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## Editorial

They say that timing's everything. To get something done which you know will be unpopular, or at least very debatable, do it in the late summer when we are all more concerned with our holiday plans or enjoying as much good weather as we can get. At a national level, parliament is not in session, 'leaders' at all levels of society are often out of the country, schools are on holiday so we are lost in our own family affairs and concerns.

A perfect time then for what surely has been, maybe still is, in effect, a full-blown war in the Middle East, described by some as a proxy war between the USA and Iran/Syria. True, the TV and the papers are full of it all, and although there have been some concerned demonstrations, the laid-back holiday mood doesn't fire us up to do anything except sigh and say how dreadful it all is, or "I'm sick of it". Maybe that's what the politicians want, and with the exception of Presidents and Prime Ministers there's precious little to be heard from any others.

What seems to be becoming clear, but is seldom admitted, is that the heavy-handed approach to war in this present age only tends to make things worse, and yet most countries especially those with the greatest power continue to build up their heavy, and nuclear, arms. There are enough in the world to blow us all to pieces; and yet they seem to be no deterrent at all to terrorism or even the threat of it in which we can all get caught up as demonstrated at our airports; neither is such weaponry any use against the power and world-wide influence of the internet.

What can we do? There is so much talk about bringing 'democracy' to these other countries, but we ourselves supposedly live in one and the voices and opinions of as many of us as possible need to be heard. Of

course there will be differences of opinion but there is no doubt at present there is wide-ranging public concern at the horrendous loss of innocent lives and the mindless destruction of infrastructure and homes. There is urgent need for the reduction in aggression. Talking and negotiation will have to come.

The other great concern of all countries just now is the rapid using up of energy resources and the destruction of the environment. There's a link here: a pity that the vast expenditure on heavy armaments, using energy to produce and energy to deploy, is never taken into account when countries are all urged to 'cut down' on energy use. Add to that the energy used to manufacture one jet fighter, or one bomber, or one replacement nuclear submarine, one bomb or even one missile let alone all of them; or alongside the energy which will now have to be used to rebuild all the devastated war damaged infrastructure and buildings as a result of aggression.

We have to believe that in a democracy our leaders are sensitive to the opinions of electors. Why not, now the holidays are drawing to a close, get fire in your belly, and write to all our influential politicians with your views.

In view of the events of the last month we felt that for once this editorial should step outside the immediate Dales area and its local concerns. We know we live in a remote area, but we also live in, and are not at all immune from, the wider world.

### **Eunice**

I was hiding in the WAFTA awards picture last month and the winner was **Laura Cloughton, Hawes.**

How many of you can spot me this month?

### **Art Exhibition**

An exhibition of work by artist Elaine Clarkson, friends and students takes place at Tennant's Auction centre from 1pm Monday September 18th and each subsequent weekday from 9.00am until 5.00 pm September 29th. Free entry.

### **Skill Sharing**

Starting in September the Community Office are looking to run a selection of short sessions, where you can come and share your skill with others, or learn from someone else. Sessions already scheduled include: How to discover your family history, a beginner's guide to shopping on e-bay, and a short course on how to make your own greeting cards. Please let us know if you have a skill you would like to share with others, as we are always looking for new ideas!

For further details, look out for posters, or call the Community Office on **667400.**

## Competition

### Well-known Yorkshire people

1. FIERY NO MORE
2. MUSICAL FRED
3. FROM CREASE TO BALLROOM
4. "BELIEVE NOT THOSE WHO SAY"  
SHE WROTE
5. HIS LAST NAME MUDDLES JUST  
THAT! HE WASN'T A SAILOR.
6. FELINE PEEPERS MAN
7. WHARFEDAILE CHAIRMAN?
8. METHODIST BEHIND THE  
CINEMA GONG
9. HE RUNS DOWN GARSDALE
10. HER DAD IMPORTED HERRINGS--  
SHE TOOK FLIGHT
11. MUSICAL BREAD-MAKER?
12. BROTHER PAUL WAS LORD  
MAYOR OF BRADFORD
13. IT'S VERY SMALL, BUT HE SPLIT  
IT
14. B.B. IN "ORDER"
15. LOU READS THIN RON

### Questions, questions

How is it that we put a man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on bigger suitcases?

### Treasure Hunt Answers

**Sedbusk.** A) Four oaks B) P.M. Chapel  
C) 1983 D) Mosaic tiled picture

**Askrigg Cross** A) No cooking or sleeping  
in cars B) Wall-mounted street light C) one  
top spike missing and five flat top-motifs  
(round in the side street)\* D) hollies (in  
churchyard)\*

**Newbiggin** A) Barn-- arches B) Pound  
cottage C) 7 bells D) "Keep off" on  
electricity supply pole

**Carperby** A) Date stones at opposite ends  
of village hall\* B) BS 497 (on grid) C) The  
"Inn Way" D) James Herriot honeymoon

**Wensley station** A) Alderson's B) 1 (one)  
in the house number C) clock on the old  
station D) Please call at back door

**West Witton cemetery** A) by the bench  
"In memory of one who loved the Dales  
and was much beloved" B) Horse\*  
C) ...Strek D) 18 crosses

**Thorlby** A) Machell B) Her own hand \*  
C) 96 D) on the 'H' hydrant signs

**Aysgarth Falls** A) Two windows on old  
mill, river side B) 49 steps C) carding and  
spinning D) 'Wild local poppy seeds'

**Countersett** A) Entrance (to Meeting  
House) B) Stone cat on roof of outbuilding  
C) Key to notice board D) on blue-topped  
post reading 'Countersett'\*

\* = 3 points.

### Treasure Hunt

There have been a good number of entries to the competition from up and down the dale, but the clear winners by just a few points were both **Andrew Ferguson and Robert Walker**. Of all the entries these were the only ones to correctly find the differently patterned tops to the railings in Askrigg, and as Andrew Ferguson was last year's winner, we have awarded the prize to Robert Walker. Thank you to all those who sent messages saying they had enjoyed the hunt.

### **Why not try a meal...**

at the newly refurbished White Rose Hotel at Askrigg?

The Atkinson family (Richard, Susan and Carl) moved to the White Rose from the Palmer Flatt Hotel Aysgarth about a year ago. They undertook a complete refurbishment of the hotel including the 11 letting rooms (all en-suite), the bar and restaurant. They offer a wide range of food freshly cooked to order and use local produce whenever possible.

They are now seeing the results of their labours with trade increasing in the hotel, restaurant and bar from both locals and visitors. **S.E.D.**

### **Clothes collection**

The clothes collection at St Margaret's church, Hawes, in July raised £190.44 for the Great North Air Ambulance and £56 for the church.

Many thanks to everyone who donated.

**Janet Middleton**

### **Moorcock Show**

#### **The ninetieth!**

This year's show will be held at Mossdale on **Saturday September 2nd** which is two weeks earlier than in the past and will therefore be able to include mule gimmer lambs in the competitions. Awards include the Duke of Cornwall Trophy presented by Prince Charles in the 1980s.

This year's show includes again the craft tent. There is to be a car boot sale, pet show, children's sports and pony rides, and a bouncy castle (*insurance cover permitting!*). As it is the 90th show there will be a display of photographs going back over the years. The car boot sale is from **11.00 am** and the judging and other events from **12 noon**.

