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Editorial

Why is it that bad news, just like chicken-pox, spreads so quickly? Don't you sometimes think that, as a country, we suffer from a doom-and-gloom virus? Admittedly, things aren't too rosy – the writer's trying to sell his house! But we could, for example, be in Zimbabwe, Darfur or Burma.

What's brought on this particular editorial? A T.V programme about Wensleydale that we couldn't actually see up here. Local news items made in Leeds don't always get broadcast here, but we get the feedback and it hasn't been favourable. *(These programmes can be seen on the internet)* It seemed to be about how hard it is for Dales businesses at the moment but far from attracting people to visit we have had comments such as: "It was so depressing we didn't feel we wanted to go!" You never know how the media, especially TV, will deal with these things; they aren't renowned for broadcasting a lot of good news!

There are two ways to react at these times; to pass on the 'infection' and spread the despondency and to expect someone – the Council or the Government – to come to our aid, without being quite sure how; or to get off our backsides, looking for the positives and 'talking up' our situation.

It is hard for local businesses at the moment and when money is tighter the tendency is to spend less, to cut corners and to be part of the doom and gloom. That is just what puts people off! At times like this we need to take **more** care, even spend a bit **more**, to smarten up our act – or our premises – to work a bit harder at our public relations and our services to attract more visitors or keep them for longer AND to make sure that our town and villages are better than others in other areas. Then that good news spreads, and more people

arrive. It's no use waiting for a main TV channel to make a new drama series using the dale, although that would work wonders; mind you, the doom-and-gloomers would then say we were overrun!

And this isn't just addressed to business. It is almost certain that in the upper dale, especially Hawes, we have the facilities that benefit all locals because we have a healthy tourism trade throughout the year. (Just take an example; busy shops, B and Bs and some, but not too many, holiday cottages mean work for builders, plumbers and electricians and the banks and post offices.) And when visitors arrive it is the whole ambience of our town and villages that has to be seen to impress – the cottages and gardens, the street 'furniture' – seats etc. and the state of verges and the weeds, not forgetting a cheery greeting! In this we can all have a hand. And don't you think in the end this is 'enlightened self-interest' which might also alleviate the doom-and-gloom virus? We might even want to stay around here a bit more ourselves, saving on the petrol!

Dales Countryside Museum

We would like to make it clear that the recently approved planning application concerning the provision of a food outlet, came about because during the summer's Haytime Festival the museum wished to provide locally sourced pre-packed lunches for sale, to be consumed on, or off the premise on a few picnic tables provided.

Those who know the museum will realise that there are no suitable facilities for anything more. If the Authority were to wish to develop further, maybe like at Aysgarth, this would involve much alteration and extension which would require further planning permission. At this stage the viability and relationship to the whole of Hawes would need to be considered.



Eunice the Ewe

At last! After years of trying the Eunice prize goes to **Mr John De Quincey** from Shrewsbury, who faithfully rings each month, sometimes even to say he can't find her!

WI is Open

Hawes WI is holding an open meeting on **Thursday 17th July** at **7.00pm** in the Methodist Rooms, Hawes. The speaker is Alan Crosskill who will give a talk entitled "A Bell on my Bumper" - the humorous memories of a retired ambulance man

Visitors (including men) are most welcome. Cost £1.50 including tea.

Next issue
The August issue will be produced on
July 30th and 31st and will be distributed
between July 31st and August 4th
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Competition

Wild flowers: common names.

All anagrams

1. Rima clads trug
2. Press her up shed
3. Lower doors
4. Unweds
5. To poncers
6. Rig by thee
7. True as bland
8. Kneels night boiler
9. Lower trap
10. Moon dane woe
11. Dads blest wary
12. Liblancers

June's Answers

Boys' names

1. Patrick
2. Adam
3. Mark
4. Henry
5. Martin
6. Claude
7. Horace
8. Peter
9. Victor
10. Reginald
11. Benjamin
12. Oliver

We apologise for mis-leading you!
Number five's answer 'Martin' was said to contain five letters. Despite that, **Jane Ritchie, West Burton**, wins the £10 prize.

Open Garden

Aisgill Moor cottages

Saturday and Sunday July 12th, 13th

Admission £1.00

Refreshments 11.00am to 5.00pm

Also stalls.

All proceeds to Cancer Care.

Recycling

Another £32 has been raised by local people for Yorebridge Sports and Fitness Club by taking their used PC cartridges and mobile phones to the deposit points.

In future please do not drop off the large toner cartridges, as they are not now paying for these. Please remember only major brands for cartridges, not copies such as Viking.

Please drop off at Yorebridge Centre, Sykes Country Store in Askrigg or the Library Resource Centre in Hawes.

Thanks.

Kate Empsall

Mizer helps make money

Owners of woodland in the National Park are being given the chance to see how they could earn extra money – and help the Park Authority aims to encourage efficient management of woodlands by helping owners generate cash from the trees they fell.

Geoff Garrett, the Trees and Woodland Officer, said: “We are hoping to stimulate interest among woodland owners to convert hardwood timber so it can be used to make useful items rather than selling it off as firewood. The benefit is that there is a financial gain and a well-managed woodland is also much better for wildlife, and the timber can, hopefully, be used by local businesses.

Local and regional tree surgeons, land agents and managers, landowners and representatives from the Yorkshire forest industry organisation Yorwoods were invited to Thorney Mire Wood near Appersett on May 29th to watch a demonstration of a new piece of equipment bought by the newly-refurbished Gayle Mill.

Several ash and sycamore trees were felled and were then turned into planks by the **woodmizer mobile sawmill**. Geoff

said: “Thorney Mire Wood is only about one hectare in size but it is ancient, semi-natural woodland so it is quite important. We have been looking at getting some re-generation started so we need to open up the canopy a little bit to allow light onto the ground to encourage seedlings to grow.”

Gayle Mill manager Paul Bisson said: “One of the founding principles of the mill’s restoration was to make it environmentally sustainable – we already generate green energy in electricity and heat to run the mill.”

Pictures

Important notice

When sending pictures and photographs by email to the Newsletter will readers please make sure they are in **JPEG format**. We have recently received some in other forms which take an inordinate time to download, even with Broadband. Thank you.

Police Report

Hanging Baskets are being stolen at the moment. Why? Well because they cost money (and time) to prepare and are readily saleable at Sunday markets and car boot sales and the like. They are easily taken and not easily identifiable especially if sold many miles from where they have originated. We have had two such thefts in the last week in Hawes.

The offenders will want to commit this offence quickly – in , unhook and away, and will obviously have a vehicle nearby – who wants to be seen walking down the road with a hanging basket? – try securing them by tying them up to the hanger – maybe with fishing line or such like – this will probably prevent the theft or at least frustrate the offenders. Also mark some part of the basket with some old gloss paint – it will make it identifiable.

There has been a further attack on the toilets in the Dales Museum Car park toilets . Again lighted toilet paper was used and this time damage was caused – amounting to £400.00. This type of mindless vandalism will NOT be tolerated. It is a criminal offence and when caught the offender will face a substantial bill. Please make sure you know what your children are up to on an evening/weekend – as it is usually young teenagers responsible for this type of crime.

Car crime has come back into play over the past month. One vehicle was stolen from Gayle – an older 4x4 and used to

commit a crime in Nappa (theft of lead) . Another vehicle was broken into parked at the roadside near Hawes whilst the occupants were out walking. A mobile telephone was taken. For any visitors reading this – it may be a picturesque, beautiful and quiet part of the world compared to large towns and cities- however criminals travel from nearby conurbations and find easy pickings “out in the sticks” – no CCTV and often no witnesses. Breaking into a car takes the time it takes to put a window through – milliseconds and the crime is over in a matter of seconds. Do not leave valuables in cars – full stop. It is not safe to leave them in glove boxes, boots or under seats. Take property with you.

