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## Editorial

**“O to be in Yorkshire, now that August’s here!”** Yes, August 1<sup>st</sup> is Yorkshire Day. Do other counties have their days, we wonder? Admittedly it started partly as a means of boosting visitor numbers to the county, but for a moment let us do what ‘Yorksher’ people never usually do, and brag a bit!! To start with it’s as big as many **countries**, both in size and population. (“More acres in Yorkshire than words in the Bible”. We wonder who the saddy was who had nothing better to do than work that out.) Going by the number of people who want to visit or come and settle here, it has a great attraction and many become ‘naturalised’ Yorkshire men and women.

Maybe in an age when it is fashionable to holiday a long way off, we residents need to be reminded of what Yorkshire has to offer; the variety is quite amazing: miles of coastline, square miles of quiet, lonely dales and moors, waterfalls in abundance, great rivers, thriving cities, world heritage site at Fountains, three national parks (O yes, there’s a bit of the Peak District in Yorkshire), castles, abbeys, stately homes, tightly packed villages carved out of the local stone, archaeology from the settlements of ancient times up to more recent scenes of industrial revolution mills, canals, roads and trackways to be discovered from Roman times through to drove roads and causey routes over the fells (medieval and very modern!) fishing and farming of every kind, famous sheep, and not forgetting pudding, curd-tart, pomfret cakes, the rhubarb-growing triangle and Wensleydale cheese!

**A variety of people too.** Though the popular media might be partly right in saying we are blunt, keen on our ‘brass’, self-opinionated, we could reply by saying we are straightforward, careful and

knowledgeable! But we are a mixture as wide as anywhere: Romans from the south, Vikings from the west, Danes from the east then more recently Eastern Europeans, Jews from parts of Europe and people from the Indian sub-continent, all making their own contribution, and with a strong 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century input from Quakers and Non-conformists. This is a snapshot of Yorkshire, which has given the country its fair share of writers, politicians, thinkers, inventors and scientists (see this month’s competition). Throw in a wide variety of dialect too, for we don’t all talk quite the same (though ‘foreigners’ from further afield might not tell us apart); there’s the long drawn out vowels from Hull the rich tones of the deep Pennine Dales, the ey-up from the old West Riding, ‘mebbee’ up here and ‘praps’ further south; dropped aitches in parts but not in true Wensleydale speech, the all-pervasive Teutonic ‘d’ and still some lovely old words and phrases heard not only from the elderly but from the ‘bairns’ as well.

But all this variety, these resources and our heritage don’t make Yorkshire big. Surely the challenge for the future is how we manage them for the good of all, appreciating and valuing what our differences offer, and making sure that all who visit or settle here wherever they are from, are given a true welcome and respect. A big county with a big heart; now that’s something to brag about.

### **Eunice**

I was hiding very badly in Stone House last month, there were several spotters and the winner was **Becky Williams, Askrigg.**

I've tried to hide better this month.  
How many of you can spot me?

### **Open gardens success**

Carperby 14th Annual open gardens event on Sunday July 2nd continued the ever-increasing popularity of the event and raised the best ever total of £3000.00. A tribute to all the effort put in by the villagers. The Village Hall committee wish to thank all who gave donations or who helped in any way by opening their garden, serving in the hall, providing delicious food or selling tickets, ice-creams, plants etc. and a special thanks to Roger for the use of his field for parking.

Altogether a wonderful community effort. **Pat Jackson on behalf of the Village Hall Committee 663740**

### **Want a helping hand with your project?**

Small projects planned by local people, businesses or community groups in the National Park could receive a financial helping hand this year.

The National Park's Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) is making money available for any schemes – no matter how small – which will benefit local communities, the local economy and the environment. The Fund, now in its fourth year, has around £200,000 ready to hand out to projects inside or outside the National Park.

Authority Chairman Carl Lis said: “The SDF has already supported some major projects that have brought huge benefits to the area – creating jobs environmental improvements and community facilities. But now we would really like to see more of the money going direct to smaller projects – the good ideas that don't cost much to do but that can make a real difference to local people.”

The fund is run on behalf of the Authority by the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust. Its Projects Officer, Isobel Hall, said: “The SDF is a great chance for local people to get some cash help to see their good idea get off the ground. It's really easy to apply for and, for small projects, you'll get an answer very quickly.”

Anyone wanting to know more should contact **Isobel Hall, SDF Project officer, at the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust by phoning 015242 51002 or by emailing her at [isobel.hall@vdm.org](mailto:isobel.hall@vdm.org).**

### **Newsletters in Aysgarth**

Readers who don't receive the Newsletter with the newspaper delivery can now pick one up (and give the 20p donation!) at **Kitty's** in Aysgarth village.

### **Low Mill 30th Anniversary Open Day**

This will be held on **Saturday August 27th from 1.00 pm**

Tombola, cream teas, rodeo bull, BBQ, welly wanging, climbing tower, archery, bouncy castle, homemade ice cream and a duck race at 3.00 pm. Fresh Radio will also be there.

### **Tony Buck, Bainbridge**

As readers will know, Tony died suddenly on July 12th. What many readers will not know is that Tony was one of the many 'behind the scenes' newsletter helpers who for many years distributed copies to outlets in Bainbridge and Worton. We want to put on record our thanks, and send our good wishes to Joan and the family. Cathy Bennett has agreed to do the distributing.  
**A.S.W.**

### **Action Medical Research Events**

On **Saturday, August 12th**, the Wensleydale Branch of Action Medical Research are holding a Strawberry Tea in the beautiful garden of Talworth, Carperby, 2.00-5.00pm.

On **Tuesday, September 26th**, 2.00-4.00pm join our Tea Dance with the Mike-Rose Trio in the Oak Room of Thornborough Hall, Leyburn.

### **Elite Cinema Leyburn**

OUR WEBSITE ([elite-cinema.co.uk](http://elite-cinema.co.uk)) WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AFTER AUGUST 1st 2006

Our website has been looked after and updated each month free of charge by a great chap called Tom.

Tom has recently got married and moved to a more high power job, leaving him little time to help us with our website.

There are a large number of sites on the Internet that list our films and details of the cinema. Just type in 'elite cinema' on your browser and see how many come up, (ignore [elite-cinema.co.uk](http://elite-cinema.co.uk) as this is the site that will no longer be maintained).

These include:

[www.cinemas-online.co.uk](http://www.cinemas-online.co.uk)  
[www.tiscali.co.uk/entertainment/whatson](http://www.tiscali.co.uk/entertainment/whatson)  
[www.bbc.co.uk/northyorkshire/films/venue](http://www.bbc.co.uk/northyorkshire/films/venue)

We are a small operation and cannot afford the costs associated with a monthly update of the website, and we are too long in the tooth to learn web design.

If you do not already get our programme by e-mail, just e-mail your address to:

[elite.cinema@lineone.net](mailto:elite.cinema@lineone.net)

We will then e-mail you the Cinema programme each month. This will save you looking up a site to get the details.

## Rural Learning

It has been another testing year at the Wensleydale Community Learning Centre, Askrigg. The changes to the provision of Education are not over yet but your continued support has been very much appreciated by myself and the rest of the delivery team. The kind individual who has spent time making the entrance to the site more visually appealing and re-hanging our name sign gets a special thanks - whoever you are!

As most classes are about to finish for the summer I am busy putting the final information together for our September Programme which will be due out by the end of July. This will see the inclusion of Sports Development and coaching courses to continue our work with the Yorebridge Sports Developments Association. Over the Summer we will also be saying good bye to our dormitory areas as they get a make over and become multipurpose spaces to run fitness and healthy living activities. More details to follow.

We have a number of funded projects running that may be able to offer free training including careers guidance support. Please get in touch and we can talk through the types of courses you are interested in to see what we can do to help.