### Thank you Askrigg School

Mrs Linda Cork would like to thank the Governors, Staff and parents of Askrigg School for their generosity in giving her such lovely gifts to mark the occasion of her leaving the school. The school is situated in one of the most beautiful locations in the country and to be given among my other gifts a painting by a local artist of the view from the window is a real delight. It has been a wonderful school to work in for the past 3 plus years and the warmth shown to me is typical of this lovely and welcoming school. I would also like to thank the many children whose personal gifts will be treasured (or eaten!) in the future. Best wishes to all involved with the school community.

Linda Cork



Each band will play an own-choice programme including a hymn tune and a march. A 'stand-up' solo is optional. There is likely to be a small exhibition of old posters, programmes and photographs.

The contest will conclude with a massed finale. Adults £6.50; children £3.00. Full catering.

The bands: *Barnoldswick, Bedale Brass, Broughtons Brass, Chorley Silver, Cockerton Silver, Sowerby Bridge Friendly, Gawthorpe Brass '85, Harrogate, Leyburn, Shepherd Building Group, Milnrow United Co-op and Wetherby Silver.*

### Band Lights up Hawes

Hawes Prize Silver Band together with New Voices gave a concert in Hawes Market House on **July 15<sup>th</sup>**, in aid of the Hawes Christmas Lights Fund. The band, conducted by Stan Roorcroft, gave the usual excellent performance playing a wide range of modern and classic brass band material. New Voices, comprising local girls between 8 and 14 years old, led by Barbara Roorcroft, impressed and delighted the audience with their cheerful poise and obvious talent – clearly the stars of tomorrow. Food and light refreshments were supplied by the mums, the band and its supporters.

In a year when some of the Christmas displays are now beyond economic repair and need to be replaced as well as greatly increased insurance costs, the concert raised a very welcome £460 for the Hawes Christmas Lights Fund.

Thanks go to all who made the concert such an enjoyable evening and a financial success, particularly Stan and Barbara who thought of and organised this event for the Christmas Lights Fund.

A.M.

### **Can anybody go?**

This is the question being asked by several people about the new “Sycamores” restaurant now advertising with us, and situated in the Sycamore Hall complex in Bainbridge.

**The answer is very definitely ‘yes’** as an increasing number of locals as well as the Hall’s residents are calling in for snacks, all-day breakfasts or full lunches— and several times a week. When the new signboards are in position it should also be attracting walkers and local workers.

Young Lindsey and Kerry Sleightholm (23 and 20) from Hawes could hardly believe their good fortune in winning the franchise from the property owners, Housing 21, and are really pleased to have the superb smart facilities, light, airy, well-furnished and relaxing, in which to work.

Catering seems to be in the blood because as soon as they were old enough they were busy in the White Hart, Hawes, where the family is involved, and Lindsey has had some time cooking at High Hall.

The wide, straightforward menu (though not ‘over the top’) is carefully prepared to cater for all tastes; they are doing some take-away meals, can arrange buffets and have already catered for two group bookings. There are 40 seats.

The present opening times are 10.00 am to 3.00 pm daily but will be changing as the development of the whole complex proceeds. The phone number is **650782** for information.

I enjoyed Sunday lunch there, with several others, a couple of weeks ago.

We wish them well. **A.S.W.**

### **St Margaret’s church, Hawes Summer fair**

St.Margaret’s Church held a very successful Summer Fair in the Market House on 29th July which raised a net sum of £2427. There were various stalls in the Hall

which included a cake stall, a produce stall, tombola, and children’s stall in addition to refreshments throughout the day.

Mr Graeme Thompson, a retired member of Barclays Bank in Liverpool, raised £454 at a band concert by Muker Silver Band in the evening at the Market House with an attendance in excess of 100 . Barclays then matched the funds raised under the employee £ for £ scheme.

The total funds will enable the church to carry out some essential repairs and will also be used for the benefit of the local community. In view of the success of this event it is intended to repeat it next year.

### **Organ donors!**

The organ in the Methodist Church in Hawes, used frequently at services, songs of praise, for the Wensleydale Chorus and at monthly coffee mornings is to undergo some significant renovation by Peter Wood and Sons who describe it as ‘ a very good instrument worthy of the best attention’ The church is not open during the week while the work proceeds but Sunday services are not affected. Anyone wishing to make a donation towards the costs should contact Geoff Phillips, the church treasurer **650117**

The first Sunday that this work was announced in the church, there was, very fortuitously in the congregation Philip Scriven the organist of Lichfield Cathedral who has offered his services for a recital when the work is completed. Watch for details.

### **Hawes Drama Group**

The first play reading will be on Tuesday September 5th when the new season begins with a series of murder mystery plays – the first being “A Murder is Announced” by Agatha Christie. The Group meets monthly at Gayle Institute at 7.30pm. New members would be warmly welcomed. For any further details tel. **Norma Fowler** on **667044**.

### **Darts A.G.M.**

Upper Wensleydale Ladies Darts A.G.M. will be held at the Fountain in Hawes on Wednesday September 27th at 8.00 pm. Any pubs wanting to enter a team this year should attend this meeting or contact **Becky, 667245** or **Mandy, 667206** by September 25th

### **Come, ye thankful...**

The Hawes Auction Mart is again the venue for the Methodist church’s evening harvest service at 6.30 pm on September 17th . There is a return visit of Rev Inderjit Bhogal, past president of the Methodist Conference who will conduct the service at 10.30 am

### **The sixth show- and another beautiful day!**

If you want to arrange an event in fine weather, contact the Burtsett Show Committee; they have the knack of doing it. This year’s, the sixth, was held in lovely sunshine on Sunday afternoon July 30th with the participation of almost the whole village, and attended by many visitors from the Metropolis (Hawes), making the flagged path from there like a highway!

Doreen Raw, opening the show with her husband Thomas, which she felt was a great privilege, said that despite losing its shop and chapel over the years, this very small village with its refurbished village institute and active community had to be congratulated for putting on this now annual event. She wasn’t put off her stride either as a gaily-clad member of the visiting “Minstrel Strays” obliviously wandered in front as she spoke! These Strays performed some spirited Morris dancing, the cream teas were good, there were many entries in the various handicraft classes showing for example that the arts of writing Limericks, creating miniature gardens in tins or growing staggeringly large sticks of rhubarb are not yet dead!

There were bargains to be had on the stalls– like the old lawn mower lovingly trundled all the way back to Hawes- a few side shows and plenty of good humoured chat. A hugely successful event. **A.S.W.**

## **Codes and Ciphers**

W.E.A. course  
Tutor David Woolley.

Ever since man could write, people have wanted to pass on secret messages.

Using encrypting methods from ancient times to the present day, computer programmes, prepared documentation and demonstrations, the course will bring together some of the past and current methods used to write secret messages.

Wherever possible, the use and value of a particular code or cipher will be placed within the context of the events of its time, including the present day. Although historical events were often of a serious nature it is intended that the course should provide the opportunity for more light-hearted code and cipher making and breaking, with weekly competitions for those wanting further challenges.

The Course, organised by the W.E.A., is of seven sessions commencing on Wednesday October 11th from 7 - 9 pm. and subsequent Wednesdays: October 18th then November 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29th and will be held in Askrigg School. The cost £28.00. Enrolment at first session. For further information contact **Jane Clarke 624393**.

## **Soup and Sweet lunch**

Bainbridge WI are holding their first Soup and Sweet Lunch after the summer break.

It will be held in Bainbridge Village Hall on **Monday, September 25th** from 12 noon until 1.00 pm.

Cost £4 per head including tea or coffee.

Everyone Welcome.