This is a reminder to property developers/builders. Building renovations are targets for criminals. It does not take someone with the highest IQ to work out where renovations are taking place. Often, contractors leave valuable equipment in containers at such sites – and smaller builders have a habit of leaving tools, generators and other plant within the place under renovation. Over the years I have been to countless crimes of thefts of equipment from building sites- usually renovations of barns or isolated houses. These crimes often prove difficult to detect as the general state of the buildings and crime scene-dirty and dusty- tends to make any forensic work of little value. Generally there are no witnesses so the enquiry quickly grinds to a halt. Most reportees have difficulty describing exactly what has gone – let alone are able to provide serial numbers for items to assist with identification. How many De Walt hammer drills, Hilti guns or Whacker Plates are out there? Please help us keep the crime figures low and take your tools home/back to the depot especially at weekends. Thanks.

Finally mobile telephones and driving do

not mix- that's why the government made it ILLEGAL – too many accidents were resulting from mobile phone usage at the wheel and some fatalities were directly attributed to mobile usage. I have just had a weekend off and the amount of people I have seen using mobile telephones whilst driving was frankly astounding. I know with the price of fuel I cannot afford the extra £60.00 that the ticket will cost to pay. Then there are the additional costs to bear in mind- you have to declare the 3 points to your insurance company – they will bump up your premium substantially as a result. Is the call that important that its worth the risk? Stop in a safe place to use the telephone or better still switch it off for the length of the journey.

Please keep reporting things to us promptly (0845 60 60 247 for general matters – 999 for emergencies). It is only with your vigilance and cooperation that we live in one of the safest parts of the safest counties in England and Wales.

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
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Andrew.Foster@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Annual 'Dales Discovery' slide talks

These begin again at the end of the month with tried and tested or recommended speakers.

Hawes Methodist Church on Wednesdays at 8.00pm and they usually last between an hour and an hour and

three quarters.

July 23rd Images, music and words of the Northern Dales and Lakes; David and Dorothy Morland, Ripon.

July 30th Rails in the Dales; David Joy, Hebden

August 6th Local history as seen on TV; David Jackson, Askrigg

August 13th Red squirrel conservation inb'the National Park; Ian Court, Species officer.

August 20th Victorian photography in the Dales; David Weedon, Rayleigh

August 27th Wensleydale Wander; David Coates, Northallerton Camera Club.

Adults £2.00; children £1.50

You don't have to be called 'David' to do these, but it helps!



Mystery picture. Last month's was 'Cottage on the Green, West Burton', Sally Stone , West Burton, was the first to ring in with the right answer. Now where's this?

Bainbridge & District Motor Club

13 cars braved the weather and turned up at Askrigg Primary School for the "Summer" Rally. Traffic cones were at the ready and each driver had to decide on the placing of the cones. The narrowest distance that you could drive through without touching the cones had to be estimated. One driver did this with only 1inch to spare!

A list of instructions with questions to answer were handed out and we were advised it would be a fairly long rally and this proved to be correct. Setting off the route took us over into Swaledale and then through Arkengarthdale and to Tan Hill. From there to Nateby, Kirkby Stephen, Sedbergh and back to the lay-by outside Bainbridge where there was another test to perform. This time it was reversing back to a cone without touching it, this proved quite difficult as you could not see the cone and just had to guess. The total mileage was over 80 miles with some people doing nearly 100 miles. There was some beautiful scenery which was spoilt by the inclement

weather. 10 cars completed the route and the other 3 retired. A big Thank You to Tom Fawcett and Dave Teasdale who were the organisers.

Tom and Dave were also the winners of last month's rally – Well Done, 2nd were Crock and Adrien and 3rd were Muriel and Netta. Next months rally is on **Wednesday 16th July**, telephone **650355** for details. All Welcome. **Netta Davison**

New Diplomas for 14-19 year olds

From this September a new qualification, The Diploma (an alternative to the traditional GCSE or A level route) will be launched nationally. The first two Diplomas in the Richmondshire area will be available from September 2009 in Construction and the Built Environment and Hairdressing and Beauty. By 2013 it is intended to offer Diplomas in 17 subjects locally .

The courses will be taught by a mixture of school staff, college tutors and training providers and will be focused on learning about the industry as a whole, taking approximately 2 days per week to deliver for Year 10 and Year 11 students, and 3 or 4 days per week to deliver for post-16 students.

If you are a student or parent interested in learning more about the Diplomas or you are an employer interested in supporting or being involved in developing Diplomas in this area, please contact Alex Darlington from NYBEP on **07825 785048** or email alex@nybep.org.uk

The Wensleydale Chorus

The Wensleydale Chorus will be performing Mendelssohn's Hymn of Praise and Puccini's Missa da Gloria. The concerts will take place at St Oswald's Church in Askrigg on Saturday **19th July** and at St John the Evangelist, East Witton on Wednesday **23rd July**. Both concerts start at 7.30pm.

Vacancy

Bainbridge C E Primary School are looking to appoint a Midday Supervisory Assistant for a total of 1 hour per day (12.00 pm – 1.00 pm), five days a week, specifically to support a child through the lunch break.

This position is Term-Time Only.

CRB Clearance will be required for this position.

The successful candidate should be able to commence duties with effect from 2nd September 2008.

For further details, please contact the School on **650336**.

BAINBRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

On Wednesday 11th June the North Yorkshire Fire Prevention Officer visited Bainbridge

School to talk to the children about fire safety. He was very impressed with the children's



knowledge and awareness of fire dangers and what to do in an emergency. All the children enjoyed the visit and have now gone home to make sure their families have a fire emergency action plan in place.

Thank you...

to everyone who supported the recent domino drive held at Thornton Rust Village Hall. We raised £142 towards our sponsorship for The Great North Run (The Prostate Cancer Charity). **Tina Spence**

(As a result of the article last month, several offers of sponsorship have come. If you would like to add your name please phone Tina, 650759)

Holiday Activity Programme

Over this Summer the Burst Holiday activity programme is stretching out across Richmondshire with our multi-sport activity days. There will be lots of different sports and games that children can take part in through-out the day. This will include things like football, cricket, parachute games and much much more!

The days will run from 10.00am to 3.00pm at a cost of £10 per day for members, £12 for non members and are suitable for children of 5 years and over.

Look out for additional dates in Hawes and at Yorebridge Sports, Askrigg in next month's Newsletter.

For further details contact **Ben Snook** at the Richmondshire Leisure Trust on **01748 824581**

National Park Ranger Report

Disher Falls Bridge

Paul, Ian and the Ragged Robin Group - local conservation volunteers who assist the National Park Authority with many practical tasks - have just completed a seven metre span bridleway bridge above Woodhall in Wensleydale. It will save walkers and cyclists getting their feet wet, especially in the winter months when the beck is in flood.

As part of the project, a walled section of the bridleway has been drained and surfaced with aggregate, and a derelict wall on the side of the lane will be rebuilt by volunteers over the summer months.

Forelands Plantation

One of the footpaths through Forelands Plantation near West Burton is still closed owing to windblown trees and the continuing forestry felling works, and will remain so for the near future. Alternative routes are marked from each end of the closure. Further footpaths in the plantation may be closed whilst the felling work is taking place. Notices and alternative routes will be placed at each end of the affected footpaths and information will be available from the Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre.

Open Access Land

A reminder that if you are venturing onto the fells off public footpaths or bridleways onto Open Access land, check to see if there are any temporary restrictions. Landowners often put restrictions in place to help reduce the disturbance to ground nesting birds. At the time of writing some areas still have restrictions on them.

At this time of the year after a prolonged dry spell of weather, Open Access land can be closed due to high fire risk, as happened over the last bank holiday period. When closures occur, red advisory notices will be placed at the main access points around the

areas. You can check for restrictions on www.openaccess.gov.uk or contact your local Ranger or National Park Centre. The closures do not affect public rights of ways across Open Access land.

