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Editorial

This month we are giving this space to a full report submitted about the Dales Harvest weekend. Please read it and pass on any comments as requested.

Dales Harvest

Initial observation: Pat West writes:



The committee members, volunteers and everyone involved in contributing to the event did a fantastic job, using initiative when things were not going to plan. I dare not mention names, as there were so many and I don't want to leave anyone out, but, I thought Mick (Rhodes) in particular has done a brilliant job and I haven't done too badly either. When you bear in mind that there has been only two people actually working on this project (with a good bit of help from the small committee), they can be forgiven for some of the hiccoughs.

Generally the structure of the event, content, style, was good. Initial feedback from visitors is good, asking for more of the same. ***The attendance was modest and not up to expectation. Sunday's weather was bad, which didn't help.***

The reasons could be that of promotion/advertising. However, we did advertise, the cost was three times more than initially budgeted for, and I think that it worked reasonably well. The number of visitors in Hawes on Saturday seemed to be well above average for the time of year.

The main and very real problem was that of LOCAL signage. There were significant numbers of people in Hawes on Saturday, who didn't see our signs, and were unsure of where things were happening. In addition, shopkeepers and other businesses in the town did not know either, which is

baffling; we've been in contact with most and there have been posters and ads and mentions in the UW newsletter. It needs to be addressed – perhaps an informative mailout – could Business Association help out?

There will be a meeting to gather further opinion about the event and about the feasibility of doing it again next year. I have had several people asking me if the date of the event could be changed, either to a bank holiday or earlier in the year to take advantage of the weather and of the greater number of visitors. I have a firm opinion that we need to extend our 'season', and thereby increase our economic potential. We need the date to be at the other end of the year to the Leyburn Food and Drink, yet not too far into autumn. If we changed the date we would also need to change the name of the event, which has cost implications, as we have already invested in a logo and a website.

We would like to canvass opinion; please drop a note to the Community Office with suggestions, but remember that every suggestion has a cost in terms of time, effort and money, all of which are in short supply.

It would be unrealistic to assume that the Community Office can do it all again without more help and support from the local community. This year's event and Mick's salary was funded by grant money and by the considerable support of the community office and its facilities.

Subject to the agreement of the Directors of the Community Partnership, I am happy to try to obtain more grant aid and to guide the project again, and I hope that Mick is happy to organise it again, but we need some additional help, both during the year, immediately before the event and during it.

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Eunice ...was helping David Allen with his tree work on page 16. The winner was Francesca Cartwright from Aysgarth

Introducing...

Bursary student number six:

Mary McCullagh who lives right at the top end of our area takes on the role for this next year and is very keen to get started!

You will no doubt get to know her soon, but for starters Mary has wanted to be a psychologist "since year seven"... and would love to meet Stephen Fry! Watch this space.

See page 22 for Mary's first article.

Next issue

**The December/January issue will be produced on November 28th and 29th and will be distributed between November 29th and December 3rd
DEADLINE FOR COPY:
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 22nd**

Drop-off points and contacts

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

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Newbiggin:	Lynda Bayne, Meadow Barn	663324
Aysgarth:	Kitty's Tearoom	663423
Redmire:	Ann Holubecki	622967
Thoralby:	Elaine Miller, Post Office	663205

November Competition

Find the missing letters which link together the two given words:

Example: Ink.....stream
Ink JET stream

Break	Tie
Corn	Bird
Dream	Trial
Egg	Ain
Fret	Tooth
Grand	Tongue
Hard	Table
Mine	Lunch
Night	Lord
Onion	Tone
Piggy	Note
Root	Patch
Sun	End
Tang	Rant

Last month's answers

1. Curlew
2. Dipper
3. Buzzard
4. Woodcock
5. Snipe
6. Oyster catcher
7. Swallow
8. House martin
9. Sandpiper
10. Merlin
11. Red grouse
12. Wren

..and the winner of the £10 prize was Margaret Roberts from Carperby

“Charity Champions”

The Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust has launched its own 'Maestro' “Charity Champions” credit card as a means of boosting its fund-raising. There are two designs available and they, or further details about them, can be obtained by phoning the Trust's offices in Clapham; **01524 251002**

Thoralby and District Village Hall

There will be a CASINO AND GAMES night with pie and pea supper on **Saturday, November 10th at 7.30pm**

Ticket only; £5 or half portions £3 available from **663076 or 078 66010638**

There would be an ideal opportunity for a young, dynamic person looking for experience in this area or for a retiree with experience. We may need one or two sub-committees to focus on particular aspects.

One thing that occurred to me, was that although many local (when I say local, I mean the whole of Wensleydale) people did attend, there was a significant number who didn't! It is paramount that residents support local causes. The idea for this event came out of the threat to our way of life, to our economic survival, with the foot & mouth outbreak in 2001. How many people have given any thought to what might happen to the economy of this area if foot and mouth disease continues to blight the farming industry, let alone 'blue mouth'? How will the working population cope with NO income? The results would affect everyone, except perhaps the well-pensioned incomers (of which I am one). We need to have a back up plan – a stable and thriving economy based on visitors and the income they bring. The project aims to improve the economic climate of the area for everyone, aiding the survival of our way of life. It is up to the whole community to contribute to its own welfare. That means supporting local initiatives whenever possible.

My own views about possible improvements

Signage: Much more: banners, bunting, signs, 'in-your-face' colour, 'can't miss it' stuff throughout Hawes and on approach roads well before the event.

Times: a later start and later finish. Perhaps 10.00am - 11.00pm on Saturday 10.00am – 5.00 pm on Sunday?

Music: What made the event special for me was the music. I would like to focus on that, perhaps relocating the music from the Market House to the field.

More food demonstrations and tasters. Encourage exhibitors to do that and to

smile, even though it may be raining outside.

A two day ticket would seem a popular option.

Would having a patron or two help?

In Conclusion: it would be great to have more local engagement with the project and now that most people are aware of what Dales Harvest is, we can forge more partnerships and schemes to make the whole thing better. Eg. What about a 'Songs of Praise'? Other suggestions?

Reminder: The Upper Wensleydale



Community Partnership's objectives as stated in our articles and Memorandum:

a) To further the interests of residents, businesses and visitors to the Upper Dales region of North Yorkshire.

b) To establish and operate an Upper Wensleydale Community Office.

Pat West

'Love is In the Air'

We are looking for anyone interested in taking part or helping with an evening of entertainment in February 2008.

Don't delay, please let us know today!

Jennifer Fawcett 667241

Shona Dinsdale 667718

New Director

The virtuoso double bassist Malcolm Creese has been appointed as the Swaledale Festival's Artistic Director.

Malcolm has been in the music business all his working life, having performed as a soloist with a diverse range of musicians including John Williams, James Galway, Lesley Garrett, the LSO, LPO, RPO, BBC Symphony, Northern Sinfonia, Hallé and Concertgebouw Orchestras, Cleo Laine, George Shearing, Mose Allison, George Benson, Diana Ross and Sting.

It was love at first sight when Malcolm came to the beautiful North Yorkshire Dales. "When the position of Artistic Director came up I jumped at it." said Malcolm. "I couldn't wait to get back! It's a special Festival with a lovely feel about it, in a stunning area with some delightful people." he added. The 2008 Festival will run from 24th May to 7th June.

Metro trip

Sunday November 17th, coach leaves Hawes Market Hall at 9.30am. Seats cost £10. Please book ; **667192**

The Tea Rooms Hellifield Station (on the Leeds-Settle-Carlisle Line)

*Saturday November 17th 10.00am to
3.30pm Craft Fair*

Come along and see the many stalls and buy your Christmas presents. Choose from hand made jewellery, hand painted skills, scarves and cushions, health products, cards, photographic art, support a local pet rescue group and even have a "Christmas" massage by experts. Free Car Parking and Toilets available. Hot and cold drinks, snacks and light meals available all day.

