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Front Cover By Peter H. Jackson



**Mystery picture. Last month's was Thupton Gill Chimney in Walden. Now where is this?**

### **That's a surprise!**

This month's very special editorial will be found on the middle pages. Please make a real effort to read it and follow it up.

### **Family fun with satellites**

Families wanting to have a crack at satellite technology are being given the chance to learn in the National Park. They can now hire Global Positioning System equipment and try their hand at *geocaching* – a hi-tech treasure hunt.

The fast-growing sport involves using co-ordinates downloaded into a GPS receiver to find hidden caches – plastic boxes containing information and gifts.

The National Park has just published geocache trail leaflets for Hawes (and Grassington) and has set up a facility

enabling people to hire the GPS receivers from the National Park Centres, but to obtain the coordinates people have first to walk round the area and answer some simple questions.

Karen Griffiths, the Interpretation Officer said: "Geocaching is a great way for all the family to spend the day and learn more about some of the hidden places that they might not normally see; and the leaflets are aimed at complete geocaching beginners and explain how to use the GPS receivers to find the caches."

The receivers can be hired for £5 for the day plus a £50 returnable and it is advisable to book one by phone. Hawes National Park Centre; **666210**

### **General knowledge quiz**

**Friday May 30th**  
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### Eunice the Ewe

The lucky winner this month was **Sheila Birkin and the Kent Fan Club**. Where am I today?

### Thanks

Thank you everyone who helped in any way on 11th March at the Marie Curie coffee morning (Hawes). We raised £250.

**Kath Kenneally**

... Likewise on April 15th when £258 was raised from the Hawes churches joint coffee morning on behalf of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

### Next issue

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### Competition

See how they run! Here are a few native animals. (Numbers indicate number of letters in the answers. Aren't we kind?)

1. Mix me up, then butter me (5)
2. Returned in a better refurbishment (6)
3. An eel was transformed (6)
4. Asleep in a tea pot (8)
5. Mole is feud (10)
6. T.N. Barrow re-wrote this one (5,3)
7. Igher temp. (5)
8. I go crazy in the Ides month (5,4)
9. Two ants earn viol, Lee; I'll appear in seconds! (5,4)
10. Striped-headed night visitor (6)
11. Furry, but not found where I sound (7)
12. Potter's Peter (6)

### Last month's answers

#### Northern rivers

1. URE
2. SWALE
3. TEES
4. COQUET
5. DERWENT
6. ESK
7. MERSEY
8. CALDER
9. AIRE

10. NIDD
11. WISKE
12. CALDEW
13. DUDDON
14. LEVEN

And the winner is **Jennifer Johnson, Hawes.**

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### **How to survive a day in the garden**

Gardening is a peculiarly British joy. It's really hard work and there are so many possibilities for disaster. We can take the blame when everything goes pear-shaped, but when, occasionally, the whole garden is a vision of loveliness, we may modestly pass the credit on up to the Almighty.

No wonder, then, that gardening in Britain is massive business. For the privilege of all this thankless toiling, we spend over two and a half billion pounds in garden centres every year. On behalf of slugs and osteopaths everywhere, I should like to express my gratitude for this excess.

For the slugs I know no cure. For the backache I can offer some help if you follow these very simple golden rules:

#### ***Do not jump out of bed and go digging.***

During the night, when you have taken the weight off your spine, the discs are able to

swell. When you first get up in the morning, they are a little 'bulgy'. This is a bad thing if you plan immediate, heavy exercise because discs, like the rest of us, dislike being woken with a start. They will settle down for the day in a couple of hours, but in the meantime it is foolish to annoy them. Have breakfast, take a stroll round the garden, measure up for the water-feature, but ***do not dig*** until two hours after getting out of bed.

#### ***Don't expose your back to searching winds.***

Gardening is rather warm work. Sooner or later, you will start removing layers. Please wear a long-sleeved garment that you can take off and ***tie around your waist*** when you get hot. If you tend to neck problems, you are better to strip down to a sleeveless top with a collar than a strappy vest. You won't notice a cool wind on your back while you are working, but your muscles will!

#### ***Take a timer into the garden.***

Once you are engrossed in a job, you may not realise how long you have been at it, but you should not keep at the same thing for too long. Set a timer for twenty-five minutes, and every time it goes off, ***change jobs and reset the timer.*** It means that you rotate round the garden, leaving half-done jobs all over the place, but that can't be helped. Eventually you will be able to tidy up.

#### ***Don't go on too long.***

Be satisfied. When you think it will soon be time to stop, you are already tired and most injuries occur at the beginning or the end of the day.

#### ***Resist the call of the sagging deckchair.***

When a racehorse has been out on the gallops, his jockey walks him home so that his muscles and ligaments can cool gently down in motion. Keep moving for a while when you've finished, because your tissues,

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### Police Report

The market for scrap metal is booming as raw metal prices hit an all time high. This has led to a marked increase in the number of "touts" visiting our patch to find out what is on offer. One such visit resulted in a large quantity of lead being taken from the school building at Askrigg – this certainly was *NOT* scrap metal.

On 10<sup>th</sup> April a member of the Public reported a Pick up laden with scrap near an isolated barn in Bishopdale. Men were seen getting back into the truck but were not carrying anything. No crime has been reported from this area.

Farmers, please keep a regular check on your items stored at remote locations, such as feeding troughs, machinery, pens etc. Preferably mark them with names or addresses or postcodes – either by engraving them or painting with some brightly coloured paint. This will make the items easily identifiable when we stop the "scrap" lorries and will help us disprove their excuses there and then.

A crime on the increase is the theft of central heating oil direct from the storage tank. Again this has to be connected with the large increases in oil prices on the world market recently which makes it an attractive proposition for criminals. We have had two such crimes lately, one in Bishopdale and one at Ellerton Abbey, Swaledale. If you have such a heating system regular checks should be kept on the level of oil. Please report to us any suspicious activities seen around central heating oil tanks. The offenders must be using pumps, large lengths of hose and vehicles to remove the quantities taken.

*(from previous page)* too are happier if they're allowed to come to a quiet halt. Then shower and change into dry clothes. Then, and only then, pour the Pimms.

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Thanks for your continued assistance.

PS. Please keep an eye out for notices in your local shops advertising the Police Advice Surgeries. I am visiting the smaller outlying communities in the large Police Van on advertised dates. Please come along and have a chat either at Hawes or in the van.

**Andy Foster PC826**

Safer Neighbourhood Police Officer Upper  
Wensleydale

**0845 60 60 247 ext 4382**

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## Transport Strategy Exhibition

Following studies and a working group, North Yorkshire County Council together with Jacobs, their consultant, will be holding two exhibitions in Hawes to put forward their recommendations for the Hawes Service Centre Transportation Strategy. All members of the public are invited to attend in order to see and discuss what is proposed.

