subject as Mrs Gaskell's *Life of Charlotte Bronte*. In this bicentenary year of Charlotte Bronte's birth, Juliet Barker takes a fresh look at Mrs Gaskell's enduring tribute to her friend – and separates out the fact from the fiction.

Juliet Barker, who now lives in the Dales, is an internationally recognised expert on the Brontes; a former curator and librarian of the Bronte Parsonage Museum at Haworth, and the author of the prize-winning *The Brontes and The Brontes: A life in Letters*. She is also a respected medieval historian and has published thought provoking books on the battle of Agincourt and the so-called Peasants' Revolt of 1381 (*Agincourt: The King, The Campaign and the Battle and England Arise: the great Revolt of 1381*).

Annual membership of Middleham and the Dales Local History Group is £10; visitors are welcome at £3 per meeting. For more information contact **Tony Keates 640436, dotandtonyk@btinternet.com**

Success at the Institute

After the huge success of the Pie and Peas Supper at Thornton Rust Institute, we are holding our **SPRING BARBEQUE** on **June 4th**. A similar event last year was very enjoyable and popular although the weather could have been better! If you would like to come PLEASE reserve a space ASAP by phoning **Ian 663923, Carole 663293 or Sue 663504**.

You will be very welcome. Cost £10.00 including a sweet.

Later in the month we are having a village treasure hunt. This will take place from **2.00pm on June 26th**.

The cost will be £5.00 including afternoon tea. Local walking in the village only.



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

F I L M S

Fri 03 June - 5.00 pm & 7.30 pm - The Danish Girl (15) 1hrs 59m.
Fri 10 June - 4.30 pm & 7.30 pm - The Revenant (15) 2hr 36m.
Fri 17 June - No Film will be shown due to the Food & Drink Festival.
Fri 24 June - 5.00 pm & 7.30 pm - Dad's Army (PG) 1hr 40m.
Coming Soon In the Heart of the Sea, Trumbo, Eddie the Eagle, Jungle Book, Sing Street.

PART OF THE 'EXPLORING FILM SEASON'

Tue 07 June - 7.00 pm - 5 Broken Cameras (15) 1hr 34m. £5. Cafe open 6 pm.
Sat 25 June - 7.00 pm - Addicted to Sheep (PG) 1hr 26m. £8 inc. refreshments.
(Supported by Film Hub North, led by Showroom Workstation. Proud to be part of the BFI Film Audience Network)

E V E N T S

Tue 07 June - 1.30 pm to 4.00 pm Table Top & Book Sale Free Entry.
Sat 11 June - 7.30 pm Steve Pledger Tickets £10.
Sat 18 Sun 19 June Food & Drink Festival Many activities will be taking place.
Sat 18 June - 7.30 pm All Time Favourites with Colin Bailey Tickets £10.
Sat 09 July - 7.30 pm Bob, Jess & Guests Including Niamh Tickets £10.

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**Swaledale Festival Events in the
 Newsletter Circulation Area**

Sunday May 29th, 4.00pm Mr Miller's Edwardian Recording Studio; Gunnerside Methodist Chapel.

7.30pm Solo piano: Benjamin Grosvenor. St Oswald's Askrigg

Friday June 3rd 11.00am. Flora around Gunnerside, guided walk.

4.00pm Hut People; Gunnerside Methodist Chapel.

Sunday June 5th 7.30pm Solo piano: Richard Uttley.

Monday June 6th 7.30pm Muker Band. Muker Village Hall

Wednesday June 8th 2.00pm Red Squirrel walk. Meet Mirk Pot House, Snaizeholme.

Thursday June 9th 10.00am Geology guided walk. Meet Keld Heritage Centre

4.00pm Guitar and Flute recital. St Mary's, Muker.

Wensleydale Society

Some places are still available for non-members on the visit to Drax Power Station on **Tuesday June 28th**. The coach will leave Leyburn at **9.45am**; return approx. 6.30pm. Cost including coach, lunch and guided talk is £20. Bookings can be made by ringing **624246**. This visit is part of the Society's Summer Events Programme. Membership of the Society is £5 per year which also includes monthly talks and a Walks Programme.

Drop-off points and contacts

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

Hawes:	Alan S. Watkinson, Burnside Coach House.	667785
Gayle:	Sarah Champion 23, Little Ings	667006
Bainbridge:	Sylvia Crookes, 3, Bainside	650525
Askrigg:	Rima Berry, 8 Mill Lane	650980
Carperby:	Margaret Woodcock, Bella Cottage	663488
West Burton:	Nadine Bell, Margaret's Cottage	663559
Aysgarth:	Hamilton's Tearoom	663423
Redmire:	see Carperby above	
Thoralby:	Sandra Foley, Shop	663205