September also sees the introduction of Adult Learning Grants, in short anyone over the age of 19yrs could be eligible to £30 per week for studying. More information can be found at <http://www.learndirect-advice.co.uk/featured/alg> or in our programme.

To help make this accessible we will be offering Access courses for the first time in our rural centres; this will allow individuals who aspire to get a degree to find a study route to allow them entry to University or onto a degree type course of their choice. It will cost £100 to study on the 450 hour combined course. You can also opt to study

individual modules and pay per course.

To reflect on this year we have had a varied programme from Computing to sports coaching, line dancing to digital photography and much more. As always, please keep your ideas coming in for subjects you would like to see offered and if you know of anyone who can tutor courses or would like to share their skills then we can help and would like to hear from you.

Don't forget you can get a full course listing for the area at [www.learningmatters.net](http://www.learningmatters.net) - find our listings under Askrigg Community Learning Centre.

**Colin Bailey**

### **New Fitness facilities for the Upper Wensleydale area**

Yorebridge Sports Development Association (YSDA) have been working hard over the past months on plans to improve the facilities around the new Multi Use Games area and have been successful in plans to bring back into community use two of the rooms within the Wensleydale Centre at Askrigg. One of the rooms will operate as a Gym, with fixed equipment such as rowers, cycles, treadmills and weight training. The other will be multi-use as a training area, treatment and holistic therapy room and run fitness and health classes throughout the year. Behind all the new equipment, the theme is very much on improving the physical and educational well being of the surrounding area and providing a good range of healthy lifestyle activities to tempt people to join in. Cllr Yvonne Peacock, chair said "I am delighted that the hard work of the community group is being rewarded and that we are able to deliver a much needed facility for Upper Wensleydale. We look forward to working closely with Craven College to bring improved services to the area."

The new Gym will be open in October – we will be asking you when the best times are, as in the beginning we will not be able to staff it full time, so look out for a short questionnaire that will be arriving through doors. The Gym & Fitness project is part funded by Yorkshire Forward through the Rural Target Fund for North Yorkshire Programme.

We are continually fundraising to support our work, and gladly welcome new faces to help us. Therapists can pre-book the Therapy room for their clients, please contact Richard Shuffleton on **650060** for further details.

### **Rima the dreamer!**

While the editor was away, much newsletter work, and care of the house was undertaken by our **R.B.** - and brilliantly. She thought to water the plants... even the artificial lilies!

### **Music for a summer evening**

With wine and strawberries

At St Andrew's, Aysgarth on **Saturday July 29th** with the Needwood Singers. Guest artiste Lauren Walker.

Tickets £10 (under 18s £3.50) Proceeds for church funds and "United for Alex".

## **News from the Chemists**

### **Minor Ailments**

The Minor Ailments scheme has been running now for a couple of months. The current hayfever season has seen a surge in uptake as hayfever is one of the minor ailments covered by the scheme. Those who have taken advantage of the scheme have saved themselves time by not having to sit and wait at the surgery in the morning, or take up an afternoon appointment. The use of pharmacists to advise and treat minor ailments is nothing new - we have always been here to do this. The difference with the minor ailments scheme is that if you are exempt from prescription charges, then you do not pay for medication received under the scheme. (If you do pay prescription charges, most minor ailment medication costs less than the prescription charge). If we consider your ailment is more than minor, then we will advise you to see your doctor.

Minor Ailments covered by the scheme include **Headlice, Mouth Ulcers, Nasal Congestion, Sore Throat, Threadworm, Thrush, Hay Fever and Conjunctivitis**. Headache, earache and temperature in the under 12s are also covered. The scheme is available at the chemists in Hawes and Leyburn and is open to local residents registered with the local GP practices - and don't forget, we are open all day Saturday from 9.00am-5.30pm.

### **Travel Medicines**

We are also available to give advice on travel medication. We have up-to-date information on malaria tablets and travel vaccinations. The type of tablets you require depends on which area you are visiting. Call in for more information, and check up on other holiday medicine essentials you may require.

**Angus, the Pharmacist, Hawes. 667213**



### **1st Hawes Brownies**

We have had a hectic but very enjoyable term culminating in all Brownies gaining the toymaker and circus skills badges.

Several brownies spent a fun day at Flamingoland with other guides and brownies in the district. The girls worked hard on their gala presentation resulting in winning the cup for best overall group. We provided refreshments at the Hoppers sale in July raising much needed funds although takings were down owing to World Cup clashes. We spent a lovely evening at Cotterdale cooking sausages and marshmallows and finished the term on a suitably hot summer's evening playing water games. Everyone went home having been refreshingly drenched (including the leaders!). Ruby, Maisie, Joanna, Alexandra and Kate all left with a small gift and lots of happy memories.

I hope to welcome five new girls next term which begins on **September 12th.**

**Linda Reynolds**

### **Hawes Youth Club**

A group of young people enjoyed our end of term event which was raft building at Semer Water. I will take this opportunity to thank the youth workers, parents and Low Mill Instructors for making it an enjoyable occasion. Youth club is closed now until September when we will start a new programme of activities and hopefully welcome some new starters (youth club members should be of secondary/high school age to 19 yrs). Meanwhile, we have managed to book the 'Van Can', youth van on the following dates throughout the summer holiday - Tuesday 8th, 15th and 22nd of August from 6.30pm - 8.30 pm at the community field, Hawes. The 'Van Can' is a youth facility equipped with sports equipment, TV and more. For further information on any youth club

enquiry please contact me on 650805  
email [alex.tunningley@btinternet.com](mailto:alex.tunningley@btinternet.com).

**Alex Tunningley**

## **Holy Trinity Church, Wensley**

### **Flower Festival Programme of Events**

#### **Friday August 18th**

7.00pm Preview in church, wine and canapés. (Admission £7.50 by ticket only)

#### **Saturday August 19th**

10.00am church opens. 2.00-5.00pm stalls on the Village Green, teas in Wensley Hall Gardens.

#### **Sunday August 20th**

11.00am, Special Service of Confirmation and Celebration of the Life of Wensley Church with Bishop John Packer, 7.30pm Concert by the Leyburn Band in the Church. Donations welcome.

### **Grand Benefice Garage Sale**

This will now take place on **Saturday August 5th from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm** at the Vicarage in Carperby. There will be a cake stall and tombola. Entrance fee to include refreshments is: Adults £1 and children 50p. Please hunt out any unwanted articles for sale. If transport is needed for them please ring **Christine 663097**

### **West Witton Feast**

The annual West Witton Feast will take place on **August 26th and 27th**.

On Saturday afternoon the public are invited to a Cottage Show, Fell Race, Teas and the traditional Burning of Bartle.

On Sunday St Bartholomew's Church will celebrate its Patronal Festival at 9.30am.

A Family Fun Day will follow from mid-day until 5.30pm. For the children there will be a fancy dress competition, sports, five a side football, a bouncy castle and a bungee run. For the slightly older there will be an Iron Man competition, a bale race and an egg throwing competition. Entertainment will be provided by the Leyburn Band and refreshments, stalls, bar, BBQ

and raffle will all be available.

**David Barraclough**

### **Hog roast and ceilidh**

Advance notice

Saturday September 16th in West Burton.

Details from Pat Hesketh **663420**

	Rainfall figures from January to June 2006		Measurements in millimetres				
	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
<b>Hawes</b>	128	130	222	99	139	60	778
<b>Carperby</b>	47	58	136	45	105	29	420
<b>West Burton</b>	44	59	136	46	103	27	415
<b>Bainbridge</b>	81	78	144	68	144	31	546
<b>Stalling Busk</b>	99	91	223	83	132	37	665
<b>Askrigg</b>	67	78	130	61	135	26	497
<b>Thornton Rust</b>	59	80	158	71	151	31	550

### Christian Aid

On behalf of Christian Aid I should like to thank everyone who helped to make our collections so successful this year.

