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Role Over!

A.S.W. writes: After 21 years with this Newsletter it has become apparent that my involvement with the administration and organisation has to terminate and pass on to other very capable committee members, a process which has been going on for a while.

You will be delighted, distressed or hardly aware that as far as possible I will continue to muse over some editorials, produce longer features, and to the dismay of many, set some competitions! Needless to say, this has been a considerable task, and the support of so many people up and down the Dale has been enormous.

What can be said is that to be so involved in something like this is a wonderful diversion from three years of cancer and chemotherapy!

My grateful thanks.

Changes

You may have noticed that the contact details for the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter, shown on the back page of each edition, have changed.

Postal correspondence should be sent to Ings House, Ings Houses, Hawes, DL8 3QT; emails should be sent to uwnlinput@gmail.com; please feel free to speak to any of the committee members listed on the back or phone **667061**.

Sue Wood in the Laundrette on Main Street, Hawes has kindly agreed to be a drop off point for greetings, competition entries and the like.

The Committee are committed to continuing to provide you with a Newsletter to the very high standards which Alan has set over the last 21 years.

A.M.

Wanted — a Courier.

Is there someone who works in or regularly visits Hawes, but who lives near Muker, who would be willing (once a month) to take a small bundle of newsletters to the Muker shop. Please contact Peter

Submission of articles

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Eunice the Ewe

I was in the Bear Cottage advert on page 37 and the winner of the £10 prize is

Luke Reeves, Romford, Essex

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

Wanted

Someone with a few spare hours a month to help convert Newsletter input from MS Word and similar products to MS Publisher ready for input to the Newsletter.

Must be comfortable with computers and ideally familiar with Microsoft Word and Office products. We will supply the Publisher training.

Please contact Alastair on **667061** or Barry on **667458** to discuss.

Restoration Fundraising at St Margaret's, Hawes

Tea and Scones in St. Margaret's Church in aid of the Restoration Fund.

**on Bank Holiday Mondays, May 1st and 29th
and every Tuesday through-out May between
1.00pm and 3.00pm.**

Concert on **Friday May 19th at 7.30pm** in
St Margaret's Church with
**Askrigg Ladies Singing for Pleasure with East
Witton Male Voice Choir**

Tickets on the door £7.00.

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April Competition Answers

1. Private property - please keep out.
2. Bull in field.
3. Mind the gap.
4. House and gardens open.
5. Please order and pay at the counter.
6. Disabled parking only.
7. Unsuitable for motor vehicles.
8. Mud on road.
9. Unfenced road beware of animals.
10. Oncoming vehicles in middle of road.
11. Steep hill— low gear now.
12. Light vehicles only.
13. Beware of the dog.
14. National Nature Reserve.
15. Dual carriageway ahead.
16. Heavy lorries turning.
17. Private property— residents only.
18. Duck or grouse.

The winner of the £20 prize donated to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution was Heather Pearson of Long Preston (who got 15 correct).

May Competition

Fruit and vegetables

After a few quite hard months, some of these answers will leap into your mind! Several are “sound likes” and not a single anagram!

1. Vehicle erosion
2. Monarch’s deformed lump
3. Viking
4. Excelled itinerary
5. Hope it’s better than it looks
6. They are in the rivars (correct)
7. Attack evils— no ‘D’
8. Father’s little cut
9. Soon? I only popped in. In
10. Solid fuel accompanies Hebrew teacher
11. The opposite of ‘buyery’
12. A spare inch or two; fist seven odds
13. Gold, ice lump with twisted maths ratio
14. “Try a saloon” Do!
15. Wide, sprinter, renal or Parisian
16. Old gym shoe of relation
17. Rhymes with older cubs
18. People of Zurich burnt

Send in as many as you can find. You might win!

**Church Coffee Club at
Bolton cum Redmire**

**10:30am-Noon
Wednesday May 3rd
The Old Police House, Redmire**

Heavens Above

Jupiter still lords it over the evening sky this month. It has faded slightly since its closest approach in April but still shines brighter than any of the stars. You’ll find it reasonably high in the south in the constellation of Virgo where it’s visible nearly all night long. On **May 7th** there’s a close conjunction between the giant planet and the Moon. Look due south around **11.00 pm** and you’ll see the pair separated by a mere 1¼ degrees - a fine sight in binoculars.

The nights really begin to shorten now and soon we won’t get proper darkness again until early August. There’s still plenty to see, however, if you’re prepared to venture out just that little bit later. High in the south-east around 10.00 pm you can spot the closest giant star to our solar system – Arcturus - in the constellation of Bootes the Herdsman. It’s the fourth brightest star in the sky and has a distinct orange colour which shows up well in binoculars. A little to its east lies a compact semi-circle of stars forming Corona Borealis, the Northern Crown. Not very bright but still fairly easy to pick out. Well over in the south-west you’ll find another curving line of stars – The Sickle – outlining the forequarters of Leo the Celestial Lion. Leo’s brightest star, in the sickle’s handle, is Regulus, the King’s Star.

Almost overhead in late spring, the sinuous constellation of Draco the Dragon, snakes its way between the Great and Little Bears – Ursa Major and Minor. Its head points towards the straggling constellation of Hercules the Strongman whose torso is outlined by a ‘wedge’ of four stars often dubbed ‘The Keystone’. Hercules is home to the great globular cluster M13, a dense ball of around a million stars – a beautiful sight in a modest-sized telescope. A good swathe of the eastern sky is filled by Hercules and two other fainter groups, Serpens the Serpent and Ophiuchus the Serpent Bearer. Serpens is the only constellation split into two parts.

We get our first taste of the summer stars later this month when Altair over in the north-east joins Vega and Deneb to form the famous Summer Triangle asterism. Its re-emergence in the early morning sky is a sure sign that warmer weather is on the way. After such a duff spring – bring it on! Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

Aysgarth Drop in for Coffee

**10am-Noon
Tuesday May 2nd
Blades Cottage, Aysgarth**

Best Foot Forward:- Crossing the Ure 2

The last Best Foot Forward following the River Ure ended at Thwaite Bridge. Some of you might have noticed road works there during April and after passing through traffic lights four times in three days I decided to have a chat with the guys working there. It seems they were inserting two movement joints to allow the bridge to better withstand the vibration created by heavy lorries. Apparently this will extend the life of the bridge.

From Thwaite Bridge there is a good track running beside the river but this is not a public footpath. It leads to Fall Rigg Farm beside Mossdale Beck, a major tributary of the Ure. It also goes to the Moorcock show in early September. Our walking route needs to climb (steeply at first) over the spur of land south of Thwaite Bridge to reach Mossdale Head. Here a fine waterfall is seen, backed by a railway viaduct over the beck. Now a footpath makes its way through the fields not far away from the river. The footpath becomes a track and after Birkrigg Farm we find the next crossing point of the Ure, just a short way above the confluence with Cotterdale Beck. It is a single arch bridge with metal railings. Back on field paths we now encounter one or two steep banks where the river is cutting into the hillside before reaching the next crossing point, New Bridge, below Appersett.



This carries the A684 and brings to an end the longest section of the river (about two miles) south of the main road. New Bridge is actually a mid-nineteenth century construction. It has a fine single arch span and is a listed structure.

