

Editorial

“You haven’t changed a bit, and after all these years!” Well we like to hear that, though we don’t really believe it; maybe we don’t notice the greying or losing of the hair, the extra weight where we don’t want it, the wrinkles, the growing grumpiness or the quite distinct limp, or maybe more reasonableness and calm reflection!

It’s the same with the area we live in. Compared to very rapid change in some places it might seem that things here stay the same; but just think back not all that long. Industrial units set up, big car parks where there were fields- or a big coal yard! new surgeries, museum developments, Lodge Yard Askrigg, Creamery extensions, sports field developments, a quarry railway ceased and a passenger one started, a much more frequent bus service along the dale than 20 years ago, electricity supply lines undergrounded, masts, quite a few new housing developments and plenty more road markings and signs, considerable increase in traffic from both locals and visitors and much bigger farm vehicles.

Now those are mainly the built environment, but considerable change has taken, or is taking place on the land. Forestry has come to its time for felling, the reduced need for smaller fields means some walls not repaired or gates and stiles redundant, far fewer sheep on the tops leading to more grass growth and the re-introduction of heather, and some large non-conifer planting .

This is not meant to be a “doom and gloom” piece; some of these changes are definitely for the better. The problems arise when conflicts occur over what should stay the same and what should be changed, and the dreaded word ‘heritage’ creeps in. Just how much of what once was, and once had a purpose, can be preserved – and what for? Just how many museums can any area

sustain? Is there a case for leaving some things to decay?... but then which ones? (see page 6). No one suggests we bring Fountains Abbey back to what it was? Or how many “Tudor kitchens” in stately homes can the National Trust really justify? Are we going to re-open Stags Fell Quarries to show real mining techniques? How about a farm with no tractor, but horse-drawn carts, haymaking by scythe, use of all its small barns for hay and over-wintering. Not likely!! Some claims are made that such heritage projects bring jobs; we’ve more jobs already round here than people to fill them!

And yet within us there is a hankering after the past (see a rather different picture on page 4) whilst also wanting all the mod-cons. We sometimes forget that this area has a much smaller population than in times past. Do we bear that in mind, and look far enough ahead, when planning new heritage projects, new sports facilities or new public rooms and halls or new business sites?

We can’t avoid change; we don’t want to. We do need to do things that are in keeping with the special dales landscape, possibly even enhancing it, and which are proportionate to needs; but will not be redundant very quickly and will not be a waste of money.

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The November issue will be produced on October 25th, 26th and will be distributed between October 26th and October 30th.

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Eunice

I was hiding in the Aardvark advert again last month and the winner was Thomas Fothergill from Gayle (there were lots of 'finders' this time!). How many of you can spot me this month?

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Competition

Nursery rhyme quiz.

Example: O.K.C.W.A.M.O.S = Old King Cole was a merry old soul.

1. J.S.C.E.N.F.
2. O.T.B.M.S.
3. L.J.H.S.I.A.C.
4. T.M.T.M.T.B.A.F.P.
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17. T.H.W.A.P.S.
18. L.B.B.C.B.U.Y.H.
19. L.B.D.D.L.G
20. B.A.G.C.O.T.P

Last month's answers

Famous Yorkshire people

1. Fred Trueman
2. Frederick Delius
3. Darren Gough
4. Anne Bronte
5. Titus Salt
6. Percy Shaw
7. Thomas Chippendale
8. J. Arthur Rank
9. Brian Clough
10. Amy Johnson
11. Janet Baker
12. David Hockney
13. John Cockcroft
14. Betty Boothroyd
15. Leonard Hutton

There were no winners forthcoming this month.

Chimneys – Not really

Photo of the new houses for local rent being built along Gayle Lane, Hawes. Nothing special there?



Have a look at the chimneys. Look the part, but they are actually false chimneys. So where does that lead to next. Will the new residents have a false fireplace, for which James Peacock can supply false coal, to be stored in a false coal bunker. Where will they buy false smoke to make them fit in with the real local environment. Would the false smoke create false soot, which Tony Bell has to clear with a false sweeping brush. What if there is a false fire, will the local fire service have to pretend to call out to put the fire out with 'dry water'. (written in jest in case anyone takes it seriously).

P.H.J.

The painters of Wensleydale, Swaledale and Wharfedale

This is the title of the first meeting of the season of the Wensleydale Society on **Friday October 6th** in West Burton village hall. The speaker is Allan Darwall, Head of the Picture Department at Tennants. His talk will concentrate on various examples of Dales artists' work which have been sold there.

Operation Christmas Child

Last year we collected 242 shoe boxes filled with gifts for children overseas who will have very little this Christmas. We hope you will help us to once again increase the number of boxes from Wensleydale this year!

Samaritan's Purse will work with national churches and charities to deliver them to children in hospitals, orphanages, refugee camps, homeless shelters and impoverished neighbourhoods. The boxes are given regardless of nationality, political background or religious belief.

Leaflets giving full details of items which are suitable to include are available from Hawes Post Office and the Community Resource Centre. Please also take careful note of things which should NOT be included such as edible items other than wrapped sweets; clothing other than hat, cap, gloves or scarf; war-related toys; sharp objects or any liquids.

Boxes should be covered in Christmas paper, lids covered separately and not fastened. Please enclose a cheque for £2 payable to Samaritan's Purse (or £2 in cash) towards transport and the completed Gift Aid form if you are able to increase your giving in this way.

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Sad sight

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And it's now in a dreadful state. Apparently the owners do not want it to be renovated and over the years it has got worse. Within the last month the roof has begun to fall in. Can nothing be done to save it?

WEA Annual General Meeting

26th October 2006.

“Around the World in 700 Days”

To mark our A.G.M. we have been invited by Graham and Mary Watts of Wensleydale to join them on their leisurely cruise around the world in a small sailing boat.

Starting out from Gibraltar and sailing westwards they visited places that some may only dream about.

The talk will progress through their preparations for the voyage and, with photographs, will race their audience from Wensleydale to far away places such as the West Indies, Panama Canal, Australia, Arabian Sea, Red Sea, to name but a few, and home again.

To be held at **Askrigg Village Hall at 7.30 pm.** this event is open to anyone who

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The different dried herbs, spices and resins used in making loose incense give off different fragrances, each has attributed to it a quality or subliminal influence, for example tranquillity, renewal. Not so very different from the artificial room fragrances sold on the high street!

You do not need an extensive knowledge or stock of plants (though it can be the start of a great hobby) and a simple incense can be made from the contents of an everyday spice rack.