Heavens above



November marks the change-over from autumn to winter in the evening sky. The bright summer star groups have heeled well over into the west and now as darkness falls the dim aquatic constellations of the "Celestial Water" hold sway in the low southern sky - Aquarius (the Water Bearer), Pisces (the Fish), and Capricornus (the Sea Goat). Cetus (The Sea Monster) heaves into view slightly later in the evening. Higher in the south the Square of Pegasus (the Winged Horse) is prominent, with a double chain of brightish stars marking the constellation of Andromeda, leading upwards from its north eastern corner. Just above the mid-point of the upper chain lies a pale smudge of light, the Great Andromeda Galaxy, the most remote object visible to the naked human eye.

East of Andromeda are the ragged lines of stars forming the inverted 'Y' of Perseus, home to the 'Sword Handle' - a beautiful double star cluster which shows up well in binoculars. Following the straggling stars of Perseus upwards brings you to the distinct 'W' of Cassiopeia, almost overhead in late Autumn. In Greek mythology Cassiopeia was Andromeda's mother and Queen of Ethiopia who for her boastfulness was chained upside down to her celestial throne.

At Perseus' feet lie the Pleiades or Seven Sisters, a compact cluster of young stars in the constellation of Taurus, the Bull. As the night wears on, swinging into view behind them are the spectacular winter stars of Orion and his retinue - well on display after midnight by the middle of the month. This year the winter constellations are graced by the presence of the Red Planet, Mars, which will put on a grand show over the festive season high amongst the stars of Gemini. In the meantime Venus dominates the planetary front shining brilliantly in the

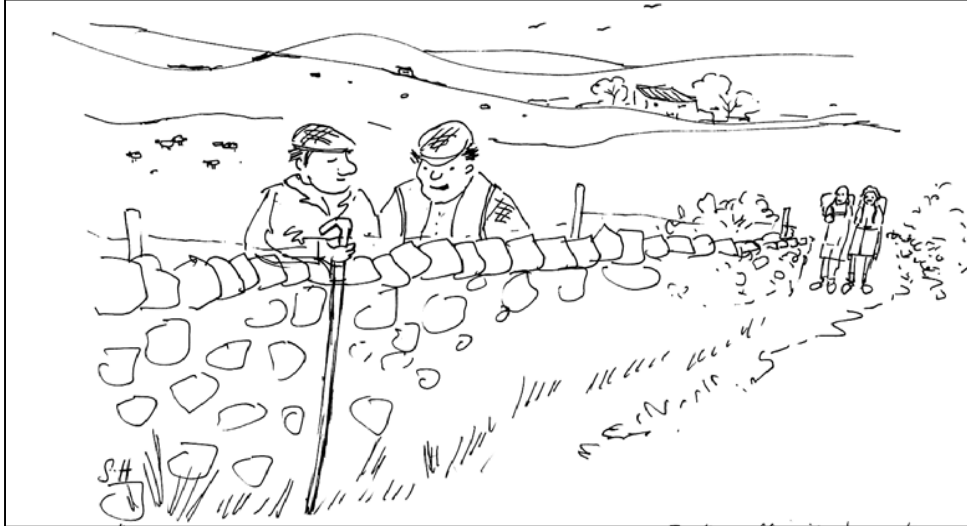
southeast in the pre-dawn sky. Early risers might also be able to catch sight of the tiny innermost planet. Mercury, during the first part of the month. Your best chance is on the 8th when it will be low in the east-south east with the slim crescent moon not too far away. A lovely sight! Have clear skies.

Al Bireo

Salsa sessions

Arts in Richmondshire (AiR) has set up several introductory, hip-wiggling fun classes and in our area these will be held at the Rose and Crown in Bainbridge on **Fridays, November 2nd and 16th from 7.00 to 9.00pm.**

Tickets (£4) and further details are available from the Middleham Key Centre, **625142** or on the door.



*"...and the gross domestic product is up +2%, the official short-term money market rate has gone up this week; commodities are strong but...
ey up, get ready with the 'now thens'!"*

Open evening

Join us on **Thursday November 1st** for mulled wine and mince pies at the Mulberry Bush. For decorations, gifts, wrapping and cards. Flairs and Graces for your clothing and jewellery. And Chaste for fine freshly prepared food.

We will all be open from 6p.m. until late. Special offers will be available on the night.

We look forward to your visit.

Christmas Lights Spectacular

A.M.

This year the Christmas Lights in Hawes should burn more brightly and with less interruption from the weather; more of the trees with bright white lights will be erected around the Market Place and more weatherproof lights will be installed at Town Foot and Town Head; a new crib scene in the churchyard is being made.

These are the bits you see but behind the scenes new electrics are being installed to meet current legislation and reduce ongoing costs, old lights are being refurbished or replaced and planning is under way for celebrations on switch-on day. A super children's party with a treasure hunt and an entertainer will be held before the lights go on and we welcome Father Christmas on **Saturday 1st December**. All children, whether they are local or visitors, are invited. The party starts with a treasure hunt at **1.00pm**. There is no charge but please bring some party food to share.

Hawes Christmas lights are the envy of many a larger town and they are all provided thanks to the generosity of local people and businesses together with the work of a team of volunteers.

This year's budget exceeds £8,500 so to help us, please once again become a **Friend of the Hawes Christmas Lights**. Without the Friends, we couldn't have nearly such a good display or welcome for Father Christmas. Application forms will be distributed to most homes in and around Hawes in early November and additional forms are available in Whites of Wensleydale.

More volunteers to help with the repair, refurbishment, erection and removal of the lights are always needed. If you can give even a few hours of help, please let **Kevin White** know on **667236**.

The Christmas Lights Committee wishes you all a peaceful and happy Christmas.

Trail bikers

A new leaflet is being distributed to help reduce the potential conflict between landowners, walkers, pedalcyclists, horse riders and the motorcyclists.

The release of the leaflet coincides with the prosecution of a man who was caught riding a motorbike illegally on a bridleway near Ribbleshead Viaduct. His case was heard at Skipton magistrates in August when he pleaded guilty to riding his bike on a bridleway at Force Gill, Blea Moor – a breach of Section 34 of the Road Traffic Act 1988. He was fined £250 and ordered to pay £45 costs.

The leaflet, called ‘**Trail Riding in the Yorkshire Dales**’, has been produced by the National Park Authority in partnership with the Trail Riders Fellowship, Natural England, the North Yorkshire and Cumbria county councils, the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Beauty and North Yorkshire and Cumbria police.

The aim of this leaflet is to set out in clear terms exactly where and how trail bikers can use the byways and unsurfaced unclassified county roads in the National Park. It explains the legal issues involved and the ways in which riders can help minimise the effects of their sport on the wildlife, the landscape and other users.

A word in your ear!

You can now enjoy your own personal guided walks to help explore some of the area’s past. Latest technology means you can download free MP3 audio trails as podcasts and print off maps so you can walk a route and listen while the features roundabout are explained.

Last year the National Park teamed up with Drystone Radio and the Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line to launch an audio trail around the Ribbleshead Viaduct.

The trail – that can be downloaded from the Authority’s Out of Oblivion website at www.outofoblivion.org.uk – proved to be such a success that the YDNPA and Drystone went on to produce three more podcasts covering Malhamdale, Lower Wharfedale and Ribblesdale. A fourth, looking at Swaledale, becomes available on the website this week.

The trails are part of an Authority drive started last year to try to reduce the number of new interpretation panels – boards placed on site explaining the immediate surroundings – being installed in the National Park because of the visual impact they have on the environment.

