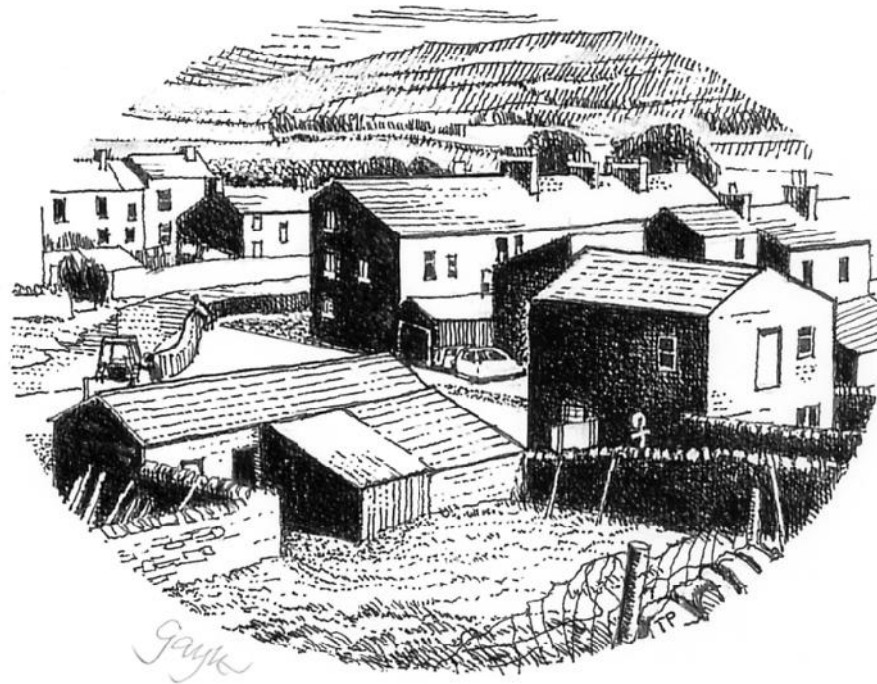


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Front Cover By Tom Purvis

Editorial

We must rub it in that Friday, August 1st, is Yorkshire Day. Did you know that one in ten of the population of the UK lives in Yorkshire; that makes it bigger than many countries in the world? It's even more significant when you consider what a fuss true "Yorksher" people make about it! We're different; or is it all the rest who are different?

Now, of course, although we're proud and can smile about it, we don't kill off the other 'side' as they did in the Wars of the Roses. The writer married a red-roser; she has green eyes. They used to put people with green eyes on a ducking stool a few hundred years ago; we don't do that now. Her mother was a Roman Catholic; think what used to happen to them; they built their 'priest holes' in some large houses in the north in which to hide for fear of being killed or persecuted! We don't do that now.

The writer and 'red-roser' have a good friend whose ancestors were taken as indentured slaves to South America. That dreadful slave-trade has ended.

The writer is also in another minority (about 7 to 10 percent of the population); when he was much younger they tried to 'rectify' it; it caused great anxiety and stress. In all sorts of ways it makes life that bit more difficult to cope with daily living; you see, he's left-handed! They used to persecute 'sinister' people (that's what they called the left-handed). Now they are most highly respected and brilliant!

A few hundred years ago people with a disability, a deformity or somewhat abnormal mannerisms would be thought of as witches... and you know what happened to some of them. We don't do that now.

It isn't all that long ago that B and Bs, especially in big cities, could display signs in the window: 'no blacks or Irish'. We don't do that now. Even more recently, your application for a job might have been

put aside because you were over 50!

So things have improved. OR HAVE THEY?

What about the rising problem of (especially young) people who wish to dress 'differently'? They can get beaten up. Who do people think they are to dictate what 'normal' dress is? What about the ludicrously low wages paid to 'different', often overseas, workers in some places? What about lower social 'class' still keeping some young people out of particular higher education. We could go on. In fact we will!

When the world seems to be teetering on the edge of financial chaos, starvation, serious climate change, huge population movements and desperate shortage of energy, isn't it a pity that sections of some supposedly 'caring' institutions still can't treat half the population (female) as fully equal, or find charity in their hearts for those of 'different' sexuality. Talk about fiddling while Rome burns. Why must we always have to have some people to 'beat up'? And it is often the most vulnerable.