**Carolyn Rukin 650544**

## Hidden History of the Dales

**L**ed by the Dales Countryside Museum, "Hidden History of the Dales" will explore the untold stories of black and Asian people in the Yorkshire Dales and the surrounding area.

The project is being undertaken in partnership with the North Yorkshire County Record Office. It will introduce pupils to the concept that people of various origins have passed through or settled in the Dales for thousands of years and will encourage an understanding and appreciation of Dales heritage.

An exhibition will be developed for display and the Museum hopes that local people, family history groups and history societies will be able to contribute to the project, telling their own stories and presenting their own research so that it can be used to inspire young people.

Anyone with information they think may be of interest, who is interested in being involved, should contact Fiona Rosher or Debbie Allen at the Museum on **666210**, by email to [dcm@vorkhiredales.org.uk](mailto:dcm@vorkhiredales.org.uk)

### Are you interested in ...

local history, genealogy or the history of your house? North Yorkshire County Council Record Office will be holding an exhibition at the Dales Countryside Museum on **Sunday 10th September**. Come and talk to members of staff from the Record Office, try out our new online catalogue and start your journey of discovery! Basically, we're launching **the "North Yorkshire's Archives Revealed"** project which has put collection level descriptions online. There'll be myself and Ruth Rising (the audience development officer) there to talk and answer any queries about family history, local history etc.

We're hoping to bring the following with us: laptops to show the new catalogue, leaflets about the Record Office in general and specific projects, Record Office publications to sell (giving details of our collections), promotional goodies (balloons, pencils etc.), exhibition boards, digital images of a few local documents to give a flavour of what we hold.

**Vicky Hudson "North Yorkshire's Archives Revealed" Project Officer**  
**Tel: 01609 777585**

## Being a Bursary Student

This is my last contribution to the Newsletter as the Wensleydale School Bursary Student. I have written about many things over the last year, ranging from my time on an orchestra course in London to reflections upon some differences in attitude between southerners and northerners. They have been very kindly received and this time I would just like to comment upon the fantastic opportunity this bursary has afforded me.

However little time I have had as a result of the schoolwork my teachers seem to like demanding of me (“Oh lovely, thanks for handing that in...Here are the next five essays to do...”) I have always enjoyed sitting down and spending time thinking about what I’d really like to say. The time I had a protracted moan about my workload and revision duties was a relief for most people connected to me – it meant I’d said what I wanted to say and they didn’t have to listen to me whinge interminably anymore. My articles went through numerous drafts each time. Often they grew from one idea and evolved as I was writing, generally ending with a completely unrelated conclusion. As a result, I became used to modifying the beginnings to the endings I had written... Yet it wasn’t simply the articles I enjoyed. I also attended many of the newsletter committee editorial meetings – it is here that the content of the next publication is discussed, along with the letters sent in by readers. Before I began attending these meetings I was always confident that I understood the gist of most goings-on in Wensleydale. How wrong could I be? I came away from my first meeting with my head spinning, and over the next couple of months became progressively more clued up – I knew who was ‘doing’ Bed and Breakfast where, which pubs were doing well, which were not and how much money was raised by which society. I was astonished – and I sup-

pose a bit humbled to learn of the variety of Dales life. It was at these meetings that I was also able to indulge (ladylike, of course) as much as I wanted in the array of cakes and biscuits offered there. (I’d like to record that it was at my second meeting I tried courgette cake – if anyone reading this can let me in on the secret of this delicacy you’ll have my devotion forever.)

From another perspective, it has not simply been the pleasure of writing these articles and attending these meetings that has been beneficial to me. Having had to write a complete article every month my skill at writing has improved enormously (I think!). When constructing essays I used to sit for hours in front of the computer screen, painstakingly writing and rewriting each sentence. Sloths could have outstripped me... although the quality of their work maybe would have been even more questionable than mine. Now, after having to write for ‘real’ deadlines I can put pen to paper at a more acceptable pace and in the process have begun to develop a sneaking admiration for journalists. (Another article there?)

So, finally I have some people to thank: Alan Watkinson for offering ideas, lifts in his car and encouragement whenever I have needed it – he has been constantly generous and understanding; and the rest of the newsletter committee for welcoming me so warmly and giving me, a disorganised 17 year old, a brilliant responsibility and opportunity.

Now I’m off to Spain to test Wensleydale School’s teaching of Spanish – so, hasta la vista everyone. It’s been a privilege writing for you. I hope you’ve enjoyed it as much as I!

**Megan Price, Bursary Student**

## **New Local History Book**

**Y**ou are invited to the launch of a new local history book “Swaledale and Wharfedale Remembered” by Keith Taylor at the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes on **Saturday September 23rd** between 10.00 am and 5.00 pm.

It is a companion book to “Wensleydale Remembered”, published in 2004. It traces the stories of the lives and deaths of all the servicemen from Arkengarthdale (Tan Hill to Reeth), Swaledale (Keld down to Richmond), Littondale and Wharfedale who lost their lives during either the First or Second World wars, and places them back in the dales they would have been familiar with. It also tells of the arrival of the evacuees, the Army and the exploits of the Home Guard.

Many of the 520 photographs provide evocative pictures of farming, lead mining, quarrying, transportation in the dales and village activities prior to the Great War and during the 1920's and 1930's.

Refreshments will be provided. The author will be in attendance at the museum and signed copies can be purchased. Please drop in at some point in the day.

Further information can be obtained from Keith Taylor at Wensleydale, 4 Oker Road, South Darley, Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 2JQ or on **01629 732622** (Mobile **07790 575077**) or from Joyce Sunter, Manor House, Downholme, Near Richmond on **01748 822185**.

**Keith Taylor**

## **Make a difference**

On 28th October 2006 or any time between 21st October - 4th November, give one day to change the UK

Looking for change? Then this is the day. 110,000 people across the UK will be making change happen in one day. It's easy to be part of it.

Feel strongly

- About recruiting more volunteers or raising the profile of your work in your community
- About making your community safer?
- About conserving your local green space?
- About saving your local pool, community centre or landmark?
- About supporting your vulnerable neighbour?
- About sharing your skills with pupils in your local school?
- About something you want to change?

Join 110,000 people and volunteer for one day and change your part of the UK

You can register online, by phone or post:

- Receive a fantastic Action Pack
- Promote all your hard work on our website
- Encourage others to join you
- Be in the running for a highly glamorous award

Log on to [www.csv.org.uk/difference](http://www.csv.org.uk/difference), call **0800 284 533** or email [difference@csv.org.uk](mailto:difference@csv.org.uk) to register or obtain a registration form.

CSV are actively seeking all volunteer bureaux and volunteer centres who can organise and partake in activities, or encourage their network of local organisations to get involved.

**The Re-vive Partnership**

## **Wensleydale Railway**

**Leeming Bar to Castle Hills**

## **(Northallerton)**

There are two opportunities for this journey (no booking required):

**Bank Holiday Monday August 28th and Saturday September 23rd** (to coincide with Railfest week-end). Tickets £5 return/child £3. Dep. Leeming Bar at 18.45 (6.45pm).

**5-6 mile guided walks from the train Every Thursday in September**, based on the 10.35am train from Leeming Bar (and intermediate stations) and the 15.35 from Redmire. The walk is free with your Wensleydale Railway ticket; £2 otherwise. No need to book but suitable clothing and footwear are essential and bring your own refreshments, especially drinks, and meet the Walk Leaders at the named station at the start of the walk.

