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EDITORIAL

It's a scrow in this laithe; I've been starved to deeth and haven't been able to get up to t'Haas, (it's a gey good walk) and my yows aren't looking too bright. It's been a snyzy few days."

'Use it or lose it' these days often refers to the local shop or the public transport, thereby losing some more local characteristics, but it is often language that marks out a place, gives it its own flavour and adds colour to everyday speech; rich dialect with precise meaning and still confusing to many visitors!

Not that we can hold on to all of our old phrases; many of them were linked to trades, occupations and implements no longer in use; and as for the more general words and expressions, these die out as the power of national – even international-radio and TV takes an even stronger grip.

Not that it's all gone; picturesque speech still abounds. We are still nithered on some of these darley days, though they start glishy; just occasionally the bairns are still laiking about by t'beck, which somehow paints a better picture than being cold on a miserable day with kids playing by the stream. A visitor might yet be confused by something 'turrible' or by someone having spotted a tewit.

At a time when local identity seems to be in decline, local language becomes more significant. Think how Welsh has had a renaissance (not that we'll need dual road signs up here– and anyway, we've enough single ones); Cornish, still spoken by a few until recently is being re-established; Gaelic never left the north west of Scotland, and apparently there used to be a Cumbrian tongue, akin to Cornish, but it's doubtful if we will ever need a new dictionary to go across to Kendal.

At the same time as this desire to hold on to the old, there is an even stronger influence taking over, often international

and e-mail- or text-related. In an age when everything is much speeded up we are all taking short cuts in communication. Two questions then arise; is communication made any clearer, and is it as interesting? "All day, everyday" versus "24/7"; or "Does he work for the WHO, UNESCO or IMF" – sometimes whole articles these days are in abbreviations! Not to mention "Dnt u sumX rekn eng lang v lngwindd?" A texting dictionary is already in bookshops.

However, we haven't to be too parochial; ever since the foreign Vikings a thousand years ago, coming as far east as "Walden" (the valley of the foreigners), introduced us to 'thwaites', 'setts', 'birks' or 'riggs', we have all happily absorbed alien words and still do so with a vengeance. We eat our brekky with our mates, no worries (Australian) on the veranda of our bungalow (Indian), watching a prog about the blitz (German), and the Alhambra (Moorish) theatre has been in Bradford for generations.

Then brand new words appear almost daily! Can you blog? Recognise a chav? Put up with earworms? Know any gaybies? Maybe you're an uber-nerd!

Well it all makes life very interesting; whether it helps us all to communicate better is questionable especially between different generations. Maybe we are all becoming more bi-lingual; our local dialects or peer-group talk on the one hand, and our attempts at a more standard, but still living and changing, international English on the other. But let's try to keep the best bits.

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EUNICE



I managed to hide myself in Milner's roll of carpet on page 21. The winner was Samantha Alderson from Bainbridge. Can you find where I am this month?

HAWES PANTO TICKETS

This year's pantomime, Polly in Pantoland, is from **Monday, December 5th to Saturday, 10th**. Tickets are on sale to "Friends and Members" on **Monday, November 21st**, and to the general public on **Thursday 24th**. This year they are available from The Old Sweet Shop, Main Street, Hawes, which local folk may know as Sam and Pete's shop. Tickets have been held at last year's prices, namely £5.50 for adults and £4.50 for children, with a £1 reduction for the first night. It is advisable to get your tickets early for a good seat.

Drop-off points and contacts

for news, articles, reports, letters, what's on dates, competition entries, suggestions and comments:

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Bainbridge:	Hammond's Butchers 650631
Askrigg:	Rima Berry, 8 Mill Lane. 650980
Carperby:	Margaret Woodcock, Bella Cottage. 663488
West Burton: + postal subs	Nadine Bell, Margaret's Cottage. 663559
Newbiggin:	Lynda Bayne, Meadow Barn. 663324
Aysgarth:	Garage. 663199
Redmire:	Ann Holubecki. 622967
Thoralby:	Elaine Miller, P.O. 663205

BAINBRIDGE & DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB

Age and experience conquered over youth and exuberance on the last rally of the season!! Muriel & Netta won this by a very narrow margin. Runners up were Rachel & Bob Foster.

It has been a successful season for the Club. The rallies were very well supported with 15 being the average number of cars attending. Donations to High Hall & Bainbridge Millennium Fund were greatly appreciated.

The AGM went ahead as planned on the October 19th. The Annual Dinner and Presentation of Awards is to be held at the Rose & Crown Bainbridge on **Friday, November 25th at 7.00pm for 7.30pm**. Tickets are £15 each and can be obtained by phoning **650537 or 667009**.

Next Season's events start with a Motoring Quiz on **February 22nd 2006** at The Crown, Askrigg. **Netta Davison**

SEDBURGH SCHOOL BAND - AN ENCORE

Those of you who attended the concert by the Sedburgh School Band a couple of months ago will remember the almost overwhelming quality of the performance and the youthful enthusiasm of the individual performances.

On **Thursday, January 26th 2006** at 7.00pm, those of you who missed that thrill will have the chance to see what all the fuss was about for yourselves.

You will not regret it. *Guaranteed.*

Alan Harpley

PARK RANGER'S REPORT

Improving Rights of Way

The existing public rights of way network has developed since the definitive map was drawn up, about 40 years ago. This map shows the exact line and also gives a description of the route of a particular path. As many people know, some of these paths were originally occupational paths – used by local people such as postman, farmers, and villagers walking to work or to church. When the definitive map was drawn up, very few could have foreseen the recreational use that the path network receives today. If this network was redesigned today specifically for 'recreation and enjoyment', the chances are that there may be routes where there currently are none and perhaps fewer routes linking farms or dwellings.

The Ranger Service is currently working with North Yorkshire County Council on the initial stages of a Rights of Way Improvement Plan. Part of this involves looking at how the local footpaths, bridleways and byways could be extended, altered or upgraded in order to improve the network, for both users and landowners. NYCC will almost certainly be consulting over this, but I would welcome any ideas or thoughts that you may have on improving the public rights of way in the area.

Dogs

Some of you may have seen reference in the media to a recent case in the Lake District where a dog accompanying a couple of walkers was shot by a farmer for reportedly worrying sheep. The legislation states that dogs should be kept under 'close control' whilst on a public right of way, and I would advise to put them on a lead when near livestock and when passing near or through farm buildings. The legislation also states that farmers may shoot a dog that is chasing or attacking livestock.

However, special care is required when walking with a dog through fields containing cows, (especially if calves are present). Keep your dog on a short lead, but be prepared to let the dog go, if the cows gather around you. It's the dog that the cattle are interested in and they will move away from you once the dog has run clear (which it naturally will).

**Matt Neale, Area Ranger,
Upper Wensleydale
My new contact number is 666220**

SHOE BOXES REMINDER

"Operation Christmas Child" shoe boxes should be handed in to either the Hawes Post Office or the Community Resources Centre by **Monday, November 14th**.

Full details were in our last issue, but if you have any queries about the categories and about what should or shouldn't be included please ring Heather or Nelson Caplin **667625**

THE CLIPPIE WHO PREFERS DOGS TO HUMANS

Do you ever need someone to look after your dog while you go out for the day and take it for a nice long walk? Karen Winspear's new service for dogs and their owners might be just what you're looking for. And Karen - who used to be a hairdresser and a 'Dent' - clips, shampoos and even house trains puppies as well. Karen can be found on **667996**.

HAWES SCHOOL NEWS

Children from Hawes Primary School were invited to meet Wallace and Gromit at the Wensleydale Creamery on Thursday 20th October to celebrate the launch of a new range of vegetable cheeses made there.



