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Guest Editorial

For most of us the obvious result of farmers moving away from dairy-farming is that we are less often held up by herds of cows on the roads as they go to and from being milked (and less mud on the road!). That is a trivial observation compared with the problems the farmers have had to face.

Farming, as a business, seems to operate to a rather different set of rules from those of a conventional business. For a start it often takes months - or even years - before the 'product', whether it's lamb or beef or arable crop, is ready for market. And when it is, the farmer has little or no control over the price he/she is paid for the investment of time and effort; everything depends on the market price at the time of sale. In lean years this price could be well below the cost of production and, even in good years, may not be sufficient to ensure a sustainable business without help from some form of subsidy.

On the marginal hill farms of the Yorkshire Dales dairy cattle graze the lower meadow land, which also provides the hay and silage for winter feed, whilst sheep roam the upper pastures and the moors. Presumably experience has shown that this system makes the most efficient use of the land. But it also means that a farmer's income is helpfully split between the once-a-year income from lamb sales backed by a regular monthly milk cheque.

However, the loss of the monthly milk cheque must have a major impact on a farmer's cashflow - imagine what it is like to have your income substantially dependent on the annual lamb sales, with little idea in advance whether prices will be good, bad or indifferent.

The loss of a dairy herd also affects the land management of the farm. Some farmers have replaced their dairy herd with sucklers or beef cattle which ensures that the meadow land is manured. This is less the case on a sheep-only farm and, although there is often a surplus hay or silage crop to sell, the land will lose fertility unless fertiliser is applied (adding to costs).

On top of all these changes there is now the impact of Brexit to consider. What will replace the CAP (*Common Agricultural Policy*) and its associated grants? Will lamb exports to France in particular be affected? Will milk imports fall and thus push up prices in the UK, perhaps encouraging a return to dairy farming?

It seems inevitable that the extent of these changes will have an impact on farming practice in the Dales. Whilst it is the farmers who face the immediate challenges there could be knock-on effects for local communities, for instance, if there is an increase in the rate of farm amalgamations and a reduction in the

number of young families.

Similarly there are likely to be changes to the landscape as farmers respond to economic pressures. The first signs of this are visible in the upper dale, between Worton and Aysgarth, where a substantial acreage of meadowland, between the A684 and the river Ure, has been reseeded, replacing flowering meadow with a uniform sward of rye grass.

It seems as if the Dales ability to respond to change will continue to be tested.

Wensleydale Concert Series VaCO String and Wind Ensemble

Saturday April 8th, 7.30pm
at St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth

We are very pleased to present a concert in association with VaCO - an organisation that works with outstanding young musicians through courses, ensemble and orchestral playing. VaCO are regular visitors to Aysgarth in the summer with their outstanding student Vacation Orchestra.



This concert is the final part of a project with postgraduate musicians; a mixed ensemble of string and wind players work with schools and young people to premiere a new work especially commissioned by VaCO from the Yorkshire composer Richard Shephard. The concert will feature two of his works for mixed ensemble and others for strings and wind ensembles.

Full details and tickets (adults £10, under 18s and full time students FREE) are available via the website along with details of upcoming concerts for the rest of 2017. See www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk

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Newsletter Annual Report

Annual reports can be both dull and repetitive; maybe this is no exception, but please read on!

The year was, yet again, really successful. We know, because you, readers from near and far, contact us to tell us.

The reasons are clear to see when I tell you that so many people are involved as volunteers, and therefore feel some ownership. Here are some numbers:

Business-like committee, final processing, postal copies, website and auditor: **13**.

Regular writers: **40+**.

Occasional contributors: **8**.

Front cover providers: **6**.

Proof-readers: **5** (plus some committee members).

Distributors, local contacts and 'What's On' list providers: **27**.

To these, we must add a further **50** people or places where Newsletters and collecting boxes are available, sometimes not always convenient on the counters!

And guess at the usual number of advertisers per issue, benefiting them and us: **120**.

So really, you can thank yourselves. The print run is 1800 (slightly reduced in the winter) and the co-operation with the Wensleydale Press is superb.

And now for something slightly different. In addition to Newsletters being available on the Web from 2005 (minus the commercial adverts), and full copies in the Resources Room at the Dales Countryside Museum from the first issue in 1995, we keep much more archive material, to which we would like to draw your attention, and which is available if you contact us.

All these items are given with dates/issues when published and by whom:

Main features: people, events, places; including favourite places in the Dales and the games we used to play, (about 270 items)

Best Foot Forward record

Mystery pictures record

Christmas messages

Competition topics and winners (236 to date)

Eunice finders/winners

To end on a personal note, I was overwhelmed in November by a surprise (and excellent) lunch at the Wensleydale Pantry for committee and ex-committee members with their 'other halves' to commemorate my 21 years with the Newsletter. It was a truly memorable and happy occasion. Thank you so much.

A.S.W.



Eunice the Ewe

I was in 'Your kingdom come' box on page 9 and the winner of the £10 prize is

Doreen Whitehead, Keld

Where am I now? To enter for the £10 prize, please include your postal address if replying by email.

Band Welcomes New Members

Hawes Silver Band, which has been making music in the Dales for 150 years, welcomes new players. The band is encouraging brass band players of all levels of competence to get in touch.

Conductor Stan Roorcroft says "We make sure that playing at Hawes is a pleasure for everyone concerned and no-one is put under pressure. We play a wide variety of enjoyable music and I would like to encourage anyone who has played in the past and would like to come back to brass banding to give it a try with us. And we are happy too to talk to anyone thinking of taking up a brass instrument. We have a stock of instruments to lend and can help a beginner get going." The band practices in the Market House, Hawes each Sunday evening from 7.30pm and has a programme of events through the summer and up to Christmas.

For more information, ring **Stan Roorcroft 667342**.

Aysgarth Railway Station Report

Another quietish month. Work continues to bring the lobbies of the coach up to standard. New paper towel and liquid soap dispensers have been installed in the coach and toilet. The signal post and ladder have had fresh coats of paint applied. Work has started on converting the cattle dock to a platform for the demonstration line.

Andy Glendinning

Carperby Concert Success

You may be interested to know that our concert on March 4th raised **£606.60p** for Carperby Playing Fields Association.

Steve Sheldon

Things I Have Learned About Dales Sheep

*It's easy to think that, because we live here in the
Dales, we all know about sheep!*

Here is a digest to help us along...

SWALEDALE sheep: they are the horned ones around the Dales and have black faces, white noses. The tup's horns are heavier than the ewe's and have an extra curl. Swaledales are **HEUGHED** (or **HEFTED**). A heugh is a specific area of land on the moor occupied by a given flock. Although there are no physical boundaries, they know by instinct which area of moor they belong to and do not stray. The lambs learn this knowledge from their mothers when they are turned out on to the moor after lambing time. They are tough and can live out on the moor all year. Their progeny mostly go for breeding, either the farmer's own replacements or somebody else's.

MULES are the product of a Swaledale ewe and a **BLUE FACED LEICESTER** tup. **BFLs** are the ones with roman noses. Mules have speckled faces. They are generally easy to manage, good mothers and have a larger crop of lambs than a pure Swaledale, up to 180% on average. Lambs can be shared out if necessary, a triplet put with a single perhaps. Mules are more easily persuaded to do this than Swaledales, who are not so easily fooled!

You could say that the year starts in September. The sheep need to be thoroughly checked over to see that they are in tip-top condition, the right weight, not too fat or too thin, good teeth and good feet; this especially perhaps in the case of the **TUPS**. The tup may serve over 75 ewes, so he needs to be in good fettle. **MULES** are then put to a **TERMINAL SIRE**, and the progeny of these will all go for meat. The most popular breeds as terminal sire are **TEXEL** or **BELTEX**, both white faced, which originate from Holland and give the carcass favoured by the meat trade.

The tup is **RUDED** (or **RADDLED**), a coloured pigment is painted on his chest - or sometimes it is in a pouch - which will be transferred to the ewe. When sheep sport colourful bottoms it is nothing to do with early Christmas decorations... it is so that the farmer can tell which ewes have been served and, by changing the colour, when they have been served, all useful information when it comes to lambing time.

The gestation period is approximately 145 days. After 50 - 90 days the ewes are scanned to see if they are expecting singles, twins or triplets and they can then be grouped for different feeding regimes.

