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EDITORIAL

There are many ways of communicating and this Newsletter is one, relying mainly on words and language. We continue last month's theme; it doesn't get any easier to communicate accurately because of subtleties of meaning, interpretation and new style. However, in one respect we seem to be coming full circle to the oldest of picture language to make things universally clear.

Just think, it's possible to survive worldwide without using a word! Disabled wheelchair sign, "i" for information, a 'plane' points to the airport, fag with a line through for no smoking, toilet signs, (though one or two seem to find it hard to work out which is which!) steaming teacup for snacks, knife and fork for café, petrol, anchorage, arrows right, left, up and down, a man runs down steps on an escape route, suitcases show baggage store space, telephone sign, beware of various animals or children or old people, pictures of a bus or train point to the station, "P" for parking the world over, zebra crossings, picture of a bike for a cycle lane, steep hill up or down, beware fallen rocks, speed limits, sharp bends, "!" for 'beware' and a cross for a church or a trolley for a supermarket. You will be able to think of more. And these signs are so clear there is hardly any space for misunderstanding or deception. Who needs words!

The trouble with words is that they can convey facts **and** opinions, and it pleases newspapers, magazines, politicians, people in authority and influence sometimes to purposely muddle the two.

It is relatively easy for a screaming huge headline to declare a "truth", a "fact"; and once that is in the public's mind, the tiny retraction or "clarification" the following day (bottom of an inside page!) carries no weight at all. The damage is done... or the

purpose served, whichever way you look at it. Unfortunately this will become increasingly common as we approach certainly county and probably general, election. Let's watch out. Both presented facts and held opinions matter; let us, or "them" not confuse the two.

However, there is another, very telling kind of language that is often clear and truthful; that's body language! Every movement of an arm, folding, stretching, waving, nudging, a clenched fist, a shifting leg, a crossing over of the street, a tossing of the head or a shrug of the shoulder, a shifty glance, or a scratching of the head, a raising of the eyebrows, all "speak" volumes and send very clear messages if you bother to think about it.

And here's a suggestion; two bits of body language that will go a long way to make the world a better place, elections or not – look directly into the eyes and SMILE. That's clear enough!

Adverts. This issue carries a number of new advertisers. Please use all our supporters.

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ASKRIGG SCHOOL NEWS



Class 1's woodland assembly

Our assembly was about animals that live in woods. Rabbits, moles, badgers, foxes, squirrels, ladybird. We dressed up like the animals in the wood. And there was a tiger and an Indian. The hunters killed the animals and we asked the Mums and Dads if they thought that was OK.

We all enjoyed it and I think the Mums and Dads did too **Ethan Wallington Yr 1**

Top class assembly

On the 25th February Top Class did their class assembly for the parents. It was all about a poem we had been studying in Literacy called Flannan Isle. We had to present the poem in different ways. One group did a power point. Some of us made

a TV news report with our little digital cameras. Some made a film of the events and others wrote newspaper pages. Our parents seemed to enjoy it. Mr Annison who is a Governor came to watch us too. One of the dads – Mr Loveless – was SO impressed he bought us a proper digital camera. Cool!!

Tournament of Song

Askrigg School Choir did very well in this year's Wensleydale Tournament of Song. Six schools entered the Tournament on Tuesday morning. We sang six songs and the Orchestra played two pieces. Jack and Ben, representing the Choir, went up to collect the Topsham Cup for the winners of the Action Song with 89 marks, and we also won the Dales Shield for the highest mark of the morning. The choir and orchestra performed with enthusiasm and all enjoyed the event very much. **Jack Stephenson**



CHURCH BARN SALE ROOM

Coach House, Swinithwaite

Opening times: Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10.00 am to 2.00pm until the end of August and Bank Holiday Mondays in May and August.

This initiative has been set up by the Wensleydale Methodist Circuit. The Barn, part of the Coach House conversion, is available for people to bring their



unwanted goods and for others to come and buy. It is a bit like a big car boot sale but the



goods are given to the circuit of churches and the money raised supports the churches.

There can be no electrical goods or food; large items can be collected by contacting any of the following:

Tom Stephenson 663322
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PLANS ON VIEW

Plans showing the proposed alterations to the layout of the interior of St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth, are available for inspection at the church until April 18th.

PREHISTORIC MAN

The March meeting of the Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum was taken by Tim Laurie whose talk to large audience was the Impact of Prehistoric Man on the Dales landscape.

Drawing on his wide practical experience in the dales and abroad he showed how local field work and aerial photographs continue to reveal details of life from 4000 to 1500 BC; saunas, rock paintings and of the course those mysterious cup and ring marks which occur in so many places. ASW

WEBSITE STATISTICS

Every month, the articles in the Newsletter are put on to the website by our auditor, Barry Wilcox. (*We do not disclose any e-mail addresses*). For the first time we have had some feedback about the number of requests for pages of past issues.

Most issues from no.80 to no. 101 have been looked at in February and it seems that the number of requests for the Newsletter on-line is of the order of 1900 per month.

POST OFFICE RE-OPENS

The Post Office at Aysgarth, "Kitty's", should now have opened. The times are **Monday and Thursday 11.00 am to 5.00 pm**. They will also be stocking local food including everyday essentials, tea, coffee and milk.

The Tea Room is also open again.



HEAVENS ABOVE

The sky at night in early spring can seem a bit lack lustre after the spectacular stars of winter, so a couple of quick glimpses of **Mercury** in early March (despite the cloudy weather) was welcome compensation this year. The elusive little planet made a beautiful sight hanging low over the western fells in the gathering twilight. This month in contrast there's a good display by a planet at the other end of the size scale - **mighty Jupiter**. With a diameter of over 88/000 miles it's the largest planet in the solar system and is twice as massive as all the other planets put together.

Jupiter reaches opposition - when sun, planet, and the earth are in a straight line - on April 3rd. It rises at sunset and will be visible throughout the month amongst the sprawling stars of Virgo. You'll find it reasonably high up in the south around midnight shining brilliantly at magnitude -2.3 . A decent pair of binoculars will show you its four largest moons - Ganymede, Europa, Io, and Callisto - discovered by Galileo in 1610. There are over 60 satellites altogether but many of them are only a few score miles across whereas Ganymede is bigger than Mercury. Jupiter also has a set of very thin dark rings which were only discovered in the late 1970s but they're not a patch on Saturn's and they're not visible from the earth.

