

EDITORIAL

You must have noticed that over the years we have tried hard to avoid being too controversial over certain subjects, notably party politics and religion. Another touchy topic is money, but this month, having had our ears to the ground and been cogitating a while, we are going to be rather direct.

Stopping to think honestly for a moment, you have to admit that this area has received, over the years, considerable amounts of money from a wide range of public funds for heritage, sport, business, transport or infrastructure schemes or developments, due in no small measure to the persistence and hard work of various people and organisations.

Increasingly people are questioning some of the outcomes with comments like 'was it worth it', 'what is there to see for it', 'was it necessary', 'it hasn't solved some of the main problems', 'it isn't being used', 'it's made no difference'. We admit there will always be those who are inclined to react that way! But more voices seem to be being raised. Has money been attracted 'just for the kudos'?

We know that the monies coming into an area are ring-fenced, so unfortunately there is no possibility of "business" funding being transferred to "housing", or "transport" to "heritage" etc. (Not that we are suggesting that would automatically be preferable). Someone said it's like giving spending money to a child with the instruction that certain proportions of it *can only* be spent on hair, shoes and sweets!

So let us be more specific; the very large expense on roadworks and schemes in Hawes (see letter on page 12), the newest "Business Park" extension between Hawes and Hardraw with still only three definitely occupied units, the "Village Bus" touring all day, completely empty in the earlier part of the year, never more than twenty all day

at any time; used almost solely by tourists just to or from Garsdale Station; and according to the driver only sufficient revenue to buy the fuel, not even the licence, never mind her wages; totally unused - and unsuitable - 'disabled' fishing stands beside the river and on-going large sums to rectify sporting facilities; skate park and some newer playgrounds, now quite under-used. You can see why some people are concerned.

However, it is wonderful to have the new ambulance facility based in Bainbridge, but again how much of its premises are being used? We are also delighted to see the work going on with the new provision for the elderly in Bainbridge; we just hope that the calculations are correct. (Sycamore Close had several unfilled units). Other projects in the pipeline are attracting big sums of money; Gayle Mill, Hawes Auction Mart and the Multi-use games area in Askrigg to name three. We *must* make sure these will be used and need to consider just how many more of anything the area can justify. It is unreasonable for every village to expect everything. At a time when people think nothing of travelling twenty five miles to a supermarket, is it inconceivable that we can't go much shorter distances for other services?

We are not sorry that these rural areas receive help, far from it, but feel we are raising legitimate concerns and want to be sure that expenditure is generally in line with what is needed and with the population (residents and visitors of course), which is really very small.

The wider world. All readers will be very aware just now of the seemingly escalating terrorism and violence in many countries and although our Newsletter is essentially local it seems reasonable to mention these issues, not only to show our concern but also to keep things in perspective and to remember just how fortunate we are.

EUNICE



Last month Eunice went for a Balloon Ride! If you look very carefully you will see her in the advertisement for Party Decorations on page 19 in the balloon on the right. The lucky winner was **Thomas Dinsdale** of Aysgarth.

YOREBRIDGE REPRIEVED ...AT LEAST FOR A YEAR

Following the shock announcement that Craven College was to withdraw all its services in Askrigg, there has been a reprieve, which is very good news.

However there will be some changes and Colin Bailey will be writing an article with the details for our September issue.

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That's all very clever. Thanks to Geoff Phillips (Bainbridge) who spotted it in a publication 'The Bell'

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Mozart's "Dissonance String Quartet" and Richard Strauss's "Till Eulenspiegel" arranged for quintet make up the rest of the programme.

Proceeds are in aid of St Andrew's Church Aysgarth. Tickets are £8.00 to include nibbles and wine and are available from members of the P.C.C. or from the Cat Pottery at West Burton.

Barry Nicholls

AH, DIBNAH!

We apologise for a spelling mistake that slipped past three proof readings; we had put Fred "Dibner" in the article about Andrew Craske and the Masham Steam Rally.

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B & DMC JULY RALLY REPORT

A fine evening but rather blustery. However 15 cars set off from Gayle Green. The route took us over to Thwaite then on to Keld and Kirkby Stephen. Some managed to do this via Tan Hill, which was quite a feat. From Kirkby Stephen there were some very narrow roads to manoeuvre and as Marker Boards had to be noted these took some spotting at times, especially as the grass on the roadsides is very long at the moment. The marker board letters contained an anagram of our final destination, which was the Fountain Hotel.

We met up with one of the organisers on the route and he produced a bag containing dominoes and each team of contestants had to pick one – not quite sure if the double 6 was the winner or loser, but am sure all will be revealed in time. We had to look out and collect different coloured flowers from the wayside, no sneaking into people's gardens to add to the collection! A very enjoyable rally organised by Harry Balderston and Jeff Huntbach – a big thank you to them both. The winners were Mike & Chris – Well Done. 2nd were Fred & Chubby and 3rd were Angus & Cath.

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HAWES SCHOOL NEWS

Craig Iveson Award Winners

The Craig Iveson Award winners were announced at the end of term assembly. These awards are given to the child in each class who has made the most progress during the year. This year's awards were given to:

Class 1 **Chloe Sunter**

Class 2 **Richard Coates**

Class 3 **Rosie Sowerby**

Class 4 **Jack Sunter**

All are very worthy winners.

Our 'Sightsavers' Appeal

On Friday July 24th, the children had a 'Shades for the Day' fundraising appeal. The children came to school out of uniform and wearing sunglasses. The children in Classes 3 & 4 also came to school wearing Egyptian eye make up in preparation for their end of term production of 'Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat'. We managed to raise enough money to save the sight of 16 people by paying for their trachoma operations - and we all enjoyed ourselves as well.

Whole School Sponsored Walk

On Thursday June 23rd, Hawes Community Primary School had a sponsored walk. We got transport from parents to Cotterdale lane. We set off down the lane into Cotterdale where Ruth Rennison had drinks and biscuits for every one. Half an hour later we carried on walking through the fields. Some parts of the fields we went through were too much for the parents but they tried anyway. We eventually got on to the fell where we stopped for our lunch. After our lunch we carried on our journey to Hardraw. We had a toilet stop at Shona Dinsdale's house. We set off again hoping we would be back in time. The whole school was almost back.

We walked up Hawes back to the school where our parents were waiting for us. Special thanks to everyone who helped.

Robert Cloughton

This year's sponsored walk was a huge success, the weather was lovely and everyone completed the walk including the adults and the teachers! Of course it would not have been possible without the kind help from Ruth and Shona providing toilets and refreshments. The money that is raised is going to pay for the new staging and lighting that is currently being put up in the hall.

Jack Sunter

Technicolour Dreamcoat

Key stage 2 have been working hard on their production of 'Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat' since the start of term. It was a lot of hard work but thanks to the fabulous prop team, the brilliant cast and a little help and encouragement from Miss Higham and Mrs Alderson, the production soon came together. Rebecca Barnes, who plays a brother, says "It was a lot of hard work, but I am so glad I was able to take part in something like this. It was really fun".

