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## Editorial

**T**o keep or not to keep? Our concentration for several months on the “Gayle Beck Lodge” issue (Gayle Beck running down to Ribblesdale Beck in Gayle is properly known as ‘Duerley Beck’) has led to some interesting and very varied opinions on what to do with ‘redundant’ structures in the Dales. Apparently the Millennium Trust gets more correspondence about Gayle Beck Lodge than almost anything else.

The problem isn’t simply about the number of barns, mills, shepherds’ refuges, workshops, stores, religious buildings or little schools, but also how they relate to the area in which they are set. There is wide-spread agreement that not all un-used barns etc., especially isolated ones, could become houses; but should they all be kept? Certainly some are of outstanding quality with lovely arches and quoins; others dotted along the limestone escarpments are such a dales feature that we are all the worse-off if they go.

Then follow two further issues: in what form will they be preserved?; and where does the money come from? Some people like the idea of ruins, and it’s true that after many years’ decay there is an evocative quality to them. A big and famous example is Fountains Abbey; maybe lesser and local would be Stalling Busk old chapel or our isolated remains of old lead mines. Money is needed to stabilise them and keep them safe but how much should they be renovated? Top Withins (‘Wuthering Heights’ possibly) south of us here, is certainly stabilised with concrete or mortar wall tops and is neither a real ruin nor a renovation. Do we want to give old buildings the ‘brush’ treatment? “I’ve had it for fifty years- it’s had eight new heads and five new handles.” Some people

would go further (see letters, page 30) and rely on photographic evidence for what we used to have in the landscape; others feel the buildings must remain within it.

**To keep or not to keep?** To the dismay of many (and August 1<sup>st</sup> is Yorkshire Day) a very recent report says that our Yorkshire dialect is also being lost- to an ever-spreading ‘estuary English’ or Americanism. Does it matter? Is it worth keeping? Certainly all the words and phrases relating to trades which have died out, and to the equipment and life-styles there were then, have no chance of survival and no need to be kept; old dictionaries, recordings and museums keep the memory alive. On the other hand, our local words for places are fairly secure; our ‘fells’, ‘dales’, ‘becks’, ‘carns’, ‘scars’ and ‘fosses’ are likely to survive. But what of speech that is still relevant- and often as iconic as a classic building in its setting? Some words have such force. You can be ‘very cold’, but it’s not in any way like being ‘starved to death’, or ‘nithered’; our weather for weeks has been ‘gloomy’ but here it’s worse, it’s ‘darley’ or ‘dowly’! And why use a whole sentence to describe someone down in the dumps, sad, not at all well, worried and not knowing what to do with themselves when: “She’s nowt” sums it up perfectly. Some still visit the ‘bairns’, (one of them’s ‘as wick as a lop’) taking their ‘bait’ with them. We ‘flit’ rather than just move- you might be ‘capped’ at that; in fact there’s a ‘gurt dollop’ of such words. The writer was a ‘yapstick’ when young; maybe he still is.

Heritage, in its various forms, gives such beauty and ‘added value’ to life. The trick is to think carefully just what we wish to keep, and sensitively direct our funds and energy there.

*Several articles have had to be held over to next month, but as there will be no schools’ news there should be room. Ed.*



### **Eunice**

I was found by Joanna Hague, Gayle and Jane in Arkengarthdale last month. Where will I be today? (with assurances I am here!).

### **Bank Holiday recital**

There will be a recital by young Lauren Walker (who has received a scholarship to the Royal Academy of Music), accompanied at the piano by John Foster, on **Sunday August 26th at 2.30pm** in St Andrew's church, Aysgarth, with afternoon tea to follow.

**Next issue**  
**The September issue will be produced on**  
**August 29th and 30th and will be**  
**distributed between August 30th and**  
**September 3rd**  
**DEADLINE FOR COPY:**  
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### **Dragonfly survey in the Yorkshire Dales**

Visitors and residents can participate in the first dragonfly survey ever held in the National Park by recording sightings of the golden-ringed dragonfly. Information about the insect and its habitats, and a survey form, can be downloaded from the Y D N P A website at [www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/dragonfly](http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/dragonfly).

## **Last month's answers**

### **Trip around the coast**

1. St Ives
2. Bognor Regis
3. Margate
4. Skegness
5. Formby
6. Lytham
7. Llandudno
8. Barmouth
9. Newquay
10. Ilfracombe
11. Poole
12. Swanage
13. Westward Ho
14. Seahouses

And the winner was: Mike Battram, Morpeth.

### **New faces at the White Hart**

The new joint licensees at the White Hart in Hawes are Michelle Barnes and her father Neil Clark. Michelle has moved up from Kent with her 7 year old daughter Kayleigh who I am told has really enjoyed the last month at Hawes School.

Michelle has family roots in the Dales; her grandfather (a Metcalfe, no less) was born in Leyburn and her great-uncle was the Ralph Dale of Darts Cup fame. Her father Neil and mother Judith (who will also be helping with the new venture), have been living in Richmond for the last 2 years and working at the Georgian Theatre Royal.

Immediate plans include a refurbishment of the Legion Function Room which the family hope will become an established location for receptions, parties and meetings and the provision of Morning Coffees and Afternoon Teas.

Noting that the Pennine Way emerges into the town directly opposite the pub the family also wonder if the provision of a

'Walkers' Specials' menu might be welcomed. There are no plans to make any major changes to the 'pub' and Michelle and Neil are keen to support the many sporting activities that take place there.

Michelle and Neil would like to say a huge thank you to the existing staff who have helped them so much to effect a smooth handover and to the locals who have already 'checked them out'. **B.C.**

### **Fire Call Hawes fire station report**

The month of May was a relatively busy month for incidents following a fairly quiet period. The most serious was the fire at the creamery, which occurred in the early hours of Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> May. I was away on holiday, so missed all the action. The crew found on their arrival a serious fire. Initial attempts to enter the building by a team wearing breathing apparatus was made very difficult by the extreme heat and smoke that had built up in the building. Owing to the serious situation the officer in charge then requested additional fire appliances which were sent from Sedbergh, Leyburn and Reeth. The incident support unit was also sent from Richmond with a supporting appliance to provide extra breathing apparatus. The fire has resulted in extensive damage to the structure and contents of the building.

Other incidents included a car fire at Bainbridge and two incidents involving a hang-glider and a para-glider who crashed within an hour of each other at Busk Farm, Duerley (near Gayle). Both pilots were airlifted very quickly to hospital by air ambulance. The para-glider tragically later died from his injuries.

Two of our most experienced fire-fighters have left us after a combined service of nearly 50 years. Crew managers **Gordon Sleightholm and Mark Facer**, both of whom have given exemplary service will be greatly missed.

Stuart McLoughlin joined us at the end of last year following training at the Brigade's training centre at Easingwold and is now having a fantastic time with us. ***We have vacancies for three people and are looking for fire-fighters, male or female who can give some day cover.*** So that we may reliably keep the appliance available at all times it is essential that we recruit these

fire-fighters quickly. Training is provided by the brigade and a good pay and pension scheme is in place. Anyone interested can get further details from me or directly from the brigade by the website [www.northyorksfire.gov.uk](http://www.northyorksfire.gov.uk)

**Roger Iveson**

### **Aysgarth Fete**

The function commences on the village green ( within the Institute in case of extreme weather conditions) at 1.30pm

**Bank Holiday Monday, August 27th.**

There are many attractions including a performance by Hawes Silver Prize Band. .

**Peter Windle, Secretary.**

## **Christian Aid Week**

### **Hawes area**

Once again we have worked together as a community to help lift people out of poverty around the world.

Many thanks to all who gave and helped in any way, especially the Collectors and the Coffee Morning bakers and helpers. Thanks also to Rev Bill Simms and Rev Henry Dubois for a very fitting and challenging United Service and to the readers from the four churches. Finally, we are indebted to Pearl, Alison and Suzanne at Barclays Bank who spent their lunch hours counting money and coping with the paperwork.

The totals for the week are as follows:-

UNITED SERVICE AT HAWES	
METHODIST CHURCH	<b>£218</b>
COFFEE MORNING & BRING & BUY	
AT HAWES METHODIST ROOMS	<b>£354</b>
HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTION	<b>£972</b>
GIFT AID DECLARATION TAX	
RETURNS	<b>£98</b>
TOTAL	<b>£1,642</b>

This is an increase of £240 from last year!