A total of **£4572-51** has been sent to Christian Aid H.Q. This is made up of £2764-38 from the Lower and Mid Wensleydale Envelope Week; £1532-63 from Penhill Benefice, Middleham and East Witton Lent lunches; £200 from Leyburn Gilbert and Sullivan concert; £75-50 from Songs of Praise in Thornton Rust. An extra £526 should be added through Gift Aid.

This is a most generous amount which will be put to much-needed services in deprived parts of the world.

**Noël Ashworth, Hon. Treasurer, Redmire**

### Harddraw

On **Saturday August 12th** Harddraw church are holding a fund-raising event with cream teas, bake stall and tombola, 2.00 to 4.00 pm at the church.

### 'Women in Business' Event

This is to be held on **Thursday August 3rd from 10.15 am to noon** with lunch (£3.00) and networking from noon at the Colburn Business Park.

Speakers will include Elizabeth Guy of *Beth Guy's Little Pies* and Isobel Davies from the organic produce company *Farmaround*.

To book a place for this free event telephone **01748 831900** or view

[www.innovate-colburn.com](http://www.innovate-colburn.com)

### Missing Chairman

Apologies to West Witton, as we missed your Parish Council chairman from last months list of contacts. The full details are as follows:

#### West Witton

Mrs S M Bailey, Barnholme, West Witton, DL8 4LU. Tel **622366**

Chairman Geoff Clarke

### WAFTA Awards

The children at Hawes Primary School have been learning filmmaking techniques along with six other primary schools in the dale. We decided to end the project with a celebration of the films made. Children from the schools met at West Burton Village Hall. One of our films, 'The Magic Box', won the award for 'Best Story Adaptation'. 'Best Script' was awarded to West Burton. 'Best Animation' Askrigg, 'Best Special Effects' Bainbridge, 'Best Editing' Middleham, 'Best Film with a Message', Spennithorne. The children looked magnificent in their 'formal wear'. A buffet was served and the prizes were presented by Mr Howard Firth who was dressed in full Dinner Suit and bow tie.

**J. Woodyer**

### How common is the Common Blue?

A new wildlife survey is being launched in the Yorkshire Dales National Park which will rely almost completely on help from residents and visitors.

They are being asked to report sightings of the Common Blue Butterfly to help in a survey being run by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) and the national wildlife organisation Butterfly Conservation. The leaflet, called 'Have you seen a Common Blue butterfly this year?', can be obtained from National Park Centres and Tourist Information Centres. You can also submit your form online on [www.yorkshiredales.org.uk](http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk).

### Consultation on National Park's future

People who live in, work in and visit the Yorkshire Dales National Park are being asked to give their views on plans for the area's future.

The National Park Authority has distributed an up-dated, 30-page National Park Management Plan – called The Yorkshire Dales: Today and Tomorrow – for public consultation.

It has been prepared by a steering group comprising statutory agencies – like English Nature – and the local strategic partnerships to try to ensure that it covers all key local and national issues.

David Butterworth, the YDNPA's Chief Executive, said: "The Management Plan is a blueprint for the future of the National Park over the coming years.

"It was published in 2000 following wide consultation and ... is being up-dated because, while the long-term aims set out in it still hold true, it is important that it adapts to take account of changing circumstances, changing ways of working and some new challenges."

Carl Lis, chairman of the YDNPA and of the Craven Local Strategic Partnership, said: "This is a very important document in that it sets out the overall direction the National Park will be following in the future. The Management Plan covers topics like tourism, nature conservation, support for farming and affordable housing."

The draft plan, has been sent to more than 200 organisations, which have until **August 9th** to comment.

Copies are available on the YDNPA website at [www.yorkshiredales.org.uk](http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk) or by contacting the Authority on **0870 166633**.

## **Bainbridge & District Motor Club**

Well we couldn't have had better weather for our "Canny Rally"; it really was a gorgeous evening and such a change of weather from our 2 previous rallies. 10 cars started off from the lay-by at Breconbar but one team had to change their vehicle half way through due to some kind of mechanical failure.

It was a "canny" rally all right as it was in 3 sections and after each section, which brought us back to the start, we thought that was the finish! But no, we ended up doing nearly 60 miles in total. One section took us to Swaledale and as we travelled through Askrigg we had to count how many pieces of glass were to the front of a particular house. Well there were the window panes to count + glass on a carriage lamp but the occupants of the house (who happened to be on the rally) did not even know there was a carriage lamp outside so what hope did the rest of us have!!

Another section took us up by Semerwater, Burterset and Worton and the marker boards on route were very difficult to spot. A bucket had to be found on route and a round object had to be collected from it, unfortunately some people had not read the word "round" so different shaped objects were brought back. The 3<sup>rd</sup> section entailed working out locations from grid references we were given, these all turned out to be public houses and there was a question to answer at each one, not time for a drink however as too busy looking for the Domino Corner.

Thanks to Karen and Tim Prudden and family for organising such a challenging rally. The winners of last month's rally were Andrew Foster and Fred Scarr – Well Done. 2<sup>nd</sup> were Angus Carmichael and Joe Alexander and 3<sup>rd</sup> were Tim and Karen

Prudden. The next rally is on August 16th and is being organised by Angus Carmichael, telephone **650923** for details. All Welcome.

**Netta Davison**

## Surgery News

### LIFESAVERS NEEDED

A Hawes man needs a bone marrow transplant, which is his only chance of a full cure from a life-threatening disorder. So far no suitable matching donor has been found. So your practice is working with the Anthony Nolan Trust to organise a recruitment clinic for potential donors on **Thursday September 7<sup>th</sup>**.

The Anthony Nolan Trust holds a register of volunteers who are willing to donate bone marrow or stem cells to a complete stranger, should they have the exact same tissue type. In most cases this transplant offers the patient their only chance of survival. To join this register, you need to attend the recruitment clinic where you will be asked to give a very small blood sample. Donors must be:-

18-40 years old

In good general health

Weigh over 8 stone, but not be severely overweight

Be willing to donate marrow or stem cells to ANY donor they may match.

The Trust is particularly short of male donors, young donors & those from all ethnic minority backgrounds.

Should a donor ever match to donate stem cells, they must first have a full medical. Then, a short hospital stay is required, & the stem cells can be donated in two ways; either direct from the bone marrow via the pelvis under a general anaesthetic, or after a series of injections to stimulate stem cell production, the cells are drawn off from veins in the arms (similar to platelet donation). Donors have the choice of donation method & all donations take place in London. All donors' losses of earnings & travel costs are covered. For more information, the Trust can be contacted on:- **020 7 284 1234**, or [www.anthonynolan.org.uk](http://www.anthonynolan.org.uk)

**PLEASE HELP** by contacting Hawes surgery to make an appointment for Thursday Sept 7<sup>th</sup>, between 1pm & 5pm. Just call in or telephone 01969 667 200. If you just turn up on the day, you will be very welcome but you may have to wait for a free clinic slot. A few minutes of your time could give someone many years of life.  
**Clive West**

### Questions, Questions

Why do doctors, when they ask you to strip, leave the room or close the cubicle curtain while you change?...They're still going to see you naked anyway.

### Parish plans

Sorry, we should have checked! The article in the July issue stated that "This exercise has now been completed and the plans published". In the case of the Burton-cum-Walden parish the work is still on-going.

### Preston under Scar Exhibition

Artists in Preston under Scar are preparing for their seventeenth Art Exhibition. This will run for three days from **July 28<sup>th</sup>—30<sup>th</sup>** in the Village Hall.

The exhibition will open from 10.00am to 9.00pm on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup>** and 10.00am to 6.00pm on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>**. Admission is free and refreshments are available.