All that hard work paid off and the production was held on 19th and 20th July and was a great success and also a huge crowd pleaser.

Amelia Hunter

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'POLLY IN PANTOLAND' - THE 2005 PANTOMIME

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John Drew, Secretary



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A STORY TO PROVE THAT THE YOUNG AREN'T 'CHICKEN'

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He acquired his first hen at the age of seven, because he wanted a pet that he would not have to share with anyone else. He supplied his family with eggs, but soon found he had surplus ones, which he began to sell locally. Since then he has constantly ploughed the proceeds back into the business, and now has 29 hens plus a pair of bantams with six chicks. The bantams - miniature hens - are his favourites. He regularly enters his eggs in The Wensleydale Show, and has won several awards over the years, while his hens have become a starring attraction, especially for the children, at Preston-under-Scar's Easter celebrations.

A true countryman, Matthew finds time to help the gamekeepers on the Bolton Estate, and has lately added dry stone walling and bee keeping to his skills. When he leaves school he hopes to become a gamekeeper, but of course he still intends to keep hens in his free time.

Heather Pearson

NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

I am afraid that the criminal has been busy again over the last few weeks - so we must be on our toes as they are obviously getting a liking for our area again.

Between June 19th and 26th the Sports Association hut at Semerwater was broken into and some items stolen. Apparently they have been suffering bouts of damage for some time. The premises are isolated but if anyone sees any persons/vehicles acting suspiciously then please let us know.

During the day of July 6th an Ifor Williams cattle trailer was stolen from Mossy Lane, Hawes; unfortunately this is not the first time the complainant has been a victim of crime. The crime occurred during the day so obviously we need to be on guard 24/7. Farmers - try and ensure that your property is secured safely and for crime prevention advice please contact me.

Overnight July 6th/7th a farm building was broken into at Nappa near Askrigg. Although nothing was stolen it is obvious that they are looking for things to take.

There has been some vandalism to the Hawes Ropeworks and I am afraid that it is local youths that are suspected. They have been seen around the area making a nuisance of themselves. I would ask the parents to ensure they know what their kids are up to or you may be getting an unexpected visit from me asking awkward questions. Disorderly behaviour by youths will not be tolerated and will be dealt with firmly.

On a similar note damage was caused to some windows to a property near to the bridge over Gayle Beck in Hawes. This again is attributed to youths messing about throwing stones - now it may have been accidental but at the end of the day it is damage and will be treated as such. KIDS

BE WARNED!

As can be seen we have had a few crimes in the area and I would ask that everyone be extra vigilant and report anything suspicious to us at the time so that we can at least have a chance of catching them. 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

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A VILLAGE UNDER SIEGE

The signpost off the road from Hardraw to Askrigg says "Sedbusk Only". The village is home to a handful of permanent residents but is well known to visitors as the central point for many popular walks. Approaching the hamlet up the formidable Sedbusk hill, crossing the fields from Simonstone or tramping down Shutt Lane, the first impression is of the tranquil green, complete with a seat for the weary.

This apparently idyllic scenario seems now to be threatened on all sides. Vodafone are to extend their mast on the fellside above the village. The White Rock Quarry Tip along the picturesque Sedbusk Lane is to be visited by convoys of lorries carrying subsoil from a housing development and the green is threatened by a vehicular access across it.

No doubt, it will be said that these developments are all for the general good of mankind and should not be opposed by a few eccentric rustics who have chosen to live in seclusion. Many walkers who have enjoyed the quiet pleasures of Sedbusk will be disappointed by the urbanised green, high tech communication equipment on the fellside and traffic jams along Sedbusk Lane.

Perhaps such changes are in keeping with the demands of modern living, but they will be irreversible. This is a fragile inheritance which can so easily be urbanised and added to museum memories for future generations.

Malcolm Parker, Sedbusk.

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HAWES GALA - A RIP-ROARING SUCCESS

NOT everyone realises that the Hawes Gala is, and always has been, a largely hand-to-mouth operation. It doesn't exist to make a profit. Each year's takings go entirely towards funding the next year's Gala and though an effort is made to retain a contingency reserve, should it rain - as it did in 2004 - the Committee is on tenterhooks during the run up to the next.

Well, this year it didn't rain, a collective sigh of relief was breathed, the sun shone, everyone came, the streets were crowded, the gate receipts were a record, and everyone, in particular the children for whom the elaborate (and free) fun and games are principally intended, had a great time. Nowhere was this more evident than with some of those who patronised the Jack and Jill Slide; they could have passed for the Mud Larks who in Queen Victoria's day used to scavenge the tidal shores of the Thames at London and their parents would probably have found hosing them down the simplest way to make them recognisable again. But you didn't need to ask them if they were happy, did you?

There were all the usual attractions: swing boats, bouncy castles, coconut shies, quoits, tombola, raffles, face-painting but what I suppose everyone will always remember as long as they remember anything was our Spitfire. It came - a generous loan - from the R.A.F's Memorial Flight, and it arrived without warning from the clouds to enthral an audience of several hundred people on the field and many thousands more in the neighbourhood. It took me back sixty-five years to when, as an eleven year old schoolboy in that roasting hot summer of 1940 I stood and screwed my eyes up to try to pick out those minute silvery shapes, miles above, turning and twisting in what Churchill was soon to name the Battle of Britain. To those of us

who remember, the very sight of it was deeply moving; to anyone of any age with eyes to see the display was, as no supersonic aircraft's can ever be, full of close-up skill, audacity and grace.

The Gala Committee offers its thanks to all who helped on, before and after the day. It welcomes new members and Patrons, and gives notice that 2007 will see the 40th Anniversary of the Gala's inauguration in 1967. Suggestions on how this auspicious occasion can be suitably celebrated would be most welcome. **Trevor Johnson**

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Town Foot 'Roundabout', Hawes

The question being asked time and time again is: What's happening to the Roundabout? I never go up the street but I'm asked the question.

Well, at the present time nothing is happening down there, not by the size of the weeds and grass in there which are almost half way up the railings. That's another thing; was there any need for the railings to be so high?; or, on the other hand, did we need railings at all?

The previous roundabout got into a mess but not as bad as this; and what has happened to all the plants which were in it? It's a disgrace - the biggest eyesore in Wensleydale.

What visitors coming to Hawes think on entering from the east, I really don't know.

It's a good job we're not entering the Best Kept Village Competition (Yes, I know it's a town); we wouldn't get very far, not unless it was for the Best Weeds.

Come on, somebody, do something before the weeds are over the top of the railings. All the money spent down there hasn't made any improvement.

Jean Airey

(Ed. We cannot but agree, - see page 25)

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THIRTY ON AUGUST 1ST - YORKSHIRE DAY

Following the government's re-organization of England's county boundaries during 1974, a number of county groups were set up by concerned people to lobby for the return of their traditional heritage. One of these groups was the Yorkshire Ridings Society.