It's not easy following the river downstream from Appersett. Walking along the A684 beyond the village is decidedly hazardous with no grass verges to escape the traffic and lots of blind bends. It might be a bit of a detour but I would suggest walking up the back road to the railway viaduct, then following the field paths to Halfway Houses. A short walk down the road then leads to a footpath

beside the Ure, which goes all the way to Haylands Bridge. This is a justifiably popular route, well known by the people of Hawes. At this time of year there are lots of interesting birds nesting near the river (sandpipers, redshanks and sand martins on my visit) and it is interesting to watch the skyline of Hawes evolving beyond the old railway embankment as you progress downstream. For most of us, picturing the views of the town and the river from a passing train is pure imagination but some of our older readers may have recollections of the real thing (the line was closed to passenger traffic sixty three years ago).

Haylands Bridge is also listed, probably late eighteenth century and it has two arches with a central pier. There is a certain elegance about it and, unusually for the main part of Wensleydale, it is a west-east crossing as the river swings southwards in a huge meander. Nearby Gayle Beck joins the river just above the bridge. This is all well seen from the road on the north side as it follows the meander.

To complete the circle back to Thwaite Bridge it is possible to follow the Pennine Way to Hardraw. After a mile or so of climbing up the Great Shunner Fell track a footpath peels off left and cuts across the hillside to Cotterdale. From there a path leads back over the ridge, crossing Lady Ann Clifford's Way, to reach Thwaite Bridge. The round trip would be nearly ten miles. Taking the Little White Bus on its way to Garsdale Station would halve that distance to make quite a short walk, which has actually only discovered three crossing points. Naturally as the river gets larger the crossings have to be more substantial so they become less frequent. Next time we'll be introducing some stepping stones. **N.P.**

The Wensleydale Society

On **Tuesday May 2nd**, Rural Britain on Film, an evocative exploration of the countryside of the UK, taking in the diverse and beautiful landscapes of the UK. This event is part of the Wensleydale Society's Summer Visits & Events Programme and is at Leyburn Arts & Community Centre, at **7.00pm**. Tickets £6, £5 for concessions.

There is also a visit to the National Coal Mining Museum & Yorkshire Sculpture Park on **Tuesday May 23rd**, leaving Leyburn at **9.00am** returning at approx. **6.00pm**. The cost is £15, contact **624246**.

The film and visit are open to non-members. The Society also has a walks programme for members. Membership is £5 per year.

Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society

Tuesday May 9th, 2.00pm

TITLE : Treasures of the Turf: The Fine and Decorative Art of Horseracing

MIDDLEHAM KEY CENTRE

Christopher Garibaldi, currently Director of the National Horseracing Museum in Newmarket, will look at the collections of the Museum and how they illustrate the history of both Newmarket and the 'Sport of Kings' across the UK from the early 17th century to today.

He will map the development of horseracing using a wealth of paintings, archive material and decorative objects associated with the sport.

He will also outline the exciting development of the museum in partnership with the Retraining of Racehorses Charity which will accommodate live horses as part of the visitor experience.

We welcome non- members to this lecture and to any future lectures of interest. The cost is £8 per lecture. It would be helpful to inform the Membership Secretary beforehand if possible, on **01765 635244**, rosalindhigson@btinternet.com.

Wensleydale Sport and Leisure Centre.

60s, 70s and 80s fundraising event

Come and join us at our 60s, 70s and 80s night at the King's Arms, Askrigg on **Friday May 5th from 9pm onwards**. Choose the music on a retro jukebox. Prize for the best fancy dress of the era (optional). Free entry to the Kings Arms. Buffet ticket £6.50. Charity auction and tombola. Tickets available from Kings Arms, Sykes Shop, Wensleydale Sport and Leisure Centre and committee members. For more information contact Jan on **650060** or email admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk

New fitness classes

We have started two exciting new fitness classes on Wednesday evenings. Supple Strength is from **6.00pm-7.00pm** and costs £4 and Kettlebells is from **7.30pm-8.30pm** and is £5. Zumba classes are also starting on Thursdays from **April 27th at 7.00pm-8.00pm** and cost £4.50. Just turn up to classes or for more information contact us as above. For details on all our fitness activities including bootcamp, running, high intensity training, gentle exercise, cycling (in partnership with Stage 1 Cycles), tennis facilities as well as gym membership details please contact us or visit our facebook page: Wensleydale SportLeisure; or Twitter: WensleydaleSport @yc_leisure or our website www.yorebridge-sport.co.uk

Upper Dales Family History Group

March's speaker was Kate Hurst on the priests and nuns in her family tree. Kate had always been aware that a great uncle who died before she was even born had been a priest but when she began to research her family she had discovered several others going back into the early 18th century.

Kate began with an overview of Catholicism and some of the restrictions which had been applied to practising Catholics over the centuries, ranging from fines for not attending Anglican church services to extra taxes and bans on travel, inheritance and entry into some of the professions such as law – she also had examples of some of the ingenious ways in which families had got round these laws.

Her own family had lived in Lancashire for centuries and had sent sons abroad to be educated for the priesthood as, at the time, there were no Catholic schools in England but English speaking colleges had been set up especially on the continent to fulfil the need.

This month's meeting is on **Wednesday, May 24th, at 2.00pm** in Fremington Sunday School near Reeth, when Dr Joan Heggie will be speaking on 'Women and Property in the North Riding'. Dr Heggie has been carrying out a pilot study using the register of deeds at NYCRO to explore women's involvement with property in the North Riding of Yorkshire in the 18th and 19th centuries.

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

Tracy Little

L.V.A. Annual Charity Bike Ride

This year's ride will take place on **Wednesday June 7th**, starting in Leyburn at **10.30am** and finishing in Hawes and is sponsored again by The Black Sheep Brewery, Masham.

Anyone wishing to cycle as an individual or as a team, **MUST** collect their sponsor forms from their local public house as they are all numbered for security. Sponsors are asked to collect a minimum of £50 each.

To make it an enjoyable day for everyone, this year, all riders **MUST WEAR A HELMET** and anyone, who turns up on the day without one, will be turned away. This is a stipulation from our insurers and the police.

Last year, we raised over £11,500 which was all given out to local causes.

May I apologise now for any inconvenience that may be caused to motorists on your morning or afternoon travel on the day.

Angus McCarthy



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

FILMS

Tue 2 May - 7:00pm - Britain on Film: Rural Life (PG) 1hr 15m (Exploring Film)
Fri 5 May - 5:00pm & 7:30pm - Starfish (15) 1hr 35m
Tue 9 May - 2:15pm - Seventh Heaven (PG) 1hr 50m (Yorkshire Silent Film Festival)
Fri 12 May - 5:00pm & 7:30pm - A Monster Calls (12A) 1hr 48m
Fri 19 May - 6:30pm ONLY - Blackmail (PG) 1hr 25m (Yorkshire Silent Film Festival - Tickets £6.50 to include interval Tea/Coffee and Cake)
Fri 26 May - 5:00pm & 7:30pm - Lion (PG) 1hr 58m

EVENTS

Until Mon 8 May - Exhibition by Blacksmith Brian Russell Free entry
Sat 13 May - 7:30pm - The Tenmours in Concert Adult £10, U12's £5
A folk fusion band from Skipton with a unique and exciting sound, influenced by modern pop and traditional Celtic music. The first concert in our season celebrating the achievements of young, local musicians who are making their mark on the music scene.

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Dalesplay now offers the 30 hours government funded provision for children aged 3 and 4 years whose parents are eligible. We continue to provide 2 year funded provision and a range of private day care packages at very reasonable rates to meet the needs of families in the dales.

