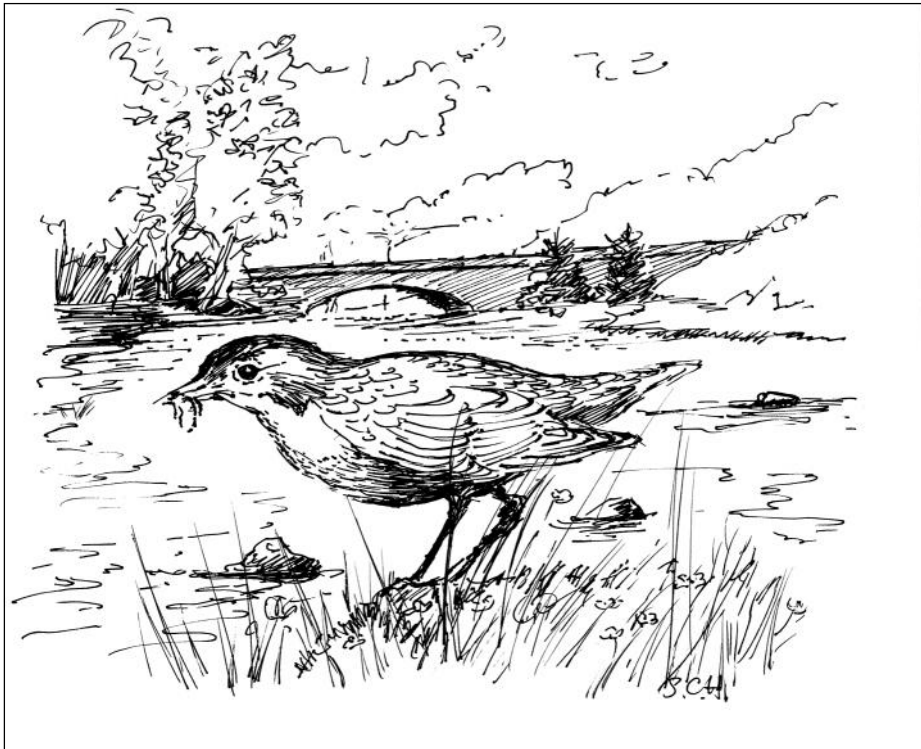


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Editorial

This begins miserably, but no worries – it gets better! At the ‘macro’ level, i.e. international and national, things are certainly uncertain. Some older people say they can never remember such division and bitterness, even between friends or within families, caused by the strong reactions (and misgivings?) on both sides, resulting from the European discussions and the election of the new American president. Sometimes there seems to be a national anxiety: Brexit, our relations with America, NHS in crisis especially A and E departments, the recurring abuse scandals going back decades, and now frightening situations in our prisons, and then the constant debate about serious climate change. So what do we do? We mustn’t ignore these things but seek out the truth (which isn’t too easy to do at the moment). It’s probably fair to say that the default attitude of most of us is to moan! But there is something else, and it’s at the ‘micro’ level as opposed to the ‘macro’. It concerns our locality and looking for good news within the reality of our lives here, as a counterbalance to those wider matters which concern us but which we feel powerless to change. Would you like some examples?

Contemplate for a moment these facts: the fantastic scenery all around to lift the spirits, the fact that people make eye contact and greet friends and strangers alike, that newcomers from all over the place are made welcome, that children and young people chat to the elderly – and vice-versa, that children still ‘play out’ in safety in play parks and on the roads. There’s good news of the enhancement of cancer treatment and MRI facilities at the Friarage; it’s a shame that reactions have not been as supportingly vocal as they are in condemnation when it seems services are to be downgraded! The Little White Bus continues to increase in passenger numbers (and with high satisfaction rates) to serve the community, and its regular trips become more popular – even getting over-subscribed. We have a splendid number of tea-shops, several open at quieter times, which is so much better than in other parts of the country.

Some people we know have a permanent carrier bag to pick up litter as they walk about; others, with a huge amount at the check-out, will let someone behind with a single item, go first; others make a point of smiling at everyone they meet, known or not! Yet others will move off the footway in deference to a push-chair user or the very elderly. Not seen ‘so and so’ for some days? Don’t just wonder about it; call round and see. There might have been an accident or crisis. Feeling better already? So it is by DOING that we can improve our well-being. Although our area is a volunteering hot-spot (this Newsletter relies on a huge number of

them) there are always vacancies on our ten parish councils; and village halls and organisations often have committee vacancies.

So what are we saying? While the more ‘macro’ affairs continue to concern us – even frighten some - and even at the ‘micro’ level, locally, we worry and moan, by DOING we contribute to the overall wellbeing, and what’s more feel better ourselves!

Help!

Would you like to volunteer a couple of hours per month through the summer in assisting to keep the top graveyard at St. Margaret’s church in Hawes tidy?

If so, please contact;

Geraldine at the Jewellers **667831** or **Steve Richardson 667550**

Thanks to donations given last year, a mower was bought and strimmers mended, but more donations would be gladly accepted, no matter how small, to keep the mower and strimmers running.

Thank you.

Geraldine Sumner

Coleshouse Deeds

A few weeks ago it came to our notice that the deeds to *Coleshouse*, Marie Hartley’s house in Askrigg, were being offered for sale. They were first offered to Sue Peckett who now owns the house.

So Sue and I and Dr Christine Hallas took a drive down to the Antiquarian Bookshop at Bolton Abbey to see the deeds, and what we found was very exciting:-

various indentures written on parchment and dating back to 1741, with the appropriate seals attached, and more recent papers relating to the purchase of Coleshouse by Marie Hartley and Ella Pontefract.

The price being asked was rather steep and Sue Peckett decided not to buy them; so after phoning round various members of the committee of the Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum it was agreed that they would purchase the documents on behalf of the Friends so that they could be kept at the Museum. So one more trip down to Bolton Abbey and the transaction was accomplished

It is our intention to have all the documents photocopied and made available for the public in the Research Room, and the originals kept in a safe and secure environment in the Museum store room.

Sue Foster

Woodland Planted in Hawes



Gemma Calvert hammers in a support post, assisted by Sara Langstaff, during a tree planting group day in Hawes. They were part of a group of volunteers which planted a total of 200 trees on Thursday

February 16th.

Gemma from Gayle, was one of five members of staff from J. R Hopper estate agents on a team-building day. Sara from Thirsk, has been a “Dales Volunteer” for the past four years.



Another volunteer was the field owner, Steven Ward (pictured, digging), a TV engineer and bird watcher. He said he'd given up a patch of valuable grazing land for “wildlife purposes, to get a bit of

diversity back and to create a corridor for animals to move through”.

On the day, he worked with Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Area Manager (North), Matt Neale.

Matt said: “We’ve put in a conservation-based mix of trees which will improve things for birds. It’s a small scheme, to match the other small areas of planting which are characteristic of Upper Wensleydale. On its own it wouldn’t make much difference, but with the other areas it will be good for animals such as red squirrels, which are thriving in Cotterdale and Snaizeholme.”

The mix includes Silver Birch, Hawthorn, Common Holly, Scots Pine, Bird Cherry, Blackthorn and Rowan. They had been bought (with a YDNPA grant) from a nursery in the Cheviots.

The new woodland site is on the north side of Hawes close to the River Ure, by a public right of way. It was chosen because it was not prone to flooding and because, being sloped, it was difficult to get a crop of hay off it. The fencing round the site, to keep out deer, was funded by the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust.

A Date for Your Diary

Wednesday March 22nd, 7.30pm

SYCAMORE HALL, BAINBRIDGE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
NEWSLETTER

All readers are welcome to attend.



Eunice the Ewe

I was in P.A. Dooley’s advert on page 4 and the winner of the £10 prize is

Evie Harrington

Where am I now? Please enclose your postal address if replying by email— if you wish to be entered for the £10 prize.

Wensleydale Concert Series

On **Saturday March 25th at 7.30pm** in Aysgarth Church the 2017 season continues with a piano recital given by two rising stars of the piano world. South Korean pianist Victor Lim, who recently won the European Beethoven Chamber Music Competition, and Theresa Yu an accomplished



Australian pianist finishing her studies at the Royal College of Music in London. They will be performing both solo and together. The concert includes music by Janacek,

Beethoven, Chopin and Debussy.

Further information and tickets are available via www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk where you can also watch and listen to videos of them playing.

Carol Haynes

British Stars from Germany at Carperby Concerts

A reminder that Germany’s favourite English folk duo will be playing at Carperby Village Institute on **Saturday March 4th**. Broom Bezzums is a unique, powerful live acoustic duo featuring the talents of Andrew Cadie and Mark Bloomer. They have twice won the “Folk” category at the German Rock and Pop Prize and their latest album, “No Smaller Than The World”, won the prestigious German Record Critics’ Award and gained rave reviews in the UK.