A meeting of their members in the East Riding village of Market Weighton led to the idea of Yorkshire Day. This was to be a celebration of all things Yorkshire and was designed to make people more aware of our county's proud history and heritage.

The date chosen for the day was August 1st and the first one took place in 1975.

August 1st held a special place in Yorkshire's history for, on this day in 1759, soldiers from Yorkshire regiments who had fought in the battle of Minden, in Germany, picked white roses from bushes near to the battlefields as a tribute to their fallen comrades.

Since the few events which took place in 1975, Yorkshire Day has grown in popularity and now almost every town and village in the county organizes an event of some kind, and many businesses have also become involved.

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To anyone who asked I have always described the Sustainable Futures events hosted by '**Re-vive**' as 'dropping a pebble in a pool and seeing how far the ripples spread'. After two events, they have spread and are still spreading. The first event was well attended, with some expert speakers, great food and thought provoking icebreakers scattered around the tables. We are still fielding enquiries from this event, passing contact numbers and putting people in touch. Networking for delegates and information sharing were key aims of the events.

The second event workshops, with taster sessions looking at use of volunteers, social enterprise and 'people issues' (employment law) within enterprise, was a huge success and immensely popular, with people travelling from York to attend. For some of us travelling that far to events can be a regular occurrence, but for voluntary groups and businesses this can be a huge time commitment and cost to bear. There was a good mix of organisations attending – some well established, some just starting out, which made for a lively session. The venue was full and feedback from those who attended indicated that not only were the sessions extremely useful, there was demand for more in-depth workshops in the future.

On the whole, there has been a real buzz surrounding these events and I've been delighted we've been able to persuade top quality speakers to travel into a rural area to speak to very small numbers when many of them normally speak to audiences of thousands..

The last one looks to be just as popular; check out the website: www.re-vive.org.uk for speaker notes, agendas, details of the events and booking forms or contact me on 650980/650060. **Rima Berry, Re-vive**

METCALFES MUSTER AT THEIR WENSLEYDALE ROOTS

Founded in 1980, The Metcalfe Society today stands in the forefront of the world of genealogy as one of the largest and most respected one-name study groups, with over 1,500 members past and present, home and overseas.

To celebrate the Society's 25th birthday, this year's Muster and AGM will be a 2-day event held simultaneously at the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes and the West Burton Village Hall.

It is dedicated to supporting anyone interested in their Metcalfe (and all spelling variants) family history and acts as the principal link between branches in the home country and those settled worldwide.

The previous largest gathering of the Metcalfe clan was in 1415 when, as legend says, the Metcalfe clan rode their white horses into battle at Agincourt to support Henry V. In today's more peaceful times, the society will be hosting as many Metcalfes as they can muster for a clan photograph at 10.30 on Sunday September 25th at West Burton village green. All those who were born or married a Metcalfe are invited to participate at this historic gathering, whether a member of The Metcalfe Society or not.

Whether you are interested in the Metcalfe name itself, general family history in the Dales, or just want to see more of Wensleydale, there is something for everyone. Events include:

- * Opening of the celebratory activities by Lord Bolton

- * Half-day tour in a classic 1950's coach along Wensleydale with commentary and stops at Metcalfe places of interest

- * Guided Walk from Askrigg to Nappa Hall (& return!) viewing the historic

building from the public footpath in front of the hall

- * Evening social gathering with dinner and enjoying 'The Dalesfolk', the local folk group, with a rich & varied selection of songs

- * Blowing of the ceremonial horn at Bainbridge at 9pm on Saturday evening - a tradition still upheld by a Metcalfe today.

- * Presentations about 'The Metcalfes of Pateley Bridge' and a recital of 'Dialect Poetry'

- * Cuttingand eating... of the 25th birthday cake

- * Annual General Meeting. Opportunity to hear and join in with what is happening in the society

- * Displays including family trees, 25 years of the society, history of the name, where in the world to see the name etc

- * Representatives & information from Northallerton County Record Office, other Family History societies and Friends of Gayle Mill

- * Chance to meet Metcalfe 'relatives'

- * Society sales table Metcalfe merchandise, including 'Metcalfe-History of the Clan' book, Christmas cards, society journal, stationery to record and store family tree information; Yorkshire Dales & related merchandise available. Bookstall - including Federation 'how to' guides.

- * Access society records held on computer databases (assistance available) or search through paper records at leisure.

- * Lending library available on books about Metcalfe, Yorkshire and other related subjects.

There will be a mini-bus service between West Burton and Hawes for those without their own transport or who just don't want to drive!

Full details of events, prices and booking information can be found on The Society's website at www.metcalfe.org.uk or by email muster@metcalfe.org.uk

MOST WANT TO TAKE HOME A LUNGFUL OF OUR FRESH AIR

The Yorkshire Dales is the fourth most visited of the UK's National Parks, according to figures released recently. And most people come because they want a breath of fresh air.

New survey results reveal that almost 70% of us feel we are missing out by not having enough time to visit the country's National Parks more often. The national survey – commissioned by the Association of National Park Authorities (ANPA) to mark the second National Parks Week (it was 22nd to 29th July) – reveals that busy lifestyles are the biggest stumbling block to getting out as often as we would like.

People surveyed also said the main reason for wanting to visit the National Parks was for some breathing space, with 63% of them citing a lung full of fresh air as their main motivator.

The poll showed that the Yorkshire Dales was the fourth most popular national park behind the Lake District, the New Forest and the Peak District.

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Chairman Carl Lis said: "The survey shows what everyone knows – that the Yorkshire Dales contain some of the most beautiful countryside in the UK and they are well worth visiting".

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It would be nice to see the rest dug over and planted as it makes a nice impression for visitors and locals; so come on, our local council and follow the example George has set. All his work has been done voluntarily. Well done, George.

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The idea is that you store the word "ICE" in your mobile phone address book, and against it enter the number of the person you would want to have contacted "In Case of Emergency".

In an emergency situation ambulance and hospital staff will then be able quickly to identify your next of kin and contact them. It's so simple that anyone can do it.

Please will you also send this idea to everybody in your address book; it won't take too many 'forwards' before everybody will know about this. It really could save your life, or put a loved one's mind at rest.

For more than one contact name, use ICE -1, ICE-2, ICE-3 and so on. Now isn't that a great idea!

AN ARTIST FOR ALL SEASONS

An artist with his old blue denim cap on his head, sitting at his easel by the roadside or on a hillside, was once a familiar sight in the village of Thornton Rust

Cyril Kent lived in 'The Cottage' renamed more appropriately 'Studio Cottage' when he and his wife Pat came to live in the village in 1978. A world away from Hertfordshire where they had lived previously - it was a dream come true! What better place for an artist to live once retired from teaching for many years in Art Colleges in the London area.