**Linda Butters**  
**Hawes Area Secretary**

## **Songs of Praise**

### **Aysgarth Falls**

**Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**

Come and enjoy an outdoor Songs of Praise Service at the Upper Falls, Aysgarth.

## **Roof of Wensleydale**

August sees the return of the popular TV "Dales Diary" series and on **Thursday August 16th at 7.30pm**, Stuart Lennie will join the list of local 'characters' who feature from time to time. Stuart (who lives in Hawes) brought out his second book with the title "Roof of Wensleydale" and the programme will feature some of the fell-tops around the head of the upper dale.

"There should be some good views" said Stuart.

## **25<sup>th</sup> Thornton Rust Country Show**

**O**ne of the smallest country shows to be held in Yorkshire, perhaps even in England, celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on **Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup>**.

Instigated by Mr and Mrs Ron Jones as a community event to raise funds for the Village Institute, the Country Show is still a well-supported community event.

Both residents and visitors can enter exhibits in the different classes: flowers, floral arrangements, produce, preserves, country wines, home cookery, creativity (art and writing), craft, and photography, and there is a special set of classes for children's exhibits.

Sadly, Mr Jones died some years ago and Mrs Jones moved away from Thornton Rust to Gayle. However, she has maintained contact with the event and is still the Honorary President of the show. This year, to mark its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, she has provided a new silver cup for the highest total of points awarded for floral arrangements.

The Show Committee has invited Stan Roocroft MBE, to open the Show, at 2.30 pm and, after the presentation of prizes and the auction of produce, there will be a performance by Hawes Silver Band, followed by a village barbecue.

This is a special year for the Thornton Rust Country Show and it is hoped that the proceeds of the event will significantly boost the funds being raised by the villagers to repair the roof of the Village Institute.  
**J.W.T.**

### **Pre-school leader**

...required for West Witton Pre-School in Wensleydale to work one afternoon and three morning sessions per week (term time only).

This is an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic and experienced person to join our community pre-school. The successful candidate will work as part of a team using positive behaviour management strategies and demonstrate initiative and independent decision making skills.

Required qualifications: NNEB/NVQ3 or equivalent. For further details contact:

**Jane Chapman, 624415**

### **Market House News**

The last phase of the Lottery Award spend has now been completed with the hard-surfacing of the area to the right of the building. This will enable the children who attend the play-group to play out safely there, and will also provide better access.

**On Saturday, August 18th, from 10.30am** why not come to the Hawes Market House to join the Trustees in a cup of coffee and have a look round at how the Lottery money has been spent on your behalf. In the afternoon, younger children can enjoy Ron Wood's 'Punch and Judy' show, (accompanied by parents please), and over-nines who have pre-booked can take part in a 'Circus Skills Workshop' directed by Ron. Places limited to 40 for this.

There will also be some interesting archive material on display about the Market House which for many of you will bring back memories. See you on the 18th!**S.H**

### **Askrigg 'Askind' shop**

As all the residents in Askrigg have been made aware of the impending closure and have received a full and closely worded statement of the situation, we only need to mention this briefly. As people will know this was a ground-breaking community venture when it was set up, as part of the Askrigg Foundation, but over the last few years it has been increasingly difficult to keep it solvent.

As has often been said, it only needs everyone to spend an extra pound or two a week to keep these things viable; this is not happening and the directors are now left with no alternative. It is highly likely that the Post Office will continue somewhere within the village and there should be no difficulty over the supply of newspapers.

The shop is expected to close, probably within a couple of months, but the whole procedure is complicated by the involve-

ment of several groups – the staff and employees, the Foundation, the Directors, the Charity Commission and the Post Office. When the future is clear we will report further.



## **New action plan for the Yorkshire Dales**

A detailed action plan for the National Park Authority in 2007-08 is now available on the internet. The plan sets out the Authority's achievements over the last year and the projects and schemes it intends to complete in the next 12 months.

For example, the total area of the National Park under good conservation management has risen to 75 per cent and the number of footpaths in good condition has increased to 83 per cent (i.e. more than 1,700 kms). And 89 per cent of 'household' planning applications are now dealt with within eight weeks – the best of any National Park Authority.

A summary of the Plan is on the YDNPA website at [www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/standards\\_services\\_and\\_best\\_value-june\\_2007.pdf](http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/standards_services_and_best_value-june_2007.pdf). Hard copies of the summary can be obtained from YDNPA offices at Yoredale, Bainbridge.

### **Exhibition and Flower Festival**

There will be an exhibition of wedding dresses and christening gowns plus a festival of flowers at St John's Church, Garsdale on **Saturday to Monday, August 25th to 27th from 10.00am to 5.00pm.**

Refreshments will be available in the village hall. For more details please contact **Pauline Hasted 01768 372011**

### **Children's Drama Week**

A week of activities for children in the form of a series of drama workshops will be held at Bainside Arts in Bainbridge from August 13th to 17th. The sessions will last from 10.00am until 4.00pm and all children from 9 to 14 years old are welcome to participate. The cost is only £5 per day or £20 for the full five days. For further details or to book a place, ring **Jenny Jackson on 650070.**

### **The 91<sup>st</sup> Moorcock Show**

“Well, it always rains on the day of the Moorcock Show, so that’s why we don’t go.”

Well, if you don’t go, you will be missing a great family day out at one of the Yorkshire Dales’ oldest sheep shows.

Not only will you be able to learn about local breeds such as Swaledales and Rough Mountain Sheep, but you can also be a part of an interactive sheep judging competition.

Following last year’s success there will be a number of craft and local business stalls such as that of our local chainsaw sculptor, together with an exhibition of both children’s and adults’ arts and crafts.

You can also look forward to traditional events such as children’s sports and competitions; and the vintage tractor display.

The Moorcock Show promises a good day for everyone, and will start at **noon on Saturday, September 1st** at Mossdale, between Hawes and Sedbergh on the A684.

### **Open Gardens Bolton Hall**

**Saturday August 11<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 5.00pm**

Stalls and Teas

Entrance: Adults £2 Children free

(accompanied by an adult)

(For Benefice Funds).

### West Witton Feast and Fun

A weekend of entertainment can be found at West Witton this coming Bank Holiday.

**Saturday 25 August** is the day of the Feast where the programme is

Cottage Show in Village Hall

Entries 9.00am—10.30am

Viewing 1.00pm—3.30pm

Prize giving 3.30pm

Fell Races from 5.30pm starting at Kagram

Juniors 8—14 years old, Seniors 15+

Contact **640660** for details and entries.

Burning of Bartle starts at Kagram at 9.00pm, proceeds down the main street and up Grass Gill where he is burned. Followed by community singing.

**Sunday 26 August** is Sunday Fun Day in the playing field at the east end of the village. Gates open at 10.00am with refreshments from 11.30am

Children's Fancy Dress at noon

Children's sports from 12.30pm

Bar and barbeque from 1.00pm

Attractions include bouncy castles, an air slide, a bungee run, a jazz band, bale races, quoits, boules, wallops, stalls and a raffle.

There will be 5-a-side football for under 9 and under 11 age groups (contact **Garry Acton on 624306**) and a Falconry Display at 4.30pm. Prizes at 5.45pm.

### What do you think?

I have gained the reputation of local recycler, or as my family call me "Secondhand Rose". The latest suggestion, made by a lady in Gayle, is "We all have in our jewellery boxes odd earrings, having lost one of the pair. I wonder if someone could make use of them, putting them on a chain as a pendant or something like that". What do people think? Maybe the Brownies could use the cheaper ones to make pendants, and maybe the posher ones could go to a craft group, to be sold for charity when made. Any ideas, phone me on **650525**.

**Sylvia Crookes**

### 1st Hawes Brownies

Brownies enjoyed taking part in Hawes Gala winning second prize for their huge birthday cake entry. We all spent a lovely sunny day at Beamish where we were part of a 1,600 guiding contingent from the north east. Unfortunately, our annual cook-out at Cotterdale was rained off but weather won't bother us when we round off the term with a water fun night. We say goodbye to 5 girls this term but welcome 6 new Brownies in September. If any girl is interested in joining Brownies, please contact Linda at Hawes Post Office 01969 667201. Happy holidays everyone.

**Linda Reynolds**

## **Events in and around Askrigg/Bainbridge**

### **Sunday August 5th- Parish Party**

To be held at The Vicarage, Askrigg commencing at 5.00 pm. Refreshments will be served. Raffle. £3 for adults and children free.