Question time

Planning experts from Ward Hadaway - Andrew Moss and Robin Atkin - are coming to the Dales on November 29th to answer your questions. These can include questions about village greens, the new YDNPA local plan, the provision of affordable homes, conservation and enforcement problems, and any other issues that you would like to have discussed.

This meeting, organised by the Association of Rural Communities (ARC), is in Aysgarth institute at 7.30pm.

If you have any questions for these experts do please send them to Pip Land by November 14th. Her address is The Warren, Aysgarth, Leyburn, North Yorks DL8 3AB. Her email address is pip.land@virgin.net but please give the subject as ARC meeting so that she doesn’t think it is spam!

Pram push

Ernest and Doreen Whitehead (Keld) and their friends, would like to thank the people of Wensleydale for their generous sponsorship of their recent Coast to Coast Pram Push. **A total of £1315 was raised**

for The Anthony Nolan Trust.

WEST BURTON SCHOOL NEWS

Time travel

On Thursday October 4th West Burton juniors went to Ripon Workhouse, Prison and Courthouse Museums.

First we went to the Workhouse and did a fabulous play about a family who asked to come and work there. Secondly we made lovely rag rugs with old bits of cloth. Then we to school and wrote like Victorians. After that we did the laundry with a dolly tub and posser, scrubbed the steps with carbolic soap, cleaned the carpets with a carpet beater and used a mangle to dry the washing.

After lunch we went to the Prison Museum and the police officer showed us some equipment like helmets and shields. Then Pippa, Bethan, Charlotte and I did this quiz and got it all right.

Then we went to the Courthouse and performed a play that happened in real life in 1830. A boy (who was Aaron in the play) stole a loaf of bread and was sent to Australia for 7 years. Prisoners used to travel down to London in a horse and cart, they then went onto a Hulk (which is a ship that's not in use) then when that ship was full they would go onto another ship and set off for Australia. The ships were awful and a lot of prisoners would die.

Finally we said a great big thank you and then went back to modern life.

Hayley Moore (Year6)

Climate Change Drama Workshop

On Tuesday October 9th Y6 went to Hawes Museum to learn about climate change.

When we got there we watched a play about a girl who didn't think that one person could make an impact on the environment, but she was sent to lots of places and she learned that one person can make an impact on the environment.

After we had watched the play we had a snack and then we sat down and talked about the environment and how we can make a difference. We also learned a song about a little green frog.

Charlotte Stephenson (Year 6)

1st Hawes Brownies

Brownies has been all bandaged up this term working on the First Aid badge with paramedic, Ken Nicholl. Ken made the evenings fun whilst getting the more serious message of first aid across. Many thanks to him for giving up his time.

Brownies will be parading at the Remembrance Service on 11th November.

Linda Reynolds

Last chance to order your HAOS videos

We are about to place the order for **'Polly in Pantoland'** videos and anyone wishing to place an order should contact. **John Drew 650443.**

They cost £14.00 each. Great keepsake and a great gift for family and friends.

HAOS Social Nights

Our first night was held in October and was very well supported. Why not come and enjoy in an informal evening of chat, chance to meet cast members past and present, some singing, more chat and light refreshments?

Monday 19th November – Free

Monday 10th December (£3, U16s £1.50)

7.30-9.30pm at The Fountain Hotel

Open to all, Families welcome.

Supported by Awards For All.

Halloween; October 31st

Family Quiz Night

At the Fountain Hotel, Hawes. This begins at 7.00 pm; £1.00 per person and is aid of Hawes Primary School and Hawes Gala.

Advertising policy

As you know, publications like this could not exist without the advertisers and we are very grateful indeed to them.

But as this is **Newsletter**, we put a limit on the space to be taken up by adverts, and also try to spread them out for clear reading. As a result we occasionally have to ask prospective advertisers a wait a little while and precedence sometimes has to be given to service providers within the area.

ARABIAN RACE NIGHT

Saturday November 10th from 7.30pm.

At the Fountain Hotel, Hawes. First race at 8.00 pm.

Sponsor a race: £10.00

Buy a horse £2.00.

Details from **Mandy 667206**

or **Sue 667192.**

In aid of Hawes Gala.

Askrigg Post Office

Post Office facilities remain in the Askind Shop until the end of December (unless, of course, the Post Office nationally decides to withdraw from Askrigg.)

Some Newsletters are still available there but there will be a greater number available from the Sykes shop.

Live Music at the Fountain Hotel

Saturday 24th November

Dancing to
Sounds Familiar

Doors open 10.30pm, £5.00 on door

More info: **07711211169**
Proceeds to HAOS

“Full length and Fabulous”

Winter Ball

This is to be held at Simonstone Hall on **Friday February 1st 2008.**

Welcome drinks will be served in the

Food and Flowers for the Festive Season

Demonstrations by
Diane Whelan (flowers)
Elizabeth Guy (food)

West Burton Village Hall
Saturday 17th November
10.30am to 3.30pm

Tickets £15 including morning coffee and lunch

Proceeds for
St Teresa's Hospice, Darlington
St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth
Details from Pat Hesketh **663420** or
Benni Williams **663860**

Orangery at 7.30pm played in with a Scottish Piper. Food will be served from 9.00pm with dancing, old time and modern until 12.30am.

This is a ticket-only event, £20; they will be on sale from **November 1st** from Streetwise, Hawes, **667192 or 666004.**

Proceeds are for Hawes Gala and the Candlelighters Children's Cancer Charity.

A coach will travel at 6.30pm from Leyburn via Askrigg and Hawes to Simonstone (and return). Seats **must** be booked for this before **January 10th.**

What's on at the Dales Countryside Museum

The exhibition "Hidden Histories of the Dales" is at the museum from 11th October - 15th November. The exhibition includes further research discoveries and some fabulous carnival costume from the Leeds Carnival.

The Wensleydale Camera Club are holding their 50th anniversary print exhibition between 3rd November and the 1st December. It will include more than 80 prints from the 1950's to 2000. Members of the club will be giving a slide show at 2.30 on Sunday 25th November.

In the museum foyer there will be a display of children's photography taken for a project run by Richmondshire District Council. "Snap Happy, Snap Sad" will be on show between the 9th and 16th November.

Friends of the museum will be demonstrating spinning and rugmaking between 2 and 4pm on November 6th.

Friday 16th November The Friends of the Museum lecture will be on the subject of "Traditional Houses in Wensleydale" by Don McLennan of the National Park Authority.

Tuesday 20th November at 7.30 Film around Richmondshire present "Yorkshire Life Remembered". This presentation of archive film footage includes film shot locally, early pioneering film of the 1900s, 1930s newsreels, home movies and professional documentaries made about the region and highlights from early television programmes. Tickets are £5 from the museum or Leyburn and Richmond TICs.

Advance Notice—Sunday 2nd December
Gospel Singing - An afternoon workshop led by Edwin Baker and an evening performance of gospel singing, featuring Huddersfield SDA youth choir and the Dales Gospel Choir. 7.30 at Aysgarth Church

For further details or to book any event ring **666210** during opening hours 10am to 5pm daily; email hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk

Blowing in the wind

As the Upper Wensleydale Walking Group passed Borwins, Bainbridge, the other week they noticed a flag flying which none of them recognised. So one enterprising walker (also a Newsletter committee member) "Googled" the details and discovered it to be the flag of Tuvalu (that's the name now for the Ellice Islands). "There might be a story here", he thought. So we followed it up!

Martyn MacIntyre often flies the Scottish Saltire, for obvious reasons, but ever since boyhood he has been interested in flags, especially of the Commonwealth and the old British Empire. "I'm not a fanatic", he told us, "But I now have about forty!" He flies a different one every now and then.

As Martyn spent some time on trawlers, he became more interested in many places and their flags and has been surprised at what can be found on the Web. "Like the Pitcairn Islands", he said. "Found all sorts—some things they wouldn't want us to know!"