They were welcomed by Wallace and Gromit who were also celebrating the launch of their new film. They were given ice creams, balloons, toys and one of the new cheeses to take home and try. In addition there was the opportunity to have your face painted or win prizes at the coconut shy or target throwing. All the children had a wonderful time and appreciated being invited to attend. Thank you, Wensleydale Creamery.

School trip to Bradford

On Friday 14th October the classes 2,3 and 4 went on a trip to Bradford to the IMAX cinema, they all went to see a film called Mystic India, it was about a young boy who travelled 8,000 miles to become a yogi and when he was older he even travelled over the Himalayas and I found the visit really fun and we went to watch other people's films they had made themselves. We also went to the gift shop and we went to some scientific expeditions and had a great time.

Maisy Dinsdale

Daniel Iveson at Imax

Our visit to the Imax cinema in Bradford was great! The film we saw "Mystic India"

was really good. It was about a 12 year old yogi who then becomes a Guru at the end. We also looked around the TV, Radio and Film museum which was really interesting, (I got to read the news then see my self on TV). We also watched some short films made by other children some were funny. I had a really good day. **Amelia Hunter**



Mystery picture; from the Geoffrey Wright collection used with permission.
If you think you know where it is, send in your answer by **November 24th**.

THE MAYOR'S SHIELD

At the recent AGM of the Askrigg and District Produce Show, two significant decisions were made. It was decided to award an extra cup for infant children as the existing cups tend to be dominated by those of Junior age. It was unanimously agreed that this cup should in some way acknowledge the long-term commitment and enthusiasm of Edgar Daykin, both with the Produce Show and children's activities.

After a discussion with Edgar and his wife Ann, the name "The Mayor's Shield" was decided upon, to reflect Edgar's renowned "title" as the Mayor of Askrigg.

Because of the fantastic support from the community, every year the Show makes a modest profit which goes towards general expenses such as new equipment and cups. However, over the years, the balance sheet

has risen, and it was decided to make a donation of £500 to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance from the funds. From now on, each year a worthy cause will be earmarked to benefit from the profits of the show, simply leaving a "float" in the funds for future needs.

The next Produce Show meeting is on **Wednesday, November 16th** to decide on changes in the 2006 Show schedule. If anyone would like more information or to suggest new ideas, please ring me on **650483**.

Dave Jackson

HOME INFORMATION PACK FOR HOUSE-SELLING EXPLAINED

It is becoming widely known that it will become a requirement in 2007 to produce a Home Information Pack (HIP) before marketing any residential property for sale. However there is a lot of confusion and mystery surrounding the HIP. Local solicitor, Michael McGarry of Richard Johnson & Partners of Hawes and Leyburn, has provided us with a few frequently asked questions and replies:

Q. Why is the government changing the way we buy and sell property?

A. The government wants to offer more transparency at the start of a transaction and reduce the time between offer, acceptance and exchange of contracts. In addition a reduction in transaction failures and consumer dissatisfaction are two of its main goals.

Q. Will HIPs deliver those objectives?

A. Yes, if they are produced quickly, efficiently and thoroughly. As is the case with any product or service the quality and usefulness of a HIP will depend on the dedication and professionalism of its provider. Some will, without doubt, be better than others.

Q. When can we expect to see HIPs being used on a regular basis?

A. It is expected that the use of voluntary HIPs will become widespread early next year. A compulsory dry-run will start next summer and the mandatory use of HIPs will commence early in 2007.

Q. How much will a HIP cost?

A. The cost of putting a HIP together is probably going to be less than one hundred pounds. What confuses the issue is the cost of obtaining some of the title information in the HIP. The Home Condition Report (i.e. the survey) and searches could cost together as much as six or seven hundred pounds, making the total cost of the HIP as high as eight hundred pounds. However, most good HIP suppliers will be offering a deferred cost HIP. The seller will pay for the HIP on completion and not when the property is put on the market.

Q. Who will provide the HIP?

A. Anyone marketing a property, be it the seller, or an estate agent, will have to be in possession of a HIP first in order to comply with legislation. It is likely that anyone will be entitled to put a HIP together (estate agents, solicitors or the general public). However, specialist HIP suppliers will soon enter the market place.

Q. What next?

A. The government will, early next year, embark on a six million pound public awareness campaign. The purpose of the campaign will be to educate property professionals and the public before a HIP trial (the dry-run) starts next July.

For more details go to www.hipag.co.uk



SOME SITES FROM 'MY FAVOURITES'

For some time now we have felt that there is a need for an informal forum to exchange information about web sites we visit and have found to be useful. I am sure we all know of different sites and now you have the opportunity to share your favourites with other readers of the Newsletter.

www.weather.com is the site to visit for all you need to know about weather for anywhere worldwide - forecasts or history.

www.moneyfacts.co.uk compares interest rates for every account imaginable with links for online registration.

www.copernic.com is the search engine that beats all search engines because it searches all the other search engines to find the answer for you - and it's free.

www.traveljungle.co.uk has to be the most useful site for comparing prices and availability of flights to foreign parts.

www.jet2.com is the site for flying from hassle-free Leeds/Bradford on Jet2 (we've had six flights with them and never landed late!) The site is easy to use with their 'Low Fare Finder'. Recommended.

Now the above is roughly what I had in mind. Please send your favourite sites to me at tony@rockery.wanadoo.co.uk T.P

DRUG AWARENESS EVENING AT HAWES PRIMARY SCHOOL

There will be an open evening for any concerned adult who lives in the dale to attend Hawes Community Primary School on **November 10th at 7.00 pm**. PC Lewis and PC Cousins will lead the meeting about drug abuse in the area. Please come along to express your views or concerns or to find out the extent of the problem locally.

CHILD CARE IN THE UPPER DALES

The committee members of the UDCCP have been extremely busy (and productive) over the recent months and feel perhaps a brief up date would be useful.

If you've recently passed Hawes School you will see the pleasing progress of our new building being erected. This superb building allows us to provide for Early Years and Babies, for which type of child care a need has clearly been identified within the Upper Dales.

The UDCCP will provide full time childcare by implementing a breakfast and after school club and wrap around care, with fun filled activities of all kinds to meet your child's needs. It will enable parents/carers to seek employment, go to work or go on to further education. All the hard work is nicely falling into place and we are currently registering with Ofsted, ready for our grand opening early 2006.

The manager has been appointed, Miss Diane Burton. Advertisements are now in place for a Deputy Manager and a Play Worker (see page 16 of this Newsletter).

Anyone who would like to have more information on our provision please don't hesitate to contact **Di Burton** in the evening on **667184**.

“MORE LIKE FRIENDS”

Margaret Haygarth is one of a team of Home Care Assistants working in the upper dale.

Home Care Assistants? Home Helps to me and you, probably. It is clearly a job that Margaret loves and she's been doing it for over 21 years although she reckons Joyce Thwaite at Bainbridge probably has been doing the job for longer than that. In Bainbridge area the other Home Care Assistants are Brenda Spence, Kath Kenneally, Julie Pounder, Gillian Bowe and Shirley Bowe. At the moment Margaret and her colleague Kath Kenneally provide daily care for 4 people in Hawes area. Generally each cares for two people but they provide cover for each other. Other members of the care team also working at Hawes, as well as at Bainbridge, are Gillian Bowe and Shirley Bowe (married to brothers). Gillian does some nights and also works with Margaret at weekends and Shirley also helps with the night rounds. The Home Care service is usually accessed via the nurse or doctor and most of its clients are older people. The service is managed by Jane Morris who is based at Leyburn and she decides who goes where and when.