We need to get rid of our FEAR of difference.

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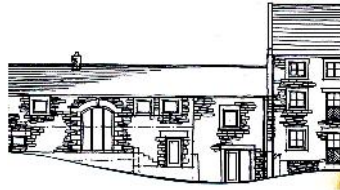


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Dales Discovery Slide Talks

These continue on **Wednesdays throughout August at 8.00pm** in the Hawes Methodist Church.

- 6th Local history as seen on TV; David Jackson
- 13th Red Squirrel conservation; Ian Court
- 20th Victorian photography in the Dales; David Weedon
- 27th Wensleydale Wander; David Coates

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

July Competition answers

Common names of wild flowers

1. Garlic mustard
2. Shepherd's purse
3. Wood sorrel
4. Sundew
5. Stonecrop
6. Eyebright
7. Salad burnet
8. Stinking hellebore
9. Pearlwort
10. Wood anemone
11. Lady's bedstraw
12. Cranesbill

The lucky winner was **Rebecca Clarkson, Aysgarth**

Garsdale Head

Bank Holiday Weekend

Based at Hawes Junction Chapel

23rd Grisedale walk; 1.30pm. Tea

4.30pm Slide show of the Settle-Carlisle line at 7.30pm

24th Songs of praise 3.30pm. Tea 4.30pm

25th Videos of Grisedale, Lunds and Moorcock. 7.30pm

Life in the Dales after World War 1

I am a final year student at Lancaster University studying History and Politics. For my dissertation I am going to investigate what life was like in the Dales after the end of the first World War. How did people react, for example, to the men returning from the front ,and indeed how did they return to normal family life.

I would be interested to talk to anyone who has memories, stories or mementos, including photographs of that time.

Being a Dales person myself I am particularly interested in this topic. I will be more than willing to share any information

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The Ingleborough Pony

Another new bus link.

On Sundays and Bank Holidays now until the end of September a new service under the above name is running from Clapham village via Ingleton and Chapel le Dale Hill Inn to Ribbleshead Station with two of the four journeys proceeding to Selside, Horton and Austwick thence to Clapham.

One feature of this means that a climb up Ingleborough from Chapel le Dale need not mean a round trip but by descending via Gaping Ghyll to Clapham you can get the bus back. For the full timetable pick up a leaflet at the information centres. It contains details of other possible walks.

Night owls wanted for local crisis phone lines

A LOCAL VOLUNTEER charity is looking for “night owls” to help man their crisis phone lines through the night when people are at their lowest point and most likely to call for help.

Samaritans of Northallerton and The Dales are running a recruiting campaign

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and would welcome anyone who might be interested to learn more about this volunteer work.

“The 45 volunteers at our local branch run a 24 hour confidential telephone crisis line which gives callers in despair the space and time to explore their innermost fears and sometimes even suicidal feelings. The majority of our calls come in the dark and lonely hours between 9.00pm and 9.00am and we are actively seeking night owls to help man our lines in those hours so that a distressed caller never gets the engaged tone” said Siobhan Gifford, spokesperson for the branch.

“Manning the phones through the night can be challenging but can also be ultimately rewarding. It would suit you down to the ground if you’re the kind of person who thrives on little sleep or who is used to working through the night” added Siobhan.

Samaritans give their own in-house training and a new programme is due to start in October at the branch in Crosby Road, Northallerton. New volunteers then work with a mentor for six months until they are comfortable handling calls alone. As well as answering the telephone, volunteers also offer a drop-in service, answer e-mails, reach into local schools and prisons and raise funds to keep the branch open throughout the year. For more information about Samaritans ring the branch on **(01609) 76161**

Samaritans have been in existence since 1953 offering support to those in emotional distress or who are suicidal. In the last 30 years Samaritans have answered over 55 million calls from people as young as 10 and as old as 90. The 45 volunteers at Northallerton and The Dales Samaritans offices at 7 Crosby Road, Northallerton answer 50 calls a day with these numbers escalating at crisis times. The branch costs around £18,000 a year to keep open and the funds for this have to be raised entirely by the branch.