## **Surgery Consultative Group**

**T**he following is a brief overview of some points raised at the March 2006 meeting.

The surgery reported the findings of the yearly patients' survey carried out in Autumn 2005. The results of the questionnaires are very important to the surgery, as part of G.P. Funding is based on how well the patients think the surgery is doing. Findings were very encouraging being above those of national averages. As usual the service provided by our Receptionists was highly rated. We appreciate them for their continuing care and manner. Thank You Receptionists! Although rated higher than nationally, waiting times were identified as a concern. People appreciate the same day access to a doctor but this will naturally involve waiting. What are your thoughts? Surgery was pleased with the overall results and thanks those who took the time to complete the questionnaire. The group thanked the doctors for their efforts towards improvement since the last survey.

At present dramatic changes are occurring in the National Health Service and these are affecting small rural practices. The surgery is very concerned for the future. Government initiatives appear to be promoting bigger units; the move back to a larger Primary Care Trust, the North Yorkshire Health Authority; proposals for Practice Based Commissioning, a minimum of 5 practices responsible for rationing health care. This would be the first step to super surgeries of 10 plus G.P.s. How do these proposals fit with access to small isolated rural practices?

It was confirmed that at present there is no change to the number of doctors at Hawes/Aysgarth although the ongoing funding for drug dispensing remains a problem. This has been further

compounded by Government changes making surgeries liable for paying VAT.

Other items were discussed at the March meeting. Copies of the full minutes are available at Hawes Community Office.

New practice leaflets are available at the surgeries and the community office. Some may be collected at other key points, for example the drop off points for prescriptions.

It was noted with sadness the death of Betty Rutter who has been the pill point for many years at Gunnerside. Rita and Peter Morley have kindly agreed to take over.

**Ann Wood**

## **Roger McGough in Sedbergh**

'Poetry Please' presenter on Radio4, Roger McGough, 'a trickster you can trust', is one of Britain's favourite poetry voices. Top-selling The Mersey Sound with Brian Patten and Adrian Henri, hits with the Scaffold and club dates with GRIMMS led to more books, broadcasts and gigs than Chaucer. His latest volume is Collected Poems, and for children, All the Best and The Bees' Knees. He is at the Powell Hall, Sedbergh School on **Sunday August 20th, 7.00 pm** when he opens the Festival of Books and Drama. Further information from **Carole Nelson, 01539 620034**

### **Study into rural dentistry**

In May your correspondent wrote about the Rural Communities Bill. Here is some news for those of you concerned about the loss for now of an NHS dentist for adults in Wensleydale

The Commission for Rural Communities, an Operating Division of the Countryside Agency is undertaking work on a study about rural disadvantage. It is right at the top of the Commission's agenda and they have now completed their report on rural affordable housing with the transport study still ongoing.

For some years the old Health Authorities and currently the rural Primary Care Trusts have been expressing concern to government about the provision of dentistry in rural areas. This has now been recognised and the Commission has just started a study into rural dentistry.

Hambleton and Richmondshire PCT covers a large rural area and with the reconfiguration in the Autumn the North Yorkshire and City of York PCT will, geographically, be the largest in England and will also have the third largest population. The PCT has a lot of experience of providing rural dentistry.

The CRC has convened an 'expert group' to look at "The provision of primary care dentistry to rural communities" and Geoff Keeble, a PCT non-executive director who is a retired dentist and a Bainbridge Parish Councillor has been invited to participate.



## **Refurbishment of Gayle Mill Turbines**

**T**he hydro power refurbishment, as part of the restoration project at Gayle Mill, is now well underway. The contract was awarded to Gilbert Gilkes & Gordon Ltd of Cumbria in December 2004.

It is appropriate that this company is carrying out the work, as both the historic turbines were manufactured by them on the same site as their present day workshops in Kendal.

The company was initially founded by 3 Williamson brothers in 1856, who established an agricultural equipment supply business to meet the increasing mechanisation of agricultural processes in the latter part of the 19th century.

Professor James Thomson of Queen's College (now University) Belfast, contacted Williamson Bros. to build his revolutionary Double Vortex Water Turbine. So when Gayle Mill was converted to a sawmill and additional power was required, the 24 foot waterwheel which had powered the spinning of cotton, flax and wool for a century, was replaced, in 1879, by a Thomson Double Vortex Turbine manufactured by Williamson Bros. (acknowledged by Gilkes to be the oldest in-situ working turbine)

In 1881 Gilbert Gilkes bought the Williamson Bros. company and changed the name to Gilbert Gilkes & Co. The 1920 Gilkes Turbine for generating electricity for lighting the mill, carries this name. It was in 1928 that the waterpower business of James Gordon & Co. was purchased, creating the company name of today, Gilbert Gilkes & Gordon Ltd.

Nick Pike, Managing Director of the company, states that " the prospect of having

both a Williamson and Gilkes turbines 'restored' in a working mill is almost too good to contemplate".

The engineers working on site are finding much satisfaction in their task, a unique job, working on a unique system (line shafting on original bearings!!) Both turbines are now back in-situ following dedicated refurbishment in the Kendal workshops, after showing signs of years of service, especially the 'Williamson Workhorse', 127 years old, which powered all the wood-working machinery and generated electricity for the Hawes Electric Company, for many years, running 24 hours, 7 days a week!!

A third, new turbine has been added to generate 'green' electricity for export to the grid. This will also demonstrate Gilkes' commitment to design and development over the years, as the company celebrates 150 years, and contributes to a history of hydro power under one roof, at Gayle Mill. Hydro power — renewable energy for yesterday, and today, and tomorrow!!

**Brian Alderson**

### **Black and white is best**

Because of the way the newsletter printing machine operates, photographs for inclusion come out very much better if they can be submitted in black and white or are very clearly defined.



**Mystery picture. Where's this corner of the Newsletter area?  
Last month's picture was of the Old Hall, Countersett, and the first respondent was  
B. Lambert of Simonstone.**

### **Art Show in Leyburn**

Worth a look in August is the summer art exhibition run by St. Matthew's church in Leyburn.

It takes place in St. Matthew's church hall, opposite the church, from Wednesday, **August 2<sup>nd</sup>** to Saturday, **August 5<sup>th</sup>** from 10.00am to 4.00pm each day.

The exhibition gives amateur artists over a very wide area the chance to display up to six pictures for sale. There is a preview on Tuesday, **August 1<sup>st</sup>** at 8.00pm (admission £3 including a glass of wine), preceded by a Celebration of Art service in the church at 7.00pm.

For more information, including queries from artists wishing to display their work, ring 01969 622251 or contact [c.huggett@freenet.co.uk](mailto:c.huggett@freenet.co.uk)

### **Askrigg experiences many changes**

**F**or a small village of about 300 residents to experience changes of familiar faces, and take on new faces and new styles could be difficult, challenging, and/or successful. This is what has happened in Askrigg since September 2005. Four eating venues have changed owners, as soon will the village shop.

The first change was the re-opening of the old Winville Hotel, closed for 5 years. The Atkinson family from Palmer Flatts Hotel at Aysgarth took on a mammoth task of refurbishing the whole building and presenting a new image and renamed it The White Rose Hotel. The ensuite bedrooms welcome visitors who can then dine in the restaurant, conservatory, or bar. Local groups and businesses have enjoyed meals and buffets

In January The King's Arms bars were bought by Holiday Property Bond. The same capable crew led by Mark and Stuart Gatty have continued to serve consistently good food, and still run a quiz night on Sundays. A new kitchen was installed as well as some cosmetic changes to the bar area. In some people's opinion it looks like a wine bar, rather than an old coaching house. Can't please everybody!! It is advisable to book a table

In April Owen Metcalfe retired from the Crown Inn after 27 years as owner. Some of his staff joined Jim and Wendy Parades to continue to welcome regulars and visitors, pulling well stored beers and offering traditional home cooked meals daily, including Sunday lunch, domino evenings, and pie suppers in winter.