*Thurs. Sept 7th Leyburn to Redmire; Thurs Sept 14th Redmire & Bolton Castle Circular; Thurs Sept 21st Redmire to Leyburn; Thurs Sept 28th Leyburn & the Shawl Circular.*

**Monday September 11th** Deadline for Early Booking Discount - Day Out With Thomas event (Oct 14/15th)

[www.wensleydalerailway.com](http://www.wensleydalerailway.com) and Tel: **08454 50 54 74**

### **Askrigg and Bainbridge Junior Football 2005-6**

The U11 team won the trophy for Askrigg school in the Thornton Watlass tournament and winning the one day tournament on Tuesday 16th May against 15 other teams from various primary schools in the area. This was the 3rd year running and Askrigg get to keep the cup. Absolutely brilliant - well done to Steve Moffit, Shawn Kell, Ben Fawcett, Emily Allen, Jack Hammond, Jack Stephenson and Andrew Mackay.

End of season awards for the footballers:  
U12 Player of the match: George Handley  
U15 Player of the match: Richard Sunter  
Best newcomer: Finn Sheehan  
Most Improved Player U12: Ben Fawcett  
Most Improved Player U15:  
Tristan Prudden  
Best Goalkeeper: Andrew MacKay  
Best Defender: Emily Allen  
Most Sporting: Steve Moffit  
Player of the year: Richard Sunter

Thanks to all for participating and making it another fun season. Many thanks to all the parents for your continual support. Looking forward to the new season.

### **Dom, Lawrence and Bern Speedy responses**

Only shortly after the last issue came out, E. Skidmore from Thornaby on Tees contacted us with the first response for the mystery picture (It was in Carperby), and Jean Day of Thornton Rust was quickly off the mark with the location of the 'Postcard from...' which was "sent" from Hebden Bridge. We don't get far!!



The theme this year was IN THE FRAME as we looked at some of the events in the life of Jesus and some of the things he said as if they were being reported for King's Club TV! 138 children and young people enjoyed a varied programme of activities each day at Askrigg School. Here are reports from some of them:

This week I went to King's Club. We were in Class 7 and yesterday my group did plaiting and playing with water outside. We have assembly in the morning and in the afternoon. Ginger hurt his head because he fell out of a tree! Ginger is in the puppet show. I did a flower called a daffodil and a penguin in hot beads.

**Laura Williams aged 7**

I liked King's Club this year. I like the helpers and I like doing the actions to the songs. I especially like the singing hippo and the 'What Happens Next' clips.

**Edward Loveless aged 9**

The Extras was great this year (as always!) and I especially enjoyed all the fun tasks we did at Semerwater including canoeing, the obstacle course, finding the Dead Man's Chest and finishing with a water fight. It's brilliant to go somewhere you can have fun but learn about Jesus at the same time. All I can really say is I can't wait for next year to come!!!

**Hannah Hughes aged 12**

A good number of parents and friends joined with us for a barbecue at the School on Saturday evening. They were also able to sample some of the crafts and other activities which the young people had enjoyed during the week.

We are grateful to the teachers and governors of the School for once again

making us so welcome. Many thanks to all who helped to make the week a success. As usual we still have some items of lost property - please claim them!

**Nelson and Heather Caplin 667625**

### **Action Medical Research**

This forward-thinking charity is now fifty years old. Its founder, Duncan Guthrie was a remarkable man, having served in Churchill's Special Operations Executive during the Second World War. In 1949, his 18-month old daughter contracted paralytic polio, then as now, a terrifying disease. Not a man to sit around wringing his hands, he threw his considerable energies into setting up research funds to find a vaccine which would prevent the condition. There is no cure. In 1952, the National Fund for Poliomyelitis Research was established, and this after several transformations, ultimately became Action Medical Research. Over the years the charity has broadened its scope to support many areas of medical research. Indeed, there are few projects at the forefront of modern treatments in which money from AMR has not been involved. Far too much to refer to here, further information can be found on our web-site: [www.action.org.uk](http://www.action.org.uk)

Typical income over the year is around £5.3 million, with committees and volunteers (such as ours) throughout the land contributing over £1.2 million. Our small Wensleydale Committee have raised £5 500 over the last four years.

Sadly, three members of our committee of six have had to finish this year because of pressure of other commitments to the Community. We have been a very happy, hard-working group, but unless we can recruit new members, we shall have to disband. If you feel you can help this very worthy Charity, and have fun at the same time, please have a chat with **Jackie Robinson or me, telephone 01677 422879 and 01969 663457 respectively.**

Following our successful Jazz at the Castle where we raised £800, our next event is the **Tea Dance in the Oak Room**

**of Thornborough Hall, Leyburn.** This will cost you £5 for a splendid tea, a great band in the Mike-Rose Trio, and some excellent company. The date is **Tuesday, September 26th from 2.00 'till 4.00pm.** See you there!

**Michael Mason, Chairman**

## Yoga

**A**lthough the word yoga is now well known across the population, it is difficult to tell how well people really understand what it means. Any media coverage can often suggest a vaguely exotic, imported and esoteric activity, though possibly having some health benefits for the less athletically inclined. Yet that too is something of a myth, as was illustrated to James Nesbitt's chagrin in a recent TV advert for Yellow Pages, and by the increasing inclusion of yoga stretching and relaxation techniques in the fitness regimes of top-class athletes, including Premier League footballers, rugby players and weight-lifters.

I believe one of the reasons for this is the unexcelled integral character of yoga as a health practice. By 'integral' I mean that the entire range of its discipline – which incorporates health and life in totality, body, mind and spirit – is internally consistent, every aspect of practice is mutually consistent with and reinforced by every other aspect, - whether you choose all or just part of it. And having evolved over 5000 years, its pedigree is unmatched.

In every era, the yoga philosophy of integrated wholeness, in every aspect of life, has attracted people seeking refuge from the fragmented ideologies, double standards, insanities and confusions which regularly afflict societies. In our modern world, where these afflictions and the stresses they generate are perhaps unprecedented, the simple, practical tools of yoga are as relevant as ever, perhaps even more so, - a view repeatedly endorsed by the discoveries of modern science.

Our perception of stress is not an accurate measure of what is now known about the biochemistry of stress in our bodies and minds. The research increasingly suggests

that most of the characteristics of our entire social system today keep us more or less permanently in a 'switched on' mode. Actually this isn't just hippie shorthand for being in the mainstream of life. It also refers to our bodies' sympathetic nervous system (part of our nervous system we're less conscious of, which governs things like digestion, heart-beat, blood pressure) which is responsible for our stress reactions. When this system is switched on all the body's healing, immune and maintenance mechanisms are inhibited. Moreover the research reveals (and my own experience as a therapist endorses it) people can get so habituated to the sympathetic mode that it stays locked on to some degree even when they think they are relaxed. (Biochemically speaking, relaxation is only successful when the sympathetic mode is switched off). This chronic imbalance helps to explain how illnesses and degenerative diseases can develop.

Yoga teaches simple skills proven to be effective in promoting all the opposite effects of the stress syndrome, and enhancing health at every level, for example how to relax successfully, breathe properly (and in ways to encourage energisation and relaxation), stretch safely (muscles need to be stretched as part of the relaxation process which promotes tissue maintenance), improve posture (enhances core muscle tone and many basic functions), correct muscle imbalances, alleviate back pain, reduce stiffness, handle emotions and stress more effectively, regulate blood pressure, strengthen immune system, maximise well-being, develop concentration, enhance mental clarity and decision-making, and generally slow down the ageing process.