At present we have put the pickup service from Bainbridge nursery on hold because the Bainbridge school nursery is in a position to offer the extended entitlement. Dalesplay would like to thank the 'Little White Bus' for working with us in the past to offer this service.

Earlier this year we had a visit from Ofsted. They were very pleased with the quality of care and learning provision provided and awarded Dalesplay a grade 'Good'. The inspector herself said; "Staff are excellent role models who have high expectations of children. They help children to develop good social skills. Children of all ages behave exceptionally well."

We would like to welcome all the new starters that have joined us recently. This month we will be busy planting vegetables and flowers to brighten up our outdoor area. We have lots of exciting, fun activities planned to enhance learning. Don't forget Dalesplay offers holiday care at discounted rates. If you need care in the holidays get in touch and we will send you information, please call **667789** or email dalesplay1@btconnect.com

Greece not Grease!

Not another youth theatre production of a 1970's musical but The North Country Theatre Summer School scheduled for August at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes. The company has received applicants from young people up and down Wensleydale, over the top from Richmond and Swaledale and even as far away as Seamer and Stokesley. There are still a small number of places available for this great opportunity to work for a week with local professional actors to produce an open air, in the round, production using Greek Myths and the DCM's Auction Mart facility as an ancient Greek amphitheatre. Applications can still be made at www.northcountrytheatre.com or pick up a form from the DCM, the Community Office in Hawes or just call North Country on **01748 8252288**.



The Journey

Looking at the journey of the disciples with Jesus

Seminar Day

West Burton Village Hall
Saturday 13th May
10.30 am – 4.30 pm

Come for all or part of the day
Lunch is provided (1.00 pm)

Speaker:

Rev Martin Dowland
[Glossop]

Please contact us, if possible, to give an idea of numbers for catering purposes.
michele13@btconnect.com 01748 264124

Inheritance Tax Changes

It has been well publicised over the last couple of years that the Government wished to increase the Inheritance Tax allowances significantly. The flagship policy has been to increase the threshold to £1 million.

In these times of austerity the Government has found it incredibly difficult to follow through on this policy (in its last two manifestos). What we have ended up with is rather a cobbled together arrangement whereby the estates of a married or civil partnership couple could benefit from, in total, £1 million of Inheritance Tax allowance on the second death. The way in which the new allowances will be calculated are nothing short of complicated. Even married couples who think that they will benefit from the collective £1 million of Inheritance Tax allowances because of what they might consider to be fairly straightforward circumstances, may not in actual fact benefit. It is important to ensure that you can benefit if possible.

In very simple terms, each person will continue to benefit from the current allowance known as the Nil Rate Band (NRB) of £325,000. If a spouse leaves their estate or a proportion of it to the surviving spouse, the spouse on his or her death will have the benefit of their own NRB and also their spouse's NRB (termed the Transferable Nil Rate Band) (TNRB). This will mean that as at the present time, a surviving spouse could potentially have the benefit of £650,000 of NRB plus TNRB.

As from April 2017 in addition to the NRB and the TNRB, if you own your own home and other qualifications to this relief are not applicable, then each spouse will receive a further allowance of £100,000 described as the Residence Nil Rate Band or Residence Nil Rate Allowance (RNRB).

Therefore, theoretically on the second death the surviving spouse's estate could benefit from the NRB+TNRB+RNRB+TNRNRB. In simple terms,
$$£325,000 + £325,000 + £100,000 + £100,000 = £850,000.00$$

The £100,000 RNRB will increase annually by £25,000 until 2020, when the RNRB will amount to £175,000 thus giving spouses a collective £1m of allowance for Inheritance Tax purposes until the second death or £500,000 for an unmarried person.

There are significant hurdles that have to be overcome:-

- 1) You have to have owned a property which you have occupied at some point as your own home so that property can be used for the basis of the claim.

- 2) The property must pass to a direct descendent. In simple English this means the property must pass to a

child or grandchild. There are further categories of people including foster children who can be included. This will not necessarily however include step children.

The size of your estate will restrict potentially the amount of allowance received.

The fact that you have owned a home but have sold this might not be fatal to a claim if the property was sold after a certain date in 2015. There are provisions allowing for a claim where a person has subsequently moved into a care home or have simply downsized in value.

The way in which the calculations will need to be undertaken at the time of death are at the moment incredibly complicated and there are so many hoops which have to be jumped through. It is going to be inevitable that many estates which might be subject to Inheritance Tax where Residence Nil Rate Band claims should be made will need to be considered and calculated extremely carefully.

It is also vital that the way in which wills have historically been drawn be considered. Current wills might be quite satisfactorily deal with an estate so as to ensure that there is no loss of this extra tax allowance. However, many arrangements that have historically been used to provide protection to estates and ultimately for beneficiaries might unintentionally lead to the loss of these tax allowances.

It is therefore important that where Inheritance Tax is a concern, that wills are considered and possibly revised. This might mean a wholesale change or a simple tinkering.

In any event, I would strongly urge that wills should be reviewed without delay.

This article is only intended to bring the tax changes to mind and to ensure that anybody concerned about Inheritance Tax realises that the new reliefs are not a blanket but a very specific claim in individual cases.

One set of circumstances which must be incredibly carefully considered is where a parent is now co-habiting with a new partner but wishes to leave that partner protected and then for the house or other assets to pass on to children on the partner or co-habitee's death. The reason for this is if the surviving partner or co-habitee has a right to occupy a property or inherits a share of the property with the intention that part will pass on to one side of the family and the other to the other side, one tax allowance may well be lost.

My recommendation would be that guidance should be taken from your solicitor as soon as possible.

**Michael McGarry
McGarry & Co Solicitors**

Prunings May

"Till April's dead, change not a thread". This old saying came from a Paul Simons article in "The Times" and I had not heard it before. In line with "Ne-er cast a clout....." meaning don't put away the winter woollies too soon, it makes sense as April is a transition month between winter and summer and temperatures can swing wildly as we saw on the April 9th when many records were broken. The bursts of warmth have given us a memorable show of spring colour. There has been a spectrum of yellows through the bulbs and shrubs followed by fields of oil seed rape and now the trees are springing into life. I would not like to try and count the spread of greens, but there are hundreds.

Shakespeare, in Sonnet 98 wrote

"When proud-pied April dress'd in all his trim
Hath put a spirit of youth in everything."

How much better can it feel?

Looking at the buddleias which are sprouting like mad makes me itchy with the secateurs. They need another chop. Ideally aim for cutting back to three buds. An old friend of mine liked to leave them tall and stately, but if you do, the bulk of the flowers will be at the top. I like them better at eye-level, the scent is greater and it is much easier to get a close look at the butterflies when they visit. To me, that is the whole point in having buddleia in the first place. There are hundreds of different varieties (the RHS lists 400+). My favourite is "Dartmoor" because the head is looser and broader, but I suspect that our winged visitors prefer the more magenta shades as that is where I usually see them.



Spring is a good time to take cuttings from shrubs. Use the trimmings when you cut them back. Ideally 3" to 5" lengths, about the thickness

of your little finger, taken just below a bud. Cut the top with a slope and the bottom straight. There are two reasons why this matters: rain will run off the top more easily so they are less likely to rot, and you are less likely to put them in wrong way up! Scrape the bark with a sharp knife to expose the cambium (the layer where roots will form), space them round a pot of cuttings compost and water in to settle the rooting medium. With luck (and a minimum of TLC) by the end of the year or next spring you will have new plants.