Your feedback is needed to ensure that what is being proposed is what you really want and, equally, to provide you with an opportunity to say if you don't like any of the proposals.

The exhibitions will be held at the Dales Countryside Museum on **Saturday May 24th from 11.00am to 6.00pm** and in the Market House, Hawes on **Thursday May 29th from 3.00 to 8.00pm**.

## BAINBRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

### Easter Bonnets

Last term we had an Easter bonnet competition at school one afternoon. All the children in the school made Easter Bonnets, there were some very interesting designs but all of them had an Easter theme. The judges said they found it very difficult to choose the winners. There were three prizes for each class. 1<sup>st</sup> prize was a chocolate bunny 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize was an Easter egg; everybody else got a cream egg.

### Football Festival

One afternoon Class 2 went to Askrigg School for a football festival. We walked there from Bainbridge School. There was a girls team and a boys team, the girls team won 2, lost 1 and drew 1. The boys won 3 and drew 1, it all turned out a success. We all thoroughly enjoyed it.

### Comenius

In the first week back after the Easter holiday we had some visiting Teachers from



schools in Greece, Sweden and Oldham. They spent two and a half days in Bainbridge School. They were very interested in our Smart Boards and would really like to have them in their schools. On the Friday we all went on a walk to Semerwater, we wanted to show our visitors the beautiful Wensleydale scenery. We set off in beautiful sunshine but the weather kept changing for the worse. We had rain snow and hail. By the end of the walk we were rather soggy and cold. Our visitors certainly experienced Yorkshire weather!

### New Building

At the moment we have building work going on in school. We are looking forward to a much bigger class room and a new cloakroom just for KS2. So far it is looking good. It should be ready after half term.



## Upper Wensleydale Area Ranger report

Spring at last! This area is nationally important for a range of ground nesting birds, notably 'The Big 5', Skylark, Curlew, Red Grouse, Lapwing and Oystercatcher. These birds are easily disturbed, particularly between now and the end of July, which is their breeding season. If you are out enjoying the National Park with your dog, then please keep it on a lead to reduce the chance of disturbance. Dogs can often disturb birds sitting on eggs or young chicks, which may result in the egg or chicks being chilled and the clutch failing. If you don't know your lapwing from your curlew, why not pick up a leaflet from Hawes National Park Centre?

If you are venturing on to the fells off public footpaths or bridleways, on to open access land, then also check to see if there are any temporary restrictions in place on this access land. Frequently landowners implement restrictions to help reduce the disturbance to ground nesting birds. You can check for restrictions on [www.openaccess.gov.uk](http://www.openaccess.gov.uk) or feel free to give me a call or email.

Green Lanes – the National Park Authority will be making use of new powers to restrict use of several routes in the area, by motorbikes and 4 wheel drives (known as mechanically propelled

vehicles). These routes will receive appropriate signage in the coming months as the closures take effect. (*See page 19*)

The majority of the route repair work at Cotter End on the Lady Ann Highway is almost complete. We have some further seeding and compaction work to carry out and as such it is likely that the route will remain temporarily closed until the end of the summer. However, there is an alternative route for walkers, parallel to the closed section, details of which are posted on site.

For further details check [www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/index/looking after/access to the countryside/green lane management.htm](http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/index/looking%20after/access%20to%20the%20countryside/green%20lane%20management.htm) or alternatively contact me on 666220

Thank you to those who regularly report broken or difficult stiles and gates that you encounter on rights of way and please keep these coming in.

**Matt Neale**  
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### 1st Hawes Brownies

Several Brownies have at last completed the Stargazer Badge despite the skies being cloudy on every Brownie night since October! However, the girls worked hard thanks to the encouragement given by Peter Jackson and Jack Sutton who gave up their time to help the brownies with this badge. Brownies have also received Speaker and Brownie Traditions badges. This term we are learning to dance round the maypole and working on the Wildlife Explorer badge.

Linda Reynolds

### Couch potatoes take note!

Recently Kieron Fahy raised money for Sports Relief by walking 3 miles on the treadmill, rowing 3 miles on a rowing machine and cycling 3 miles on an upright bike at Yorebridge Gym, along with centre manager Lesley Williams, and together they have raised over £100.

Kieron Fahy moved to Askrigg about two years ago, and felt like a couch potato following a hip replacement three years before. "Yorebridge facilities have demon-

strated what can be done to alleviate pain and restore confidence. It provides an opportunity to adopt a "holistic" approach to managing painful conditions, and diseases,  
*(continues over the page)*

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and should be supported by all members of the Community." said Mr Fahy.

Mr Fahy joined the gentle exercise class for improving stretching and breathing, and went on with several other people to the gym for strengthening muscles.. Not to be left out, his wife Linda went to yoga classes and now goes to the gym. Both feel better, and have met new friends and Kieron is also a volunteer at the Centre.

"There's an intuitive worry that exercise might make pain worse. Now we know the opposite is true" (Professor Mike Hurley) Since the development of the Sports and Fitness Centre in the last eighteen months, many people of varying ages have found the above statement to be true. Recent research has shown that a six-week exercise programme, using stretching, wobble boards, exercise bikes, mechanical rowing machines to build up muscle, improves and maintains function and mobility in people with arthritis. Pro. Hurley advises exercises of any kind, even gentle walking, as useful in combating pain and lethargy. It's a real tragedy if people act on their instinct and rest a painful joint"

Yorebridge Sports and Fitness community facilities are starting to achieve considerable success with many local people in Upper Wensleydale For further details see [www.yorebridge-sports.co.uk](http://www.yorebridge-sports.co.uk), or 650060

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The week begins with the United Service on **Sunday May 11th at 10.30 am** at St Margaret's Church. This is an opportunity for all the community to join together for worship and prayer for the special week ahead. Please come if you can. The collection will be for Christian Aid.

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The House to House collecting will be done between Monday and Saturday and if you are a tax payer please put your name and address on the envelope if you wish to gift aid your donation, this increases your gift by 28% with no extra cost to you!

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The Hawes Mothers' Union is holding a special meeting with an open invitation to anyone on **Wednesday May 7th at 2.00pm** in the Hawes Methodist Church when Phillip Holdsworth (Liz Beresford's son) will speak on "Christians against poverty".

**Wacky race night**

**Saturday May 10th**  
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**Who knows?**

Here is another query from one of our readers who has been asking round for answers— and got none! So can anyone help?

*"The road over Birkett Common from Pendragon Castle in Mallerstang is called "Tommy Road". Why; and who was Tommy?"*

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### **ASKRIGG SCHOOL NEWS**

#### **Eco-Group News – and Rap!**

We walked to Bainbridge School on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April and did our Eco rap. We did the Eco rap to make more people more Eco friendly.