### **Saturday August 11th - Bainbridge Barbecue**

To be held on Bainbridge Village Green from 5.00 pm to 9.00 pm. Barbecue, Bar, Music, Jack and Jill Slide. Everyone Welcome.

**Sunday August 26th - Lakeside Service, Semerwater.** Rev Ann Chapman will hold a short service with hymns, accompanied by the Hawes Silver Band, on the shores of Lake Semerwater at 3.00 pm.

### **Saturday 25th - Monday 27th August -**

A Flower Festival is to be held at St Matthew's Church, Stalling Busk over the Bank Holiday weekend. Everyone is welcome to come along. The theme is "Pastimes and Posies". Refreshments available. 10.00 am to 5.00 pm daily.

## **Thoralby Village Fete**

Children's Fun Day and Races. Stalls, games, competitions, teas, cakes, plants, a fun packed event! From 2.00pm.

## Jennyruth Workshops

Jennyruth Workshops is a family-based organisation set up to teach people with learning difficulties crafts and social skills.

In June Hawes W.I. welcomed Matthew, Denise, Rebekah and Fiona to tell us about their work and to display and sell some of their products.

Denise outlined the origins and development of this not-for-profit limited company and registered charity. Barry and Sue, both teachers, had a son Jonathan with Down's Syndrome. They adopted five more children with the same condition. The first, Jenny Ruth, died aged one. As Jonathan grew his father taught him woodworking which led to toy-making.

At their home in Marton cum Grafton four of the children began to learn wood-working, painting, metalworking and sewing. Two sheds in the garden provided work space. In 2003 an old helicopter hangar on the Newby Hall estate was acquired and transformed into work units with help from Thorpe Arch prisoners and the army. In 2004 it was officially opened by HRH the Countess of Wessex.

Fourteen young people with learning difficulties develop skills tutored and helped by 25 colleagues and some volunteers. Goods are sold at craft fairs and at talks to groups such as the W.I., as well as by mail order. This helps learning-disabled colleagues to take part in the normal activities of life and to gain valuable social skills.

Twenty three year old Rebekah who sews and paints gave us a step-by-step account of the way she makes a beautiful stitched Christmas Wreath, illustrating each step with a photograph to hand round.

Matthew aged 26 enjoys metalworking with cold-formed steel and hopes to learn

welding. He described how he makes the individual parts of an attractive wall-hanger for holding a potted plant. We saw photographs of the equipment used, and handled examples of formed steel. A retired headmistress among us learned something new, as she hadn't known that steel could be worked without heat. A display of products was beautifully presented, giving us an opportunity to make purchases. We each received a colourful folder containing catalogue leaflets and information about fund-raising events and the aims and objectives of the Workshops.

We enjoyed a lively time over supper chatting with our guests. If any other group is interested in booking a talk or buying products, contact **Jennyruth Workshops at:**

**Unit 5, Red House Farm, Newby Hall Estate, Ripon, N. Yorkshire, HG4 5AY**

**Telephone: 01765 606 620**

**Email: [info@jennyruth.co.uk](mailto:info@jennyruth.co.uk)**

**Web: [www.jennyruth.co.uk](http://www.jennyruth.co.uk)**

**Jean Day**

## Open Gardens event

Despite the weather we had a wonderful day at Carperby. People turned out in droves armed with brollies and wellies. Their reaction was "amazed" considering the awful wind and rain we have had over the last few weeks.

The people in the Kitchen worked well together and supplied everybody with a delicious selection of food including strawberries and cream, the plant stall was well patronised, and the band entertained from the shelter of the Village Hall Snooker Room.

Traffic was managed expertly, and a superb total of over **£2,300** was raised. Many thanks to every body who helped in any way.

**Pat Jackson**

## High/Low summer in Snaizeholme

This afternoon, out of the bushes came a small skinny hen Pheasant with eight very tiny chicks. These are the first Pheasant chicks I have seen this year. The weather has been against them right through, earlier because it was so dry, and now because of all the rain, and even today I'm afraid these little chaps have a very small chance. The showers, when they come, are incredibly heavy. However, the tree-nesting birds have done brilliantly. The most exciting were the Pied Flycatchers. Last year, there was a male Pied Flycatcher among the larch for two or three weeks in the spring, but I never saw a female, and eventually after singing and singing he gave up and left. This year a pair arrived and chose one of our nesting boxes and raised a family. We felt really honoured. Spotted Flycatchers, which have nested in Snaizeholme for many years, have been seen from time to time, but are clearly not nesting near the house.

The Siskins finally settled and nested in quite large numbers, and have recently brought numerous young to the feeders, and the Blackcaps (very late arrivers) finally came and settled in. Three males have been singing delightfully quite close by.

So the Snaizeholme world is now full of noisy young birds, some still demanding food from their long-suffering parents, but a great many now quite capable of looking after themselves.

The Red Squirrels too have done well and are now extremely hungry. High Summer is not a good time for Red Squirrels. Most of last year's cones are gone. This year's fruits on Bird Cherries, Rowan, Hawthorn and other trees and shrubs are not yet ready for eating, and so they come to the feeders. I am always being asked how many Red Squirrels we have, and I find it impossible to answer. At this time

of year it is possible to recognise the difference between adults and young Squirrels by the state of their tails. (At least, this is what I think). The young have luxuriant bushy tails, and shining coats, but the adults have skimpy, patchy hair on their tails.

Although this makes them look a bit small and pathetic, they still have first food pickings, and the beautiful young have to treat them with respect. I rather imagine that the adults may have sacrificed their tails to line their dreys (nests) for the young.

At other seasons of the year, you feel delighted if you see two Squirrels on the feeding willow at once. At present, it's not unusual to see five on the tree at the same time. I suspect that we may have more than twenty coming to the feeders just now, but I still can't be sure.

They certainly get through a lot of food. One of the other charming things about watching squirrels is that up to a certain age, members of the same family will happily feed together. There is usually a bit of pushing and shoving, but no fighting. Other squirrels are sent packing as it happens during the rest of the year but brothers and sisters are welcome at the same time.

The bad news is that for a few weeks we had a Grey Squirrel in the valley. There is this constant fear that if a grey is around, it might pass Squirrel-pox to the reds. The grey was first seen by the road above our woodlands, but it quickly found its way to the feeding places both in the bottom of the valley and by our house. It was finally shot by our friend Graham, for which we were all very grateful., and we hope that the Reds are unaffected. **Jane Kemp**

## Benefice walk

**Saturday August 4<sup>th</sup>** Meet at Castle Bolton at 10.00am and walk to Wensley in time for lunch. If the walk is not suitable

for you either join the walk where you are comfortable with or meet us for lunch! Bring your own picnic. Everyone welcome!

### **More for Lis!**

The National Park Chairman Carl Lis has been named as the new Chairman of the English National Park Authorities Association (ENPAA), which exists to promote, and further the needs of, the nine English National Parks, and representing their interests to Government.

**Carol Klein comes to “Dales Harvest” in September** tion on 667400.

Carol Klein, TV Gardening presenter, writer and nursery-woman will give a talk ‘Grow Your Own Veg’ with a question and answer session at the



***‘DALES***

***HARVEST’*** event on September 22nd, 23rd in Hawes She will also judge a vegetable growing competition and do a book signing.

She is renowned for her exuberant enthusiasm for plants and gardening. She presents *Gardeners’ World*, is the RHS spokesperson at the Chelsea Flower Show and for other flower shows presented by the BBC. She presented the series ‘Grow Your Own Veg’ and penned a book to partner the series. She also writes for the gardening press and has a regular column in the *Guardian*.

*‘DALES HARVEST’* is a new annual event, showcasing all that Upper Wensleydale has to offer to the visiting public: food, drink, countryside and rural attractions, music, dance and entertainments. Tickets £5, including parking and shuttle bus, children free.

Things are rapidly falling into place and arrangements made for displays and events both on the Community Field and in the Market House. Full details will be in the next issue but you may contact **Pat West** or **Mick Rhodes** now for further informa-





**Mystery picture. How good are you at waterfalls?**

(Printed with permission; Unnetie project)  
 Last month's was at the bottom of Gayle Lane in Hawes. Several "spotters" rang in, the first being C. Heseltine who lives very nearby!  
 (The old signpost of course is no longer there but the corner of the building is distinctive)

Some people have said the last two were too easy! Well try this one!



HAWES AMATEUR OPERATIC SOCIETY

There seems to be a question that is being asked over and over again at the moment.