At the end of June Derek and Pia Wylie retired from The Rowan Tree after 18 years. They only came for 2 years, but enjoyed it so much that they stayed on! Their high quality food and personal service had earned them recognition near and far. They

were succeeded by Patrick and Jenny Crawley, with 30 years experience in food and hospitality, who continue to serve similar style food, already sampled by former regulars. They have had pubs and restaurants in Teesdale, North Yorkshire, Dumfries and Ireland and are now settled in Askrigg as their last move, and living near Bainbridge.

The interesting thing about all these eating venues is that they buy most of their ingredients from local businesses, so supporting the local economy and jobs.

By the time you read this issue, Sykes Country Store will be about to change hands. Brian and Brenda Bowe along with their daughters Louise and Andrea set up the shop when the village had a desperate need in November 1997. They converted their small café into the main food shop and moved the café to their former sitting room. This has been a successful business with good local support, and staff who were keen to serve their needs. I am sure we wish the new owners Keith and Lisa Wright, and their children from South Yorkshire well in their future life in Askrigg. Some may remember Mick (Keith's brother) and Joanne Wright who used to own Herriots Hotel in Hawes. They will continue to open 7 days a week, the same hours and stock similar items of food and drink, as well as running the café. **(Continued on page 23)**

The first four business changes have bedded in well, and locals, as well as visitors seem happy and have welcomed new faces. I am sure that the shop will also build on the success achieved by Brenda and her family. I am sure we all wish them well in their new ventures, and also wish those who have had a career change, a happy future still living amongst us, taking life easy!

**Kate Empsall**

### **Exhibition of wedding dresses**

### History of every house in Garsdale and Grisedale

This is to be held at Hawes Junction Chapel between the Moorcock Inn and Garsdale Station on **August 26th to 28th**.

Refreshments will be served all day: morning coffee, light lunches and afternoon teas. There will be a cake stall on the Saturday and a short Songs of Praise at 3.00 pm on the Sunday.

### **Low Mill - Project Grand Designs**

Low Mill has some ambitious plans to improve and expand its facilities for the future. Phase 2 of these plans is to upgrade and expand the dormitory provision, the kitchen and dining room but the most exciting development is Phase 1.

For this we want to build an Activity Hall that will have a new Reception Area and a bridge linking it to Low Mill. Because this Activity Hall will be a large usable space we want to share its use with the local community and we have gone into partnership with the Yorebridge Sports Development Association who have done such a good job developing the Multi-use games area. The Low Mill Activity Hall will fit in perfectly with all these other facilities.

The plans will be on display at Low Mill on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August when it is the Open Day to celebrate 30 years of Low Mill. We hope you will be able to join us.

### **Askrigg and District Produce Show**

This year's show on **Monday 28th August is being opened at 3 o'clock** by James Wilson, News Editor and Founding Director of Fresh Radio.

Each year new ideas are offered in most classes and this year is no exception.

Over 40 children are busy growing potatoes in a bucket to find the heaviest crop. Remember these have to be brought on the Sunday from 11 o'clock to be riddled and weighed. Room will be at a premium in the hall, so a line of buckets will appear up the pavement outside Askrigg Village Hall.

This year sees the new "Mayor's Shield" presented for the highest scoring infant child. This magnificent trophy is in recognition of the outstanding contribution to both the Show and village activities by Edgar Daykin, the unofficial "Mayor of Askrigg".

A special cup this year will be presented to the best individual exhibit in the photography section. Artists have a slightly different challenge for one class having to present a book cover (titled) for a Shakespeare play. For the first time a machine-made wholemeal loaf is included in the Home Cookery section and the novelty vegetable class is the longest carrot.

Each house in the three parishes served by the Show should have received a free schedule, and there are spares in local shops and pubs. Remember if you live outside that area you can still enter as a guest.

Registration is on **Thursday 24th August at the Village Hall at 7 pm.**

Give me a ring if you want more information or if you can't attend to register.

**Dave Jackson (Chairman) 650483  
Parish party**

On **Sunday August 6th** there will be a Parish party at the Askrigg vicarage from 5.00 pm

### **Skip to the Auction Mart**

The next visit of the North Yorkshire rubbish skip will be on Saturday, August 12th at the Hawes Auction Mart from 10.00am to 2.00pm but closing earlier if full.

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## The Newsletter Summer Treasure Hunt

After great risk to life and limb, and causing suspicion and the twitching of lace curtains, **ASW and SED** once again present this summer diversion. Simply solve the anagrams to places and then search there for the answers, stopping of course at the various tea-shops or pubs on the way. Clues with \* indicate three points not one. Send your answers by the usual deadline date to Old Station House, Hawes, DL 8 3NL. There is a **£50** prize. Good Hunting!

### 1. Place: Bus desk

A) How many mis-spelt trees? B) Built 1875 C) YAS Yorburgh– what date? D) Duck in the wall!

### 2. Place: Kiss crags org

A) What can't you do between 6.30pm and 7.00am? B) What's to the right of RDC 29  
C) Of the 93, one and five are different– How? \* D) What follows “Cherry, rowan, whitebeam...”\*

### 3. Place: Benign wig (not Bishopdale)

A) Where are four little ones under one big one? B) Amazing as it seems to us, have a good look round; can it really mean that - you can have it for a pound? C) How many hanging bells? D) Where is there danger of death?

### 4. Place: Pry brace (village hall area)

A) Where is there 9 years' difference? \* B) Stanton PLC- what BS number? C) Where is 18 in the way! D) Who did what 65 years ago?

### 5. Place: Stew one saintly

A) Whose old power house? B) What number is in the ellipse? C) What works on something not now in original use? D) What must you do to access number two?

### 6. Wow its tent (cemetery)

A) Where's the memorial with no name? What does it say? B) What have Noel Higham Worthington and Ted Dawson in common?\* C) Who's the Pole?  
D) Walk about and you will see  
Graves with leaves and bosses;  
A closer look please take and count  
The number of the crosses.

### 7. Hary bolt (bottom end)

A) 100yds to what hill? B) What has the stone woman got on her shoulder?\* C) Count the panes on the SE face of the old mill D) Three elevenths twice

### 8. Shaly tar flags (upper area)

A) How many red-bricked up? B) 200 yards but how many steps? C) What finished in 1870?\* D) What does WLPS stand for?

### 9. Stutter once

A) What is “down the hill”? B) Not hot tin– what and where? C) What is found round the back? D) Where is a ‘T’ missing?\*

***We make that 48 points. See how you go!***

### **Hawes Market House News Bulletin**

Whilst the Community Centre will continue their involvement until the end of August 2006, direct contact can now be made with the Market House, by post at Market Place, Hawes, DL8 3QN (post box at side door in car park) or by phone on **667040 or Mobile 07854901866**. The caretaker, Les, works mornings only and any messages left on the answer phone will be dealt with as quickly as possible.

The Trustees will continue their policy to make the Market House available as frequently as possible for Community Social hire (at substantially reduced rates) and also for Commercial hire (at full rates). It should be noted that Community bookings will override a Commercial booking (except for fixed annual contracts) if it is made six months before the event date. In addition, new ventures are being looked into to bring a variety of interesting events to the Market House. Enquiries from the local community on hire of all/part of the Market House for 'something different' will always be fully considered.

### **Thoralby Village Fete**

This will take place on **Sunday August 13th from 2.00 pm**. There will be fancy dress, children's races and games, teas and tombola; cakes, books, nearly new and plant stalls; children's corner and raffle.