If you encounter any problems whilst using public rights of way or Open Access land, don't forget you can contact either **Paul Sheehan** on **666226** or me on **662912**.

Nigel Metcalfe
Area Ranger – Lower Wensleydale
Wensleydale Guides

The Wensleydale Guides raised £305 by providing the refreshments at the last Hoppers Sale. They would like to thank all who supported them in this worthwhile effort.

Helen Ellison

'Green lanes'

A number of 'green lane' routes in the National Park are now closed to recreational motor vehicles in order to protect the natural beauty and amenity of the area.

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

The routes closed are:

Street Gate to Arncliffe Cote

Stockdale Lane

Harber Scar Lane

The Highway

Gorbeck Road

Cam High Road (Far Gearstones to Cam Houses)

Old Ing to Cam End (Ling Gill)

Horton Scar Lane / Foxup road

North Yorkshire Police, in partnership with Park Rangers and Dales Volunteers, will be proactively policing the TROs and Public Bridleways in the National Park. There have been successful joint actions leading to prosecutions for motorbikes being ridden on Public Bridleways and for 4x4 vehicles being driven on TROs.

One driver received costs and a fine of £110. There are full details on www.yorkshiredales.org.uk which includes details of byways which are open to recreational motor vehicles.

The way the world works.

An extract: subject:

Two cows

Socialism

You have 2 cows, and you give one to your neighbour.

Communism

You have 2 cows. The State takes both and gives you some milk.

Fascism

You have 2 cows. The State takes both and sells you some milk.

Bureaucracy

You have 2 cows. The State takes both, shoots one, milks the other, then throws the milk away.

Surrealism

You have two giraffes. The government requires you to take harmonica lessons.

Traditional capitalism

You have two cows. You sell one and buy a bull. Your herd multiplies, and the economy grows. You sell them and retire on the income.

MORE BAINBRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

Comenius Visit to Greece

Yasis! Or Hello! Elaine Hopwood, our Headteacher, and 2 Foundation Stage staff have just returned from visiting Galatedes Primary School in Greece. What a welcome they received with traditional Greek dishes laid on wherever they went and celebrity status as they were interviewed by the local newspaper!

Apart from the obvious positives of being away for a few days from a British summer there was serious work to be done, including a presentation about our school and gaining an insight into the Greek education system. Compulsory education in Greece starts at age 7 (our Year 2) with primary school finishing at the age of 12 (our Year 7). School begins at 8am and finishes at 1.30pm when the children go home for lunch, which is considered an important family event. Greece, like other Mediterranean countries have a Siesta in the afternoon with the town only coming to life again at 6pm. Talking of heat, they were interested to see the school's very high ceilings and white curtains at every window in an effort to keep it cool. Not a problem we often have here in Wensleydale.....! Our children should be relieved that unlike Greek schoolchildren, they do not have to carry book bags to school each day weighing 15kgs. Some children understandably had small trolleys on which to transport their school bags!

A big thank you to our Greek hosts for their wonderful hospitality.

Social Event

On **Friday 4th July** our Parents Friends Association is holding a **BBQ** in the school grounds and **Treasure Trail** around Bainbridge to allow the children, their parents, relatives, teachers, governors and all who would like to join the festivities, the opportunity to relax and have fun before the long summer holidays. It all

kicks off at **6.30pm** (weather permitting!) If you would like to join us please contact **Lynette Spence** on **650506** for further details.

Emma Arblaster
Parent Governor

Raydale Project Farming Matters

Phil Lyth of the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG) spoke to farmers in the Raydale catchment last month. He explained FWAG was a farmer-led charity which sought to advise landowners and managers on environmental issues which included protecting wildlife, soil and water, and more recently coping with climate change. Phil emphasised that protection of the environment did not necessarily mean loss of income for farmers. Maintaining a sustainable environment **and** viable livelihoods is the objective of the Raydale Project so this was very relevant.

He displayed a map of Raydale (readily down-loaded from the internet) which showed the areas of land currently in agri-environment schemes and encouraged farmers who had not yet tapped into funding to take advantage of the schemes available.

Phil went on to explain that FWAG staff had now trained to help farmers save money on fertiliser bills, which have rocketed in the last year. By carrying out soil and manure tests it was possible to save both farmers' pockets and the planet's atmosphere - fertiliser production uses vast amounts of energy. In Nidderdale FWAG staff had also carried out farm energy audits, again with farmers' pockets and the planet's atmosphere in mind.

The future of farming in the uplands was discussed, especially the ending of the ESA and Countryside Stewardship schemes in a few years time and the current barriers to achieving a more sustainable system.

Interestingly no-one felt able to speculate what farming in 20 years time might be like other than the likelihood of energy prices being astronomical and there being fewer farmers.

Inter Hydro Technology have started

their feasibility study, if you see people with clipboards and laptops roaming Raydale it is nothing sinister, just assessing the potential for generating electricity from the becks.

Deborah Millward, Project Leader

They meant a lot!

Response to last month's 'Who knows' about allotments in the area during the second world war has been very good, with a call from one of our oldest readers, Mary Burrow in Hawes, who is 102, to tell us her father had one; thank you, Mary.

Allotments were all over the place! It is surprising that there is now so little evidence. The 'industrial estate' in Hawes had them, often with a hen-run, and when they made way for new building all the daffodil bulbs were taken up and re-planted on Bainbridge Green.

The Little Ings area of Gayle had many which eventually became 'a tip', said Richard Dinsdale; "But we had fun in 'em". Produce was sometimes taken to the Askrigg show where there would be the expected joking and leg-pulling. "Good caulis... but your potatoes are worth nothing". He remembers his 'four terrible good onions' "We had some pantomime" said Richard. The allotments were at Little Ings until the first lot of building in 1952.

These Gayle Allotments consisted of gardens and hen runs. Anyone interested had to put their names down and then were allocated a piece of ground. Richard goes on, "I would say most of the men who had a plot of ground worked during the day; some at the quarry or on the railway, on the road, some were building, others bus drivers and even a tailor. They would come home from work and after evening meal down to the allotment, very keen to get on with planting or feeding the hens.

"Bob Spencer (not the blacksmith, and

nick-named 'Flyer Bob') lived up Gaits, Gayle, and he had a special breed of hens called *Anconas* which he showed at different shows in the Dales country and often won prizes. Some the men had pigeons."

In the allotments there was great competition as to who could grow the biggest cabbage etc. Richard said, "George Alderson had a cabbage you could shelter under! His grandson had to take it home in a barrow." The men worked hard but loved to relax in their allotments.

Jose Hopper remembers that every bit of flat land beside the railway had one, like at Yorescott. "It was the 'Dig for Victory' campaign; we didn't really have permission. Just 'don't damage the fences' they said." Dividing 'walls' at each end of the allotments were made of the sods taken from the turf.

And Mary Scarr from Bainbridge writes: Dear Editor, with reference to the query about allotments in the 2nd World War; when we lived at Brecon Bar, my father had an allotment on the railway embankment at Chantry.

When we moved to London in 1942 he took as much of the produce as possible. Every scrap of food was precious with the rationing.

Several readers have told us about the area of allotments near Weatheralds and the old Askrigg Railway Station.

Gayle allotment members were: secretary Jacky Moore (nick-name Shooky), Tommy Alderson (senior), Bob Staveley, Jimmy Spencer, Jack Hatfield, Bob Spencer, Jason Whitehead, Ted Dinsdale, George Alderson, Tom Martin, Wilf Ward, Will Johnson, Bob Lewis, Tom Kirkbride, Bob Clark and Tommy Alderson (junior).

We are grateful for these reminiscences; there seems to be no formal history about such things.