Jupiter is so big that even a small telescope will show you some detail on its noticeably oval disc - there are dark bands interspaced with brighter regions running parallel to the planet's equator. Despite its size Jupiter spins round in less than ten hours (an incredible 28,000 mph) and enormous storms are generated in its turbulent cloud belts. With a bit of luck you might catch a glimpse of the largest of all - The Great Red Spot - a huge 20,000 mile long hurricane which has been raging for

hundreds of years. It's not always very distinct and sometimes disappears, but it always comes back - a bit like the Great Red Spot I used to get on the back of my neck when I was a lad!

Al Berio

HAWES MARKET HOUSE

When you start to think about it, there are so many things that happen in this community of Upper Wensleydale that just wouldn't happen if all the 'volunteers' suddenly went on strike! There are the numerous fund-raising and charity events, sports for children and youngsters, the gala, the pantomime, clubs and societies, and many individuals helping folk in a variety of ways. We couldn't manage without them! If you have some time to spare and you would like to spend a couple of hours each month with a friendly group of people, keeping the wheels of the Market House oiled, how about joining the Market House Trustees?

It is one of those necessary and vital tasks that 'someone has to do' and like many such tasks, if shared is not nearly so demanding. If you are interested and would like to know more you can either call in at the community office where the staff there will be delighted to help you, or have a word with either **Gwen Clark,(667337)** **Norma Jones,(667743)** or **Trevor Johnson. (667578)** You don't have to reside in Hawes to be a Trustee, and if you do decide to join the committee, you can rest assured that your time will be well spent and very much appreciated. The community needs YOU!

S.H

POLICE REPORT

I am pleased to say that in our area crimes have been few and far between over the last month, however overnight 15th/16th March a road roller being used by the council was stolen from Hawes Station Yard. There is no doubt that the thieves used a vehicle to take their quarry away, and if anyone saw anything suspicious, please let me know.

Spring is upon us and already the motorcyclists are out in force. Although I do not wish to deter anyone from enjoying the beauty of our area, none of us will condone the wanton and reckless riding that a small minority of this group do. As usual we will be enforcing the law in a firm but fair manner; however if you see any incidents of riding that you feel we need to know about, please contact us. We all have a part to play in making our roads safer and with your help, we will reduce the casualty rate in our area. I will be pointing the dreaded speed gun about, so remember it is not just motorcycles I am after, it is speeding vehicles!!

I know this is a bit off our area but on the 15th March two specimens of pond life tricked an old couple in Northallerton into letting them into their house where they stole some money. They are described as 1: a white male about 5'5" tall, 14 or 15 years old with tidy mousy coloured hair and a stammer. 2: a white male about 5'11" tall in his late 20s or early 30s with bright ginger hair which was close cut and brushed forward. He was slim build and well spoken. These types of criminals will target anywhere and up here is not an exception, so please be wary of people wanting access to your house, ask for identification and if you are not sure – do not let them in.

I do not normally make mention of individual cases in the newsletter, however

due to the recent imposing of an anti-social behaviour order (ASBO) on a local person I feel it is necessary to inform you of the terms of this order. The person in question, as you are no doubt probably aware, is Margaret Porter of Tofts Farm, Newbiggin. The terms of the order are as follows:

1. Not to assault or threaten to assault any person
2. Not to damage or threaten to damage property belonging to another
3. Not to enter or attempt to enter any property occupied by her son Anthony Porter or his partner Louise Handley without their prior consent
4. Not to act in an anti social manner or behave in a manner which causes or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress.

This order is imposed for a period of six years expiring on 16/03/11. I know there has been a lot of jovial press written about the original incident, where she assaulted her brother – but that doesn't surprise me. However the end result in relation to the ASBO was excellent and hopefully it will make Margaret realise that her previous behaviour will not be tolerated by the community any longer. As the magistrate said at the end of the hearing – only time will tell. If Margaret breaches any of the terms of her order you are at liberty to report it to us and the matter will be dealt with, our contact number is **0845 60 60 247**.

Anyway that's all for now, if you need any help or information please contact me or any member of staff at the community office and we will help you all we can.

**Dave Cousins PC141 Community Beat
Officer for Upper Wensleydale**



APRIL GARDENING

Regardless of location all gardens will have come to life by now and be growing rapidly. Mulching, weeding and feeding borders, hedges and vegetable plots will pay dividends particularly at the beginning of a growing year. Those gardeners who grow their own salad and vegetables will have been busy for some weeks already preparing beds and getting seeds off to an early start in the greenhouse or propagator.

Vegetable gardens start afresh each year and the choice offered by seed merchants is increasing. There's an overwhelming variety but for a beginner some firms have put together disease-resistant tried and tested collections. For the more adventurous there's all sorts of unusual things to try— yellow cucumber Sunsweet, round courgettes One ball, Purple Haze or Yellowstone carrots and much more. However some varieties remain rare for obvious reasons: taste or temperament.

By April the soil has warmed up sufficiently and light levels are high enough for many seeds or young plants to go straight outside. This extra light and heat enables young plants to photosynthesise energy at a faster rate and grow away strongly. Whether seeds should start off protected under glass or go straight outside depends on variety, experience or luck. Seed packets explain what is suitable but it still remains a degree of choice as to whether a gentle start does work. Growing under glass can produce weak, sappy growth which struggles as soon as it goes outdoors. On the other hand the advantages of a propagator or greenhouse are that germination is under controlled conditions, followed by planting out at the correct spacing, and the young plants are protected from severe weather.

Many salads and vegetables can be sown little and often now to ensure regular

cropping and avoiding a glut. Radishes, broad beans, lettuce, peas, spinach and aubergine all germinate quickly, but some varieties of tomato and pepper cannot germinate, grow and fruit within our cool northern season and these will benefit from a greenhouse. As well as the usual cordon varieties there are now many hardy bush varieties such as Tornado or Tumbling Tom which look good outside on a patio. All must be kept well-watered.

One technique worth trying is multiple seeding. This works well for early salad crops, onions, beetroot, leeks, radish or young carrots. Several seeds are sown into individual modules under cover and brought on in the usual way, but rather than thinning them out towards the end of the month simply transfer as a whole into the vegetable plot at normal spacing. As they grow on they'll simply push each other apart. This way the yield is increased quite dramatically for no extra effort.

April is the last month to get main crop potatoes into a well-manured trench and well spaced out - 15 inches for most varieties. Similarly winter brassicas, broccoli, cabbage caulis, sprouts and carrots can all go outside this month into prepared beds together with some protecting barrier against root fly.

Then hopefully in a few months/ weeks time there will be basketfuls of fresh home-grown produce to pick and enjoy.