E-bay is now the place to get them, but there are also 'silly flag shops' for the likes of Martyn.

We think this adds colour and interest to the dale; keep a look out and see which you can identify!

A.S.W.

Trafford Centre trip

This trip on **Sunday December 16th** will leave Hawes Market Hall at 9.15am and seats cost £10.00. Please book at Streetwise Laudrette, Hawes. **667192**

Fairtrade in Bangladesh

On Friday November 2 at 7.30 p.m. in Thornton Rust Institute, Ro Charlton will be giving a talk and slideshow about Fairtrade in Bangladesh. Ro visited Bangladesh in March on a Tradecraft tour to meet some of their producers and learn more

about how Fairtrade works and the difference it makes.

There will also be the opportunity to buy a selection of Fairtrade food and crafts from a Tradecraft stall on that evening

The 'Amala Action Team 2007'

Ex-bursary student, Megan Price, writes

I hope by this time that most readers know of The Wensleydale School's relationship with the Amala orphanage and school in Tamil Nadu, an extremely poor region of southeast India. Every second year a group of students spends two weeks there helping with care, teaching and play. It has become a very valuable and mutually rewarding exchange. I was privileged enough to have a place on this year's visit.

After a hectic year of solid fundraising, a week of manic shopping and two days of frantic packing and re-packing ("but if you put the toilet roll there it's *far* more accessible"), the 'team' was finally ready to go. As 20 students and 5 teachers gathered in the car park at school, very few of us had any idea of what lay ahead.

24 hours later we stepped out of Chennai airport and into the maelstrom of Indian life. Crowds of people milled about in the car park and taxi drivers lay on the pavements by their vehicles. The humidity and heat were so intense that we felt physically crushed. Directed towards two extremely battered buses, we squeezed ourselves inside. As the buses pulled out on to the main road we gave a concerted gasp of shock - a two-lane carriageway was bearing five lanes of speeding traffic, including trucks, cars, tiny motorised rickshaws ('tuc-tucs'), while carts pulled by oxen trundled past. Vehicles weaved about wildly (the idea of indicating in Tamil Nadu remains unexplored) and horns screamed constantly. Multiple crunched-up cars littered the verges and at one point we



watched agog as a tuc-tuc carrying three elderly ladies attempted to take a short cut by driving off the road and on to the pavement!

That evening, after some much overdue washing, sleeping and eating we ventured out into the city. It is difficult now to describe my first impression of Chennai (Madras) at this point. My general feeling was of being entirely overwhelmed. The confusing juxtaposition of beautiful bright lights, buzzing city life and shantytowns crammed between narrow, dark alleyways was almost too much. We could smell on the one hand the beguiling scents of Indian cooking, and on the other the nauseous odour arising from the mountains of rubbish left to rot in the street, oozing foul liquid onto the pavements.

After a night in the local YMCA we left by rail for Amala. As we jumped down from the train at Vridachalam the silence and dry, sunny heat were very welcome to us. Then, four boys - all about fifteen years old and dressed in the red and white uniform of Amala - suddenly appeared and insisted that they carry our bags. They led us to a huge and rickety bus into which we piled, each of us sneakily vying for the window seats. As we drove to the orphanage we wondered at the Indian countryside - the ground cracked, parched and flat, and a landscape seemingly stretching away forever. Here and there, irrigation systems fed patches of fields resulting in lush, misty green foliage. After an hour of winding roads and dusty villages the bus jolted to an unheralded stop. Colourful flags festooned an entrance and we realised with some shock that we had arrived at our home for the next two weeks.

A huge crowd of children suddenly materialised. Unexpectedly shy, we slunk off the bus, seeking to hide in its shadow. However it drove off abruptly, leaving us

feeling exposed and slightly naked under the curious gaze of all the children. As we advanced, the crowd became clearer and we could see two great lines, boys on the left and girls on the right. This seemingly endless sea of people began to clap and cheer, pointing and laughing at the height of two of our members (both gigantic rugby players!) Our 'initiation' into Amala was symbolised by two things, the first was a bindi consisting of one red and one yellow dot placed on the forehead, representing the combination of spiritual and earthly happiness. The second was a hand-woven necklace of jasmine buds for which we knelt down, the children placing them about our necks.

As we stood in the sandy compound surrounded by the Amala buildings, the children eagerly introduced themselves. This task was more difficult than this report suggests as both long Indian names and English accents prevented both parties hearing correctly: "Your name, auntie?" (We all miraculously acquired nieces and nephews!). "Megan". The little boy clapped his hands excitedly, "My name is Michael also! We special!"

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Although all we 'aunties and uncles' tried not to have 'favourites', this proved more or less impossible. Some were drawn to the younger children, sitting them on their knees and playing simple games. I made particular friends with three of the Amala children, all from older classes. The first two were a pair, Sarad and Michael-John, both fifteen years old. The memory of these two that most comes to mind was a short walk down some narrow lanes that I took with both of them. Sarad wheeled a rickety old bicycle and Michael-John walked alongside. Together they chattered to me in stilted English, miming when they could not convey a meaning. They were both clearly enjoying their role as 'guides' and as we wandered along they taught me certain Tamil words and phrases, laughing when I repeated them utterly wrong. And so whenever I think of them I think of this, and of Michael-John's open, happy face and Sarad's quick, intelligent gestures.

Stepping out in front of the children to teach them for the first time was another memorable moment, and our inexperience meant that to start with, ad lib lessons were not uncommon (a good example being Tom's planned lesson, which was completed within the first five minutes and had to be improvised from there). As a result, the vocal students - most likely to contribute in a class situation - became many peoples' favourites.

I met my other friend, Sathya, on the second evening of our stay. We were ushered into the dusty playground on the other side of the road where a large group of girls, not yet quite old enough to help in the school kitchen, introduced us to an Indian version of 'What's the time, Mr Wolf?'. Sathya (pronounced 'Sar-ti-a') kept an eye on me and made sure that I understood the rules. She also seemed to be the voice of reason amongst the others and came between two girls when it looked as

though they might begin an argument. From this point on Sathya and I did many things together. I particularly remember that on our last day she especially sought me out to come and watch as she and her friends had their hair and makeup done in preparation for our farewell concert. I sat as they put makeup on me, lamenting that my hair was too short!

I have so many memories of my time at Amala that it makes it very difficult to write exactly what I want to say. Many people return from the orphanage, describing it as an oasis of calm and talking of the children as if they are perfect. I prefer to remember them as they really are: funny, generous, lively and occasionally naughty! This is what made the experience for me so enlightening, that despite their very different, very deprived background the children are still, essentially, children.

Illustrating this perfectly is an amusing moment that occurred towards the end of our stay. The older girls in the kitchen stood in a huddle, confident in our presence, and giggled as some of the good-looking boys from our group chatted to them! It was these experiences that made our time at Amala feel so much more whole. Some of the curriculum is dire and I would love to give each child a bed to sleep on instead of the reed mats. However if nothing needed to be changed there would have been different reasons for being there. The improvements which Raja, the Head teacher, devotes himself to achieving despite difficult legislation, corruption and the pressures of the local village are admirable. However, the absence of parents or even simply older, familial role-models is more difficult to remedy. This was presented most keenly to us on the morning of our departure. As we left the Amala compound the children that we had grown to love were crying, asking us to return. Sathya had made a small

plastic bracelet for me to remember her by and Sarad and Michael-John held my hands, asking me to come back and see them again. It was only at this point that we realised the role we had filled in visiting Amala. By giving the children so much attention, laughing with them, helping with their homework and making sure they were okay when they hurt themselves, we had become as close to being their parents as some had ever experienced.