Calling all Organists

If you can play the organ and are free on the evening of 26th September please get in touch! At Hardraw Church we are holding a celebration of organists. We are inviting anyone who can play to come and play their favourite hymn, song or piece of music.

Last year we installed a 'new' organ, an electric pipe organ by H.S. Vincent of Sunderland (1952) which was very generously given to us by the Methodist Church – it had previously been in West Witton Chapel. We celebrated the organ last year with a brilliant organ recital and in the audience were about a dozen organists. So this year we are celebrating organists and would like as many as possible to come and play the organ. Those of us who cannot play will join in the hymns and songs and we shall finish the evening with a glass of wine.

So if you can play at all, wherever you are from, do get in touch, my phone number is **667573**

Penny Blanch

BBC documentary wants to reunite relatives in Yorkshire

The internet has enabled the popular national craze for tracing the family tree to be embraced enthusiastically in Yorkshire, with 20 family history websites covering this region alone.

The BBC plans to focus on this fascination with genealogy in a landmark documentary series following the reunion of a large extended family. The series intends to celebrate British family life in 2008 by exploring the fascinating past and present that all families have at their core, and by rediscovering the importance and strength of family bonds and relationships in modern Britain.

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history over the course of an all-expenses-paid weekend this Autumn.

Blast Films is searching for a Yorkshire-based family to take advantage of this unique opportunity. If you think you might like to get involved, please call **Zara on 020 7267 4260**. Alternatively, please email zlandsdale@blastfilms.co.uk

Thoralby Post Office

Elaine and Keith Miller have run the shop and post office in Thoralby for 12 years but they have now sold up and moved out. Mind you, they haven't gone very far, only a few doors up the street and a bit nearer the pub. The shop has been taken over by Sandy and Steve who used to live in West Burton but for the time being Elaine is still in charge of the post office until a change over date is agreed.

Elaine comes from Hawes originally but Keith was from West Burton and that's where they lived for 19 years after they were married. There they raised a family (two girls) and Keith worked as a builder, as indeed he still does. "We'd always wanted to set up a business" said Elaine, "maybe a shop or a pub or whatever...." So when Thoralby Post Office came up for sale it was the ideal opportunity, especially as they already had close connections with George and Audrey Sadler, who were relinquishing the shop.

So what was it like, taking over a shop with no previous experience? Well, it wasn't quite like that because Elaine had had some experience working at Elijah Allen's in Hawes and she knew the set up

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at Thoraby through George and Audrey. "But" Elaine said, "there's a big difference between helping behind the counter and running the whole shop, so it was a bit daunting." She soon got into the way of it and it was a great help being local and knowing most of the customers already.

Elaine introduced some new ideas such as an off licence and video loans but the shop basically remained the same as before. She asked people if they would like the shop to be changed to a self-service counter, although there's not much room for wandering around. Almost universally everyone said no. This is not surprising because the shop is used as a place to talk and catch up on events. Not much went on without Elaine hearing about it so a friendly chat was much valued. It still is, of course.

Every job has its highs and lows. The biggest frustration was getting the papers sorted with Menzies. The inserts on Sunday was always a big job. The nearest

they came to a disaster was in 2005 when the January gales caused the power cuts and the freezers were off all day and half the night. Most of the time it had been very enjoyable and people had been very supportive.

Since moving, Elaine and Keith have been busy ripping out the inside of their present house to install new units and Elaine is still helping Sandy at the post office, so she hasn't been left with too much time on her hands. Having three grandchildren also keeps them both busy. Eventually what they would like to do is have a really good holiday, something which shopkeepers often don't get. Those of us who live in Thoraby think it's richly deserved. **N.P.**

Askrigg Parish Party

Sunday 17th August at 5.00pm at the Vicarage, barbecue with pork and apple sandwiches for the adults and sausage sandwiches for the children. Adults £3 Children free. All living in the Parish

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Mystery picture. This might be hard! Travel on a bit from the western end of the News-letter area. Last month's was Chantry House, West Witton.