Happy gardening,

Peduncle

YORKSHIRE DRY STONE WALLING GUILD

Ever since the land enclosure acts of 1760 to 1840 were introduced the dry stone walls that form the field patterns of the Yorkshire Dales have inspired artists, residents and visitors from around the world for over two centuries.

Throughout all this time the art of Dry Stone Walling has seen little change, using natural local stone without the addition of any man made materials. The end product, often regarded as masterpieces to be proud of by fellow craftsmen, have remained standing for over 250 years and formed an important part of our heritage.

The skills required to build and maintain dry stone walls have been passed down through generations but with the numbers of agricultural workers and skilled tradesmen in decline the demand to keep the walls maintained throughout the dales is increasing.

With this in mind, the Yorkshire Dry Stone Walling Guild are keen to promote the skills of walling and are running a series of practice and tasters days for anyone interested in learning or improving their techniques. The events will cater for all ages and ability from complete beginners through to advanced wallers.

At the end of the season the sessions will culminate with a competition for anyone wishing to take part and will cover all grades from Master to Novice Juniors. Tuition is free to members, a small fee may be charged for non members.

Anyone wishing to find out more information about the work of the Guild or to register their interest in attending an event should contact Clifford Bailey on **663319** for further details.

C V Bailey, Thoraby

AiR

These two men came into our school from AiR (Arts in Richmondshire) and helped us to write a song about Richmondshire for a competition – and we won! We really enjoyed it and on 9th March five children Lynn Alderson, Beth Alderson, Stephen Moffitt, Robert Jauneika and Harry Dinsdale went to Richmond to collect the prizes. We won two cameras to take to East Barnby and felt tips and paper for everyone in our class.

Lynn Alderson and Beth Alderson Y5 and Y6

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT of the Yorkshire dales

Full day course; Grassington Town Hall

10.00 am to 4.30 pm. Sat. April 16th

Gayle mill; Ingleborough fort; Arkengarthdale mines; Mapping– historic landscape characterisation etc.; Chapel House wood, Kilnsey

Further info, and booking 01756 752774

HOUSING CRISIS!

Last month's mystery picture

Staff at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) offices in Grassington are doing their bit to solve a local housing shortage – among house sparrows.

The Dales residents have always found a home under the eaves at the YDNPA offices in Hebden Road. But their nests had to be taken down last year while new fascia boards were installed.

In their place, staff have put up rows of nesting boxes – and they are now waiting to see if the new homes will be snapped up. The boxes – which each contain four individual nesting compartments – were supplied by the RSPB and were made by inmates at Durham Prison.

WHEN YORKSHIRE MEETS NEW YORK...

Cecily Pearson visited Manhattan in the midst of winter. When temperatures fall below zero and snow covers Central Park, New Yorkers leave the pavements clear for insane Brits. Armed with coats and scarves, we set out across the frozen wastes...

When my alarm went off at 3.30 a.m., I felt that the Americans could keep New York for all I cared. Nobody is at their best at that hour. Yet somehow, I've been round Manhattan, and seen the Statue of Liberty, and visited the shops (such shops! They open until at least 10 p.m.) and my opinion hasn't changed. They really are quite welcome to it.

There's some lovely art over there, don't get me wrong; the Metropolitan Museum of Art is well worth a visit, as is Liberty herself, and you really do feel like an immigrant when you're waiting in the huge marquee for the ferry to come, and it's cold and your feet hurt from shopping, and you've just gone through security yet again. I'd be much more kindly disposed towards Security if they didn't take my books and leaf through them at great speed, bending the nice new pages outwards. Should Judgement Day arrive, there's going to be the ghosts of a thousand and one ill-treated books ganging up on American security officials, and I'm going to be there with popcorn and a comfy seat.

Part of the thrill of going is just to see America, and all those things about America which you see on TV and read about in books, like Greyhound buses and Twinkies and skyscrapers, which I did enjoy seeing. And Central Park, which to New Yorkers is the closest thing to countryside they know, but to any Wensleydalian looks like a nasty man-made substitute for the proper thing. Didn't see any muggings, but I'm sure some must have occurred.

There's just too much hype about it all though, and it doesn't live up to expecta-

tions. Broadway may be big with neon signs and theatres everywhere, but so is Leeds Headrow, and it's definitely easier to find shops in Darlington than in the streets of Manhattan, with the added advantages that the traffic isn't purposefully trying to run you over, and you don't get yelled at by police if they see you jaywalking. New Yorkers drive like maniacs, which is weird, because they've got nowhere else to go but other parts of New York.

So for all its disadvantages, I realised I actually quite like Wensleydale after all. You can see the sun here, and it may be hidden by cloud most of the time, but over in The Big Apple it's hidden by the most hideous architecture ever produced all the time, as the buildings are so tall. Night is just as bright as the day is, due to all the bright lights of Times Square, where we stayed - oh, and Charlotte Dooley saw a mouse in the hotel. It may have been a cockroach.

Go to New York, by all means. Some of my group loved it, and wanted to live there. Some of us were glad to return. But it's a real experience, no matter whether you like the city or not, and when it comes to the crunch, many shops there are open until two in the morning. All-night shopping. Now admit it, don't you want to go?

Cecily Pearson, Bursary student

DIGGING WITH ROBIN MINNITT

Robin Minnitt was recently made a Life Member of the Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum. Like most people, I was generally aware of Robin's efforts in the development of our lovely museum at Hawes but I wondered how it all came about. Well, gardening readers will be glad to know that it all started with an allotment.

Robin is not a native of this area but his wife Denny has local connections, being the daughter of Dick Chapman of Askrigg and Margaret Metcalfe of Bainbridge and she has many relatives in the upper dale. Robin was introduced to Denny by his sister, Sheila, on his return from India at the end of the war when he was still in the army.

Following a time spent at Seale Hayne Agricultural College he worked as a corn and agricultural merchant in the family business which was in North Nottinghamshire in a small village, Laneham, beside the River Trent. (Denny and Sheila were working at this time in Leeds as secretaries with the BBC).

Robin made his first visit to Askrigg in 1947 when Denny was staying there for a holiday. This holiday was the first of many visits and the couple were married in 1949 in Askrigg chapel. Earlier Robin had gone to meet Denny's father who was a teacher in Shipley. Invited for a weekend to Bingley Robin was keen to make a good impression. He soon realised Dick was a great enthusiast for his allotment. Denny and her sister, Signy, had other plans and it was suggested that Robin spend the next day digging with Dick. Not really keen, and without any gardening clothes, Robin reluctantly agreed. Off they went in Robin's car to a wood "Funny place for an allotment" thought Robin. Then in a clearing they found a group of children, 11 and over "scraping away at the ground, and

only one trowel between them" mostly using odd spoons and knives. "Uncle Dick" as he was known by many in the Askrigg area, went around speaking to the children, clearly telling each that their work was vital. This was Robin's first dig and since then he hasn't been able to give up. Archaeology and history are a fascination for Robin almost too great to put into words but very clearly shining from his face when he talks about his interests.