As we trip into the end of the year, one of my favourites is a loose winter one based upon ½ dessertspoon each Frankincense, Benzoin (Friars Balsam), Star Anise and Cedar needles, ¼ dessertspoon each ginger root and Jalap (High John the Conqueror, though Morning Glory root will do) and 1 dessertspoon Willow bark for sweetness.

A lot of the folk names of plants reveal their old uses or associations; Witches Aspirin for Willow, Tree of Life for Cedar. But that is another story for another day.

R.B.

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Here's a reminder that the Newsletter offers book and equipment grants for the first year there. Write in, giving the name and place of your course.

Complaints

No! Maybe you are too polite (or frightened of being pressed into service!). We hardly get any about the Newsletter but would be delighted to hear from any readers with any ideas for new or different articles they might like to see.

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Woodland cash for landowners

Landowners in the National Park are being given the chance to cash in on a pot of money to boost woodland planting. Tree cover in the National Park amounts to four per cent of the total area – the lowest amount of any National Park, according to Geoff Garrett, Trees and Woodland Officer

In an attempt to increase the overall area of woodland, the Authority has teamed up with the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust to run a two-year project aimed at covering 150 hectares (370 acres) with new trees.

Half the £672,000 cost of the project, called **Dales Woodland Restoration**, is being met by English Nature's Countdown 2010 Biodiversity Fund and the YDMT is working to raise the balance.

Geoff said: "Most of the existing woodland is fragmented and it is not in a particularly good condition. We are aiming to join up the smaller areas – planting trees like ash, oak, rowan and hawthorn – to provide larger habitats for plants and animals.

"By planting new trees we will be improving the natural environment by providing more shelter for livestock and wildlife as well as giving the landowners an additional form of income from the timber in the long-term. It really is a win-win situation."

So far, landowners have put forward nearly 70ha of land to be planted in the first 12 months of the project and the Authority and YDMT is now looking for a further 70ha (or more) for the financial year starting next April.

For further details about the scheme or to contribute match funding please contact **Geoff Garrett at YDNPA on 0870 1 666333 or Chris Lodge at YDMT on 015242 51002.**

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28	Drama Workshop, Tom Frere.

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Raise cash by recycling trash!

Some of you may remember in January that Margaret Johnson and I started collecting old computer cartridges and mobile phones for W.R.V.S. North Yorkshire meals on wheels scheme. Margaret has now left Hawes. I estimate that we sent in about £195 worth of trash for the scheme— not bad for 8 months' work! The Bainbridge box regularly produces plenty of items, why not Hawes as the centre of the largest population?

Just to remind you how you can do your bit for the environment-
The UK uses 60 million computer cartridges a year and only 10% are currently re-cycled. They are made from engineering grade polymer, which in a

landfill site would take 1000years to decompose. There are estimated to be 90 million unused mobile phones in the country, many made with nicad batteries containing cadmium, a toxic and carcinogenic product, which if it leaks in the soil can cause kidney failure.

I decided to continue collecting, but chose a local good cause. Many of you will have seen the new multi-games area at Yorebridge, in Askrigg and may have already sampled the area for football, tennis and children's activities with the new development officer Richard Shuffleton.

Very soon a further section will open in the form of a fitness room and gym. Although much money has been raised from grants and fund raising, I am told that further small pieces of equipment are needed, so all ages can benefit. One Bainbridge resident is eagerly waiting to improve his fitness for rugby!

So let's see if we can get well passed £200 in a short time. This is your centre for Upper Wensleydale- so use it , or lose it !!
Collection points are at -
The Community Office/Resource Centre, in the Neukin, Hawes; Post Office, Hawes; The Village Shop & Post Office, Bainbridge; Sykes Country Store, Askrigg. Anyone who would like to help in Hawes, please ring me **650565**.

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Any new subscribers during the latter half of a year, their subscription will run until December of the next year.

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ASKRIGG SCHOOL NEWS

Meet...

Mr David Eldridge, the newly appointed Head teacher at Askrigg School. David and his wife Adele, who teaches in Bedale, have lived in Bainbridge for the past six years.

David, who is originally from London (long time ago, he says) reckons he is the first male head teacher for a very long time to occupy the beautifully situated head's office facing south and with an uninterrupted view of Addleborough.

Not always a teacher, David re-trained (if you'll pardon the pun) from working on the railways for seven years in accounts and international ticketing. After his course at the Charlotte Mason College in Ambleside he has had teaching appointments totalling sixteen years at schools near York and in Stockton, Colburn and India; yes, India, and more of that in a minute!

Askrigg is the smallest school he has worked in and he is very keen and enthusiastic about getting to know all the children and seeing that the school council has plenty of input into the school's further development, especially in its growing web-site; and don't panic, children of Askrigg, your new Head is keen on the further development of Mathematics (*which, seriously, can be great fun. Ed*)

But back to India; David and his wife have been involved for ten years in a charity they set up sponsoring and supporting the Mettupalayam School in a very, very poor area of South India. This could be a great opportunity for the children here to study the many similarities between the two and maybe through the school council to set up some informal links. He's full of enthusiasm and we welcome him to Askrigg. **A.S.W.**

What's on at the Dales Countryside Museum

Exhibitions

The Drover's Path runs until the 18th October.

The following exhibition from 21st October – 16th November is a photography exhibition by John Potter; **Light, Land and Sea** and is a collection of stunning images of Northern England.

We are also showing **A Window on the Dales** a collection of work by the Richmond and Leyburn Embroiderers Guild from 30th September – 15th October.

Events

3rd October: Spinning a Yarn. Spinning and rug making demonstration. Examples of weaving, felting, and dyeing explained. 2.00 to 4.00pm.

22nd October: Apple Day. A 'drop in'

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22nd October: Join Winifred Hodge for a painting Demonstration and Workshop. Call in to see how it's done and have a go. 10.00am to 4.00pm.

23rd and 27th October Children's Craft Workshops. 'drop in' craft workshops for children. Join our event leader for cutting, sticking, collecting and general mess making in the museum. Children under 8 yrs must be accompanied by an adult. 2.00 to 4.00pm. Booking essential.

20th October Friends of Museum will be having their Annual General Meeting followed by 'Ghost Stories, Myths, Legends and Paranormal Events' with audience participation 7.30pm. non members welcome £1.

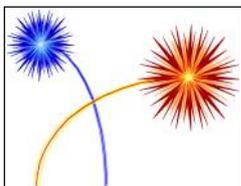
25th October Join Moira Metcalfe who will be demonstrating the art of watercolour between 1.00 and 4.00pm.

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Bainbridge & District Motor Club

The AGM is to be held on October 18th and the Annual Dinner & Presentation of Awards is on November 24th.