Nine people were in the Eco group they were from the old School Council; other things we did as Eco group:

We made draught excluders to keep the warmth in. We made them out of old tights and stuffed them with old bits of cloth.

We also put water hogs in all eight toilets and saved the school over £50.

We bought a water butt and put it at the front of the school to catch the rain.

We made newspaper bricks to put on the fire that burn for about 30 minutes.

We did a water height test with hot water.

When we had finished it we poured it out and it was still hot.

**Sophie Oliver and Sophie Ashcroft**

#### **The Walking Bus!**

The walking bus is very successful even though we have only done it twice. The first time we did it we had 15 children (which is 25% of the school) and 7 adults.

We all had a brilliant time and I think we all enjoyed it very much. It helps that there are fewer cars and so less pollution.

We had lots of different bus stops, first some of us walked up to Parkins Garth but others either waited at The Crown, Post Office or Dolphin House.

The NYCC Road Safety Officers Neil Strickland and Hilary Bond helped us check if we were doing the right things and being safe. Askrigg School's Road Safety Officer, pupil Sophie Hammond, also helped with the younger children. They also gave us some step - o - meters to count how many steps we did in a day. We had to record our results for a week. NYCC also very kindly gave us some money to buy refreshments on Grand Launch Day – 18<sup>th</sup> April.

We would like to say a big thank you to Carolyn Teasdale for organising and helping us with the walking bus and a great thanks for all the people who joined in.

**Sophie Y6**

### **Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society**

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#### **British Architecture Now**

Architectural projects which have caught the public's imagination will be discussed in a Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society lecture by Anthea Streeter on **Tuesday May 13th at 8.00pm at the Middleham Key Centre.**

These will include the Future Systems Media Centre at Lord's Cricket Ground; the controversial Scottish parliament building; the pleasing classical work of Robert Adam Architects and many of the buildings which have won or been short-listed for the annual RIBA Stirling prize. She will also discuss the importance of Archigram's imaginative, though mainly un-built, designs from the

1960s which were internationally acclaimed at the time and have had a key influence on the British Architecture we see today.

Anthea Streeter studied Fine and Decorative Arts in London and continued her studies at Harvard University, whilst there she became interested in 20<sup>th</sup> century architecture and design.

Membership information and further details are available from **Elaine Frances** tel. 624203.

### **Hawes to Sedbergh – the county divide?**

Settlebeck School, in Sedbergh, has always been a bit suspicious of labels – North Yorkshire or Cumbria? Indeed many in the town still think of it as Yorkshire and lament the change, but for the 200 or so students who stream into the school every day from all over both counties it is a meeting place, a melting pot, a crucible of what is both permanent and changing about dales' societies. At Settlebeck, east meets west, farmer's child meets builder's daughter, surgeon's son meets university lecturer's two. The school bus that starts its journey from Hawes Market Hall each day is full and noisy, picking up students

from meandering collection points all along the way across the county border to Sedbergh.

But wherever they come from, these children are individually recognised because the school is small, and the staff know them not only as individuals, but as part of that subtle and complex network that makes up the dales mesh. Teachers look at their classes and know the parents,



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Settlebeck has just had its specialist technology designation renewed; it has recently had a serious seal of good health from Ofsted, it boasts elite athletes representing the county, and our newly formed staff/student choir has just come through, smiling, its first public outing at the local arts centre.. The school produces students who go on to prestigious universities to get firsts, as well as turning out serious chefs and craftsmen shrewdly eyeing employment opportunities in both the Lakes and Yorkshire Dales.

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Just a reminder that **Children's Football** recommenced on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 4.00pm until 5.15pm** on the MUGA. Open to 6-11 year olds at



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Other sessions just started are **Belly Dancing - come along Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm** and see what it's all about! **Bums and Tums** lunchtime session, every **Thursday 12.30 until 1.00pm** (believe me you don't need anymore than 30 minutes to reawaken those long lost muscles!) and **Netball** for people aged 16 plus, no experience necessary, **Tuesday evenings 7.30 until 9.00pm**.

Our **May half term** activities this year are to be Modern Dance and Football Coaching for children aged 6+. Both sessions will take place on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May from 10.30am until noon** and cost £5 each. At the same time in Playgroup, there will be a Surestart consultation and coffee morning with crèche. Surestart Childrens Centres are hoping to get your ideas and opinions on what you would like to see at the new Centre due to be opened in Askrigg at the beginning of 2009. Go along and have your say in what activities and services you would like to see them provide.

Finally, for those of you too shy to come along and use the gym, you can now book personal training sessions either in the Fitness Room at Yorebridge or in your own home.

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### Yoredale Art Club

The Annual Exhibition of local artists' work will be held in Leyburn Methodist Hall:

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### Flower Festival

**St Andrew's, Aysgarth**

**Saturday to Monday, May 3rd– 5th**

Saturday, 10.00am to 5.30pm and concert by Leyburn Town Band at 7.30pm

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### Happy retirement, David

... it said on the windows of Milners department store in Leyburn last Friday (April 25th) as people crowded in to join in the well-wishing accompanied by TV crew and the press.

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## Heavens above

Mercury, the elusive innermost planet, steals the show this month. If you've not seen it before (and not that many people have) now's your chance, as it puts on its best evening display of 2008 during the first half of May. Mercury's closeness to the Sun means that it's only ever visible on a handful of occasions each year shining low down in the twilight evening or morning sky for no more than 2 or 3 weeks at a time.

This May it reaches its greatest eastern elongation (when it's furthest from the Sun as seen from the Earth) on May 14th enabling it to be glimpsed in the west-north-west shortly after sunset for a week or so either side of this date. You'll need to find an unobstructed horizon to try and see it, however, as it's very low down. Your best bet is to wait until shortly after sunset and then try sweeping for it with binoculars along the skyline. Once you've located it you'll find it's surprisingly easy to see with the unaided eye alone - a lovely sight hanging like a tiny pinkish-yellow lamp in the gathering twilight.

*A word of warning, however, never try to look for Mercury with binoculars or a telescope while the Sun itself is still above the horizon. Looking at the magnified, unfiltered Sun with any kind of optical aid (even for an instant) will severely and permanently damage your eyesight - so err on the side of caution and wait until the sun has definitely set before you begin observing.*

Mercury is a tiny world much smaller than the Earth with a barren waterless surface even more heavily cratered than the Moon. Its close proximity to the sun enables it to swing round its orbit in only 88 days - faster than any of the other planets - but its 'day' - the time it takes to turn once

on its axis - lasts for 59 of ours! If you're a sensitive soul like me and worry about sunburn or tend to feel the cold, forget about booking a holiday there. During its daytime, temperatures can reach 800°F - hot enough to melt lead and tin - whilst on its night-side they can plunge to a bitter - 280°F. Definitely not the place for brass monkeys!