For this concert they will be joined by Katie Doherty, an extremely well respected and award-winning singer and songwriter from the North East of England. Together, they will provide a memorable evening and all proceeds will go to Carperby Playing Fields Association. Tickets are still available at £13 in advance or £15 on the door. Call **663808** to book or for further details. Don’t miss out on what promises to be a great night.

Steve Sheldon



Letters

Dear Mr Watkinson

As a 'returner' to this lovely dale I congratulate you on the entertaining and informative

magazine—very impressive..

I had to smile whilst reading the February Newsletter. The solution to the previous month's "mystery picture" was given as "the hostel between Thoralby and Newbiggin". For those of your readers that fall well into my own pensionable age group, it would have been identified as "Cross Lanes School". All the children from Aysgarth, Thoralby, Newbiggin, Gayle Ing and in Bishopdale would have spent their early years there. I started there in 1953 at age five with a wonderful teacher—Mrs Dorothy Knighton. I say "wonderful" because at that time the school took students from five to 15, all in one room with Mrs Knighton as the sole teacher.

Some years later another teacher was appointed—Miss Edith Raine. She taught the younger children, and Mrs Knighton taught the older ones, still in one room with half facing one way and the others the opposite way! Those ladies earned their salary. I loved my time at Cross Lanes and when I moved into higher education and told others about my early years, I came to realise what a privilege it was to be taught in such an environment. I am sure there are now many, now elderly, dalesfolk who remember it with equal fondness.

Yours sincerely,

Hilary M. Stallworthy (née Shaw), Burterset

Dear Sir,

HAPPY FOR PUBLICATION!

We were delighted to discover that the mystery picture in your February edition was of the front entrance to the Aysgarth Edwardian Rock Garden. We have owned the garden since 2012 and would like to remind readers that it is freely open all year round during daylight hours with a donation invited towards upkeep.

The 2014 book, *Aysgarth Edwardian Rock Garden: a story of creation and re-creation*, which details the history of the garden and describes the planting, is still available from Hamilton's Tearoom in Aysgarth, National Park Centres and other local retail outlets.

The season has now begun with snowdrops and other early flowers in bloom and we would like to invite readers to visit, especially if they have never been through the gate before!

Best Wishes to all at UWNL,

**Rosemary and Adrian Anderson,
West Witton**

We also received a letter from "The anonymous walker". We are sorry but we do not print anonymous communications but for pressing reasons might occasionally withhold the printing of a byline.

Upper Dales Family History Group

This month's speaker is genealogist Kate Hurst on 'A Priest in a Tree'. Based on Kate's research into her own family history this talk is an overview of the anti-Catholic legislation which affected the lives of English men who trained as priests between the sixteenth and nineteenth centuries, illustrated by the experiences of five members of the Hurst family and a list of useful resources.

The talk is at **2.00pm** in Fremington Sunday School near Reeth on **Wednesday, March 22nd** and admission for non-members, who are very welcome, is £2.

For more details or to check for cancellations contact **07432 677783** or email:

moverley.yorkshire@outlook.com

Tracy Little



LASS - Leyburn Arts and Social Society

Meet monthly on the fourth Tuesday of the month in the Oak Room at Thornborough Hall in Leyburn at **7.15pm**; we are a social group who are interested in film. Please telephone **622023** for more information.

Enjoy an a la Carte Brunch

at Thoralby Village Hall

**Saturday March 18th from 10.00am until
1.00pm**

All welcome

Special Church Events in March

Ash Wednesday March 1st

7.00pm Holy Communion at St Oswald's, Castle Bolton

7.30pm Ashing service at St Margaret's Hawes

LENT COURSES in the Upper Dale on the theme of 'The Lord's Prayer'- (see box below)- and further down the dale in Wensley Village Hall on **7th, 14th, 21st and 28th March and on 4th and 11th April**. These lectures will be based on Faith Pictures from the Church Army and will take place from **7.00 - 8.30pm**.

All are welcome to any and all of these sessions.

LENT QUIET TIMES will be held in St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth from **2.30-3.30pm on 13th, 20th and 27th March and on 3rd April** for quiet reflection, prayer and worship.

Sunday 26th March is Mothering Sunday and special services will be held at:

9.30am St Margaret's, Preston u Scar (HC)

9.30 am St Mary's, Redmire

9.30am Children's Church at Wensley Village Hall with refreshments and papers for parents.

10.30am St Oswald's, Askrigg

10.45am West Burton Chapel (with Aysgarth)

4.30pm St Bartholomew's, West Witton

6.00pm Thornton Rust Mission Room

Lent Lunches

Churches Together in the Hawes area

GAYLE METHODIST CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM

Tuesdays from noon: March 14th, 21st, 28th

Hearty soup and bread lunch followed by short Lenten reflection

'Your Kingdom Come'



A series of five Lenten reflections

Led by Rev Dave and Sarah Clark

'The Lord's Prayer'

March 8th - Askrigg Village Hall

March 15th - National School Hall - Hawes

March 22nd - Askrigg Village Hall

March 29th - National School Hall - Hawes

April 5th - Askrigg Village Hall

7:15 - 8:45

All are welcome to attend

Lent Lunches; Penhill Benefice

(We apologise for the wrong information received and printed last month)

March 3rd REDMIRE

March 10th WEST BURTON

March 17th THORNTON RUST

March 24th THORALBY

March 31st AYSGARTH

April 7th CARPERBY

These are all Fridays from noon to 1.30pm and donations are invited for Christian Aid.

Evelyn Abraham

Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society

2.00pm March 14th

MIDDLEHAM KEY CENTRE

The Interiors of Jane Austen's Heroines

To commemorate the 200th anniversary of Jane Austen's death this lecture explores the late Georgian interiors inhabited by her heroines. The formal drawing rooms of Mansfield Park, Barton Park, Rosings and Northanger Abbey will be compared to the lesser Georgian drawing rooms in the country, London and Bath. In her novels Austen gives us an insight into her characters' world and the lecture will highlight the fascinating details of furniture design, interior decoration including wallpaper, china and glass, reflecting the tastes and fashions of her time.

Diana Lloyd is a freelance lecturer in ceramics, glass and the history of interior decoration in Europe.

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. The cost is £8 per lecture.

It would be helpful to inform the Membership Secretary beforehand if possible, on **01765 635244**, rosalindhigson@btinternet.com

Coffee Morning

Askrigg Village Hall

Saturday March 11th 10.00am - noon

Hosted by St Oswald's Church

£2.50 entry including tea or coffee and scones

Wrapped Tombola

Notes from Thorney Mire

Late Winter

I have been receiving reports from people in Appersett, Gayle and Hawes that they too have seen red squirrels in their gardens. This is good news as it means that these endearing little creatures are spreading down the Dale. When we first moved to Thorney Mire over twenty years ago, we never saw red squirrels, only grey ones, but over the years they have gradually made our wood their home. We had four grey squirrels “evicted” from our wood in December and the red ones are back. Sometimes at a distance, to an untrained eye, it is not always easy to tell a red from a grey squirrel, because at certain times of the year, greys have a red tinge to their coats. Even during squirrel surveys when hairs from squirrels are collected on sticky pads, it is not easy to tell if they have come from a red or a grey. It is only when the hairs are put under a microscope and the structure of the hairs can be seen, that it is determined which species they belong to. The hair from a grey squirrel is round in shape and a red is kidney shaped. Grey squirrels are bigger than reds and have bushier tails but, the distinguishing feature is the ears. Reds have little tufts of hairs on their ears, greys do not.

At the end of January we took part in the RSPB bird count. Although I do not think this gives an accurate picture of bird numbers, I still have to do it. It's like an annual addiction, like going to the January sales. You don't really need anything but you don't want to miss a bargain. Likewise you wouldn't want to miss seeing an exotic species which might just happen to land on your bird feeders, in one given hour, on one given weekend in January.

We counted twelve different species, including a goldcrest and a total number of twenty five birds, give or take a few hyperactive blue tits. The exotic species didn't turn up. The weather was cold and dry; had there been snow on the ground for several days, the count would have been different. The robin population would have quadrupled, blackbirds would have come from nowhere and all the tit family would have invited their relatives and friends from the surrounding area to join them, leaving us to negotiate a mortgage to pay for all the extra food.

Sylvia Turner

Women's World Day of Prayer

Hawes area service

March 3rd

HARDRAW CHURCH

3.00pm Followed by refreshments.

Men welcome also!