Stone Walls in the Landscape

When I was doing my GCSEs we studied the agricultural changes in the late 18th century. Included in this topic were the enclosure laws which had the result of abolishing the open field system and replacing it with a new, more effective way of producing food for the rising population. This system resulted in small peasant farmers losing the right to the common land and having to be employed by larger land owners. I found this topic of enclosure interesting and it led me to think about our own local landscape and the stone walls which divide the land.

Many of the walls in Wensleydale are dry stone and can withstand all weathers. It is said locally that a stone wall can stand fifty years before it is in need of any repairs. However the weather, for example, wind, snow, ice etc. can cause dilapidation and in recent years farmers have found it difficult to keep stone walls in good order due to lack of labour and finances.

Stone walls have captured an interest in many people, for example, lakes artist Andy Goldsworthy, has created many sculptures using the stone walling technique for example in his sheep folds series located in the Lake District and the Eden Valley. He has created a well known piece in Grizedale Forest entitled "Taking a Wall for a Walk". At the Yorkshire Sculpture Park near Wakefield, Goldsworthy has created several stone wall enclosures which incorporate tree trunks as well as creating other features to do with the natural environment. He is a significant artist in bringing to the attention of the public, the use of stone walls as works of art.

A local archaeologist, Vivian Metcalf explained that some of the walls in the dales have been standing since medieval times and that sometimes walls can be dated by looking at the methods of con-

struction, including shape and height. I was also interested to learn that when the enclosure laws came in, parliament dictated regulations about walls detailing how many courses of "throughs"; how high the walls should be and how many capstones etc. Vivian also said that the character of a stone wall depends on the available bedrock, for example, some walls in Wensleydale which are made of sandstone tend to be coursed and dressed whereas in Wharfedale, where the limestone bedrock is not as easy to work as the sandstone, the walls tended to be rougher.

My two uncles (Alan and Tony Fawcett) also explained the details of stone wall construction which comprises ground stones (big rough stones at the bottom); throughs (which hold each side of the wall together); second throughs (smaller through stones which appear approximately half way up the wall); capes (flat stones underneath the top/cap stones) and fillers which are stones with no flat sides used to fill the middle of the wall. They explained that the secret of walling was to construct the stones "end in" "end out" which means laying the stones horizontally across the depth of the wall; and also that the laying of stones should follow a pattern- one upon two stones and then two upon one stone and making sure that all joints are crossed.

What a skilful and commendable job up-keeping walls which were originally built hundreds of years ago by our ancestral dalesmen.

Mary McCullagh, Bursary Student

The Eunice Award



*Nominations
have begun to
arrive. Here are
the details
again:*

AIM To recognise, reward and encourage residents of the upper dale aged between 18 and 40 years, who have shown commitment and initiative over a period of not less than two years, to voluntary work within the community.

Three examples.

1. **The environment.** (Probably outdoor work, possibly within the National Park, but not essential).
2. **Working with people** (Youth work; children; seniors; disabled people).
3. **Heritage.** (Tourism, education, conservation of the built environment).

The candidates cannot nominate themselves. They must have a sponsor plus two supporters.

If they are part of a group they must show initiative and leadership within the group.

Nominees must be residents within the award's catchment area (that is the Newsletter circulation area).

Nominees must be available for interview by members of the Newsletter committee if short-listed and if required.

The value of the award is £500 from one of the group examples above which could be donated to a charity of the winner's choice.

The winner will be announced and the award will be made in November.

For any other information please phone **667785 or 667475 or look on the Newsletter's website.**

Upper Wensleydale Newsletter. The Eunice Award – Nomination Form

Please return to: **UWNL, Old Station House, Hawes, DL8 3NL**

Closing date for nominations: **30th September 2008, but preferably as soon as possible**

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| Name and address of nominee: Telephone Number: email address: | |
| Name and address of proposer: Telephone Number: email address: | |
| Name and contact details of first supporter: Name and contact details of second supporter: | |
| Type of volunteering work undertaken by nominee: (describe whether projects relate to: a. the natural environment, b. people, c. the built environment/heritage) | |

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| <p>Why does the nominee deserve to receive the award? (Please provide background circumstances: time spent on project, benefit to community, personal commitment, specific contribution, etc.)</p> | |
| <p>Does the nominee fall within the required age-range?</p> | |

Annual Midsummer Bash

Hawes Community Field
Saturday July 5th, 6.30pm to 1.00am
The Exploding Buddahs, Relentless,
Stone Deaf, Riot, DJ "Rostas"

Beer Tent and Food Bar

**Marie Curie Cancer Care will be there
on the night**

Tickets £10 prepaid or £15 on the gate.
Children under 10 £3. All under 16s must
be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets from Spar Shop, Hawes 667232
All proceeds go to local charities or to the
support of local activities eg to improving
the community field and its walls.

www.midsummerbash.co.uk

Christian Aid Week - Hawes Area

Once again we have worked together as a
community to help lift people out of poverty
around the world. Many thanks to all who
gave and helped in any way, especially the
Collectors and the Coffee Morning bakers
and helpers. Thanks also to Rev Bill Simms
and Rev Henry Dubois for a very fitting
United Service and to the readers from the
four churches. Finally, we are indebted to
Pearl, Alison and Suzanne at Barclays Bank
who spent their lunch hours counting

money and coping with the paperwork.

The totals for the week are as follows:

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| United Service at St Margaret's | £147 |
| Coffee Morning & Bring & Buy | |
| At Hawes Methodist Rooms | £350 |
| House to House collection | £978 |
| Gift Aid declaration tax returns | £73 |
| Total | £1,548 |

Linda Butters, Hawes Area Secretary
Summer Charity Concert

The Hawes Silver Prize Band and the
Young Voices are again combining to
present a charity concert in Hawes Market
House on **Sunday 13th July at 7.45pm.**

Admission on the door is £5 including
light refreshments.

All Proceeds are to support the work of
our Hawes Community First Responders.
Any donations of prizes to the raffle would
be greatly appreciated

Barbara and Stan Roorcroft

Hawes Community First Responders

Our first responder group consists of 14 vol-
unteers from our local community who op-
erate on a rota scheme and are available
and "on call" at weekends and mid-week
nights.

They are trained to respond to emer-
gency calls through the 999 system in
conjunction with the Yorkshire Ambu-
lance Service and provide immediate care
to patients in our local area where distance
may delay the prompt arrival of an ambu-
lance. An emergency ambulance is al-
ways dispatched to any incident attended
by our responders.

The responders are trained to deliver
Basic Life Support and Defibrillation to
patients in Cardiac Arrest and can also
administer oxygen to appropriate patients.

Emergencies to which responders will
be sent include unconsciousness, chest
pain, stroke and breathing difficulties.

Gordon Sleightolm

Grow your own fruit and vegetables

Over thousands of years we've listened to
stories telling of how life was before we
were born. As we grew up we learnt the
skills of how to live and work from those
around us and, from our own experiences
modified the stories that in turn we told the
next generation. That thread has been cut; a
generation has grown up and out of tradi-
tional ways of living and working. How-
ever, we still have a few stories to pass on.

Before the tips and tricks of how to grow our own food in the north Yorkshire dales are lost for ever, the project Dales Plants and Gardens is gathering them together to create public gardens for all to see, share and listen to the tales that people are telling us.

Through the Dales Plants and Gardens project, people are now learning the tips and tricks of growing fruit and vegetables that work with the soil and climate of the north Yorkshire dales. Programmes such as Gardener's World are watched but people scratch their heads in bemusement as they try to grow apple trees in Widdle, Satron and Arkle town.

Come and join us gathering stories from family, friends and neighbours on how food plants were grown locally. Or, do you have stories to tell? Come and share your memories of what to grow, where and how to grow it here in the different hamlets of the northern dales.

Would you like to garden? Whether you know how to or not doesn't matter, simply come and help us plant up the garden at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes so that others can share the tips and tricks of growing your own fruit and vegetables.