Finally this month many congratulations to all the members of Hawes Brownies who gained their Stargazing badge recently. They're the first ever Brownies in the Upper Dales to achieve this distinction and worked really hard at all the research and various practical activities involved. And good luck to my fellow astronomical enthusiast Peter Jackson and his wife Janet who left the area recently for pastures new. Thanks for all your encouragement Peter - have clear skies!

**Al Bireo**

## Swaledale Festival

Here are the events in May within the Newsletter area. The full programme of events is available at Information Centres, by ringing **01748 880018**, or by visiting: [www.swaledale-festival.org.uk](http://www.swaledale-festival.org.uk)

**Monday May 26th.** North East Early Music Forum; West Burton Village hall 10.00am to 4.30pm

**Tuesday May 27th.** Guided walk. Meet St. Oswald's, Askrigg. 11.00am

**Tuesday May 27th.** Entrances and Exits. St Oswald's, Askrigg. 5.00pm

**Wednesday May 28th.** 'Improvised but Composed'. St Oswald's, Askrigg. 5.00pm

**Friday May 30th.** Sacconi Quartet. St Andrew's, Aysgarth. 8.00pm

### Wensleydale Railway

Two Special Events in May for which advance booking (08454 50 54 74) is essential are:

**Saturday May 17th:** Guided Walk with David Joy.

**Wednesday May 28th:** A visit to Herriot Country – explore locations associated with the famous television vet by rail and coach.

To book for the Swaledale Festival guided walk from the train (from Leeming Bar) on **Thursday May 29th**, phone the festival office on **01748 880018**.

For details of regular train services and other special events throughout the summer, see [www.wensleydalerrailway.com](http://www.wensleydalerrailway.com) or phone Leyburn TIC **623069**.

### The Poor's Close Charity

The Trustees of the charity invite applications from residents in the Hawes and High Abbotside parish who are suffering financial hardship and who require help in paying for essential or unforeseen needs. These could cover items such as expenses incurred by sudden distress, travelling expenses to visit relatives, meeting exceptional bills, purchase of essential household goods or the purchase of educational books, equipment or facilities.

The charity's funds are small and the number of grants will be limited. Persons wishing to apply for a grant should do so not later than **June 7th 2008** by contacting either **Rev W Simms (667553)** or **Ian Fowler (667044)** who will note the details of the claim for consideration by the Trustees.

### Poms Abroad!

A true tale from one of our committee, recently visiting Australia.

We had a hired car, and set off on the first day in it. Soon we needed directions. Just confirmation that we were on the right road! We saw a man in his garden and stopped the car to ask him the way. We reached for the window button..... not on the door, not on the steering wheel, not in the centre, nor the dash.? It was decided that the driver had better get out of the car, (well no other choice really!) and go and ask the man for directions. He found the Aussie to be, as usual, kind and helpful.

Grateful driver mentions that he would have hailed him from the car but couldn't find out how to lower the window. The Aussie strolled over, opened the door and went, "Try this mate!" while winding the handle on the door!! Needless to say he returned to his house with a big grin on his face!

**S.H.**

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### **National Park welcomes green lane restrictions**

Eight 'green lanes' in the National Park are to be closed to recreational motor vehicles.

The Access Committee has decided to impose full-time Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) on the routes following a programme of full consultation. The Orders will be reviewed after five years.

Jon Avison, the YDNPA's Head of Park Management, said: "This is a milestone decision for the National Park Authority. For many years it has been concerned about the effects of recreational motor vehicle use on a number of routes in the National Park.

"New legislation has made it possible for us to apply TROs to eight of these routes. The application of these orders will help to preserve the peace and tranquillity of the

National Park and enhance the enjoyment of other users."

Under new powers that came into force on October 1st last year, national park authorities are now able to impose TROs themselves instead of having to ask the local highways authorities to do it. This is the first time that the YDNPA has used its new powers.

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### **Scarecrow Festival at Thornton Rust**

Come and guess the names of the scarecrows on display throughout the main part of the village during the Spring Bank Holiday weekend (**24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> May**). The theme of the festival is "Fiction or Fantasy".

Refreshments will be available at Thornton Rust Institute over the weekend: morning coffee from 10.30 to 11.30 am, soup lunches between 12 noon and 1.30 pm, cream teas from 3.00 to 4.30 pm.

A quiz about the scarecrow trail will be available at the Institute from 10.30 am each day, and there will be a stall selling plants and local items and also a tombola.

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### **Raydale Project**

In the next report it is hoped to give a full account of the evening with Professor Lane which occurs between copy date and issue of the May newsletter. So this month's update is a brief one. The working group looking at the restoration of Marsett Bottoms track have met and discussed the submitted tenders for the work. Progress on consultation with various authorities is proceeding satisfactorily.

Tenders for the scoping exercise on micro-generation for hydro-electricity will be discussed at the next steering group meeting in early May.

It is hoped to hold a meeting specifically for Raydale land managers in early June when the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG) will discuss catchment sensitive farming and offer advice on money saving schemes available to land managers. The steering group were very impressed with what FWAG could offer and hope there is a good attendance on **June 5th.**

**Deborah Millward, Project Leader**

### **Stained glass**

Next time you visit Hardraw Church look up to the top of the four double windows and you will see a round disc of stained glass.

These were made by Clara Fawcett and depict the four seasons of the year with snowdrop, daffodil, rose and violet.

The wall hanging in the church was made by Penny Blanch.



### Old photographs

We would like to thank everyone for the good turn-out on the days we exhibited old photos of the Upper Dale at the Museum. So many people named names and wrote them down for the photos to go into the archives. Also we would like to thank the Mason family for letting us have them and for being able to keep such precious material. **A. Souter and P. Hasted.**

### North Yorkshire Open Studios

This event, now in its fourth year, includes the work of 100 selected artists and makers throughout North Yorkshire. Twenty seven of them will be exhibiting at the Station, Richmond on **May 3rd to 14th** and you are invited to visit them in their studios between 10.00am and 5.00pm during the weekends of **May 17/18th and 24/25/26th**. The artists and makers exhibiting are: Lesley Coates Jones, Andrew Hague, Winifred Hodge, Andrea Hunter, Ken Jones, Angela Keeble, Michael Kusz, Nancy Murgatroyd, Brian Pike, Helene Shovlar, Colin Smithson, Wendy Jones, Gilly Craven, Gerald Davies, Judith Davies, Caroline Dunn, Frank Gordon, Barbara Greene, Karen Griffiths, Jackie Hunt, Mawdsley Williams Ltd., J Alec Pearson, Helen Peyton, Tony Stephenson, Sue Strange, Sarah Smith, Helen Slinger

There is also the opportunity to buy original work. Full details are available on the website [www.artconnections.org.uk](http://www.artconnections.org.uk) and also in a brochure. *Upper Wensleydale studios will be open in Hardraw, Stalling Busk, Bainbridge, Askrigg and Redmire.*

### Festival of wedding memoirs

**Gunnerside Methodist Chapel**

**Saturday– Monday May 24th to 26th**

**10.00am to 5.00pm**

Exhibition of local wedding gowns with associated memorabilia and flowers.