See page 8 for details of classes

**Sue Lightfoot**

## Police report

Firstly let me apologise for the lack of crime reports over the last few months; I have been very busy and the days just are gone before you know it, however I am back and here is my offering.

Hawes has been subjected to various crimes over the last month or so and it would appear we have some criminals who are breaking into tradesmen's vans and stealing tools etc. Over night 13/14<sup>th</sup> July and 16/17<sup>th</sup> August vans were broken into in the Market Place and Little Ings and tools were stolen. Firstly if anyone sees anything let us know and secondly if you have a van with tools in. either remove them overnight (not easy I know) or make it very secure, with an alarm fitted if possible. You may also wish to consider marking your property with either a post code – Smartwater or something similar.

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August a person had their wallet stolen from their back pocket whilst walking around the market stalls. The crime was committed by one person bumping into them and distracting them, then another person lifting the wallet. The wallet was found abandoned nearby. You may not think this type of crime would happen in Hawes, well you are wrong – we are just as vulnerable here as in other parts of the county. Always keep your wallet/purse secure, i.e in your front pocket in the case of a wallet or well secreted if a purse.

We have had shoplifters in one antiques store in Hawes again. The offenders simply took the items from display and walked out, whilst distracting the shop assistant. These people do this for a living and are very good at it. You must be on your guard at all times. If you have valuables on show you may wish to consider CCTV; it is a bit pricey, but could save you a lot of money in the long run.

The plant pot thieves have been at it again; overnight 29/30<sup>th</sup> July some pots and shrubs went from the top end of Gayle. Last time a white transit van was almost certainly involved in these crimes – it was around late at night and if you see one or anyone acting suspiciously, ring us at the time.

We have had our first unofficial visitors to Gayle Mill – before it was open. They broke in through a door and let off a load of fire extinguishers in the building; it is believed that a keyholder disturbed them and they ran off. This happened at the end of July, if anyone knows anything please let us know. Could this be a local prank??

At 1.45 am on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July, persons were disturbed trying to steal a quad bike near Sedbusk. Believe you me these guys were determined and had broken through a supposedly unbreakable chain, however a pedestrian disturbed them and they ran off. A note to all farmers: ensure that your equipment is marked with your Smartwater and that your sign is displayed prominently

prominently on your premises. We have just received new stock, get in touch and we will give them to you free of charge.

Anyway that is enough bad news for now!!

Just to let you know our new covert speed detection equipment is working well and so far this summer we have caught over 50 speeders (yes, all motorcycles), but a word of warning, this is about speed detection and reducing accidents, it is not about persecuting motorcyclists who have just as much right to use the roads as we have. So be careful, we are using it more and more regularly and not just at weekends, so watch your speed!

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

**Dave Cousins**

**PC141 Community Beat Officer**

**HAOS:**

**Hawes Amateur Operatic Society**

**FIRST REHEARSAL**

In the National School room, (on the Hill) the first rehearsal for the Christmas production of 'Scrooge' will take place at **7.30pm on September 4th.**

All HAOS members are welcome to this first 'read-through' and a warm invitation is extended to newcomers.

**S.H.**

### **Hawes Bonfire & Fireworks Display 2006**

Following the recent report in the *D & S Times* detailing the withdrawal of insurance funding by the Parish Council, this year's display is now in serious doubt. Funding the appropriate insurance cover from within is cost prohibitive and unless sponsorship to cover these costs can be raised, the event will not take place this year. If you are able to offer sponsorship or can think of a way round this problem, please contact either **Harry Balderston on 667009** or **Richard Waring on 667499**.

A final decision on the event will be made within the next few weeks but if sponsorship cannot be raised, last year's display may well have been the last.

### **Richard Waring Chairman Hawes Fireworks Committee Heritage Open Days 2006**

All over the country during **September 7th to 10th** many properties for which there is usually an entry fee or limited access are open to the general public free of charge (as is the case with the Dales Countryside Museum). Full details, listed by county, can be seen on the internet; type in "Heritage Open Days 2006".

### **Book and equipment awards**

Students living within the Newsletter area who have just received A-level results are reminded of our award scheme. If they would like any help they should write in giving details of the university and course that they will be following.

### **Bainbridge and District Motor Club**

10 cars set off from the Station Yard Hawes for the 'Signpost' Rally with the added twist of 'Round & About'. It certainly was 'round & about' as the farthest we were supposed to travel was to Wensley. Mind you, some took the more scenic route and went to Kettlewell! Others just got lost in Hawes or Redmire or Aysgarth or even Preston-under-Scar! Having to go round the same grass triangles several times made one team member quite dizzy.

On the way round we had to count all wooden footpath/bridleway signs that were within spitting distance of both sides of the road (how far can you spit being the vital question!) and those signs spotted on walls were worth double points. There are an awful lot of footpath signs. 'Slippery road' signs had also to be counted. It did not stop there for things to be counted, as now it was the turn of 'tall orange propane gas cylinders' and one team had the advantage as they were the suppliers of the cylinders in the first place.

There were some interesting questions to answer on the way round e.g. what cost 5d in 1483? and how many Michelin men on the glass?

Thanks to Angus for organising this 'round and about' rally but the stress levels involved with the organisation had even forced his wife to temporarily leave home!

The winners of last month's rally were Muriel and Netta, 2nd were Will Thwaite and Matt Foster and joint 3rd were Ann Huntbach and Angela Lee and Andrew Foster and Fred Scarr.

The last rally of the season is on **20th September** and is being organised by Fred Scarr telephone number **650271** for details.

**Netta Davison**

**Before I lose my marbles**  
**Michael Weatherald has some more**  
**memories for us.**

**T**he first day of my school life - September 1927 at the age of five (I have now revealed my age -if you have a calculator!) was at Askrigg Church of England School, West End, Askrigg - the same elementary school my father attended and my two daughters - but now a private dwelling.

I sat in a desk with William Metcalfe from Nappa Scar. Willie wore brown velvet short trousers with white buttons, a velvet jacket and down below boots and stockings. My apparel was grey flannel shorts, a thick grey jersey (much too big but "he will grow into it"), the inevitable black boots, and grey stockings with garters. I envied some of the other new starters - girls and boys - they wore clogs,

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they clip-clopped when they walked or ran.

Children from 5 years old up walked morning (and evening return) from Thomton Rust, Cubeck, Worton, Woodhall and Nappa, they brought a packed lunch with whatever they drank, there was no lunch time support, they were entirely on their own, and they all became good citizens in later life!

**We sat in twos in an oak desk with tip up seat.** I had a slate and slate crayon plus a board with a wax crayon. I think it was the end of the slate era as later entries seemed to use pencil and paper. The desk had a 12 x 12 carved square grid - the 1927 calculator!

The school had three rooms accommodating 9 classes: Mrs Bearing - Babies (me), Infants and Standard 1; Miss Cole - Standard 2 and Standard 3; Mr Jex (Head) Standard 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Each class or standard had its own row, so Mrs Bearing had three rows. Miss Cole 2 rows and Mr Jex 4 rows.

The curriculum for year one (me) included, threading coloured beads (three red, two yellow etc), cutting out the outline of pictures from magazines with blunt edged, blunt ended scissors, modelling with plasticine, learning two times table.