Swaledales usually stay outside to lamb but mules

may be brought into a shed for convenience of both ewe and farmer. You may see a few lambs in February but March and April are the busiest times. It is a busy time for the farmer, a 24 hour job and for some reason more lambs are born at night. (unless it just seems that way!) The farmers will make regular checks to see that there are no ewes needing help with lambing. A lamb will be left with the mother to encourage bonding and once they are up on their feet and obviously doing okay, they will be put outside, they thrive best in the field so long as weather conditions allow. The first milk is **COLOSTRUM** which contains anti-bodies and is important for preventing disease and infection

.Very early in their life, the lambs are **BANDED**. a tight rubber band is used to castrate and de-tail the lamb. Removing the tail makes the sheep easier to keep clean and discourages fly strike an infestation by blowfly maggots. Swaledale lambs are not docked, they are usually on poorer keep and stay cleaner anyway and the tails are thought to help protect the udder from the cold.

Gradually the lambs move on to a mixed diet of milk and grass. They put on weight incredibly quickly, perhaps 300 gm a day when drinking lots of milk from the ewe. At about 10 weeks of age, the lambs are getting more energy from grass than from milk and the farmers will soon start weaning them. They usually separate the lambs on to a good pasture that is out of sight and earshot of mothers.

CLIPPING (or **SHEARING**) takes place around June. It is done to keep the sheep comfortable and to discourage fly infestation. Farmers get paid very little for the wool, usually only enough to cover the cost of the clipping but with little or no profit left. Why did we start the fashion for everything "cotton". Cotton jumpers etc.?

Over the summer, the lambs get bigger and fatter on grass. Those intended for slaughter generally go at 4 - 12 months of age, weighing about 40 Kg by this time. The lambs maybe sold at an auction mart or direct to a food processor. Most exported meat is on the hook. Some are sold as **STORE LAMBS**, that is, bought by another farmer from a lower area where they have more grass, maybe taking a further eight weeks prior to slaughter.

Some **GIMMER HOGS** (last year's female lambs) will be sold, sent away for easier going in winter, either down-dale or to Lancashire or Cumbria. All sheep have to have Electronic I.D. ear tags with the flock number and an individual number.

Swaledale gimmers will nearly all go for breeding; some in the Dales and traditionally to every county in the Country from Hawes Auction Mart..

Some terminology and other facts:
SHEARLINGS are Swaledales that are 2 years old and have been sheared once.
Lambs become *HOGGS* after the New Year.
GIMMER HOGGS are last year's female lambs.
TUP HOGGS are last year's male lambs.
HOGGS become *EWES* when they lamb.
TWINTERS have had 2 winters.
First clipping is at about 15-16 months old, and they then become *SHEARLINGS*.

Other breeds you may spot around the Dales are:
JACOB SHEEP; white fleece with black patches. Both sexes have horns. Fleece appeals to spinners and weavers.
ZWARTBLES; From Holland; Tall, black with a white blaze and white socks, always on the back legs and sometimes front legs too. The fleece is excellent quality.

Tricia Tate

Bridge Replacement Debate

Anyone standing just near the Hawes A684 road bridge by the waterfall as a heavy goods vehicle goes over it will be alarmed to see the surface go down by several centimetres where the flags are unsightly patched. In fact several areas of Main Street have really suffered with hollows in the cobbles which were replaced just a few years ago and have just been messily patched up.

There would seem to be two alternatives for the bridge: severe reconstruction, unlikely as it is a listed building, grade II, or an additional bridge. Due to limited space, consideration is being given to superimposing a new bridge over the top of the existing structure.

As always in discussions of this nature two extremes arise: do we go for 'keeping everything in the National Park as it always was' or progress to something completely innovative yet worthy of the precious townscapes and landscapes of the Dales?

The latter is being considered: a stainless steel arched bridge over the top of the retained old bridge, which would still be seen but will carry no load, plus an extended footway for tourists looking at the falls without being endangered from traffic; a sort of mini Sydney Harbour Bridge, which was modelled on the Tyne Bridge.

What do you think? Start the debate...

Mobile Skip

The next mobile skip WILL be on the Business Park, in Hawes

**Saturday April 15th 9:00am-1:00pm
yes, this is Easter Saturday!**

MOUNTAIN  & ROAD

BIKE CLUBS SPRING RESTARTED

Ready to get those bikes out after a winter shed? Our cycling groups have restarted.

In collaboration with Wensleydale Sport and Fitness we run two children's sessions on **Saturdays**.

Under 10yrs 10.00am-noon, Hawes.

Starting from our shop at the National Park Centre we run a traffic free session for children who can pedal independently. Lots of games and fun activities. £2.50, bikes available to borrow. Please get in touch if you are a first time rider or need to borrow a bike.

10yrs and over, 5.00-6.00pm, Hawes

Starting from locations around Wensleydale an instructor-led mountain bike session following local trails. Suitable for confident cyclists with a good level of fitness. £2.50 Please get in touch if you are a first time rider.

Thursday Night MTB Shop ride led by Mike. Suitable for adults with a good level of fitness. **Meet in Hawes 6.00pm**

Sunday Night Ladies MTB ride. Social ride for ladies all abilities welcome. **Starting 6.00pm**

Look out for our special holiday activities and away trips by following our Facebook page or website.

For further information and bookings please get in touch **Helen, Stage 1 Cycles, Hawes 666873** or ride@stage1cycles.co.uk

Cubs and Beavers News

Beavers and Cubs or 1st Wensleydale Scouts Hawes, as we are officially called, runs Monday nights term time only from **6.00-7.15pm** in the Market Hall. We started on September 12th originally based in the NASH (National School) but found this location was too small given the numbers we took on; 11 beavers and 12 Cubs. This is a mixture of both boys and girls!

We moved into the Market Hall after Christmas and the children love the space for all the activities. So far we have visited the fire station and made bug hotels with the help of Gayle Mill. The Cubs are visiting Low Mill this month and all of this goes towards their badges. We are looking for new members to join Cubs after Easter. If people want details they can contact me or **Emma Blades**. The age for beavers is 6-8 years and Cubs 8-10 years but we can be flexible.

Kathy Haygarth

Leyburn Arts and Community Centre - *Events Calendar*
Film Tickets: Adults £6 - Concessions £5

F I L M S

Tue 04 Apr - 7.00 pm - **Wadjda** (PG) 1hr 38m. - Sub-titles (Exploring Film)
Fri 07 Apr - 5.00 pm and 7.30 pm - **The Queen of Katwe** (PG) 2hr 4mins
Fri 14 Apr - There will be no film screening.
Fri 21 Apr - 5.00 pm and 7.30 pm - **A United Kingdom** (12A) 1hr 51mins
Fri 28 Apr - 5.00 pm and 7.30 pm - **Adult Life Skills** (15) 1hr 36mins
Tue 2 May - 7.00 pm - **Britain on Film: Rural Life (Archive Film)** (Exploring Film)
Tue 9 May - 2.15 pm - **Seventh Heaven** Yorkshire Silent Film Festival (YSFF). Usual prices.
Fri 19 May - 6.30 pm - **Blackmail** Part of the (YSFF). Tickets £6.50 inc. refreshments.

E V E N T S

Sat 8 Apr - 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm - **Family Craft Event** Free fun for everyone.
Sat 8 Apr - 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm - **Table Top & Book Sale** Bag a bargain.
Mon 10 Apr to Mon 8 May - **Exhibition by Blacksmith Brian Russell** Free Entry.
Sat 10 May - 7.30 pm - **The Tenmours in Concert (Folk Fusion)** Adult £10, U12's £5.
Sun 23 Jul - 3.00 pm - **Summer Draw** - Tickets on sale now, at just £1 each.

Tel: 624510 - Email: admin@oldschoolhouseleyburn.com Web: oldschoolhouseleyburn.com

**New "Agri-Environment"
Payment Scheme in Wensleydale**

Wensleydale has become one of two pilot areas in England for a new style of agri-environment scheme, in which farmers retain full control over the management of their land. A total of nineteen farms in Wensleydale are taking part in the three-year "Payment by Results" project.

Farmers are being paid for producing species-rich meadows and/or good quality habitat for breeding waders such as curlew, snipe, lapwing and redshank. Payments subsidise costs to the farmer of managing their land less intensively than they otherwise would to maximise profits.

With the new scheme, farmers are free to manage the land as they see fit in order to achieve a positive environmental outcome or result, instead of following a set of rules, such as strict mowing dates.

One of the Wensleydale farmers in the pilot, Tom Fawcett, 58, representing C.H. Fawcett and Sons of Nappa Scar, Askrigg, said: "It's a good scheme and I hope it succeeds, because it is helping to preserve hay meadows and wetland habitats. There's not too much red tape and they are letting farmers get on with it."