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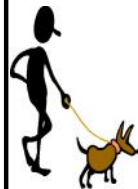
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The visit was enlivened by presentations by “Mrs Dinah Stewart” ( Sir Titus Salt’s housekeeper, played by Hattie Townsend, “Mrs Ellin Dooley” ( common mill worker played by Maria Glot) and “Rev David Cowan” played by Roger Clarke. In costumes of the Salt era they lead the group around Saltaire describing the church,



**“Mrs Stewart” conducting the group around Saltaire**

houses, community hall and mill. The group offer these services as Saltwalks [www.saltairevillage.info](http://www.saltairevillage.info) and ensure visitors to this World Heritage Site get the most from their visit. Tourism in the Bradford area was described John Swineburn Bradford Tourism marketing manager, spoke about the attractions of Bradford over lunch in the Victoria Hall

### **New faces at Sycamores Restaurant**

Diane Stephenson from Leyburn took over the restaurant at Sycamore Hall on Saturday 26th April. Diane, whose grandmother Hilda Thwaite, once owned the cake shop in Hawes is to provide not only excellent meals for residents of the Hall but the general public, as well as year-round baking including Christmas Cakes, Birthday Cakes, Christmas Puddings and mince pies etc which will all be available from Sycamore Hall.

Diane is hoping to have help with all the baking from various aunties. Meals and snacks will be available throughout the day to include breakfast and afternoon teas as well as catering for any functions that may take place at Sycamore Hall. Diane's catering experience is well established as she went to catering college while also

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**Bainbridge and district  
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Anyhow it was great to see some new faces joining the rally and there were at least 3 teams having a go for the first time. The start point was Bainbridge Green and from there the route led through Bishopdale to Kettlewell and Grassington, then on passing Stump Cross Caverns to Pateley Bridge and back through Lofthouse and East Witton. The route was approximately

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75 miles but 1 team clocked over 100 miles and they were not the team who went to Morecambe either! The weather was good and the scenery was really lovely and was especially appreciated as the route was not familiar to most of the participants. Marker boards had to be spotted and recorded. A thoroughly enjoyable evening and thank you to David Scarr and family, plus Adrien for organising it.

The next rally, the 12 Village Rally, is on Wednesday May 21st and will be organised by Fred Scarr and Andrew Foster telephone **650271** for details. All Welcome.

**Netta Davison**

**Redmire's Old Town Hall**

Our moving date is fast approaching and we wondered if it would be possible through the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter to say thank you to all our customers and friends who have supported us at The Old Town Hall Guest House and Tea Room over the last three years.

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### Tesco Tokens

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### The Wensleydale Football Festival

Some children from Hawes School were put into three teams to take part in the football festival at Askrigg School. Our teams were the 'Horrors', 'Hammers' and the 'Hurricanes'. There were lots of other teams from different schools from around the Dales. We had loads of fun and well done to everyone who took part!

**Jasmine Iveson Y5**

### Open Day

On June 24th we are intending to hold an open day for family, friends and the community to celebrate the completion of numerous building projects. We are hoping that you will take the opportunity to come and look around the school. Many of you will have attended Hawes School as pupils or staff many years ago. We would be really grateful if you could let us know of things

you did, playground games, lessons, activities, visits, war memories etc. so that we can make a story board of them. We would also be grateful for sight of any photographs of the school and children. If you can help please contact the school by email, [admin@hawes.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@hawes.n-yorks.sch.uk), telephone **667308**, letter DL8 3RQ or even better pop into school to have a chat with us.

Details of the organisation of the day will be in the next Upper Wensleydale Newsletter. Many thanks.

**Julie Woodyer**

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### This month's feature

**B**ill and Eileen Shuttleworth were not born in the Yorkshire Dales but they have been coming here for a long time and have lived in West Burton since 1975. Five years ago they celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary and they are still active members of the community.

Bill was born in Coventry (and was baptised as Herbert John but was known as Bill from being a child). He soon moved to North Wales where he went to school. Eileen grew up in Whitley Bay. They both went to Liverpool to train, he as a doctor and she as a nurse, and they actually met when she made him a cup of tea on his night round at the Northern Hospital in Liverpool. This was in July 1940 with the war in full swing.

In spite of the rigours of wartime one thing led to another and they were married in Rothbury in 1943. Weddings during the war were never easy. Church flowers came from people's gardens; Eileen's dress was made from a piece of blue material her brother (in the Merchant Navy) had obtained from Africa. The reception was limited to 25. Don't forget rationing was strict then: to make and ice a cake took much saving of the weekly 2oz sugar and butter ration. For their honeymoon they shared the Atholl Arms Hotel in Perthshire with the officers of a Canadian regiment.

Towards the end of the war Bill spent two years as an officer in the Royal Army Medical Corps but most of his working life was spent as a civilian GP. After a couple of locum jobs he joined a Bishop Auckland practice as an "Assistant with a view" ie a view to becoming a partner eventually. He was based at Witton Park, an iron and coal village nearby. Being there from 1947 to 1975 they became well respected and much loved members of the community.

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They were very busy. By 1949 they had four sons. When the NHS was introduced in 1948 the practice almost overwhelmed them. Eileen had to help out with dispensing, injections and dressings. Some of the stories she tells are really amusing, like when a great burly policeman fainted on seeing a head wound (inflicted on a man by a jealous husband), or desperate children banging on the surgery door and shouting "Our Willie's leg's hanging off" (actually no more than a two-inch cut).

Bill always loved cars. His first was a two cylinder Jowett Kestrel in 1947. Later they towed a caravan and came for a holiday at West Burton. Going to church on Sunday morning the then vicar of Aysgarth greeted them as visitors but really turned his nose up at them when he discovered they were staying *in a caravan*. Poor things!

Their love of the Dales eventually brought them here when Bill retired in 1975. Being used to busy lives they soon became involved in a variety of organisations. Church has always been a great part of both their lives – Eileen has been a Mother's Union member for 57 years and was an active PCC member for 24 years – long enough to outlast five vicars. They have both devoted many hours to the running of St Andrew's Church in Aysgarth, to which they are still very committed. Eileen, along with Penny Uden, started the Lent Lunches in their house 25 years ago.