Consequently, leaving Amala was perhaps the hardest thing I have ever done. The sensation that we were betraying these children - our friends - was very difficult to bear. It was at this point that we really came to realise that Amala is not simply a school, it is a home for all of these children. As such, we should all support Raja in his quest to provide the best possible start in life for all of them.

Megan Price



The Reds at the window

It is this time again, when the leaves on the trees are turning into the golden colours of autumn and everything starts to wind down in preparation for the winter.

At this time, the animals I see everyday outside my kitchen window are the most active –I am of course talking about red squirrels. Their antics enliven the days and their presence in the village is a pleasure. All the village people are concerned for the welfare of the squirrels and they have become a main topic of conversation.

In our own garden and just outside our kitchen window, we have created a 'squirrel haven' - this consists of a squirrel run made from a willow branch resting in the bend of a lilac tree, which leads to a specially made feeding box (made by my father). Fixed on this branch is a small plastic box holding the squirrels' favourite - hazelnuts! Hanging on other branches are monkey nuts strung on wires, coconut halves and bird feeders all providing food and opportunities for squirrel activity. They have a great time popping around, cracking nuts, nibbling and hanging, sometimes upside down, on the bird feeders. Kitchen noises such as water gurgling down the drain, human shapes and voices and doors banging do not perturb them whatsoever. We have also placed feeding boxes on trees further away from the house so the squirrels do not always have to come near when we are out in the garden doing jobs. This is important because when we are outside they are shy and wary of approaching the window. The garden birds are a bit apprehensive of the squirrels and always keep at a distance when they are around.

One Christmas about 4 years ago we had a strange happening in our outbuilding, when all the clothes-pegs out of the washing basket were mysteriously placed in an old plastic jug (used for putting bird feed in) which just happened to be near. We were baffled

by this happening and eventually came to the conclusion that the pegs had been moved from the basket to the jug by a squirrel. Just after this we saw the first red squirrel in the garden.

Our friends up the village are also very keen to attract the squirrels and record when they see them in their diaries. They also leave a few hazelnuts out each day and consequently the local vegetable stall in Hawes always brings a good supply of nuts for his Cotterdale customers!

The people living in Cotterdale hope to continue providing a safe and friendly habitat which should have the result of increasing the number of red squirrels living in our beautiful valley.

Mary McCullagh, Bursary



Mystery Picture. Last month's was taken in

Bainbridge and district motor club

Well it has been quite an eventful year for the Motor Club. The rallies were well attended with approximately 9 cars at each event. There was a 'Fun Evening' in March and Bob Foster organised 2 outings in the Summer, one to a 'Stunt Show' and one to the 'Speedway' and these were all very enjoyable.

The AGM went ahead as planned on the 17th October. The Annual Dinner, Disco and Presentation of Awards is to be held at The Wensleydale Pantry, Hawes on **Friday 30th November at 7pm for 7.30pm**. Tickets are £15 each and can be obtained by phoning **650537 or 667009 or 650271 or 622331**. Free bus available from Redmire to Hawes with pick-ups on route.

The winners of last month's rally were David Scarr and Adrien - Well Done. 2nd

were Tim and Tristan Prudden and 3rd were Muriel and Netta.

Next Season's events start with a Quiz Night on the 20th February at The Crown Askrigg.

Netta Davison

Letters

Hello. On page 25 of the October issue in the Dales Harvest article you wrote "Tell em what you're going to tell em; then tell em; and tell em what you've told em".... Can you tell me the origin of this old saying?

I was first told this about 25 years ago by a Vice Chair of a University Board of Trustees as I was about to assume the Chairship and give the Board a vision for the work ahead of us. He said, "Harold, keep it short....tell em what your go'n a tell em, tell em, then tell em what you said and sit down." It was good advice as people have short attention spans. He also said "never try to make more than 3 or 4 points in a talk. They won't remember any more."

Nancy and I really enjoy your UWNL. We read it from cover to cover and always look for Eunice. It brings back many wonderful memories. We had 13 great years of spending a month in Wensleydale every June. However, age is catching up to us and it is a long trip from the States. Air travel is just no fun anymore. We know we will miss it and especially all of you who have made us feel so welcome over the years. PS: Thank you for telling us each month where Eunice was the prior month. You do a good job of hiding her.

Harold and Nancy O'Connor

(As for the initial question; some of us first heard it when training to teach children. But who FIRST said it? We don't know either! Ed)

Dear Sir or Madam,

Twice a year for many years we have come to the Dales (Thorlby). In September we went to Hawes Market and my elderly husband fell; we're in our 80s.

I would be so pleased if you could thank a gentleman off the stalls and two ladies, the two ambulance men, the doctor and his staff, for their kind help; nothing too much trouble.

We find that you Yorkshire people are so friendly but this is something we both will never forget.

Thank you everyone. My husband is fine now and we'll be there again next year, God willing.

A grateful holiday visitor

Letter

From “*Communityworks*” Undercliffe, Bradford.

I am writing to thank you and your committee for your very generous donation of £500 towards the cost of our newsletter. We produce it quarterly and distribute 2000 to local people in the Otley Road and Undercliffe area of Bradford to promote the activities of our Children's Centre and Community Project. As an organisation we work along side people from babies to elderly. We have a Nursery which offers full day care as part of the Children's Centre initiative which focuses on the most deprived areas of the country.

We also work with children aged 5-13 running after school clubs, family parties, film nights and holiday clubs. We are currently working with some other partners to develop a young base for teenagers. For adults we have an extensive programme of learning including English classes for those who have English as a second language ,computer courses, exercise classes, sewing, parenting courses and working with children. Over the years we have seen people move from very basic courses through to gaining confidence and ultimately employment.

We also run an elderly day care centre twice each week meeting the needs of the older local community. We have some in their 90s who have been attending for many years!

We try to respond to need as identified by local people and so our toddler group that began in January this year has already had 80+ families access it— thankfully not all at the same time! Similarly we now have two exercise classes because we had over 30 people wanting to get a place.

Communityworks began as a small steer-

ing group about 5 years ago made up of local people including tenants and residents groups and St Augustine's Church. We are now a very busy project employing 25 staff trying to make a difference in one of the most deprived areas of Bradford.

It is really great that you have been kind enough to donate to our work. It is our hope that when we send out our newsletter we might reach new people who have little opportunity or are feeling isolated or struggling and that they find something within it that gives them a nudge to get involved. We try not to have too many words in our newsletters as literacy levels are not high. Your donation will not only cover the cost of this newsletter, but also contribute to the cost of the next one, which will come out in January!

Thank you once again for your generosity and if anyone of you are passing you are welcome to pop in and see for yourself. We are actually on the same road as the beautiful Undercliffe Cemetery!

Yours sincerely,

Jane Lees, *Communityworks* manager



November gardening

Never mind about plants which are looking good at the moment, it's perhaps more sensible to concentrate on what will be attractive in a couple of months time. To get colour in winter and early spring is my theme, to keep things easy and not snap any sinews, and not to have to take out a second mortgage.

It's a time for making big changes in the borders. These fellows have done their job now. As foliage withers and dies it can all be cleared away to the compost heap, all the season's annuals ignominiously bundled up and filed away under 'old news'. Yes, be that ruthless. As yawning gaps are opened up, I fill them with clumps of wallflowers, adding plenty of organic matter as I go on. Don't be mean with planting; spend that extra tenner and buy plenty so that you can plant in clumps – it's money well spent when the spring result is massed ranks of colour and a heavenly scent – their perfume is so evocative and takes you straight back to childhood. Pinch out any tips of straggly specimens to encourage bushing out. I use them round Hamamelis 'Diane', the witch hazel. A *tiny* bit pricey this one, but well worth it. She flares up orange, red and yellow in autumn, then, barely giving you time to catch your breath, produces spidery, red flowers on bare stems from Christmas onwards. For best results dig in a bucketful of peat when planting and mulch with the same in spring, making sure that the soil is well drained.