### **Holiday postcard from...?**

"It's very steep with the old stone cottages clinging to the hillsides. Handy on the train for an out-of town M and S! Been to the nearby National Trust woods with the renovated mill and seen the narrow boats chugging along the canal at the bottom of

town. You can see the village on the hilltop with its big church and famous eight-sided chapel. Mind you, I bet it can be a bit bleak in winter. See you next month."

**So, where from?**

### Same Name– New Faces

“Look at this photograph. Do you know who this is with me?” said Steve. Steve and his wife Sandra showed me the photograph during our meeting on a very hot Friday lunchtime at Kitty’s Tea Room, Aysgarth.

The Hamiltons (Steve and Sandra) took over Kitty’s on May 30th after a wide search of similar properties including some in the Lake District. They moved here from Milton Keynes (the home of the concrete cow) after changing their high pressure jobs in London for, more hopefully, the more tranquil life of the Dales. Steve, often working a 14-16 hour day was a corporate hospitality manager for Hamleys Toy Shop, while Sandra was a purchase ledger assistant.

The day I was there the tearoom was busy with people ordering lunches which included delicious soups, salads, ploughmans and cakes – all home made by Sandra. Over a glass of ice cool orange juice, Steve and Sandra told me that it had always been their dream to own a small tea shop and guest-house, so when they found this property in Aysgarth it was a dream come true.

The Hamiltons have applied for a licence to serve beer and wine with meals and are waiting to hear the outcome. The tea room is open every day except Tuesday from 10.00 a.m. until 5.00 p.m. also providing evening meals (if required) for their guests in their three letting rooms of Yoredale Guest House. Unfortunately the Post Office has ceased to operate here but Steve and Sandra are hoping to build up the shop side of the business.

Finally, I asked them what hobbies or interests they did in their spare time and what they thought of the area. After looking at each other and laughing they

both said “What spare time ? We have been so busy that at the moment we have not been anywhere outside the tea room or guest house”. As for hobbies when time will permit they enjoy walking, gardening and cooking.

“Did they say they were here for a more tranquil, stress-free, calm way of life” I asked . “Yes said Steve, “but at least we are working for ourselves and not some giant corporate institution. We are our own bosses and all the hard work is well worth it and to our own benefit.”

Oh! By the way the photograph which Steve showed me was of him and Lauren Bacall shopping at Hamley’s—apparently she was a frequent visitor there. Pop in and ask him to show you his photograph. I am sure he will only too pleased to show you. We wish them both well in their new venture and welcome them to Wensleydale.

**S.E.D .**



### **Peduncle puts down her pen**

Over the years we have had several writers of the "Gardening notes" each month and since May 2002, we have been instructed and encouraged in our gardening efforts by the articles from Dr Nancy Sutton in Hawes who now wishes to stand down. We are very grateful to Nancy. Thank you very much. We are in the process of recruiting another writer— and no doubt another intriguing pen-name.

### **The Snaizeholme story**

#### **All not quite right yet!**

When Jane and I came to Snaizeholme nearly 40 years ago, there were only four hawthorn scattered on the hillside. The woodlands we then planted were in part made up of various types of Christmas trees to be sold in Leeds and Bradford markets. These were largely Norway spruce, scots pine and two kinds of firs. Several acres of larch, sycamore but mainly sitka spruce were planted as forestry trees and to provide shelter for Norway spruce which can tolerate cold conditions but not able to withstand freezing winds ( causing scorching),

In those early days the birdlife was largely snipe, lapwings, redshanks, curlews mallard and teal. Today lapwings and redshanks have gone but other species have moved in: goldcrests, treecreepers, greenfinches and siskins. As the conifers slowly provided more cover, Roe deer moved in after only 8 years. Although our interest in conservation was still low key in our first ten years in Snaizeholme, we accepted the advice of some naturalists and began interplanting native trees like birch and rowan amongst the rows of spruce leaving these native trees to grow on as the Christmas trees were extracted.

After 25 years we decided to extract the bulk of Sitka and to replant with native

trees. We had now accepted the conservation value of sitka was limited e.g active bird life restricted to edges of plantations, poor insect rating (6 for Sitka, over 400 for oak and native willows!) We had also discovered that clumps of larch, firs and spruce provided excellent winter refuges and some food sources for the birdlife.

So in the mid nineties the sitka was felled, but for the sake of the birdlife, a corridor of mixed conifers was left linking smaller blocks of conifers at either end of our ground, plus several blocks of conifers to be surrounded by native trees and shrubs (sessile oak, rowan, birch, hawthorn, blackthorn and various local native willows ( purple and grey ). One small block of sitka below our house was left to grow on for a few more years. This decision has certainly helped the red squirrels which only appeared on the scene a year or so after the main felling finished.

The replanting with native shrubs like hawthorn has helped retain the red squirrels in this part of Snaizeholme. In early September when these shrubs are bearing berries, red squirrels can be seen leaving these shrubby areas laden with berries.

Another factor has helped the red squirrels. Both DEFRA and the Forestry Commission have asked us to attempt to bring back the black grouse ( Last seen here circa 1970) by inter-planting our 10-year old shrubs with scots pine, yew and holly as well as more blackthorn and willow. By a coincidence the food requirements of black grouse and red squirrels are very similar. Up to date only one black grouse has been seen but these extra plantings are giving the red squirrels a more varied diet! Now this year we are faced with a new problem: **the arrival of the Grey Squirrel**. To make the woods

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<b>Morning Surgery:</b> 9.00 - 10.30 a.m. (no appointments)										
<b>Afternoon Surgery:</b> 4.00 - 5.30 p.m. (appointment only)										
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<b>HAWES SURGERY ROTA</b>						<b>Wb - week beginning</b>				
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<b>For appointments and all enquiries ring 667200</b>										

less attractive for the greys we are now reducing the 2300 oaks we had lovingly planted only a few years ago. We have learned to lessen the blow by coppicing the oak which means they will regrow but not able to produce acorns which the greys love, Our sycamore is also being reduced and certain trees are being ringbarked so they will provide insects for the wildlife as they die off.

With reluctance we are determined, we trap and with the help of a local friend all greys are shot. Grey squirrels carry a virus (parapox or squirrel pox) which does not kill them but if they pass it on to the reds, they die! We are hoping our neighbours in Snaizeholme and Widdale will join us to control the numbers of these American pests that were introduced into the UK over 100 years ago.

Have we any reason to feel satisfied with what we have achieved? I think not Hedgehogs have not been seen on our ground for over 20 years when we were growing nearly all conifers. Cuckoos only putting a fleeting appearance, so the balance is not right yet! **Hugh Kemp**

### Giving away a kitchen

Following the success of giving away my

garden, I'd like to offer my kitchen to any young folk starting up in a new home, or indeed any oldie who could use it. There are three wall cupboards three base units and a sink unit, all with medium oak cathedral style doors and drawers, together with a 10 year old Belling ceramic hob cooker.

They'll be available with luck by the end of August; just phone and we can discuss the removing process. **Sylvia Crookes 650525**

## Heavens Above

August's a great month for star-gazing. The nights are still pleasantly warm, proper darkness returns after the long summer twilight, and there's lots to see. A must is the annual Perseids meteor shower. In a good year up to 60 shooting stars an hour are possible as the shower reaches its maximum on the night of August 12/13th - though there's usually plenty of activity for a couple of nights either side of this date. Unfortunately moonlight glare will affect this year's return but it's still well worthwhile keeping an eye out for these swift, bright meteors.

The moonless last third of the month, however, is ideal for viewing the summer Milky Way. It's a wonderful spectacle from a dark site away from any artificial lighting, and under a really dark sky you should be able to make out where the bright northern section (high in the constellation of Cygnus (The Swan), clearly splits into two. Called the Cygnus Rift, this dark region is the result of huge clouds of interstellar dust and gas obscuring our view of the massed stars beyond.