Removal of more payphone boxes

BT is informing all local authorities of its proposal to remove little-used public payphones. Under new regulations it can now, without consultation, remove boxes which are within 400m of another, but for others the public can challenge the proposals.

In our area the following boxes are on the list: *Preston under Scar*

*Wensley
Countersett
Stalling Busk
Newbiggin
West Burton
Lunds.*

BT cites the almost universal possession of mobile phones as its main reason, but as readers have pointed out, in some of these locations not all mobiles can get a signal,

and even now not everyone in these areas has a mobile.

If readers wish to comment, the procedure is to contact the **Chief Planning Officer** at Richmondshire District Council. All Councils' responses have to be with BT by September 6th.

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Richard Johnson & Partners have not rested on their laurels. They are now in full flow with a new computerised Conveyancing Case Management system to make the whole house buying process smoother for their clients.

In addition to being a registered Trust and Estate Practitioner with STEP (the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners) partner Michael McGarry has been accepted as a member of Solicitors for the Elderly (a national organisation for those Solicitors who have very considerable experience in providing legal services for the older generation).

Richard Johnson, Senior Partner explained that "the expansion will allow further gradual growth of the firm, whilst

staying true to the principles of the firm in providing a quality personal service to our clients both locally and beyond" and "that in an ever more impersonal world we find that people like to deal with people who are on their wavelength and are committed to looking after their interests in a personal yet efficient way. We think we have the mix right and we are looking forward to a bright future! We are also pleased to have within our firm James Fawcett of the Bishopdale Fawcett family who is undergoing the final year of his vocational training before qualifying".

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Any surplus food and produce from the show will be auctioned off at 4:45pm with

Yorebridge Sport and Fitness

The YSF are branching out! Not only can we cater for your health and fitness needs but we are now offering computer classes in our IT suite. **During August**, sessions are planned for basic Word skills, Creating posters on Word, Online Car Boot Sale, Get Fit Online and more...Ring Lesley for details.

Look out for a schedule of classes to take place with the YSF from September. This will include two sessions of the very popular Ladies Circuit Training and one for the Men too! Also to be included is a new 'Step and Body-Toning' class and Belly Dancing will be returning owing to popular demand. Please book early to ensure your place.

Before this though, we have a busy Summer schedule on offer with plenty of opportunities for all...from Middlesbrough Football Club day courses to Modern Dance and Multi-sports. So there's no excuse to be bored this holiday AND we are on your doorstep!

As part of the Summer activities, Surestart Children's Centres in partnership with the YSF are offering FREE sessions for ages 5 and under. These will take place here at Yorebridge and there will be a variety of fun activities from puppet making to playdough followed by a bouncy castle or softplay (dependant upon the weather!). These will run every Monday

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Head, Appersett, Harddraw, and then a 12 mile run to the top of Great Shunner Fell.

The best places for spectators are, for the early stages top of the hill above Semerwater, and then in Harddraw where the cycle route and the run both pass through.

1st Hawes Brownies

Brownies have had a very active term. Maypole dancing was fun and the girls won a cup at the Hawes gala for their maypole entry and gained the Dancer badge. The local Police came to talk to us about crime prevention and will return in September to test for the Crime Prevention badge and to postcode the Brownies' bicycles. We also worked and gained the Wildlife Explorer badge and finished this term with our traditional water fun evening and cookout at Cotterdale. 5 Brownies have left this term and we welcome 8 new recruits in September.

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Meanwhile regular DMU services run every day until the end of September. On steam dates they provide a feeder service to the steam operation; on all other dates they operate between Leeming Bar and Redmire. *There will be extra trains during the 1940s week-end on August 30/31, with re-enactors on the trains, war-time food and evening dances. It is hoped that many passengers will dress in appropriate costume during the week-end.*

Yorkshire Day, August 1st, will be celebrated with Yorkshire food served on trains and at stations. There will also be Yorkshire Pudding Walks (6 mile guided walks with lunch in a local pub) on both **Friday August 1st and Sunday August 3rd**. A special walk will be led on **Friday August 22nd** by Mark Reid, author of 16 Inn-Way books on walks linking local pubs. More details on www.wensleydalerrailway.com or phone Leyburn TIC on **01748 828747**. Note this **(01748)** number. It IS right!