Footpath Update

The footpath across the fields between the Bruntacres Business Park in Hawes and the road by the river Ure, just downstream from Haylands Bridge, is, although flagged, very muddy in any wet weather. The National Park Rangers have formulated a plan to repair the path. They will clear the mud off and cut the turf back to reveal the full width of the path. Where possible they will replace the broken stone flags and install a new tractor crossing point using heavy duty flags. They aim to undertake the work this month subject to the ground conditions. If the ground is still too wet to allow vehicles and machinery on site they will undertake the work in summer.

A.M.



Mystery picture.

Last month's was of Aysgarth Rock Garden—see 'Letters' page 5 Where is this month's?

Wensleydale Tournament of Song

March 20th – March 24th Speech

March 27th - March 31st Music

March 2017 will see the 107th Wensleydale Tournament of Song held in Leyburn. This year we are very pleased to welcome a new patron Lady Diana Brittan D.B.E. to join our other patrons Dr.Gervase Phinn, Mr Piers Browne and Mr Rodney Tennant. The tournament has a great tradition in offering the opportunity for all ages to enter various classes of both music and speech and gain an objective opinion by professional and respected adjudicators along with the chance to compete for trophies and prizes for the various categories. We are delighted that our Grand Finale Extravaganza will again take place at The Garden Rooms, Tennants on **Friday March 31st**. During the day school choirs will take part and the evening will be a wonderful evening of adult choral and ensemble music. All the classes are open to the public and attract sizeable audiences throughout the fortnight's performances at the Methodist Chapel in Leyburn with the final evening attracting an enthusiastic capacity audience. We look forward to seeing you there!

Diana Hartley

Wensleydale School and Sixth Form Debating Team

Opportunities must be created for young people to have a voice in their community, a gathering of councillors, church leaders, business people and an MP were told by students.

Imogen, 14, a member of Wensleydale School's debating team, was proposing the motion "This house believes that the Council should create more economic and social opportunities for youth" in the debate organised by the school and Leyburn Town Plan steering group.

She was opposed by Emrys Lawton, 16. "The very fact that we've been invited to debate the subject at this event is a good example of how we are being involved," he said. Young people made up only a fifth of the population of Richmondshire, he argued, so why should they receive a disproportionate amount of town council funds?

"Why split up the money between older and younger generations when it can be spent on things that help everyone, such as transport?"



The great debate: MP Rishi Sunak, with, L-R, event organizer Coun Karin Sedgwick, James Allen, Abby Spenceley (moderator), Imogen Imogen, Emrys Lawton and Rosalind Monaghan. Seated, Sam Maunder, assistant head Charlie Barwell and Millie Deaton

Sam Maunder, 14, also speaking for the motion, agreed that transport was an issue: "But if there's nothing for the youth to be transported to, then there's no point. Leyburn could act as a hub for surrounding villages. Young people are the future of Leyburn and supporting them benefits the whole community."

Rosalind Monaghan, 14, for the opposition argued for priorities to be addressed: "You can't change how someone feels by just giving them more facilities. The truth is we do have opportunities. We must prioritise before we go on to the extras that we don't really need."

The team proposing the motion won by a five-vote majority. Afterwards, Richmondshire MP Rishi Sunak praised the teams for their debating skills.

He said: "Debating is important, whether it's in a formal setting like this, or discussing Brexit around the kitchen table."

"It's a frightening fact that 80 per cent of over 65s turn out to vote in elections, but less than half of

under 25s do. Get involved. Lobby your councillors about this town plan. Shout loudly, or your voice won't be heard."

Karin Sedgwick, a member of the town plan steering group, said: "We want to engage young people. The idea of the formal debate was a great way of involving the teenagers and getting their views on how they want the town to develop."

Andy Wilkinson

Two new Members for National Park Authority

One of the new Members is **Allen Kirkbride** who is the Secretary of State (Parish) appointee for the Richmondshire parishes. He replaces the long-serving Member, Harold Brown. From Swaledale. Mr Kirkbride has always lived and farmed in Askrigg, having been educated at Wensleydale School. He is Chairman of Askrigg Parish Council, a member of Yorebridge Educational Foundation and a trustee of Askrigg Foundation and the Cumbria and Yorkshire Dales Farmers Network. He is also Vice-Chairman of Hawes Farmers Auction Mart and a Director of the Upper Wensleydale Community Partnership and Yorebridge Sports and Leisure.

John Fort has been appointed to the Authority by North Yorkshire County Council, replacing the long-serving member, Shelagh Marshall. Mr Fort has lived at Dacre since 1971 when he was posted to Pateley Bridge as a member of West Yorkshire Police. During his time in the Police service, he was awarded the British Empire Medal for Services to Police Charities, retiring in 1993. In 1997, Mr Fort was elected as a County Councillor for Pateley Bridge Division. He has been an Executive Member for Business and Environment Services, Social Services and has also held the position of Chairman of the County Council. He is Chairman of Dacre Parish Council, an Executive Member of Nidderdale AONB, a lifelong member of Nidderdale Agricultural Society and a member of the County Outdoor Education Service.

Air Ambulance Clothes Collection ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, HAWES

Wednesday March 15th.

Bags available in Church for Old or New Clothes, curtains, towels, bedding, shoes, used ink cartridges and old mobile phones (not pillows or duvets). **Bags by 10.00am please**

Proceeds will be split between The Great North Air Ambulance and the Church.

Margaret Grattan

Odanrot!

Yes, Tornado had to run backwards when going south on its several trips along the line from Skipton



to Appleby for three days last month as it couldn't be turned round at Appleby! But as an exercise to promote the line again in readiness for the reopening after the

disastrous land slip near Armathwaite which has caused one of Network Rail's biggest ever engineering jobs, it has been a huge success. All the trips were more or less filled with over **5,500** people in total, and all along the line at the usual viewing points were plenty of sightseers.

Settle and Carlisle Re-opening Special

The Keighley and Worth Valley Railway is delighted to announce the running of a commemorative railtour from Oxenhope to Carlisle on **Friday March 31st** behind 'Flying Scotsman', in conjunction with Northern Rail, Network Rail and Friends of the Settle and Carlisle. The train, which will be operated by West Coast Railways, will form part of the re-opening celebrations of the line which is scheduled to re-open on this day.

This immense feat of modern railway engineering is due for completion by the end of March and the KWVR special from Oxenhope to Carlisle and return will be one of the first trains to traverse the closed section and will represent a fitting way to pay tribute to the work of our railway engineers and the re-opening of this special line.

On that day the bells of churches in Appleby, Kirkby Stephen and Lazonby will ring out in celebration as the train passes! **A.S.W.**

News About the Irish!

We asked for any memories about the Irish workers who were taken on for hay time in our area in the past.

Albert Calvert from Preston under Scar (whose dad was a shepherd) remembers a couple of Irish lads, taken on each year in the market place in Leyburn (as also happened in Hawes) and employed at W. Burnett in Preston until after the second world war.

They were Tom and Jim O'Kane who were provided with food by the family and earned £20 per week and usually sleeping in available outbuildings. That wasn't all they did; after haytimming they were off to Lincolnshire to harvest the turnips before returning home!

Thanks, Albert, for that information.

A.S.W.

February Competition Answers

Add a letter

Shameful admission: the example given had the wrong spelling for 'beet' and therefore made no sense!

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. ANGLE BANGLE | 2. THEM THEME |
| 3. OUNCE BOUNCE | 4. ARK LARK |
| 5. PASTIE PASTIME | 6. SACK SHACK |
| 7. BOOM BROOM | 8. BOAR BOARD |
| 9. CAME CAMEL | 10. RADIANT RADIANT |
| 11. DEIST DEMIST | 12. ARROW FARROW |
| 13. GAZE GRAZE | 14. ICE LICE |
| 15. OUTRAN OUTRANK | 16. MAN MEAN |
| 17. NAVE KNAVE | 18. OFF TOFF |

The winner, donating the £20 prize to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance was **John Snow, Hawes.**

This Month's Competition

Anagrams of landscape features within the National Park.

1. REAL CLINKERS
2. THAN RAM ALM
3. LACE HELPED AL
4. RAGGED SMALL TEEN
5. OAST RANGES
6. ABLE WORDED
7. EWER STREAM
8. THROWS A HUT RANGE
9. LARGE FRESH TUNNEL
10. CURE BLINKS
11. NO CARROTS
12. CUTE OUT SPLAY
13. HAW EVICTS RACES
14. YOU HERD BARRATT

Send in as many as you can do; you might be the winner, and please give the name of the charity to which we will send the £20 prize.