Lots of articles recently have discussed bearded irises and how to treat them. I must confess I have never had any success with them. On the other hand the Iris Sibirica seem to love our conditions (less sun and more rain). I no longer beat myself up about what I can or can't grow. It is enough to know that those plants which thrive here in the North will always be beautiful if I treat them well. I shall continue to let unexpected successes delight me. On the subject of surprises, If you did not see the wonderful show put on by the Magnolia near the Green Howards Museum in Richmond, you missed a treat! Good luck! And whatever you grow, take time to enjoy it.

Rose Rambler

Dales Young Rangers

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) has set up a new "Young Rangers" group, open to all 11 to 16 year olds. Young Rangers offers exciting opportunities to work alongside National Park Authority Rangers, other organisations and land owners. Members discover new places and gain valuable conservation and land management experience and skills, while having fun outside with friends.

The North Young Rangers group (there are also groups in the West and South of the Park) meets once a month. If you are interested or wish to take part in any of the upcoming Spring 2017 Programme, please contact Rachael Alderson on **652366** to book a place or

rachael.alderson@yorkshiredales.org.uk

On **Saturday May 20th** we will be joining the YDNPA Historic Environment team and local experts and doing some real archaeology to help with this brand new archaeological project. See page 30. We will meet at **10.00am** at YDNP Office in Bainbridge and finish at **1.30pm**.

Rachael Alderson

Starting up Right - Getting Advice

If you're starting up in business this month's advice to you may sound obvious. Before you start, talk about it – get advice.

In my work as an insolvency practitioner, helping people sort out their finances, I find that often things have gone wrong because they've missed out some very basic things in their business setup. I also find that people often leave it too late in asking for help – the sooner you ask the better.

Does someone in your family, or a friend, or a friend of a friend, or someone else in the Dale, do what you are planning to do? Talk to them. Write down things you're not sure about and ask questions. Include questions like “what mistakes did you make?” and “what will help me to succeed?” I'll guarantee you that the vast majority of people you ask for help will want to help you.

The more you know the more you will feel confident about what you are doing and the more likely you will get it right first time.

Find out whether there is a local business network who will provide advice. Search the internet for “new business setup” and you will find loads of help.

Some basic professional advice is free, such as from an insurance agent or an estate agent or a bank. Remember that these people will be wanting to sell you their services, so feel free to say “no” to signing up until you've had an opportunity to go away and think and talk to someone else about it.

You may well get a free advice session with a solicitor or an accountant if you are considering using their services, and depending on the size and type of your business you may want to pay for more advice from a solicitor or accountant.

But remember, if you don't know, ask, and if you're not sure, ask.

If you've got no one to ask, email me and I'll try to help - mikereeves@freefromdebt.org.uk

Next time I'll look at “making plans”.

Best wishes with that new venture.

Mike Reeves

Help Save Ash Trees in the National Park

National Park residents are being urged to take part in “Ashtag”, a project to help combat ash dieback fungi. They are needed to report the spread of the fungi and, most importantly, find trees that are resistant to it.

Acting as ‘citizen scientists’, they'd be tasked with putting a metal tag on a mature ash tree, marking its location on an online map, ideally with some photos, and checking the tree for signs of the fungi once a year. The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) can provide the tags and nails, along with step-by-step instructions and any other help and advice.

Ash Dieback fungi has already been confirmed in the National Park in Kelco Wood in Giggleswick and other locations. Trees and Woodlands Officer Daniel Atkinson said: “To my knowledge a tree showing signs of resistance hasn't yet been found in the Park. But it's been estimated that there are approximately 1.2 million resistant trees nationwide. Surely that means there must be some in the Dales, which was historically an ash woodland.”

If and when a resistant tree is found, it could be propagated with another naturally immune ash to create new, healthy stock. The YDNPA has 100 tags available. Each volunteer would get one tag, provided they don't live in the same area, as the aim is to get the best spread across the park as possible.

For more information or to get involved please call 01756 751648 or email

Gayle Mill Events

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 running and working! Includes light refreshments.

Join us for tours on **Sunday May 7th 2017 at 11.00am and 2.30pm**. Adults £12, children 16 and under free of charge.

Gayle Mill Summer Fayre and Beer Festival – **Saturday June 10th 2017**. Put the date in your diary and look out for more details next month.

To book or for more information email: admin@gaylemill.org.uk or telephone: **667320**.

“Rich Seam” Project Receives Lottery Cash

The Dales Countryside Museum (DCM) in Hawes has been awarded a grant of £90,600 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to re-house and exhibit one of the country’s most fascinating lead mining collections. A total of 860 objects, including mining wagons and tools, were given to the DCM by the Yorkshire Dales Mining Museum in Earby when it closed in 2015. The award means that the artefacts can now be re-examined and displayed, while the stories of miners and of the members of Earby Mine Research Group, who assembled the objects over 50 years, can be told.

The project is being called, “A Rich Seam: Lead Mining and Textile Heritage in the Yorkshire Dales”. As well as bringing the lead mining collection back to life, new exhibitions will be created from the DCM’s extensive textile holdings. The lead mining and textile industries were once vital to the Dales, especially in the 19th century. They went hand-in-hand, with miners often knitting on the way to work to supplement their income.

“A Rich Seam” will run over the next 18 months. Significant building work will take place at the DCM, which is owned and run by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA). A mezzanine floor will be extended to create more space, while the lighting, electrics and decoration will be improved. Designers will be commissioned shortly.

A team of around 20 volunteers will be recruited to work alongside staff on the re-interpretation and display of the lead mining collection. One of the most challenging tasks will be to reassemble what has been described as the most complete water wheel and double roller ore crusher in the country. The wheel was rescued from the Providence Mine near Kettlewell in Wharfedale and was transferred to the museum in pieces. Four former trustees of the Yorkshire Dales Mining Museum have agreed to tell the stories which lie behind each of the artefacts. Objects range from personal items, such as hats and bottles left underground by miners, to tools and ventilation equipment.

The project will include a raft of creative and learning activities. The DCM will work with North Country Theatre, as well as local schools and drama groups, to create performance pieces inspired by the collection. The money from the Heritage Lottery Fund covers 82% of the project costs. Other funding has come from the YDNPA (£10,000); the

former Yorkshire Dales Mining Museum (£6,000); Friends of DCM (£2,000); and a private donor (£1,250).



The Providence Mine water wheel lying in pieces outside the DCM

DCM Manager Fiona Rosher, said: “We are thrilled to have been successful with our application to the Heritage Lottery Fund. We’ve been given a wonderful opportunity to highlight the importance of lead mining within the Yorkshire Dales. The money means we will be able to display our collections in a way which reflects their significance. In the past whole families in the Dales would be involved in both lead mining and knitting. Women and children worked at the mine top, processing the ore, while knitting was a constant activity. We have an iconic collection of knitting sticks, which were often made as love tokens.”

Hawes Methodist Cemetery

Many will be aware that the Methodist burial ground, on the outskirts of Hawes, is nearing capacity, when allowance is made for current reservations. Towards the end of 2016, committee members undertook a review of reservations registered and would now request that individuals, (or next of kin) who are aware they hold a reservation at the Methodist Cemetery in Hawes, confirm their continued interest in retaining their reservation.