Stalling Busk Flower Festival

St Matthew's Church, Stalling Busk are holding their annual Flower Festival on the **23rd, 24th and 25th August**. It is usually open between 10.00am and 5.00pm each day and you should expect a wonderful tea!

Raydale Project

The project should soon receive the go-ahead from the Environment Agency to proceed with the river restoration work scheduled for August, when it is hoped water levels will have fallen. Once that work is done it will be possible to assess what further work is needed on the track across Marsett Bottoms. The wetland there was particularly attractive this July with meadowsweet, valerian and ragged robin flowering in profusion, it will be good to access the area more easily next season to enjoy these flowers.

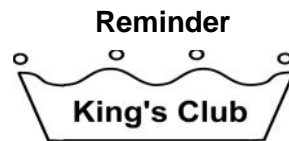
The project is now putting together a plan to protect Semerwater in the predicted hotter drier summers to come, though it must be admitted that after a second successive very wet summer the prospect of a little global warming sounds rather pleasant. Expert advice is being sought to help prioritise the action needed. We need to know which are the most important operations to be carried out, and where they would be most effective. Armed with that information we will be in a better position to protect the lake from silt deposition and other harmful effects. **Deborah Millward**

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.

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



Reunion Dinner to celebrate 20 years of King's Club.

Friday 26th September 7.00 for 7.45pm
Wensleydale Creamery.

If you are 18 - 30 years old or over and attended King's Club, do get your ticket for this event. See old friends and remember some of the good times you had together !

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WEST BURTON SCHOOL NEWS

Greek Olympics

On Wednesday the 16th July 2008 West Burton juniors had a Greek day. Nearly all the KS2 children brought Greek food. We did outdoor and indoor Olympics. Lots of the games were fun and one game involved getting very very wet! Outdoor games included: chariot racing (skipping side by side), discus (throwing a foam ring and trying to score 100), water bowling (VERY wet), marathon (not as long as the Greeks had to run) and much more. Indoor games were team games and by ourselves.

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9.00 pm Bartle Parade from Kagram West end - goes down village, finishes up Grassgill where Bartle is burned.

Sunday, 24th August

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Bring communities closer together in Richmondshire

A GRASS-ROOTS study has been launched to examine the needs of emerging cultures and migrant workers in Richmondshire.

The work is being spearheaded by the Strong Neighbourhoods task group, part of the Richmondshire Local Strategic Partnership, which brings together representatives from public sector agencies, the voluntary sector and the business community.

As part of this process, people who consider themselves migrant workers or part of an emerging culture are being asked to complete a short survey so the task group can focus on their specific needs.

Robin Battersby, Chair of the Strong Neighbourhoods Task Group, said: "By completing this survey, you will be greatly helping us start to gather information so we can improve the cultural and social support available in Richmondshire.

"In turn, that will enable us to strengthen the long-term local government responses to the needs of people living and working here. In particular, we are asking that employers make this survey as freely available to migrant workers as possible."



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The task group has also taken the lead on co-ordinating work already being done in this area, through the establishment of a working network of representatives, and is closely linked with the North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership Equalities Task Group in working on a Welcome and Information Pack that will be tailored to Richmondshire. The survey can be completed online at richmondshire.gov.uk/bcc, hard copies can be obtained by calling **650980** or via email request to info@re-vive.org.uk. Anyone interested in joining the network, or with any questions about the consultation process, can phone Robin on **625142**.

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Happy retirement!

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Margaret's children and grandchildren are a great joy to her and she knows the value of having a good home environment. In her out of hours she would call in and share a cup of tea and see that all was well. Many hours of her own time were given to just having a chat and a laugh. When any of her seniors needed to be in hospital she went off to Northallerton or wherever, to visit, to reassure and encourage them.

This type of work is exacting and often unnoticed and unappreciated, but its value is immense. When we are at home, cosy in front of the telly or down at the pub, Margaret and her colleagues are busy helping those who need that little bit of care with their every day tasks.