Why put up with bare patches, just because it's winter and not officially 'the season'? If you tire of wallflowers, and run a mile from pansies, then why not try the less common *Celmisia*, particularly 'Egglestone Silver'. As big as a hosta, this evergreen, or eversilver (!) thoroughbred

will brighten the border all year round. Summer and she's throwing out quaint daisy flowers, which should be trimmed when they fade, but it's for winter when the true value is felt. The leaves appear fresh and silvery right through the darkest January, February and March days and will give any area a cultivated look. Plant in clumps in rich soil in full sun and, like hostas, divide to propagate.

A safe bet over winter are the hellebores, particularly the sweet-natured orientalis. About now I tend to cut off all the old leaves, completely denuding the poor, baffled plant. What then happens is that new leaves are produced to coincide with the emerging pinky, red flowers, the whole plant excelling from late winter into early spring. Best planted in a sheltered, shaded spot, in 3s or 5s.



All plants mentioned will benefit from planting in rich soil, so time to open up those shoulders and attack the compost heap. Time it right so that clearing begins before adding to. This season's stuff should be put to one side and the old used first. Self-evident maybe, but we can all be lazy and keep adding over the years till the heap resembles Lady Hill. Very naughty.

The planting mix should be compost and topsoil, say 50/50, giving you the best planting medium available and not a chemical in sight. Set in this, plants will thrive and withstand any amount of bugs, nasty weather and grandchildren.

Just as an afterthought, I bought my *Celmisias* at Egglestone Hall and have not seen them for sale anywhere else. Hope that doesn't qualify as an advert.

Ed Gardener

Hospital worries

Do we all understand what the changes at the Friarage hospital mean for this community?

18 months ago the Friarage was a vibrant hospital busy, clean and full of committed people working for the public. Now it is a shadow of itself. We have been told via the press that the ambulance service will have problems providing transport in emergencies if the A and E department is reconfigured. This sounds like the Friarage is to lose that vital department.

The new Primary Care Trust has had to balance its books. Its debts are great. The PCT has carefully brought together well-meaning people who have been faced with the financial situation and who have felt committed to the group they have joined so they have implemented change. Some of these committee members are our political representatives so the argument is made that we the public do know what is happening.

Services have been rationalised. The Primary Care Trust pays hospital management £80 every time a patient is seen in out patients or in the hospital. Ergo stopping people from going to hospital can save money. The GPs were asked to help by not referring patients to hospital unless absolutely necessary. They work within the guidelines given and comply, thus fewer hospital referrals are made. Hospital management colluding with the PCT, or working to its own agenda, close wards and run smaller less frequent outpatient services. Closed wards result in reduced staff across the board. With no funds going into the hospital's coffers there is no money for general maintenance. So the fabric of parts of the hospital deteriorates. With no referrals there is no waiting list.

With fewer operations there is less need for anaesthetists. Cut the anaesthetist

numbers to one and there is insufficient cover for Maternity and A and E at the same time. A and E comes under threat of closure. With no A and E there is no General hospital in Northallerton.

Here in the dales there are people who need referral with hip pain, for example, needing surgery who are being kept away from hospital care. The PCT is suitably grateful to the doctors and the doctors are left coping with increasingly ill and incapacitated people. The PATIENTS STILL EXIST. *Continued on Page 28*

I asked a doctor recently did he think our hospital would close? He said, "Yes." We should all take note that when hospitals close they don't reopen.

The James Cook hospital is clearly hoping to get the £80 per patient, per visit from us in the Dales even though it is up to 54 miles, from that centre of excellence in some of our rural areas. Is that hospital equipped to take in the extra numbers of patients that will have to be directed to them sooner rather than later?

I think it is time that we are told the truth about the loss of service that has been happening. Had there been straight talk of closure there would have been local anger and we would have fought for our hospital.

I don't think GPs should be held accountable for having no hospital back up. I do think that our frail elderly, our sick and disabled need a service that we can count on. We need a local service that our GPs, who are good and caring people, can work with. Doctors cannot work in a vacuum without appropriate back up. .

Barbara Gardner

Why volunteer for Richmondshire Citizens Advice Bureau?

All sorts of people volunteer for many different reasons, but one thing that unites them all is that they find it challenging, rewarding and varied.

CAB volunteering really does provide an opportunity to learn new skills and to develop existing ones. You'll get the chance to develop your skills in a number of valuable areas, like communication and dealing with the public, as well as increasing your self-confidence through practical hands-on experience.

There are opportunities for everyone and you never stop learning! It's also a chance to put the skills and experience you already have to good use by helping others in your local community.

Meet new people; for many people, the best thing about volunteering for the CAB is getting to meet a wide range of people and make new friends. There is a real team spirit at the bureau, and we provide a supportive environment to make sure that you get the most out of your time with us.

Fit volunteering in with the rest of your life. We'll do our best to find a role for you that fits in with your interests, and we'll be as flexible as possible in enabling you to volunteer at the times that suit you best. You won't be out of pocket – we will cover any travel costs you have to pay.

Above all, it's a chance to make a real difference.

By volunteering for CAB you'll be playing an active part in improving the lives of the people of Richmondshire and influencing the development of national and local policies and services.

Isn't it time you gave yourself a new challenge? If so then why not call the bureau on **01748 826532** to arrange to come and see us for an informal chat on how to

become a volunteer.

Carolyn Newman

Redmire Toddler Group

Let your child play and learn new skills. **Mondays 1.15 to 3.15pm** in the village hall. Tea, coffee, juice and snacks served. Everyone welcome from birth to school age. £1.50 per session.

Dalesplay

As from November 1st all children registered at Dalesplay will need to re-register in order to continue with their place. There will be a charge for this and also a new price list is to be implemented. Any enquiries, please contact Dalesplay – **667789**.

Fundraising

We held a meeting for Parents Of Dalesplay on the 4th October. It was short notice, but we were eager to put ideas into place. The next meeting is to be held on **Monday November 12th at 7:30pm**. Please come along as we would like to hear your ideas.

On **November 16th** we will be fundraising for Children In Need. Our activity this year will be wearing our clothes inside out for a donation of 50p. Also there is a poster in Dalesplay to choose a square for a £1, try and find the one that matches Pudsey's New Look. The winner will receive a bottle of wine.

There will be a Ladies Fashion night at the Fountain Hotel on **Tuesday December 11th**. Tickets are on there way, price to be decided. All welcome.

Christmas

We will be holding a Christmas Special Story Telling Session with Taffy Thomas. This will take place on **Wednesday December 12th 3pm – 6pm**.

Come along to listen to Taffy telling his amazing stories and also coming with him is Sandra Kerr from Bag Puss Fame.

We would like to thank everybody who keeps on donating us toys and equipment for use at Dalesplay. We very much appreciate your kindness.

Julie/Louise

Charity Ball

This is the LAST call for bookings for the Charity Ball to be held at Wensleydale Creamery, **Saturday November 10th**. Tickets are £25.00 and include Bucks Fizz reception, guest speaker, live entertainment and a four course meal. All money raised from the sale of tickets is going to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and to local voluntary community groups (there is a short application form, please call for details and we will send one out). This is a black tie event, please come and support us and help us raise money for the Air Ambulance.

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local community organisations (on application).

contact:
The Business Association (Wensleydale) Ltd
info@wensleydale.org
01969 667676



Open evening invitation

Everyone is most welcome to attend the annual **Presentation Evening of the Upper Wensleydale Community Investment Partnership on Monday November 12th, 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Thornton Rust Village Hall.**

Presentations this year include updates on the Gayle Mill initiative, Dales Harvest, Wensleydale Railway, The Milepost Project (tbc), The Re-vive Partnership year

and the Market House, Hawes.