Farmers wanting more details about the Wensleydale "Payment by Results" scheme can contact YDNPA's Senior Farm Conservation Officer, **Helen Keep** on **01756 751611**.

**Wensleydale Decorative and
Fine Arts Society**

April 11th 2017, 2.00pm
MIDDLEHAM KEY CENTRE

**TITLE: Love and Loss: The Story of Orpheus
and Eurydice in Art and Music**

The tragic tale of the doomed, legendary lovers Orpheus and Eurydice has inspired composers and artists throughout the centuries. As a musician, the lecturer explores the wealth of art and music on this theme.

Dr Lois Oliver is an Art Historian, currently associate Professor in History of Art at the University of Notre Dame (USA) and visiting lecturer at the Courtauld Institute. She has contributed to BBC and Channel 5 television programmes and BBC Radio 3 and 4. She is a keen violinist.

We welcome non-members to all lectures, held on the 2nd Tuesday of the each month from October to June. Entry £8. It would be helpful to inform the Membership Secretary beforehand if possible, on **01765 635244**,

rosalindhigson@btinternet.com

White Rose Hotel, Askrigg

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Contact Sue or Carl on **650515**

Prunings April

Everywhere I look there is a burst of yellow. The Tête à Tête daffodils are dancing on the bank sides and their taller cousins have just



about arrived. Interestingly the glorious show that greets us as we drive into Leyburn is not as far advanced as some of the roadside displays. Probably the result of spending much of the morning in shade, but there are always a few which emerge before the main pack. Going

over the moor to Catterick the gorse is appearing in profusion. (must be kissing time again!) In contrast, traversing the moor to Grinton where there is no gorse, the moor still looks very dull and grey.

“Fair Maids of February” is an old name for snowdrops, and they are best divided now, before the leaves die back. Unlike most bulbs they don’t like being lifted and stored. If they dry out many will not survive. Large clumps can be pushed up with a big fork and then teased into smaller sections. Always plant them a little deeper as they tend to work their way upwards. Water them in well even if it is wet, as it allows the soil to settle around the bulbs.

Pretty soon we shall have drifts of primroses peeking out from shaded roadsides. If you have the truly wild ones in the garden they benefit from some division as the centre of the clump becomes woody and the strong new growth appears around the edges. The best solution is to replant the younger parts, suitably divided, and put the woody bits on the compost heap. As a child I remember having purple primroses in the garden. They were always treasured, as I think my grandfather who was a gardener, brought them to Leyburn when he retired around 1940. I remember being sent off with a watering can to give them some TLC. We had Primula Wanda which was one of the first hybrids, and now they are produced in a profusion of wonderful shades and hues.

Monty Don on “Gardener’s World” has finally given up on the *box* that was so troubled with blight and grubbed it all out. It has given him a whole new project for us to wonder at. I have never had trouble with box blight, but I take my cuttings from the ancient hedge in the front garden. As far as I can tell from old photographs it has been there for more than a century. I seem to recall Monty telling us some years ago that box were good value to buy as young plants, and much quicker than cuttings. I wonder, in the light of what has happened, whether or not he knew where they had come from. There are lots of

box plants available in garden centres, and they seem pretty cheap, but its not easy to find out the source. In the same way that our lovely native Ash trees are threatened by the dreaded Ash Die Back, it is quite possible that garden centres who import have created the problem in the box. It seems ridiculous to bring in foreign varieties of indigenous plants unless they have some improved qualities to offer. In the case of Ash and Box the reverse seems to be the case.

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

Rose Rambler

Wensleydale School and Sixth Form Praised by Ofsted

The Wensleydale School and Sixth Form has been widely praised by Ofsted following an inspection in early February.

The inspectors found that the Leyburn school not only “continues to be good”, but that uncompromising standards and high expectations ensure the school is going from strength-to-strength.

Julia Polley, Headteacher since January 2016, said: “There is a great deal for everyone associated with The Wensleydale School and Sixth Form to be proud of.

“Every area that was reviewed was praised not just for what we have achieved, but also for our ambition to improve further. In fact, the inspectors said in their feedback that our school was bordering on being outstanding in many areas.”

Last summer saw GCSE results in key subjects improve by over 10 percentage points and our students making progress that exceeds the national average, as well as Sixth Form students achieving significantly higher point scores than previous years.

Inspectors found that: Leadership has “high expectations of both your staff and pupils. Collectively, you are uncompromising in your standards and work to ensure that you meet the needs of individual pupils.”

Sixth form attendance “is very good and students talk very positively about their experiences at school including the support that they receive. Students receive good-quality careers information, advice and guidance which prepares them well for their next steps.”

Julie Woodyer, Chair of Governors, said: “This is a hugely impressive report, which is testament to the incredible dedication of all the staff and students at the school.”

Read the full report on the school’s website. To read more, please visit <http://www.wensleydale.n-yorks.sch.uk>

A684 Part Five

To Worton and Eastwards

There is more to this area than meets the immediate eye!

Although the village of Worton was recorded in Domesday Book (1086) as Wereton, and meaning a vegetable garden, it is hard to see why it was there so long ago. Some years later (1152) it is recorded as Wirton in a charter of Jervaulx Abbey. It seems a long way away for the collection of the veggies! But this was at the time when Jervaulx was replacing the nearby Fors Abbey at Breconbar – and might refer to that. Opinion seems to be that the original road from Worton down the Dale was via Thornton Rust (on the drier limestone scar) but maps as early as the 18th century show both roads. It is of interest to note that on the A684 from Worton to Aysgarth there is only one farmstead (Throstle Nest) and no other buildings save for a few barns. It may be because of the risk of flooding but this is apparently a relatively new phenomenon. We know that there was far less run-off from the tops in earlier times and some dykes were constructed to keep the river in check.

The road was used for the first primary levelling ‘*Kirkby Kendal to Thirsk*’ by the Ordnance Survey in 1845 and a few of the original benchmarks remain.

Our first picture shows one very clear, quite large, original bench mark at the barn on the north side of the road east of Worton just before the white milepost: Hawes 6, Leyburn 11. The second is on a side building at Throstle Nest. There was one on the garden wall of Worton Manor until it was knocked down a few years ago.



In the 1920s a new levelling took place with metal bench marks, as shown below, on the building in Worton with this enlargement.



In some ways Worton can be seen as a cross roads:

Bainbridge to Aysgarth, and Askrigg to Cubeck,

although the O.S. map of 1854 shows only a footbridge and ford across the Ure to Askrigg. The present bridge was erected about 1939 replacing a wooden one.

Worton Hall, built in 1600, and one of the oldest farmhouses in Wensleydale, is the most significant structure, just off the road down to the river. (There is also another hut here from the Scar House reservoir ‘village’ in Nidderdale; (see A684 part four)

It might surprise many readers to learn that there was a lead mine here from the mid-1700s. The small entrance was in the narrow gill just behind the bus shelter, with the mine office behind the phone box. It seems a spiral staircase descended to the mine which, with another level, went southwards towards Cubeck which is riddled with mine remains. This was part of an extensive seam running from Askrigg Moor across to Cubeck. On the south side of the road from Bainbridge are the remains of two small reservoirs providing water for the dressing floor of the mine. The mine was never very productive, the first return of ore recorded in 1875 and it was officially abandoned in 1884

The census of 1871 records four miners in Worton but also 13 in Askrigg who may well have worked at Worton. It may be that several of the cottages in Worton were built for the miners. *Information on the age of any of these would be welcome.*



(*Though a word of warning! Date stones over doorways don't always tell the truth!*) The picture, left, shows what appears to be part of a covered leat associated with the mine.

And, of interest to geologists, there



have been significant finds of good fluorspar with deep purple veins, dolomite and fluorized limestone:

The “Yoredale mine and cave group” dug into the mine over nine days in the August 1984.

We travel further along the A684 and into Aysgarth next time. **A.S.W.**

YOUTH THEATRE LEYBURN

Wednesdays in two sessions, age 7 to 18

At the Methodist Hall in Leyburn.

We are a really friendly group.

For more info please call

Sue or Tracey on 07709 870861

Heavens Above

There's a fair amount of planetary activity this month. The innermost planet, Mercury, puts on a great evening performance; Venus is a dazzling 'Morning Star'; and mighty Jupiter, the largest of all the planets, is at its closest and brightest for the year. If you've never seen elusive little Mercury now's your chance. It never rises very high in the sky but with a flat unobstructed horizon you should be able to spot it fairly easily between April 1st and 8th. Look low in the west-north-west about 45 minutes after sunset (around 9.00pm). The planet fades rapidly as the month progresses, so catch it while you can.