Gayle Mill Open Days

**March 9th and 15th
11.00am to 4.00pm**

We are throwing the mill doors open on these days, so come and pay us a visit, talk to our volunteers and find out what we do at Gayle Mill. Let us know what hidden talents you have and register to become one of our volunteers! We are looking for Receptionists, Tour Guides, woodworkers, craft people and many more jobs to fill. Coffee and cake, tea and scones and a warm welcome awaits.

You too could be part of the Gayle Mill Experience! **667320**

Heavens Above



This year's Vernal Equinox, marking the beginning of spring in the northern hemisphere, falls on March 20th. It's the time when the Sun crosses the celestial equator from south to north and the days get longer than the nights. Amongst the stars the changeover in the seasons is already well under way. Orion and the rest of the winter constellations are still on view but they're rapidly slipping westwards, and by mid-April they'll have faded away into the evening twilight. Now the view south is filled by a whole new set of stars – Virgo, Corona Borealis the Northern Crown, Bootes the Herdsman, the strongman Hercules, and Leo the Celestial Lion. Leo, well up by late evening, is easy to recognise with a large sickle-shaped pattern of stars (like a backward facing '?') forming the beast's head and mane, and a prominent rectangular outline of the body and tail.

Virgo the Virgin, to the lower left of Leo, is the second largest constellation, and looks a bit like a giant letter 'Y'. Its brightest star, Spica, is meant to represent an ear of corn. This year Virgo hosts the giant planet Jupiter, standing a little above and slightly to the right of Spica. Sprawling along the southern horizon below Virgo and Leo, you'll find the largest of all the constellations, Hydra the Water Snake. See if you can spot the compact cirlet of stars forming its head. Kite-shaped Bootes with orange Arcturus, marking its sharply-pointed bottom corner, lies over in the eastern sky around 10.00pm mid-month. It's very easy to find – just look for The Plough (high in the north-east) and then follow the curve of its 'Handle' downwards for about 30°. Venus is still a spectacular object at the start of the month, but soon disappears into the solar glare as it heads towards inferior conjunction (when it passes between the Earth and the Sun) on March 25th. It re-appears as a lovely 'Morning Star' low in the east a day or so later. Venus's place in the western twilight is taken by the innermost planet, Mercury, putting on its best evening show of the year in late March and early April. It's much lower in the sky than Venus and a good deal fainter, but if you've a clear horizon you shouldn't have much trouble spotting it low in the west round about 8.00pm. Finally, don't confuse the Equinox with British Summer Time which starts on March 26th this year. Remember - you need to put your clocks *forward* an hour. Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

Youth Theatre Summer School

Greece not Grease!

North Country Theatre, one of the region's most popular touring companies, will be leading a week long summer school at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes in the first week of August and they would like to hear from interested young people now.

"Our plan is to re-purpose the circular 'auction-mart' space at the Museum as an ancient Greek Amphitheatre and to create a performance based on the legend of Theseus and the Minotaur." said Director Nobby Dimon. "We'll have experienced professional actors leading workshops and rehearsals and performing side by side with the young people. There are 20 places available for 14-20 year olds who want to develop their performance skills and learn about the ancient Greek origins of theatre" To find out more visit www.northcountrytheatre.com.

The In Concert Band with Colin Bailey present 'Movie Magic'

March 2017 sees the popular return of Colin Bailey and friends for a magical evening of songs from the movies, featuring Disney classics and blockbusters hits. This feature presentation of live music which has something for everyone to enjoy will be showing at the following venues:

Friday March 10th Newton Le Willows Village Institute . **Friday March 17th** Georgian Theatre Royal, Richmond. **Saturday 18th March** Middleham Key Centre. **Friday 31st March** Reeth Memorial Hall. **Saturday April 1st** Thoraby Village Hall. All performances start at **7.30pm (Reeth, 8.00pm)**. Tickets £10.00 Proceeds in support of music workshops for young people in Wensleydale and Swaledale. For more information and tickets visit the box office at www.blueboxt.co.uk, Leyburn Arts and Community Centre or contact Colin Bailey, **07711 211169** |info@blueboxt.co.uk

Penhill Poachers

THORNTON RUST INSTITUTE

Saturday March 25th, 7.00pm

TICKETS LIMITED

Licensed bar

£13 including supper

To book: **Sue: 663504**

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

DCM events: February to April

Exploration of Land and Nature

1 February - 2 April

Stunning photographs by David Higgins and Gary Lawson, inspired by the landscape and wildlife of the Yorkshire Dales National Park and other protected areas.

Price included in Museum admission

March

- 1 Hawes Drama Group reads 'Private Lives' by Noel Coward; Gayle Institute 7.00pm
- 3 Wensleydale Society. See p.12
- 3 World Day of Prayer. See p.7
- 3,10,17,24,31 Mid Dales Lent lunches. See p.6
- 4 Carperby Concert. See p.4
- 5 Gayle Mill Demonstration Tours: 11.00am and 2.30pm, £12, A two hour tour. Includes light refreshments
- 5 Bainbridge Methodists at St. Oswald's Church, Askrigg, 10.30am
- 7 King's Club planning meeting. Bainbridge Chapel, 7.00pm
- 7,14,21,28 Lent courses. See p.6
- 9,15 Gayle Mill Open Days. See p 9
- 10 Filling Station. Middleham Key Centre, 7.00pm
- 10 Pie and Peas Supper at Berry's, 7.00pm. £10 incl. glass of wine. 'phone **663206** or **624109** for tickets.
- 10,17,18,31 In-concert Band: 'Movie Magic. See p.10
- 11 Murder Mystery. See this page
- 11 Askrigg Coffee Morning, See p.6
- 12 Bainbridge Methodists at Sycamore Hall
- 12 Table Top Sale, Hawes Market House
- 13,20,27 Lent Quiet Times. See p.6
- 14 Decorative and Fine Arts Society. See p.6
- 14 YDNA planning committee; Yoredale Bainbridge. 1.00pm
- 14,21,28 Upper Dales Lent lunches. See p.6
- 15 St Margaret's Hawes; clothes collection. See p.8
- 16 Fashion Show for Hawes Gala in the Fountain Hotel, Hawes
- 17 Women's Voices and Women Votes. A talk by Ann Henderson at the DCM about suffragettes in the Yorkshire Dales, 7.30pm
- 17 U3A meeting and talk. See p.11
- 17 Upper Wensleydale Ladies Darts League presentation night and disco in the Fountain, Hawes

- 18 Gayle Mill event. Wheelwrighting, 9.00am to 5.00pm. £80 per person. See p.18
- 18 Thoraby Brunch. See p 5
- 19 Bainbridge Methodists at Aysgarth
- 19 Marsett Chapel Singalong, 8.00pm
- 19 Methodist Service at St. Margaret's, Hawes
- 20-31 Wensleydale Tournament of Speech and Song. See p.7
- 21 Middleham and Dales History. See p.17
- 22 Upper Dales Family History. See p.5
- 25 Penhill Poachers, Thornton Rust Institute. See p.10
- 25 Wensleydale Concert Series. See p.4
- 26 Bainbridge Methodist at Sycamore Hall
- 26 Aysgarth Methodists at West Burton
- 26 Mothering Sunday. **CLOCKS GO FORWARD ONE HOUR**
- 28 Gayle Fellowship AGM 7.30pm
- 28 YDNPA Full Authority Meeting, Yoredale, Bainbridge. 1.00pm

April

- 2 Gayle Mill Demonstration Tours: 11.00am and 2.30pm. £12 Inc. light refreshments
- 3 Gayle Mill remains opens for one hour tours Sunday to Friday, 1.00 and 3.00pm. Demonstration Tours at 11.00am and 2.30pm on first Sunday of each month

Murder Mystery Theatre Group Director Murdered! Whodunit?

Looking for a great night out with a difference? How about a two course meal whilst being a detective and solving a crime? Not so much a Midsummer drama but Wensleydale Music and Theatre Group. The director will get murdered before your very eyes! But will you be able to tell us whodunit? Come along to **Hawes Market House 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm Saturday March 11th 2017** for our Murder Mystery; an enjoyable evening of entertainment. £15 a head and you can bring your own drinks. So come along with your friends and form a team and see if you can detect the crime and work out 'whodunit'. If you come alone we will help you join a team. Tickets available from any committee member or on the internet via our Facebook page or at

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/venue/EKIELH>.

Please note: due to catering arrangements tickets must be bought in advance. There will be no sales on the door. The cut-off date for ticket sales is **Wednesday March 8th. 2017.**

Graham Di Duca

A684 Part Four

Out of Bainbridge and along to Worton

More buildings before we leave: the Bainbridge Manor House stands proudly overlooking the Green. It was built in 1670 with late 19th century alterations, listed grade II in 1986, and in the panel (front top) the inscription recorded in Greek that the building belonged to Alexander Ingram, and stated in Latin "All earthly undertakings are perfected by the power of the Gods"



High Hall which is now housing was until recently a care home for the elderly but originally was the Bainbridge Workhouse built around 1810 and was used until 1869 when a Poor Law Union was established to cover a large area of what became the Aysgarth Rural District Council.