Does Hawes Amateur Operatic Society still exist? The answer is very easy – YES. The dedicated team of volunteers who make up the committee refuse to let it be otherwise, so what is the latest position?

It is a huge shame that the production team for Scrooge had to take a tough decision last October and decide that it was not possible to present their Christmas production. For the first time Howard Firth was to direct for the Society alongside Alan Harpley as Musical Director.

It was a decision not taken lightly and the Committee spent the next few months looking at how, and if, the Society should try and continue. Plans were made which included:

\*Appointing Trustees Stan Roorcroft, Colin Bailey and Robin Battersby (Arts in Richmondshire) who will ensure that if HAOS ceases to exist in the future the business will be dealt with according to the Society's constitution (the rules).

\*Shona Dinsdale, John and Barbara Drew, Jennifer Fawcett and Mike Waldman were joined by Alison Wade and Hazel Waldman onto the committee.

\*It was agreed that the name should continue to be HAOS and be a part of the future as well as the past history of the society.

\*All forms of performing arts would be encouraged such as dance and drama (with or without a musical content).

There was another change, Sue (our chairman) and Alan Harpley decided to retire from the Committee. We would like to thank them for the many years of dedicated service they have provided to the Society and we know that they will not be

able to resist continuing to be involved in one way or another in the future. *Got Talent.*

Much energy is needed to keep the Society alive – even if there are no performances there are still running costs. Anyone willing to offer a little or a lot of their time to support in any way is gratefully received. We are delighted to have received a grant from *Awards for All* to offer free workshops – these have been very popular and everyone taking part has benefited from working alongside professional performers. Part of the funding has also made it possible to invest in sound equipment (which includes a keyboard amplifier) and they are available for use within the community.

So, where do we go from here - will there be a Christmas production in 2007? YES, We would very much like to be able to stage an enjoyable evening of entertainment this year BUT we need your help. Anyone willing to be involved on or off stage is invited to an informal planning meeting to be held on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 7.00pm at the Wensleydale Centre, Askrigg.**

Once we have gathered all ideas we can then start to plan just what it is we will present. If you are not sure or have never performed before but would like to give it a go then we would like to see you at the meeting as well.

For more information or to let us know that you are accepting our invitation please contact **Colin Bailey (07711 211169), John Drew (650443) or email [info@hawesoperatic.co.uk](mailto:info@hawesoperatic.co.uk)**

Finally, the other comment that regularly crops up when we review ‘where do we go from here’ is the reminder that we are a local voluntary group, nurturing local talent, seeking to provide entertainment for the local community so help us continue to do just that and show that *Wensleydale’s*



### Hydro Vision success

Friday 13th saw 84 delegates from all over North Yorkshire and beyond (as far as Coventry) descend on Hawes for Hydro Vision 2007. This is the first conference on hydro-electricity to be held in the Dales Countryside Museum and the interest in this old form of renewable technology was high. Event organiser Rima Berry of the Re-vive Partnership said “We had a phenomenal attendance, which was wholly down to the quality and reputation of our speakers. I was absolutely delighted to hear presentations from Alice Owen, (one of the UK commissioners for the Sustainable Development Commission) and Mike Smith, (Head of Sustainable Development, Yorkshire Forward) given to the very people who are at the forefront of installing hydro power in rural areas”.

The speaker list read like a who’s who in

micro- and hydro-electricity generation. Alice Owen gave a lively talk on the challenges of hydropower in rural areas; Mike Smith outlined the regional role of micro-generation both informatively and with humour. Frances Drake of Leeds University reminded the audience why micro-generation is big news with a detailed look at climate change in Yorkshire and the Humber. David Williams, Chief Executive officer of the British Hydropower Association told the delegates of the status of hydro generation in the UK. And all that was just the morning.

The afternoon followed a similar vein, with Tim Foster from Smartest Energy giving a brief outline of how to generate a return from hydro generation; Matthew Palmer from Dulas Ltd on non technical implications of hydro; Steve Bailey, Environment Agency with the implications

for Fisheries and Tom Askew from Gilbert, Gilkes and Gordon who outlined the turbines that they build.

The conference included two case studies of hydro electricity generation in action, with Denise Loten of the National Trust and Mo Macleod of Howsham Mill. After a lively presentation from Mike Thomson of the Gayle Mill Trust, there followed an exclusive classic coach ride to Gayle Mill, ticket specially printed for the day, with a tour around the first two floors by members of the Gayle Mill Trust. The conference was funded by Awards for All and the Sustainable Development fund. It included Fair Trade delegate bags, Fair Trade teas, coffee and locally produced produce. Rima said “ We tried to reduce our own impact as much as possible and give as much back to the local economy as possible. A major part, though most will not realise it, was to reduce our carbon footprint as much as possible. We also asked delegates to mark on a map how far they travelled to get to Hawes (many were off the map!) and we will be offsetting THEIR carbon footprint by planting trees in the autumn”.

Details and downloads of presentations in Hydro Vision 2007 can be found on the events page of [www..re-vive.org.uk](http://www..re-vive.org.uk)



### Heavens above

“Now slides the silent meteor on and leaves a shining furrow...”\* You just might see one of these shining furrows yourself this month with the return of the ever reliable annual **Perseid Meteor Shower**. This August the shower peaks on the night of 12/13th - though it's active for a week or so either side of this date. Under favourable dark-sky conditions rates often exceed over 60 an hour so with the moon out of the sky this year (and weather permitting of course) you'll be very unlucky not to glimpse a fair number of these bright, swift 'shooting stars' many of which can leave surprisingly persistent trains.

Next up this month there's an interesting occultation involving the waning crescent Moon and the famous Pleiades star cluster. Occultation occurs when an astronomical body blocks out the light of a more distant one by passing in front of it and are well worth watching if you've not seen one before. This one starts at about 1.30am on the morning of August 7th when both the Moon and Pleiades will still be low down in the north eastern sky. A good set of binoculars will give you a grand view of the stars in the northern part of the cluster disappearing and then reappearing as the moon slowly cruises past them.

Finally if you've never seen an asteroid before now's your chance as Vesta, one of the largest of the vast swarm of minor planets circling the sun beyond the orbit of Mars, passes close to the giant planet Jupiter towards the end of the month. Brilliant Jupiter is unmistakable low down in the southern sky but you'll need binoculars to glimpse much fainter Vesta as it swoops in from the west from the 17th onwards. Closest approach is on the nights of 28th and 29th when it will appear to lie less than 0.5 degrees north of the giant planet. There's no chance of a collision,

however, as this is purely a line-of-sight effect - Jupiter is nearly 3 times further away from us than Vesta. Have clear skies!

**Al Bireo**

\* “Summer's Night” by Alfred Lord Tennyson just in case you were wondering.

## The Newsletter Summer Treasure Hunt 2007

Once again you are invited to tour the Newsletter area of the dale in the steps of **ASW and SED**. Solve the clues to the places and then go hunting, stopping of course on the way round at our splendid teashops or pubs. To really sort out the 'men from the boys' we have included one or two harder (we hope) clues as last year it was difficult to establish exactly which of our several good entries were really the best. There is a **£50** first prize and **£25** second. Off you go! And no complaints!

- 1. Place: Raced to let**  
A) Lake District connection? B) Find the fairy lights. C) Where's 1616? D) What did they do for Bill Ashcroft? (Give the full details)
- 2. Place: Prickly bog**  
A) What was done legally? B) What would be 500m? C) Who's got the gold?
- 3. Place: Des to entertain backwards**  
A) How many panes in the phone box? B) What have they done for M.J. Metcalfe?  
C) Where's the tiny-tile duck? D) Which cottage tells you three times?
- 4. Place: Last noble cot**  
A) What happens at mid day on Sunday? B) Where did Mrs Thomason live formerly?. C) What were whose songs of praise? D) Who appreciated George Jackson?
- 5. Place: Slew yen**  
A) How many posts round the Acer Plantanoides? B) A pointed clue:- where are five missing? C) What's the number on the BM? D) Complete: As a shadow...  
E) Where are the nine identical path lights?
- 6. Place: Occidental birch town** (Lower end)  
A) Where are the Saracen Grade B but the Chieftain Grade A? B) What are they proud to do? C) What will be saved from being crushed? D) What did Stuart Pudney authorise? E) Where and why will you be fined forty shillings?
- 7. Place: Gay harts**  
A) How many stone-slab bridges to pass under? B) Who were the alpine specialists?  
C) Who's Frank's second wife? D) Where's the fox on the door knocker? E) What does PRS stand for?
- 8. Place: Delaying tactic of the entertainment**  
A) What is optional? B) What little animal greets you as you enter Hill Top?  
C) Stake Rd ¼; Ruined church ¼; Low Blean... what? D) What links Cwmbran, Gwent with Trussville Alabama?
- 9. Place: Q Stream?**  
A) How far to C.G.?
- 10. Place: It looks across to place 3.**  
A) Who studied tropical diseases? B) How long between the erection and the enlargement? C) What 'bird' is watching for you? D) What have you to do for Mary End? E) What did W.J.D. do, and when?