Good news



This year's fireworks display **will** be happening. We have decided that it will go ahead as planned and thanks to a pledge from the Wensleydale Creamery, Hawes, our appeal has been kick-started and it has helped to ensure the display. As November the 5th fireworks displays are for children of all ages, we want to involve them and we will be organising three fundraisers within the next few weeks.

On **Saturday 30th September** we are holding a children's sponsored, walking treasure hunt around the town. Prizes for the winner. Mums, dads, aunts, uncles, grannies & granddads are welcome. Sponsorship forms and further details can be obtained from me on **667499**, Sam at The Old Sweet Shop, Market Place, Hawes and from Julie Waring at Hawes Primary School. Children under the age of 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

The second event will be a children's bingo session which will be held in October. Details to be confirmed.

For the mums & dads, there will be a Casino Night at the Fountain Hotel on **Saturday 4th November**, further details to follow.

Following my report in last month's newsletter, I have been in discussion with Councillor Blackie, Chairman of the Hawes & High Abbotside Parish Council, who has clarified their position concerning the problem with insurance. Whilst the Parish Council is unable to offer us insurance cover for the event, it is not because of any decisions

they have made. The situation has occurred because their underwriters have taken the view not to insure ancillary events. Although the Parish Council explored every avenue to maintain their support, unfortunately it means that we will have to provide our own insurance cover. Councillor Blackie has kindly offered to ask the Parish Council for a donation to help towards the extra costs.

Any other offers of help or sponsorship will be greatly appreciated. Contacts are myself on the above telephone number or email dick@amtrans.wanadoo.co.uk and Harry Balderston on **667009**.

We look forward to seeing you at the sponsored treasure hunt, bingo session, casino night and of course on the fifth of November. **Richard Waring,**

Hawes Fireworks Committee 2006.

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Cricket challenge

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There was a great team spirit amongst the players despite the competitive edge, and support was rowdy from the wives and partners, although not necessarily for their partners!

There were notable performances from Lawrence Alderson, demon bowler for the 'Fathers', who achieved three wickets off four balls. All the 'Fathers' had the opportunity to contribute to the batting total, particularly Anthony Porter and Tim Prudden who were the highest scorers for the 'Fathers'.

For the 'Sons' team, Matt Hammond was the highest scoring batsman and his younger brother, Jack, impressed everyone with his bowling. Despite a valiant effort, the 'Sons' were beaten by their 'Fathers' much to the disappointment of the crowd! It is hoped that the challenge will be repeated next year when the 'Sons' are hoping for a better result.

The match was sponsored by Roger Iveson, The Bulls Head, Muriel Lambert, Michael Alderson, and Nigel Hammond. Jim Paredes of The Crown in Askrigg donated

the after match refreshments, and lunch was provided by the wives, partners and mothers of the team. A total of £65 was donated to Hawes Cricket Club from this match.

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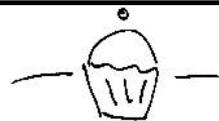
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The Gym Suite is to be host to a range of static equipment, from Treadmills to Rowing Machines and Multi Gym Systems to Free Weights, plus much, much more! The Fitness Studio will also contain some fitness equipment, however, its main purpose is to be the venue for a timetable of fitness related classes. These will range from Aerobics and Circuit Training to Gentle Exercise and Line Dancing. The classes are due to start in the first week of October, places are limited so please call for more details and to book a place.

More details will be available within the coming weeks with regards to Gym membership and opening times. In the mean time feel free to contact Yorebridge Sport & Fitness to register your interest.

The creation of the 'Wensleydale 5-A-Side Football League' has been developed

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due to great demand from local community groups. This League will be open to any interested parties throughout the Dales, over the age of 16. Details have been sent to all local pubs and football teams. If you would like information about setting up your own team, please contact Yorebridge Sport and Fitness, who will be able to give further details and send out an information pack, alternatively you will be able to download information from our website, www.yorebridge-sport.co.uk. The closing date for applications is **Monday October 9th**, with the League due to start mid October.

For further information on any of these events please contact Richard Shuffleton, Sport & Fitness Development Co-Ordinator: Tel: **650060**;
Mob: **07968 606571**;
Email: info@yorebridge-sport.co.uk;
Web: www.yorebridge-sport.co.uk.

Crime in Dentdale

Over the weekend of 19th and 20th August, two large 'Grout Pumps' were stolen from Denthead Viaduct from the Building Site. They are quite valuable but only of use to anyone doing specialist work on large projects like the Viaduct. They would have been taken away by either being towed or placed on a flat back wagon. If anyone has any information, please contact PC Dennis Whicker at Sedbergh Police Station: **0845 33 00 247**.

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Fancy a trip?

There is still time to book for a day's outing to Barden Mill near Burnley, calling at Watershed Mill on the way. The coach leaves Hawes at 8.45 am on **Thursday October 5th**.

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'TEAR' Fund benefits

Hawes Methodist Church's evening harvest service on September 17th was again held in the Auction Mart, conducted by Rev. Henry Dubois, the congregation boosted by visitors and friends from other churches.

The collection for the TEAR Fund came to £220.

"Bread for Life"

On **Sunday October 8th** St Matthew's Church, Stalling Busk are holding a Bread for Life Tea Party the proceeds of which are to go to buy a flock of sheep for a family in Somalia.

Afternoon teas will be served and there will be produce for sale including home-made bread.

NSPCC

Carperby, Redmire and Castle Bolton branch of the NSPCC will be holding a coffee morning with Stalls at Redmire Village Hall **10.30am-12noon on Thursday October 5th**.

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The Moral of Auntie Sharon

An Australian teacher gave her class of 9 year olds an assignment: to get one of their parents to tell them a story with a moral at the end of it.

The next day the kids came back and one by one began to tell their stories. Ashley said, "My father's a farmer and we have a lot of egg-laying hens. One time we were taking our eggs to market in a basket on the front seat of the car when we hit a big bump in the road and all the eggs got broken. "What's the moral of that story?" asked the teacher. **"Don't put all your eggs in one basket!"** "Very good," said the teacher.

Next little Sarah raised her hand and said, "Our family are farmers too. But we raise chickens for the meat market. One day we had a dozen eggs, but when they hatched we only got ten live chicks. And the moral to this story is - **'Don't count your chickens before they're hatched'.**" That was a fine story Sarah."

-And little Johnny, do you have a story to

share?"