In these early days most of Robin's exploration was in his own area near Retford. He has excavated on sites of all the main periods and was involved with the Trent Valley Archaeological Research Committee based on Nottingham University, later the Trent & Peak Archaeological Trust. Of course many holidays were spent at Hawes and Bainbridge accompanying Dick Chapman "up to the fort" i.e. the Roman fort at Bainbridge (1st-4th century AD). Firstly he worked there with Bill Wade of Leeds University and later with Brian Hartley. Any work stress evaporated as Robin happily "dug" whilst Denny was occupied visiting relatives.

Robin says he has sometimes been drawn to sites by a "feeling". For instance there is an area near Dunham Bridge where the A57 Lincoln-Sheffield road crosses the Trent. It was high ground and an obvious place for a Roman fort. Yet nothing had been found as far as he was aware at the time. Robin kept going back and with his family one day walked along a path by Newton Cliffs where his daughter, Karen, found a prehistoric flint scraper. After that (early 1960s) they found tens of thousands of items dating from 5000 BC to the 1800s A.D. Robin passed the information to a Lincoln research magazine and artefacts to Lincoln Museum. The site was certainly a find. Later whilst researching local history

Robin came across a directory recording “numerous cinerary urns found at Newton Cliffs” but that didn’t take away from the initial excitement. Needless to say all five members of the family were often involved and Robin recalls them walking on a field when his younger son who was about 5, kept calling out “I’ve got another one!” The rest of the family were so absorbed that he was told, “Good lad! keep looking”. They picked up 13 arrowheads that day and young William found five of them! Later his older brother, Mason, found a superb Roman silver denarius dated around 106 B.C. on the site of a 26 acre Roman fort on the cliff, which had been identified by aerial photography.

Eventually plans to retire to Askrigg were afoot. After much searching Robin and Denny bought Seata House in 1984 and initially spent holidays there. Denny moved in fulltime first, in 1988 with Robin following in 1989.

With his interest in history Robin had got to know Marie Hartley and Joan Ingilby who asked him to assist with arrangements for their collection of local artefacts. These they had collected for some time. In 1941 there had been a sale at WG Horne in Leyburn and the Misses Hartley, Pontefract and Kit Calvert had all bought what they could. Ella Pontefract died in 1945 and Joan Ingilby took her place. The collection grew and the ladies wished the public to have access so it was offered to the then North Riding County Council in 1972. From 1974 the items were kept in the RDC store (the building now Littlefair’s shop in Hawes). In 1976 the National Park bought Hawes station and in 1977 the County Council agreed that the station goods shed could become a museum. It cost £10,000, 50% grant-aided. In March, 1979 the Upper Dales Folk Museum opened and later that year the museum at Bolton Castle closed. Robin assisted the Misses Hartley & Ingilby with

moving the castle collection to Hawes. In 1982, the curator of York Museum, Michael Clegg, recommended the formation of the Friends, to act as fundraisers and advocates for the Dales Folk Museum. In 1988 “the Ladies” as Marie Hartley and Joan Ingilby are often known locally, wanted to retire and told Robin, “You will be the Chairman”. (Those who remember an earlier article will recall that Peter Leyland, also of Askrigg was another who received this almost regal command in his case to be Treasurer of the Friends.) In 1989 the museum was renamed the Dales Countryside Museum, a “snappier” title.

In 1990 plans were made to physically link the museum and the station. In those days the ladies had been on a Joint Liaison Committee including representatives of the Friends of the Museum, the County Council and National Park. The Committee included Terry Suthers the County Museums Officer followed by Brian Hayton. These two were behind a major push to develop the Museum further and Robin and Peter Leyland took the ladies’ place. An Appeal Committee was set up to raise funds with Sir Marcus Worsley as President and Peter as Hon. Treasurer. This Committee included many notables such as two earls, one marquis, six knights and such well -known figures as Robert Hardy, Alan Bennett and a number of business executives. Alan Bennett performed at the Georgian Theatre, Richmond, with the performance followed by a charity dinner at Aske Hall. The museum was one of three charities supported, and nevertheless received £13,000. Appeal Committee Meetings were held at Chairman Tony Clegg’s magnificent seventeenth century house, Whixley Hall, with champagne offered in silver wine coolers. (Robin stuck to mineral water!) Other meetings required trips to London or to the highly secure and

prestigious offices of KPMG in Leeds. Sir Marcus had recommended Tony Clegg, a semi-retired financier.

National Park officers and staff were instrumental in obtaining major grants from the National Lottery and Euro 5B. David Butterworth and John Baker's efforts were crucial. John Baker, after whom a room in the new Museum is named was also the inspiration for the famous Alternative WI Calendar which had so much success in raising money for research into leukaemia.

The public fund raising for the Museum was opened by Robert Hardy and a Development Subcommittee was set up to work on plans. There was a national competition for a design for the new museum, with entry fees also acting as a fund-raiser. The National Park chose a selection of 12 and the project sub-committee chose a short list of three. In the event the job went to the John Moores Partnership (the same firm who later designed the development at Lodge Yard in Askrigg).

Robin has many happy memories including those of the official opening by Prince Charles, and the arrival of the train exhibit. What came over to me is how much the project of the museum grew and how many people and organisations were involved. Surely there were problems? Robin told me how pleasantly surprised he has been by the continued co-operation of the various organisations. Even now part of the collection still belongs to the County Council and part to the Museum There were 100-200 Friends when Robin took over as Chairman and over 500 when he retired from the role. Volunteers still put in countless hours restoring, recording, doing demonstrations for the public etc. All this effort and yet dissension has been rare. As Chairman Robin was on every committee from 1989, supported by Peter Leyland, yet it all started by chance that they happened

to be there when "the ladies" early dream needed developing into a superior museum for the Dales. The Friends have been the biggest donors outside the N.Y.C.C., the N.P.A. and the two major grantors. They are still raising thousands of pounds per annum assisting the dedicated manager and equally dedicated staff to maintain the very high standard expected of them.