Margaret tells me she gets a great deal of satisfaction from seeing folk well cared for in their homes and having “a good breakfast”. The job has changed with the emphasis now more on personal care rather than on cleaning. Margaret herself comes from Gayle, where her parents were very active in the Methodist Chapel and where she sang in the choir. On marrying Gilbert she moved briefly to Garsdale and then on to Hawes. Initially she did private cleaning work for farmers' wives and then started as a Home Help. In those days there was no formal interview, she was just offered the job and started. However she was

expecting a baby and left after 6 months. Five years later, with her son at school Margaret felt ready to go back to work and has continued ever since.

The job is very much about local care and Margaret walks to work often at around 7.30 am to help as needed with washing and showering and making a sandwich for lunch, or perhaps putting the washing into the machine or doing some washing up. At night she helps ensure that someone is safely in bed, perhaps checking medication has been taken and that things are safely switched off. The routine varies depending on what each individual person wants. As well as her weekday rounds Margaret also works every other weekend.

When Margaret started as a Home Help the work was mainly cleaning but these days that has to be paid for privately. As well as doing the job Margaret has to fill in a log sheet recording what she has done on each visit and how the person is.

So much for the official job description. What really makes the job for Margaret is meeting “lovely people”, some of whom she has worked with for more than 10 years. She feels more like a friend and is well known by the families of the people she helps. Of course there are some funny moments. One lady was very fond of cats and asked Margaret to “sweep the car out because the cats have sat in it”, and she did, but don't anyone ask that again as I don't think her boss would approve these days. A gentleman having a wash had a twinkle in his eye when he said in broad Yorkshire “Ye lasses, ye niver put plenty watter on't flannel and there's one on you might as well have t' flannel dry!”. I think that's what they call customer feedback these days, but he wasn't complaining. The humour is all part of the companionship which is such an important aspect of the

service Margaret and the team provide.

Being part of the community is what it's all about. For example, Margaret helps a neighbour who was once her teacher at Hawes school. Margaret was one of the last to have all her schooling to age 15 at Hawes, joined by other secondary pupils from Bainbridge and Askrigg. The year after Margaret left Leyburn school was opened. Margaret says many of her classmates are still living locally. I wondered if it was a bit crowded at the school then and Margaret remembers the cold of the outside classrooms. How things change. Instead of taking secondary pupils the school is now about to provide for pre-school children.

Apart from her job Margaret loves spending time with her granddaughters and visits them and her daughter most Tuesdays over at Abbeystead, near Lancaster. Her daughter is expecting "another flower" .. what? Well the two little girls are called Holly and Daisy so another flower it may well be, but what if it's a boy? Margaret also has a son at Sale, near Manchester and another living in Hawes. Her husband Gilbert is retired and Margaret told me she sometimes talks of retiring "but not yet". Who knows, how do you retire from being a friend? **P.J.R.**

MONEY FOR OLD CLOTHES

The clothes collected by St. Margaret's Church, Hawes, in July raised a total sum of £382, of which £152.80 went to St. Margaret's Church and £229.20 was sent to The Great North Air Ambulance. Many thanks to everyone who donated so generously.

Janet Middleton

AUTUMN IN SNAIZEHOLME

Reading through my June article I find it surprising that I'm writing about the same year. Then I was bemoaning the fact that nearly all the first hatching of young birds in the woods were killed off by the very late and very hard frosts. Also the ground nesting Bumble Bees had mostly been killed off. Well, I'm pleased to report that the second clutches of all small birds were highly successful.

We were surrounded by hundreds of young Tits, Warblers, Finches, Dunnocks, Wrens and Robins. Indeed, the young Robins are being very demanding and extremely competitive with their elders and better over the bird food I supply. The Bumble Bees too, have completely recovered. Early in the year there was only one kind around, but by August there were about six different species and many of each.

The Squirrels continue to be lively and cheeky, but there has been bad news from further West. In an area where Red Squirrels have been encouraged and supported as they are here, Grey Squirrels came in amongst them and infected them with the dread disease Parapox. Greys carry this infection, but they are big and strong enough to survive it. Reds, however, die! At one place in Lancashire seventeen infected Reds were picked up, tended, nursed and treated. Two only survived. These two are now being cared for in a safe place.

There is good news. The Forestry Commission has initiated a scheme for creating a protected Red Squirrel Area south-west of Hawes keeping the Grey Squirrels out. It should be going by next Spring.

Back in Snaizeholme, the young Roe Fawns are growing and we catch sight of

them from time to time. One of our Stoat family, thinking, I suppose, of its winter comforts, was seen on the dining room windowsill, standing upright and testing the glass on the window. We haven't seen it since. I have been observing the colours of the Red Squirrels changing as they go through their Spring and Autumn moults. Some years ago I thought that perhaps some new Squirrels had been introduced into the area. Quite suddenly we were seeing very dark Squirrels with nearly black tails. Now I realize that these are our residents in their full winter coats. Not all are dark now, but they all look quite different.

The other, to me, interesting piece of conservation news is that our two sizeable ponds and thirteen mini ponds (or scrapes as they are officially called) are now to be increased by another seven scrapes. These small areas of water have all been dug (or scraped) for the sake of species such as frogs, toads, newts, water voles, moorhens and the various wading birds that prefer damp places, and we look forward to a further enrichment of the wildlife here.

Jane Kemp

UPPER DALES CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIP

The Upper Dales Child Care Partnership serves Upper Wensleydale and Swaledale and is launching a new initiative in Hawes for children of 0-14 years offering Breakfast Club, Out Of School Club and Wrap Around Care and a Holiday Club.

We are looking to appoint skilled and experienced play workers to support the Childcare Manager in developing, promoting and sustaining the provision of this new quality childcare initiative.

Job Title: Childcare Deputy Manager
Location: Gayle Lane, Hawes
Salary: £6.00 per hour (£11,544 pa)
Hours: Full Time, 37hrs per week, variable from week to week during Term Time and Holidays, Monday to Friday between hours of 7.30am and 6.30pm
Closing Date: Friday December 2nd (Interviews week commencing December 12th)

Job Title: Play Worker/ Nursery Nurse
Location: Gayle Lane, Hawes
Salary: £5.50 per hour (£10,582 pro- rata, per annum)
Hours: Part Time, 20hrs per week, variable from week to week. During Term Time and Holidays, Monday to Friday between the hours of 7.30am and 6.30pm
Start date: Early-mid 2006

Contact **Sarah Dinsdale** on **650060** or **07711211169**, or email **Colin Bailey** at **colinbailey@cravencollege.ac.uk**

CARPERBY VILLAGE HALL

The Carperby Village Hall Committee is pleased to announce the completion of their project to provide access and facilities for the disabled at Carperby Village Hall.

They would like to thank everyone involved for all their hard work. More than half the cost of the project was met from their own funds. The rest of the funding was met by grants from Richmondshire District Council - £5,436, Skipton Building Society - £5000 and North Yorkshire County Council - £913.

HAWES 1ST BROWNIES

We would just like to say a big thank you to the mums and grans that baked and helped on the day of Hopper's sale at which we made £390 towards our funds.

After Christmas it will be "all change" with Brown Owl as I am stepping down from the role but will still be helping out.

The new Brown Owl is to be **Linda Reynolds** from the Post Office in Hawes who has kindly offered to take over; so we all wish her good luck in her new venture.

Carol Hall

SKIP IN ASKRIGG
The NYCC rubbish skip will be in Banks's yard
(with their kind permission)
On Saturday November 19th
from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm unless filled earlier

KIDS PAGE

HI EVERYONE I HOPE YOU'VE GOT YOUR COSTUMES READY FOR HALLOWEEN NIGHT AND YOUR TUMMIES ARE READY FOR ALL THOSE TREATS

Q: Why did the witch not like school?