"Yes, my daddy told me this story about my Auntie Sharon. Auntie Sharon was a flight engineer on a plane in the Gulf War and her plane got hit. She had to bail out over enemy territory and all she had was a bottle of whisky, a machine gun and a machete. She drank the whisky on the way down so it wouldn't break and then she landed right in the middle of 100 enemy troops. She killed seventy of them with the machine gun until she ran out of bullets. Then she killed twenty more with the machete until the blade broke. And then she killed the last ten with her bare hands." "Good heavens," said the horrified teacher, "what kind of moral did your daddy tell you from that horrible story?" **'Stay well away from your Auntie Sharon when she's been drinking.'**

(By email from Tony Philpott, with thanks)



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What is it?

Several readers have been asking what is going on at Newby Head at the top of the road over to Ribbleshead; there have been diggers and other equipment up there for weeks. Answer: part of the new Pennine Bridleway.

This is a new National Trail in the north of England being designed specifically for horse riders, off-road cyclists and walkers. It will eventually run from the High Peak Trail (a long-established route on an old railway) in Derbyshire to Byrness in north Northumberland, a distance of about 350 miles.

The idea for the trail came from Mary Towneley who in 1986 rode from Derbyshire to Northumberland to highlight the state of the country's bridleways. A circular Mary Towneley Loop around Hebden Bridge forms part of the trail already open. In the National Park the route takes in Long Preston, Settle, Malham Moor, Feizor, Austwick, Selside, Newby Head and part of Lady Anne's Way before crossing Mallerstang over to the Ravenstonedale area.

It follows existing bridleways, or in places like Newby Head, the upgrading of footpaths or the creation of new link-routes. The work involves some big projects, notably at Arten Gill from Great Knoutberry down to Cowgill in Dentdale, where about 30 traditional stone fords needed rebuilding, provision of thousands of metres of drainage piping, restoration of lime kilns and of course much dropping of aggregate by helicopter for the track itself. The route still looks a bit stark in places but when the vegetation grows back and the route stabilises (only quite narrow so 4WDs can't use it) it soon blends in. For details of all the route visit:

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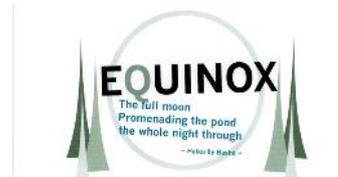
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Autumn concert

The Wensleydale Methodist Circuit holds its annual concert in Aysgarth Methodist Church on **Saturday October 21st at 7-30pm**, with Stan Roocroft and friends. Refreshments will be served and there will be a collection for the World Mission Fund and everyone is welcome.

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Natural England

Heard of it? Well, from October 1st it is the new 'watchdog' body set up to be responsible for all 'green' issues.

It is to unite English Nature (which ceases to exist) with the part of the Countryside Agency responsible for access and landscape, and with Rural Development Services which is that part of DEFRA which deals with agri-environment schemes. It is hoped it will make life simpler for farmers (and more efficient for tax-payers).

It has been welcomed almost unanimously by voluntary bodies but with two serious conditions which are looking a bit shaky: 1. That it needs a generous budget and 2. That it needs to be independent of Government so that it can make its own judgment on issues as diverse as GM foods, damaging road-building or climate change. The constituent bodies have already had cuts, mainly because of baling out DEFRA over its troubles with rural payments.

Insiders are also apprehensive about the new management which has no one with English Nature's practical experience. The new chief executive (designate) is Helen

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Phillips from the Environment Agency in Wales and her deputy, David Young, was in charge of Australia's environment and heritage department.

Also, as a result of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, the environment secretary has legal authority to issue guidance to the new body but also to give "direction" over policy. So, many people and organisations will be keeping an eye open to see that Natural England delivers on its main aims of protecting and improving England's unique natural environment, and of connecting people in both rural and urban areas with it.

A.S.W.

Trips to come—

to go on! Advance notices: **Sunday November 19th** to the Metro Centre. Coach will leave Hawes Market Hall at 9.00 am picking up en route to Leyburn. Seat £10. Please book at Streetwise **667192**

Sunday December 10th to the Trafford Centre, Manchester; booking as above.

Postcard from...?

Greetings from this town in another National Park! The sides of the valley round here are very steep— there's even a bit of a cliff-lift. Been up some famous nearby dales and called in "The Compleat Angler".

The only problem with this small town is the motor bikes at weekends (sounds familiar!) and the main road's a bit chaotic, but there's still a railway for a trip southwards. See you soon. Cheers.

Tom the Tourist

The Meadowlands

and other poems, by Alan Hartley

The writer of this collection, Alan Hartley lives in Thoraby. This is his third book of poems. In 2003 he won the political satire prize at the Strokestown International Poetry Festival and was runner-up in 2001.

In this collection of twenty-five poems, which is set out under sections such as, 'Of Those Remembered', 'Of Nature' and 'Of Satire and Society', there are many that celebrate our own dales environment. In the title poem, 'The Meadowlands' Alan expresses the urgent need to retain this fragile landscape for future generations. Also with 'Winter In Bishopdale' he demonstrates with an artist's appreciation the colour, texture and stillness of a familiar winter scene.

Some writings are inspired by events far from our own rural scene. 'Another Day' is a moving tribute to the memory of Jean Charles de Menezes, and 'Somme 1997' describes his own visit to his uncle's war grave in L Boiselle. A poem that will surely resonate in this, the season of remembrance.

Copies of 'The Meadowlands' can be obtained from Thoraby Cottage, Thoraby, DL8 3SZ £2.95 + Postage. **S.H.**

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The Bartle Trail

The traditional activities of West Witton Feast were augmented this year by the inaugural walk of a Bartle Mosaic Trail. A group of 28 residents and visitors gathered at Smorthwaite Gardens to walk the four mile route with mosaics which depict the event and link together the lines of the doggerel:-

On Penhill Craggs he tore his rags
 At Hunters Thorn he blew his horn
 At Capplebank Stee he brak'his knee
 At Grassgill Beck he brak'his neck
 At Wadhams End he couldn't fend
 At Grassgill End we'll mak' his end
 Shout, lads, Shout!

Each year in West Witton at 9p.m. on the first Saturday after St. Bartholemew's Day (August 24th) this is recited while a straw effigy is paraded through the village and then burnt. The origins of this ancient ritual are uncertain, the most widely held belief being that Bartle was a notorious sheep rustler. Angry farmers chased and caught him and after trial and conviction at the village church court (the church is dedicated to St. Bartholemew) he was paraded through the village and put to death. There is also a version based on the story of the wicked pig-stealing giant of Penhill who terrorised the neighbourhood. Another, recently unearthed by local historian Liz Kirkby, is that Owd Bartle

who had eluded the hunt until the chase which brought him down and was immortalised in the verse. Evidence for this version is the known location of a number of mediaeval deer parks nearby, but you can take your pick.