Already familiar with the countryside of North Yorkshire, he now had time to explore it more fully. His great love was the landscape of Wensleydale in all its ever changing moods and colours. In wintry conditions he would sit out in the snow painting unaware how cold it was - or he was - if the subject interested him. He could equally well capture the sparkling days of spring or the mellow colours of autumn. Sometimes he would produce an oil painting, more often a watercolour, even an etching, but always a sketchbook beside him wherever he went.

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In 1997 came the move to a less harsh climate nearer to York and family. He still continued painting, enjoying the softer landscapes of the Howardian Hills near Castle Howard. But as he became less mobile he began to experiment with acrylics, painting still lifes in his studio.

Cyril Kent died in 2004 aged 86 and still painting vigorously until four days before his death.

The walls of many houses in Thornton Rust are decorated with his pictures as he had many exhibitions locally. His work is also in private collections in Holland, Germany and in the United States.

Now there is a chance to see more of Cyril Kent's work. By kind permission of Tennants of Leyburn, there will be an exhibition in the rooms adjoining their Salesroom from **August 9th to September 4th**. Do take this opportunity to enjoy the work of this very versatile artist. **Pat Kent**

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NVQ SUCCESS FOR DALES NATIONAL PARK STAFF

Three staff working in Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Tourist Information Centres have become some of the first in the country to obtain a specialist National Vocational Qualification.

Yvonne Dennison and Marnie Peacock, who work at the Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre, and Sally Howorth from the Hawes NPC have all been awarded NVQs in Tourism Information Provision – proving they are proficient in a wide range of skills needed to help the public.

In addition, Geraldine Coates and Maureen Prince, NPC managers at Aysgarth and Reeth and at Hawes respectively have recently qualified as NVQ assessors.

Carl Lis, chairman of the YDNPA, said: "I would like to congratulate all the NVQ holders – they play an important part in helping the Authority to give the best possible service to the public. They are on the front line when it comes to putting across the image of the National Park and it's important that they receive the best

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RANGER'S REPORT

It has been a busy period over the last couple of months with the introduction of the new open access legislation and the maintenance of the public rights of way network in the Lower Wensleydale area. Three footbridges have been replaced, two on the footpaths from Askrigg to Woodhall and one between Thornton Rust and Gayle Ing on Thornton Rust Moor. We intend to repair the footbridge damaged in the January storms near Nappa Mill at Askrigg in the near future, subject to river conditions. Contractors will also be replacing a footbridge at St Simons Gill in Coverdale.

The routine maintenance of public rights of way has been ongoing, with the Access Rangers now undertaking the strimming of many overgrown paths in the area.

As Matt Neale outlined in his last Rangers Report, May 28th marked the commencement of the new right of open access with the Yorkshire Dales National Park. All those who wish to walk on open

access land need to plan ahead and check that the route hasn't got any restrictions in place that may exclude dogs or public access. You can check online by looking at the Countryside Agency's website **www.openaccess.gov.uk** or by visiting your local National Park Information Centre. Please note that existing public rights of ways are not affected by any open access restrictions that may be in place.

If any Farmers or Landowners have any queries or concerns regarding open access land you can contact either Matt or myself at the numbers below.

Please note that our telephone numbers have changed, the new numbers are: **Nigel Metcalfe - 662912, Matt Neale - 666220, Hawes Workshop - 666157**

Nigel Metcalfe - Lower Wensleydale

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UNICEF IS HELPING CHILDREN AFTER THE WAVE

(Our donation to the 'School in a box' scheme means we receive a report from time to time; here's an extract from one of them.)

Report from Batticaloa, Eastern Sri Lanka

In this district alone, nearly 4,000 people died in the tsunami. Over 100,000 were displaced from their homes, and an estimated 30-40% of these were children.

Hundreds of people, many of them children, have taken refuge in the local college. It is just one of 65 makeshift camps that have set up in the district to house those who have lost everything.

More than 700 such camps exist across the country. UNICEF has immediately got to work in these temporary shelters to monitor the health of children and deliver non-food emergency supplies. It has also moved to create child-friendly areas and provide activities to help children come to terms with what's happened to them. Most importantly, it is creating opportunities for them to heal through play. Through an organization called Third Eye', UNICEF is funding games and daily activities in the camp giving them vital time to be children' again and take their minds off the

devastating experience they have survived. Similar work with drama groups specializing in child-centred trauma work is getting underway in the camps across the stricken region.

For children there is an urgent need for normalcy and routine to be restored. UNICEF is working with the Sri Lankan government to have every child into school, an ambitious target. To aid this recovery, UNICEF has shipped 3,500 'school in a box' kits to Sri Lanka, enough to provide temporary schooling for almost every affected child.

Over in Galle, Sarah Epstein witnesses the Sudharma Maha school start to get back on to its feet. The school, just metres from the sea, was totally destroyed by the waves. One in three of its pupils was lost to the sea. Among the huge rehabilitation efforts to rebuild the school, a UNICEF truck arrived delivering the emergency school pack to a grateful head teacher. The school was one step nearer to opening. The children are one step nearer to regaining their sense of childhood and overcoming this devastating event.

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Yes, it's that time of year once again where all over the country small communities like ours seek to do battle. Where old cake recipes are dug out of cupboard drawers; where women agonize over their ingredients and choice favours traditional over unconventional. Kitchen tables and worktops become temporary market stalls where gardeners select their finest crops, weigh their heaviest potato and - bearing in mind the judge's close scrutiny - employ all manner of trade secrets. Glazing beetroot with glycerine for example may constitute perfection but it's something you might think twice about mentioning after a few beers down at your local. Then there are the arts and crafts classes; the embroiderers and knitters, the

artists and photographers.

Not forgetting either the flower arrangers and winemakers. Each and every one is an expert in their field, a self-critic with an overwhelming desire to exhibit to the pinnacle of their ability.

It's a matter of pride rather than winning trophies. It's about having fun in a competitive way where losing is almost as good as winning. It's about sportsmanship. It's a very English thing.

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BAINSIDE ARTS - 4TH AGM

The arts projects at Bainbridge Quaker Meeting House started in a very small way, but are gradually gaining more students as word spreads around the area and from their website. Students are leaving comments that they have enjoyed stimulating courses in a beautiful environment, and are starting to revisit.

The meeting was chaired by John Warren, following the resignation of Robin West. It was reported that in 2004 there were 20 courses with 129 students taking part, and so far this year 54 courses are planned, and already the 15 courses held have had a total of 164 students. There had been a total mailing of 1800 leaflets. The fees are £35 per day including refreshments, but there is a bursary fund for people of limited means.

The centre has created new local jobs including 37 tutors who have worked at the centre, most living within a 30 mile radius. Local B&Bs have benefited from new trade, and food outlets, Corn Mill Cafe and Sticky Ginger, have supplied refreshments. A part-time administrator Angela Le Grice and bookkeeper Nigel Chorley have been employed as well as a Girl Friday cleaning service.