I admit I was curious about what kind of "apprenticeship" Robin had for this exacting role. And like all "overnight success" there was considerable preparation. Robin had been involved in founding the Retford and District Historical & Archaeological Society and setting up a museum. (He's a Life member of that Society too). And as far as committees were concerned Robin is also an old hand having been a Parish Council Chairman in Nottinghamshire for 18 years. Unfortunately hearing loss makes some difficulties for Robin at meetings now, but he is still very active dealing with enquiries received by the museum from individuals and helping others with archaeological research programmes, e.g. Tom Hay's work on hydro-electrical development in the dales. His enthusiasm has been passed on with his adult children, and some grandchildren, still picking up bags of fossils and flints. He is also an enthusiastic supporter of Gayle Mill.

"Don't write too much" said Robin, but of course these Newsletters will be part of the historical record so I'm afraid I couldn't resist "digging" and Robin of all ple will understand that. **PJR**

BAINBRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

All the junior class have been on a four day residential visit to Helmsley. Four parents and Colin Hicks, our part-time teacher, came with me and their help was invaluable. The weather was thankfully kind, the children a delight and the warden at the Youth Hostel superb. It was a lovely way to finish off my final term at Bainbridge.

Dave Jackson, Head Teacher

Helmsley Walled Garden,

On Wednesday the 9th of March Bainbridge primary went to Helmsley Walled Gardens. We went for half a morning and were taught how to take cuttings of hard and soft wood. We also learnt to sow lettuce in modules. We were told how the whole garden was started and that it took five men and a tractor to knock the gates down, it was so over grown. We were also allowed to look around the garden itself.

Michael Hewitt

Duncombe Park

On Wednesday 9th March we went to Duncombe Park. First we had our lunch and then we were shown round the house. Before the Duncombe family moved in the enormous house was an all-girls school. We entered the house and went into the hall.

There were 41 servant bells and a front door bell. We didn't look in all of the rooms because Lord and Lady Feversham were living in most of the house. The garden was very very big and has 2 big monuments in the middle of nowhere. There was also a Ha-Ha which was basically a wall that you couldn't see.

Isobel Bushby

Rievaulx Abbey

On Thursday 10th March, we went to Rievaulx Abbey for half a day. First we looked round the exhibition and answered questions about the monks jobs including tanning and farming. Next we set off to look at the church part of the abbey which was

really tall; then we looked at the Abbey and the Cloister (courtyard); we also saw the Refectory (dining room) and the Infirmary (hospital) I thought that the refectory was really big because it was half the size of the church. After we had finished looking round the Abbey ruins we went and had our lunch at the entrance and then left to go back to Helmsley

Joshua Prudden

Helmsley Castle

On Monday 7th March, we went to Helmsley Castle to have a look around. First we went and looked at a small model of what the castle would have looked like in Tudor times.

We walked further along the castle path and saw some metal sculptures of men with swords and crossbows. We walked over the bridge and through the south barbican (south entrance) and looked at where the portcullis (spiked gate) would have been. Then we walked across to the east tower and manor house (the only buildings still standing.) We did some sketching of the buildings and we went into the manor house where were boxes of reproduction of Tudor items and we had to see if we could figure out what item does what.

Dan J. Williams

The Football Season

We have had a very successful football season. We have won 5 games and drawn 3. Altogether there are 16 children who have played for the school team. These are the results of our season games.

West Burton (Home) Player of the Match Josh Prudden : Won 7-2

Kettlewell (Home) P.O.M Daniel Williams : Won 6-2

Askrigg (Away) P.O.M Katie-Jean Lambert : Won 2-1

Spennithorne (Home) P.O.M George Cox : Won 8-3

Middleham (Home) P.O.M Scott Guy : Won 5-2

Spennithorne (Away) P.O.M Ryan Alderson : Drew 1-1

Katherine Head

HAWES SCHOOL NEWS

Big Thank You To The Upper Wensleydale Newsletter

All the children at our school who celebrated their birthdays along with the birthday of the Wensleydale Newsletter were given a surprise treat of a £10 gift token. The children were thrilled to receive this unexpected gift and have sent a **Big Thank you** to everyone concerned.

Tsunami Disaster Appeal Fund

The children at our school decided they would like to help with the appeal themselves. They decided to raise money by holding a non-uniform day and sale of cakes. They were asked to give their own pocket money if possible and to decide for themselves how much they would like to donate. They raised a magnificent £179.92. Well done everyone.

School Council

Jack-Thomas Iveson, Jasmin Iveson, Alexandra Hindle, Joe Hillary, Ellen Bell and Charlie Dinsdale have all been elected by their classmates to be their representatives on the School Council.

Building work

The new hall extension, PE store, classroom, store room, disabled access toilet and meeting room were finally completed during the Christmas holidays. The building work took approximately twice as long as expected and allowed us to get to know the builders very well. These

additions have transformed the school. Fixed climbing apparatus has also been installed and we are looking forward to using it and producing some very good gymnasts in the future. There will be an official opening later in the year.

Ballet Classes

Mrs Suzan Sedgwick holds Ballet classes at Hawes School on Friday evenings. They start with pre dance classes for 3-4-year olds, pre primary and primary. If your children are interested in joining please telephone **015396 20252**

A Date for your Diary

On Saturday 23rd April X-Plus are playing at The Fountain Hotel to raise funds for Hawes School. The money is needed to begin phase 2 of the new Foundation playground. Please come along.

How to handle your Kevin, Perry & Waynetta!

A course for frazzled parents giving tips and strategies on how to cope and survive with your adolescents!

This is a six session course at **Hawes Primary school 6-8pm Monday evenings starting on 11th April**. The course is run by Julie Simpson and Lynne Bell from Community Education and Family Learning. There will be guest speakers including Gary Lewis the Youth Action Officer and someone from the Solvent Misuse Team from North Yorkshire. This course is open to any parent or guardian in the dale who would appreciate some help, advice and support from fellow sufferers

Snow

The snowman melts in the sun,
The snow is white and smooth,
The snowflakes zig zag to the ground,
I stand and shiver in the snow.

Sophie Middleton Aged 7

Snow

Playing in the snow
You can throw snowballs
Snow can melt into water
Snow is soft
Snow is white
Snow is cold
Snow is shiny.

Nathan Baldwin. Aged 6

WEST BURTON SCHOOL NEWS

A visit to Humphrey Head

Humphrey Head is an outdoor education centre in Cumbria. The Key stage 2 children of West Burton School went there on the 14th of February for a week of adventure activities.