Jupiter dominates the southern evening sky right through until September. It reaches opposition (in a dead straight line with the Earth and Sun) on April 7th when it's visible all night long, blazing away at magnitude minus 2.5 amongst the stars of Virgo. Good binoculars (steadily held) will show you the four biggest moons - there are over 60 altogether - but you'll need a reasonably sized 'scope to see detail in the cloud belts crossing the Jupiter's noticeably flattened disc.

The Red Planet, Mars, is still on the scene in the early evening, but it's only a shadow of its former self. It passes just to the south of the Pleiades star cluster on April 21st making a lovely pairing low in the west around 9.30pm in the evening. By the middle of April the ringed planet, Saturn, rises in the south-east around 1 o'clock in the morning but it's pretty poorly placed for viewing. Things improve when it comes to opposition in the middle of June. If you get up really early, you might just glimpse Venus extremely low down in the east about an hour before dawn. On the morning of April 24th a slim crescent Moon hangs just below the brilliant planet - a beautiful sight in the twilight.

Conditions are spot-on for this year's Lyrid Meteor shower which reaches its peak four days before the new Moon on April 21st/22nd. On a good night you can expect to see around 18 of these 'shooting stars' an hour. Here's hoping for clear skies!

Al Bireo

Irish Haytime Workers

Readers with a mathematical mind might have raised an eyebrow last month. Rate of pay was £20 per month, which was considerable then; not £20 per week which was an error!

Thank you Albert Calvert for putting us right.

Exhibition

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, Yoredale,
Bainbridge

Exploration of Land and Nature April and May 2017

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

Gary Lawson is a professional photographer with a keen eye for composition coupled with an in-depth knowledge of the technical aspects of photography.



He creates wonderful images that draw you in and tell stories through composition and subject. Gary is based in Ripon and has an extensive library of images from Cumbria, Yorkshire and Scotland.

David Higgins has travelled extensively in pursuit of wildlife and photography, including 25 African countries, islands in the North and South Atlantic, Borneo and South



America. David has been a winner and runner up in several competitions, most recently winner of the St Helena Photography Competition and shortlisted in the Outdoor Photographer of the Year Award.

For more information about this exhibition please telephone **Lesley Knevitt** at the National Park Authority, on **652326**

'National Park of the Year'

Readers of the BBC Countryfile Magazine have voted The Yorkshire Dales National Park to be the National Park of the Year.

The magazine said 56,000 votes were cast across 12 categories, with the National Park award being one of the most popular contests.

It said readers had displayed great affection for a "wild and craggy limestone landscape, replete with waterfalls and hay meadows, stone villages and broadleaved woodland" and that it's clear that thousands of voters have fond memories of time spent here.

Something Old That's New

Danny Metcalfe who has lived at Nappa since late 2014 has opened a new shop in Askrigg. Askrigg Antiques, Books and Collectables, is open 10.00am and 4.00pm every day except Tuesday and Wednesday, selling a varied selection of antiques, collectables, books, vintage clothing and paintings by local artists. Danny also offers a house clearance service, buys interesting and unusual items including silver and gold and undertakes commission sales. Stock changes rapidly. Call Danny on **07969 496924** for more information.

From April, Askrigg and Low Abbotside Parish Council will take on the room to the side of Danny's shop where Karen Lynch, the Parish Council Clerk, will work on Thursday mornings, being available to residents with queries. On other days it will be manned by volunteers who have previously staffed the Newsroom to offer an information exchange for locals and visitors alike. Please drop by to see them for a chat, leave details of events, ask questions etc. Your support is vital to ensure this remains a community facility.

Middleham and the Dales Local History Group

Tuesday April 25th at 2.00pm

MIDDLEHAM KEY CENTRE

It's Not Just Dropping the (H)aitches.

Winning the 1st prize aged 8 in the Dialect Class of the Wensleydale Tournament of Song, inspired Ruth Dent (nee Harrison) with a lifetime's interest in Yorkshire Dialect.

Ruth joined the Yorkshire Dialect Society, becoming a member of Council and having two periods as Chair of the Society. She has broadcast on radio and television and has written two books of Yorkshire Dialect poetry, "A level heeded dealesbred lass" and "Cum thi ways in". She will talk about the origins and history of our dialect, interspersed with dialect poetry.

Members and visitors are welcome, annual membership is £10, or £3 per meeting for visitors. For more information contact **Tony Keates 640436**, dotandtonyk@btinternet.com

Bainbridge Women's Institute

Bainbridge WI meet on the third Thursday in the month at Bainbridge Village Hall. The meeting on **April 20th at 7-30pm** will be a talk by Jan Bell and Margaret Merrill on "Following in the footsteps of Eleanor of Aquitaine"

Upper Wensleydale Community Office (UWCO) News

We've new ventures to look forward to this year, starting with our new "UWCO Property Management Services". From April 1st we will take over the management of the business units at Raynes Court, down on Hawes Business Park. RDC will still own the buildings, but we will take charge of the day to day management. There are currently two units available to rent if you need any workspace or storage - 30% retail is permitted in the units. Please contact **Kathy or Jill** here at the office or email uwco.property@outlook.com. The website, www.uwco-property.co.uk, will be launched by April 1st.

Unfortunately, in line with many other community libraries, we are losing our core funding. From April 1st we will be running the library, including having to pay for a percentage of the building overheads, on our own. Don't panic - all of our current services will remain exactly the same, we might just be a bit firmer asking you to pay your library fines.

If anyone is interested in volunteering in the library and UWCO, please call in. We already have a couple of excellent volunteers who help us out on some Saturday mornings, but the more the merrier. Similarly, we are always happy to take on new volunteer drivers for The Little White Bus (and don't forget the L.W. trips). We expect another busy year; all the Little White Buses keep us on our toes. There will also be the Children's Summer Reading Challenge over the summer holidays. For any information on any of our services, please call in, phone **667400** or check out our social media and websites.

Abbie Rhodes, Manager

M.P.'s Surgery, Hawes

Rishi Sunak, MP for Richmond, is holding a surgery for constituents in Hawes Community Office on **Friday, April 28th** To book an appointment, please call the constituency office in Northallerton on **01609 765330** or email rishi.sunak.mp@parliament.uk.

County Council Elections

Thursday May 4th

Want to be a candidate? Nominations have to be in by **Tuesday April 4th**.

Want a postal vote? You must apply by **Tuesday April 18th**

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

For church services and events, see page 17

For Gayle Mill events and tours, see page 18

April

- 5 Hawes Drama Group reads "Look who's talking". Gayle Institute . 7.00pm
- 7 Wensleydale Society AGM and talk. See p.13
- 8 St Andrews Church, Aysgarth, Wensleydale Concert Series, See p.3
- 9 Wensleydale Railway Volunteers Open Day
- 9 Palm Sunday**
- 11 Decorative and Fine Arts Society. See p.7
- 12 Adam Alderson talk. See p.18
- 14th Good Friday**
- 15 Mobile skip in Hawes. See p.6
- 16,17 Aysgarth Station Open Days
- 16,17 West Burton Artists. See p. 20
- 16 Easter Sunday**
- 17 Plant sale and refreshments . Castle Bolton Church See p.13
- 19 Penhill Ladies. "Spring to summer containers". Carperby Institute, 7.30pm
- 20 Bainbridge W.I. See p.11
- 22 WensleyALE and GIN train
- 23 Dentdale Choir Spring Concert, See p.22
- 22 Keswick Theatre By The Lake Trip See p.21
- 23 British Legion concert. See p.20
- 24 Thirsk Brass Band at Tennants; See p.20
- 25 Middleham and Dales Local History Group. See p.11
- 26 LASS: Leyburn Arts and Social Society. Thornborough Hall 7.15pm. **623257** for details
- 25 Family History Group. See p.20
- 28 M.P.'s surgery in Hawes. See p.11