The Old Dame School can be seen just opposite the Corn Mill Tea Room. It was featured as our mystery picture in October and came to the attention of the present owner who has provided some information but would like to hear from any readers who could cast further light on its history, or where the previous owner, Westby, found her information: timbinns@aol.com



Before the Education Act of 1870 basic reading, writing and arithmetic were provided for a few pence a week by private schools described as 'Dame Schools'. Following the Act local authorities had to provide free primary education but this didn't come about in Bainbridge until 1875.

In the 1871 census the cottage is inhabited by James Blades, his wife Eliza, a schoolmistress, Jane Blades, her step-daughter— an assistant in the school, and Ada Blades aged 15, Eliza's step-granddaughter, also a school assistant.

Earlier census information including details of a family schoolmistress in 1851 suggests that the cottage might have been run as a Dame School from that date.

As the road crosses the Bain and climbs the hill, notice the corrugated iron building on the right. This is part of one of the many temporary buildings put up in Upper Nidderdale for the encampment when the Scar House reservoir was being constructed in the 1930s. Many of the foundations are still visible and it's a nice ride up from Lofthouse.

As you drive out of the village please turn off right to see a most unusual bit of history— the Isolation Hut and the Hospital Field.

When the daughters of an Aysgarth doctor's assistant caught scarlet fever in 1909, they were isolated in a wooden hut. Some while later, Dr Will



Pickles, the medical officer for Aysgarth Rural District Council arranged for the hut with additions to be moved to a field near Bainbridge. In it up to 3 adults or 6 children could be held in isolation for many weeks while they fought the disease.

The field is clearly defined beside the footpath to Semerwater just off the road to Stalling Busk.

Our A684 now passes Brush House on the left where there is a footpath to stepping stones across the Ure; these are not recommended when there has been heavy rain. Now on to Worton where we will see what we can discover or refresh our memories.



A.S.W.

Wensleydale Society

The Society meets at West Burton Village Hall on **Friday March 3rd at 7.30pm**. The speaker is Mark Newman from the National Trust; his subject is Braithwaite Hall, near East Witton. Guests are welcome for a small charge of £2, and free to members. Refreshments provided after the talk. There is coach transport provided, please telephone **622287** for more information. Membership is £5 per year.

The first event of the Society's Visits and Events Summer Programme is *Rural Britain on Film*, an evocative exploration of the countryside of the UK, taking in the diverse and beautiful landscapes around us. This will be on **Tuesday May 2nd at 7.00pm** at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. Also in May, on **Tuesday 23rd**, there is a Visit to the National Coal Mining Museum and Yorkshire Sculpture Park. Full details later. To book, phone **624246**.

Leyburn and District U3A

In March at our monthly talk we have a resident of Preston under Scar, David Ashforth talking about 'Ghosts'. This is on **Friday March 17th at 10.30am** at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. Welcome to all, free to members, small charge to non-members. Committee members available from 10.00am to give information on joining and current interest groups. Coffee available in the café.

What a Difference a Year Can Make

Thankfully this winter 2016/17 the weather has been much kinder to farmers especially and everyone else living in Wensleydale. December 2015 we suffered almost continuous driving rain culminating in Storm Desmond, flood after flood, causing much damage to dry stone walls and record breaking rain fall. Recently we have been blessed with sunny days, low rainfall and very little snow. A drier season has allowed the spreading of manure on the fields which will encourage the grass to grow in readiness for lambing time. Sheep scanning has taken place and is the norm now, not so when I first became a “farmer’s wife”. Then the sheep were marked with different colours so that we knew which ewes were due to lamb the first, second, third and fourth weeks of April, but we didn’t know whether they were carrying one, two or three lambs! All were fed the same and gave birth outdoors in the pastures. Those with twins or triplets had to be walked down to the fresh meadows, one by one, where they were given sheep nuts to help them feed two lambs.

Sheep are rather like people. Some are very easy going, but some are not and much patience was needed to guide them to the meadows. Today the advantage of scanning means sheep carrying two or more lambs can be separated and moved into the meadows before lambing or give birth in sheep sheds. Though a very busy month, April is very rewarding and interesting for the shepherd. How will the lambs sired by the latest tup turn out? Good breeding is essential, providing the replacement sheep of the future and income from lambs at the autumn sales. The wonderful cycle of life on a dales hill farm continues.

Mrs Farmer

Hawes Fire Station

We have had a busy time over the festive period – several of the incidents were chimney fires and some people seem to think they must pay for our services which isn’t the case and even if it is only a small chimney fire we would rather be turned out to make sure you and your property are safe than to get a call in the middle of the night with the roof on fire, which can happen from something trivial as this.

The year has started pretty quietly at Hawes, with only three incidents since New Years Day.

One was an unfortunate family who lost control on the ice, there was a chimney fire and lastly we assisted ambulance crews with a patient. However, on station during drill nights we have been busy with our training. We have had several crew attending BA and Fire Behaviour Training courses at Easingwold. Others have been attending Incident Command courses and we also hold our own regular Circuit

Training sessions. We have had a good response to the recruitment drive, resulting in two currently awaiting their initial courses, with a further two attending physical assessment shortly. If all four are successful, we will be at full capacity again which will ensure 100% cover for the residents of Hawes.

Michelle Barnes

Starting Up Right – the Tax Man

Why do things go wrong? Because something happens to you, because you make a mistake or you get your business wrong, and because you didn’t do something which you “should have”.

So here’s something you really need to do - the law says that you need to register with the tax man, HMRC, Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs – by October 5th 2017 if you start working as a sole trader / self employed from April 2016 to March 2017.

Why? Because the law says you must pay tax out of your income / profit, and HMRC need to know about you and your work and your income. HMRC also deal with other issues, one of which is getting you to pay self employed national insurance contributions.

Nobody wants to pay tax but it is the law of the land, so it’s best to do it properly from the beginning to save yourself bother later on. And if you don’t they will catch up with you sooner or later. Someone I know got caught for 14 years of unpaid tax, about £78,000, and lost everything, including their home and partner.. It’s really not worth it.

You can register online; in fact they seem to make it difficult for people to do it any other way now – go to <https://www.gov.uk/new-business-register-for-tax> and follow the instructions – if you’re not sure about doing it properly it may be best to ask a family member or friend to help you.

An accountant will probably help you or do all this for you as part of a package of services he or she provides. Obviously you would have to pay their fees for helping you. You may be able to get help from another self-employed or business person or from an organisation like the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB).

More about getting advice in the next article which is about talking about your new venture and getting advice.

If you need help and all else fails email me and I’ll try to help - mikereeves@freefromdebt.org.uk

Best wishes with that new venture

Mike Reeves

Doctors' rotas as supplied by the Health Centre

HAWES SURGERY ROTA						AYS GARTH SURGERY ROTA					
Wb - week beginning						Wb - week beginning					
Wb	Feb 27th	Mar 6th	13th	20th	27th	Wb	Feb 27th	Mar 6th	13th	20th	27th
Day						Day					
Mon		P	FP	JB	FJ	Mon		FJ	JB	FP	BP
Tues		J	JB	FP	BP	Tues		P	FP	J; B am only	JF
Wed	P	J	F	J	F	Wed	J	F	J	P	J
Thur	J	F	P	P	B	Thur	P	P	F	F	P
Fri	P	P	B	F	P	Fri	B	F	P	B	F
Doctors: B- Brown, F - France, J - Jones, P- Pain , C- Closed Morning Surgery: 8.45-10.15am Tues till 10:45am; no appts Afternoon Surgery: 5- 6.00pm Tues 1.30-4.00pm; appts only <i>For appointments and all enquiries ring 667200</i>						Doctors, B- Brown, F - France, J - Jones, P- Pain , C- Closed Morning Surgery: 9.00 - 10.30 am no appointments Afternoon Surgery: 3.30 - 5.30 pm appointment only <i>For appointments and all enquiries ring 663222</i>					
<p><i>Please note these amendments to the Central Dales Practice insert in this Newsletter:</i></p> <p><i>Page 3: the Call Physio Direct number is <u>01609 763747</u></i></p> <p><i>Page 4: District Nurses and Midwives: <u>DELETE 'MIDWIVES'</u></i></p>											

Theatre by Bus

You can enjoy top-class professional theatre the easy way with a coach from Leyburn, Richmond, Crakehall or Bedale.