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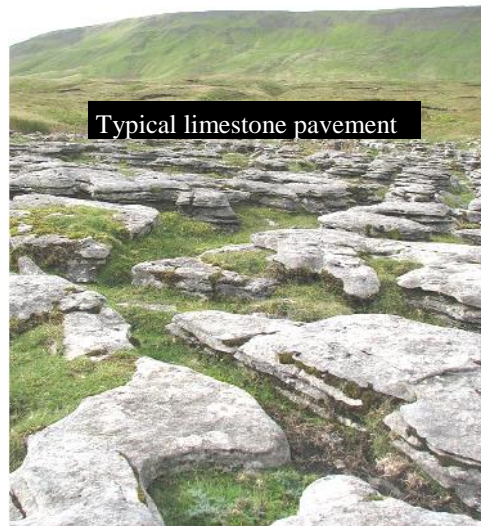
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Best Foot Forward

It's always good to stumble upon hidden waterfalls, crags or mines (and 'stumble' might be the exact word here!)

You might like to try this; no precise details given again. Get your map out. Start where the Stake Road becomes unsealed just above Stalling Busk. Until a few years ago there was a lovely old wooden finger post 'Buckden', but it's gone. Follow the old road for a mile but



then it is much more pleasant to cut across on the path over Silky Top to rejoin the Stake.

Crossing the 'road' travel roughly east and search out an old 'settlement'. It is pleasant to sit around here before picking up Lockah Beck. Follow it to look over the fine waterfalls. (it is very different looking down on them as opposed to looking up at them when driving along Bishopdale Lane). Let's re-word that; to looking up when being driven along Bishopdale Lane!

You can turn north now and climb on to a typical Dales limestone scar (High Scar) and search out the old Thoralbby Lead

Mines. (Here's where you might stumble!) Carry on, roughly north, to join Busk Lane (or if you have had enough rough stuff turn left on the bridleway from Thoralbby to join Busk Lane further south).

Then there's another pleasant diversion. About half a mile south of Carpley Green look on the left of the track for a couple of waterfalls; (Water Ling). Very picturesque. All you've to do now is trudge about a mile and a half (but it will seem further!) west across Blean High Pasture back to the start.

There is an element of challenge on this tramp, namely the crossing of a few walls. There's always a spot where you can do it without injury, but whatever you do don't dislodge any stones; that should be punishable with weeks of community service! Did you hear the one about the walker who got stuck on barbed wire on the top of a five-foot high wall?

A.S.W.

Wensley Flower Festival

At the Holy Trinity Church, Wensley, a Flower Festival with the theme **The World of Children's Books**

Preview on Friday 8th August at 7.00pm. Admission by ticket only to include wine and canapés. Contact **623674**

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Exciting new Weight Watchers class opening soon

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One day she invited some friends for coffee and they talked about losing weight and that's when Jean confessed to them her love of chocolate cookies. They then made a decision, to meet up on a regular basis to help each other lose weight by encouraging and motivating one another to eat normal healthy foods.

The group grew and grew, and Jean had to hire a hall as she could no longer fit everyone into her living room. And so Weight Watchers, the company, was created. Every Leader knows and understands what it's like to be overweight and they know how to lose weight successfully and keep it off with Weight Watchers.

My name's Ruth and I have been a Weight Watchers Leader since April 2008. I have lost 16.5 lbs with Weight Watchers and helped others to lose weight in our Leyburn meeting.

It's been a considerable time since there has been a Weight Watchers group in the Hawes area and I am so excited that we are opening a new group now. I would love to meet anyone that feels they need to lose pounds and inches.

It's not a diet but a healthy way of eating that means the weight WILL stay off. The meetings are fun and lively and we are all friends together, women and men alike.