Younger than Springtime
A musical variety concert

Saturday 22nd April 2017, 7.30pm
 Café Bar open from 6.30pm

Tickets: £10.00 | U16s £5.00
www.blueboxt.co.uk

Leyburn Arts and Community Centre

DCM What's On

- 5 April -21 May Flora and Dales. Gill Kirk uses print, mixed media and stitch to illustrate the fascinating of plant life in hay meadows
- 8-23 Egg-cellent Easter Trail, 10.00am to 5.00pm. Easter Trail with prizes—find all the clues whilst learning about the birds of the Yorkshire Dales
- 11,18 Drystone Walling Demonstrations; 11.00am to 3.00pm. Dales Volunteers through five drop-in sessions will demonstrate the process of turning a pile of stones into something lasting for centuries
- 12 Rugmaking Workshop; 10.30am to 4.00pm. A days workshop with rug maker Heather Ritchie. £50 includes materials and light lunch
- 15 Family Print Workshop: 10.30am to 4.00pm. Drop in session with artist Gill Kirk using water based inks. £3 per child
- 18 Hawes Town Trail: Dales Volunteers will lead this easy 2.2 mile guided walk exploring the natural beauty of Hawes and nearby Gayle. 2.00 to 4.00pm.
- 21 The Bedale Enclosure and Aiskew Villa. 7.30pm. A talk by Jenny Procter about the excavations ahead of the Bedale Bypass
- 21 In the Kitchen: 11.00am to 3.00pm. Join us in our traditional farmhouse kitchen where Friends of the Museum will explain the hard work that went on there
- 22 Tales from a Country Show: 2.00 to 3.00pm. Humorous tales about the local characters who helped Kilnsey Show survive world wars, a hurricane and the infamous beer tent. An Illustrated talk and book signing with author Jamie Roberts.
- 30 Barns, Walls and Bridges:1.30 to 4.00pm Join our experienced Dales Volunteers on this moderate 4 mile (6.7km) guided walk. We'll see an old packhorse bridge and walk on part of the route used by Lady Anne Clifford as she travelled from Skipton to Penrith 450 years ago to inspect her castles. Booking Advised.

Adult £5.00, Child FREE 16 & under. For further information on any activity phone **666210** ‘

Frying Tonight

Fish and chips – the national dish of Britain.

The first fish and chip shop in the North of England is thought to have opened near Oldham in Lancashire in 1863. Here in Askrigg we were slightly later (1920s). I don't know what condition the fish was in as it would come by train in the days before fridges and freezers. Especially in hot weather, it would soon be off.

According to Michael Weatherald, a Mr. Copeland used to walk down from Burtersett with fish and potatoes on his back and fry fish and chips at the end of Dolphin House. He tells the tale that one night, the local lads popped a cockerel's head in the batter! Mrs. Spence also fried, open on a Tuesday night, Saturday dinner and night.

George "Pills" Halton as a young lad used to light the fire under the set pot which contained the fat. When they thought that it was hot enough to fry, they would spit in the fat and if it sizzled across the top, it was ready!

Pete Kirkbride, in the first house of Wynville Yard, spent all of May getting a fish and chip shop ready for the Grand Opening on Askrigg Sports Day. It was a disaster – the chimney smoked and would not draw, so the enterprise only lasted about a fortnight.

Mrs. Walter up Pudding Lane had a shed as a fish and chip shop. It had an earth floor and was previously the Bainbridge isolation hospital, situated above Bainbridge. Unfortunately it burned down! The Walters also had other interests: Ted Walter was an RAC patrol man, Micky Walter, who was disabled, used to entertain with his accordion while they also ran a taxi service.

My first recollection of fish and chips in Askrigg in the 1950s was that on a Monday night at about 7 o'clock a green and cream Austin wagon, with a big chimney belching smoke from the coal fired range, used to stop at the top of Askrigg. It carried the name "Binns of Grassington".

Some time later an old green Bristol half-cab bus used to park by the cross in the evening. I remember the name, Elliot from Flaxton, York. He came to grief one night at Lowgill, between Thornton Rust and Aysgarth, and was never seen again.

Joe Howarth from Hawes used to deliver ready packed fish and chips from the back of his Morris 1000 van. Heseltines of Spennithorne towed a converted caravan around the Dales selling fish and chips but it didn't last long before it was purchased by Brian and Jill Smith of Nappa Scarr who had a

brief foray into the business, usually stopping outside various pubs – perhaps Brian's downfall.

There may have been others but these are the ones I remember. Today we have excellent fish and chips in Askrigg courtesy of Ramsay's van plus the three licensed premises who all do fish and chips in various forms.

My thanks to Michael Weatherald for additional information.

Andrew Craske

Wensleydale Society

The Society will hold its AGM, followed by a speaker, Jen Parker-Wooding from Northern Archaeology Associates on Friday **April 7th, 7.30pm** in West Burton Village Hall.

Jen will be talking about the recent excavations on the A1 extension in our area. Society Membership is £5 per year and transport from Middleham, Harmby, Leyburn and West Witton is available. Visitors welcome for a small charge.

As part of the Summer Events Programme Rural Britain on Film will be screened on **Tuesday May 2nd** at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre at **7.00pm**. Please book in advance on **624510**. This is an evocative exploration of the UK countryside taking in the diverse and beautiful landscapes around us.

Tea and Scones for Restoration

St Margaret's Church, Hawes will recommence the sale of teas, scones and second hand books in aid of the church Restoration Fund,

on **Bank Holidays and every Tuesday**
between 1.00pm and 3.00pm.

The first will be on Easter Monday,
April 17th. All are welcome.

Plant Sales

On **Easter Monday April 17th** at Castle Bolton Church: Plant sale for Mission Partners, Mission Aviation Fellowship and St George's Crypt, Leeds: cakes and refreshments in church for Church Funds. **10.00am to 1.00pm.**

On **May Bank Holiday Mondays 1st and 29th** at Castle Bolton Church: Plant sale for Mission Partners, Mission Aviation Fellowship and St George's Crypt, Leeds. **10.00am to 12.30pm.**

Doctors' Rotas as supplied by the Health Centre

HAWES SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning					
Wb	April 3rd	10th	17th	24th	
Day					
Mon	FB	F	C	FB	
Tues	F	F	F	F	
Wed	P	P	P	P	
Thurs	B	P	B	P	
Fri	P	C	P	P	
Doctors: B- Brown, F - France, 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>					

AYS GARTH SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning					
Wb	April 3rd	10th	17th	24th	
Day					
Mon	P	P	C	P	
Tues	PB	P	PB	PB	
Wed	F	F	F	F	
Thurs	F	F	F	F	
Fri	B	C	B	B	
Doctors: B- Brown, F - France, P- Pain , C- Closed Morning Surgery: 9.00 - 10.30 am no appointments Afternoon Surgery: 4.00 - 5.30 pm appointment only ____ <i>For appointments and all enquiries ring 663222</i>					

April Competition

Abbreviations of well-known notices etc.

Many of them can be seen around our area.

Example: KOTG = Keep off the grass

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| 1. PP.PKO | 10. OVIMOR |
| 2. BIF | 11. SH-LGN |
| 3. MTG | 12. LVO |
| 4. HAGO | 13. BOTD |
| 5. POAPATC | 14. NNR |
| 6. DPO | 15. DCA |
| 7. UFMV | 16. HLT |
| 8. MOR | 17. PP RO |
| 9. URBOA | |

Send in as many as you can do, and please name your chosen charity for the £20 prize.

Good Friday Walk Of Witness; Hawes

On April 14th a walk of witness, organised by Churches Together, will begin with a short service in Gayle Chapel at 10.00am. The walk will proceed to St Margaret's Hawes with several stops for short readings and prayers including stops outside Gayle Chapel, near the new war memorial, the Neukin, Townfoot and just across from the White Hart. The aim is to complete the walk by around 11.00am and then to join a Good Friday service in St Margaret's. Everyone is welcome to take part in the whole walk or to join it at one of the stops

March Competition Answers

1. ELLERKIN SCAR
2. MALHAM TARN
3. CHAPEL LE DALE
4. MALLERSTANG EDGE
5. ROGANS SEAT
6. BOWDERDALE
7. SEMERWATER
8. OUGHTERSHAW TARN
9. GREAT SHUNNER FELL
10. SULBER NICK
11. ORTON SCAR
12. CAUTLEY SPOUT
13. WHITE SCAR CAVES
14. THE TURBARY ROAD

Kay Ewbank writes:

This is probably too late, and pitifully unfinished, but just in case you've had no other entries as all the other would-be competitors have turned to drink in desperation at the inability to solve any of the clues: In the unlikely event that I win, does Stalling Busk Schoolroom count as a charity? If not, then the Friarage MRI Scanner appeal.

Thanks, and I did enjoy the competition, even if I did swear at you a lot.

You are certainly the winner; 10 out of 14 excellent!