**Please send your entries to Old Station House, Hawes, DL 8 3NL by the Newsletter deadline date.**

**RAINFALL FIGURES FROM  
JANUARY TO JUNE 2007**

	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total for 6 months
<b>Hawes</b>	321	72	48	15	73	195	724
<b>Carperby</b>	226	99	53	17	72	211	678
<b>West Burton</b>	257	56	20	15	53	272	673
<b>B a i n - bridge</b>	313	101	71	29	75	169	758
<b>Stalling Busk</b>	307	130	86	41	81	196	841
<b>Askrigg</b>	202	86	61	25	71	178	623
<b>Thornton Rust</b>	274	107	73	27	79	199	759

**BBQ (Ticket only)**

**Friday August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm** onwards  
The Garth, West Burton  
Adults: £12.50, Children £8.00, Family  
£35.00

Contact: **Pat 663420 or Marian 663334**  
(For Aysgarth Church Funds).

**MEASUREMENTS IN MILLIMETRES**

### Dales Discovery

Annual series of slides/talks for locals and visitors: **Hawes Methodist Church, Wednesdays at 8.00 pm**

**1st** Dales Archaeology from the air; *Rob White, Senior Conservation Archaeologist, National Park.*

**8th** Birds of the Dales  
*Ian Court, Species officer*

**15th** Steam trains of the North  
*David Alison; Tracks North*

**22nd** Wildlife in Mallerstang  
*Ron Baines, Kirkby Stephen*

**29th** Buildings of the Dales  
*Don McLellan, Conservation (historic environment), National Park.*

Each evening includes a selection of slides from these well-tried or recommended speakers. The sessions last about an hour to an hour and a quarter.

### Found

... a camera in Carperby village hall on the open gardens day. Contact:

**A. Moore 663689**

### Potty for Potter?

There has been much speculation and excitement surrounding the recent release of the last and supposedly darkest of the books in the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling – *Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows*. This comes two weeks after the release of the fifth Harry Potter film – *Harry Potter and The Order of The Phoenix*. Both have been eagerly awaited by fans, old and young alike. Hoards of fans lined the red carpet in the pouring rain dressed as witches and wizards before the premiere of the latest film, just to get a glimpse of their favourite characters. Many thousands even queued outside bookshops at midnight of July 21st to become the proud owner of the latest instalment. (Me included of course.)

But what is it that makes this series of books about an ordinary boy who becomes a wizard into a worldwide phenomenon? The books have been translated into many global languages and copies are even available in Ancient Greek if that's what you want! Harry Potter is therefore accessible to a wide range of cultures but it is what's at the heart of the story that endears it to most. It is primarily about the struggle between good and evil, the fight between protagonist and antagonist, Harry and Lord Voldemort. It is not only this sensational fight, but the human qualities exhibited so well by J.K. Rowling, like love, friendship and trust and the inner struggle to do what is right. Although the books are of a fantasy genre, there is some character, theme or subplot to which everyone can relate.

The first book in the Harry Potter series, *Harry Potter and The Philosopher's Stone* was published ten years ago and was intended as a children's book, but Rowling's fantastic style and flair for storytelling proved able to transcend through the age groups and the book became popular with adults as well as children. After all who wouldn't want to read about the adventures of a boy wizard as a seven year saga un-



folds into one of the most popular series in modern literature. It is pure escapism for all and the books are truly un-put-down-able.

I may be talking from a biased point of view because I have been a fan from the start and the last book coincides with the last year of my mainstream education so I can identify with the characters as they live out the final days of their school lives. It will be with a sense of sadness that I read the final instalment and learn the fate of Harry, Ron, Hermione and the others. It will be the end of an era, but who knows, there may be more to come?

So, if you're a fan I hope you enjoy the final book as much as I will and if you've never read a Harry Potter book, I strongly recommend that you do, they really do include something for everyone and each book is just as exciting as the previous. You're never too young or old to go Potty for Potter!

**Belinda Bond, Bursary Student**  
*(This is Belinda's last article as Bursary Student. We want to thank her very much for her involvement. We'll be looking for a new one for next year. Ed)*



## Gardening notes Resolutions

A number of summer resolutions apart from the usual ones, like not to persevere with an Iceberg rose which stubbornly sheds every leaf by July, and never, ever, ever to let figwort or balsam seed and rampage through my garden again (very pretty, it was, for the first year, but like a bad guest at a party, it refused to leave, and four years on, we're still locked in horticultural combat.)

Come October, I'll be choosing violas instead of winter pansies. The latter, I find, tend to go into hibernation during the coldest months, then soon grow lank and mildewy into early summer, whilst the violas I planted last autumn are still flowering their innocent little heads off. Particularly fine has been the striking 'Angel Black' variety, with polished jet petals and yellow stamen. They're growing in jaunty, compact little clumps and look like lasting the entire season and completing a full year.

I'm also determined to be more patient with my contorted hazel, which probably qualifies as the least attractive feature, after voracious bunnies and rampant bindweed, in a thriving garden. Now this shrub/ tree is a real Jekyll and Hyde creature, single-handedly dragging down a whole area of the garden from May through to October. The leaves appear sooty green and shrivelled and the whole aura of the plant makes you want to go on holiday somewhere bright and cheerful. Well you've just got to give it time because for six months from early autumn, the plant is transformed and becomes the focal point of the garden. Once those horrid leaves are shed, the lovely, twisted stems are revealed, each one later on decorated with beautiful, pendent, yellow catkins. Well worth waiting for so be kind to it.

I've also resolved to throw massive amounts of potentillas at the garden. I'm going to plant them in threes, and mix the colours to get some decent contrasts. 'Red Ace' will complement the gaudy yellow of 'Elizabeth' and I'm sure bright white 'Abbotswood' will look drop-dead gorgeous rubbing up against 'Tangerine'. Just remember to prune sympathetically-an all-over clip will leave them looking like a football with all the flowers plonked on the outside – far better is to get among them in early spring, removing old, damaged wood from the base and opening the whole shrub up. That way you'll have a more natural looking shrub, with flowers on the inside as well the outside. It won't thank you, but then they never do.

**Ed Gardener**

## ASKRIGG SCHOOL

### **Key Stage 2 SAT Results**

Happily Year 6, all 15 of them, did themselves proud. They achieved the best scores the school has ever had, in every subject! Science 100% level 4+ and 87% level 5+, English 93% level 4+ and 73% level 5 and Maths 93% level 4+ and 47% level 5. However best of all they are such nice people and we are going to miss their thoughtfulness and kindness very much.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all the parents for supporting and encouraging the children.

### **Talent Show**

Year 6 pupils Jack Stephenson and Kate Chorley, who organised the show, would like to thank everyone who helped to make the event so successful. They are extremely grateful to the following businesses who kindly donated tombola and raffle prizes etc: Elijah Allen and Sons, Ingots and Bloom, the Coppice Café (Karen's), Yoremill Craft Shop, Campbell's Grocers, Sykes Country Store, Sam's Coffee Shop, Kitty's Tea Room, The Crown Inn, One Stop Shop and Sticky Ginger. Over £450 was raised and the PTFA has kindly agreed to match the sum. All the money raised will be used to develop music further within the school. Kate and Jack would like to say a special 'thank you' to teacher, Mrs Hartley, for helping them to make the event possible and for fostering an enthusiasm for music in all pupils.