A: Because she could not spell properly

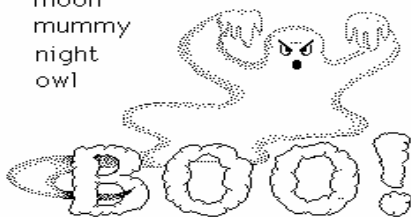
Q: When is it unlucky to see a black cat?

A: When you're a mouse



Halloween Fun Word Search

bat	pumpkin
black	scare
broom	skeleton
cat	spider
costumes	spirits
ghosts	spooky
halloween	vampire
hoot	witch
monster	
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OLD DAIRY FARM - but new hotel and restaurant

A damp mist swirled around a quiet Widdale last week as I was met with great enthusiasm by **Paul and Pam Cajiao** at the Old Dairy Farm (latterly the Rocking Horse workshop) just off the main road.

For eighteen years they have been running the Blacksmith's Table in Washington Old Village described in the Sunderland Echo as "... *one of the best restaurants in the North... if not the best!*"

This they will continue to do with one of their children but are keen to establish themselves in the Dales; (honeymooned in Hawes; stay in the Dent area frequently; so 'know the ins and outs of the area')

Paul, with a background in financial management, was an income officer and keeper of accounts for eighteen years with South Tyneside Council, while Pam was a lecturer in history in Sunderland.

Despite the surname they were born and bred respectively in South Shields and Hartlepool!

Plans approved or in the pipeline are in three stages: first, the rear barn which is already three superbly appointed double en-suite bedrooms; second, the west barn, which is to be two more bedrooms hopefully completed in the Spring; and third, they have plans for a restaurant and small private pool and gym at the front of the property, all maintaining the present overall outward appearance. The whole property consists of about 5 acres.

It really was almost by accident that Paul and Pam found the Old Dairy Farm. Returning home from one of their regular visits to the Dent Craft Centre (at one stage they might have bought that!) having been discussing planning applications, Pam was 'nodding off' as with a sudden slamming on of the brakes Paul noticed the 'for sale' sign, so they moved in July. They are keen to continue their hospitality skills, help to

to acquaint their present customers with their new outpost in the Dales and to appeal to locals. They hope to have a little more time to explore the area and for Paul to follow his keen musical interests.

At this point he started to dream, so don't start any rumours!! "One day I'd love a big musical event here; huge marquee in the grounds; a Glastonbury!"

Well, for now, it's ticking over until the new year, but then a gradual easing into the work. Accommodation will all be pre-booked and the future restaurant will be ideal for small groups. The Blacksmith's Table has a mouth-watering menu. **A.S.W.**

'CAPTIVATED BY CHRISTMAS'

'Captivated by Christmas' is the intriguing title of a demonstration of flower arranging by David Ryland, a National Demonstrator, at the Wensleydale Flower Club's annual open meeting. This year it is being held at Harmby Village Hall on **Saturday, November 19th at 2.00pm**. Admission by ticket, price £8.50, including afternoon tea. Tickets from **Marilyn Philpott** on **667352**.

LITTLEFAIRS JOINS J T ATKINSON & SONS LTD

By now our news must have reached most of you that Littlefairs has joined neighbouring builders' merchants J T Atkinson & Sons Ltd, of whom Althams, the principal builders merchants in Penrith, is also part.

For some time now we have been considering the future development of this business prompting meetings with Atkinsons that have resulted in the merging of the two businesses through the purchase of Littlefairs by Atkinsons. We share the same business values and the geographic fit with their branches in Penrith, Cockermouth, Northallerton and Middlesbrough is so perfect.

We have known the Atkinson family for many years and feel this move is a natural progression in the life of this business. We have enjoyed too a long history of inter-company trading with Althams whom we have always seen as friendly competitors sharing a great many similar stock lines and the same commitment to friendly, high levels of service.

Our three Littlefairs branches (employing 25 staff) at Kirkby Stephen, Appleby and Hawes will continue to operate independently and under the Littlefairs name drawing upon the shared strength, flexibility and increased purchasing ability the union brings.

Early in 2006 it is intended to merge our accounting systems when it will then be possible to use your account and terms in any one of the seven branches. Until then we will operate separate accounts for Littlefairs and Althams/Atkinsons.

I am not retiring! But am instead very much looking forward to joining the J T Atkinson board as director responsible for the ongoing management of Littlefairs as before. Any changes we make as the businesses integrate will be gradual and nothing hasty is planned.

If you have any query please talk to me personally or any of us on the staff who will be pleased to answer your questions.

Over the many years since the business was established by my father we have made a great many friends from customers and staff and enjoyed their loyalty, support and encouragement which has been greatly appreciated. As we look forward to managing a successful merger we trust we can continue to earn your custom which we very much value.

Again our thanks **Arthur Littlefair**

HAWES CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

As Christmas approaches, work continues behind the scenes to ensure that the lights which brighten up the streets of Hawes in the festive season and welcome Father Christmas to Hawes on **December 3rd** are refurbished and ready to be erected. As you may know from previous articles and financial reports, this is an expensive task (almost £5000 each year) for which fund raising continues throughout the year.

The townsfolk of Hawes and the surrounding area regularly give tremendous support to ensure the survival of the lights and to formalise this we would like to invite you to become a **'Friend of the Hawes Lights'** to help secure the future of the Christmas lights in our town. The cost will be only £5 per head for an individual, £10 for a family and £25 for a business. All individual and family friends will be entered in a Christmas draw for 10% of the Friends' subscriptions, so there will be a nice Christmas present for someone!

Forms will be distributed to the houses in Hawes and Gayle and will be available in Whites of Wensleydale to which donations should be returned.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Hawes and High Abbotside cemetery on Burtersett Road, Hawes is, as most residents will know, the responsibility of the Hawes Methodist Church.

A few weeks ago an in-depth survey was carried out and diggings have revealed that, although it appears that there is plenty of space, there is now only a small area to the top of the grave-yard where there is the regulation depth for graves to be dug.

The Parish and District Councils know of this situation which of course adds to the urgency of finding ground for another cemetery.

THE WENSLEYDALE HEIFER UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

The new owners, David and Lewis Moss, have refurbished the Wensleydale Heifer to successfully create a feeling of luxury combined with a traditional Dales' atmosphere, using local designer Alison Mills. The lounge, with open fire, provides a warm welcome, with bar and snug areas, plus a cosy dining area and a full restaurant. When visiting check out the 'His and Hers'!! The nine bedrooms are

– see photo). The first edition plate can be purchased by visitors. The current table d'hôte lunch menu will soon be supported by special soups and sandwiches 'with a difference'. The extensive wine list includes a choice of eleven house wines and malt whisky lovers are provided with a well researched stock. Since opening in mid-October, they have been serving to a full house and are already gaining a reputation throughout the Dales by word of mouth recommendation. **P.H.J.**



'Upper Wensleydale Newsletter' readers will be provided with a free glass of house champagne with their meal during November when they present this voucher

soon to be refurbished, each with its own individual design.

Chris Edwards is the General Manager, and he is supported by a friendly and efficient team of local and Polish staff.

David Moss is head chef and after college learned his trade initially in Jersey before moving to the Crab & Lobster near Thirsk. He then moved to Newbury to set up a new fish restaurant with the owner of the Crab & Lobster where he gained the 'Seafood Restaurant of the Year Award' in 2005.