The loos (**ha! The loos**). Mrs Bearing's room shared the loos with the older girls. The 5 to 7 year old boys had their own urinal - no screening - open to the elements. It was just a rough stone trough - no running water and it all ran into Annie Sander's garden; the older girls walked casually past us - 1927 sex education! There were three loos (technical name: earth closets!). Wood doors with a 6 inch gap at the top, scrubbed wood seats. Two were normal height, one much lower for us tots. Looking down the hole you could see daylight and feel the draught if it was windy weather. Mannie used to come with his horse and cart and empty the loos once a year. At the same time he emptied the ash pit - ashes from three fires for a whole year. I think his contract would be to take it up the hills to the Dirty Warren on the Muker road. My guess is he dumped the whole lot into Paddock Beck when in flood.

For a loo visit we had to raise our hands and say "**Please may I leave the room**" We soon found out that this was a good ploy during a boring lesson! We had a lot of drill (the fore runner of P.T), indoors if wet, outside if fine. The exercising was all standing up - the indoor floor was very rough and splinters abounded; outside the playground was just stony earth. Captain Prince used to come from County Hall once a year to check on our drill standard and physical fitness. (*cont. on next page*)

**T**he School Doctor came once a year. Mother had to fill a form in, ticking if we had had any illness: chicken pox, measles, whooping cough, mumps, rickets etc. We stripped to the waist and the Doctor sounded our chest and back with his stethoscope; it was very cold! The nurse came more often; for some reason she looked in our hair!! The School dentist came complete with wood chair and pedal drill. An exact replica of the pedal drill is exhibited at the Leyburn Dentist's — dentistry long ago!!

There were three very large sycamore trees in the north playground and one wild windy night one blew down completely blocking Mill Lane. The two that remained were then cut down and carted away.

Mr Lodge, an Askrigg gentleman of independent means, used to come to school frequently. He wore plus four trousers, Burberry and tweed trilby. When he entered the room we had all to stand up. He had a close whispering conversation with Mr Jex (nobody knew what it was all about). Then we stood as he went out.

Mrs Dearing would read stories to us and then show us how to form letters and figures which were relevant to the stories. The room had large pictures of nursery rhymes: 3 Bears, Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk. The cupboard in the corner was always a mystery - it had rows of picture books which we all longed to see. On the top shelf was a snake in a bottle (in methylated spirits); it had been caught in Mill Gill years ago — I wonder what happened to it?

**The heating was a blazing coal fire** in each room - very warm at the front for the teacher - starvation on the back row.

*(Later when I had learnt to read)*

The school was very much Church of England. Every morning we had to stand

and repeat the Lord's prayer and The Creed. Prompt at noon we stood and sang "Be present at our table Lord" - after lunch we started the afternoon by singing "We thank thee Lord".

We had extended scripture lessons learning the Magnificat and the Te Deum. This was all very well for most of them - they all had The Book of Common Prayer. I had no Prayer Book - my family were Methodist and I met with no success at home. I struggled on at a great disadvantage. When I had almost learnt the Magnificat by heart I found out that if you wanted a Prayer Book all you had to do was go along to the Church and 'nick' one!!

Twice a year, Ascension Day and Armistice Day, we marched to the Church for the 11.00 am morning service. We had a scripture examination (oral) once a year - the examiner was Rev. Richardson from Hawes - Rev Grice Hill's predecessor - and this was followed by a half day holiday.

Jane Hunter was the caretaker - Solomon the Sexton's wife (or was she his sister?) She would light the fires at 6.00 am and then return at 7.30 to stoke up! When we were leaving school at 3.30pm Jane was always standing at the gate. To us she was a slightly built frightening old lady with black dress down to her ankles and a hessian (harden) apron. Her right hand held a long mop, bucket and scrubbing brush, and an array of re-cycled dusters in her left hand. Jane had no Hoover, no detergents, perhaps some coarse soap - no hot water unless she boiled the kettle.

- but the school was always spotless. Rest in peace Jane.

### **Virtually New Shirley**

Shirley Wilson's shop may have been open only three days but I had to edge my way in sideways to have a word. There were plenty of ladies in there plucking all sorts of clothing from the rails, 'casual' 'formal' 'designer labels'. "I keep a good range in all sizes at very affordable prices!" said Shirley. Her bubbly personality seemed to be going down well with the customers.

The Dress Agency, (where people take in clothes that are nearly new, for Shirley to sell.) is a new venture, she told me, and (as I had already detected from her accent) she came from Essex and London and has started this business in Hawes.

"We all have clothes that seemed just right in the store and then they hang in the back of the wardrobe because we have changed our mind, (it's a girl thing!)"

Well, if you have garments that have never or hardly been worn that you don't want, consider taking them in to Shirley's, and you never know, you may find the perfect outfit on the rails. Shirley's shop is near the Hawes Post Office and is closed on Wednesdays. She can be contacted on: **667847** or Mobile: **07968075866**. Good luck Shirley! **S.H.**

### **Questions, questions**

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but checks when you say the paint is wet?

### **National Park Authority chairman and deputy re-elected**

Members of the National Park Authority have unanimously re-elected Craven District Council leader Carl Lis as their chairman for a third year.

He and Jerry Pearlman, who has been deputy chairman for the past two years, have been elected unopposed.

Mr Lis commented: "This is my third

year as chairman and, once again, it is an honour to serve the Authority in this way". He has been a YDNPA member since 1993 and is a Craven District Council Appointee.

### **Fundraising for the Air Ambulance in Newbiggin**

On Sunday July 16th, Brian White and Peter Waterfall held a party in their garden in Newbiggin in Bishopdale to celebrate their birthdays and, more especially the diamond wedding of Jean and Jack Daniels, Brian's sister and brother in law. Some seventy neighbours and other friends helped them celebrate on what was a beautiful sunny day.

The hosts suggested that a donation to the Air Ambulance Services would be more appreciated than cards or presents.. Their friends responded magnificently by giving donations to a total of **£900**. As most of the donations were accompanied by Gift Aid declarations, the taxman will also have to contribute a further £208, giving an overall total of a superb **£1108**.

Brian and Peter first became interested in supporting the Air Ambulance two years ago, when their neighbour fell downstairs and was taken in the helicopter to Northallerton. When they held a joint 70th and 50th birthday party shortly after, they again asked for donations, collecting £167 for the cause that year and £490 last year

They would like to thank all their friends from Newbiggin, Thoraby and as far afield as Sheffield for their generosity and support for these worthwhile local charities, far exceeding their hopes.

£ 800 has been sent to the Great North Air Ambulance and £100 to The Yorkshire Air Ambulance. **Peter Waterfall**

### **Sign of the times...**

You just tried to enter your credit card password on the microwave.

You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.

You call your son's beeper to let him know it's time to eat. He emails you back from his bedroom, "What's for dinner?"

Your daughter sells her homemade biscuits via her Web site.

You chat several times a day with a stranger from South Africa, but you haven't spoken with your next-door neighbour for months.

Your grandmother asks you to send her a JPEG file of your newborn so she can create a screensaver.

You pull up in your own driveway and use your mobile phone to see if anyone is home.

You buy a computer and 6 months later it is out of date and sells for half the price you paid.

Leaving the house without your mobile phone, which you didn't have during the first 20 or 30 years of your life, is cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it.

Using real money, instead of credit or debit, to make a purchase would be a hassle and take some mastering.

Cleaning up the dining room means getting the fast food bags out of the back seat of your car.

Your reason for not staying in touch with family is that they do not have e-mail addresses.

You consider second-day postal delivery painfully slow.

Your dining room table is now your flat filing cabinet.

Your idea of being organized is multi-coloured Post-it notes.