The Dales Plants and Gardens project is open to everyone. To grow the plants and share the stories just contact me on:

01748 822640, by email to **info@dalesplantsandgardens.org** or via the DCM **Sally Reckert**

Thornton Rust Scarecrows

at Lifepath, Jervaulx, £521. **Robert Hall**

Foe all of you who visited the Thornton Rust scarecrows on May bank holiday and wondered what the correct answers were, here is the complete list.

Heavens Above

Al Bireo is on holiday but he'll be back stargazing next month.

- 1 Peter Rabbit and Mr McGregor. B
Potter
- 2 Witch from the Wizard of Oz
- 3 The Owl and the Pussycat
- 4 Burglar
- 5 Spiderman
- 6 Shop 'till you Drop
- 7 Norah Batty and Compo
- 8 Teddy Bears' Picnic
- 9 Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy
- 10 Superman
- 11 Invisible Man
- 12 Spring Watch
- 13 Little Miss Muffet and Spider
- 14 Dalek
- 15 Goldilocks and the Three Bears
- 16 Lion, Tin Man and Straw Man
- 17 Vicar of Dibley
- 18 Joseph's Technicolour Dreamcoat
- 19 Little Red Riding Hood
- 20 The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe
- 21 Blast from the Past (Rock Stars)
- 22 The Original Man
- 23 Tommy Brock from Mr Todd
- 24 Mad Hatters Tea Party
- 25 Dr Who, Daleks and K9

S.E.D.

Teas and Open Gardens at Castle Bolton

We made £448.30, to be divided 50:50:: Bolton cum Redmire PCC: Mission Aviation Fellowship (Paul and Fiona Waugh, our Penhill Benefice Mission partners in Kenya).

I'm also glad to be able to tell you that BcR PCC have been able now to send a total so far this year to MAF £689, and to our other Mission Partner, Scripture Union, for the work of Piers Lane

WEST BURTON SCHOOL NEWS

Comenius Project -May 2008

Over the last two years I have written reports on the visits made by people from West Burton School to the schools of our European partners in Germany, Norway and Slovakia.

My trip last week was to our UK partner in this project, St Joseph's School in Pudsey. I stayed with Pudsey's coordinator at her home in Menston and travelled in with her for the duration of the visit.

The 12 visitors from the continental schools were staying at the Novotel near Leeds Station so we all met there on the Wednesday evening before dinner in a local restaurant.

The title of our project is "Hold on to Heritage" and each visit starts with a look at the local area so Thursday morning saw us back at the Novotel to begin our day's activities in Leeds. This involved a walk through the shopping centre via the Victorian arcades, Marks and Spencer and Harvey Nichols, to the Catholic cathedral and then to the Art Gallery.

The afternoon was spent at Armley Mill where a teacher from Education Leeds gave the visitors a taste of the experiences on offer to Leeds' schools. This included a Victorian schoolroom. As most things in education go full circle I am wondering when the cane and finger stocks will find their way back to West Burton! I was unable to resist the temptation of having a go on the harmonium.

That evening's meal was taken on a canal boat cruise on the River Aire where we went through two locks during the course of our three-hour cruise.

Friday was spent in St Joseph's School where Carol Brotherton from West Burton

School joined me for the day.

The day began with an assembly to welcome us. We listened to musical items and heard about what St Joseph's children had learned about the European countries we had visited.

Next we had a chance to visit classes for a look at literacy and numeracy lessons and then watched maypole and country dancing demonstrations.

That evening three more of my colleagues were able to join us to renew, and make new, acquaintances. Visiting teachers and staff, friends and governors from St Joseph's School enjoyed a bring and share supper hosted by the St Joseph's staff.

The next venue for our project is the Czech Republic in October. The Project ends next year in West Burton.

The Comenius Project has been a great success in involving everyone at WB school. Teachers, teaching assistants and governors have benefited from trips. The KS2 children, who joined them in three days' activities, enjoyed the visit of the Norwegian children to WB. The whole school is going to St Joseph's, Pudsey for a day in June when our children will join their year group for a day's activities. I am sure return visits will follow.

Sally Stone

**Teacher and International Coordinator
at West Burton School**

Our Trip to St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Pudsey

On Monday 9th June West Burton School went to Pudsey as a part of their Comenius project. They travelled for 2 hours in a coach to St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Pudsey near Leeds. They joined in the lessons of their own age group. Y6 joined in some athletics activities. Y5 learnt persuasive writing in English and French in the afternoon. Y4 learnt how to write play



scripts and did athletics in the afternoon. Y3 made up some silly poems.

For lunch we had:
c h i c k e n ,
p o t a t o e s ,

broccoli, cauliflower and for pudding we ate sponge with or without custard. It was good fun being in a class with just our own age group in it. The school seemed a lot bigger than West Burton Primary and each classroom had its own toilet block. There were large playing fields and two playgrounds for the children to play in

Nuala Burnett
Year 5

London Residential 2008

On 10th June years 4,5 and 6 went to London. It was great. You always had something to do and the best bit was going on the Eye! The food wasn't brilliant (like Becky's) but it didn't ruin our trip! We went to lots of fun places like the tower of

HAWES SCHOOL NEWS

London, the Lyceum theatre and we saw the one, the only PAUL O'GRADY... and Buster!!! Thank you to all the adults that came and of course the teachers. We couldn't have gone unless you were there! Thanks!

Jasmine Iveson

Enjoying the view from a river boat!

I enjoyed London because we were never bored

and there was always something to see or do. I think I enjoyed the Crown Jewels most because they were really beautiful. I especially enjoyed the Lion King at the theatre because it was lively and enjoyable. I would definitely want to go again.



Bonnie Glendinning

Thank you

The children had a fabulous time and learned so much. Thank you to the Market Toll Trustees, Judith at the Crown and everyone who contributed and everyone who supported this fantastic experience for the children.

We would also like to thank all those parents who helped with the outdoor education at Low Mill and those who ran the Cycling Proficiency. Without their help these events could not have gone ahead. The final session last week was very much enjoyed by all. The cavers were absolutely brilliant and completed a more difficult cave, Long Churn happily, confidently & with lots of humour. The Y5s will be able to extend their caving skills further in the Autumn.



St. Margaret's Church
Hawes

SUMMER
Fayre

In The Market Hall, Hawes
on **Saturday 26th July, 2008**
from 10.30 a.m.

Coffee = Lunch = Tea
Stalls = Cakes = Produce
= Books = Nearly New = White Elephant =
Raffle = Tombola

Children's Corner:-
Bran Tub = Guessing Games = Face Painting

Evening Entertainment
A Concert by Muker Silver Band
at 7.30 pm
Admission: £5 on door



MARKET PLACE AND GREETINGS

WANTED
A caretaker is required for
Bainbridge Village Hall.
Enquiries to:
Margaret Preston 650095 or
Rita Cloughton 650552

CLEANER needed
for a new holiday cottage in Gayle.
Saturdays as required. Contact
Richard Alderson - **01472 852068**

Evelyn Metcalfe
Congratulations on your
80th birthday.
Love from Sheila and Steve and all
the Birkin family

Nora Oversby
would like to say thank you to eve-
ryone for the cards, letters, kind
thoughts and the beautiful flowers
following the death of her daughter
Dorothy. Thank you again

STILL WANTED PLEASE!
A table tennis table for the Hawes
Market Hall so that all ages can come
to play, especially in the winter months.
Please ring 667475

CONGRATULATIONS GARY
ON YOUR MASTERS DEGREE
From Gran, Uncle Roger and
Aunty Sue. WELL DONE

July 28th
Happy 70th birthday
GILBERT
Love from Margaret
X

Happy 70th birthday Grandad
and
Happy 65th birthday Grandma
Lots of love
Holly, Daisy, Jake and Owen

HESELTINE
Bob and Sheila
Congratulations and best wishes on
your Golden Wedding Anniversary
5.7.08
Lots of love from all your family.
xxxxxxxxxx

Jack and Judy (Hawes)
would like to thank neighbours,
family and friends for making
their Golden Wedding such a
special and happy time

Beckindales, Hawes
Liz, Lindsey and Kerry would like
to thank family, friends and
everyone for their good wishes
and support on their new business
venture.