The evening menu is predominantly fish, although there are lamb and beef dishes. Their speciality fish and chips dish is soon to be served on unique 'paper' plates (quality porcelain with a newspaper design

YOREBRIDGE SPORT AND FITNESS CENTRE OPENS

The new Multi Use Games Area is now officially open! The facility is based at Yorebridge, Askrigg. The sports available include:

- * Football (5-a-side and 8-a-side)
- * Tennis
- * Netball
- * Basketball

If you would like to hire the court or would like further details on this exciting new development, please contact **Paul Price**, Sports Development Co-ordinator, on **650060 (or 07968 606571)** or by e-mail to ysda@hotmail.co.uk

UPPER DALES FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

The November meeting is on **Wednesday, November 23rd, 2-4pm**, in Leyburn Methodist Church Hall - please note the change of venue from the usual Wensleydale meetings. The speaker is Brian Beeken and his talk is entitled "A Magnificent Achievement - an Introduction to Heraldry".

Everyone very welcome; non members £1. For further details of any of the meetings - please phone **Tony Keates** on **640436** or e-mail to dotandtony@tesco.net

LOOKING FOR A PEN-PAL?

Would you be interested in having a French pen-friend, learning to speak French and, perhaps, participating in an exchange?

If so, Marie Bunel, aged 15, would like to hear from you. Marie's parents run a ferme-auberge in a beautiful part of southern Normandy. Marie is learning English, Spanish and Chinese at school.

She has written to us, "J'aimerais avoir une correspondante pour pouvoir parler une langue étrangère avec des jeunes de mon âge". Any likely candidate will understand what she has written. She goes on to tell us more about herself. "J'aime lire, cuisiner, sortir en ville avec mes amis, danser, faire du shopping, aller à la piscine et chanter. J'aime toutes sortes de musiques sauf le rap et le jazz".

If you would like to make contact you could write to her at her home, **La Motte, 61390 Courtomer, France** or email her at gilles.bunel@wanadoo.fr

SO IT'S NOT GEORGE, THEN!

In the birthday article for Mary Burrow of Hawes it read "...and maintains that Butcher George (Calvert) now in his mid-eighties is her oldest pupil still living in the area."

Well, we have now heard of a few others over 90! Quite a rivalry!: Hilda Thwaite; Molly Cloughton, Jim Alderson and Tommy Taylor all claim pride of place! Mary is really interested in all this. Please let us know who holds the record. Remember, Mary was a pupil-teacher at Hawes School first.

A DAY OUT WITH THOMAS

Christopher Awdry will be at Leeming Bar Station for the 'Day Out With Thomas' event on **October 29th and 30th**.

There will be lots of fun, including something to celebrate - the 60th

Anniversary this year of the first Thomas book (written for Christopher by his father, Rev. W.Awdry). Advance booking is preferable.

From **November 26th** there will be Santa Specials each weekend from both Leeming Bar and Bedale and then daily during the week running up to Christmas.

Advance booking is necessary for Santa Specials so that suitable presents are on board each train (and the mulled wine and mince pies for adults!).

Bookings: (Day Out With Thomas and Santas Specials) Tel **08454 50 54 74**

HAWES YOUTH CLUB NEWS

After the summer break we were all refreshed and ready to start the new term, we would like to welcome Alex and Becky our new youth workers who have joined our team. We have done various activities; so far we have held a musical quiz night with fantastic prizes! We have had CYC to show all the budding musicians how to bum CDs and DJ Scratching on the decks, we have painted a fantastic banner to hang in our room and designed and printed some of our own original tee shirts.

From 8.30 to 9.30pm Sara and Becky hold a 'Drop in Hour' for any young person from Year 9 and over to call in to have a chat or just keep warm.

After half term we made a Guy Fawkes for bonfire night. While we are unable to use the Market Hall due to the musical we hope to go swimming one night and join up with Askrigg youth club for another night

WEST BURTON SCHOOL NEWS

On October 14th, West Burton, Bainbridge and Hawes Schools - with many others - went to the Imax cinema in Bradford.

It was a very long trip but it was well worth it. The Imax cinema was extremely big and all the children from West Burton were very excited and raring to go.

When we were in the Imax cinema we had to wait for about 15 minutes until we finally got to go upstairs into a very big room with lots of things to do such as spinning wheels until you can get a picture onto the television screen and filming yourself onto a television screen with such good scenery in the background.

Then we went into a special effects area with lots and lots of things from seeing weird and wonderful reflections in a mirror to sending Morse code into space.

After that we had a little bit of a snack out of our lunch boxes and then we were off to see a movie about safari animals. Did I mention it was 3D? The movie was so good you could actually see animals coming closer and closer towards you and you could feel the grass. When I looked behind me every one was trying to stroke the animals when they came close. When the movie finished I thought it was amazing and I definitely wanted to see something like it again.

Afterwards we went to see some films that have been made by young people. There were all sorts of genres from romantic to comedy. Even though I liked some better than others they were all good.

We were all very mournful because we had to leave the Imax but at least we got to go to the gift shop. But then we had to leave. So we got onto the bus and drove off to our school.

We really liked the Imax cinema. I thought it was so good I decided to go again with my family.

Marcus Johnston, age 9

UPPER WENSLEYDALE GUIDES

The Upper Wensleydale Guides celebrated the end of their first year with a campfire evening on Tuesday 18th October. It was a beautiful evening, with songs, sausages and toasted marshmallows. We were able to look back on an eventful and enjoyable year that has included a summer camp, a canoeing trip, and many other activities.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the organisations such as the Trefoil Guild, the North Riding Dales Licensed Victuallers Association and Bainbridge WI who have supported us with generous donations. We would also like to thank the numerous individuals for their time and expertise.

Helen Ellison

WHITE ROSE HOTEL

Just to keep all our readers informed, the White Rose Hotel is now the name of the 'Winville' in Askrigg. Richard, Susan and Carl Atkinson who have owned the Palmer Flatt Hotel now welcome customers old and new to their Sunday lunches or their every-day bar lunches and evening meals, which include a range of real ales and a comprehensive wine list.

The hotel accommodation has been completely refurbished with all twelve rooms en-suite.

Their telephone number is **650515**

CORRECTION

The sentence towards the end of the piece about Rev. Henry Dubois should have read "Yes, I'm 'middle of the road'", he says; open-minded but *NOT* so open-minded that the brain falls out!"

Maybe the writer's had. Sorry.



NOVEMBER GARDENING

November soon comes round - misty and cool with low sunshine, much redder and softer than summer - the perfect light to show off autumn's muted shades. The air smells different as well, particularly when working the soil.

Improving the condition of your garden soil is one of the many jobs that needs to be done this month. A must if planting any deciduous trees, shrubs, or perennials (and this time of the year is an excellent time to be doing this). Soil improvement is best done sooner rather than later - before the ground becomes too wet and cold. The idea is to aerate the soil sufficiently to improve drainage so that bacteria can thrive and any nutrients are easily absorbed via the very fine roots that plants have in contact with soil. Humus can be added in various ways. One of the best is well-rotted wet manure such as cow or farmyard or dry manure (horse or sheep).

Pulverised bark is another good source but it can take a while to break down whereas seaweed is rich in potash and is quickly absorbed. Mushroom compost is also a good addition though not for lime-hating plants. It's also a good idea to incorporate some slow acting fertiliser at the same time, such as bone meal or hoof and horn, so that by springtime it will be ready to work on new growth.

If the garden lacks colour once perennials such as Michaelmas daisies or golden rod have been cut down, there are a few shrubs which come into their own in late autumn and early winter. *Rhus typhina* Tiger Eyes is a new dwarf tree that is hardy, displays lovely autumnal orange/red colours and is not at all invasive. Mahonias start to flower from this month. (*M.media* "Lionel Fortescue" is well recommended) and actually the *Hebe* Midsummer Beauty is

free flowering right up to Christmas. *Buddleia weyeriana* has lovely warm yellow spikes well into November and if you're lucky, *Fatsia japonica* will show off large creamy white flowers if it's in a sheltered corner. *Lonicera fragrantissima* provides scented flowers while *Clematis* Golden Tiara is one of the last ones to flower and so may still have some colour even now. Berries are at their best this month - providing the birds haven't got there first and pyracanthas, rose hips and stinking iris - to name just a few - put on a really good show.