You hear most of your jokes via e-mail instead of in person.

You get an extra phone line installed so you can get phone calls.

You disconnect from the Internet and get this awful feeling, as if you just pulled the plug on a loved one.

You wake up at 2 a.m. to go to the bathroom and check your e-mail on your way back to bed.

You're actually reading this; and what's more, you're going to forward it to someone else!

### **Biofuels; Taking from Peter**

When something appears too good to be true, it usually is. We all know the butterfly effect and we've been around enough years to know that humans can rarely do anything in the ecosystem (I'm tempted to say 'right' here...) without affecting something else. So, biofuels are great yes? A sustainable fuel source to eke out dwindling fossil sources.

Consider:- food crops that are converted to fuel crops; almost as daft as harvesting fish to feed back to unsuspecting herbivores. Most biofuel is made from grain, last year 1.6 billion gallons were produced in Europe alone (the US is the biggest producer). There is an increasing starving global population; global donations of food grains are not plugging the gap and never will with the trends for more biofuel plants and the automobile culture of the affluent.

Consider:- the grain required to fill one 25 gallon tank would feed one person for a year. The grain required to fill that tank for a year (assuming once every two weeks) would feed 26 people. Makes you think.

**R.B.**

### **Surgery notes**

We would like to remind patients when ordering repeat prescriptions by phone to do so after 10.30 am at Hawes and preferably after 2.00 pm at Aysgarth. This will help staff to run the surgery more effectively and to prepare medications to be delivered to patients and villages in the mornings.



## Heavens Above

"Once in a blue moon" is one of those everyday expressions - like "Bob's your uncle!" - we tend to take for granted. But hearing some one use it recently prompted me into doing a bit of research to try and find out if the moon does ever appear blue and if this is as rare an event as the saying implies ?

Certainly at times the moon can take on a different colour from its familiar silvery lustre. It often appears a deep golden-yellow for instance, when it's low on the horizon, especially on a hazy night. During a lunar eclipse the earth's shadow, creeping slowly across the moon's surface, will sometimes turn it a coppery-orange colour, or even an eerie brownish-purple. Again, if your eyes are attuned to the light of a camp-fire (more likely a barbecue these days!), the moon can look slightly greenish, though this is purely a contrast effect as a result of your vision being 'fooled' by the bright red flames. Instances of the moon looking truly blue, however, appear to be extremely rare. The only definite ones I came across are the blue Moons apparently seen after violent volcanic eruptions such as the one on the island of Krakatoa in 1883, and vaguer sightings following large forest fires like those which occurred in Canada in the early 1950's. Vast amounts of volcanic dust and smoke are released into the atmosphere as a result of natural disasters such as these, and the fine particles in this material are apparently just the right size to scatter light enough to give a bluish cast to the Moon's appearance.

So there is such a thing as a blue moon, though let's hope in view of the above that none of us ever see one. The problem I haven't been able to solve, however, is that of Uncle Bob. Just who is this mysterious figure, and how come he's got so many nephews and nieces? Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

## Student success

We are pleased to report that among the students celebrating A-level results are two who have been very much involved with the Newsletter. Josh Cluderay, the pioneer ten years ago of our Children's Page and the mid-teenage whiz-kid with our desktop publishing has been awarded "A" grades in English, Psychology, Media studies and Film Studies. Cecily Pearson, our Bursary Student last year, who kept us on our toes, has achieved "A" grades in English, History and Religious Studies. She is off to Oxford and Josh is going to Sheffield.

**The Trustees of the  
Market House, Hawes**  
Market Place, Hawes, DL8 3QN  
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We have now completed the transfer of all work relating to the Market House from the Community Office. Individual letters have been sent to regular contacts.

All enquiries, bookings, invoicing, and payments will be now handled from the above address and telephone number.

An office has been created at the rear of the Market House, through the car park. This office will be open from 10.00am to 12.00noon Monday to Friday, manned by the caretaker, Les Bartle. Les will continue to do his caretaker duties and if he is not in the office, he will be in/around the Market House.

There is a new letter box at the kitchen door, (in the car park area), with a secure box which will be emptied daily should you simply wish to leave items.

The telephone has an answering machine for any messages, which will be responded to as quickly as possible. A mobile number is also available for out of office hours contact with Les, who is actively supported by all Trustees.

The Trustees are making genuine efforts to run the Market House from a self-sufficiency base, to improve customer service and develop the Market House in a variety of ways to benefit the community. It is appreciated that we may not have got everything 100% as any new system will need time to get established, and any feedback/comment from customers will always be welcomed. On behalf of the Trustees

**Sue Harpley, Chair**  
**Stan Roocroft, Treasurer**  
**Liz Beresford, Gwen Clark**  
**Peter Jackson, Norma Jones**  
**Claire Lambert, Linda and Tony Lumb**

## What's on at the Dales Countryside Museum, September

### 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?

### 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> September

Heritage Open Days at the museum with free entry to all.

### 10<sup>th</sup> September

Staff from the Public Record Office at Northallerton will be holding a Roadshow 10.00am – 5.00pm. Come and explore their "on line archives".

### 17<sup>th</sup> September – 18<sup>th</sup> October

"The Drover's Path" is an exhibition by Jonathan Middlemiss in various media exploring the landscape of Nidderdale and Wharfedale.

## EVENTS

**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. Charge £10

**3<sup>rd</sup> September:** Viking Day. Activities on a Viking Theme. Two Viking ladies will be making food and playing games. 10.00am to 4.00pm.

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

**8<sup>th</sup> September:** Autumn Jams and

Preserves. Come along to the farmhouse kitchen for a demonstration of traditional preserve and jam making. You may even pick up some tips on what to do with your own autumn glut of fruit. 11.00am to 4.00pm.

**14<sup>th</sup> September:** Upland Birds. One of a series of lunchtime lectures exploring the birds of the Yorkshire Dales. 12.30 to 1.30pm. Adults charge £2 or free with museum ticket.

**15<sup>th</sup> September:** An evening lecture as part of the Friends of DCM programme. Dr Duncan Bethell will talk about "After the Lead Mines Closed, Swaledale 100 years ago"  
7.30 pm (non - Friends welcome £1.00)

**24<sup>th</sup> September:** Digital Photography - Intermediate. Tutor led workshop with practical location photography and classroom work using the computer. 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. Charge £10

Contact the museum on **666210**. Email: [hawes@ybtic.co.uk](mailto:hawes@ybtic.co.uk). : [www.yorkshiredales.org.uk](http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk).

## **Dalesplay News**

We completed our REG'S Mini Maskathon on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2006.

We set off with our clown masks (that we had made earlier in the morning) and headed towards the creamery, passed the hens where we stopped to say hello! Over Beala Bank and down to Hawes park. Everyone made it with tremendous effort. We celebrated our achievement with a well deserved picnic followed by some party games. We finally set off back to Dalesplay once we passed the post office some children found it all too much and had a snooze whilst others picked up an ice cream on the way through town but however hard they tried they did not quite make the journey back before they were sleeping too!!!!

An astonishing £160 was raised and presented to Meningitis UK. A great big thank you to all children who participated, staff, helpers and all who sponsored and/or supported the event along the way.

### **A Big Thank you**

All at Dalesplay would like to say a great big thank you to the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter for their very generous donation towards educational books. Books are stimulating and all children of various ages can access different learning opportunities either looking at a book on a one to one basis or individually.

A table top sale was held in the market hall on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2006. Dalesplay provided the refreshments and we raised £111.25. Thank you to all who donated their time and/or refreshments.