There has been an income of £15,701 and

an expenditure of £28,141. The deficit was due mainly to further conversion and equipment, but £10,000 has been received in grant from the Arts Council. The recent work used local contractors and included repair of an outbuilding, a covered seating area, a garden including a hard standing area for work groups and picnics, a back garden, a car parking area, a hedge of indigenous species, a meadow to be grazed by sheep and, finally, a stone sign made by a local stone mason.

The company secretary David Pointon thanked the volunteers, including Judith Bromley, Karen Hope, Michael Hoyle, Donna Parker, Graham Watts and Tim Whitten. An appeal was made for more volunteers to assist with a variety of jobs.

The treasurer, Peter Leyland, agreed to remain in post as he now had day to day assistance from a part time bookkeeper.

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OUTREACH - TO CARPERBY!

The Countryside Museum is taking its popular photo-exhibition 'Old Wensleydale Schools and their Pupils' on tour to Carperby Village on **Saturday and Sunday September 17th and 18th** from 10am until 4pm. Entrance is free and there is now easy disabled access.

The Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum have assembled over the last few years a large selection of old photographs of Wensleydale schools and pupils, some dating back more than a hundred years. Some photographs have come from the Friends' collection in the Museum but many on show are copies of originals kindly lent by local people from their family albums.

This photo-exhibition was on view at the Museum last March and proved very popular. To enable a wider range of people to see the photographs and, as part of the Museum policy of more involvement with local communities the exhibition is going 'on tour', and can be seen over a September weekend at Carperby.

Many of the schools shown have now closed but luckily we have pictorial reminders of how things were in all of the old Wensleydale schools. These photographs are a marvellous archive of local social history so all of our visitors are asked to try and identify relatives and friends so as to build on what we know already. We would also ask you to add any bits of information about the schools and events photographed so carefully with simple cameras all those years ago.

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AUGUST GARDENING BOX HEDGING/TOPIARY

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Box is ideal because it is slow growing and most varieties thrive on hard cutting, but three varieties that are best left as specimens are *Buxus sempervirens* "Graham Blandy", *Buxus microphylla* "Green Pillow" and *Buxus harlandii*. Common *Buxus sempervirens* is often chosen for hedges and it can grow to 2 or 3 metres high and over a metre wide if left uncut but its tiny evergreen leaves provide the neatest edging or shape when clipped. Box will tolerate any soil, and sun or light shade. Damp ground is unsuitable as Box blight {*cylindrodadium*} is a water-borne fungus and so breeds well in damp humid conditions. *Buxus sempervirens* and B.s. "Suffruticosa" are particularly vulnerable. Box doesn't mind being too dry but new hedges still need to be watered well at first to get them established and then limit the amount of water afterwards. Container specimens need watering regularly just enough to keep them damp but no more and don't water them in winter. Apart from blight and box sucker {*Psylla buxi* - harmless nymphs which leave behind messy foliage} box is quite hardy and easy to grow. If a specimen is to be grown for

topiary choose a large bush and identify the leading shoots as these are the important ones for strength and direction and will determine the shape. Crude shapes can be formed within a year and after two they can look quite professional. Recommended varieties for topiary include B.s. "Suffruticosa" and the variegated B.s. "Elegantissima". This is slower growing and has tiny cream edged leaves. Another good variety is "Gold Tip".

It used to be said to wait until Derby Day to cut the box hedge, but that was probably to make sure all the frosts had finished. Certainly the first cut to shape the early annual growth can be done any time in June followed by a quick last tidy up for winter later on this month or September, although it is possible to get away with just one cut a year round about now. A slow release fertiliser such as blood fish and bone in early spring to give a boost before the new growth starts is all that's needed. August is a good month to take box cuttings. These need to be 3 or 4 inches long; insert them into potting compost with added grit and leave in a cold frame for two years before planting out into position. Then sit back and watch them grow.

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WENSLEYDALE RAILWAY SEEKS 'FINANCIAL ANGELS'

Passengers who travelled on the Wensleydale Railway on July 4th, paid only a £2 fare, to celebrate the second anniversary of the re-opening of the line to passenger services.

"This special fare for Anniversary Day was to thank the public for their support for the re-opened Wensleydale Railway," says Mrs. Ruth Annison, WR's marketing director. "Passengers who boarded the train at one of the five stations enjoyed a round trip of almost two hours. Many people also now use the WR to go shopping in Bedale (Tuesday market), Leyburn (Friday market), or use bus connections to and from Leeming Bar to reach Northallerton (market days Wednesday and Saturday). The new summer timetable, which runs until October 30th, offers an additional late afternoon train to Redmire and return.

"The Wensleydale scenery is wonderful at this time of year. Walkers and cyclists are using the train services to explore the dale without needing to take a car into the Yorkshire Dales National Park. We have also been particularly pleased with the increasing number of advance bookings for travel by walking groups, clubs and societies, and by coach operators. The fact that Leeming Bar station is close to the A1 has proved to be a key factor in attracting coach operators to bring groups.

"This railway re-opened to passengers two years ago, after nearly half a century. From two stations and twelve miles of track in 2003, the railway has already expanded to five stations and a 17 mile route. Services have run for seven days a week throughout the last year.

"The next step in making a real contribution to public transport in the area is to extend services from Leeming Bar to

Northallerton. It is not yet possible to generate sufficient income, from tickets and other sales, to match running costs; the problem is compounded by some very large fixed costs over which we have no control. Any significant growth in passenger traffic and revenue depends on extending operations into Northallerton, with its District and County Council offices, shopping centre and hospital. This will also provide the long-awaited connection with the national rail network."

In June, the Wensleydale Railway Association (WRA), which initiated the project in 1990 and provides working volunteers, launched an urgent appeal to its members for 'Financial Angels.' In only three weeks, WRA members contributed £60,000 towards the £100,000 target. "This is excellent support for a unique and worthwhile project," says Alan Graham, WRA treasurer.

"Members of the public have been asking if they can help too and of course we would welcome their donations to help reach the target figure. One person even turned up at the newspaper kiosk at Northallerton station and handed over a donation for £100 anonymously, to be passed to the association. We are very grateful to everyone who has helped the appeal so quickly." Donations, by cheque or credit card, are payable to Wensleydale Railway Association and should be sent to **PO Box 65, Northallerton, North Yorkshire DL7 8YZ**, stating whether a receipt is required (if so, please give name and address).