They joined St Andrew's choir where, for many years, Eileen was organist and choirmaster. Music was always a passion so they joined the Wensleydale Orchestra with Eileen playing the violin and Bill the cello. They still enjoy playing these instruments and they have certainly made a great contribution to the church activities and the music of the dale including years with the (then) Aysgarth Choral Society.

For many years they were members of the Wensleydale Society and Eileen was on the Lifeboat Committee for 25 years. Bill was treasurer of West Burton village hall. It may seem that all their time was given to community activities, but Bill often fly fished on the River Ure and he loved to go fishing when they were on holiday. He has many a story to tell of fishing incidents.

Although now well into their nineties they can both tell a good story. In fact Eileen did just that to a Probus group earlier this year. It was a privilege to talk to them about their lives and they genuinely seemed to enjoy reminiscing about the past.

N.P.

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## May Gardening

A brief attack of middle age over April left me pinned to a comfy chair watching telly all evening – time for action as there's LOADS to do in the garden. Let's start by scarifying the lawn, which involves using a leaf rake to scratch the grass, combing out moss, dead grass, twigs and assorted nasties so as the grass is lifted and aerated. When you finish, the previously compacted, yellowing horror show will be transformed into a lovely fluffy lawn. Progress! To obtain my chemical fix, I finish with a sprinkling of weed and feed mix and begin mowing 2 weeks later.

Last year I cheated like fury with my borders, at the height of summer bulking thin areas out with a few strategically placed houseplants. That aspidistra which languishes in a gloomy corridor right through winter is transformed outside, glossy and rich green in a shaded, sheltered site. Same with the fatsia – disturb his grumpy spring reverie with a gradual introduction into a site similar to the aspidistra. Fatsias are quite hardy, but if he's used to a cushy life inside, go careful. Ornamental fig, vines, dracaena dragon tree all featured in last year's patch, giving it that continental twist. Just remember to bring them in on a night throughout May, whilst there's a frost threat. Also, strong sunshine doesn't seem to suit, so keep them gloomy.



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Oh no, it's time to deadhead the daffs! Not my favourite job, often done on the run to somewhere more fun. I love the blooms but not the spadework, but it shouts to be done. I lift the bulbs and plant them out of the way so as to prepare the borders for summer bedding. When the foliage starts to wither, the poor things are wrenched up again, cleaned and stored somewhere cool until planting again in October.

I've nursed an army of astrantia major seedlings through spring and now it's time to liberate them into the big world. If you like old fashioned cottage plants then this is the one for you. 24" high, her intricate white flowers and dainty leaves are a subtle treat. I feel a bit paternal about all these innocent little babes, but they have to taste freedom and get growing. Including as much root ball as I can as I tease them out of their tray will give each one a fighting chance. Once planted a gentle watering won't go amiss. A final survey of all those expectant, tiny green heads brings a pang, but they're on their own now and I've got to get on.

Now's the time to declare war on rose suckers, those sneaky little new shoots which are appearing at the base of the parent plant. This is the wilder root letting you know that it's still there, and trying to re-establish. Discover your inner warrior as you slice them off, digging into the soil to get as far down as possible – it's important to take action as they are weakening the main plant.

Finished that, now what? Despite the clamour of daffodil deadheads, I think I'll weed that vast border... **Ed Gardener**



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**A few more 'bloopers'**  
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Socrates was a famous Greek teacher who went around giving people advice. They killed him. Socrates died from an overdose of wedlock.

Eventually, the Ramons conquered the Geeks. History call people Romans because they never stayed in one place for very long. At Roman banquets, the guestes wore garlic in their hair. Julius Caesar extinguished himself on the battlefields of Gaul. The Ides of March killed him because they thought the was going to be made king. Nero was a cruel tyranny who would torture his poor subjects by playing the fiddle to them.

In medevil times most of the people were alliterate. The greatest writer of the time was Chaucer, who wrote many poems and verse and also wrote literature. Another tale of William Tell, who shot an arrow through an apple while standing on his son's head.

## Surgery News

### Annual Patients' Survey

Once again the Central Dales Practice scored significantly above the national average in the annual survey of patients' opinions. The reception staff at both surgeries achieved very high scores so may I take this opportunity to thank all of you who filled in one of the questionnaires for showing your appreciation for the service they provide. The practice nurse at Aysgarth, Diane Brough, also achieved very high ratings. The one area where the practice achieved a low score was on waiting times at the surgery. Whilst our score was still above the national average, it highlights a problem with waiting times in the open-access morning surgeries. This was discussed at a meeting of the Patients' Consultative Group at the end of March. It was agreed that the patients' group wanted the morning surgeries to remain open-access rather than go to an appointments system, but that it would be helpful if surgeries could start on time, and that the practice should continue to offer appointments at Hawes surgery on Tuesday afternoons to ALL patients. Normally, appointments for evening surgeries are reserved for people who have to get out of work to see the doctor, but the 1.00-4.00pm surgery on Tuesday at Hawes is bookable by everyone. Dr West told the meeting that since this policy started last spring, there had been more patients booking for Tuesday, but that often there were spare appointments that day.

If anyone would like to see the full survey, please ask via Hawes surgery or request an electronic copy via E-mail

### Breast Screening Unit

The breast-screening unit will be based at Hawes surgery from April 30<sup>th</sup> until the end of May. Letters from the screening office at York will invite women aged between 50 and 70 for screening. If you do not receive

an invitation by the end of April, or you are over 70 but would still like to be screened, please notify our reception staff and they will refer you for screening. Routine screening will not be offered to the under 50s at this time, but women of any age who have any concerns about breast lumps should consult their doctor without delay.

Whilst the unit is at the surgery, car parking spaces will not be available except for those who are of limited mobility.

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| Day                                       | a.m. | p.m. | a.m. | p.m. | a.m. | p.m. | a.m. | p.m. | a.m. | p.m. |
| Mon                                       | C    | C    | J    | F    | JA   | J    | C    | C    |      |      |
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| HAWES SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
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### Interesting responses

"Polegate posts" have certainly set readers going. Here are photographs, one in close-up from Bridge End Farm, Walden North. The 'upside-down L-shapes' are visible in



the stonework. Kindly sent in by John Lloyd Jones and Karen from Uncles Farmhouse. Polegates were used as a way of making 'gates' without the expense of hinges which in earlier days were expensive.

(See also the letter on page 33)

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## Letter

The Editor  
The Upper Wensleydale  
Newsletter

Dear Mr Watkinson

The piece on page 2 of the April Newsletter about the National Park's smaller features is good news. These should be recorded otherwise their presence and purposes will soon be lost for ever.

I hope that this will be done properly. I say this with feeling because I have come by a copy of a book called "Historic Village Atlas - Aysgarth".