**Di Burton, Manager**

## Letters

Dear Newsletter,  
Thank you to everyone, on the family's behalf, for the lovely letters, cards, flowers, good wishes in the Newsletter and fond memories of Tony (and his dog). He would have been so proud to have known how popular they were. Could I also say thank you for the flowers with no name attached left on my freezer.

Tony loved delivering the Newsletters- felt he was a 'postie' again.

So much kindness has been shown to us all during the very dark days, making the unbearable tolerable.

Thank you. **Joan Buck, Bainbridge**

Dear Editor,  
In the August edition you tell us that "August 1st is Yorkshire Day" and ask the question "Do other counties have their days?"

The answer is "Yes"!

November 27th is Real Lancashire Day, when Lancastrians everywhere are invited to raise a glass of port and drink the toast "The Queen, the Duke of Lancaster".

Don't ask me why it is Real Lancashire Day- I have no idea.

Yours sincerely,

**Allan Boyd, Thoraby**

*(We've no idea either, because we thought Lancashire was just the figment of someone's evil imagination! Presumably those living in the area now in 'Lancashire' which was taken away from real Yorkshire in 1974 will not be partaking. We're only (half!) joking. Ed.)*

## Apology

It's been brought to our attention that after the surgery notes in the last issue we placed a somewhat trivial 'filler'.

The juxtaposition of these two articles was careless and insensitive and was done in haste just before printing. We intend to check more carefully in future.

## A branch of the Tree

Ginger Tree Health and Beauty of Hawes has opened a branch in the Stone House Hotel, Sedbusk with a health and beauty treatment room for guests and local residents.

There is to be an Open Afternoon on **Saturday, September 16th from 2.00 to 6.00 pm**- a chance to look round, with wine and nibbles.

**Wensleydale Community  
Learning Centre  
Courses for 2006/2007**

Many thanks to everyone who has been enquiring where our programme of courses is for September 2006, it is really appreciated. By the time this edition of the Newsletter is printed our door to door delivery should have taken place with plenty of time to enrol before courses begin the week beginning Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September (if you have not received your copy please get in touch and we will make sure you are sent one).

There will **not** be an enrolment evening at Askrigg this year and we ask that you contact us as soon as possible to register for your place on one of our courses or call in and discuss your options with us.

This year for reasons beyond our control we have had to produce two separate publications: one for Craven College and one for the new North Yorkshire County Council 'Adult Learning Service'. We are as committed as ever to work together ensuring everyone has access to their choice of learning.

In addition to our existing courses we are delighted to be offering more options this year which also include some short tasters to allow you to try out new subjects. We are delighted to be able to offer the new NVQ in Children's Care, Learning and Development; GCSE Maths and English as part of our new Access to Higher Education course as well as the YMCA Fitness Instructors award and a range of other Sport, Fitness and Development Planning options.

Building work has also been taking place over the summer holidays in readiness for the launch of the new Gym and Fitness Suite in partnership with the Yorebridge Sports Development Association (opening October 2006).

For more details please contact: Colin Bailey 01969 650060 or 07711 211169 email: [colinbailey@craven-college.ac.uk](mailto:colinbailey@craven-college.ac.uk) or visit [www.craven-college.ac.uk](http://www.craven-college.ac.uk) (and follow the links to Community Learning)

## WHAT'S ON LISTING

### August

- 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.
- 26-28 Stalling Busk flower festival.
- 27 Semerwater; annual lakeside service at 3.00 pm
- 27 Guided walk:By Castle and Byway. 12k. Meet Bolton Castle car park, 11am
- 27 Marssett chapel singalong 8.00 pm
- 27 Patronal Festival, St Bartholomew's Church, West Witton.
- 27 Cream Teas at Redmire Village Hall in aid of the Bolton Manor First
- 27 Low Mill Anniversary Open Day, 1.00pm.
- 28 Hawes Silver Prize Band, Town Foot, Hawes; 12.30pm. If wet, in St. Margaret's.
- 28 Askrigg & District Produce Show, 3.00pm, Askrigg Village Hall.
- 28 Aysgarth Village Fair from 1.30pm. Whist Drive 7.45pm
- 28 Cream Teas, St. Margaret's Hawes from 1.30 pm
- 29 Coffee morning and stalls, Hawes Methodist rooms, 10.00 am to noon.
- 30 West Witton Harvest supper; village hall Response Group. 2pm 'till 5pm

### September

- 2 Dales Chamber Orchestra, 7.30pm at Aysgarth Church. Adult £8; child £6. Details from **Michael Mason 663457**
- 2 Moorcock Show; see page 5.
- 3 Guided walk "Shaping the Dales" 5k; meet Aysgarth N. Pk centre 2.00 pm
- 3 Marssett chapel harvest festival 2.00 pm
- 4 HAOS first rehearsal; see page 21.
- 4 Marssett harvest sale 7.30 pm
- 5 Drama Group reading; see page 8
- 6 Muker show
- 6 Guided walk: Countersett and Semerwater. Meet Bainbridge village green 1.00 pm

- 7-10 Heritage Open Days; see page 22.
- 7,14,21,28 Guided walks from the Wensleydale Railway:**08454 505474**
- 8-10 Boots and beer walking festival in Hawes. Details from **Mark on 01423 871750** or **Helen on 01765 689227**
- 9 St Margaret's Church, Hawes is open as part of the Civic Trust Heritage Open Day, from 10am-3.30pm. Coffee in a.m.; Cream Teas in p.m.; organ music all day. All welcome.
- 9 Table top sale, Carperby village hall, 10.00am to 4.00pm, refreshments. Contact **663368**
- 10 Hardraw Scar brass band contest
- 12 YDNPA planning committee; Grassington Town Hall, 10.30 am
- 16 Open Afternoon; page 34.
- 16 Hog roast and ceilidh; West Burton village hall. See page 39.
- 17 Table Top Sale with refreshments in the Market House, Hawes for Hawes School, 10am 'till 4pm. Contact **Sharon Guy 667642** to book tables.
- 17 No 8 o'clock service at St Oswald's, Askrigg
- 17 Hawes Methodist harvest. See page 9
- 17 West Burton chapel harvest 10.45 am
- 17 Guided walk- Mossdale and Cotterdale; meet Appersett green 11.00 am
- 18 Art Exhibition; see page 3.
- 18 West Burton harvest sale
- 18 Redmire Harvest Supper in the Village Hall with Lindsey Pearson of Christian Aid. Details **663097**
- 21 Hawes W.I. 7.00 pm
- 23 Launch of "Swaledale and Wharfedale Remembered" at the Dales Country-side Museum. See page 13.
- 24 Aysgarth chapel harvest 6.30 pm
- 24 St Oswalds, Askrigg. Confirmation by Bishop John at 10am. Musical ensemble in church at 3.30pm to celebrate the church refurbishment.
- 24 Gayle chapel harvest. 2.00 and 6.30 pm
- 25 Aysgarth and Gayle chapels harvest sales; both at 7.00 pm
- 26 YDNPA Full committee; Yoredale, 10.30 am
- 26 Tea Dance; see page 17.

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26 Coffee morning and stalls for  
Upper Dales Christmas  
Lights Methodist rooms  
from 10.00 am

27 Ladies Darts AGM, 8.00pm,  
Hawes; see page 9.

28 Gayle Ladies 7.30 pm

**October**

1 Hawes Gala Bed push,  
Hawes-Askrigg; details  
**667192**

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