On Friday July 15th, a loco-hauled evening train ran on the Wensleydale line, for a two hour stopover in Leyburn before the return journey. Timetables for the 7-day a week daytime services are given on the website :

[www.wensleydale railway.com](http://www.wensleydale-railway.com)

WEEDS GREET VISITORS

The photograph below was taken in Hawes a few days ago. Metre-high weeds surrounded by unnecessary metre-high railings are a poor sight to greet the visitor



to Hawes. It is even rumoured that the weeds are busy forming an Escape Committee! UP with the weeds and DOWN with the railings; in my humble opinion **T.P.**

LOOK AFTER THE PENNIES

We have been asked to point out that telephone numbers beginning **0870** (like the new National Park offices numbers) cost very much more (can be nearly 8p per minute) than the original UK local or area codes (i.e. Grassington or Bainbridge numbers); a fact that B.T. seems not too keen to broadcast, although the rates are shown on page 8 of the phone book.

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Tray bake
- CHILD: Painting/drawing of an animal
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This year's Festival was a great success with ticket sales topping those of last year and with many positive comments on the quality of the music and the beauty of the scenery. A mixture of local people and tourists attended the performances, with some visitors making their third and fourth trips and others coming from abroad.

Artists too came from all over the world including Finland, Sweden, South Africa, Holland and the United States. Teamed with local favourites, the Swale Singers, Reeth Brass, Muker Silver Band and the Richmondshire Orchestra, they provided a varied programme for all tastes.

Local school children, including those from Askrigg, Bainbridge and Spennithorne Primary Schools, benefited from workshops run by talented musicians, Cath Meurig and Sofia Joons. Pupils from Richmond School worked with the Grand Union Band in World Music Workshops and later performed with them in concert.

The Monica Young Retrospective at the Swaledale Museum was very well received and attracted many visitors.

We would like to thank all those who provided venues and the volunteers who stewarded at events, led walks, provided hospitality and transport, stuffed envelopes, ran the box office and helped in many other ways. The Festival could not happen without you. **Katherine Oldershaw**

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- August 3** **Wildlife in Yorkshire**
John Hobson; Otley
- August 10** **Dales Archaeology- from
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Rob White; National Park
Authority
- August 17** **Flowers of the Dales in
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Margery Daniels; Swaledale
- August 24** **A tour of the Dales**
Malcolm Petyt; Sedbergh
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ELIJAH

The prolonged applause said it all. The first
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Wensleydale Chorus of Mendelssohn's
Elijah in the Hawes Methodist Church was
a resounding success. This isn't an expert
musical report; more a few sentences to
give you a 'feel' of the event.

First, old Mendelssohn is easy on the ear;
second, there were four really tuneful,
controlled soloists; third, the brilliant Greg
Smith made the nice organ dance for joy
(and how can he keep his place while
turning round to see the conductor!);
fourth, the seventy-strong chorus seated in
the gallery kept their eyes on the conductor
(and that can't always be said of choirs!)
and had some rousing, and some sensitive,
moments. Lastly, in the 23rd year of the
Chorus's performances, Stan Roocroft, as
usual, firmly but cheerfully kept them all in
order.

And it's a good story with plenty of
drama; the great prophet Elijah, though
suffering gloom and despair, coming
through to defeat the four hundred and fifty
prophets of the false god, Baal. Martin
James narrated and we had a concise
written synopsis of the story produced by
John Dickinson.

It is really good that 'big works' like this
oratorio can still be put on here in the
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GAYLE MILL COULD BE IN OPERATION BY NEXT EASTER

Restoration work on Gayle Mill is continuing. The completion of Stage I means that the shell of the building itself has been made weather tight - not an easy exercise, requiring complex scaffolding. Observers will note that the mill now looks handsome and cared-for, although the scaffolding will remain in place for a while yet. Stage II has just started on the interior and will carry on for about three months before the final Stage III. This will see the reinstatement of the hydraulic turbines and the mill leat and the general tidying up of the whole site. The plan is to have all the work completed by the end of the year ready to hand over the mill from the North of England Civic Trust to the Gayle Mill Trust and this programme seems to be on schedule. If the Trustees can sign the lease in good time the mill could be up and running by Easter of next year.

The Friends' had a float in the procession at the Hawes Gala and a stall that created a lot of interest. Membership has risen to nearly 300, well ahead of expectations. On the day commemorating the end of WW2 a small display by the bridge in Gayle used the Gala float to show examples of wooden items made in the mill and highlighted the wartime association between the mill and the Army. A collecting box for contributions brought in £48 which was donated to the Royal British Legion. It was a very hot day and certain ladies of the Friends' committee actually paddled in the beck!!

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HAWES UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB SPONSORED WALK

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For Sponsor Forms (or to take part and give a donation) please contact **Sheila Alderson**, Inverdene, Hawes - **667408**.



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ASKRIGG SCHOOL NEWS

Visit to Quaker Meeting House

The junior children walked to Bainbridge to look at the Quaker Meeting House, and compare it with Askrigg Church. Judy and John explained what they do when they have a service. It is different to Askrigg Church services because the Quakers sit in silence for an hour, unless they have something important to say. They sit in the quiet so they can think about things that are important to them. They don't sing hymns, and they say prayers to themselves rather than all together. Thanks to Judy and John for showing us round, and to Reverend Anne for letting us see Askrigg Church.

Alice Bell and Lynn Alderson Year 5 Infant Trip to Freeholders Wood

This trip was organized by Bill Wood of the National Parks. At Freeholders Wood we saw habitat piles for insects, and we saw some insects. We heard some birds, and we looked at trees. We looked at sculptures – my favourite one was the one with the sheep's head. We did some writing and we played a game. Sarah showed us round. We had a good afternoon.

Tom Entwistle Year 2



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Rebecca Dinsdale
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 Kate Chorley
 Stephen Moffit
 Harry Dinsdale
 Rebecca Bowe

The following pupils at Wensleydale School have passed Singing exams:

Shona Gregson Grade 1
 Rachel Bell Grade 2

All are pupils of Diana Hartley of Askrigg.

ST OSWALDS, ASKRIGG

Friday 12th August - 7.30 pm - A performance by Song Byrd ('Norfolk's Chirpiest Singing Ensemble!') at St Oswald's Church, Askrigg.

Tickets are £5.00 including refreshments and are available on the door.

Sunday 21st August - 5.00 pm - Parish Party at The Vicarage, Askrigg.

Adults £2. Children Free.

Saturday 27th August - St Oswald's Gift Day.

Collections being taken on the Cobbles at Askrigg and outside Margaret Thompstone's home in Bainbridge.

Sunday 28th August - 3.00 pm - Lakeside Service at Semerwater

Saturday 27th to Monday 29th August - Flower Festival at St Matthew's Church, Stalling Busk on the theme of Childhood. 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.

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HOME JAMES! TO CHOPWELL

To mark the end of Rev. Martin James's ministry and the start of his retirement to Chopwell near Gateshead, friends, neighbours, congregations and clergy from the dale gathered on Thursday July 14th in the Hawes Methodist Church.

Speakers bringing their good wishes included Revs. Richard Harris, Sue Whitehouse and Bill Simms together with friends on the Wensleydale Circuit: Nelson Caplin, Jean Airey, Tom Stephenson, Eunice Page and Keith Sowerby.