Please could anyone (or their next of kin) who understands they have made a reservation in Hawes Methodist Cemetery, prior to January 2014, leave their current contact details, along with the name and number in which the plot is reserved, in the large envelope at the Community Office at their earliest convenience. A member of the committee will then contact you to confirm the details held are correct and our records can be updated if required.

Many thanks for your assistance with this review.

Hawes Methodist Cemetery committee

Upper Dales Health Watch

A meeting has been held to discuss the possible threat to Darlington Memorial Hospital's A&E and Maternity services.

Letters have been sent to:- a) Rishi Sunak MP who has agreed to visit the Central Dales Practice.; b) Edmund Lovell, Better Health Programme, who replied that our concerns would be noted; c) Cllr. John Blackie; d) Leyburn PPG and Reeth Medical Practice inviting them to work with UDHW on this issue; e) Richmondshire Today.

The public consultation has been postponed until the autumn. It was therefore agreed it was too early to start a poster campaign. Copies of the blank letter to Rishi Sunak MP are available at both surgeries.

Yorkshire Ambulance Service's views on STP* plans and the risk to services at Darlington to be sought. An invitation to visit the Upper Dales to be sent to one of the decision makers / clinicians involved with STP planning with an offer to visit Stockton in return. The view of The King's Fund on rural health issues to be sought.

General points:-

1) Most mothers want to have their babies in a consultant led unit. 2) James Cook's helipad has landing lights. 3) Clinicians want one perinatal unit for the STP area – this would inevitably be at James Cook. 4) There is unlikely to be any funding for new capital works as a result of any reconfiguration of NHS services in the STP area. 5) £900K+ has been saved across HRW 2016-17 through changes in prescribing.

A discussion on what the community could do in the way of self-help took place. Transport, support for Step up/ Step down accommodation and support for GP practices were mentioned. A charity called the Health Accommodation Trust (HAT) to support the Step up / Step down rooms across the HRWCCG area is being set up.

It was agreed we need to focus on issues that are critical for our communities, so it may be that the Ambulance Service provision will turn out to be our "red line".

**STP is an NHS planning area or 'footprint' covering the Durham Dales, Easington, Sedgfield, Darlington, Teesside and Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby.*

Jane Ritchie

Middleham and Dales Local History Group

9th John Rettie Memorial Lecture

Tuesday May 16th, 2.00pm.

MIDDLEHAM KEY CENTRE

The Archaeology of the A1 Upgrade: Recent discoveries at Scotch Corner **Speaker: David Fell**

Road construction works associated with the upgrade of the A1 to motorway status around Scotch Corner have exposed an extensive 1st century AD settlement that was focused around a major road junction of the same period. New evidence demonstrates that Scotch Corner has been the meeting point of a north-south route and the road over Stainmore for almost 2000 years. The settlement, which was occupied by native Britons and Romans, stretched along the roads for a distance of at least 1.3km.

David Fell will discuss the archaeological work, which began in autumn 2014 and uncovered an impressive assemblage of finds including rare and unique objects. These consist of part of an amber statuette, a miniature sword, Roman brooches and rare imported pottery and glass vessels, but also the most northerly and latest evidence for gold and silver coin production during the early Roman period.

David is a Senior Project Officer at Northern Archaeological Associates (NAA) and is responsible for the fieldwork at Scotch Corner and other sites along the A1. NAA is undertaking archaeological works for Carillion Morgan Sindall Joint Venture on behalf of Highways England during the A1 Leeming to Barton motorway upgrade scheme. Members and visitors are welcome, annual membership is £10, or £3 per meeting for visitors. Contact **Tony Keates** for more information,.: **640436**, dotandtonyk@btinternet.com

Elaine Frances

Thoralby Village Hall

'The Landscape History of Bishopdale'

An illustrated talk by Steve Moorhouse
with supper and a bar

7.00pm for 7.30pm, Saturday May 6th

Tickets £8 from **663076** or **663875**

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

May 2017

- 1 Bank Holiday
- 1, 29 and every Tuesday. Tea and scones at St Margaret's, Hawes. See p. 4
- 1 Castle Bolton Plant Sale. See p. 18
- 2 Wensleydale Society film show at 7.00pm Leyburn. See p. 6
- 3 Wensleydale Chorus. Registration and Rehearsal. Leyburn. See p. 18
- 4 Local Elections
- 5 Wensleydale Sports Fundraising Night, King's Arms, Askrigg See p. 7
- 6 Talk Thoraby Village Hall. See p. 13
- 6 Thornton Rust Institute 7.00pm Pie & Peas Evening See p. 19
- 7 Gayle Mill Tours 11.00am and 2.30pm See p. 11
- 9 Decorative and Fine Arts Society talk. 2.00pm Middleham Key Centre. See p. 7
- 9 YDNPA Planning meeting. 1.00pm at Yoredale, Bainbridge
- 12 Filling Station meeting 7.00pm at Middleham Key Centre
- 13 "The Journey" - Filling Station Seminar. West Burton Village Hall. 10.30am-9.00pm See p. 8
- 13 Piano Concert. 7.30pm. Aysgarth Church. See p. 16
- 14 Holy Communion, St Andrews 10.30am
- 16 Local History Group talk. 2.00pm. Middleham Key Centre. See p. 13
- 17 Penhill Ladies. Northallerton Handbell Ringers Carperby Institute, 7.30pm
- 18 Bainbridge W.I. talk 7.30pm Bainbridge Village Hall. See p.17
- 19 Concert, St. Margaret's Hawes. 7.30pm. See p. 4
- 20 Wensleydale Chorus workshop. 10.00am Hawes Market House. See p. 18
- 20 Folk Concert at Carperby Village Institute 7.00pm for 8.00pm, See p. 20
- 21 Table top sale. Market House, Hawes
- 22 Bainbridge W.I. Lunch. See p.17
- 23 LASS Meeting Thornborough Hall 7.15pm Quiz and Film **623257**
- 23 Wensleydale Society visit to National Coal Mining Museum See p. 6
- 24 Family History Group talk. 2.00pm. Fremington Sunday School. See p 7
- 25 U3A AGM Leyburn Methodist Hall 10.30am. See p. 16

- 25 Concert Reeth Memorial Hall 8.00pm
- 26-29 Wensleydale Festival. See p. 20
- 27 Swaledale Festival starts. See p. 21
- 27 - 2 June Gaping Gill Winch Week
See www.bpc-cave.org.uk
- 28 Strawberry Fayre, Cocketts Hotel, Hawes 2.00pm See p. 21
- 28 Penhill Children's Church at Wensley Village Hall. 9.30am-11.00am
- 29 Bank Holiday & West Burton May Fair
- 29 Castle Bolton Plant Sale. See p. 18

DCM WHAT'S ON

- 5 April - 21 May. Flora and Dales. Gill Kirk uses print, mixed media and stitch to illustrate the fascinating complexity of plant life in hay meadows.
- 7 Mono Printing Workshop. 10.30 am to 4.00pm Join artist Gill Kirk to use dried plant material and acetate sheets and experiment through an etching press using specialised printing ink. £50 including lunch. Charge for materials.
- 14 Machine Embroidery Workshop 10.30am to 4.00pm. Guided by artist Gill Kirk, create a mixed media piece using fabric, gesso and paint, through applique and layering of fabric and threads. £50 including lunch. £5 Charge for materials.
- 19 Dales Village Dances and their Music at 7.30pm. A talk by Bob Ellis. Part of the Friends of the Museum annual lecture programme. Free but donations welcome.
- 20 Rails in the Dales. 11.00am. See p. 20
- 28 Traditional Knitting Demonstration. 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Join Dales knitting expert Kate Trusson for a demonstration with 4 needles and knitting sticks using traditional patterns.
- 30 Drystone Walling Demonstration, 11.00am to 3.00pm. See the traditional craft of drystone walling - one of the most iconic features of the National Park landscape.