Three less familiar planets are on show this month low in the southern sky. The outer gas giants - Uranus and Neptune - lie in the constellations of Aquarius and Capricornus respectively, and remote Pluto is in Serpens Cauda. You'll need a good star map and optical aid (and a fair sized telescope in Pluto's case) to locate them, however. Coming slightly closer to home, Mars and Saturn are out of view, but Jupiter is still a bright naked-eye object low in the SW in the early evening. By the end of the month it sets around 10 pm BST so catch it while you can. Venus makes a brilliant Morning Star at the beginning of August, rising a couple of hours before the sun. The innermost planet, tiny Mercury, is

also visible in the pre-dawn sky in the early part of August. Look for it on the mornings centred around the 10th of the month. It's quite low in the NE roughly 2 degrees SE of much brighter Venus.

And don't forget our nearest celestial neighbour, the moon. It's always a fascinating object with either binoculars or a telescope, and a moonlit landscape can be a magical sight on a soft, summer's night - especially in this part of the world. Have clear skies!  
**Al Bireo**

## Gayle Institute

At the AGM in June, Mrs Lorna Ward stood down as secretary. Her long service was greatly appreciated. Natasha Dinsdale is now the booking agent, key holder and cleaner (**667630**) and Karen Winspear is the secretary (**667996**)

## Healing Herbs Workshop

**Sunday August 27th**, Leyburn Natural Health Centre, 10.00am to 1.00pm. A taster session with Medical Herbalist Lynda Bayne. £20. Booking essential **663324 or 622884**

### **Aysgarth Falls**

With the school summer holidays approaching it will be one of the busiest periods at Aysgarth Falls and I am asking visitors and locals alike to clean up after their dog. We have noticed that with the increased number of people there has been an increased number of incidents of dog fouling. Aysgarth Falls is visited by a large number of families with small children. Dog mess as well as being hazardous can be offensive for buggy and wheelchair users and those who are visually impaired who often visit the site. A number of people are clearing up after their dogs using plastic bags but then throwing the bags into the woodland or leaving them at the side of the paths. A dog waste bin is provided at the entrance to the car park, it is there to be used. If your dog fouls a public place, including public footpaths, bridleways, open access land, pavements and car parks then you must clean up after it. Failure to do so may result in an on the spot £50 fine.

The Footpath through Forelands Plantation near West Burton is still closed owing to windblown trees and will remain so for the near future. Alternative routes are marked from each end of the closure. Subject to favourable weather conditions and river levels we intend to undertake some repairs to the riverside footpath between Woodhall and Aysgarth Falls on the River Ure adjacent to Lady Hill. Signs will be placed on the path advising of the works when the repairs to the river bank commence.

If you encounter any problems whilst using public rights of way or open access land you can contact either **Paul Sheehan** or myself on **666157** or **662912**.

**Nigel Metcalfe.**

### **Thornton Rust Country Show**

The 24<sup>th</sup> Country Show of Arts, Cookery, Flowers, Handicrafts, Photography, Produce and Wine will open at 2.30pm on Saturday, **August 12<sup>th</sup>** in Thornton Rust Institute. See the tallest sunflower, and the biggest onion, all grown during 2006. Teas will be served throughout the afternoon, there will be a plant stall and raffle; exhibits will be auctioned at the end of the show. Admission is £1 for adults, no charge for children.

## What's On at the Dales Countryside Museum

### Exhibition until the 6<sup>th</sup> September

"It's Rubbish" is the title of our summer exhibition. There are displays and lots of interactive things to do for all the family. Themes to explore are recycling, alternative energies, thinking globally and acting locally, how big is YOUR ecological footprint?

**1<sup>st</sup> August:** Spinning a Yarn. Spinning and rug making demonstration. Examples of weaving, felting, and dyeing explained. 2.00 to 4.00pm.

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> August:** Art in the Park. An afternoon of creative fervour for kids! Join our event leader for cutting, sticking, collecting and general mess making in the museum. Booking essential. Children under 8 years old to be accompanied by an adult. 2.00 to 4.00pm.

**28<sup>th</sup> July and 25<sup>th</sup> August** Chainsaw Sculpture Demonstration. What will chainsaw sculptor Andris Bergs carve out of wood? Come and watch as he creates an exciting new sculpture out of local wood at the museum. 2.00 to 4.00pm.

**8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> August:** Traditional Dry Stone Walling Demonstration. 2.00 to 4.00pm.

**9<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> August:** Hawes Town Trail. A 2 mile walk (3.2km) around Hawes and surrounding area looking at the history, industry and buildings in the area. 2.15 to 4.30pm.

**10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup> August:** Birds of the Yorkshire Dales. One of a series of lunchtime lectures exploring the birds of the Yorkshire Dales. 12.30 to 1.30pm.

**13<sup>th</sup> August:** Quilting Demonstration. 'Drop in' and have a go! Watch as your tutor, Kate Trusson shows you step - by - step how to make your own quilting using

traditional north country techniques. Kits will be available to buy. 10.00am to 4.00pm.

**13<sup>th</sup> August:** Pathfinder Basics. A full day course learning basic map and compass knowledge, with an opportunity to practise your new skills with an easy 4 mile (6.4km) walk around Hawes and Hardraw. Minimum age 12, booking essential. 10.15am to 4.30pm. Stout footwear, waterproofs and a packed lunch required.

**18<sup>th</sup> August:** Batwatch. Join local experts from the North Yorkshire Bat Group on this ever popular evening of bat spotting. Booking essential. Please wear warm clothing and stout shoes. Bring a torch, midge repellent and a bat detector if you have one. 8.00 to 10.30pm.

**27<sup>th</sup> August:** Digital Photography - Beginners Course. Tutor led workshop with practical location photography and classroom work. Booking essential. Bring your camera equipment, plus a packed lunch/drinks. Under 16s to be accompanied by an adult. Not suitable for children under 12. 10.00am to 4.00pm

## **Cultural Alternatives**

In my French media lesson today I came across a disturbing fact: out of every ten programmes that a French teenager watches, seven or eight are American. Now a regular, heavy dosage of differing culture and language for ‘the next generation’ doesn’t say much for the continuity of French identity. However, the situation in our own country differs very little. It takes only a second for American show names to trip off the tongue: *Lost*, *Desperate Housewives*, *Friends*... And although the French react strongly – and often seemingly petulantly – against such diluting of national identity and language, the English press seems simply to portray them as ‘bad losers’ in a battle of language where English is emerging as the global lingua franca.

However, it may well be us who prove to be the losers. While some politicians argue passionately against including Britain in Europe on the grounds that our identity as a country will slip away, people regularly visit Americanised cinemas where they drink coke and eat popcorn while watching the latest rubbishy blockbuster churned out of Hollywood. Such phrases as “Sweet”, “...like totally...”, “yeah dude!”, “listen man...” are to be heard in various accents around the country (although even accents may be harder to differentiate soon). L’Académie Française seeks to exorcise unwanted Americanisms and developments from French despite many words such as “le talk-show” slipping through the net. Americans seem to be mocked on a global scale. Yet the more their culture filters through the TV programmes we watch and the “songs” we hear on the radio, the more young people aspire to belong to it – to have a slice of that fresh, polished, powerful identity we are so familiar with now.

And that perhaps is the point – nations do not comfortably accept the fundamental distinctions that make them different. The American way of life is constantly derided and anti-French, anti-Arab or anti-Irish jokes abound. However, suppressing the availability of different cultural influences is no answer. While it would be wrong to allow the wholesale corruption of our own language and culture, it is only through being part of the global community recognising, tolerating, even welcoming differences that we will learn to respect the wonderful diversity of mankind.

**Megan Price, Bursary Student**

## **Stalling Busk**

On **August 26th, 27th and 28th** there is a Flower Festival at St Matthew's Church, Stalling Busk, refreshments available from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.