I gather that a similar book has been produced and similarly sent out for each of 17 villages in Wensleydale and Swaledale. The Aysgarth version is riddled with errors and discrepancies; the impression is of a slipshod production that has been slung together in haste without proper checks being made. It is certainly not the scholarly work that its general appearance might suggest. For example: a map showing where Aysgarth is, shows both Hawes and Bainbridge in Ribblesdale as well as where they should be. Many photographs are inadequately or wrongly captioned.

When it comes to placing things of historic, environmental or architectural interest many of the map references quoted are wrong. Small items like the telephone box in the village is given a reference that is about 90 metres 'adrift'. A big thing like the Institute has a reference placing it in someone's back garden over 100 metres away from where it should be. There are many other examples that collectively cast doubt over the validity and value of the whole production.

Yours sincerely,

**John Kirby, Aysgarth**

*(A.S.W. writes: I thought this was worth following up and have spoken with the YDNPA. and have spent time studying the*

*document— which is very large. Here are a few details. The work is the product of these contractors: **The Archaeological Practice, Newcastle upon Tyne**, who have done similar work in Northumberland. I have also spoken with them. (Their spokeswoman actually had the document in front of her and admitted some responsibility!) It had been suggested that maybe the inaccurate (ten-figure) grid references had been got by 'satnav'; this is not the case. Almost all of them came from the **County Council Historic Environmental Record (H.E.R.)** and just a few from the Archaeological Practice surveyors themselves who admit they could be inaccurate. They, in fact, knowing that the H.E.R. references are often incorrect wanted to omit them. (At that scale, different ends of a building or plot would carry different references!)*

*A brief description of where features are in the villages would have sufficed and avoided a great deal of confusion. These village atlases are of real interest and use in themselves, but some lack precision and careful checking. We've plenty of people in our villages who are 'sticklers for accuracy'; quite right too. It will be important that anyone sending in details of where things are makes sure their positions are precisely described. Ed.)*

## The longest runner bean!

All the children's sections from Pre-School to Senior at the **Askrigg and District Produce Show** are this year being challenged to grow the longest runner bean. Local children at primary school will have received details and a reply slip, but anyone else who is interested needs to contact me ASAP. You will receive, in a couple of weeks, six runner bean plants with hints for cultivation.

The show this year is on Monday August



25th at 3.00pm. It is to be opened by Ken Weilding, the local fundraiser for the Great North Air Ambulance. Any surplus from the year's accounts will be donated to this worthy cause.

As usual we have tried to include some new ideas in different categories to appeal perhaps to new exhibitors. Amongst these new classes are :

Bara Brith (Home Cookery)  
Hand-tied fishing fly (Handicraft)  
Ginger beer (Home made tipples)  
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We can always use extra help in the run-up to the show and on the day. If you could help, give me a ring or pop along to our planning meeting on Tuesday July 22<sup>nd</sup> at Askrigg Village Hall.

**Dave Jackson  
(Chairman) 650483**

**Yet more 'bloopers'**

**Taken from genuine exam answers**

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In the Olympic Games, Greeks ran races, jumped, hurled the biscuits, and threw the java. The reward to the visitor was a coral wreath. The government of Athen was democratic because the people took the law into their onwn hands. There were no wars in Greece, as the mountains were so high that they couldn't climb over to see what their neighbours were doing. When they fought the Parisians, the Greek were outnumbered because the Persians had more men.

Then came the Middle Ages. King Alfred conquered the Dames, King Arthur lived in the Age of Shivery, King Harlos mustarded his troops before the Battle of Hastings, Joan of Arc was cannonized by George Bernard Shaw, and the victims of the Black Death grew boobs on their necks. Finally, the Magna Carta provided that no free man should be hanged twice for the same offense.

### Reminiscences!

Mr John Cockett has been sorting out some operatic pictures.  
*Teenagers in 1960 in "No No Nanette"*  
*,and John, with Marjorie Metcalfe playing the leads in "White Horse Inn" in 1964*



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### More Letters

**Mason Scarr writes from Bainbridge:**

This month's (*mystery*) picture is I believe the smelt mill chimney just outside West Burton. The chimney is all that remains of the smelt mill complex although it is possible to trace the ruins of the short horizontal flue which connected the mill to the chimney. Part of this can be seen to the bottom right of the picture.

I now quote a short passage from one of Dr. Arthur Raistrick's books - "The lead industry of Wensleydale and Swaledale Vol. 1 The Mines." (*Pub. 1975.*)

Having described the few mining sites in Bishopton he goes on "Waldendale is in marked contrast with its many mines and an important smelt mill near the village of West Burton.

This mill has been variously known as Burton Mill and Braithwaite Mill and as early as the 1670s was smelting ores from Lord Wharton's mines, from Bishopton Head and later from Braithwaite and Stainton Moor Mines. Its ruins stand on the junction of the road up the east side of the dale and the green road up Penhill, at Cote about a mile above the village. The mill with waterwheel pit is now only a rubble heap but the short flue and stumpy chimney are there and should be preserved."

#### **Mason also writes:**

**National Park's smaller historic features.**

**Polegate posts:** there is one above Skellgill about 200 yds west of David Jackson's house but he will no doubt have told you about it already. (*Not yet! Ed.*)

There are two unfinished millstones on Millstone Edge on the moor about a mile west of Skellgill and also some up on Ellerkin above Askrigg. There is another millstone on the roadside on Summer lodge moor between the road and the wire fence where the road crosses a small beck just beyond the junction of the road and

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the track down to Summer Lodge.

The odd thing about this millstone is it is set on a small "plinth" with three very large flat stones set round it; they are leaning back slightly. It is almost like a table and three chairs; strange.



#### **Hi there!**

In the last issue, no. 135, (*re: 'Who knows?'*), a reader asks two questions about the Hawes/Burtersett flagged path. The reason why there are sections with "end-on" (vertically set) stones is straightforward: this construction is more sturdy and provided a point for horses and carts - and later tractors - to cross the path without cracking the flat flags. Explaining the presence of triangular flags is less easy, but I guess these were "reject" flags, originally cut in rectangles, but then found to be damaged and un-saleable to Yorkshire and Lancashire mill towns for street paving. With the broken bits sliced



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off, however, the remaining triangular section was quite adequate for local paths, particularly if supplied free of charge by the Burtersett stone mines as was probably the case!

**Tony Harrison, Burtersett.**

*Readers: please send in your queries; someone's sure to know, or suggest, an answer.*

**Dear All at the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter,**

Thank you for the cheque for £250.00. We are going to use it to make coracles which we are going to sail across Semerwater. We are going to Marsett Barn and we are going to have lots of fun sleeping in the bunk house. We are also going to go caving and walking.