The mosaic trail was produced by the community of West Witton as part of their involvement with the "Private Spaces Public Places" project run by YDNPA with European Rural Development Fund money. The project is aimed to get residents involved in identifying what makes a village special and in drawing up an action plan of desirable improvements. Certainly the legend of Owd Bartle is something unique to this village! The mosaics were created by local people during a workshop run by Thirsk-based Rural Arts and set on site by YDNPA staff. Details of the Bartle Mosaic Trail leaflet can be seen on the YDNPA website at www.yorkshiredales.org.uk. Paper copies are available from West Witton village shop, pubs, campsite and B&Bs or from Aysgarth Falls NPC and Leyburn TIC.

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Mystery picture. Last month's picture was of the small waterfall by the bridle way above Woodhall

Mencap Society

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Elizabeth Bradley

Hardraw harvest

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Tag Rugby

We were invited to Wensleydale School to play Tag Rugby. We shared a lesson with Hawes school and played lots of fun games like, Bulldog, Stuck In The Mud and many others. To finish the afternoon we played a game - red against blues. Final score was Blues 4 Reds 1. We all really enjoyed the afternoon.

After School Clubs:
 Tuesday after school club is football run by Andy and Alex.
 Thursday's after school club is Computer Keyboard - a group children are learning to type with ten fingers on a programme called 2type. It has lots of fun games like 2pop, falling words, introduction letters and others.
 You may think that because we are playing with letters it is boring! It isn't it is really great fun!
Elloise Black (year 5)

Harvest Supper

There will be a harvest supper in West Burton village hall on **Saturday October 7th** at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £10 (Children £5) and are available from Dolly Capstick **663251**

Revamp for Dales travel website

Traveldales.org.uk

The travel website aimed at helping people find their way to and around the National Park has been given a complete overhaul.

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Bring unwanted books to the home of Sylvia Crookes in Bainbridge (650525), Judith Bromley in Askrigg (650266) The Warrens in Countersett (650704) or Nick Naish in Thorally (663369). Alternatively bring to the Meeting House on Friday 27th, or even on the day; but it's nice to get them sorted in advance.

S. Crookes

Continued Royal Patronage of Dales Charity

The Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust is delighted to announce that HRH The Prince of Wales has extended his Patronage for a further five years. His Royal Highness first became Patron of the charity ten years ago, in October 1996.

Chairman Dorothy Fairburn declared, "This is wonderful news for the Trust. HRH The Prince of Wales has shown us a lot of support over the past ten years and this has been invaluable to our work. He loves to visit the area and the projects we have completed." The news of the Prince's continued Patronage comes at a time when the Trust is planning a series of events in celebration of the organisation's tenth anniversary.

Being a charity the Trust is very grateful for the support it receives from members of the general public. Its 'Dedicate a Tree' scheme is very popular. For details about the Trust or the 'Dedicate a Tree' scheme please telephone 015242 51002 or email: info@ydmtd.org

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Regeneration of High Abbotside

In 1981 Richard Johnson, Solicitor of Hawes, bought the Simonstone Estate from the late Jack Mackinlay of Simonstone Hall. The Estate comprised the whole of Abbotside Common including Stags Fell grouse moor which is to the east of the Buttertubs road and the moorland area to the west of the Buttertubs road up to Hellgill in the North West corner of North Yorkshire adjoining Cumbria.

In 1996 Richard sold to Mr Michael Cannon the land to the west of the Buttertubs road together with a half share of Stags Fell. During the past 10 years Mr Cannon has embarked on an ambitious scheme to revitalise the west moor which is now known as. "High Abbotside". As a result of overgrazing over a 50 year period and a general lack of management, the flora and fauna of the moorland area suffered.

Initially the regeneration programme included removal of sheep grazing so that existing over-grazed heather and other dwarf shrub species could recover. In addition, where the heather had been totally eliminated an ambitious scheme of heather seeding was implemented. The heather seed was acquired from moorland areas in Derbyshire from Geoff Eyre who has successfully replaced molinia grasses with flowering heather. The techniques which Geoff Eyre had pioneered in Derbyshire were applied at High Abbotside. Initially the success of the reseeded was very limited. The heather seed germinated but the harsh winter months resulted in the loss of the plants. As a result of trial and error the techniques for heather re-seeding have been adapted and a successful technique has now been developed. The technique involves the spraying off of the grasses with *Roundup* followed by a ground application of pure

heather seed. In some locations it has been necessary to scarify the surface and in other locations the provision of Heather Protection Ridges has resulted in significantly improved survival of the heather plants. The ground scarification or provision of Heather Protection Ridges ensure an uneven surface in which the heather plants are protected from the adverse climatic conditions.

The Heather Protection Ridges are formed by upturning the top 6 inches of peat in a way which is not dissimilar from the moorland gripping which was carried out in the 1950s and 1970s. However there are significant differences between the modern technique and those of earlier moorland gripping where approximately 18 inches was turned over. There is another fundamental difference in that the channels which are used to form the Heather Protection Ridges are "blind" - in other words they are not joined together and there is no risk of artificial drainage or accelerated run off. The Heather Protection Ridges break down naturally after they have given the necessary protection to the heather plants.

The work on High Abbotside is orchestrated by Head Keeper Paul Starsmore who is now a leading expert in heather restoration processes. He is ably assisted by Malcolm Sinclair as underkeeper. Predator control is carried out to protect ground nesting birds including red grouse, black grouse, lapwing, curlew, merlin and other moorland bird species. In a period of 10 years the number of black grouse has risen from 2 in 1996 to 75 in 2006.

The early stages of the regeneration programme have been completed and already sheep have been reintroduced. It is expected that further sheep will be restored to High Abbotside in the years to come.

A.S.W



Above: Ralph Dakin's class, Askrigg School. What year? He can tell you every name. The picture below is a bit more of a puzzle. We'll be pleased to hear from anyone with any information.



What are you doing...?



On SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER?

If you and your friends have nothing better to do on this date why not come to THORNTON RUST INSTITUTE and indulge in some clever sleuthing.

THORNTON RUSTLERS (The Really Useless Theatre Company) are presenting for your delight and entertainment "WHO KILLED THE HOTEL MANAGER" by Chris Martin. The doors open at 7 p.m. and seating is limited, so please come early to avoid disappointment. The performance will start at 7.30p.m. and includes a star of the recent BBC programme Country File Diaries. (Autographs are available at the end of the programme for a small fee which will be donated to charity)

The cast have been carefully chosen for (they say) their acting ability. Although, they were the only people to turn up on the night for rehearsals! Still at least they are keen if a little deluded.