As mentioned earlier, now is a good month to plant deciduous trees and in particular fruit trees whilst they are dormant. This also includes blackcurrant, raspberry and blackberry canes or bushes.

Older more established trees can have their winter pruning once all the leaves have fallen. The idea is to create an open well-spaced frame. Severe pruning encourages strong regrowth while light pruning results in flower bud formation. Damsons or plums should not be pruned at the moment. Finally November is the best month to plant tulip bulbs and these can be popped in together with any late planting of spring bulbs. It's feels really good to be putting something in the ground knowing that there's some colour and flowers to look forward to next spring.

Happy Gardening

Peduncle



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

Having read Kate Empsall's article, our family made a visit to the new library facilities which we all agreed are fabulous. The premises are lovely and light and modern and the view from the window is stunning! There is a good range of books for all ages and abilities and the computer facilities are great. The whole facility is a credit to the community and a much needed resource in the Upper Dales. However, our concern is the opening hours which currently prevent us from making regular use of the new library, and I am sure others too who may have a similar hectic lifestyle.

My husband now works out of the Dales and by the time he returns home each evening the library is long since closed. It is even a struggle to arrive before the 7.00 pm late night closing. Our children are attending Wensleydale School and they do not arrive home until 4.30 pm each day at the earliest so there is no chance for them to use the library for homework, or even to choose reading books. I myself also work and am not usually home until after 5.00.

I really feel that for the whole community to benefit from this wonderful new facility, the opening hours need to be adjusted by possibly extending the hours to 6.00 pm each day. Opening on a Saturday morning is also essential. It would be a real shame if this wonderful resource wasn't used enough to justify its existence.

(Name and address supplied, but asked not to be divulged for security reasons. Ed)

Dear Sir,

Whilst it was very informative to see the list of esteemed journalists who have occupied the Children's Page editor's chair (Upper Wensleydale Newsletter, Issue 108, October 2005, Page12) I must admit to a slight sense of grievance.

I may not have been as young as or as accomplished as my successors in the post, but, as the originator of the Children's Page I do feel that at least I deserve credit for having set the ball rolling in the first place before handing the reins over.

Yours truly,

Disgruntled of Reeth (alias Joe)



MUSINGS FROM THE READING ROOM

There is, it seems, some debate as to whether the world is really experiencing more natural disasters than before, or whether they just get reported more effectively because of the modern proliferation of international media and information systems. Another, and related debate, which has increasing political significance, and affects us all, concerns the relevance of human activities in the incidence of these disasters. Despite what is for many becoming overwhelming evidence, scientific opinion remains divided, with some prepared to acknowledge only that the activities of the human species might have been an insignificant factor in a larger trend.

But surely one thing is certain: nature is teaching us that the complacent attitude towards the environment which our industrial and technological revolutions have promoted, and which has spread its manipulative and exploitative tentacles around the globe, is inappropriate, foolhardy and dangerous. And the once homely science of economics (household management) has been hijacked by the prerogatives of money-making. Our politicians keep telling us we have to keep producing more and consuming more in order to make enough money (otherwise called “wealth”) to pay for cleaning up the polluted and damaged environment, and to invest in projects that enable poor people to earn more money so that they can buy into the lucrative business of modern consumption. Not all the poor are beguiled by this deceit. You don’t have to be rich (in the sense of having money) to be wise; and the wise know that money and wealth are not equivalent.

Moreover, say the proponents of the new school of Economics, there is a fatal flaw in those old school “solutions”: they belong to the same model of economic “growth” which caused the problems in the first

place so are only likely to exacerbate them.

Economic growth which depends on increasing consumption by increasing numbers of people with more money to consume, and the corresponding escalation of waste (which is another way of understanding pollution), - this is what our conventional economic growth boils down to - and is tantamount to a kind of insanity. We have been insulated from the true costs of our economic system, which historically have been dumped largely on those too poor or ignorant to argue. But now it’s less easy to ignore or justify the inequalities or the costs. If everyone on the planet lived like an average European, 3 planets like Earth would be required to provide the resources.

In a recent study on what has been called “a gathering tsunami of rubbish” the author ruminates “*no more do prophets look to the Bible for signs of The End. We carry Armageddon in our shopping bags.*” Although environmental pressure groups, supposed enemies of modern life, are now being joined by university departments, centres of government and even corporate boardrooms, in recognition that the planet can no longer afford what we are costing it, there seems to be an absolute taboo against any thought of reducing our consumption. This may be such an obvious, if perhaps uncomfortable, thought; it might be, as they say, “the elephant in the room which everyone ignores”.

Sue Lightfoot

SURGERY NEWS



Avian Flu – strictly for the birds?

There has been much speculation recently by those expert microbiologists – the news media – about the possibility of a serious flu pandemic that may be caused by an avian flu virus. Given that this coincides with our annual flu vaccination campaign, it may be helpful to provide some perspective. So here comes the science bit.

What is a pandemic?

Flu pandemics occur when a new strain of influenza virus appears and most people have little or no immunity to the new virus. Also, this virus must be capable of easy person to person transmission. There were three pandemics in the 20th century, the most serious being the so-called ‘Spanish’ pandemic in 1918/19 which is believed to have killed more people than the first world war. The government estimates that in the event of another pandemic, 25% of the UK population could become infected, and that at least 50,000 people could die. Experts believe that another pandemic is inevitable, but the timing cannot be predicted. Pandemics can strike at any time of the year, as distinct from bouts of seasonal flu that strike in the winter months

Will the avian flu virus cause a pandemic?

As things stand, no. The H5N1 strain ‘avian’ flu virus has produced 115 reported cases of flu in humans in South East Asia, resulting in 59 deaths. All of these people were in close and prolonged contact with poultry. The virus is known to infect domestic and wild birds but, crucially, this virus is not easily transmissible between people. There is the possibility that this strain could mix with flu viruses that cause the usual seasonal flu outbreaks resulting in a new strain capable of causing a pandemic.

Will my flu jab protect me?

The flu jab protects against the viruses that cause the seasonal bouts of flu each winter. Microbiologists monitor the strains of flu circulating in the population and formulate the vaccines accordingly. Your flu vaccine will not protect against H5N1 virus, or any other pandemic virus that may arise. It is estimated that it will take 4-6 months from the emergence of a pandemic virus before an effective vaccine will be available.

What about antiviral drugs?

These drugs can reduce the severity of the symptoms and the duration of the illness. However, to achieve maximum effect, these drugs must be taken very early in the course of the illness. In practice, by the time most people present with flu, the illness is already quite advanced. The government is stockpiling 14.6 million courses of antiviral drugs as a contingency against a pandemic.

Should I eat poultry?

Poultry and poultry products are perfectly safe to eat if the golden rule that always applies to poultry is followed. Always ensure that it is cooked thoroughly. If you purchase poultry from local butchers, they will be able to tell you where it came from.

Should I travel to places with avian flu?

Presently, there are no travel restrictions to S.E. Asia. Travellers are advised to avoid farms, markets where live poultry is sold and contact with animal faeces. Under no circumstances attempt to bring live poultry products back into the UK. If you do feel ill with flu-like symptoms during or after visiting these countries, do bear in mind that seasonal flu circulates in many areas of S.E. Asia in winter through to spring. If you do develop symptoms, contact your doctor via telephone in the first instance.