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The letter in last month's Newsletter from
Sue Mason-Cave about her family has
produced a helpful reply; if she will
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Bainbridge and District Motor Club

It was one of the rare lovely summer evenings for the Canny Rally. 7 cars set off from Worton Bridge with a list of directions. Along the way there were questions to be answered, which were linked to photographs on the direction sheets. These were not easy to identify, e.g. the 1st photograph looked like a fried egg and was in fact a part of the railings at Thornton Lodge Guest House. However everyone managed to spot all the items photographed. The route took us through Bellerby, Hunton, Bedale and as far as Kirkby Fleetham and Scruton and then all safely back to Jim's at Askrigg (a little whisper that a local bus driver got lost but perhaps that is not for general public knowledge!). The total mileage was approx 76 miles.

Knowing Tim and Tristan Prudden, who organised the rally and a Big 'Thank You' to them, we surmised this would not be the actual finish and how right we were. Back at the pub we were handed another sheet with more pictures on it, 16 in all. These were road traffic signs, which we had to identify! These were not the usual ones that are seen in this locality and many guesses caused quite a laugh. One which looked like a peacock on top of a car meant vehicles carrying explosives prohibited. There were extra points if you could identify the sign for a 'Brass-rubbing Centre' (as there is one in every local village!). Needless to say, nobody identified it; one good guess for that was a 'Hindu Place of worship'. Another guess of 'Opium Poppy Field' for 'Open Gardens' was thought to be very stimulating! A very challenging finish to the 'Canny Rally'.

Last month's rally winners were Bob and Rachel - Well Done. 2nd were Jim Brackenbury and Daniel Thornton-Grace

and 3rd were Harry and Angela.

Next month's rally is on **Wednesday 20th August** and will be organised by Mat Foster and Neil Pearson, telephone **622331** for details. All Welcome.

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New group to reduce fire damage in National Park

A new partnership has been set up to reduce the damage caused by summer fires in and around the National Park.

Members of the North Yorkshire Dales Wildfire Group are currently encouraging landowners to draw up detailed plans they hope will reduce the devastating impact of moorland blazes.

The group is made up of the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, the National Park Authority, the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the Moorland Association.

Initially, large landowners will produce a map of their land containing information needed by the Fire Brigade, like easy access points for vehicles, water sources and availability of equipment. It will also have on it a point at which to rendezvous if there was a fire.

The group will also launch a publicity drive to try to make members of the public aware of the ways they can help reduce the risk of summer fires.

Adrian Thornton-Berry of the Moorland Association said 75 per cent of the world's remaining heather moorland was found in Britain and these areas play an important role in the local economy, a pull for tourists and they are a crucial haven for ground nesting birds.

For further details please contact **Trevor Lund on 07710 738534 or Adrian Thornton-Berry on 663096.**

Parlez-vous Français?

It was with certain inhibitions that we approached the offer to attend lessons in the French language held in the Wensleydale Centre in Askrigg.

Any new undertaking facing "mature students" is firstly to overcome the obstacle "I am too old to try this" or "What

good will it do me?".

North Yorkshire Adult Learning Service provided a ten-week course for beginners in French which was conducted by the experienced and very competent Teacher, Kate Auger. _Those of us who attended found an atmosphere of friendliness, good humour and "easy learning"

Many related issues arose in the course of the lessons: the importance of having a working knowledge of other languages in an ever dwindling world; the need to communicate with our children and grandchildren in languages they are learning and to be able to get by without embarrassment when we go on holiday abroad.

The objectives of the course as set out by Kate were clear, concise and, to us beginners, achievable. At each stage we assessed and reviewed our progress and became more and more confident and encouraged. Although the classes were for a two hour period, it did not seem like that and we invariably overran. Maybe the break for tea or coffee half way through had something to do with it!!

My wife and I holidayed in Provence towards the end of the course and were agreeably surprised that we were able to do practical things like, read the menu and order food, ask directions, enquire where certain sights and facilities were, make our needs known in the hotel and even spell our names in French at reception!.

We did, however, become unstuck when someone pulled up and asked us for directions to a place we had never heard of.!!

Only three of us attended the course and we have become good friends and will meet for a 're-union' this month. The Council will be funding a further course starting in September -again conducted by Kate.

See the boxed details on page 7

The Annual Newsletter Treasure Hunt

We have made it harder this year to try to separate more easily the winners and several runners-up, so even if you can't find all the places or the answers there, still send in your effort! There is a £50 prize. See page 3 for the deadline date.