Raymond and Eileen Allen would
like to thank family and friends
for the cards and gifts received on
their Golden Wedding
Anniversary

Gilbert and Margaret
Happy 70th and 65th birthdays
Mum and Dad.
Lots of love
Mike and Diane, Rachel and Andrew,
Stuart and Kathy

Doctors' rotas as supplied by the surgery

| HAWES SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning | | | | | | | | | | | AYS GARTH SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Wb | 30th June | | 7th July | | 14 | | 21 | | 28 | | Wb | 30th June | | 7th July | | 14 | | 21 | | 28 | |
| Day | a.m. | p.m. | a.m. | p.m. | a.m. | p.m. | a.m. | p.m. | a.m. | p.m. | Day | a.m. | p.m. | a.m. | p.m. | a.m. | p.m. | a.m. | p.m. | a.m. | p.m. |
| Mon | JA | JA | FA | A | F | F | JW | W | J | J | Mon | FW | F | J | F | JA | J | F | J | WF | F |
| Tues | FW | W | J | J | JA | JA | F | W | WF | WF | Tues | JA | JA | FA | A | F | F | JW | J | J | J |
| Wed | A | A | F | F | J | J | J | J | F | F | Wed | WF | F | J | J | A | A | F | F | W | W |
| Thur | W | W | J | J | A | A | F | F | W | W | Thur | JA | J | A | A | F | F | W | W | J | J |
| Fri | J | J | A | A | F | F | W | W | J | J | Fri | A | A | F | F | J | J | J | J | F | F |

Doctors: A - Arblaster, F - France, J - Jones, W - West, C - Closed
Morning S'y: 8.45-10.15 Tues till 10.45 (no appointments)
Afternoon S'y: 5.00-6.00 Tues 1.00-4.00 (appointments only)
For appointments and all enquiries ring 667200

Doctors: A - Arblaster, F - France, J - Jones, W - West, C - Closed
Morning S'y: 9.00 - 10.30 a.m. (no appointments)
Afternoon S'y: 4.00 - 5.30 p.m. (appointment only)
For appointments and all enquiries ring 663222

Surgery News

Diabetic Retinal Screening

Recently the South Tees retinal screening unit wrote to 146 of our diabetic patients inviting them for routine retinal screening. This is a vitally important test to check whether patients are developing complications of diabetes that may, particularly if left untreated, affect their eyesight. Only 53 patients responded. What the invitations did not say, & what many people may not be aware of, is that patients no longer have to travel to Northallerton for this. Screening is now available at Hawes surgery, with the next sessions having been scheduled for Thursdays 27th November & 4th December. We are aware that the screening unit is notoriously difficult to contact via telephone, so we are now accepting bookings through Hawes surgery (tel 01969 667 200). Your practice, together with the Primary Care Trust & local hospital Trusts, tries constantly to bring hospital-based services out to the Dales, but the stark message is the same for every one of these:

Use it or lose it!

Nineteenth exhibition

Artists in Preston under Scar are preparing for their nineteenth Art Exhibition which runs for three days in the Village Hall at the

end of the month.

Friday July 25th 10.00am to 9.00pm
Saturday and Sunday 26th,
27th to 6.00pm Admission is free and refreshments will be available.

Best foot forward

Here's a new occasional feature. For years we've wondered whether to include walk suggestions but were wary of rather tedious step-by-step guides with hazy copies of maps, so we are taking the "Alfred J. Brown" approach.



Who? A.J. Brown's 'Striding Through Yorkshire' and 'Moorland Tramping' were classic books of the 1940s and 50s and still make fascinating browsing. It was all 'open access' to him in those days and his suggested routes are clear but brief in the extreme; long more-or-less straight thick barred lines march across a simple map-cum-diagram, but his descriptions of places, people and incidents make readers long to go, picking their own detailed route (observing today, of course, the open access areas).

Mike Harding has a similar not-too-detailed approach but with evocative pictures. Well, here, you are getting neither a basic map nor pictures! So here is our first suggestion; a walk of great contrasts with a bit of open access tramping if you like.

Get dropped off at Ribblesdale and follow the track beside the railway past the lonely Blea Moor signal box and carry on up the path going right over the tunnel towards Dent Head. At the top, with long views back south down Ribblesdale and forward with the railway far below to Dent, turn off right and clamber to the top 'Crag of Blea Moor' trig point and drop off northwest to the Dalesway to meet the road to Newby Head. (If you like from the tunnel top drop down through the plantation and take the forest track, right, to the Dent Head-Newby Head road).

You can now sample one of the best and

quietest sections of the new Pennine Bridleway as it winds and climbs up to Gavel Gap. This was one of those strange places where the (old West Riding) right of way just stopped at its boundary wall, as the old North Riding never put it on the map although the track continues. That's not a problem any more and the next section across a grassy limestone pavement is superb with a beautiful view down Snaizeholme and beyond.

Continue until you pick up at Cold Keld Gate the Pennine Way which has come up the Cam High Road. This can be now be followed down to Hawes, about 5 miles and a lovely stretch. But while you are up here it seems a shame not to go to the top of Dodd Fell. It isn't a steep climb from this side; just one easy wall to cross, but finding the actual top point can be tricky as there are no obvious tracks and it's all fairly flat, but the going is quite easy over bilberry, heather, tufty grass and the lovely cloudberry (and golden plovers calling). I've decided it is one of my favourite tops. The 360 degree view and its central position in the dales is just great. You're not likely to see anybody. When you've had enough drop down roughly north (just keep Great Shunner Fell in front of you) and re-join the Pennine Way to Ten End and down to Gayle, and the P.W. isn't over-used these days.

I reckon it is about a 14-mile walk.

A.S.W.

(Note that on Sundays and Bank Holidays Ribblesdale is accessible by BUS; 9.17am from Aysgarth; 9.32am from Bainbridge and 9.45am from Hawes Station Yard)

ASKRIGG SCHOOL NEWS



Class 2 have been making Coracles. They are small boats that the Celts used. On Wednesday and Thursday Mr David Purvis, Mr Mike Gough and Mrs Paul Sheehan came to the school to help us build them. On the first day Finn drilled holes for nails to attach the rim while Simon and Jack measured the width of the rim with Mr Sheehan

On the second day Adam sand papered the coracle to make it smooth while Sophie and Grace sewed the material, called calico, which we used for the covering. Then Mr Purvis put bitumen over the calico to make it waterproof

Georgia Y4 and Sophie Y3

Lunchtime Supervisor Needed Hawes School

We would very much value anyone who can work up to 4 lunchtimes per week for 1.25 hours per week. The rate of pay is £6.37 per hour. Pay is over 43 weeks per year which includes holiday pay. Appointment subject to CRB checks.

If you feel you could help in this very friendly school with extremely well behaved children please contact us.

Tel **667308**

Carperby Open Gardens

The gardeners of Carperby are busy preening their gardens in readiness for **July 6th**. This is the 17th year of "Open Gardens" and we have a standard to maintain. Another new garden will be on show, plus all the usual ones who have done so much over the years to make this a wonderful day. Don't miss it.

Open from 11 am till 5 pm with the usual excellent refreshments and friendly atmosphere that visitors have come to expect.

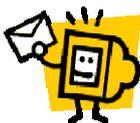
Pat Jackson

Askrigg Post Office

Askrigg Post Office is temporarily closed. It will re-open when office space is found.