Choose from the current programme of drama and ballet which may be added to during the coming theatre season.

All performances are matinees and the cost includes the theatre ticket and coach fare.

Saturday April 15th *Cyrano* – Northern Broadside's exuberant adaptation of Edmond Rostand's play. York Theatre Royal, £31.

Thursday May 4th another chance to see Matthew Bourne's *'Red Shoes'* this time at Newcastle Theatre Royal, £41.

Saturday May 13th Birmingham Royal Ballet - *Triple Bill* – Macmillan's *Solitaire*; van Manen's *5 Tangos*, and *Pineapple Poll*. York Theatre Royal, £35.50.

To book or for more information ring **663259**

The coach starts in Leyburn and if going north will call at Richmond and if south at Crakehall and Bedale.

Elaine Frances

Swaledale Festival

May 27th to June 10th

Greetings from the Swaledale Festival team,

We're very happy to announce that the 2017 Festival programme is now available to view on our website. You will see that as always, the Swaledale Festival offers an eclectic and inspiring mix of world class classical, folk and jazz music, exceptional young artists, entertaining groups, drama, film, dance, art exhibitions, workshops, talks and guided walks in the beautiful Dales landscape Please use the following link to explore the Swaledale Festival's website: www.swalefest.org

Tickets will be available online from 9:00am on **Monday March 27th**, or via our Box Office, Tel **01748 880019**, from April 10th.

We look forward to seeing you at the Festival!

Best wishes,

Heather Hodgson and Emily Rowe Rawlence
Marketing Co-ordinators, Swaledale Festival



Aging computers and other things

Over the last couple of weeks I have been asked what to do with old computer equipment that either doesn't work or needs to be replaced. I have also been asked if certain things should be replaced. Here are a few quick tips:

NOTE: Before you do anything unplug the computer/device from the electric and remove any laptop batteries – then press and hold the power switch for a few seconds to discharge any residual current. Some laptops, tablets and phones don't have removable batteries – it is probably a good idea to switch them on and let the battery fully discharge if possible.

1) Computers and Laptops



If you want to dispose of one of these you can take them to the local council recycling centre. If you are bothered about personal information on your computer

being read by unknown people the simplest approach is to remove the hard disk (or disks) before you get rid of the computer.

This needs no more than a Philips screwdriver on most desktop tower computers – just take the side off and look for the hard disk, pull the cables out of the back – remove the screws holding it in the case and it should slide out. Sometimes you will need to remove both sides of the case to get to all the screws (usually four). Some manufacturers (such as Dell) have quick release latches that you can press to slide out the hard disk and you don't need screwdrivers, others may mount the hard disk in a small cradle with a single screw to remove.

It can be a little more complicated for 'all in one' computers and laptops as they are built to many different specs. Generally there is a panel that can be removed on laptops to reveal the hard disk – and it is usually no more than using a small screwdriver to remove a few screws and pull a plastic tab to slide the hard disk out. Some manufacturers are just plain awkward (Apple springs to mind) and you will need to find the instructions online how to even find the hard disk.

Once the hard disk is removed you can dispose of the computer – it might be worth keeping the hard disk in case there is anything you need to recover

(try to avoid touching the electronic and wrap it in tinfoil).

If you don't want to keep the hard disk wait until summer and bake it in tinfoil in the bottom of a bonfire which will remove any personal info effectively. Make sure you only do this in the open air as they will produce fumes!

2) Tablets and phones

If you can remove SD cards (and your SIM card from phones) do so.

Most phones and tablets have a 'restore to factory settings' option. For iPhones and iPads you can do this using iTunes on your computer, for Android devices there is usually a button combination to press that will allow you to restore the device to factory settings. You will need to search for your exact model on the internet for instructions. You can then dispose of the device at the recycling centre

3) Working devices you don't want

There are a number of charities that will accept working devices – but that doesn't mean you shouldn't take steps to make sure they are cleaned of your information before donating them.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Deleting things on a computer doesn't usually delete the information – it only removes the file name from the list of files. Data can be recovered, so if you are donating a computer with a hard disk, restore it to its factory settings – this isn't perfect but it makes recovering data a lot harder.

4) Is my device past it?

Really only you can decide that, but it is worth considering the following ideas before binning it:

- a) Check for any programmes and files that you could live without and clean them up – making some space (especially on tablets and phones). This can make a huge difference to how the device works.
- b) For computers you can try getting your computer cleaned up to see if it will improve speeds etc.

If all else fails before you dispose of your device back up any important files and restore the device back to the factory settings as it was supplied to you. You may find you get a new lease of life.

Final comment; if you are still using Windows XP and Vista note that restoring your computer to factory settings will mean you lose years of updates and fixes – and you won't be able to update again as Microsoft no longer support those versions of Windows. If you are using XP or Vista now is the time to move on to a new computer.

If you have ideas for articles or questions or comments please feel free to contact me on **663798** or via email at carol.haynes@dalescom

Police Report

Recent incidents of interest in the area include:

January 21st: a theft in Bainbridge where a blue tarpaulin was taken from the Sexton's hut in the cemetery and a lock had been broken off the collection box near to the play park and an unknown sum of money taken.

February 7th: a week old Suzuki King 400 Quad bike dark green in colour with a black cover on the rear, was stolen from a barn at Semerview Farm, Marsett.

February 10th: a member of the public reported seeing a male driving through Thornton Rust whilst using his mobile phone.

February 12th: staff at the White Hart Hawes reported several suspicious males and a vehicle which resulted in the vehicle being stopped further down the dale and seized for not having insurance.

February 13th: following a domestic incident in Gayle a male was arrested.

February 19th: a vehicle was damaged by paint stripper on the Upper Wensleydale business Park.

Reports of other suspicious activity received have also resulted in people and vehicles being stopped and checked.

I have been out and about signing people up to North Yorkshire Community Messaging; this is a free system that registers people to receive the latest crime notifications and community news. It's designed to let you get information from North Yorkshire Police when you want it. When you create your messaging account, you can choose your preferences for the type of message you receive be it phone, text or email; the more people that join Community Messaging, the safer our area will be.

Registering is safe, secure and easy and it takes less than five minutes. Just visit www.nycm.co.uk.

This issues quote: "Never be bullied into silence, never allow yourself to be made a victim. Accept no one's definition of your life, define yourself." Robert Frost.

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 email: donald.watson@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

The Upper Dales Health Watch

The Patient Participation Group for the Central Dales GP Practice

Synopsis of the meeting held on February 13th

Superfast Broadband still slow at Aysgarth surgery.

A reference centre page spread on the Central Dales Practice is in this Upper Wensleydale Newsletter.

The Nursing Project continues to go well with nurses supporting patients in the Step up /Step down NHS bed in Sycamore Hall. The North Riding Dales Licensed Victuallers Association Bike Ride fund has supported provision of a payphone that has been installed.

There will be a drop-in event for carers at Tennants in Leyburn on June 15th. Please will all Registered Carers of Central Dales' patients make themselves known to the Practice.

The possible closure of A and E and Consultant-led Maternity Services at the Darlington Memorial Hospital is causing great concern. Letters have been sent to Rishi Sunak MP and others. Representatives of Reeth and Leyburn Patient Participation Groups will be invited to a meeting to discuss raising patient awareness of this threat.

Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby CCG's leaflets on obesity and smoking cessation are available on <https://hambletonrichmondshireandwhitbyccg.nhs.uk/campaigns>

To join the HRWCCG Health Engagement Network (HEN) apply via <https://hambletonrichmondshireandwhitbyccg.nhs.uk/health-engagement-network> or phone **01609 767600**

Jane Ritchie

Circle Dancing

**Starts on Thursday March 16th
7.30pm at Sycamore Hall,
Bainbridge
Dance and music from Britain,
Europe and beyond!
For beginners and
more experienced dancers—
all are welcome**

Greetings and Acknowledgements

Jean Metcalfe would like to thank family and friends for the cards, beautiful flowers, gifts, enquiries and good wishes she received following her recent operation

Brian McGregor

Would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for the cards, gifts and good wishes on 79th birthday.
Thank you

Pauline and Bill

at Aisgill Moor Cottages would like to thank everyone who phoned and visited us, and also so many offers of help, when they knew of Bill's illness. So much appreciated and many thanks to the paramedics and the Air Ambulance.

Food Banks

Food banks are a place where stocks of food, typically basic provisions and non-perishable items, are supplied free of charge to people in need. There have been many opened recently, often based in Churches.

I am enthusiastic about supporting the Food Bank in Richmond and take my own contributions and also any from the Quakers in Bainbridge, every third Thursday, when I have a commitment in Richmond.