Police Report

Once again, a quick overview of incidents in the area;

February 27th, a report of criminal damage to property at Spring Bank B and B Hawes, a plastic business card holder has again been ripped off the post that is situated close to the footpath. This is the 4th occurrence and anyone with information as to the identity of the person responsible, please contact NYP via 101.

March 3rd, Report received of a stolen motor vehicle from Redmire.

March 5th, Drug related road traffic offence. A vigilant member of the public reported a suspicious vehicle travelling between Gayle and Kettlewell; the reportee believed that the occupants were checking out farm buildings along the route for the opportunity to commit theft. The vehicle was subsequently stopped and the driver arrested for possession of cannabis and driving whilst under the influence of drugs.

March 9th, Theft was reported at Simonstone.

March 16th, a £600 Stihl saw, which had been left unattended by the owner near to his van, at the front of the property where he was working had been stolen by a sneak thief.

March 17th, a report of a theft in Hawes.

Quad bike thieves have been active across the region with, Marsett, Marrick, Keld, Muker x2 and Low Row all being targeted. Please make your property as secure as possible to help deter the offenders.

I am sure all drivers are aware that it is an offence to use a mobile phone whilst driving. The Penalties have now increased to six points on your licence and a fine of £200. If you have held your licence for less than two years, it could result in the likely loss of your licence.

The Quote for this issue is:

"It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change." Charles Darwin.

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

Bainbridge Women's Institute

Bainbridge WI meet on the third Thursday in the month at Bainbridge Village Hall. The meeting on **April 20th at 7-30pm** will be a talk by Jan Bell and Margaret Merrill on "Following in the footsteps of Eleanor of Aquitaine"

Dales Quoits League

The Dales Quoits League was formed approximately 22 years ago. During that time Maurice Harrison was Chairman for 19 years, Mrs Doreen Lloyd Secretary for 20 years and Angela Lee the treasurer. After many dedicated years of service they all stood down at the recent AGM to give a new group of people the opportunity to promote the game around the Dales. A big thank you to all three from all team members and we hope you enjoy your newly found spare time. The game of quoits possibly has roots as far back as Roman times and now it is played between pub teams. The pitch consists of two clay-filled pits measuring 3ft x 3ft with a 1" steel pin standing 3" above the clay surface. The throwing distance between pits is 11 yards pin to pin. The quoits are metal rings of approved dimensions which are thrown from a "hockey", from one pit to the other.

A game is between two players from opposing teams and up to 21 points. The first player to 21 points is declared the winner. Points are scored for the nearest quoit to the pin and should the quoit go directly over the pin, this is known as a "ringer", the throwing player receiving two points. A match consists of seven games, therefore a minimum of seven members are required to make up a team.

This month the League fixtures will begin. Teams range throughout the dale from Hawes in the west to Kirby Malzard in the east. League matches are played on a Monday evening plus Cup matches on the occasional Thursday. There are other competitions throughout the year at the Dalesman Club in Leyburn where a BBQ is also included.

Everyone is welcome to come along to their local pub and watch - check locally first to make sure your team is at home!

We are always looking for new teams and players to join the league and should you wish to find out more details for this or 2018 season please contact **Stephen Mason (Chairman) on 07826 716 146 or 662743** or **Roger Howis (Secretary) on 07432 650 733 or 623114** and we will do his best to help. We now have a new committee hoping to promote the game of Quoits within the Dales and after the past performance of our retiring officers, we certainly have something to live up to!

Stephen Mason

Hawes Cricket

The cricket season returns with practice nights on Thursdays from late April, and home games against Skipton (May 7th) and Settle (May 14th). Please come and see us at Hawes cricket field if you'd like to participate in any way. All welcome.

James Raw



Email woes with new computers and Windows 10 upgrades

I have spent some time recently helping people to upgrade to Windows 10 and transfer files etc. to a new computer. In particular people are keen to move email and address books from older computers where all their information is stored and this has become a bit of a problem. Until recently I recommended people to download and install Windows Live Mail, making transfer from Outlook Express in Windows XP or Windows Mail in Vista (or Windows Live Mail on any computer) a relatively quick and easy process, but now Microsoft have removed Windows Live Mail from support so you can no longer download it from their computers.

The "Mail" app that comes installed on Windows 10 is very basic to say the least! Annoyingly it has no facility for importing your old address book and emails. There is a facility to import addresses from limited number of web based email services.

There are a lot of email programmes available to use as an alternative but I don't like the fact that almost all of them lock you into their way of doing things and very few have useable export functions to get your data out if you decide you want to change. I've come up with two solutions:

1) Microsoft Outlook

This will import data from older Microsoft Programmes (with a bit of persuading) but for many it is overkill and it is not free. If you subscribe to Microsoft Office 365 you have access to all Office programmes including Outlook but then you are locked into an annual subscription. The annual license isn't ridiculously overpriced – especially if you have more than one computer but is still annoying. Outlook is also squarely aimed at the business user which means for many home users it has a lot of features you don't need and can be quite confusing if you want a simple system.

2) Web based email

You can use web based email through your browser. Most providers allow you to access your email via a webpage. This has a number of advantages – it is universally available (so you can check and send emails when you are not at home). Most services now link to smart phones so you can check on the move. If you hate the website version of your email (I personally can't abide BT's website) you can choose to use another service such as gmail or hotmail – simply set up a new account

and within the settings you can add your existing email account and continue to use your old email address or addresses. This is my preferred method these days – and I prefer gmail as the method. The gmail website works well and they produce excellent apps for smartphones which take full advantage of the service features.

This second method also gives you an ideal way to change your email address from your service provider to a free web based account while not losing access to your service provide account. If you ever plan to try a new internet provider it is a good idea not to get stuck using their email system, as you could lose that email address when you move. A web based email address like gmail is not tied to your internet provider so you won't lose it if you change internet service.

That's it for this month. Any questions or article ideas, please call **663798** or email carol.haynes@dalescomputerservices.com.

Back Where We Belong

A familiar sign will return to its previous home on the shop front in Askrigg. Elizabeth Fawcett is re-opening 'Humble Pie' from its original home, occupied from 1999 to 2004, this time joined in the business by her daughter and new partner, Betty Guy. Betty was just 10 months old when her mum first opened the shop and is going to be fully involved in running the business now.

Elizabeth has kept the old shop sign in her kitchen since she closed and is delighted that the opportunity has arisen for her to be able to return it to the heart of Askrigg.

'Humble Pie' re-opens officially at 10.00am on April 1st; shop hours will then be Monday to Saturday from 8.30am to 5.00pm. Elizabeth and Betty will be offering a selection of delicious homemade cakes and bakes, lunches and various freshly homemade takeaway meals and look forward to welcome customers old and new.

K.P.

Leyburn and District U3A

The monthly meeting will be held on **Friday April 21st from 10.00am** at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre. The talk, Beekeeping in the Dales, will begin at 10.30am and the speaker is Jackie Pope. Free to members, visitors welcome for a small charge. Information will be available about the current interest groups running. Membership renewal is due soon and anyone wishing to join can contact **Hazel Derby on 623480**. Please note the AGM in May will be held in the Methodist Hall in Leyburn.

Easter Church Services

Palm Sunday April 9th(HC= Holy Communion) Penhill/Mid-Dale area

9.00am Breakfast in Redmire Village Hall
10.30am Family service, St Mary's Redmire
6.00pm Aysgarth Methodists (all age)
Askrigg/Bainbridge Area
10.30am Family service Askrigg
10.45am Bainbridge Methodists
at Sycamore Hall

Hawes Area

9.00am Morning Prayer, Hardraw
10.30am St Margaret's, Hawes (HC)
6.00pm Gayle Chapel with Candy Rogers

Holy Week

Penhill/Mid Dale

Morning Prayer all at 8.30am:
10th Holy Trinity, Wensley
11th St Andrew's, Aysgarth
12th St Mary's, Redmire
13th St Bartholomew's, West Witton

Meditative Services all at 7.00pm:
10th St Margaret's, Preston Under Scar
11th Wensley Village Hall (Lent Course)
12th St Oswald's, Castle Bolton

Maundy Thursday April 13th

Penhill/Mid Dale

7.00pm Thornton Rust Mission Rm. (HC)
7.30pm West Burton Methodist (HC)
Askrigg/Bainbridge Area
7.00pm Service of reflection St Oswald,
Askrigg