Clive West

Further information can be found on the following websites: www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk
www.dh.gov.uk/pandemicflu

DOCTORS' ROTAS FOR NOVEMBER

Please note that these Rotas are supplied by the Practice and the Newsletter cannot be held responsible should the Practice decide to vary these Rotas after publication.

AYSGARTH SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning										
Wb	07 Nov		14 Nov		21 Nov		28 Nov		5 Dec	
Day	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Mon	A	W	A+F	A	F+W	F	J+W	J+W	A+J	J
Tues	F+W	W	W	W	J	J	A+F	A+F	F+W	F+W
Wed	A	A	A	A	W	W	J+W	W	A+J	J
Thur	F	F	W	W	J	C	A+F	A	F+W	F
Fri	W	W	F	F	F+W	F	W	W	J	J
Sat	Emergency service only									
Doctors: A - Arblaster, F - France, J - Jones, W - West, C - Closed										
Morning Surgery: 9.00 - 10.30 a.m. (no appointments)										
Afternoon Surgery: 4.00 - 5.30 p.m. (appointment only)										
<i>For appointments and all enquiries ring 663222</i>										

HAWES SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning										
Wb	07 Nov		14 Nov		21 Nov		28 Nov		5 Dec	
Day	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Mon	F+W	F	W	W	J	J	A+F	A+F	F+W	F+W
Tues	A	A	A+F	A+F	W	W	J+W	W	A+J	A+J
Wed	W	W	F	F	F	F	F	F	W	W
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Morning S'y: 8.45-10.15 Tues till 10.45 (no appointments)										
Afternoon S'y: 5.00-6.00 Tues 1.00-4.00 (appointments only)										
<i>For appointments and all enquiries ring 667200</i>										

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK UPDATE

We have recently received donations from Stalling Busk Church. They have held a Bread For Life Service with a tea and raised £220 for Christian Aid Week. Many thanks to them all. We have also had notification from the Leeds office, that the value of the tax reclaimed on Gift Aid forms attached to the Christian Aid envelopes amounts to £263 for the Hawes area which is higher than we thought. Our total now stands at £2,040 which is the best amount since 2000.

The letter from Leeds goes on to say:- 'From indications so far, we are expecting that Christian Aid Week 2005 will be the most successful to date, with a predicted income of around £15 million, a small increase on 2004. This will benefit Christian Aid's partners around the world.

Your support of Christian Aid Week and the Big Vote initiative are vital to our work to expose the scandal of poverty. Your actions, commitment and contributions are bringing about a better life for people in

poor communities all over the world. Thank you again.'

Linda Butters, Secretary, Hawes area



HEAVENS ABOVE - all about the Pole Star

We don't hear so much about the Pole Star these days now that we've got Global Positioning Satellites, but at one time, Polaris, to use its more formal name, was an indispensable aid to travellers. Because it always lies in the North, facing towards it gave you the four points of the compass - with East on your right. West on your left, and South behind you - a useful bit of know-how if you were travelling by night. Navigators could also measure the Pole Star's height above the horizon and then calculate their latitude (after a slight adjustment to allow for the fact that it's not quite at the Celestial Pole). Nowadays all the hard work is done for you and you can find your exact location anywhere on Earth simply by pressing a button on a GPS receiver that fits in the palm of your hand!

Although Polaris is not quite as important as it was, it's still a remarkable object in its own right. It's called the Pole Star of course because it lies almost exactly at the north celestial pole - the point in the sky around which all the other stars seem to turn as the Earth spins daily on its axis. It's the lead star of Ursa Minor (the Little Bear) and though not particularly bright to the naked eye, in reality it's a yellow super-giant, thousands of times more powerful than our own sun. Polaris is also a double star (though you'll need a reasonable-sized telescope to glimpse the much fainter companion) and varies very slightly in brightness every 4 days or so. Interestingly Polaris hasn't always been the Pole Star. Because the Earth wobbles slowly as it spins on its axis (a bit like a spinning top) the celestial poles trace out a complete circle against the stars roughly every 26,000 years or so. This effect (Precession) means that over the years different stars assume the role of Pole Star. For the Ancient Egyptians it was Thuban in the

constellation of Draco, while in about 13,000 years we'll have a really brilliant one - Vega, the brightest star in the sky's northern hemisphere.

If you'd like to find the Pole Star for yourself this month, look for the familiar shape of The Plough and follow the 'Pointers' - the two end stars of the Plough's 'blade' - upwards for about 4 times the distance between them and there it is! While you're at it have a quick glance at Mars as well. The Red Planet has been a grand sight this Autumn shining brilliantly high in the south. It's at its closest and brightest in early November so don't miss it - here's hoping for clear skies!

Al Berio

TRIP TO THE METRO CENTRE

Sue Wood is organizing a coach trip to the Metro Centre on **Wednesday, November 23rd** departing from the Market Hall at 9.30am prompt.

Book at Streetwise or phone **667192**.

BAINBRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

On October 8th the school football team took part in a five-a-side competition at the new Multi-Use Games Area at Askrigg, we had some impressive play from our team who finished overall runners-up in the final to Hawes.

The Infant class have enjoyed a walk around Bainbridge looking at the different types of houses in the village to link in with work they are covering in their class.

Claire Lambert

HAWES MARKET HOUSE

If you are a member of a group, playing sport or are a regular user of the Market House, the Committee needs your input. It is within the Charity Commission guidelines that a wide section of the community should be involved in running this facility. So, if you can spare a couple of hours per month, consider joining. Get in touch with either the **Community Office - 667400** or **Sue Harpley - 667 475**.

ASKRIGG CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Come to the fun of the Christmas Fayre. Askrigg School are delighted to invite you to their annual Food & Craft Christmas Fayre on **Wednesday, November 23rd, 8.pm** at Askrigg Primary School. Do your early Christmas shopping for the best in home baked foods, local crafts, homemade mince pies and support our school.

BURSARY STUDENT

We are pleased to welcome our bursary student from now until next August from the Wensleydale School. She is **Megan Price** from Redmire. This scheme which has been in operation for a few years now has included Alix Peacock from Castle Bolton, Ruth Middleton from Askrigg and Cecily Pearson from Preston under Scar.

REGENERATION UPDATE FOR WENSLEYDALE

On **November 23rd**, the Upper Wensleydale Community Investment Prospectus group is holding the launch of the Community Investment Prospectus Regeneration Update 2004 at the Fountain Hotel, Hawes, 7.30 pm to 9.00pm. This document underwrites the ways in which our community can develop, based upon published qualified research and public consultation. It is an important tool in drawing down funds from major funders as it 'adds weight' to the need for projects to be supported from European, National and Regional grant streams.

We are delighted to invite anyone to attend this event, which will showcase some of the major economic and social projects in our area. Refreshments are provided. Please could you let me know by **November 16th** if you wish to attend. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further details, at **650980** or by e-mail info@re-vive.org.uk **Rima**

Berry for the Upper Wensleydale CIP Group WENSLEYDALE RAILWAY NEARS APPEAL TARGET

The Wensleydale Railway Association's appeal for *Financial Angels* will remain open until the target of £100,000 is reached. This was a realistic target and just £19,000 is still needed. Donations may be made by cheque or postal order payable to the Wensleydale Railway Association or by credit card (but not debit cards such as Switch). Cheques should be sent to Wensleydale Railway Administration, PO Box 159, Richmond, DLI 0 9AA. To save cost, donors' names (but not amounts) will be acknowledged in a future issue of Relay, with receipts sent only on request.

BONDING ON OUR TRIP TO BEWERLEY PARK

The summer holidays over, I arrived at school in Post-16 still unsure about the number of my old friends who would be returning with me - an apprehension compounded by the fact that I knew nothing about life in the sixth form and who would also be on my chosen courses.