For information and booking phone **666210**

Wednesday Club Afternoon Tea

2.00pm

Wednesday May 17th

Redmire Village Hall

Wensleydale School News

The summer exam season

The exam season for all secondary schools begins in May and finishes at the end of June. At the Wensleydale School and Sixth Form we have both GCSE and A level students working incredibly hard in their revision and exam preparation.

We should share a thought for our students at this time, many of whom are facing the largest number of separate exams in years. For example, a student studying three single sciences will face nine separate exams during May and June just for science! This is in addition to three pieces of science coursework which have already been completed.

This year, all students across the UK will sit the first of the new GCSE English and Maths exams with a more challenging focus on analysing texts and problem solving skills. Although as teachers we see this as a positive move, the lack of past papers to use for practice does place additional challenges on students.

At The Wensleydale School and Sixth Form we provide an extensive package of support for all our Year 11 and Year 13 students to help them to prepare for their exams. As I write this article, there is a programme of Easter revision sessions taking place. Students have been offered individual 1-2-1 mentoring since Christmas. We have had a daily lunchtime revision programme running since September. All students have access to high quality online resources such as 'GCSE Pod' and 'MyMaths'. We have had visits from motivational speakers and even ran a training workshop specifically for parents on how they can help their children revise effectively. As we approach the exams, we will open the school at 7.45am on the morning of each exam to run 'walking-talking-mocks' where teachers will model how to perfectly answer past papers. I could go on! We are doing everything we can to make sure that our students get the grades they deserve so that they can move onto their next steps, whatever they may be.

Many of you reading this will either employ 15 to 18 year olds or be used to going to local pubs and restaurants and being served by them. Our students need to revise for at least a couple of hours every night and more at the weekends and we know that some of our students worry about asking for reduced hours at work in order to revise. We know that some employers already offer very flexible working arrangements for our students. We would ask that even if they have not asked for a reduced workload

that employers check to see if students are getting enough time to revise and alter working times to support them.

By the end of June they will have finished exams and be able to go back to working the business hours required – plus they will be more focused on their work rather than worrying about exams.

**Mr A. Wilkinson, Deputy Headteacher
Mr M. Ashcroft, Assistant Headteacher
The Wensleydale School and Sixth Form**



No-one likes pain! Pain is considered chronic if it persists for three months. Chronic and acute pains are very different and can mean different things; would it surprise you to know that pain is not related to tissue damage? Pain is not created at the site of the pain or injury? Pain is ALWAYS created by the brain. And pain is contextual. If you sprain your ankle while running from a bull you won't feel the severity of your injured ankle until you've got out of the way of the bull! Your brain decides that you won't die from a sprained ankle...but the bull...! If you believe that your pain may be linked to a more serious underlying cause you will feel more pain than if you believed it was a superficial injury.

Just as our musculoskeletal system adapts when we train for a sport, so our nervous system adapts to producing pain. When we have persistent pain, changes occur within the nervous system and gradually the threshold at which you feel pain becomes lower and the pain you feel often becomes stronger with less provocation. Most of us take one of two attitudes to pain: I'm going to do it anyway – it's not going to beat me; or I'd better not in case I hurt myself. With both of these approaches what usually happens is that gradually your activity levels drop - you cease being able to 'push through it', the pain becomes more frequent and intense and you feel like you're grinding to a halt. The pain feels like it's taking over.

So what can you do? Take more pills? Surgery? Give in...? I'll talk more about that next time.

Jo Lade

Reflex Orthopaedic Massage 07975 999 373

Doctors' Rotas as supplied by the Health Centre

HAWES SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning					
Wb	May 1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
Day					
Mon	C	FB	FB	FB	C
Tues	F	F	F	F	F
Wed	P	P	P	P	P
Thurs	B	P	B	P	B
Fri	P	P	P	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>					

AYSGARTH SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning					
Wb	May 1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
Day					
Mon	C	P	P	P	C
Tues	PB	PB	PB	PB	PB
Wed	F	F	F	F	F
Thurs	F	F	F	F	F
Fri	B	B	B	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>					

Wensleydale Concert Series

Our next concert is at 7.30pm on Saturday May13th. We are very pleased to welcome Alicja Fiderkiewicz back to Aysgarth Church for a piano recital. This is a change to the



programme published last year and includes works by Bach, Brahms, Franck, Debussy and Chopin. Alicja is a firm friend of the concert series having been one of the first artists to support us and she has become a favourite of all who have heard her playing. She is also looking forward to returning to Aysgarth after her mini-tour of Singapore and Malaysia.

This is a lovely programme for an early summer's evening. You can see full details and buy tickets via the website www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk (£12.50 in advance) or £15 at the door and £3 for under 18s and full time students.

We are also pleased to announce that this will be the first concert after the series was granted the status of Charitable Incorporated Organisation by the Charities Commission - so we are now UK registered charity 1172472. We will publish more about our plans as a newly formed charity in a future article.

Leyburn and District U3A

Leyburn & District U3A are holding their AGM at **10.30am on Thursday May 25th** at Leyburn Methodist Hall. Non-members are welcome but will be unable to vote. Entertainment will be provided by the thriving U3A Ukulele group. Information will be available about all the other interest groups now running. If you are interested in joining the Committee please phone **623813**. New members will be able to join on the day.

Luxury Tea on the Train

The Wensleydale Railway has successfully run an afternoon tea service for a number of years and 2017 will see the launch of a further luxury offering which



will be served within a 1912 built London and North Western Railway directors saloon. The saloon once carried Bruce Ismay, the chairman and managing

director of the White Star Line who famously survived the sinking of the Titanic whilst others perished.

This exciting new offering will launch towards the end of May and will be run as a joint project between the Wensleydale Railway and the award-winning Upstairs at Institution café in Bedale.

The new service will depart from, and return to, Bedale Station, affording spectacular views over Wensleydale while you travel and dine in style. The directors' saloon will also be available for special events and corporate hire.

Watch the website www.wensleydaleraill.com or phone **01677 425805** for further details and timing

Youth Project Leader

Required to develop, manage, facilitate and deliver a Youth Social Action Fund Project in conjunction with Leyburn Arts and Community Centre.

Hours flexible within the project, but approximately 8 hours per week over 40 weeks.

Should have experience of working with young people. Would suit a self-employed person.

For further information please contact the Arts Centre **624510** or email admin@oldschoolhouseleyburn.com.



Windows Vista – end of life

By the time you read this article Windows Vista will be no more. Microsoft has now withdrawn support for the operating system that was pretty much a dead duck from the day they released it. Windows 7 was rushed out shortly after Windows Vista and Vista was largely forgotten by Microsoft from that point onwards. Now the ailing operating system has reached the end of its life as far as Microsoft is concerned and will no longer receive any updates (even for security issues). A particular concern is (as with Windows XP) if you use Microsoft Security Essentials for your antivirus then support for that is being withdrawn for Vista users too – if you are using Vista you will have seen the pop up notices.