We will tell you all about our trip when we come back.

Thank you again for the money.

Yours sincerely

**James Peacock and the children of Class 2 at Askrigg School**



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**May**

- 2-5 Yordale Art Club annual Exhibition.  
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- 3 Table Top Sale at Hawes Junction  
Chapel. 10.00am to 4.00pm
- 3 "Laurel and Charlie" play at West Burton  
village hall
- 3 Concert by Leyburn Town Band at St  
Andrew's Church, Aysgarth. 7.30pm
- 3-5 Leyburn Food and Drink Festival
- 3-5 Flower Festival. St Andrew's church,  
Aysgarth, see pg 16.
- 4 Songs of Praise at Garsdale Station  
3.00pm. Tea to follow in Hawes  
Junction chapel.
- 4 Bainbridge Chapel Anniversary service  
at 10.30am
- 4 Hawes Methodist Church Anniversary  
service at 10.30am
- 4 Bolton Hall Gardens open day with teas.  
2.00pm to 5.00pm. Entrance £2.50  
in aid of St Teresa's Hospice.
- 4 Songs of Praise. St Andrew's, Aysgarth.  
6.30pm
- 5 Plant Stall and refreshments in Castle  
Bolton Church 10.00am to 12.30pm  
In aid of church and Scripture Union
- 6 Coffee morning for Hawes WI in the  
Methodist rooms. 10.00am to noon
- 6 Hawes Drama Group AGM, buffet and  
entertainment. Gayle Inst. 7.30pm
- 7 Hawes Mothers' Union. P. Holdsworth  
speaks on "Christians against  
poverty". Special open meeting at  
the Methodist Rooms at 2.00pm
- 8 Wensleydale Country Market, Leyburn  
Methodist Hall 10.00am to 12.30pm
- 9 Quiz Night at the Fountain, Hawes in  
aid of Dalesplay. 9.00pm
- 10 Kings Club seminar. West Burton  
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- 10 Wacky Race Night at the Fountain ,  
Hawes. See [pg 11](#)
- 10 Yorkshire Dales Soc. AGM. Dalesbridge  
Centre, Austwick 2.00pm
- 11 Guided walk, 'Following in historic  
footsteps'. Meet Bainbridge village  
green 1.00pm. 10k
- 11 Annual united church service for  
Christian Aid at St Margaret's,  
Hawes 10.30am
- 13 Christian Aid Coffee Morning. See [pg 11](#).
- 13 National Park Planning committee.  
Yoredale, Bainbridge 10.30am
- 13 Digital Photography training at the  
Community Office, Hawes. 2.00pm  
to 4.30pm. Cost £6
- 15 Wensleydale Country Market, Leyburn  
Methodist Hall 10.00am to 12.30pm
- 15 Hawes WI at Bainbridge WI 7.30pm
- 17 Railway Guided Walk. See [pg 18](#)
- 17 Thoraby Safari Supper. See [pg 34](#)
- 17 Bric-a-Brac sale with teas in Redmire  
Village Hall from 11.30am to 4.00pm  
in aid of Mission Partners and West  
Witton Church funds
- 17 Junior Disco at Gayle Institute 7.00pm–  
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for HAOS See pg 26
- 18 Table Top Sale at the Market House,  
Hawes in aid of School funds.
- 18 Plant Sale and stalls at West Witton  
playing field from 10.00am to  
1.00pm in aid of St Bartholomew's  
church funds.
- 18 Aysgarth Methodist Church Songs of  
Praise at 6.30pm
- 19 Charity Trustee training course. See  
[pg 40](#).
- 20 Digital Photography training at the  
Community Office, Hawes. 2.00pm  
to 4.30pm. Cost £6
- 21 Blood Donors wanted at the Market  
House, Hawes
- 22 Wensleydale Country Market, Leyburn  
Methodist Hall 10.00am to 12.30pm
- 24 Transportation Strategy Exhibition at  
the DCM, Hawes. See [pg 7](#).
- 24-26 Thornton Rust Scarecrow Festival  
See pg 20.
- 24-26 Gunnerside Chapel Festival of  
wedding memoirs. See [pg 21](#).
- 24 Swaledale Festival starts. See [pg 17](#)
- 24 Askrigg Sports Dance in the Village Hall
- 25 Herb discovery walk. Meet Thoraby  
village 2.00pm. Must book at Aysgarth  
Nat. Park Centre.
- 25 Marsett Chapel "Singalong" at 8.00pm
- 26 West Burton May Fair. See [pg 16](#)
- 26 Askrigg Sports Day

- 27 Full YDNPA meeting at Grassington  
 28 Tea Dance. Hawes Market House  
 2.15pm to 4.45pm  
 28 Museum Friends Away Day  
 28 Railway trip: Herriot Country. See [pg 18](#).  
 28 Nature discovery walk. Meet Aysgarth  
 Nat. Park Centre. 11.00am. 3k  
 29 'Bringing in the drinkings'. Find out about  
 past hay-times. Muker showground.  
 10.00am to 4.00pm  
 29 Wildlife in Snaizholme. Meet Mirk Pot  
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 Park Centre.  
 29 Transportation Strategy Exhibition.  
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- 29 Railway walk for Swaledale Festival.  
[See pg 18](#).  
 29 Wensleydale Country Market, Leyburn  
 Methodist Hall 10.00am to 12.30pm  
 29 Gayle Ladies Qi Gong. Gayle Institute  
 7.30pm  
 30 Quiz Night at the Fountain, Hawes in aid  
 of the Gala. See [pg 2](#).  
 31 Afternoon Gospel Choir workshop at St  
 Andrew's Church, Aysgarth. 1.30pm  
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Sunday 18th Introduction to Digital  
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Tuesday 20th Traditional Stone Walling  
demonstration. 2.00pm to 4.00pm  
Wednesday 28th Discover and Do from  
2.00pm to 4.00pm. A Craft  
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Friday 30th Storytelling for all the family  
from 2.00pm to 3.00pm  
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If successful, the area would become one of just 48 regions in Europe to receive the prestigious European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas award.

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority applied for the Charter on behalf of the Yorkshire Dales and Harrogate Tourism Partnership. No other part of Yorkshire has received the award, and only five other areas of the United Kingdom have been recognised since the scheme was launched in 2001.

The internationally-recognised European Charter is awarded to protected areas that support "sustainable tourism". Current holders include Spain's *Parque Natural de Sierra Nevada*, Italy's *Parco delle Alpi Marittime*, as well as the Cairngorms and the Brecon Beacons in this country.

Partnership Chairman Steve Macare said, "The status is also sure to bring in new ideas that will improve the ways in which tourism and the protection of special areas can coexist and benefit each other."

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### Advance notice A celebration of Sankey

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