St Margaret's in Hawes keep a box for their collections in the rear of the church and the Methodist churches also take gifts.

Churches Together are beginning to think about a more coordinated approach from the churches and possibly involving collection points accessible to all in town.

To begin the process, there will be a collection point at Gayle on each of the Lent lunches. I will ensure it is easy to see by the main door.

Dry and tinned goods are welcome and for more detail please see the list on the website of the Influence Church in Richmond

Feel free to contact me on this matter on **667411**.
Gwen Clark

Middleham and the Dales Local History Group

Members' Presentations:

Leyburn Remembered and

World War I Research

MIDDLEHAM KEY CENTRE

2.00pm, Tuesday March 21st

Marjorie Iveson is the third generation of her family to live at Craken House Farm, Leyburn. She has seen many changes in the town, particularly housing development and the nature and structure of businesses. With the help of many Leyburn residents and before memories fade too far, she is documenting the history of business premises and services in Leyburn.

In '**Leyburn Remembered**' she will give a short synopsis of her work so far. An exhibition of her findings will be held in Leyburn Methodist Chapel during the 40's weekend, 21-23 July 2017.

Jane Simpson is a Volunteer Researcher and Co-ordinator for the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) WWI Project for Nidderdale. The project, initially funded by the National Lottery for 3 years, ended in August last year, but the very enthusiastic group is continuing its work.

In '**World War I Research**' Jane will describe the project. There are over 2,500 Service Men and Women to research, from the area of 600 square km covered by the AONB. This stretches from the north at Middlesmoor right down to Birstwith, then across in the west in the Washburn Valley to the east at Masham. There is now a Website, which is presently being populated with the information, in an effort to make sure the sacrifice of the people involved is not forgotten.

Old and new members and visitors are always welcome, annual membership is still only £10, or £3 per meeting for visitors. For more information contact **Tony Keates 640436**,

dotandtonyk@btinternet.com

Cleaner Required

for holiday cottage near Hawes.
Friday changeover. Good rates of pay.

**Contact Maureen
0785 5080709**

BAWB Schools News

Bainbridge, Askrigg and West Burton Schools (BAWB Schools) have made an exciting start to the spring term. This term, our curriculum theme is 'Dungeons and Dragons' which has really inspired the children and we are looking forward to a visit to one of our nearby castles later in the term! In January we welcomed new pupils to our nursery and also some new staff to our federation: Mrs Raven is our new administrator and Mrs Robinson and Miss Richardson are the new teachers at West Burton. We are very pleased to have them join our team.

We continue to take part in lots of events within the Wensleydale cluster of schools, including hockey, dance and a maths day. We are also looking forward to developing our excellent partnership with two schools in Leeds and it is our turn to visit them this term.

Our eco-group has met to make bird-feeders to use during our participation in The Big Garden Bird Watch and we are also liaising with the National Parks to be involved with an archaeological community dig.

And while all of this excitement takes place, our children continue to work hard and engage really well with their learning! An exciting time for our children.

Charlotte Harper
Executive Headteacher, BAWB Schools

Half Way There

Printed timetables are now available in the Community Office, Hawes, and elsewhere. for the **Sunday and Bank Holiday DalesBus 856** which runs between Northallerton and Hawes/Gayle all year round. The continuation of this service is entirely due to many local donors and generous sponsorship by Acorn Stairlifts of West Yorkshire. Now DalesBus is using 'crowdfunding' to try to save another of its routes that benefits Hawes - the summer *Northern Dalesman 830*. This is the bus that was shown on television travelling over the Buttertubs Pass. In fact this was only part of its route, as two buses ran in opposite directions, meeting in Hawes and connecting here with the 'saved' 856 to and from Northallerton. The full 830 route was an amazing journey from Middlesbrough, Darlington, Richmond, Swaledale, Buttertubs Pass, Hawes, Ribbleshead station, Ingleton,

Lancaster, to Morecambe and vice versa. It is this service which is still at risk and for which funding is urgently needed if it is to run this summer. The encouraging thing is that half the sum required has already been raised. If you would like to support this service, please see www.dalesbus.org/supportbus830/ (or call in at the Ropeworks on weekdays, where there is a collection tin for donations). Even the smallest donation will be very welcome!

Thank you. **Ruth Annison, 650349**

Wanted: Brewery to Make Official Pennine Way Beer

The managers of Britain's oldest and best known National Trail are seeking a brewery with connections to the Pennines to produce an official beer for the Pennine Way. This is an exciting opportunity for a local business to join forces with an iconic National Trail that is part of British heritage. The trail managers hope that the relationship will benefit both parties. The brewery will profit from association with the Pennine Way and the publicity that this brings. The maintenance of the trail will benefit from a financial contribution from each pint, bottle or keg that is sold. The Pennine Way has a long association with this hoppy refreshment: legend has it that Alfred Wainwright left money behind the bar of the Border Hotel in Kirk Yetholm so that anyone who had walked the length of the trail could be rewarded with a free pint!

People have been taking on the challenge of walking the 268 mile trail along the spine of England, from Edale in Derbyshire to Kirk Yetholm in the Scottish Borders for the past 50 years and northern hospitality is a significant part of the experience, with many pubs located along or close to the route offering rest and refreshment to weary walkers. Expressions of interest from breweries will be welcomed until March 17th 2017. Further information is available from the website here <http://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/pennine-way/news/official-beer-pennine-way>

Hands-on Heritage Wheelwrighting GAYLE MILL

Saturday March 18th, 9.00am to 5.00pm

Details and bookings: **667320** or

Email: admin@gaylemill.org.uk

Prunings March 2017

It seems we haven't finished with winter yet: the snow in mid February had an ominous feel about it, then, as quickly as it had come, it was gone. Despite the forecasters' promises to the contrary it remained cold, the "tops" retained a white covering, and the irises in my tubs seemed to be holding themselves in limbo waiting for that extra burst of sunshine.

Now is the time to plan for the big picture; most gardens look pretty drab waiting for the bulbs, and only cutting back tidies things up. However, the big picture will take time, and planning it does not do much for the present situation. There may be an alternative activity to fill the gap. Magazines and designers seem to be obsessed with small spaces and small plants. Monty Don ran a series on small gardens; Garden News has done several spreads and even The Lady featured a book on the subject: "Tiny Tabletop Gardens" by Emma Hardy (Cico books) and it looks intriguing. She advocates a variety of containers from old buckets to teapots and even made up one planting in the bowl of an old ladle. It's likely that I will have lots of stuff rolling about that would fit the bill, and some of her examples such as succulents with gravel or bulbs with moss are beautiful. All it takes is a little imagination and perhaps some ferreting along the dark side of a wall. Considering the rainfall we receive, and the stone walls, here in the Dales we shall never be short of moss.

Something for now might involve transplanting a few spring bulbs – for later it could be saxifrages or other alpines and for the summer it could be sedums and sempervivums, although they would look well at any time of year. It would work just as well with low growing annuals. They can be designed for indoors or out, long or short term, permanently sited or ready for show when they are at their best. A small stone trough is always a fairly permanent feature, but similar combinations would work equally well in old cake tins or mixing bowls. I've been looking round for Black Grass (*Ophiopogon planiscarpus* "Nigresens"), which is very tough and looks well in a pot with crushed shell. It is a member of the lily group and is very slow growing. It likes to be congested so could be left alone for a couple of years.

Quite a few of last year's geraniums seem to have survived (under cover) although they are looking pretty bedraggled. Time I think for a bit of TLC and a drink to get them going. If that succeeds I shall take some cuttings. I thought they were a particularly nice shade, and the chance of finding the same again is pretty remote. The brugmansia which went in suddenly after a scary drop in temperature has not made any movement yet, but I shall keep a close eye on it.

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

Carperby Village Institute

Another in our village hall series.

Carperby Village Institute was built in 1926 on land given by Lord Bolton, and through the generosity of Joseph Raw, Mr and Mrs J.A. Holdsworth, C.W.G. Wood and many others. It became a meeting place for recreation etc. and later on, in 1935, an extension was added to form a billiard room which is still in use. Dances and local concerts were regularly held and badminton and billiards played to a high standard. The Institute had membership fees, but these no longer apply. In the 1990s the kitchen was lowered to ground level and refurbished which was a great improvement. Also at this time the hall became a registered charity and a licence was applied for to allow alcohol to be consumed at functions etc. In 1999 a disabled entrance and toilet were built, being a great asset to the building. The Institute is very well used all year round: art classes, badminton, yoga, luncheon club, Penhill Ladies (was the W.I.), Wensleydale flower club, domino drives, very popular folk music concerts, First Responders, Y.F.C., polling station and parties!