**Doctors' rotas as supplied by the surgery .**

<b>AYSGARTH SURGERY ROTA</b> Wb - week beginning										
Wb	6AUG		13AUG		20AUG		27AUG			
Day	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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Tues	A	A	W	W	WJ	WJ	J	J		
Wed	J	J	A	A	A	A	WF	F		
Thur	A	A	W	W	J	J	J	J		
Fri	W	W	J	J	A	A	F	F		
Sat	Emergency service only									
<b>Doctors:</b> A - Arblaster, F - France, J - Jones, W - West , C - Closed										
<b>Morning Surgery:</b> 9.00 - 10.30 a.m. (no appointments)										
<b>Afternoon Surgery:</b> 4.00 - 5.30 p.m. (appointment only)										
<i>For appointments and all enquiries ring 663222</i>										

<b>HAWES SURGERY ROTA</b> Wb - week beginning										
Wb	6AUG		13AUG		20AUG		27AUG			
Day	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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Thur	J	J	A	A	W	W	W	W		
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Sat	Emergency service only									
<b>Doctors:</b> A - Arblaster, F - France, J - Jones, W - West , C - Closed										
<b>Morning S'y:</b> 8.45-10.15 Tues till 10.45 (no appointments)										
<b>Afternoon S'y:</b> 5.00-6.00 Tues 1.00-4.00 (appointments only)										
<i>For appointments and all enquiries ring 667200</i>										

**Hawes United Football Club**

This year's Sponsored Walk will take place on **Sunday 12th August** to raise funds for the Club, and will be different from others in the past being a circular walk starting and finishing in Hawes so that no transport will be required on the day and everyone can turn up to walk after having an extra hour in bed! No excuses this year! The walk will start at 10.30a.m from Town Foot and cover approximately 12 miles in and around Hawes.

For Sponsor Forms (or to take part and give a donation) please contact

**Sheila Alderson at Inverdene Hawes, 667408.**

**Organ recital**

Following the highly successful recital of last November on the refurbished memorial organ in the Hawes Methodist Church, there will be another one!

This will be on **Friday August 3rd at 7.30pm** and the organist is Mr Greg Smith of Ripon Cathedral who knows the organ well through his accompanying of the Wensleydale Chorus there on previous occasions. For those able to climb stairs, the best sounds from the full organ are to be appreciated from the church gallery.

The recital is free but donations at the end will be appreciated, to cover costs.



### Letters and emails

I note that further reference has been made in the July issue of the Newsletter relating to the bothy alongside Gayle Beck.

This I believe is still owned by a shooting syndicate with rights over the surrounding moor, and not the owner of the adjacent land who farms from High Gayle. I say this as I should not want any blame to be attached to him for its present condition and lack of care.

I know that on several occasions some years ago he kept the owners advised of its deteriorating condition but to no avail. The position of the bothy was always going to be a problem for its survival as it was used by unauthorised groups over a lengthy period. Certainly it does not warrant any public money being used for its renovation.

Thankfully most of us have it recorded in perfect condition on photos taken some years ago. **Malcolm Renshaw, Askrigg**

*(We have an email to say that if anyone would be prepared to set up a fund for its renovation, then some people would be willing to donate. Please see Newsletter issue 120, November 2006, where we contacted the owner about the building. Ed)*

Dear Sir

As you no doubt know by now, Mr De Quincey was not alone in straining to find 'Eunice' in last month's edition. Try as we might neither of us here could find her, to the point of complete frustration and wondering whether we had a previously unknown problem with our vision!

I should be interested to know if, in next month's issue, you would advise your readers whether this was a deliberate 'tongue in cheek' omission (perhaps to

stimulate further interest in the Newsletter) or a publishing error ?

As an 'ex-pat.' I like to keep in touch with the area via this newsletter and The Dalesman.

Yours faithfully

**Miles G.C. Rhodes, Northampton**

*(Not deliberate! Our incompetence is greater than our deviousness. Ed)*

I'd like to congratulate you on the excellent editorial in the July "Upper Wensleydale Newsletter". The cotton wool society has gone too far and gets more ridiculous every day. This assumption that no one has any common sense is of course based on the suing society that has arrived here from the USA, the best known example being the case of the MacDonald's hot coffee. The end result is that restrictions apply to almost every activity you can think of.

Too many beaurocrats with nothing better to do than dream up more stupid regulations I reckon.

**Edward Meadowcroft**

# Fun Page!

**Mini Sudoku** COMPLETE the grid so that every row, each column and each 2 by 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 6.

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			2	3	
	6	2			
4			1	2	
		3			

## Jokes

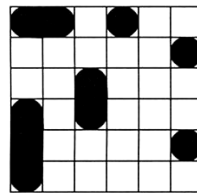
**Q.** What does the sea say to the sand.

**A.** Nothing, it just waves.

**DIFFICULTY RATING EASY**

## Battleships

This puzzle is based on the idea of the old game of battleships. Your task is to find the vessels in the diagram. Some parts of boats or sea squares have already been filled in. The number next to a row or column refers to the number of occupied squares by boats in that row or column. The boats may be positioned horizontally or vertically, but no two boats or parts of boats are in adjacent squares- horizontally, vertically or diagonally. That means every boat is completely surrendered by sea.



Last month's answer

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The answer will be in next month Fun page.

1 battleship



2 cruisers



3 destroyers



## BAINBRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

Joan Buck recently visited the school to see the play equipment purchased by the PFA following a donation to school in memory of her husband, Tony. The children are delighted with the superb range of equipment and are enjoying using it at break times. The school is very grateful to Joan for her wonderful gesture.

The children enjoyed the visit by 'Fizz and Flash' from Eureka! who explained all there is to know about water in a really fun and easily understood way. They were fascinated to find themselves inside a bubble and also saw water disappear and turn into snow! Important facts about water conservation were also explained.

On Tuesday July 10th the Nursery and Reception children visited Bolton Castle and then the play park at Carperby. Meanwhile 21 of the Year 1 to Year 6 children along with 16 adults (a combination of teachers, governors, parents and grandparents) departed by coach to Bradford to visit the Jamia Masjid hanfia mosque and the Gurdwara Singh Sabha temple.

*"The entrance [to the Islamic mosque] was really welcoming, the doors were huge and held wide open, it was almost like they were saying, "our doors are always open". When we entered the mosque we had to take our shoes off, the carpet was really soft and squashy so it felt very comfy on my feet."*

**Stephy [Y6]**

*"At the Gudwara we could see these objects in the back of the room. When Manjit (the lady that was showing us around) uncovered the objects we saw these instruments. Two of them looked like pianos, called harmonium. The other looked like drums and were called tabla. We also got to look at the Sikh holy book's bedroom. I did not know it had its own bedroom. The book had its own bed, wardrobe, suitcases*

*and light just for one book."*

**Sophie [Y5]**

The annual sports event with Askrigg and West Bur-



ton School was held on Wednesday July 11th. The weather remained dry, the children all performed very well and enjoyed participating with their friends from the other two schools.

The new Assistant Head Teacher, David Moore, took the opportunity to spend a day in school recently to meet the staff and familiarise himself with the school. The children are looking forward to his teaching them in September.

The school is grateful to everyone who has collected Tesco and Sainsbury tokens. We have accumulated 366 Sainsbury tokens and 5,696 Tesco tokens that have been added to the 2,177 tokens banked in 2006. Orders have now been placed for IT and sports equipment for the school.

### Area Ranger Report

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority staff have been working closely assisting Dave Higgins, from Durham University, who is currently running a project on Brown Trout. Dave has provided a summary of the project below.

#### **Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust: Brown Trout project.**

It is widely believed that brown trout populations in the river Ure have been severely reduced over the last few decades. Several factors have been blamed for this including drainage channels on the moorlands (grips) altering water flows through fine sediment delivery and phosphate inputs to climate change. To date no direct evidence has been gathered either to prove this or ascertain which factors are most

important in the deterioration of brown trout populations. The Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust and Durham University have commissioned a project, with funding from the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust and the Environment Agency, to assess brown trout stocks throughout the tributaries of the upper Ure. The project will involve computer modelling of land use to assess areas of risk that may be delivering pollutants to the river, modelling of altered water flows and direct water quality measurements to back up this work.

Brown trout stocks in the tributaries will be measured in order to gain knowledge of relative abundance throughout the catchment. This will be done through electro-fishing surveys that involve an electric current being passed through the water which then attracts or stuns the fish allowing them to be collected and counted before release. The method poses no long term damage to the trout. These surveys began last week and will take place throughout this summer and next, though the recent weather and high flows have already managed to put some of the survey work on hold. Anyone interested in the project can email David Higgins ([d.i.higgins@durham.ac.uk](mailto:d.i.higgins@durham.ac.uk)). Or, if you see a group of three or more people wading in the tributaries carrying nets and probes, head over for a chat. The surveys rely on a team of volunteers so there is an opportunity to become involved which would only take a small commitment.