Letters

Your June Newsletter claimed that last month's mystery picture was of Keld Heads Mill, Preston under Scar. Lest any readers believe that the picture is of the actual Smelt Mill building, I should point out that the picture is of the Peat House where fuel for the mill was stored. The four entry arches enabled a loaded cart to enter the building. Keld Heads Smelt Mill is some 300 yards up the Gill from the Peat House, the remains difficult to access, and are covered in vegetation. The chimney which can be seen down towards the railway is associated with Keld Heads Pumping Engine for draining mine passages below the valley bottom.



**Neil Dyson, Lowside,
Carperby**

I was wondering if you could be of any help? My family name is Mason, originating I believe from Cautley near Sedbergh; the family moved to Hollingworth, Hyde, Manchester and then back to Mallerstang. My grandfather, Thomas Mason farmed Ing Hill until the early 1980s.

My partner's great grandmother whose maiden name was Hunter had a sister who married into the Scarr family of Coleby Hall, Bainbridge.

I recently saw a letter in the *Dalesman* magazine from a Mr L Mason Scarr. My enquiry is regarding the relationship between the Masons and Scarrs and whether the Masons are of my own family tree.

Any leads would be of great interest.

Many Thanks, **Sue Mason-Cave**

(Any information can be passed to the Newsletter. Thanks. Ed.)

Plaudits for Phil

Friends and colleagues have celebrated

National Park staff member Phil Brown's outstanding 34 years of service. Over 60 staff, past and present, joined Phil at the Street Head pub in Bishopdale to mark his retirement.

Phil is the last member of the original Yorkshire Dales National Park Committee still to work for the Authority. Born in Darlington, Phil trained as a planner and spent five years with the North Riding County Council Planning Department. He joined what was then the National Park Committee – part of North Yorkshire County Council – on 1 April 1974 as Principal Assistant (policy). Moving through several key roles within the Authority, including Acting Head of Conservation and Policy, Phil's hard work and support towards the development of the organisation's policies over the years has been his particular and lasting contribution.

Unassuming yet quietly effective, Phil was a strong spokesman for the Yorkshire Dales and its communities locally and regionally. Throughout his working life, Phil has represented the Authority on a number of economic partnerships and forums, and made sure that the Dales and its special environment always had a voice.

In the 1980s after the Settle-Carlisle railway line was reprieved, Phil was involved in its designation as a conservation area. British Rail design standards were set, in keeping with the line's architecture and history. Phil was also heavily involved in the successful applications for EU money to help repair semi-derelict station buildings and install period lighting schemes at Dent, Horton-in-Ribblesdale and Ribbleshead stations, and in securing English Heritage funding for works to other buildings and structures.

Tributes to Phil were also paid by Members at the full Authority meeting. John Blackie described him as: "a credit to the Authority – professional, courteous and a deliverer of a range of projects that have benefited the National Park and its resi-

dents.” Mr Butterworth called him “a true friend and a wonderful colleague. His work during his career here has been exceptional”, he added. “He will leave a huge gap in the Authority”.

Phil, who lives in Thoraby, retired on May 31st. A talented landscape painter, in his spare time Phil hopes to continue with his art, and indulge his passion for historic buildings, cars and football – Darlington FC in particular.

Get out the camera!

Don’t forget the Newsletter **Photographic Competition** this summer. As mentioned briefly last month there are just two groups— under 14s and over. The winner in each category will receive a prize of £50. We will give preference to “*Nature: close-up*” photographs which can be sent by post or email (see the back page for the details). The two judges are Mr Jack Sutton and Dr Richard Ross, both excellent photographers. We look forward to your entries.

Methodists together

Following a very successful gift day and combined service last summer of all the Methodist Churches in the Wensleydale Circuit (held in Leyburn), this year a similar event will take place at Hawes on **Sunday July 20th at 10.30am**. Visitors and friends are of course invited to attend as well as all the members of the 16 chapels. Hawes Methodist Church can accommodate about 200 and there will be some rousing music and singing. The service will be led by the ministers, Revs. Henry Dubois and Richard Harris with members of various congregations. Lunch will follow.

Party on the pitch

Saturday 19th July, 8.30pm till late; Ray and the Teenbeats, Sounds Familiar and new band Kurious Incident are set to take the stage on Askrigg Football Pitch for the sixth annual live music event in aid of Yorebridge Sports Development Association. Bar and Hog Roast available. Advance tickets are now on sale £10.00 each from: Allen and Jenny Kirkbride, Lesley Williams, Colin Bailey and other volunteers. You can even buy your tickets online **at www.vorebridge-sport.co.uk** click on the poster (you do not need a Paypal account to be able to pay by credit or debit card). For tickets or more information please call **650060/ 07711211169** or email **info@vorebridge-sport.co.uk**.

Friday 18th July 7.00-9.00pm Junior Party on the Pitch. There will be a disco in the marquee for our Junior Supporters (Children under 6yrs must be accompanied by an adult). Entry £2.00 on the night.

Thanks for your continued support!

Lesley Williams

WHAT'S ON LISTING
Transfer these dates to your calendar!

June

- 28 Hawes Gala.
- 28 Table Top sale at Carperby Village Hall from 10.00am to 2.00pm
- 29 No service at St Oswald's, Askrigg

July

- 1 Ordination of Rev Judith Walker-Hutchinson at St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth at 7.30pm by the Right Reverend James Bell, Bishop of Knaresborough
- 2 Guided walk. Meet Bainbridge Green 1.00pm. 10k
- 4 Bainbridge School PFA barbecue. See pg 15.
- 5 Coffee Morning at Askrigg Vicarage, Station Road. 10.30am to noon
- 5 Martin Roscoe Recital at Aysgarth. 7.30pm. See pg 11.
- 5 Midsummer Bash. See pg 22.
- 5-21 **Settle-Carlisle line closed for engineering work**
- 6 Carperby Open Gardens. See pg 31.
- 6 Gayle chapel Camp Meeting with choir and Hawes Band. 2.00pm
- 8 YDNPA planning committee. Yoredale 10.30am
- 8-10 Great Yorkshire Show
- 9 Guided walk round Semerwater. Meet at foreshore at 1.00pm. 8k
- 10 Country Markets. Methodist Hall, Leyburn. 10.00am to 12.30pm
- 10 Transportation Strategy exhibition. Market House, Hawes. 3.00-8.00pm
- 11 Guided walk on Carlton Moor and Pen Hill. Meet Carlton village hall 10.30am. 10k
- 12 Transportation Strategy exhibition. DCM, Hawes. 11.00am to 6.00pm.
- 12 Family Wigwam afternoon at Semerwater. See pg 40.
- 12 Benefice event at the Vicarage, Carperby from 10.00am onwards. Stalls, refreshments, tombola etc. All welcome.
- 12-13 Open Garden: Aisgill Moor Cottages, Mallerstang. See pg 4.
- 12-13 Mixed media painting course at Gayle Mill. **667320** for details
- 13 Pet Service on Redmire Village Green