The annual Semerwater Lakeside service is on **Sunday August 27th at 3.00pm**

## **Ginger Tree**

Carol and Kathy are glad to welcome a new stylist to join them at their holistic hair and beauty salon in Hawes. She is Sandi Collins of Marsett, who was formally at a salon in Richmond.

## **Aysgarth Choral Society**

Practices begin again in the Aysgarth Institute on Tuesday **September 5th** at 7.30pm.

## Letter

On page 34 of issue no. 116 (July) of the UWNL there is a footnote by you about Janet Harker's reference to a fourth Templars' Stone.

Before Jean Kington, the diligent local historian, left the area she sent me a print of what could be the fourth stone. On the back of the print is written 'found by Jonathan Kington not far from the Templars' on the boundary between Temple Farm and the parish of West Burton which is also the boundary of the Manor of Thorlby'

The stone is built into a field wall. Roughly 12 inches square, the face of the stone is divided into 4 segments formed by shallow channels cut from the centre to the corners.

The channels appear to be tapered from the centre to the outside with an estimated maximum width of a little over an inch.

I believe Jonathan lived in a bungalow in the Sorrelsikes area; he was going to be my guide but left the area before I could stir myself sufficiently to go and get my own photograph.

Yours sincerely,

**Robin Minnitt, Askrigg  
Wanted**

Does anyone know the identity of the lady or gentleman who tends the garden around the AA box on the A684 just after the bridge on the right hand side after leaving Aysgarth going towards Leyburn?

We thought this unsung hero deserves a mention as the garden always looks neat and tidy and well cared for. It is a credit not only to the Dale but to the people concerned.

## Hawes United football club

This year's sponsored walk will take place on **Sunday August 13th** to raise funds for the club, and will be from Ingleton to Hawes. For sponsor forms (or to take part and give a donation) please contact **Sheila Alderson, Inverdene, Hawes; 667408**

Sponsor forms are also available from the White Hart, Hawes. Expected departure from Hawes is 9.15 am and offers of transport to take entrants to Ingleton would be welcome.

## Hawes and District Care Committee

This committee was formed when the Nursing Association ceased in 1948. It consisted of a representative from each village in the area and was to help people who were not so well-off after the second world war— e.g. people going into hospital were helped with night-wear; coal was bought for those struggling to pay for it.

Reading through the minutes shows a lot of people have been helped, and I'm sure they were grateful for it; I'm also sure that many people in the area have no idea that such a committee existed.

At our last A.G.M. it was decided that our help wasn't needed as it used to be. For example people are sent out of hospital with what is needed and so we thought it best to close. We had money in hand which it was felt should go to the Health Centre to buy something which was needed there.

So a new E.C.G. machine was decided upon and £907.76 has been handed over to go towards this. We still have two wheelchairs, so if any money comes in from the loan of these, that will also go to the same cause.

The committee is most grateful to Barclays Bank staff for auditing the accounts all these years and for being so helpful.

**Jean Airey**

## WHAT'S ON LISTING

### July

- 28-30 Preston under Scar Art Exhibition; see page 15.
- 29 St Margaret's Hawes, Summer Fair from 10.30 am. Market hall.
- 29 Concert; St. Andrew's, Aysgarth; see page 9.
- 29 Coffee morning, The Warren Aysgarth, in aid of minibus for the blind in the Gambia. 10.00am to noon.
- 30 Car Boot Sale, Leyburn.
- 30 Burtersett Show.
- 30 Cricket match, Hawes Cricket Ground, 2.30 pm.
- 30 Hawes Town Trail. Meet N. Pk. Centre 2.15 pm. 3k
- 31-2 The Bible Today, Hawes Market Hall, 10.00am–6.00pm; see page 15.

### August

- 1 Yorkshire Day!
- 2 Ribbleshead Viaduct shanty town archaeological tour, 10.30am and 1.15pm, tel: 01274 581051
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Dales Discovery slide talks; see page 39.
- 2-5 Leyburn Annual Art Exhibition; see page 15.
- 3 'Women in Business' event. See page 16.
- 5 Grand Benefice Sale, Carperby 10.00am to 4.00pm; see page 11.
- 6 Cream Teas, Redmire Village Hall, 2.00-5.00 pm.
- 7-11 King's Club
- 8 Guided walk: Redmire Force and High Lane. 15k. Meet West Burton village Green, 11.00 am
- 8 YDNPA planning committee; Yoredale at 10.30 am
- 10 Craft Fair, Hawes.
- 12 Hardraw church event; see page 16.
- 12 Rubbish skip in Hawes; see page 24.
- 12 Thornton Rust Show; see page 31.
- 13 Guided walk: Mossdale and Cotterdale. 13k. Meet Appersett 11.00 am
- 13 Hawes Football Club sponsored walk. See page 34.
- 13 West Burton Methodist Church

- Anniversary. 6.30pm. Rev H. Dubois, Reeth Band. Supper to follow
- 13 Thoraby Village Fete; see page 36.
- 13 Hawes cricket club; Jimmy Gregson memorial game from 2.30 pm
- 13 W. Witton cricket match followed by Anglican/Methodist evensong, 6.00 pm
- 16 Guided walk: Nature discovery. Aysgarth Falls N. Pk Centre, 11am
- 16 Guided walk: Shaping the Dales. Meet Aysgarth Falls N.Pk Centre 2.00 pm
- 20 Aysgarth Methodist Church Songs of Praise led by Mr. A. Dinsdale. 6.30pm
- 23 Ribbleshead archaeological tour; as August 2nd.
- 26 Wensleydale Show; Leyburn
- 26-27 West Witton. St Bartholomews Feast Weekend with history display in the Church.
- 26-28 Christening & Wedding Gowns display, Hawes Junction Chapel, 10.00am-4.00pm; see page 23.
- 26-28 Stalling Busk flower festival; see page 33.
- 27 Semerwater; annual lakeside service at 3.00 pm
- 27 Guided walk: By Castle and Byway. 12k. Meet Bolton Castle car park, 11am
- 27 Marsett chapel singalong 8.00 pm
- 27 Low Mill Anniversary Open Day, 1.00pm; see page 5.
- 28 Askrigg & District Produce Show, 3.00pm, Askrigg Village Hall.
- 30 West Witton Harvest supper; village hall



### **He's right, you know!**

The editor, fresh from but jet-lagged by his holiday, was approached outside Hawes P.O. by a reader muttering something about physics and energy... and the first line of last month's editorial. He didn't like "We're running out of energy"; he was quite right, and of course as everybody knows(!) the Conservation of Energy states that 'Energy can neither be created nor destroyed'. But you got the gist of what we were saying! Now who do you think it was!?

**A.S.W.**

### **Dales Discovery 2006**

The annual slide shows and talks for visitors and residents at Hawes Methodist Church, Wednesdays at 8.00 pm.

**August 2** Landscapes and Wild Things;

Leonard Shepherd from the  
Wensleydale Camera Club

**August 9** Nature's Year; David Alred,  
Burley in Wharfedale

**August 16** Walkers and Wildlife; David  
Slater, English Nature

**August 23** The Limestone Dales;  
David Coates, Northallerton  
Camera Club

**August 30** Along the Pennine Bridleway;  
Gareth Edwards, Project  
Officer

Adults £2.00 and children £1.50

### **Aysgarth Village Fair**

Aysgarth Village Fair will take place on bank holiday **Monday, 28 August** from 1.30pm. When stalls, side shows, teas and a raffle will all be on offer. Entertainment will be provided by the Hawes Prize Silver Band. A Whist Drive will follow in the evening at 7.45pm.

**A LETTER TOO MANY; for your entertainment**



*They were hopelessly lost in the dessert.*