There will be prizes for the best team solutions to the murder and the culprit will be revealed at the end of the play. Please note that during the performance no calling out or throwing of objects will be allowed. Please wait until the performance is over! So, why not get together into teams and solve the mystery.

Tickets are a very reasonable £5.00 for

adults and £2.50 for children and this does include a supper after the performance when the audience will be able to meet the cast, director, and crew. A Raffle will also take place during the evening.

All the proceeds from this extravaganza will go towards provision of 2 minibuses for the use of visually impaired children in the Gambia. We do hope you can come along and enjoy a night of misery, sorry mystery, and help to raise funds for this very worthy cause. Please note only ONE performance of this play will be given as the cast will need to go and lie down in darkened room after leaving the hospitality suite.

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October Gardening Autumn Harvest

It's a delight at the moment to see the garden full of bright, orange rosehips. They are particularly plentiful on two of my favourite rugosa roses: *Roseaie de l'Hay* and *Blanc Double de Coubert*. Both flower profusely from May through to October, the former double purple, the latter double white. Beautifully scented, they have the advantage of being relatively disease free and an ability to survive in very poor soil.

Pruning roses can often seem an intimidating task, with conflicting opinions on method and timing. No technical rules apply here! I find the best way to tackle these tougher roses is to wait until December, leaving the birds plenty of time to feed on the hips. Simply prune the stems down by half, aiming for a framework of 2-3 feet.

Roses welcome a well rotted manure / compost mulch and this I apply on a frost free day in December. I have tried a springtime application but with warmer weather early on in the year, the mulch can end up drying out and blowing around the garden. While you are busy with this, don't forget the larger climbing and rambling specimens. Giant roses such as *Wedding Day* and *Albertine* demand a good feed. If untreated, by midsummer their roots begin to dry out and the resulting mildew and leaf drop makes for an eyesore rather than a highlight during the flowering season.

Also prominent at the moment are the cotoneasters. What a show of berries this year! Often disparaged as 'filler' shrubs, for me they are a year round delight. Semi-evergreen, they flower throughout summer. Popular with bees, the blooms soon transform into succulent berries which often remain on the branch right through winter. Up here in the Dales, I've seen

fieldfare, redwing and memorably, the occasional waxwing feasting on the bounty!

Of the many varieties I would choose either 'John Waterer' or 'Cornubia', for red berries, planted with 'Rothschildianus', yellow berries, to achieve a lovely contrast of fruit colour. Both attain 10 ft. and so give them plenty of room! **Ed Gardener**

(We are pleased to welcome Ed to our team of writers; Ed)

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Applications are invited from local non-profit making organisations to hire the Kitchen facilities at the Market House for ten Hoppers' Sales in 2007. Hire charges remain at last year's rates of £25.

Whilst there has been a need to increase other hire charges in 2007, to keep pace with costs for such as oil, electricity and insurance, the increases

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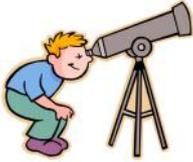
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Heavens Above

Now that poor old Pluto has been relegated from the Planetary Premiership, Neptune is officially the solar system's eighth and outermost planet. With a diameter of over 30,000 miles - 4 times that of the Earth's - Neptune is a huge world, but it's so far away from us that it wasn't discovered until 1846.

Like the other 3 giant gas planets - Jupiter, Saturn, and Uranus - Neptune has a large retinue of moons with the largest, Triton, only slightly smaller than our own Moon. There's also a system of rings, though they're very much fainter than Saturn's magnificent specimens.

If you've a *good* pair of binoculars or a small telescope you can see Neptune for yourself this month. You'll need a clear southern horizon as the planet is fairly low down, and a star chart to help you locate it - you get excellent monthly ones in magazines such as *Astronomy Now* and the BBC's *Sky At Night* - but with a bit of luck you should be able to spot it. Further to the

east and slightly higher in the sky lies another of the giant planets - Uranus. It's a good deal brighter than Neptune and is a noticeably greenish colour compared to the latter's bluish appearance. Little Pluto itself is also visible this month - again very low in the south - but you'll need a good sized 'scope to catch sight of it. Pluto has been re-classified as a "dwarf planet" (along with a number of other outer solar system objects) but the vote to downgrade it has caused a great hullabaloo in astronomical circles and there are moves to have the whole question of what exactly constitutes a planet looked at again. Good news for those of us who were saddened to hear of the tiny world's demotion.

Finally this month keep an eye out for shooting stars around the 21st-22nd October when the annual Orionid meteor shower reaches its peak. These very swift meteors are produced by debris shed by the famous Halley's Comet and can reach rates of 10-15 an hour in a good year. Have clear skies!

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A Race Night sponsored by Wensleydale Racing with a Bucks Fizz reception at 7.30 pm will be held at the Fountain Hotel, Hawes, on **Friday October 20th**.

Racing starts at 8.00pm: sponsor a race—£10; buy a horse—£2.

For details please see **Sue 667192** or **Mandy 667206**. The event is in aid of Hawes Gala 2007 and there will be a prize for the best dressed man and woman.

Free publicity for events

Free advertising is on offer to organisers of events next year in and around the Yorkshire Dales.

The Yorkshire Dales and Harrogate Area Tourism Partnership is in the process of compiling a list of activities for 2007 that will be available on the Internet and in Tourist Information Centres across the region. Any event information received before **November 17th** will also be considered for inclusion in the National Park newspaper, The Visitor 2007,

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Dalesplay at the Moorcock Show

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An Usbourne Book fund raising event will be held at the Fountain Hotel Hawes on **Thursday October 12th from 7.00 to 9.00 pm** All welcome.

A coffee morning will soon be held at Dalesplay for mothers who breastfeed. For more information contact **Charlotte Sowerby on 667728**

We would like to say a big thank you to Rob Hunt who kindly brought us some padded matting to use in our different learning areas and for outdoor play. The children absolutely love playing on and with the mats in various different ways even snuggling up on them and falling to sleep!

Di Burton

Red Squirrel Conservation in the Widdale Area

The National Park Authority and Forestry Commission (FC) are to publish a newsletter, two or three times a year, on Red Squirrel conservation or management issues. The newsletter will be sent to those who are interested in, or are already undertaking Red Squirrel conservation work in the Hawes area, especially in Widdale.

The existing Widdale Red Squirrel Group is an informal network of contacts. If you have views on whether it should continue as such or develop into a more formal and structured local Group, please contact either Matt Neale, Area Ranger for Upper Wensleydale, who is based at the Dales Countryside Museum (Tel. 666210 or e-mail matt.neale@yorkshiredales.org.uk) or Ian Court, YDNPA Wildlife Conservation Officer, who is based at Colvend, Grassington, (Tel. 01756 751602 or e-mail ian.court@yorkshiredales.org.uk).