The main fundraiser is the annual Carperby Open Gardens held on the first Sunday in July and now in its 26th year. The event was started by Pat Jackson; the late Eleanor Dinsdale and Ruth Raw opened their gardens for viewing and now there are twenty gardens open. A lot of work goes into this event which is greatly appreciated. Recent monies have been spent on updating the heating system, new chairs, tables and windows, decorating and general maintenance. Volunteers decorated the main hall last year. The Institute is run by a committee and trustees; and many thanks to all who support it.

Anne Moore

New Media Officer

Andrew Fagg has replaced Nick Oldham as the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority's Media Officer.

Andrew has spent the past eight years as a sub-editor in the BBC Radio Newsroom, writing and editing the hourly bulletins on Radio 4 and Radio 2.

Andrew, 36, returned to his hometown of Hawes to live in 2014. His number at the YDNPA's Yoredale office in Bainbridge is **652374**. He will be working on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

If he doesn't contact you first, please call him to let him know how he can be of help.

Regards

Richard Payne, Communications Mana

Best Foot Forward: Crossing the Ure

Many of us who live in Wensleydale rather take the River Ure for granted. It's there all the time as the background to our lives, just like the limestone scenery. Occasionally it makes its presence felt by flooding fields or even roads and of course visitors come to see it at spectacular locations like Aysgarth Falls. Sometimes it's an inconvenience, for example if you want to drive from West Witton to Redmire. Crossing the river is the focus of this article.



Just as the newsletter is featuring the A684 through the dale, so this article will feature the river and particularly ways of crossing it. A few facts first: the Ure is 74 miles long from source to Ouse.

Of this about thirty miles are in the newsletter area. Over ninety per cent of that lies to the north of the A684, the only parts to the south being from Mossdale head to Appersett and the village of Wensley. The walk described here is a circular route in the upper reaches. Not all of it is near the river—access isn't always possible - but we'll get as near as we can. The walk starts at Thwaite Bridge, on the A684 near Mossdale Head. There is a large parking area here next to some council gravel heaps. A footpath leads up to Lady Anne Clifford's High Way which can be followed to Cotter End, a steady pull uphill but it's worth stopping by the lime kiln at the top for a splendid view on a good day. The High Way can now be followed alongside a wall. Purists who want to find the source of the River Ure can climb Lunds Fell. On its western flank they will find a boggy area (most dales rivers start in a boggy area) which eventually becomes a trickle of a stream running down into the valley. Back on the High Way it's easy to miss the Ure. It is no different from half a dozen other side stream crossings. There is no bridge so you just splash through a shallow ford about four feet wide. Following the infant river downstream you'll see an impressive little gorge cutting through the limestone; not as spectacular as the nearby Hellgill gorge but worth a look. In a quarter of a mile you'll reach Green Bridge, the first bridge across the river. It's a fine little stone arched bridge carrying a metalled track: no parapets, nothing fancy but important because by this stage, nearly two miles from its source, jumping the river would be difficult. We now follow the track down to How Beck Bridge. This is a much more substantial affair with a sharp hump giving more water clearance and slab-topped parapets on both sides. Already the water is

beginning to look like a proper river and this is acknowledged by the Ordnance Survey which prints 'River Ure' just below the bridge on the 1:25000 map (this is printed four times in our area). Also shown on the OS map is a footbridge 500 yards below How Beck Bridge. This is obviously private as no right of way goes over it and it is hard to see whether it is still there or not. Anyway we are not going that way. The next section of the walk is a little tricky, with not very obvious stiles or footpaths but we pass through Low West End Farm to Lunds. Near the ruined Beck Side buildings the river is crossed by a standard wooden footbridge on stone abutments, just like dozens of others in the dales. We don't actually cross it, nor indeed do we cross another footbridge a hundred yards downstream. This is the first bridge with a central pier, an indication of the growing width of the river, now four or five yards. The nearby Lunds Chapel is worth a visit, not because of what is in it (there isn't much) but because it can be a refuge from wind and rain. There is a certain atmosphere about the place, isolated as it is, as though it was the centre of a long lost community. Our next bridge requires fortitude to reach it. The valley floor on the east side is a mass of sodden reeds with no sign of a path. This is one of the worst areas for walking in Wensleydale but is fortunately short-lived. The footbridge eventually discovered after crossing this morass is a disappointing concrete and metal construction, though it would be a great relief to find it if you were heading for the Mallerstang road. With equal relief we find ourselves at Blades, which for some years was a fine restaurant out in the wilderness. Many of you will have driven over the bridge on the approach track for a good night out there. Very soon we can see the Moorcock Inn and from the Yore House bridge it is less than a half mile detour, so perhaps worth a visit. The bridge in question is a dual carriageway arrangement with the original stone arch still crossable on foot, while a newer farm vehicle bridge lies alongside. The river, which has largely been flowing from north to south until now, starts to swing eastwards after the Moorcock and our path does the same, bringing us back to Thwaite Bridge after a couple more miles. This bridge used to be the main road but the A684 now bypasses it and crosses the river at Moss Bridge 100 yards away. This was reconstructed as a steel girder bridge in 1987. For the first time the Ure goes under a tarmac road and leaves the wilds of upper Wensleydale. We return to where we started, enough for one day (about ten miles and ten crossing points). But there is more to come. Next time we shall head for Hawes and beyond.

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Leyburn Arts & Community Centre - Events Calendar

Richmond Road, Leyburn DL8 5DL - Film Tickets: Adults £6 - Concessions £5

FILMS

Fri 03 Mar - 5.00 pm & 7.30 pm - **The Carer** (15) 1hr 29m.
Tue 07 Mar - 7.00pm - **Kubo and the Two Strings** (PG) 1hr 40m. (2017 BAFTA WINNER)
Fri 10 Mar - 5.00 pm & 7.30 pm - **A Street Cat Named Bob** (12A) 1hr 40m.
Fri 17 Mar - 5.00 pm & 7.30 pm - **The Eagle Huntress** (U) 1hr 27m (Some Subs.)
Fri 24 Mar - 4.30 pm & 7.30 pm - **The Light Between Oceans** (12A) 2hr 13m.
Fri 31 Mar - 5.00 pm & 7.30 pm - **Sully** (12A) 1hr 36m.
Tue 2 May - 7.00 pm - **Britain on Film: Rural Life (Archive Film)**
Tue 9 May - 2.15 pm - **Silent Film**

EVENTS

Sat 25 Mar - 7.00 pm - **Quiz Night** - Tickets £6.50 including light bites.
Mon 27 Mar - 7.30 pm - **Fashion Show - Staged by 'Puzzle' Boutique**
 Tickets £5 including nibbles and 1 free drink.
Sat 8 Apr - **Family Craft Event** - More details to follow.
Sun 23 Jul - 3.00 pm - **Summer Draw** - Will take place at the 1940's weekend.

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The Little White Bus Wednesday Outings

We have now put together our schedule of trips for the year ahead and hope that we have included some of your favourites;

March 22nd BOUNDARY MILL (SALE just beginning)

April 26th BARNARD CASTLE (combined with a visit to Eggleston Hall Garden Centre)

May 17th ILKLEY

June 14th KENDAL

July 12th PENRITH

August 23rd HARROGATE TOWN CENTRE

September 6th MUKER SHOW (finishing with community singing outside the Farmers Arms at about 5.00pm)

October 11th SKIPTON (coincides with a market day)

November 15th HAYES GARDEN CENTRE, AMBLESIDE

December 6th KENDAL

Fares:£9. For those living in Askrigg or Bainbridge there will be an additional £1 each way as usual to help with the additional fuel costs.

We look forward to welcoming our regular passengers and new-comers alike. Book early to avoid disappointment !

Happy tripping!

Richard and all the Little White Bus team

Hope Debt Advice

Nationwide there's a serious social problem with debt. If you had overwhelming debt problems where could you find help? Where could you recommend someone with overwhelming debt problems? Qualified debt counselling might well be needed, more than a friendly amateur. Have you heard of Hope Debt Advice, based in Bedale, serving our area?

It's an independent charity run by volunteers, employing professional debt counsellors, helping overwhelmed debtors sort themselves out, for free, in confidence, as an act of Christian charity. Many debtors need befriending, to help them sort it out, to help them fill in all that paperwork, to act for them as intermediary, to negotiate with their creditors to stop harassment, and to reschedule their debt repayments at a manageable level, however long that may take. Hope Debt offers these, and more.

But it all costs. Hope Debt is turning away many debtors crying for help: because we can't afford enough trained Debt Counsellors. Ever thought of joining, or considered donating to the charity (gift aided of course)? We need you.

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