Martin, in thanking friends for their gifts, spoke of his strong attachment to the dale (despite the fact that in his 'preferences' for the posting seven years ago he had written "not the north of England"! In the large congregation was Margaret Woodcock, a member of the Hawes Chapel who was also at Martin's first church of his ministry in Upholland, Lancashire, forty years ago.

Speakers spoke with affection of Martin's warmth, intellect, preaching and teaching, poetry and Christian commitment - and his excellently carrying voice! The evening demonstrated what a joyful noise a gathered congregation can produce when it

sings (four of Martin's favourite hymns) and how, with equal joy they can chat afterwards and devour a typical dales supper!

Also as Martin has been a devoted contributor and supporter of this Newsletter, we would like to add our own best wishes.

A.S.W.

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HEAVENS ABOVE

Look out for shooting stars in August when the Perseids - one of the best meteor showers of the year - put on their annual display. The shower peaks on the night of the 12/13th but it's well worth keeping an eye out before then as there's usually activity from almost the beginning of the month. Away from the street lights you should easily glimpse a good few of these swift, bright meteors on a clear, moonless night with many of them leaving surprisingly persistent trains. After midnight on the 12th itself rates of over 60 an hour are possible.

Meteors are the streaks of light we see when tiny particles of interplanetary dust - smaller than a grain of sand - burn up as they enter the atmosphere. (Larger bodies that manage to survive this fiery passage through the air and reach the earth's surface are called meteorites). Most meteor showers are caused by trails of dust and debris left by periodical comets during their passage through the inner solar system. The Earth's orbit takes it through several of these dust trails every year causing a surge in the number of shooting stars normally seen.

Meteors associated with these annual showers all seem to radiate from the same part of the sky - though it's a different part for different showers - and the shower is

named after the constellation in which its *radiant* lies. So we have the Perseids from Perseus, the Orionids from Orion, the Leonids from Leo and so on. Of course not all shooting stars are part of meteor showers. 'Sporadics', as they're called, can come from any part of the sky and you'll be very unlucky not to spot at least a couple on a clear night whatever the time of year. Now and then you get a spectacular fireball brighter than the planet Venus and occasionally these have even been seen in daylight.

Apart from a cow somewhere abroad, I've never heard of anything living ever being injured by a meteorite - at least in recent times. A largish chunk of Siberian forest is reckoned to have been flattened by something like a meteorite in 1908 and, of course, there's always the question of what caused the extinction of the dinosaurs... So just to be on the safe side - better keep on watching those skies!

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THE NEWSLETTER SUMMER TREASURE HUNT

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Clues with * are harder and carry THREE points. Submit answers by the deadline date to Old Station House, Hawes, DL8 3NL. There is a £50 prize for the best entry.

1. Place: Pet paster

A) How far to Widdale and to Mossdale Head? B) What's between 4 and 46 vertically? C) Six supports for hanging what?

2. Place: He was confused (Foot end)

A) Windsor and Newton provide the world's finest what? * B) See how what is put in? C) Where are the wrong surgery hours? D) Where is the little acorn?

3. Place: Beacon in Wales where you might get a pint. (Bridge area)

A) How many horseshoes? B) Fifty years between; what? C) P.M.= ? D) Where did John Atkinson live?

4. Place: Ashridge, top end.

A) What links: house, fold, hill, cottage? B) Whose cottage has a pheasant? C) Post code to contact Mark Reid? * D) How many five and a halves?

5. Place: Would haul? (Main road part)

A) What do they do with catalysts? B) What field is one mile away? C) What number is under Dow Corning? *

6. Place: Priest's town; this one not on the Ribble (East end)

A) Where does the brush hang by the water ? B) Who is with Rupert? C) How many panes over the church door? D) What's hanging on the *other* one that you answered in A)? * E) Where is the lawn over the doorway?

7. Place: Wit wish in tea

A) How many trees on the green? B) How many rungs opposite the Coach House entrance? C) Where's there a rabbit on the wall? D) Who was Trevor's mother? E) How many rowans in front of Rose?

8. Place: Top of town buster

A) What links Gerald with the village hall? * B) Where do Monks provide the security? C) Who helped design the chapel? D) How many are white and spherical?

9. Place: Weighing Albion pins bed!

A) What colour the front door of the cottage? B) Three pots on eight steps: what kind of blooms? C) What did W.T. Allen of London do? * D) How might you describe the Heifer? * E) What did T.P build in 1765? F) When was Whitbeck built? G) Find a little seat upon a rise; what two creatures? Quite a surprise!

10. Place: Station at the end of the line, at present

A) Whom will you contact at Ashes House? B) What hangs by the fire assembly point? C) How old was Fred Knight? D) Where are there around 14 ? *

We make that 59 possible points! See how you go. Good hunting. A.S.W. and S.E.D.

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'FRIGHT TO ROAM'

This little story concerns an intrepid explorer who decided to test out the new Open Access theory. Having planned his route and checked that access was available on the web site, he was dropped off at Ingleton to make his own way back to Hawes via new territory. His solo trip was made without the help of modern technology (mobile phone, which was unlikely to get a signal anyway). All went well until he reached Snaizholme, where he found his way blocked by a wall topped with wire fencing. Carefully climbing the

wall so as not to cause damage, at the point when straddling the wire, his rucksack got snagged and he found himself well and truly 'stuck'. After much consternation and some tugging and pulling, he did eventually free himself and continue his journey to Hawes. So our editor's first experience of 'Right to Roam' is now known to all. **P.H.J.**

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We have just heard that the name chosen for the Extra Care Complex in Bainbridge is to be **Sycamore Hall**, chosen by Annette Riley, one of the cooks. **Kate Empsall**

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West Burton	169	60	72	109	57	20	487
Bain-bridge	229	70	53	102	69	38	561
Stalling Busk	208	68	82	118	86	41	603
Askrigg	199	70	51	111	63	38	532
Thornton Rust	184	98	64	124	74	46	590



KIDS PAGE

The Newsletter Committee wishes to thank **Harry and Issy** very much for all their hard work over the past year or so in editing the KIDS PAGE. Harry and Issy have just 'retired' aged just 10. Very well done to both of you.

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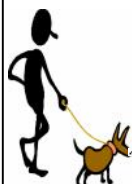
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2nd August **Spinning a yarn...** 2pm to 4pm. Watch a display of traditional woolcrafts including spinning and peggi rugs by local enthusiasts.

3rd August **Art in the Park** 2pm to 4pm. Join Karen Griffiths for an afternoon of creative fervour for kids! Join our event leader for cutting, sticking, collecting and general mess making in the museum. Booking essential.

4th August **Upland Birds of the Yorkshire Dales** 12.30pm to 1.30pm. Join Colin Straker at Dales Countryside Museum. A series of lectures exploring various aspects of wildlife in the Dales.