There will be displays and information to take away from all of our guest speakers and information on energy saving, Yorkshire Rural Community Council, YORWOODS and many other organisations. In addition we will be

UPPER DALES CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Party

Time

Saturday

December 1st 2007

- 1.00pm PRIZE TREASURE HUNT around Gayle and Hawes
- 2.00pm CHILDREN 's PARTY *featuring Eileen and Joe*
Bring your own snack for Community Buffet
- 4.00pm Friends 's prize draw and Painting Competition Prize Giving
- 4.30pm Father Christmas arrives with gifts for all children

HAWES PRIZE SILVER BAND IN ATTENDANCE

raising money for the Upper Dales Childcare Partnership (registered charity), with a sale of native trees grown from local seed.

The evening includes a free light supper, using locally sourced ingredients, of hot sausage casserole, soup, cakes, mulled wine, Glendale ginger, tea and coffee. All are welcome. This 2 hour event is light, informal, fun and informative. RSVP to **650980**

The Magic of Theatre

North Country Theatre's *The Electrical Wizard of the North* has just opened at the Georgian Theatre Richmond and tells the amazing story of Dr Walford Bodie a man who used his magical powers, showmanship and electricity to amaze, entertain and heal people across the land. Like North Country he entertained in village halls and small theatres, and as his celebrity grew so did his audiences and reputation – till he was filling 3000 seat venues.

“He truly was an amazing man, a friend of Houdini, who believed in his own powers and built a fantastic following. But with success comes problems and he found himself in court up against the Medical Establishment – but he won” explained Nobby Dimon.

Touring shows to village halls and small theatres presents a real challenge for a piece like this, as North Country stages a number of tricks and illusions, re-creating the real magic of the Bodie show on the stage. “Touring as we do we don't have the luxury of creating illusions in a permanent space which offers ceilings, roofs and curtains – so it has been a real challenge for the actors and our prop maker Malcolm Wood. But we think people are going to be truly amazed.”

The Electrical Wizard of the North allows people to be part of theatre and music hall which was at its heyday a hundred years ago – entertaining and enthralling people well before television and cinema diverted people away from live shows. People can be electrified and amazed by North Country Theatre's new production which is touring through until December 15th. Full details are available on their website www.northcountrytheatre.com.

*(Dales Countryside Museum, December 5th;
Leyburn Methodist Hall, December 14th)*



Dales host get together of champions

Over forty Community Champions from a project aimed at encouraging inner city residents to enjoy the UK's national parks met up last weekend (October 20th and 21st) in the National Park.

The nationwide Mosaic Partnership, run by the Council for National Parks, is a £1 million project aimed at developing links between people from black and minority ethnic communities and four national park authorities – the Yorkshire Dales, the Peak District, the North York Moors and the Brecon Beacons. Around 120 Community Champion volunteers have been recruited across England and Wales to spread the word about national parks throughout urban areas, to lead groups themselves and inspire others to visit these special places.

They got together on Saturday and Sunday with staff and members from the four national park authorities and representatives of the Youth Hostels Association to share information, swap experiences and plan for the future.

On the Saturday there was a national feedback forum for the project and the rest of the day was structured around the theme of 'Hidden Histories, Celebrating Heritage and Diversity in Yorkshire'.

The group visited the Dales Countryside Museum to see 'The Hidden History of the Dales: People and Places waiting to be discovered' exhibition, which highlights the history of black and Asian people in the Yorkshire Dales. They also had a choice of outings and activities including pony trekking and walks.

Bill Wood, the Park's Outreach and Education Manager, said: "This is an annual get-together to give the Community Champions a chance to exchange information and learn from each other and really boost the growing links between

them and our national parks."

Football and Clogs

We have survived

Monty kitty in the school field, I can only remember one accident.

Playing football in the school yard, woollen jersey, short trousers and clogs, a kick on the shin not the ball was common practice, a tin shed as goals. School holidays spent in Gayle woods learning Tarzan skills with ropes from tree to tree.

Woodwork - to discipline, a smack on the head with a wood missile would do the trick. Catapult time came around; also sap whistle (home made).

Robin Hood practice with home made bows and arrows— made from thorn wood was best. Tin can alley played on the lane head at Gayle.



Conker time came round; the school yard was littered with shells, no crash helmets or goggles, no accidents.

Tree climbing was a skill we learned to reach our prize conkers, which we got down with sticks.

Bicycles made up of parts found on Hawes tip. Brakes were your foot over the front wheel, no major accidents.

Trout tickling in the local beck was fun, and crayfish were caught and boiled on the river bank in an old syrup tin; tasted beautiful and had no side effects.

Home made tents were made from large cotton sacks. Only one burnt down. No injuries.

Plenty of snow and ice, Skating on thick ice on Gayle beck. Again, home made toboggans, or tin sheets. Toboggan rides from above the village down to Hawes— Great Fun!

Don't loose your marbles, or is it toes? they were made of hard clay and the game was played by stumping them in a ring made in the dust in the playground.

OH WHAT FUN AND WE SURVIVED!

Anyone remember the three-penny bit ice cream?

Allen Dinsdale, Gayle

HAWES SCHOOL NEWS

Outdoor education

On Friday class 3 went with Low Mill to Appersett viaduct to do some abseiling and the other half of the class did zip wiring near Helm. Everyone had a great time and we can't wait to go again!

Thank you, Low Mill

Jenna Allen

On Friday afternoons, class three have activities with Low Mill. We got split into three groups : Ravenclaw, Gryffindor and Hufflepuff (all from Harry Potter) and did different activities like bush craft, zip wiring, abseiling, canoeing, gorge walking, caving and many more. I've only done three activities so far but I can't wait to do the others.

Emma Shaw

I think out-door education is fun and enjoyable activities to do. So far I've been Zip wiring, Abseiling and Gorge walking. We go nearly every Friday afternoon. What I found really fun was Gorge walking. We kept on falling over so we got extremely wet. We also...jumped off a waterfall! It was extremely cool but cold. Abseiling was very scary and I kept thinking, "Should I or should I not".

Bonnie Glendinning

Climate Change Workshop

On Tuesday 9th, the year 5s went down to the Dales Museum to learn about climate change. We watched a play first then we made noises like what it would sound like in a lab and funfair. For the funfair, the girls had to scream and the boys had to be monkeys and for the lab noises the girls had to make bubbly noises and the boys made blown up noises. It was very funny!

Jasmine Iveson

Harvest Festival

On Friday 19th October the whole school went to the Methodist Chapel for a Harvest Festival. All the children took a gift which they gave to Rev Henry Dubois for a

magnificent display of fruits of the harvest in a wide range of forms. Many of the children also took part in the service with readings, offerings and prayers. The harvest gifts were then distributed to people in the town and surrounding area who had been nominated by the children.

Christmas Fayre

We are holding a Christmas Fayre on **Wednesday 7th November** at school from 7.00pm. There will be various stalls including Body Shop, Usborne Books, Flairs and Graces, The Mulberry Bush, Sweets, cards, wrapping paper, jewellery stalls etc and others including crafts made by the children and games and a raffle. An entrance fee of £1.00 per person will include refreshments. The whole community is warmly welcomed. If you would like to have a stall yourself please contact the school before hand on **667308**.

MARKET PLACE AND GREETINGS

HOWARTH

Joe and Mary would like to thank everyone for cards, gifts and flowers received on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Special thanks to our family for all their hard work

Kenneth Prestidge would like to thank friends in Redmire, Preston under Scar and Carperby for their best wishes during his stay in hospital; also for their kindness to his Mum and Dad during this time.