The YDNPA plans to send a Red Squirrel information leaflet to all residents living in the Red Squirrel Reserve and Buffer area. Included with the leaflet will be information on the reserve designation and area along with contact details for relevant

YDNPA and FC staff. The leaflet is intended also for use by visitors to the area and includes a tear-off Freepost reply slip for people to send in sightings of Red and Grey Squirrels.

The FC has commissioned work to identify key woodland sites for Grey Squirrel control in the buffer areas; the information will greatly assist with targeting and prioritising grey squirrel control. The FC has also grant-aided squirrel control for several years. More information on grants for woodland management is available from Jeremy Dick, FC Woodland Officer (tel. 01904 448778 or e-mail : jeremy.dick@forestry.gsi.gov.uk).

The YDNPA has a few traps available for loan to people who want to carry out Grey Squirrel control in small woodlands or at sites that are ineligible for grant aid. To ensure that trapping is carried out to the current FC best-practice guidelines, full training will be given to those borrowing traps. For further information, please contact Matt Neale.

Red Squirrel records made by local residents over the last few years have provided vital information on the presence of Red Squirrels in the area and they have contributed to the designation of Widdale as a Red Squirrel Reserve Area. It is important that 'official' records exist for all sites, including gardens, where Red Squirrels have been seen, and that records are made at least once a year so that the state of the squirrel population can be monitored accurately. Monthly records for garden sites where Red Squirrels are seen regularly will be especially helpful.

Although the initial priority is to collect data on Red Squirrels, knowing the distribution of Grey Squirrels in the area is equally important. It is assumed that Greys
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Useful information may be gathered from post-mortem examinations of dead squirrels. If you find a dead Red Squirrel, please contact either Matt Neale or Ian Court for information on how, and where, to send specimens. Please contact them also if you wish to receive further newsletters, request recording forms for sightings of Red or Grey Squirrels, or obtain additional information on both squirrels.

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**Family events on the
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Planning is well in hand for two popular family events on the Wensleydale Railway: **Day Out With Thomas (October 14th and 15th) and Santa Specials (December week-ends and the holiday week, up to Christmas Eve).**

A Bargain! Each Thomas and Santa ticket is also valid as a Day Rover ticket (conditions apply) for another journey on the Wensleydale Railway, thus giving free travel by train to Leeming Bar from Redmire, Leyburn and Finghall to reach these events,

Booking forms for Day Out With Thomas and Santa Specials are available at Leyburn and Leeming Bar stations. They can be downloaded from the website www.wensleydalerailway.com or phone **08454 50 54 74**). *Day Out With Thomas tickets* include a ride on Thomas and the chance to have Certificates of Travel signed by Sir Topham Hatt, the Fat Controller. *Santa Special tickets* include a present for every child and mulled wine and mince pies for adults.

Another Bargain! There is an early booking discount of £1 per ticket for Santa Specials if you book by October 31st! Group bookings on any date for these family events through schools, nurseries and playgroups qualify for a discount on every ticket.

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Grandad on TV!

It was a complete surprise before Easter when a BBC researcher rang to come and chat to me about a forthcoming programme called *"Countryfile : The Summer Diaries."* He'd been told that this chap, **David Jackson**, did a weekly guided walk from Lodge Yard in Askrigg with a historical theme. Our videoed interview went to the planning meeting in Birmingham, and later the series producer Amelia came on the walk, furiously taking notes. That's how the idea of the "What's That" slot on the 10 programmes came about. All bar one of the items featured we see, or I refer to, on the walk, which goes up to our cottage at Skellgill and back a different way.

A few dates were fixed to film, so I hastily arranged to see my good friend (and more knowledgeable local historian!), Robin Minnitt, to check my facts. I was somewhat bemused that the Producer had decided I was some kind of "expert"! The filming of the historical bits took a whole day and the following morning, including the sequence with me interviewing Al Metcalfe about the Bainbridge Horn. The Director on the shoot called Becky (who'd also been on the walk), was really easy to work with and she simply let me more or less give the unscripted talk that I do on the walk. So on most of the locations it just took one take, and then they did long shots and close ups of my finger pointing and things like that. It was quite fascinating and great fun and I was glad they wanted my dog Milly along to join in the filming.

My wife Jenny and I actually saw most of the edited bits a few weeks later when they were staying above Hammonds Butchers in Bainbridge. Both Jenny and the Producer decided I came across all right, but I was "slightly quirky and eccentric". I quite like that! It was Amelia who thought I was a bit like Johnny Ball!

The final bit of filming was when the two professional presenters were up to do the introductions and the links. I was allotted the rather glamorous Melissa Porter to interview me about how I got interested in local history. This was a bit less natural, because the director said not to look at the camera but look at Melissa whilst we were walking slowly. It wasn't difficult to do that! It took about 2 hours to film that bit as we had to keep re-shooting from different angles etc. and sometimes between shoots the make up girl would adjust Melissa's hair. and make-up. I wondered why I couldn't be fussed over too, but was told I didn't need it. I couldn't work out if this meant I was so handsome anyway. or that I was just beyond repair. I suspect the latter!

The result of my "fortnight of fame" has been a lot of jovial banter and leg pulling. I was amused how they decided to introduce me as I insisted they didn't call me an expert, so I was a local history "buff", "enthusiast" and "sleuth" to name but three. Hopefully in years to come the sight of "Grandad" on TV will give our first grandchild Caitlin some mild amusement!



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HAWES SCHOOL NEWS

Wensleydale Show Winners

We had great success with the Wensleydale Show handwriting competition this year. Megan Iveson and Chloe Sunter were both awarded 1st prize for their age groups. Shannon Mellish and Harry Dinsdale were awarded 3rd place for their respective classes and David Raw 4th place. Well done. Each child received a certificate, rosette and prize money.



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also pre-determined by the driver. These types of manoeuvres are always very interesting and challenging. The route took us over to Swaledale, back to Redmire and then to West Burton, Thornton Rust and finishing up at The Crown Askrigg. Marker boards had to be spotted on route and some were well hidden. There was also a sheet with pictures of different logos which we had to name, “Auto Trader” “Playboy” and “Ministry of Sound” being some examples. This was an excellent exercise as there was something on the sheet of interest to most people. Thanks to Fred Scarr and Andrew Foster for organising this interesting rally and they were also the winners of last month’s rally - Well Done. 2nd were Tim & Karen Prudden and joint 3rd were Carol & David Scarr and Muriel & Netta.