7th August **Traditional Quilting** 10.30am to 4.00pm. Join our talented quilter, Kate Trusson, for a demonstration of traditional northern patchwork.

7th August **Pathfinder Beginners Course** 10.15am to 4.30pm. Join our Dales Volunteers. Enjoy a full day learning or refreshing your basic map and compass knowledge. Minimum age 12 years. Booking essential.

10th August **Art in the Park** 2pm to 4pm. An afternoon of creative fervour for kids! Join Kate Trusson for fabric printing and general mess making in the museum. Booking essential.

11th August **Woodland Birds of the Yorkshire Dales** 12.30pm to 1.30pm. Join Colin Straker at Dales Countryside Museum. Illustrated talk by ornithologist Colin Straker. Bring your lunch.

17th August **Art in the Park** 2pm to 4pm.

An afternoon of creative fervour for kids! Join Karen Griffiths for cutting, sticking, collecting and general mess making in the museum. Booking essential.

18th August **Badgers** 12.30pm to 1.30pm. Join Liz Groves A series of lectures exploring various aspects of Dales wildlife.

19th August **Batwatch** 8pm to 10pm. Join John Drewett from the North Yorkshire Bat Group on this ever popular evening of bat spotting.

24th August **Art in the Park** 2pm to 4pm. An afternoon of creative fervour for kids! Join Cat Kilner for cutting, sticking, collecting and general mess making in the museum. Booking essential.

25th August **Birds of the Yorkshire Dales** 12.30pm to 1.30pm. Illustrated talk by local ornithologist Colin Straker.

27th August **Landscape Photography (The Basics)** 10am to 4pm. Join photographer Hemant Jariwala on the first of this two day course learning the theory behind taking that perfect landscape portrait. Booking essential.

28th August **Landscape Photography (The Practical)** 10am to 4pm. Join photographer Hemant Jariwala on the second of this two day course learning the practicalities behind taking that perfect landscape portrait. Booking essential.

28th August **Free Food** 10am – 4pm Join ladies from Curriculum Kitchen to discover and taste the free food that can be found in the countryside.

31st August **Art in the Park** 2pm to 4pm. An afternoon of creative fervour for kids! Join Karen Griffiths for cutting, sticking, collecting and general mess making in the museum. Booking essential.

For further details & bookings contact Hawes National Park Centre on 666210.

CRIMEWATCH -170 YEARS AGO!

So you think it's bad now! You should have heard Denny Gibson at the Annual Gift Day of the Museum Friends (Friday July 15th) talking about **Dark and Dirty Deeds in the Dales** taken from old records. (She thought the talk had been billed as "*Dark and Deadly*"; perhaps 'dirty' accounted for the excellent attendance!

Anyway, as she emphasised, crime is not new. Maybe the descriptions are not what we'd use - 'punch-ups', ASBOs, etc.- but the results were as bad, if not worse, sometimes leading to deaths. As for 'punishment fitting the crime', well that wasn't quite so clear!

An altogether fascinating evening, gruesome but not without mirth and a reminder, with our attitudes today, to keep things in proportion. **A.S.W.**

WEST BURTON SCHOOL

On June 22nd the whole junior class went up to Wensleydale School to compete against the other schools in a cluster sports day. Every pupil joined in and brought great success back to school by winning many races and field events such as running, shot putt, tennis ball throwing bean-bag race, relays and many more.

On July 13th the school held a games evening in the infants playground with all the money raised going to the Great North Air Ambulance service. Before that we held a governors and parents meeting and a 50's club draw and Mrs Stone won again! Later in the evening everyone played numerous games and raised a total of £180 for the Air Ambulance. After that, the children played against the adults in a

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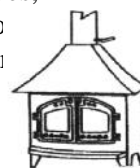
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WHAT'S ON LISTING

TRANSFER THESE DATES TO YOUR DIARY OR CALENDAR NOW!
For Dales Countryside Museum dates see page: 35

July

- 30 St. Margaret's Hawes Summer Fair
- 31 Burtsett Show
- 31 Duck Race, Bow Bridge, 3.00 pm

August

- 1 Yorkshire Day; see page 13
- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31. Dales Discovery; see page 27
- 5 Sponsored Chariot Race, see page 4
- 6 W.I. Yorkshire evening; see page 38
- 7 Aysgarth stroll; 1.5k. Meet N.Pk. Centre 2.00 pm
- 7 Car Boot Sale, Richmond Road
- 8 King's Club starts; Askrigg School
- 9 YDNPA Planning committee; Cracoe village hall, 10.30 pm
- 14 Thoraby village fete; see page 22
- 14 Sponsored walk, Hawes football club; see page 28
- 14 Gayle chapel anniversary 2.00 pm
- 14 West Burton chapel anniversary 6.30 pm with Reeth Silver Band. Rev. Graham Carter, chairman Darlington Methodist District
- 17 Blood donor session. Hawes Market Hall; 2.15- 4.00 and 5.00-7.15 pm
- 17 Nature discovery walk; meet Aysgarth Falls N. Pk. Centre 11.00 am
- 17 Guided walk; East Cowgill area. Meet Dent Station 12.30 pm 9k
- 18 Guided walk, "Shaping the Dales" 5k. Meet Aysgarth Falls N.Pk. 2.00 pm
- 19-20 Art Sale, Hawes; see page 38
- 20 "Rugs from rags" workshop at the Dales Countryside Museum; 1-4.00 pm
- 21 Stalling Busk summer fair; see page 26
- 21 Hawes town trail; 4k; meet N. Pk. Centre 2.15 pm
- 21 Aysgarth Methodist Church Songs of Praise 6.30 pm
- 24 Guided walk; Stone mines and circles; meet Aysgarth Falls N.Pk. Centre 2.00 pm. 7k.
- 27 Summer fair; Hawes Methodist Church and rooms; from 10.00 am
- 27-29 Stalling Busk flower festival; see page 29

- 27-29 Exhibition of local photographs etc. 12noon to 4.00 pm Hawes Junction Chapel
- 28 Songs of Praise, Hawes Junction 3.30
- 28 Car boot sale, Bainbridge; see page 5
- 28 West Witton fell race; 6.00 pm
- 28 Guided walk; By castle and byway; 13k; meet Bolton Castle 11.00 am
- 28 Songs of Praise; Hawes Methodist Church; 8.00 pm
- 28 Marsett Chapel singalong. 8.00 pm
- 31 Hardraw hike guided walk; meet Hawes N. Pk. Centre 2.00 pm. 6k.

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TEAS IN CHAPEL SCHOOLROOM 2.30pm-
4.00pm
FELL RACE - Juniors 8-14 £2 Seniors £3
BURNING OF BARTLE PROCESSION 9.00pm

SUNDAY AUGUST 28th

FAMILY FUN DAY 12noon - 5.00pm
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 AUGUST 5TH & 6TH
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 AUGUST 11TH – 13TH
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 LIAM NEESON,
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