- at 3.00pm. Teas in the village hall.
- 13 Bellerby Open Gardens 11am to 4pm
- 13 'Spotlight on Ingleborough'. Family Day; Hill Inn area
- 13 Summer Charity Concert in the Market House, Hawes. See pg 23.
- 15 Coffee and Stalls at Hawes Methodist Rooms. 10.00am to noon. In aid of St Margaret's church
- 16 Tea dance. Hawes Market Hall. 2.15 to 4.45pm
- 17 Country Markets. Methodist Hall, Leyburn. 10.00am to 12.30pm
- 17 Hawes WI Open Evening. See pg 3.
- 18 Guided walk; Wensleydale lead mines. Meet Castle Bolton CP 2.00pm. 6.5k
- 18 Junior Party on the Pitch at Yorebridge Sports. See pg 34.
- 19 Party on the Pitch at Yorebridge Sports. See pg 34.
- 19 **Mercury** tribute to Freddy Mercury and Queen at Wensleydale School, Leyburn. Details from **Christel Kibbat** on **625142**
- 19 Wensleydale Chorus concert in St Oswald's, Askrigg. See pg 9.
- 19-20 Masham Steam Rally
- 20 Wensleydale Methodist Circuit gift day service. See pg 34.
- 23 "Dales Discovery" talk. See pg 29.
- 23 Wensleydale Chorus at St John the Evangelist, East Witton See pg 8.
- 24 Country Markets. Methodist Hall, Leyburn. 10.00am to 12.30pm
- 25-26 Sedbergh Book Fair
- 25-27 Preston-u-Scar Art Exhibition. See pg 29.
- 26 St Margaret's Church Summer Fair. See pg 27.
- 26 Muker Silver Band concert. See P 27
- 27 Burtersett Show. 2.00pm See pg 36.
- 27 Guided walk. Hawes Town trail. Meet Dales Countryside Museum 2.15pm
- 27 Table Top sale for Hawes school at the Market House, Hawes
- 29 Coffee morning and stalls; Hawes Methodist rooms. 10.00am to noon
- 29 YDNPA full authority meeting at Yoredale, Bainbridge. 10.30am

- 30 Children's multi sports day at Hawes Market House. See page 11
- 30 "Dales Discovery" talk. See pg 29.
- 31 Wildlife in Snaizholme. Meet Mirk Pot 2.00pm. Booking essential **666210**
- 31 Gayle Ladies. Card-making. 7.30pm
- 31 Guided walk; Arten Gill and Coal Road. Meet Dent Station 12.30pm. 10k
- 31 Country Markets. Methodist Hall, Leyburn. 10.00am to 12.30pm

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- 6 Dales Discovery. See pg 29.
- 8 HAOS quiz at the Fountain, Hawes

What's On at the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes in July

- 28 June–17 July. Perspectives of Gayle Mill. An exhibition in words and images by Carol Tyler
- 1 Spinning a Yarn. Spinning, rugmaking, weaving, felting and dying from 2.00 to 4.00pm
- 2 Batwatch Discovery walk. 9.00 to 10.30pm. Booking essential.
- 13 Chainsaw Sculpture demonstration from 10.00am to 4.00pm
- 20 Introduction to Digital Photography. 10.30am to 4.00pm. Bring camera, manual and lunch. Booking essential.
- 23 Batwatch Discovery walk. 9.00 to 10.30pm. Booking essential.
- 25 Storytelling for all the family. 2.00 to 3.00pm
- 29 Traditional Dry Stone Walling demonstration. 2.00 to 4.00pm
- 30 Discover and Do: children's craft event. Make a collage of hay meadow flowers. Over 8s only. Booking essential. £2.00
- 31 and 1 August. Stone Carving: a special event led by Rural Arts to work with artist Jennifer Tetlow to produce a work to be displayed in the museum garden. No charge but booking necessary.

Further details from the DCM at **666210** email hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk

Burtersett Show 2008

Sunday 27th July at 2.00pm

Please support your local village show, to be opened by Steve and Linda from Hawes Post Office. Teas/coffees and cakes and cakes available in the Institute. Show

classes for children and adults; phone 667195 for details of classes. All proceeds to support the Village Institute

More Christian Aid News

The area from Thornton Rust down to Thornton Steward would like to thank everyone who helped and supported our events this year. A sum of **£3966** plus **£472 gift aid** is being forwarded to Christian Aid.

The totals are made up as follows:
 Penhill Benefice and East Witton Lent lunches: £1317.24
 Leyburn Gilbert and Sullivan Concert: £200.00
 Area envelope collection £2448.82

We really appreciate all the hard work involved in raising these amounts. Very many thanks to you all.

Noel Ashworth (Hon. Treasurer)
Helen Brown (Hon. Organiser)



Summer gardens Mix and match

Occasionally a plant can excel on its own; a specimen acer in a roomy, shaded border succeeds just through sheer unadulterated simplicity. Give me a Chinese red birch placed in an open lawn where the bark and shape can be admired uncluttered, as opposed to its being buried in a busy border or choked arboretum. For me the beauty of a plant is all about context; where it's placed and with what it's paired. The most beautiful tree I ever saw was a medium sized red beech growing next to a long drive near Aysgarth. Set against a gloomy background of plain hazel, the simple appeal of red leaf and smoky trunk would have melted any heart. Lots of past tense being used here, because sadly, like all the best things, it couldn't last, and during a rough winter, some over-enthusiastic salting of the drive sealed the poor tree's fate and it sickened for 2 long years then budded no more.

Other plants are better twinned with others, whether it's for leaf or flower colour. A big, bullying rose like the scarlet Moyesii splutters into life in June and just about earns its place by being blackspot resistant. Pair it with the unruly Marigold and it's a marriage made in heaven; both are transformed, the understated yellows a perfect foil for the more luxuriant reds.

I can make bold claims about how I sat down and suffered, planning colour schemes for hours on end into the long night, yet the truth is that my most successful combinations have been completely accidental. Who would have thought that the hurriedly dug in clump of catmint would so effectively complement that neighbouring hosta sieboldiana? Both a shade of blue admittedly, yet one's pumped up by the other and it's a small

triumph, albeit a fluky one.

Who'd touch fleabane with a name like that, yet the erigerons are every other plant's favourite cousin. Use speciosus with any of the lavenders, particularly Hidcote, for a warm mix of purples and yellows - try to plant on a slope or overhang for a more cascading effect. Yummy.

Since early spring I've been looking out of my front window and admiring a flamboyant pieris 'forest flame' doing battle with sturdy old berberis 'thunbergii purpurea.' The reds and yellows of the former encourage old berb to make the effort to bud and bloom, and what blooms! Clusters of tiny yellow flowers rain down and highlight the red foliage, and both shrubs benefit from this battle royal.



Try it yourself; snowdrops with winter aconites, gaudy alyssum with the quieter white iberis, a smouldering purple hazel shackled to the more 'in your face' laburnum; you're the artist with the palette - just please yourself.

Ed Gardener

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Wednesday July 2nd

Charity Screening for the Stroke Association
of

The Diving Bell and the Butterfly

Canapes 7.00pm; Film 8.00pm; Tickets £10

Thursday - Saturday July 3rd - 5th

5.00 and 8.00pm

The Diving Bell and the Butterfly (12A)

Thursday - Saturday July 10th - 12th

5.00 and 8.00pm

Indiana Jones and the Crystal Skull (12A)

Thursday - Saturday July 17th - 19th

5.00 and 8.00pm

In Bruges (18)

Thursday - Saturday July 24th - 26th

5.00 and 8.00pm

Shine a Light (12A)

Wigwams at Semerwater

A Family Wigwam afternoon will be held at Semerwater on Saturday **12th July** as part of the St Oswald's Saturday Club events for children. There will be all sorts of activities including a nature trail, treasure hunt, building wigwams, a barbecue and the afternoon will culminate with a sing-song around the camp fire.

The event will run from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. Everyone is welcome but children **must** be accompanied by an adult. More details are available from **Elizabeth Guy** on **650671**.

European Tourism award for Yorkshire Dales and Harrogate

The Yorkshire Dales and Harrogate area is to receive the prestigious European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas, awarded by the EUROPARC Federation that brings together the organisations responsible for the management of over 400 protected areas across the continent. It will mean a higher profile nationally and across Europe for the area as well as opportunities for exchange of expertise and experience.

Who knows?

Tommy Road (May issue inquiry). We have an answer! Alan Ball of Stalling Busk supplies the following explanation, from John Hamilton's book 'Mallerstang Dale'. The original track was improved by soldiers ('Tommies') who were camped around there during the first world war. It is also said that in the 1920s the council (by mistake) surfaced the road, now happily allowing easier access to the top of Wharton Fell.

This month's 'Who knows?'

"Who knows the best return journey available in a day from here on a free bus pass?"

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