We had a week full of teamwork activities and several evenings to ourselves. We enjoyed many pursuits including; canoeing, rock climbing, abseiling, gill scrambling, orienteering in Grizedale forest and mountaineering.

On the Wednesday we went to climb a mountain (the mountain was called Dow Crag) some of us struggled but we all made it with encouragement and teamwork.

The highlight of the week was, being as a team and getting to know people better than we did.

I think that we all learnt to face our fears and cooperate with people we would not usually hang around with.

Hannah Yeadon.

**ADVANCE NOTICE FOR
“SUSTAINABLE FUTURES”
EVENTS**

**June 4th, July 6th and August 1st at the
Dales Countryside Museum**

Held on our own doorstep in Hawes. A groundbreaking series of mix and match events showcasing thought provoking ways of developing enterprise opportunities through environmental friendly actions and providing inspiration for many more.

Learn how alternative technology can help you save money at home and in the business, how waste can be used to power your own Community Power Station and how to get a waste audit done on your business (whatever your business!). Find out about funding for renewable energy sources, how to set up community composting and projects that showcase the lightest way of living within our countryside from all around our region.

Key experts presenting on June 4th include one of the UK's most innovative waste and recycling consultancy “SWAP”, The York and North Yorkshire Business Environmental Forum and The Yorkshire Renewable Energy Network.

The events are not just for community groups, business or start-up business, they are for **anyone** who cares about the future of rural communities. Registration is essential; you can attend as many or as few sessions as are of interest, but please register early as places are very limited.

Programmes available from:

Tel 650980

SCHOOL IN A BOX KITS

Our Newsletter support for this UNICEF scheme has been very timely. The AGM agreed to send a further gift.

We thought you might like to know just what these kits comprise and how they are being used

Contents:

- Exercise books
- Pencils
- Erasers
- Scissors
- Wooden teaching clock
- Plastic cubes for counting
- Set of 3 laminated posters (alphabet, multiplication and number tables)
- Black paint to make a blackboard

Cost:

£97 buys this School-in-a-Box, providing educational materials for 80 students taught in double-shift classes of 40.

The kit is supplied in a locked aluminium box; the lid can double as a blackboard when coated with the special paint included in the kit.

Using a locally developed teaching guide and curriculum, teachers can establish makeshift classrooms almost anywhere.

Over the past five years, the School-in-a-Box has been extensively used all over the world and components adapted so they can be used anywhere.

The purpose of the kit is to ensure the continuation of children's education in the first 72 hours of an emergency. Returning to school is another important way of ensuring the safety of the millions of children affected by the Tsunami. By going back to school children are provided with a sense of routine and semblance of normality in a safe and familiar environment.

The contents of the kit are not culturally specific and will be supplemented by locally purchased products, such as books

in local languages, toys, games and musical instruments. Exercise books, for example, are printed without margins, so that children who write from right to left can use them.

The poster set was created to meet UNICEF's special requirement of adaptability. The three posters are printed with spaces, in which the teacher can either draw, or write the numbers and letters in the local language.

Feedback from teachers and children enables Supply Division and partners to review the kit contents and update it as appropriate.

Emergency Information

UNICEF UK, Africa House, 64-78 Kingsway, London WC2B 6NB Telephone **020 7405 5592**



WILDLIFE SURVEY: Help requested

North Yorkshire Nature, the private environment watchdog, has recently been informed of a very few exotic species of wildlife having been spotted on the more remote fell sides and scrubby woodland.

It is a well-known truth that until at least a few years ago, wallabies could be seen on the western areas of the Staffordshire Peak District. Now it seems that the emu, a common sight in many parts of the world, is making an appearance in areas of the dales that suit it. These amusing-looking animals have possibly escaped from captivity and will eye any unsuspecting rambler with a sideways nod of the head and then trot off. Please let us know immediately of any sightings.

SURGERY NEWS

Staff Changes

March saw the retirement of Mrs Janet Slater, who will be known to many of you as one of our receptionists at Aysgarth surgery. We will miss greatly Janet's friendly, professional approach, and wish her a long & happy retirement.

One of our receptionists at Hawes surgery, Joanne Iveson, is taking up a new role within the practice. She is being trained as a health care assistant (HCA) to provide support to the practice nurses at Hawes and Aysgarth. She will be working alternate mornings at both surgeries. Once fully trained, Joanne will assist with blood tests and basic physiological measurements such as blood pressure, height & weight. From the beginning of April, nurse Miriam at Hawes and nurse Diane at Aysgarth will be going part time, working four days a week. Miriam will not be working Thursdays, & Diane will not be working Wednesdays. These changes have created a vacancy for a receptionist to replace Joanne at Hawes. We hope to have filled this vacancy soon.

Breast Screening Unit

The mobile mammography unit will be at Hawes surgery from the end of April and throughout May. Invitations for screening will be posted out over the next few weeks. The target group is women aged 50-65, though you can be screened if you are outside this age range and there is a clinical reason for it. If you do not receive an invitation and wish to be screened you can attend Hawes or Aysgarth surgery where a referral form will be completed for you. Please ask at reception. Car parking at Hawes surgery will be severely limited whilst the unit is here.

Patient Questionnaire

Some of you may remember completing a questionnaire about the practice at the end of last year. We now have the report. This was discussed at a meeting of your patients' consultative group at the end of January. The one thing that stands out is that you rate our receptionists very highly. The girls do a great job and they are happy that they are so appreciated by you all. One point that came across was that patients often feel unable to understand the nature of their illnesses and how best to cope with them after they have been to see the doctor. This was particularly apparent at Hawes surgery. The consultative group felt that often people think about questions they wanted to ask the doctor only after they leave the surgery. So can I suggest a couple of helpful hints? Try writing down the questions you want to ask about your symptoms / illness before you go in to see the doctor. We can all forget things in the heat of the moment so a prompt can be helpful. I do this when I go to see the practice's solicitor or accountant. If something occurs to you after the consultation, by all means ring the surgery. You can ask to speak with your doctor, or leave a message if the subject is not too delicate. The best time to

ring is late in the morning after surgery and before the start of rounds.

Clive West

Doctors Rota

Another issue identified by the questionnaire is that patients are not always able to see their preferred doctor on the day that they want. This is the inevitable result of doctors having to alternate between the two surgeries. In this issue, you should find the Doctors rota for April. Hopefully this will help you to plan your consultations with your chosen doctor.