Good Friday April 14th

9.00am Walk of Reflection Keld to Grinton

Penhill/Mid Dale

Stations of the Cross 9.05 Preston-U-Scar;
9.35 Redmire Green; 10.00am Castle Bolton;
10.50 Carperby Cross; 11.20 Thornton Rust
Institute; 11.50 Thoraby upper green;
12.15 Newbiggin waterfall; 12.50 West Burton
market cross; 1.25 Wensley; 1.45 West Witton
opposite the Heifer; 2.15 Aysgarth. Village
Green

Church Services

9.30am St Margaret's Preston-u-Scar
10.15am St Oswald's, Castle Bolton
2.00pm St Bartholomew's, West Witton
2.30pm Aysgarth Methodist Church (United
service)

Askrigg/Bainbridge Area

2.00pm An Hour at the Cross, St Oswald's

Hawes Area

10.00am Walk of Witness Gayle Chapel to
11.00am Service at St Margaret's, Hawes

Easter Day April 16th

Penhill/Mid Dale

9.30am St Mary's Redmire (HC)
9.30am St Bartholomew's West Witton (HC)
10.45am Aysgarth Methodist Service
10.45am West Burton Methodist Service
11.00am Family Service (HC) St Andrew's
11.00am Holy Trinity, Wensley (HC)

Askrigg/Bainbridge Area

6.00am Daybreak service, Semerwater
10.30am St Oswald's, Askrigg with
Bainbridge Methodists (HC)
2.00pm Marsett Methodist
2.30pm St Matthew's, Stalling Busk (HC)

Hawes Area

6.00am Daybreak Service, Semerwater
9.00am St Mary & St John, Hardraw (HC)
10.30am St Margaret's, Hawes (HC)
6.00pm Gayle Chapel (HC)

Other special church events in April

- 1 Men's Breakfast, Sycamore Hall 8.30am
- 2 Bainbridge Methodists at St Oswald's
United Service at 10.30am
- 3 Lent Quiet Time St Andrew's, Aysgarth
2.30pm - 3.30pm
- 4 Lent Lunch and meditation. Gayle
Chapel from noon
- 4, 11 Lent Course "Faith in Pictures"
Wensley Village Hall at 7.30pm
- 5 Lenten reflection on The Lord's Prayer.
Askrigg Village Hall 7.15 - 8.45pm
- 23 Children's Church at Wensley Village
Hall 9.30am - 11.00am
- 23 Aysgarth and Bainbridge Methodists at
Sycamore Hall at 10.45am
- 26 Gayle Chapel gift evening from 6.00pm
- 29 Bainbridge Chapel gift day 2 - 4.00pm
- 30 Bainbridge Methodists at St Oswald's,
Askrigg at 10.30am
- 30 Penhill Praise Family Service, Holy Trinity,
Wensley 10.30am

Annual Parochial Church Meetings of which we
have been notified:

Bolton cum Redmire 2nd after 11.00am service
at St Oswald's;
Preston with Wensley 23rd 10.30am at St
Margaret's, Preston U Scar;
West Witton 23rd at 3.00pm at St
Bartholomew's;
Hawes 25th at 11.30am at St Margaret's;
Aysgarth 25th at 7.00pm at St Andrew's.

Gayle Mill Events

Demonstration Tours – Sunday April 2nd 11.00am and 2.30pm £12



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

Gayle Mill reopens for One Hour Tours Sunday to Friday at 1.00pm and 3.00pm starting on **Monday April 3rd** £6 per person, free to children 16 and under.

Tool Sharpening Day Saturday April 8th 11.00am – 3.00pm - Bring your woodworking tools to Gayle Mill and have them sharpened whilst you wait. A fee will be charged for this service tool by tool. Book your tools in by calling the Mill office on **667320**.

Introduction to Hand pieced Patchwork Saturday April 8th 10.00am – 4.00pm £55 per person - Come and learn English hand pieced patchwork using quick and easy modern tools and materials. You will need to bring sewing needles, small pieces of fabric and some thread. However, some fabric and necessary materials will be available for a small charge. All tuition, lunch and other refreshments are included.

Hands-on Woodworking Experience Day Saturday April 29th 9.00am – 5.00pm £175 per person - Come for a full day and with expert tuition learn how to use some of the Victorian Machinery here at Gayle Mill. You will receive one to one guidance throughout the day in how to turn wood on a lathe, use a circular saw, process wood on the planer thicknesser, operate the bandsaw and at the end of the day produce some stunning bespoke items of woodwork to take home and keep. All tuition, materials, lunch and other refreshments are included in this unique Experience Day at t' mill.

Adam Alderson

Fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Support and the Steve Prescott Foundation
Wine and Cheese and Pud night
Talk by Adam Alderson on his life saving multi-organ transplant
At Carperby Institute
Wednesday April 12th at 7.30pm
Entry £6 at the door

Hawes School News



On March 8,9,10th children in Years 4/5/6 went to Dukeswood House in Hexham. This was a residential visit and the aims were to build confidence, push comfort zones and develop teamwork. The children took part in a range of activities including Zip Wire, Climbing, Abseiling, Outdoor Laser Quest and High Equilibrium. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and all grown in confidence over the 3 days. Many have brought back this renewed confidence and determination and applied it to their work in school.

We are very grateful to the Tolls trust and our own PTFA would contributed to the trip.

Hanna Vasey

Mad Hatters Tea Party

Wednesday April 19th

4pm till 7.30pm - Hawes Market Hall

£8 entry fee per child, includes food for the children, games and disco.

Join us for a magical afternoon at our Mad Hatters Tea Party with some special guest appearances, followed by a disco.

Under 5's must be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets: Emma Guy 07712605110 or Jenny Guy 07805 577354

Penhill Benefice Coffee Morning

Friday April 21st 10.00am - noon

METHODIST CHURCH HALL, LEYBURN

Sale of Cakes and biscuits

Produce and Cake donations welcome on the day

Proceeds to benefice mission and outreach

Hawes Christmas Lights

Strawberry Fayre

Sunday May 28th

Cocketts Hotel, 2.-5.00pm

Tickets: £5

from Whites of Wensleydale



Central Dales Practice

Central Dales Practice enters a new chapter. After 17 years at the Practice, we would like to wish Dr Adrian Jones a very long and happy retirement, and to thank him for his expertise and commitment.

Life will go on, but there will be three GPs, not four, as we do not feel at this time, determined by politics and finance, that we are in a position to recruit a fourth doctor. Drs Brown and Pain, and myself, have every intention of continuing to provide a broad yet focused, professional, timely and personal service to you all, but to do so effectively, maybe this is the time to make some gentle reminders about how you can help us help you.

Central Dales wishes to continue to strive for a service offering prompt access to all patients, especially by way of continuing the 'open-access' morning surgery sessions at both sites. As many of you will have seen in the media in recent weeks, most of the country does not enjoy such access. General Practice is being brought to its knees in many parts of the country, and although we feel that it is indeed a privilege to practise in this fashion, pressure on these busy sessions can be helped in the following ways:-

1. Please follow the advice, shown in the Practice leaflet and on our and NHS websites, about common ailments and their home treatments, before taking a GP appointment.
2. If coming to see the Doctor about a test result or a hospital letter etc. please first check with reception staff that the information required is attached to your medical record.
3. Please check with reception staff if you are wanting a review of your on-going condition or medication, in case one of our nursing team can manage this kind of consultation.
4. Please remember that the Practice Nurse is the best member of the team to see first for issues relating to travel advice and inoculations/medications, as well as for wounds and dressings, and for contraceptive advice/repeat prescriptions.
5. The three GPs all have very different educational and training backgrounds, with consequent different specialist interests. Please do not be alarmed if we refer you to one of our colleagues, in the event of them possibly being better placed to deal with your problem.
6. In the event of not being able to attend any pre-booked appointment, please remember to ring and cancel; we all know that life can rear-up and get in the way of plans, but cancellation allows us to make

use of a precious appointment for another patient.

Central Dales Practice has developed a set of guidelines for patients who request home visits. These will generally only be given to elderly patients who are too unwell or unable to travel to surgery, and to patients with serious medical conditions requiring treatment at home. Although it is up to the GP concerned to decide upon the merits of a visit request, children with illnesses will generally be expected to be brought to surgery.

We have made the decision to increase the number of evening appointments available at Hawes to even out a historical difference between the two sites. This will in turn make up for evening surgeries not being held by the fourth GP. Whilst our morning surgery will remain 'open', it may be that there is a small increase in pressure for evening appointments. Should our reception staff ask you to wait a short number of days upon making an evening appointment, which, on a National level, is still excellent, we ask you politely to accept this; you can, of course, still come to an open access morning surgery if your condition becomes more urgent.