Netta Davies

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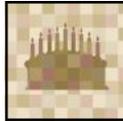
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Museum events on page 11 ;

October

- 1 Wensleydale Railway: Display of Morris Minor cars, Leeming Bar station
- 1 Pet service at St Oswald's, Askrigg; 10.00am. All animals welcome.
- 1 Hardraw Harvest. 2.30 pm See page 21
- 1 Open air Harvest Festival for all: East Scar Top Farm, Thornton Rust
- 1 Hawes Gala Bed push, Hawes-Askrigg; details 667192
- 3 Alzheimer's Society; support group for Upper Wensleydale; Gayle Institute, 11.30 am to 1.30 pm with sandwich lunch
- 3 Hawes Drama group reads "Dark Lucy"; Gayle Institute, 7.30 pm
- 5 Barden Mill Trip; see page 15.
- 5 NSPCC Coffee and stalls. Redmire village hall 10.30am to noon
- 6 Wensleydale Society; West Burton village hall. 7.30 pm See page 4
- 7 International Band concert; Zetland Centre, Richmond. See page 3
- 7 West Burton Harvest Supper. See page 22.
- 8 Bread for Life Party; see page 15.
- 8 Bainbridge Harvest Festival 10.30 am
- 10 YDNPA Planning committee; West Burton village hall 10.30 am
- 11 W.E.A. Codes and Ciphers Course beginning today at 7.00pm, East End, Askrigg.
- 12 Fund raising event for "Dalesplay"; Fountain Hotel, Hawes. See p.31
- 14,15 "Day out with Thomas"; Leeming Bar station; see page 33.
- 14 Wensleydale Society walk; meet Thoraby village hall 10.30 am 5 to 6 miles.
- 14 Thornton Rust evening. See page 26.
- 14 Gayle Chapel Autumn Rally 7.00 pm
- 15 Ecumenical Covenanting service for two West Witton congregations. St. Bartholomew's 6.00 pm
- 15 St. Oswald's; **NO** 8.00am service.
- 15-24 Week of prayer for World Peace
- 18 Bainbridge & District Motor Club AGM; see page 11.
- 18 Coffee morning for mission work: Bainbridge chapel from 10.00am
- 19 Hawes W.I. meets; "Christmas with ribbon" Methodist rooms, 7.00 pm
- 19 Bainside Arts talk; see page 30.
- 20 Race night at the Fountain, Hawes. See page 31
- 20 AGM of the Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum. See page 11
- 21 Annual autumn concert; Wensleydale Methodist Circuit; Aysgarth Chapel 7.30 pm. See page 17.
- 22-28 One World Week
- 24 Coffee and stalls; Hawes Methodist rooms; 10.00 am to noon
- 26 Tup Sale Disco, Fountain Hotel, Hawes
- 26 WEA AGM and Talk. Askrigg village hall. 7.30 pm. See page 6
- 26 Gayle Ladies meet. 7.30pm . Fund raising night.
- 28 Coffee Morning at Stalling Busk from 10.30 am.
- 28 Quaker Books & Coffee Morning; see page 23.
- 28 "Exploring prayer" study day. Carperby village hall from 10.30 am. See p. 3.
- 29 CLOCKS GO BACK AN HOUR
- 29 Benefice family service, St Andrew's 10.30 am
- 29 Table Top Sale, Hawes Market Hall, usual times and prices

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Hawes Amateur Operatic Society regrets that the planned production of 'Scrooge' for December will not now take place.

This decision was made at rehearsal by the cast, due to a shortage of players, especially singers, and it was agreed that putting on a show with the possibility of not meeting the high standards expected of HAOS was not an option. Members of the cast, production team and backstage who were prepared to make the commitment are very disappointed with the outcome, as no doubt will be the community of Hawes and beyond.

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THURSDAY & FRIDAY

OCTOBER 5TH & 6TH

AT 5-30PM & 8PM

SATURDAY OCTOBER 7TH

AT 3PM, 5-30PM & 8PM

'THE ANT BULLY' (U)

(with the voices of Julia Roberts,
Meryl Streep & Nicholas Cage)

THURSDAY - SATURDAY

OCTOBER 12TH - 14TH

AT 5PM & 8PM

COLIN FARRELL & JAMIE FOXX

IN

'MIAMI VICE' (15)

THURSDAY - SATURDAY

OCTOBER 19TH - 21ST

AT 5PM & 8PM

PENELOPE CRUZ

IN

'VOLVER' (15)

(In Spanish with subtitles)

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

OCTOBER 26TH & 27TH

AT 5-30PM ONLY

SATURDAY OCTOBER 28TH

AT 3PM & 5-30PM

'GARFIELD 2' (U)

THURSDAY - SATURDAY

OCTOBER 26TH - 28TH

AT 8PM ONLY

JULIE WALTERS

IN

'DRIVING LESSONS' (15)

THURSDAY - SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 2ND - 4TH

AT 5PM & 8PM

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MICHAEL SHEEN

& SYLVIA SYMS

IN 'THE QUEEN' (12A)

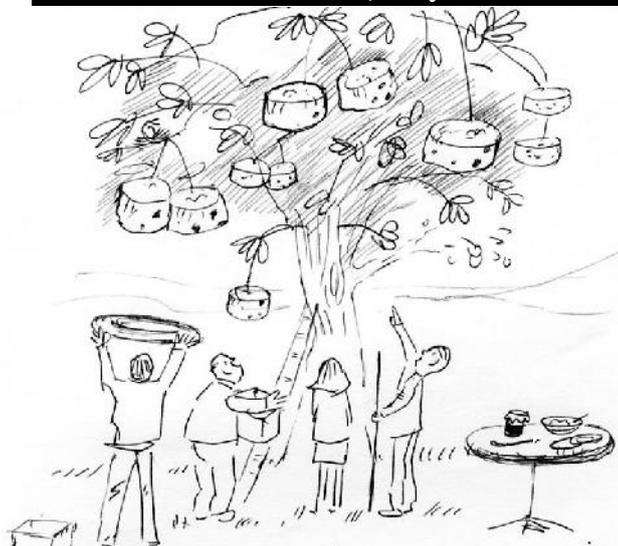
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A LETTER TOO MANY; for your entertainment



They couldn't believe the size of the scones on the tree.

Stop press

1. **Bursary student** We are delighted (and so is she) to report that Belinda Bond from the Wensleydale School is to be our new Bursary Student for this academic year.

Belinda, will be attending Newsletter committee meetings and her first article will appear in the November issue.

2. **Bakery closure** From October 7th the bakery at Elijah Allen's in Hawes Market Place is to cease.

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