HAWES SURGERY ROTA										
From	Wb 28/3		Wb 4/4		Wb 11/4		Wb 18/4		Wb 25/4	
Day	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Mon	Closed		J	J	A+J	H	F	F	F+W	F+W
Tues	A+J	A	A+F	A	W	W	J+W	W	J	J
Wed	J	J	J	J	A	A	J	J	F	F
Thur	A	A	F	F	W	W	J	J	W	W
Fri	F	F	J+W	J+W	A+J	A+J	F	F	W	W
Sat	Urgent cases only 10.15 to 11.00 a.m. every week									
Doctors: A - Arblaster, F - France, J - Jones, W - West Morning S'y: 8.45-10.15 a.m. Tues till 10.45 (no appointments) Afternoon S'y: 5.00-6.00 p.m. Tues 1.00-4.00 (appointment only) For appointments and all enquiries ring 667200										

AYSGARTH SURGERY ROTA (Wb=week beginning)										
From:	Wb 28/3		Wb 4/4		Wb 11/4		Wb 18/4		Wb 25/4	
Day	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Mon	Closed		A+F	A	W	A	J+W	W	J	J
Tues	F	J	J	J	A+J	A+J	F	J	F+W	W
Wed	A	A	A+F	A	F+W	F	W	W	J	J
Thur	F	F	J+W	W	A+J	J	F	F	F	F
Fri	J	J	A	A	F	F	W	W	J	J
Sat	Urgent cases only 9.00 to 9.45 a.m. every week									
Doctors: A - Arblaster, F - France, J - Jones, W - West Morning Surgery: 9.00 - 10.30 a.m. (no appointments) Afternoon Surgery: 4.00 - 5.30 p.m. (appointment only) For appointments and all enquiries ring 663222										

Dear Friends,
18th March 2005

I wish to write to lots of people involved with Bainbridge School to express my gratitude for the support and friendship I have received in my 13 years as head teacher. Much of what I am writing will have been mentioned by me at the final assembly but I appreciate that a lot of you will not have been there.

Bainbridge is the 4th school I have taught in, and they all hold fond memories for me, but this school will always be very dear to my heart. The help I have received has made the difficult dual task of head and class teacher more manageable, and my most loyal supporter has been my wife Jenny-who has encouraged me through both the good times and the more tricky ones.

The LEA has always been there to guide me through the pitfalls of budget handling and ever changing legislation and the school's advisors deserve a special mention. Nearer to home the local community are always supporting the school, be it through the churches, through fundraising or by volunteering help. As part of that community, the parents have been great. I like the way folk speak their mind in Wensleydale, and it means that I have been able to be open and honest with them. I have made friendships, which will continue after I retire. This also applies to the school governors who have always shown such trust in me; it means that I can have confidence with difficult decisions that arise.

The high quality of the staff at Bainbridge school has made my job so much easier. From the caretakers and lunchtime staff to the secretaries and administrative staff, I have been blessed with hard working, dedicated and friendly colleagues. The teaching and non-teaching staff all possess similar qualities, coupled with a great skill in teaching and love for

the children. I have indeed been truly fortunate to end my career at Bainbridge, slightly earlier than I would have planned. However I know I have made the right decision, not just because of recent health scares, but also because I find it increasingly difficult to cope with the ever changing demands of both the management of the school and the new curriculum demands.

I am thrilled that Elaine Hopwood is taking over as head teacher, and I know she will take the school from strength to strength. The acquisition of Colin Hicks and Natasha Johnstone to the teaching staff has made a strong team of talented and dedicated professionals to join their existing respected colleagues.

I am not intending to rush into looking for alternative part-time employment to supplement my teacher's pension that I'm taking early. After Easter I'm going to enjoy the garden, and Jenny has a "list of jobs to finish"! However I am going on a couple of courses to become a tutor for students on teaching practice so you never know, I might be around local schools again!

Naturally I will miss the camaraderie of school life and particularly the children, but I'm looking forward to a new life with less pressures. Many thanks to all of you. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to be associated with Bainbridge School.

David Jackson

**WHAT'S ON AT THE DALES
COUNTRYSIDE MUSEUM,
APRIL 2005**

The exhibition "**Rugs from Rags: the British and North American tradition**" runs from **21st March – 13th April**. It contains historical and contemporary rugs made in the "proddy" and "hooky" styles. The exhibition has been put together by Karen Griffiths, who teaches the craft, some of her student's work is also on show. Karen will be demonstrating **rug making** in the exhibition hall on **20th March and 10th April**.

From the 17th April to 9th May, a group of artists will be exhibiting under the title, "**The Northern Quintet – plus**". All are Northern artists who have trained or worked together.

Oil paintings, watercolours and sculpture will be on show. Entrance to all the temporary exhibitions is free.

Friends of the Museum will be spinning in the museum foyer **between 2 and 4pm on Tuesday 5th April**.

Friends will be dressing up on **Friday the 8th of April**. They will be in the museum to explain about everyday life and work in a Dales kitchen.

As part of the Friends lecture programme, on the **Friday evening 15th April**, Terry Frazier from the National Trust will be talking on "Housekeeping and Conservation". The lecture starts at 7.30pm at the museum. Visitors are welcome £1 admission.

**UPPER DALES FAMILY HISTORY
GROUP**

The next group meeting will be at Middleham Key Centre on **Wednesday, April 27, at 2pm**. This is the Annual General Meeting and the speaker is Colin Brannigan from Bishopdale on "From the Potato Famine to the Palace" – the story of his own family from their Irish roots to the present day. This talk was originally scheduled for the February meeting which had to be cancelled owing to the bad weather.

In addition, everyone is invited to bring

along their own family tree (no matter how long or short!) to compare – you might discover the most unexpected connections!

For further details please phone **Tony Keates on 640436**

**COUNTY COUNCIL EXTENDS
SERVICES IN HAWES**

North Yorkshire County Council's new Community Resource Centre in Hawes will open to the public from **3 - 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday 6th April** following its official opening by the Chairman of the Council, Councillor John Dennis.

The centre is one of several similar developments ongoing across the County in a £6.4m capital expenditure programme to create Community Resource Centres. Opening hours will be Monday to Friday 9.30 - 4.30; with an evening opening in due course on Thursdays from 5.30 - 7.00. The centre will boast £12,000 of new stock, including new collections of DVD, CDs and Videos. Customers will be able to enjoy a cup of coffee from the latest 'cappuccino' machine whilst surfing the internet in the new IT suite. A range of services from partnership agencies will be provided from the Centre, including those of the Upper Wensleydale Community Partnership, Richmondshire District Council and North Yorkshire Police Authority. Customers will be able to pay their Council Tax and undertake other transactions at the Centre and younger customers will be able to select from the new range of stock including books and story tapes in a dedicated new children's library. Family-friendly features will also include accessible toilet and baby changing facilities.