If you need to replace your antivirus make sure you uninstall the current one before doing anything else – then I suggest you download the free versions of either Avast (www.avast.com) or AVG (www.avg.com) and install it to remain protected – but no one can say how long these will continue to support Vista.

Other concerns are that Internet Explorer on Vista is very out of date and should no longer be used (and it won't work properly with many websites anyway). Depending on your hardware you may find Google Chrome is no longer supported and current versions of Mozilla Firefox do not install on Vista (though existing versions will get security updates for the time being).

The upshot of all this is that, like Windows XP before it, it is now time to start thinking about upgrading to Windows 10 and realistically hardware running Vista is now quite old so it might be more cost effective and sensible to upgrade to a new computer. If on the other hand you do want to continue to use your existing computer the upgrade to Windows 10 will cost approximately £100 but you may also have to upgrade the hardware to support it – I recommend a minimum of 4GB of memory – a lot of Vista machines came with 1Gb or 2Gb installed.

Upgrading may or may not be straight forward. It will mean backing up your data and performing a clean installation of Windows 10 on a blank hard disk, hoping that drivers are available during your setup for all the hardware devices inside your computer – the biggest stumbling block I have

found is wireless connection support of old devices. If the upgrade is successful you will need to copy your data back to the new operating system and reinstall all of your programmes (many might need upgrades and old printers and other plug in devices may or may not work – certainly the original CDs should not be used – go to the manufacturer's website and see if you can download new drivers and software).

I feel a bit like a doom merchant but I have been asked about this recently by a number of customers and thought it worth sharing these thoughts.

Any questions or comments please feel free to call me on **663798** or preferably email me (I am struggling to keep up with the number of phone calls and messages) at carol.haynes@dalescomputerservices.com

News from the Vets

With the weather improving and most of our gardens starting to look beautiful again I thought it was a good opportunity to warn people about the plants in our gardens that are potentially toxic to our pets. Puppies can be particularly at danger due to their inquisitive nature and small size. Depending on the plant, symptoms can vary from drooling and vomiting to more severe symptoms.

The list of plants includes (but by no means is complete): Daffodil bulbs (my dog's favourite although luckily she only carries them rather than eats them), Lupins, Aconitum, Amaryllis bulbs, Asparagus fern, Azalea, Cyclamen, Day lilies, Delphiniums, Foxgloves, Hemlock, Hyacinth, Hydrangea, Ivy, Laburnum, Lily of the valley, Morning glory, Nightshade, Oleander, Rhododendron, Rhubarb leaves, Sweet pea, Tulip bulbs, Umbrella plant, Wisteria and Yew.

If you suspect your animal has ingested a toxic plant please contact us the surgery.

Davinia Hinde

Bainbridge Women's Institute

Bainbridge WI meet on the third Thursday in the month at Bainbridge Village Hall. The meetings start at **7.30pm**.

The meeting on **May 18th** is a talk "Utterley Hooked !" by rug maker Claire Uttley.

The May Soup and Sweet lunch will be on **Monday May 22nd** at Bainbridge Village Hall.

Community to Dig Bainbridge Village Green

The Lords Trustees of the Manor of Bainbridge have given permission for an archaeological dig on the village green this summer. The Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists Club, local schools and community groups will be involved in the three-month long project, which could shed fresh light on the period of Roman occupation of Britain.

The dig, which started on April 22nd, will involve at least 25 test pits measuring a metre square being dug by hand on the village green and in private gardens. Each test pit will be excavated by a team of six people to a maximum depth of 1.2 metres. Earth will be sieved, photographs taken and finds recorded. Any pottery, metal objects and animal bone will be examined by specialists.

The Roman fort of *Virosidium* lies immediately to the east of Bainbridge and while that has been excavated, the village itself has not. Bainbridge is one of the few definitively Roman sites within the Yorkshire Dales National Park. The current hypothesis is that the Romans occupied this part of the Dales in order to mine lead for their plumbing systems.

The test pitting will come to an end on **July 30th**. Post-excavation analysis of finds will be carried out during August and September, and the results displayed at an open evening in the autumn. An archaeological report will be produced by the end of January 2018.

The project is being managed by the Community Heritage Officer at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA), Rebecca Cadbury-Simmons, on behalf of the Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists Club. Volunteers are being actively recruited through Bainbridge Parish Council and the YDNPA volunteer network. Primary school children from Bainbridge, Askrigg, West Burton and Hawes will be taking part in the project.

If you are interested in taking part in the Bainbridge dig, please ring **652353** to contact Rebecca Cadbury-Simmons or

rebecca.cadbury-simmons@yorkshiredales.org.uk.

Wensleydale Chorus Spring 2017

For the 2017 Wensleydale Chorus season we will be singing the Mozart Requiem and Vivaldi's Gloria.

Soloists:

For the 2017 season we have invited

Jolyon Dodgson - Bass

Tracie Penwarden - Soprano

Emma Wardell - Alto

Andrew Murday - Tenor

Greg Smith - Organist

Registration and collection of scores will start at **7.00pm on Wednesday May 3rd** in The Methodist Church or Methodist schoolrooms depending on availability.

Charges are to remain the same as 2016, £20.00 if paid in advance or £22.00 if paid on or after the start of rehearsals.

Rehearsals are in the Leyburn Methodist Schoolrooms starting at **7.30pm on Wednesday May 3rd**. The first rehearsal will stop at 9.00pm to enable choir members to socialize and to ask questions. Usually rehearsals end at 9.30pm.

During concert weeks the rehearsals take place in the concert locations with an additional rehearsal with the soloists on **Friday July 14th**.

There will be two Saturday workshops at Hawes Market House on **May 20th from 10.00am to 3.00pm** and West Burton Village Hall on **June 17th also from 10.00am to 3.00pm**.

Bring your lunch or use local facilities if you wish. A contribution of £1.00 for refreshments would be appreciated.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me: gilda@fosnet.co.uk or phone

622942 or

13 Thornborough Crescent, Leyburn, DL8 5DY.

Castle Bolton Plant Sales

Thanks to everyone's generosity, and particularly Noel's selling technique, we raised £385 in the Easter sale to be divided between mission partners Mission Aviation Fellowship and St George's Crupt, Leeds.

We have good perennials but so far no annuals for the remaining two sales on **May 1st and 29th. 10.00am to 12.30pm.**

Robert Hall

Notes from Thorney Mire

Spring

It arrives every year, sometimes it's early, sometimes it's late, but whenever it comes we are always pleased to see it. I'm talking about Spring, when rooks raucously fly above the trees before settling on their nests, chaffinches are singing their little hearts out, coltsfoot appear on the verges, followed by primroses and celandines and buds are beginning to fill out. Cock pheasants are having a stand off and likewise a pair of thrushes in the garden. Curlews return from their Winter holidays by the sea, lambs are taking their first breaths of Spring air, weeds are springing up and the grass needs cutting, but we will forget about that last bit. On a walk along the lane on March 5th, I heard and saw a curlew for the first time this year; we also counted about twenty lapwings which were calling and wheeling in a field, they didn't stay but headed off in a southerly direction. A red squirrel ran along the wall in front of us and a flock of redwings flew and twittered close by and we saw the first coltsfoot, all three of them.

Pheasants may be attractive to look at but they will never be candidates for M.E.N.S.A. I have yet to establish why they square up to each other. If it is for females then why do they fight when there are no females around? I don't think it is for territory because once they have finished their aggressive displays towards each other, they carry on eating together as though they are the best of friends. Female pheasants make poor mothers. We once found a nest of about fifteen pheasant eggs behind our barn. A few days later it was abandoned. We then found a second nest in the wood and that was also abandoned. It takes 23 days to incubate pheasant eggs in the wild, so evidently female pheasants have a low boredom threshold.