Free

– 5 cm thick kitchen/study worktop, 60 x 120cm, beech finish formica.
Contact Sylvia Crookes, Bainside Bainbridge **650525**

*From Mrs K Harrington
Romany Cottage, Askrigg*
I would like to thank everyone for their cards, gifts and best wishes for while I've been with Askind Ltd.
Kathleen

Dales Harvest

Important follow-up meeting

This will take place at the Fountain Hotel, Hawes on **Tuesday, November 13th at 7.00pm**. This will be to discuss the way forward for Dales Harvest 2008 and we invite as many people as possible to attend

December/January issue

The next issue covers December and January up the 23rd. Please submit articles and dates for both months.

Free greetings. As usual we are offering to businesses and individual readers a free Christmas greeting. It will help if these can be submitted as soon as possible.

WHAT'S ON continued

December

- 1 Christmas Lights switch on and arrival of Father Christmas. See Page 9
- 1 Pre-Christmas Body Shop Party. West Witton Village Hall. Tickets £5 including wine and supper. **Ring 624394**
- 2 Advent Sunday
- 5 North Country Theatre See Page 32

WHAT'S ON LISTING Put these dates on your calendar!

Museum What's Ons are on page 16.

October

- 27 Methodist Circuit Concert. West Burton 7.30pm
- 27 Parish Council Information Day in West Burton Village hall
- 27 Casino and Poker Night in the Fountain, Hawes in aid of Hawes Firework Display. 7.30pm Tickets £10
- 27 Book exchange at Bainbridge Meeting House 10.00am to 1.00pm. For Bainside Arts and Hawes Playgroup
- 28 Family service; Bolton cum Redmire join St Andrew's at 10.00am
- 28 Table Top Sale for Hawes School at the Market House
- 31 Halloween Family Quiz. See page 14

November

- 1 Late Evening for Hawes shops. See P 8
- 2 Wensleydale Soc. "Medieval landscape of Castle Bolton" 7.30pm West Burton Village hall.
- 2 Tup Sale Disco at the Fountain, Hawes for Young Farmers
- 2 Salsa at Bainbridge See Page 7
- 2 Traidcraft Talk at Thornton Rust Institute. See Page 17
- 3 NSPCC coffee morning at Jean Cockburn's in Aysgarth. 10.00am - noon
- 3 Fireworks Special train. Redmire, Leyburn to Bedale's 0845 50 54 74
- 3 Aysgarth Singers concert for the Wensleydale Methodist Circuit: Middleham 7.30pm
- 5 Bonfire Night
- 6 Hawes Drama Group reads "The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Drama Society murder mystery" by David McGillivray and Walter Zerlin Jr. Gayle Institute, 7.30pm
- 7 Hawes School Fayre See Page 35
- 9 Pie and Peas and Raffle at the Crown, Askrigg at 7.00pm. Mid Wensleydale Conservative Association
- 10 Wensleydale Flower club: Open demonstration in Harmby village hall. 2.00 to 4.30pm
- 10 Charity Ball See Page 31
- 10 Thoralby and District Casino and

- Games Night See Page 4
- 10 Arabian Race Night. See Page 14
- 11 Remembrance Sunday. Services at:
 - 10.15am Castle Bolton
 - 10.30am St Margaret's, Hawes
 - 10.30am St Oswald's, Askrigg
 - 10.45am St Bartholomew's, W Witton
 - 10.45am Holy Trinity, Wensley
 - 11.00am St Andrew's, Aysgarth
- 12 CIP Presentation See Page 31
- 13 YDNPA Planning Committee at Yordale, 10.30am
- 13 Wensleydale Decorative and fine arts Soc. AGM at noon followed by "The garden; an art form" at 2.00pm Middleham Key Centre
- 16 Trafford Centre Trip. See page 17
- 16 Salsa at Bainbridge See Page 7
- 16 Museum Friends 7.30pm See Page 16
- 16 Children in Need Dalesplay Page 30
- 17 Booksale, coffee and biscuits at West Witton Village Hall. 10.00am to 2.00pm
- 17 Food and Flowers demonstrations in West Burton Village Hall. See Page 15
- 17 Metro Trip see page 17
- 17 Christmas Pie Supper See Page 40
- 17 Hellifield Station Craft Fair See Page 6
- 19 HAOS Social See Page 13
- 23 Fashion Show at Carperby Village Hall. See Page 39
- 24 Shoppers' Special; evening train from Redmire to Bedale. 08454 50 54 74
- 24 Concert by Aysgarth Singers in Aysgarth Church at 7.00pm. £5 including supper in Village Hall
- 24 HAOS Disco; Fountain. See Page 15
- 25 Table Top Sale at Market House, Hawes for Hawes School funds
- 25 Christingle Service at St Mary's Church, Redmire at 4.00pm
- 27 YDNPA Full Authority Meeting; Middleham Key Centre 10.30am
- 28 Shoppers' Special train with coach link to Northallerton; Guided Walk from Redmire Station, lunch at Aysgarth; Craft Workshop tour, Lunch in Hawes.08454 50 54 74
- 28 Askrigg PTFA food and craft evening 7.00pm. See page 38
- 29 Gayle Ladies devotional evening
- 30 Motor Club AGM See Page 23

Christmas food and craft evening

Askrigg School PTFA are holding this on **Wednesday November 28th at 7.00pm.** £3.00 (including mince pie, wine, tea or Coffee). If you would like a stall, or for more details contact **Carolyn 650306 or Olwyn 663531**

National Health Dentistry update

From Monday October 15th National Health Dentistry returned to Leyburn– at Brentwood. The dentist is Angela Smith and the (local charge) number to ring is **0844 736 8549**. The service is organised from Harrogate (**01423 859672**).

It is still necessary for people to register at Leyburn even if they have had their names on the waiting list. Ring the Leyburn number above to check.

It is still not clear when this dentist will spend time in Hawes. It would seem that much will depend upon the number of people registering from Hawes, Leyburn and the areas between. **A.S.W.**

Fashion Show

Ladies' clothes from Erica Dillon, Richmond and children's clothes from Chain Store Kids will be modelled at a fashion show in Carperby Village Hall on **Friday November 23rd at 7.00pm**. Clothes will be available to buy after the show.

Tickets (£5 including a glass of wine) are available in advance from Tracey Lambert 663651 or on the night if still available.

What can Gayle Mill offer you?

Gayle Mill will be ready to welcome the public through its doors at Easter next year! After what seems an age since the nation saw the Mill in the BBC “Restoration” series in 2004, the Mill is going through the last few months of feverish activity to get everything ready. We hope that lots of people living in the Dale (and beyond) will want to get involved in some way as volunteers to help make it a success and celebrate the Wensleydale’s latest heritage attraction.

Do you enjoy meeting visitors, researching local history, talking about your heritage? Perhaps you prefer helping out at special events or taking part in hands-on activities? We want to find out how we can help you use your interests and skills (or perhaps learn new ones) at the Mill.

We are organizing two “**Volunteer Open Days**” at the Mill for anyone to come along and see what volunteering opportunities are on offer. They will take place between 11am and 3pm on Saturday 17th and Saturday 24th November. This is your chance to have a look at what has been happening at the Mill, and the staff and Gayle Mill Trust directors will be on hand to talk to you about the future and how we can use your talents and interests. To set the scene, the Manager, **Paul Bisson**, will give a short talk at the top of the hour each day. Light refreshments will be available. Please note that there is no parking at the Mill itself.

So come along and see; you don’t have to make any commitment at the time, and you can stay for as little or as long as you want. If you would like further information, you can call Paul on **07971 092569** or email him at paul@gaylemill.org.uk. We look forward to seeing you!

Christmas pie supper

This will be held in Bainbridge Village Hall on **Saturday November 17th from 7.00pm.**

Tickets, £9.50 including sweet, tea/coffee are available from **Rita Cloughton 650552 or Margaret Preston 650095.**

The evening includes a raffle and tombola