Please report any problems with public rights of way to me on **666220** or [matt.neale@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:matt.neale@yorkshiredales.org.uk)  
**Matt Neale, Area Ranger, Upper Wensleydale**



## HAWES SCHOOL NEWS

### **Outstanding Support by Parents**

A questionnaire returned by parents in January showed outstanding support for Mrs Woodyer, teachers and all the staff at the school for the way the school was run. Overwhelmingly parents thought staff were extremely friendly, approachable and helpful and most importantly it was a happy place with children enjoying coming to school. Parents also remarked that the standards of teaching are excellent. Parents were unanimous in agreeing that the school was proactive in tackling bullying and behaviour issues and all additional comments confirm that there is no bullying or poor behaviour at the school.

Governors thanked all the staff at the end of the term for the school's 'outstanding' OFSTED earlier in the year. The Chair of Governors presented a gift to all the staff to mark this extremely high achievement.

### **Sports Day**

We had another successful Sports Day thanks to everyone who attended and helped out. We were so lucky to have good weather. *Dale* were the worthy winners. Well done.

### **Fun Day**

The children had a wonderful day in school on Tuesday July 10th and thoroughly enjoyed the Circus Show. They then had the opportunity to try out some circus skills themselves. They also enjoyed the other activities we had planned; orienteering was particularly popular although some of the very youngest children 'found' the markers at break time and relocated them! – which somewhat challenged the next group of orienteers! Mask-making was also popular, (thanks to Barbara Roocroft) as was sweet making (grateful thanks to Laura's mum Janet Middleton), sewing (with thanks to Jenny and Mel Barnes and Sue Richardson), kite-making and paper sculpture sessions were also organised by

staff and greatly enjoyed by pupils. The day ended with a Teddy Bear's picnic on the school field. Some Teddy abuse was noted at the end of the picnic. **A GREAT BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who helped to make the day such fun and successful.

### **Sponsored Walk**

Thanks to all the magnificent support parents, relatives and friends have given the school we have raised an astounding **£1391.12** with the sponsored walk. **WONDERFUL!** We are putting this towards a sound system. All the children completed the walk and enjoyed the day. We'd like to thank Ruth Rennison and Shona Dinsdale who kindly opened their homes for drinks and toilet stops and to Richard Johnson who generously lent us two radio links.

### **Drug Awareness Evening**

David Uffindall gave a very informative and important talk to parents He explained the range of illegal substances readily available, talked about the signs and symptoms of people/adolescents who are taking them and showed parents a vast range of drugs and the related paraphernalia used. Without doubt, all children will be exposed to illegal substances sometime in their lives. It is a pressure many of us did not have to face in our formative years.

### **Alice in Wonderland**

On Wednesday and Thursday July 18th and 19th pupils in years 2,3,4,5 and 6 performed *Alice in Wonderland* to packed audiences. Ruby Sunter played the lead and sang a number of solos very well. Emma Shaw played the part of the Mad Hatter, Bonnie Glendinning the Queen of Hearts and Sam Shaw the King of Hearts, George Metcalfe played the harassed White Rabbit, Jack Marriott played a very able mouse. Laura Cloughton the Mock turtle, Charlie Allen the Gryphon, Maisy Dinsdale and

Megan Marriott shared the role of Lewis Carroll , the narrator. Most of the lead parts performed solos. This takes an enormous amount of courage. All played their parts extremely well and everyone learned their parts in a very short space of time as we have had an action packed summer term. Mrs Alderson and Mrs Dooley are to be congratulated and thanked for staging the production. Parents were terrific helping with costumes and stage A GREAT BIG THANK YOU AND WELL DONE EVERYONE.

**Julie Woodyer**

Linda Butters would like to say a big “**thank you**” to everyone for all the beautiful flowers, cards, presents and good wishes received following her recent operation, and last but not least to the staff of the Friarage Hospital for their very efficient care.

#### **Skill share**

These sessions will begin again in September but the Community Office in Hawes would welcome any suggestions for courses to be put on. Please ring **667400**

#### **Situations Vacant**

Care and domestic help required for a young disabled mum suffering from MS living in Gunnerside near Richmond.

Mondays and Tuesdays, 3 hours per day.

£6.63 per hour plus home to work mileage paid at 27p per mile – negotiable.

For further information and to request an application form please send a SAE to:RC001, Independent Living Schemes, Church Lane Surgery, Boroughbridge, York, Y051 9BD

#### **Sharples, Simonstone**

Olive and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kind expressions of sympathy, letters, cards of condolence and flowers received during their sad bereavement.

Many thanks to all who attended the service, and for the generous donations in memory of Bill, for Hardraw Church

#### **WANTED**

**Full time farm worker for dairy cow and sheep farm near Bainbridge  
Telephone 650453 Matthew Bell for details**

#### **DINSDALE**

The family of the late Margaret Joan Dinsdale would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness and sympathy and for the many letters and cards of condolence received during their recent sad loss. In particular Peter would like to thank all the people who visited and supported Joan in the latter part of her illness. Finally grateful thanks for the generous donations received for Hawes Church and for Cancer Research

#### **JOB VACANCY**

West Burton CE Primary School has vacancies for Midday Supervisory Assistants.

Do you have an hour to spare (noon- 1.00 p.m.) once or twice a week for this important work - supervising children during the lunch-break?

If you are interested in this paid employment, please contact the school office **663230**

**MORE WHAT'S ON LISTING**  
*Transfer these dates to your diary!*

#### **September advance notices**

3 Hawes Amateur Operatic Society meeting for all. See page 19

7,8,9 Boots and Beer Festival

9 Hardraw Scar Brass Band Festival

22 “Lighter side of serious music” St Andrew’s Aysgarth

## WHAT'S ON LISTING *Transfer these dates to your diary!*

Museum What's Ons are on page 40.

### July

- 28 St Margaret's, Hawes summer fayre in the Market Hall
- 28-29 Wensleydale Railway Open weekend
- 29 Town Head Petrol Station, Hawes. Charity Screen Wash .From 11.00am for Hawes Gala.
- 29 Burtersett Show from 2.00pm
- 29 Aysgarth chapel Songs of Praise with Dales Gospel Choir; 6.30pm
- 31 Coffee morning and stalls; Hawes Methodist rooms. 10.00am to noon
- 31 YDNPA Full committee; Ingleton.

### August

- 1 Yorkshire Day. Wensleydale railway event. **08454 505474**
- 1 Dalesplay; Kite-making. 2.30 to 4.30pm
- 2 Guided walk: East Cowgill Circular. 10k Meet Dent Railway Station, 12.30pm
- 3 Organ recital; Hawes Methodist Church 7.30pm. See page 29
- 4 Benefice walk. See page 16
- 5 Askrigg parish party. See page 12
- 5 Cricket match (for West Witton church). See page 39
- 6-11 King's Club
- 7 Guided walk: Redmire Force and High Lane. Meet W. Burton green 11.00am. About 15k
- 8 Hawes Town trail. Meet N.Pk. Centre 2.00pm. About 3k
- 9 Discovery walk. Meet Redmire station 11.30am. About 7k
- 10 St Andrew's barbecue. See page 24
- 11 Wensleydale Society walk. Meet 10.30am at Keld
- 11 Open gardens at Bolton Hall. See pg 10
- 11 Bainbridge barbecue. See page 12
- 11 AiR concert. The Outside Track five piece band; Elite Leyburn 7.30pm
- 12 Hawes Football Club Sponsored walk; see page 29.
- 12 Thoraby village fete. See page 12.
- 12 "Sing to God" Hawes Methodist Church. See page
- 12 Guided walk: Mossdale/Cotterdale. 13k. Meet Appersett green 11 .00am
- 12 Gayle chapel anniversary. 2.00pm