In the latest squirrel survey taken in February, red squirrels are still active in the wood and can be seen coming to the squirrel feeders. The results from the R.S.P.B bird count in January said that the tenth most common garden bird was the long tailed tit. This surprised me as we only see them occasionally, usually a fleeting visit once a year. We have an abundance of goldfinches this year, one couple are nesting in the cypress tree in the front garden and we are having frequent visits from siskins. The wrens are back, pulling the moss from the hanging baskets. The true sign of Spring arriving is seeing the lambs in the fields and

watching them play together is more entertaining than any television programme.

If you have ever been counting sheep when you are in bed in an attempt to go to sleep and it is not working, then that is probably because you are listening to the sheep outside. And if ever you have wondered why a lost lamb in the dark can find its mother when all sheep sound the same, believe me they don't. All sheep have their own distinctive sound, I discovered this in the early hours of one morning. So imagine the relief when the plaintive cry of a lost lamb, heard on the far side of the field, gradually comes closer and closer until it is finally reunited with its anxious and very vociferous mother who just happens to be standing beneath our bedroom window. Don't sheep sleep?

Sylvia Turner

Aysgarth Railway Station Open Days Planned

April 30th and May 1st; May 28th and 29th

Open days are planned for the two bank holidays during May by a group of volunteers to show their progress to convert an old abandoned railway station into a railway heritage site and museum.

The Aysgarth Station Group (TASP) was formed in April 2011 with a programme to refurbish the site in advance of Wensleydale Railway's 3-mile extension of the railway from Redmire.

Although there are no train services from this delightful Victorian station the enthusiastic band of volunteers, led by Neil Barker, intend to lay a short length of track over the site within the next year to provide rides for passengers in a BR brake van.

The group believes the site offers an interesting diversion for an hour or two for visitors to Aysgarth Falls which are only 100 metres from the site.

On the 28th and 29th May open days (Spring Bank Holiday) there will be an Arts and Crafts exhibition featuring creations produced by local artists etc.

Thornton Rust Institute

Pie and Peas Evening

Saturday May 6th at 7.00pm

£7.00 Bring your own drinks

Please book in advance **663504**



WensleyAle Festival

After successfully hosting two real ale festivals the Wensleydale Railway are delighted to announce a third real ale & music festival taking place in May. Passengers will once again be offered the splendid views of the Yorkshire Dales as they journey along the Wensleydale Railway from Leeming Bar to Redmire Station. Visitors can then continue their day enjoying the real ale and live music on offer in our marquee with spectacular views overlooking Penhill.

The **WensleyAle Festival 2017** will take place from **Friday 26th until Monday May 29th** with trains operating between Leeming Bar and Redmire, servicing Bedale, Finghall Lane and Leyburn. The 2017 festival promises to be even bigger and better than the previous two years with sponsors including Leeds, York and Treboom Breweries; music acts from near and far such as The Yum and Fargo Railroad and quality food stalls including Brymor ice cream.

Prayer Fellowship

7.30pm

Monday May 22nd

Mission Room, Thornton Rust

Railways in the Yorkshire Dales

Railway historian David Joy, a former editor of *The Dalesman* magazine, will launch his new book, *Railways in the Yorkshire Dales* (which includes the Wensleydale Railway), with an illustrated talk in Hawes on **Saturday, May 20th**. The one hour event is open to all and will be held at The Dales Countryside Museum in the old station yard, starting at **11.00am**. Immediately after the talk the author will be available to sign copies of his book.

The bus service from Leyburn arrives in time for the talk, as does the Little White Bus from Garsdale station, which meets trains from Leeds and Carlisle (but please check return times for day and date of travel with care!) Why not invite a friend from elsewhere to join you for the talk and a day's visit to Hawes!

Ruth Annison 650349.

Rising Folk Star to Perform for Carperby Concerts

Carperby Concerts is thrilled to present one of the best young talents on the folk scene on **May 20th** at Carperby Village Institute.

Luke Jackson is a singer/songwriter from Kent with an extraordinary voice and style. A BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards double nominee in 2013, he was also winner of Fatea's "Male Artist of the Year" in 2014 and again in 2016. The Carperby gig will be a special night as Luke will be performing with drummer Connor Downs and bassist Andy Sharps.

He has built an enviable reputation through his solo shows, festival appearances and as an opening act for such luminaries as Show of Hands, Martyn Joseph, Seth Lakeman and Glen Tilbrook from Squeeze. His recent album, "Tall Tales and Rumours", received universal critical acclaim and 5-star reviews.

Don't miss what promises to be another great night in Carperby. Tickets are £13 in advance and £15 on the door. Doors open at **7.00pm for an 8.00pm** concert start. Call **663808** for tickets or further details. All profits will go to Yorkshire Cancer Research.

Steve Sheldon

Swaledale Festival

The Swaledale Festival this year runs from **Saturday May 27th until Saturday June 10th**. The events taking place in the Newsletter area in May are:

- 27 Muker Silver Band in Muker Public Hall at 7.30pm.
- 29 Bammental Gramar School Symphony Orchestra from noon to 1.00pm at St. Oswald's, Askrigg.
- 29 Sheku Kanneh-Mason and the Sheku Kanneh-Mason trio at St Andrew's, Aysgarth from 4.00pm to 5.00pm.
- 29 Northern Monkey Brass Band at St. Oswald's, Askrigg at 7.30pm.
- 30 Hut People at Gunnerside Methodist Chapel from 4.00pm to 5.00pm.
- 30 Leyburn Brass Band at St Oswald's, Askrigg at 7.30pm.
- 31 Jess Gillam, saxophone and Anthony Hewitt, Piano at St. Andrew's, Aysgarth from 4.00pm to 5.00pm.
- 31 Arch Sinfonia plays Wagner and Bruckner at St. Oswald's Askrigg at 7.30pm.

For the complete festival programme and booking information see www.swalefest.org.

Drop-off points and contacts

for news, articles, reports, letters, What's On dates, competition entries, suggestions and comments:

Hawes:	Sue Wood,	
	Launderette	
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



*Mystery picture
Last month's was an aerial view of
Carperby. Where's this?*

National Park Guided Walks

These walks are led by an experienced volunteer or by a National Park Ranger.

Sunday May 14th and Wednesday May 17th
"Spring Flowers of Wensleydale" **11.00am to 3.00pm**. Meet at Aysgarth Falls NP Centre for an easy 6 mile walk through ancient woodlands with their wealth of plants and animals. . Adults £5.00, Free to 16s and under. Booking advised. Ring **666210**

Tuesday May 30th - "Red Squirrels and other wild life of Snaizeholme" **2.00pm to 4.30pm**. Meet at the DCM (car share to site) for a 1.5 mile walk ending at the Red Squirrel viewpoint. Part of the Swaledale Festival.

Adults £7.00 under 19s £3.00.

Ring **01748 880019** to book

Hawes Christmas Lights Strawberry Fayre

Sunday May 28th

Cocketts Hotel

2.00pm—5.00pm

Tickets: £5 from Whites of Wensleydale





Looking across West Burton, by Neil Dyson



Looking across Semerwater, by Jonathan Woolley



Towards Redmire, by Adrian Loveless