Please remember that the surgery staff, who may question you about the reasons for your appointment, are only doing so to help you, in terms of forewarning the GP, or indeed being able to direct you to a more appropriate member of the team. Confidentiality is paramount, and our staff are appropriately trained.

Whilst emergencies do arise, even occurring during a surgery, if you think you are suffering from a more severe medical problem requiring immediate treatment - breathlessness, chest pain, significant bleeding, weakness - then you would probably be better off ringing 999. Remember, paramedics are not duty bound to take you to hospital; they are highly trained in order to make a full assessment of your condition, and can liaise with a GP should they not think you need the hospital.

Please allow for the required time requested to process your repeat prescriptions. The number of medications dispensed increases year after year, but we do not have the luxury of having more and more staff to process all of this, and neither do we have any more room to store and hold all of the medications.

We are always looking at ways of trying to improve our service so if you have any ideas or comments regarding this please join our Patient participation group or contact our Managing Partner Lynn Irwin.

Dr Jonathan Holubecki-France

News From the Vets

We are all settled down at the new surgery now. We love having all the extra space, especially in the consulting rooms and the car park and we hope clients are enjoying it also. Certainly most dogs seem calmer in the larger consulting rooms. Lambing time has arrived again and will be keeping the dale busy. We would like to take the opportunity to ask people to keep dogs on leads when walking through fields with sheep in them; the presence of a dog can be very stressful to pregnant sheep. Also we have been seeing an increase in a type of tape worm in sheep that arises when they eat grass contaminated with tape worms from dog's faeces. These then travel to the sheep liver and form cysts for which there is no treatment.

Please pick up your dog's faeces and worm them with a tapeworm product on at least a quarterly basis. One more sheepy notice: this is a time of year when people will often find sheep laid on their backs after becoming 'rigged'. If the sheep aren't put back onto their feet they can die, so if anyone finds a sheep on its back either roll it back over, or if you don't feel comfortable doing so, contact the farmer as a matter of urgency.

Anyway, on that note, better get back to our new lambing shed and get everything ready.

Davinia Hinde, Station Surgery, Askrigg

Upper Dales Family History Group

We welcomed many visitors to our February meeting to hear the truly fascinating story of Alice Thornton who lived through one of the most unsettled and dangerous periods in this country's recent history. Drawing on Alice's lengthy autobiography which she wrote after being widowed in 1668, her own words were spoken by Rosi Keatinge and the background was introduced by Marion Moverley who had written the script.

This month's meeting is on **Wednesday, April 26th, at 2.00pm** in Harmby Village Hall, when the speaker is Mary Randles on 'Albert's Story'; her research into a mystery in her family which took her to Dallowgill and Baldersdale.

For more details contact **07432 677783** or email: moverley.yorkshire@outlook.com

Tracy Little

Cash Machine Replacement

John Blackie writes:

Once I had the agreement of HSBC to provide a free 24/7 Cash Machine for Hawes (on the basis of what they had provided in exactly similar circumstances as Masham), they asked me what site would I suggest as they had drawn a blank. I suggested the site they are going ahead with - on the pavement by the Penny Garth car park facing the Cattle Market, just 20 yards beyond the Market House.

I suggested where the second telephone box used to be and as I had researched that a stand-alone cash machine fits neatly space-wise into a payphone size cabinet. With the agreement of BT they are going to replace the existing telephone box with a 24/7 Cash-Zone machine which will incorporate a payphone. The payphone provision is vitally important as it must be available for emergency use for the town's defibrillator on Hawes Market House, as well as for occasional public use.

The CashZone machine will be supplied entirely free of charge and filled and serviced by Cardtronics. The Post Office will not be involved in any way with it, other than of course to back it up during opening hours with a cash withdrawal facility should it fail temporarily.

All things being equal, the commissioning of the cash machine will take place this month, perfectly in time for it to be available for the busy visitor season.

British Legion Concert

THIRSK BRASS BAND
CATTERICK LADIES CHOIR

In Tennants Garden Room, Leyburn

April 23rd at 3.00pm

£10 adults; £8 Concessions, £5 Children

Phone **Kathleen Boon** on **625508** for tickets

Organised by Leyburn and District British Legion

West Burton Artists

EXHIBITION IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Easter Sunday and Monday, April 16th, 17th

10.00am to 4.00pm

Free entry. Donations for charity. Refreshments

Newsletter Accounts
March 2016 to February 2017

	Income
<i>Balances b/f</i> [includes £20 of unclaimed cheques from 2015/16]	<u>9557.79</u>
Donations and postal subs	783.00
Collection boxes	4036.38
Adverts	11014.00
Interest (Skipton BS)	<u>61.37</u>
	<u>15894.75</u>
	<u>25452.54</u>
	Expenditure
Production costs	9753.00
Distribution costs	632.39
Donations	1350.00
Committee expenses & honoraria	817.70
Room rental	35.00
Prizes	110.00
Book grant scheme for students	2170.23
Equipment	294.60
Refund to advertiser	50.00
Computer software & hardware	<u>1470.00</u>
	<u>16682.92</u>
Balance c/f	<u>8769.62</u>
	<u>25452.54</u>

The accounts were audited and approved on 16th March 2017 by Barry Wilcox, MCMI.

Although our income this year has increased by about £700 compared with 2015/16, mainly because of increased revenue from the collection boxes housed in shops and pubs around the Newsletter area, our overall bank balances were down by a similar amount at the end of the year. This was because we needed to buy a new computer during the year and we also invested in display signs at locations where the public can buy copies of the Newsletter.

We have been pleased to support 11 local students with book and equipment grants, amounting to £2170.23 and we donated to several charities on behalf of our monthly competition winners: Friends of Tees Valley Youth Orchestra, Great North Air Ambulance Service, Hawes Christmas Lights, MRI Scanner Appeal at the Friarage Hospital, St Teresa's Hospice, The Stroke Association, and the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Larger donations all supported local organisations:

£500 North Country Theatre
£200 Wensleydale Concert Series
£150 The Learning Curve Project, Askrigg
£100 Settle Stories Ltd (Bill Mitchell Archive)
£100 Wensleydale Tournament of Song
£50 Gayle Playground
£50 Hawes Graveyard Maintenance Fund

The Committee are always pleased to read the letters of appreciation that are sent to us and we are very grateful for the donations readers have made. Thank you!

J.W.T.

Theatre by the Lake, Keswick, by Bus

Choose from two excellent matinee performances on **Saturday April 22nd** at this unique theatre.

1. Nicholas Pierpan's poignant new play *William Wordsworth* explores a turbulent time in the poet's life and how some of the most beautiful and startling poetry in history came to be created.

2. *Two-Way Mirror* is a beautiful double bill by Arthur Miller, exploring illusion, love and the power of desire. The plays, *Some Kind of Love* and *Elegy for a Lady* provide a moving epitaph to Miller's genius and are often attributed to his tumultuous relationship with Marilyn Monroe.

£26 for ticket and coach, which starts in Leyburn and will pick up in Richmond. *Walkers are welcome to fill up any spare seats and spend around 5 hours in the Lakes.*

There are still tickets available for the Birmingham Royal Ballet *Triple Bill* at York on May 13th, cost £35.50.

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





Mystery picture

Last month's was of Appersett Viaduct.

Where is this village?

It is the first one taken from the air that we have had submitted.

Margaret and family

would like to thank all their friends and family for the cards, flowers and support received following the sad loss of Mel. Donations received will be split between t Intensive Therapy Unit at the Friarage Hospital, Hawes Christmas Lights and Air Ambulance.

In Memoriam

RICHARD DINSDALE

May The Winds of Love Blow Softly
And Whisper So You'll Hear
We Will Always Love And Miss You
And Wish That You Were Here
Anne and Family

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

**The Dentdale Choir
Spring Concert**

Requiem Maurice Duruflé
Plus works by Elgar, Todd, Stopford, Lauridson, Tallis and Hogan

**Jolyon Dodgson sings Verdi,
Mozart and Barber**
Organist: Roger Bush
Conductor: Richard Bruce
Saturday April 22nd 7.00pm
St. Andrew's Church, Dent

Tickets: adults £7.50, including wine and nibbles (children free) from Dent Stores, Sedbergh T.I.C. and on the door

Free

Three pairs of thermal curtain linings,
keep out the draughts!
Sylvia Crookes **650525**

Boddy

Happy 40th birthday Ruth
April 2nd
Love and best wishes from
Mum and all the family