- 12 West Burton chapel anniversary with Reeth Band. Outside if fine. 6.30pm
- 13-17 Children's Drama week at Bainside Arts. See page 9
- 14 Coffee morning and stalls; Hawes Methodist rooms for St Margaret's Church. 10.00 am to noon
- 14 YDNPA Planning committee. 10.30am at Yoredale, Bainbridge
- 14 Chainsaw sculpture demonstration. Aysgarth Falls Nat.Pk centre, from 11.00am
- 15 Discovery walks from Aysgarth Falls N. Pk. Centre; 11.00am and 2.00pm **662910** for full details
- 15 Dalesplay; Kite-making 2.30 to 4.30pm
- 15 BDMC Signpost Rally
- 16 East Cowgill walk. *See August 2nd*
- 18 Hawes Market House Open Day. See page 8
- 19 Stalling Busk Fair and Show
- 19 Table top sale Hawes Market House, for Hawes School
- 19 Hawes Town trail. *See August 8th*
- 19 Low Mill duck race. 3.00pm
- 19 Songs of Praise; Aysgarth Falls; pg 6
- 25-26 West Witton Feast and Sunday fun day. See page 11
- 25-27 Stalling Busk Flower Festival. See page 12
- 25 Wensleydale Show. Leyburn
- 26 Patronal Festival and display. St Bartholomew's, W. Witton 9.30am
- 26 Guided walk from Bolton Castle. 12k. Meet 11.00am
- 26 Annual Lakeside service. Semerwater. See page 12
- 26 Hymns old and new; Aysgarth Methodist Church 6.30pm
- 26 Marsett chapel singalong. 8.00pm
- 27 Cream teas and stalls, St Margaret's Hawes from 1.30pm
- 27 Aysgarth village fair. See page 5
- 27 Askrigg Show from 3.00pm
- 27 Cream teas. Redmire village hall from 2.00 to 5.00pm for Bolton Manor Responder Group
- 28 Kilnsey Show
- 28 Aysgarth Whist drive at 7.30pm. Please note the change of day.

## **Wensleydale Chorus sings Fauré and Haydn at Askrigg Church**

Over one hundred people packed into St Oswald's Church, Askrigg to hear the Wensleydale Chorus's first performance this year. The choir, conducted by Stan Roorcroft, sang Hadyn's Nelson Mass followed by the Fauré Requiem. Soloists were Jenny Nix (Soprano), Barbara Roorcroft (who ably stood in for Sue Whitehead as the Alto soloist, very much at the last minute), Kenneth McCavanagh (Tenor), and Jolyon Dodgson (Bass). Greg Smith ably accompanied on the organ.

Haydn's Nelson Mass is a spirited and joyful work with many of the solos echoed by the chorus. The work, later dedicated by Haydn to celebrate Nelson's victory over Napoleon at the Battle of the Nile (1798), ends in a triumphant "Pacem" (peace). Fauré's Requiem, more familiar to the choir, by contrast is gentle, eloquent and reflective.

The audience clearly enjoyed the evening and were treated to the traditional hospitality of an excellent buffet courtesy of the choir and St Oswald's. **M. Blanch**

## **Askrigg and Bainbridge Junior Football 2006-7**

The U11 team won the one day tournament at Spennithorne in May. Absolutely brilliant - well done to Ross Thwaites, Ryan Alderson, Ben Fawcett, Emily Allen, CJ Mottershead, Jack Hammond, and Andrew Mackay.

The U12 team had a very good season and got medals for finishing a very respectable 2nd in the league, winning 11 of 14 games.

**End of season awards:**  
**U12 Player of the match:** Steve Moffit  
**U15 Player of the match:** Grant Thwaites  
**Best newcomer:** Samantha Alderson

**Most Improved Players:** CJ Mottershead and Ross Thwaites

**Most Improved Goalkeeper:** Thomas Allen

**Most Enthusiastic:** Jack Hammond

**Coaches Player of the year:** Emily Allen

Big thanks from the club to Richard Sunter and Tristan Pruden for their time and help with coaching the younger players.

Congratulations to our rivals at Hawes; their U12 team completed the season with 100% record. Big kudos to coach Gary Richardson for leading his team to the U12 League and cup double. The full tables and results are listed here at the Wensleydale Junior Football league web site:

[www.communicate.co.uk/ne/wensleydalejuniorfootballleague/index.html](http://www.communicate.co.uk/ne/wensleydalejuniorfootballleague/index.html)

Many thanks to all the parents for your support (and the excellent gift vouchers). Looking forward to the new season in September and hoping for some new recruits for the U10 team. **Lawrence and Bern**

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

It was a rare fine, sunny evening for the 'Canny Rally'. Before we could set off we had to do some reverse parking and of course some found this easier than others (not naming any names!). Anyhow 10 cars set off but unfortunately 2 cars abandoned the rally and were back at Jims ahead of everyone else. Perhaps they had other ideas of how to spend their time!! The route took us mainly around Wensleydale and Coverdale but one car managed to get to Kirkby Stephen and another car went to Keld, proving it to be quite a challenging rally. There were 16 Marker Boards to be spotted on route but some of these seemed to be well hidden as nobody spotted all of them and 1 team had only 6 marked down. A thistle stalk had to be collected, the longest to be used as a tie-breaker and Angus and Joe surpassed everyone by producing a whole stalk of thistles with the longest one being 83 inches. A very enjoyable evening and a big 'thank you' to Dave Teasdale and Tom Fawcett for their first attempt at organising a rally.

David Scarr and Adrian Stevenson were last month's rally winners- Well Done. Fred Scarr and Fozz were 2nd and Dave Teasdale and Tom Fawcett were 3rd. The next rally is on Wednesday 15th August and will be organised by David and Carol Scarr, telephone **650537** for details.

Bob Foster had organised a trip to 'Scott May's Daredevil Stunt Show' at Thirsk Racecourse in June and even though there had not been many takers it turned out to be a really enjoyable evening out. There was 2-wheel driving, a blindfold run, a monster truck, an exploding coffin and a human cannon ball to name but a few. Some of the stunts were spectacular to say the least and if we could all park our vehicles like they could, parking spaces could be reduced dramatically. We stopped at MacDonald's for refreshments on our

way back. A special 'Thank You' to Bob for doing the driving and organising the trip and a good night was had by all.

**Netta Davison**

### **Cricket match Swinithwaite v West Witton**

**Sunday August 5<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm**

Playing Fields, West Witton. Tea will be served (plate of sandwiches/cake and a drink.) at a cost of £2 for adults and £1 for children. Come and support your team! Lots of fun! (For St. Bartholomew's Church Funds).

## What's On at the Dales Countryside Museum

The annual summer exhibition this year is based on the theme of geology and runs until the 31<sup>st</sup> August. Dales Rocks is an interactive exhibition for all the family about the amazing rocks and fossils of the Yorkshire Dales.

### August:

- 1 Art in the Park 2.00- 4.00pm  
Cutting, sticking, collecting and general mess making for kids. Booking essential. Under 8s must be accompanied.
- 2 Birds of the Yorkshire Dales 12:30 - 1.30pm
- 3 Spinning a Yarn 2.00 to 4.00pm  
Spinning and rug making demonstration, weaving, felting, dying explained.
- 8 Art in the Park 2.00 to 4.00pm. See 1st
- 9 Birds of the Yorkshire Dales. As 2nd
- 10 Storytelling 2.00 to 3.00pm
- 12 Patchwork and Quilting Demonstration 10:00am to -4.00pm. Step-by-step quilting using traditional North Country techniques
- 12 10:15 am - 4.00pm Learn basic map skills, then practice with a moderate 4 mile (6.4 km) walk, Minimum age 12 . Booking essential. Stout footwear, waterproofs and packed lunch required.
- 15 Art in the Park See above
- 16 Birds of the Yorkshire Dales. As 2nd
- 17 Storytelling. As 10th
- 19 Digital Photography (Beginners or Intermediate) 10:00am - 4.00pm  
Practical location photography and classroom work. Bring own camera equipment and packed lunch. Under 16s to be accompanied. Not suitable for under 12s. Booking essential,
- 21 Chainsaw Sculpture Demonstration 11:00 am - 4.00pm. Watch Andris Bergs create exciting new sculpture out of local wood.
- 22 Art in the Park. See 1st
- 23 Lunchtime Lecture on Red Squirrels 12:30 - 1:30pm
- 24 Storytelling 2.00– 3.00pm
- 24 Bat Watch. 7:30 - 10:00pm  
Booking essential. Warm clothing and stout shoes needed. Bring torch, midge repellent and a bat detector if you have one.
- 28 Traditional Dry Stone Walling Demonstration 2.00- 4.00pm
- 29 Art in the Park. See 1st
- 30 Birds of the Yorkshire Dales 12:30 - 1:30pm
- 31 Storytelling 2.00- 3.00pm

### For further details or to book onto any event:

The Dales Countryside Museum, Station Yard, Hawes open daily 10.00am – 5.00pm  
Tel: **6666210**  
**email: [hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk)**

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