However we had a trip to the outdoor centre Bewerley Park scheduled and though we had all been looking forward to it we wondered sceptically whether it could be as effective in creating new bonds of friendship, as our teachers enthused.

Having had so much fun on the last trip to Bewerley Park, I was fearful of the comparison this time. Despite a seemingly endless drive down obscure country roads we eventually arrived. On discovering the newly refurbished dormitories we became more optimistic after we realised that this time (joy of joys!) we had separate showers. After unpacking and meticulously dividing the shared wardrobe space into three very equal parts we set off to attack the packed lunch with the rest of our group. Having spent most of my holidays praying that I wouldn't be obliged to go rock climbing I was cast into a state of general anxiety by my impending humiliation as we were told that it was, in fact, our very first activity.

However, once we were using the proper climbing shoes it became so much easier to scale the rocks and although the climbs were a challenge I found them surprisingly enjoyable.

The second day saw us sailing, two to a boat - one person in charge of the sail and the other the tiller. Our hardy boat defied our efforts to capsize it while I on the other hand managed to fall in once, narrowly avoiding twice, and consequently spent the day completely sodden.

It was this day that our group also had to

build a bivvy. We were given an unappealing collection of four wooden stakes and a few old tarpaulins and then told to construct an overnight shelter. The teachers had a 10-1 on bet that our dodgy-looking bivvy wouldn't stand the rain and gales. Although there were a couple of touch-and-go moments at about 3 o'clock in the morning it became clear early on that ours was the only one that would survive the night. (Note to self - never take a racing certainty from a teacher.)

Day three and we were set to build a raft out of yet another unappealing collection - this time of string, wooden poles and four barrels. But not for nothing are we famed as sea-faring people and due to an amazing feat of engineering our raft managed to survive two trips round a lake without major disaster.

The afternoon was spent gorge walking, fighting our way against the current and up waterfalls. Although these defiant obstacles certainly posed problems, the real test of courage appeared when we found ourselves face to face with a floating dead squirrel. We lived to tell the tale and eventually returned to the centre wet and hypothermic.

Although both exhausted and fatigued we felt that we had at least retained some dignity. It was not to be. Dignity finally evaporated due to ingenious methods of both balance and breath-holding as all eight of our group were stuffed into a cardboard box. And a picture was taken!

Now back at home and normal life is resuming, I have time to look back at the value of such a week outside the usual routine. Each task we completed required trust in our team mates and teachers and I can see that as a result my existing friendships were certainly strengthened. In spite of my former sceptical approach to the week, it is obvious that my life in the sixth form has undoubtedly benefited.

**Megan Price,
Bursary Student**

HAWES 2006 GALA NEWS

Next year's Gala on **June 26th 2006** will have a Carnival theme and, as well as many other attractions the attendance of a real Chinese Dragon has been arranged.

Gala workshops - for children and adults - for making carnival masks and costumes will begin in February 2006. The workshops will be organized in three age groups - 0-5 years, 5-11 years and 12-100 years. Book early as children's places, in particular, will be limited in number.

WANTED - DANCERS

The Gala Committee is looking for a group of people (boys and girls) over the age of 11 to learn to salsa dance. Dancing classes will be held in the new year as the group will be expected to perform a routine on Gala Day. Please get in touch with **Sue** on **667192** or **Mandy** on **667206** to put your names down on the list for either activity.

"ESPANOL NOCHE"

A Spanish Tapas Night is being held at the Crown Hotel on **Thursday, December 15th from 8.00pm onwards**. Price £12 per head and includes a glass of sangria. Booking is essential by phoning **667212**.

Also note well - Spanish Classes on Thursdays with Monica will be starting again shortly. Ring **667192** for details.

SPONSORED BED PUSH

In aid of Gala 2006 funds, the Sponsored Bed Push leaves Bainbridge at 10.00am on **Sunday, October 30th** and will eventually arrive in Hawes! Please give your wholehearted support (and cash) to the doctors, nurses and patients.

WHAT'S ON AT THE DALES COUNTRYSIDE MUSEUM

"Marie Hartley – 100 Years", runs until **November 17th**. This retrospective exhibition shows the work of the museum's founder, Marie Hartley, and her associates Ella Pontefract and Joan Ingilby. It includes books, paintings, wood engravings and drawings covering all aspects of life in the Dales and across Yorkshire. The exhibition was opened on September 29th by the Lord Lieutenant of North Yorkshire, Lord Crathorne who read out a personal message from Prince Charles to Marie and an invited audience. The exhibition has been enjoyed by visitors and locals and Marie herself was delighted with the way her work had been displayed.

Friends of the museum will be demonstrating woolcrafts in the foyer from **2.00 to 4.00pm on November 1st**.

On **Sunday, November 13th** there will be a Festive Fabric Workshop between **10.30am and 3.00pm**. Booking is essential for this workshop. There is a charge of £5.

Plans are underway for our annual Crafty Christmas weekend which this year will begin on **December 9th** with an evening Christmas concert by the Dalesfolk. The weekend of the **10th** and **11th** will include Christmas stalls, music, things to make, mince pies and mulled wine and Mother Christmas will provide a gift to every child.

WHAT'S ON LISTING

TRANSFER THESE DATES TO YOUR DIARY OR CALENDAR NOW!

Dales Countryside Museum events: see page 36

October

30 2 30am CLOCKS GO BACK

28/29 A Day Out with Thomas, see page 25

29 Stalling Busk coffee morning

29 X-pull band; Redmire village hall from 9.00 pm

30 Sponsored Bed Push, Bainbridge to Hawes, see page 35

30 St. Oswald's and Methodists joint worship at Bainbridge; 10.30 am

31 Pumpkin Parade leaves Bull's Head in Hawes at 6.00 pm

November

1 Hawes Drama Group reads "Flare Path" by Terence Rattigan. Gayle Institute; 7.30 pm

5 NSPCC Coffee Morning, see page 31

5 Bonfire night, Community Field, 6.30pm, see page 31

6 United Dales Church service: Leyburn R.C. Church 7.00 pm

8 YDNPA Planning Committee, West Burton Village Hall; 10.30 am

10 Drug Awareness Evening, Hawes School, 7 pm, see page 11

10 Trip to Newcastle, see page 31

11 Auction of Promises, Bainbridge, p 21

11 Prayers and remembrance; Hawes Methodist Church 10.45 am See p 19

13 Remembrance Sunday

16 Askrigg Produce Show meeting, see page 8

17 Hawes W.I. A.G.M. and "Joys and sorrows of running a B and B"; Hawes Methodist Rooms; 7.00 pm

18 Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum "Quakers at Countersett" 7.30 pm

18 'Children in Need' Day

19 Disco at Fountain Hotel Hawes for Hawes Gala, see page 26

19 'Captivated by Christmas', WFC open meeting at Harmby, see page 18

19 Skip at Askrigg, see page 16

19 YDS lecture—"People and Wildlife"; Clapham Village Hall 2.15 pm

22 Askrigg School Christmas Fayre, p.33

23 Trip to Metro Centre, see page 30

23 Community Investment Prospectus (CIP) presentation. Fountain Hotel, Hawes. 7.30 pm; See page 32

23 Wensleydale Family History Group meeting, Leyburn Methodist Church Hall, see page 21

24 Gayle Ladies Quiz Night with T.P.

26 Pie and Pea Supper, Bainbridge Village Hall, see page 38

26,27 Santa Specials on the Wensleydale Railway; see page 25

27 Advent Sunday; United evening worship, Hawes Methodist Church, see page 11

29 YDNPA Full Authority meeting, Middleham Key Centre; 10.30 am

29 North Country Theatre at the Dales Countryside Museum

December

4 United Toy Service, for Hawes, St Margarets Church, 10.30am