For further information on the new Centre or the events listed above; please contact David Fay, Service Head Operations and Delivery on **01609 533836**



LIVELY PROGRAMME

Plans are now well in hand for the Dales Festival of Food and Drink 2005. It will be in the same place as last year, opposite Tennants with extensive free parking.

Incorporated in the Festival is the Leyburn Beer Festival. On Saturday 30 April, Festival Patron Richard Whiteley will be attending and he and his partner, broadcaster Kathryn Apanowicz, will have fun with Richard Fox, the beer chef, during one of his demonstrations.

The centrepiece is the massive Food Hall marquee with 80 stalls offering Yorkshire produce, mostly from the Dales, and incorporating the Northern Dales Farmers Market. There are also nine cookery demonstrations.

Popular request brings a return on Monday May 2nd of humorous author Gervase Phinn. He will be signing books at Ottakars Bookstall.

Music is featured this year with covered seating for the audiences for Leyburn and Muker brass bands, the Black Sheep Jazz Band and the Wensleydale Stompers.

Speakers Corner will be better still this

year with an entertaining programme including cheese-making, wine tasting, flower arranging, Paul Theakston on the story of Black Sheep and Radio York's gardening expert Nigel Harrison. There is catering on site from the most informal to the silver service bistro, and children's entertainment. A farming display will show how food is produced on dales farms and will incorporate a Learning Zone for teachers and pupils produced in collaboration with DEFRA. Sheep shearing, coopering displays and live animals will add further interest.

For further information: Tel. 623069

THE VILLAGE CLOTHES SHOP

A newly refurbished shop is just about to open in Aysgarth where the old post office used to be.

The shop owned by Janet Wright is to sell clothes made to order from their stocks of Liberty prints and British Tweed. Janet decided to open the shop after selling at various shows and craft markets. Having a base where her customers can be measured and fitted for their new clothes while choosing the material from stock is much more convenient for all concerned.

The shop also carries a stock of quality throws, scarves, jackets, and of course hats, all at very reasonable prices. We wish her well in her new venture. For opening times please ring Janet on **663413**. **S.E.D**

DEMOS BACK

An old Wensleydale tourist attraction will be revived this summer. Once again Richard Fawcett and his six border collies will be demonstrating the art of the shepherd, in fields on the road between Hawes and Hardraw. As usual, parking will be on the football field, and all demonstrations will be on Thursdays. From May to August they start at 6.30 prompt, and in September at 2.30 prompt.

AMALA THANKS

Leanne, Kirsty and Sarah would like to thank all those who gave their help and support on Tuesday March 22nd at the coffee morning in the Hawes Methodist rooms.

We raised £310 in aid of the **Amala** Children's Home, Tamil Nadu, Southern India.

"DONATE TO THE DALES"

This new scheme of the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust which aims to raise at least £1 million over the next three years, received a boost last week by another visit to the offices in Clapham by Prince Charles who is the Trust's patron and over the eight years of its existence has given his unstinting personal support. *YDMT press release*

HAWES YOUTH CLUB

A lot of changes have taken place in youth club. The youth club room has had a complete make over; it has been decorated, new settees, chairs, stools and new lighting. We also have 2 new computers with the Internet.

Liz Atkins left in October to start a new

job so that left Sara, Niccola and Diane. Hannah is helping out until we can get another Youth worker to help. Is anyone interested? We have had a varied programme of activities, have made sweets, had a Chinese night, a pancake night and we have made life-size models out of newspaper and parcel tape. For Children in Need we painted a car and we charged people to sign their name on it. We made about **£300**.

If anyone would like to come and ref some indoor football any Monday we would be really grateful.

Sara Mason

EGGS ON THE LINE!

Readers are reminded that the Wensleydale Railway is running seven days a week. Timetables are available from Information Centres and Post Offices. The quiz for school children continues until the end of the Easter holidays with small Easter eggs for prizes.

OPEN ACCESS

Full details of the new access to open countryside under the CROW act which in our area comes into effect on May 28th will feature in full in the next issue.

WHAT'S ON LISTING

TRANSFER THESE DATES TO YOUR DIARY OR CALENDAR NOW!

April

- 3 Metro/IKEA shopping trip. Coach leaves Hawes 9.00 am. Picks up Leyburn For booking 667192
- 3 United church service, Leyburn St. Matthew's 7.00 pm
- 5 Hawes Drama Group : "The Constant Wife". Gayle Institute 7.30 pm
- 5 Museum Friends meeting, 7.30 pm
- 6 Opening of Community Office. See p.5
- 10—"Make Poverty History" week.
- 14 CAP Reforms; Presentation; see box
- 15 Poverty vigil; Redmire. Watch for details
- 11 "Frazzled parents" course; see page 22
- 12 YDNPA Planning committee; 10.30 am Ingleborough Community Hall
- 16 Historic Environment of the Yorkshire Dales. Day course. See p.7
- 17 Meet Verity; North Country Theatre event. See page 26
- 17 Quiz night at Fountain Hawes.
- 19 Public Inquiry opens for Wind Farm between the Dales and Lakes
- 20 Bainbridge and District Motor Club; first meeting of new season. See p. 30
- 21 Hawes W.I. "Sewing machines to Africa" 7.00 pm Methodist rooms
- 23 Coffee and books day at Bainside. See article on p.12
- 23 West Witton coffee morning. Chapel from 10.00 am to noon
- 23 X-plus at Fountain, Hawes. See p. 22
- 24 Gayle chapel choir Sunday
- 26 Coffee and stalls, Hawes Methodist rooms 10.00 am to noon
- 27 Blood donor session. Hawes Market Hall. Usual times
- 27 WEA birds course begins. See p. 26
- 27 Gayle Chapel Gift Day 6.30 pm
- 28 Gayle Ladies; Rev. Martin James, 7.30 pm
- 29, 30 and May 1: Yoredale Art Club Exhibition. See p. 38
- 30 to May 2. Food and Drink Festival
- 30 Vikings in Settle; lecture in Settle Primary School by Alan King. Part of the Scandinavian Festival

May

- 7 Coffee and stalls; Redmire Village Hall 10.00 am to noon. For Aysgarth Choral Society

CAP REFORMS AND NEW POLICIES

West Burton village hall

Thursday, April 14th

Coffee from 7.00 Presentation from 7.30 pm

Bob Baker, Churches Regional Development Officer with local land agent, accountant and farmer.

Your questions answered. All welcome