Simple Simon's pitch A) What happened at Bliss in 1832? B) What shape is King George's red top? C) Where might one man and his dog circulate?

Some are brass, some are silver— these are up! A) What number is the footpath? B) Where is the suspended two-wheeler? C) Two; each with a hole. What and where?

Maurre's shieling A) Where is the one lonely, useless, rusty hinge? B) What is the minimum flush time? C) What do you get if you subtract Poland's from Pakistan's? D) How many beams support the bridge? E) L.H. stoned; R.H. rendered; where?

So chase Mu A) How many typical metal railway posts on the laneside from 'Angling' sign westwards— and coming back why are numbers 12, 13 different? B) What is below R but above AK? C) What improper fraction accompanies ABUS? D) Find the latch without a gate. With what shaped bolt-heads is it fixed?

1086: Chirprebi (East end) A) What stand on each of the flight? B) On the osculating portal under the ash, how many metal posts on the curve? C) HM Coastguard sticker on the right; what on the left? D) Where do the hare, the owl and the horse have the same address? E) What was made in Barnsley? F) What does it read under BCC 38?

The red teas may be served here A) How many panes look east on the inn? B) What's a possible link with just south, off junction 33, on the M6? C) In the event of emergency?

Sfenjsf A) Who was Elizabeth's beloved? B) Where might you relax with your back against a cart wheel? C) They fell; then what? D) There are three on the door and two on the wall to right (Good luck!) E) Why might the shoe-mender give you a ring?

Dead centre of the village beneath the scar A) Who is commemorated by the betula? B) He ought to be in the corner, but isn't! When did he die? C) When did Bessie, 'dear sister of the above', die? D) Nelson D-Ton. Where? E) Who was number 1534153?

Roschil's farm by the thorns (West End) A) Two smokers beside the door; where? B) How long is the sliding bevel? C) Where might you find four streams? D) "Any inappropriate use may lead to this goodwill being withdrawn." What scale did Matt produce it at?

Dee see em A) What goes with Boot wash? B) Where's the big Nutkin? C) How long to wait for your next bus? D) What's the post code of the Environment Unit? E) What's between the door entry system and the top office? F) What number is above the red 23?

Bonus point: No location given. It's a circle; it's red round the edge; it contains a number. What, in millimetres is its total diameter?

WHAT'S ON LISTING

Transfer these dates to your calendar!

August

- 1 Yorkshire Day**
 1 Yorkshire Pudding Walk on Wensleydale Railway. See page 12
 2 Wensleydale Flower Club coffee morning at High Green House, Thoraby from 10.00am to noon. Tickets £3.50 on the door.
 3 Low Mill Duck race. See page 10
 3 Yorkshire Pudding walk on Wensleydale Railway. See page 12
 4-8 King's Club; Askrigg School and Low Mill
 6 Dales Discovery Slide talks. See page 3
 9 HAOS quiz at the Fountain, Hawes
 8-10 Wensley Flower Festival. See page 17
 10 Triathlon. See page 11
 10 Swinithwaite v West Witton cricket match. See page 43
 10 Bolton Hall Open Gardens. 2.00 to 5.00pm. Stalls and teas. Adult admission £2,50
 10 Gayle Chapel anniversary. 2.00pm
 10 West Burton Chapel Anniversary. 6.30pm
 11 Children's multi sports day at Yorebridge Sports and Fitness, Askrigg. See page 10
 12 Coffee and Stalls at Hawes Methodist Rooms. 10.00am to noon. In aid of St Margaret's church
 12 YDNPA Planning Committee. Yoredale, Bainbridge at 10.30am
 13 Tea Dance, Hawes Market House. 2.15pm to 4.45pm
 13 Dales Discovery Slide talks. See page 3
 14 Children's multi sports day at Hawes Market House.
 14 Wensleydale Country Market. Methodist Hall, Leyburn. 10.00am to 12.30pm
 15 Children's multi sports day at Yorebridge Sports and Fitness, Askrigg. See page 10
 15 Ladies fund raising High Tea in Thoraby Village Hall at 6.00pm. Tickets £5. Latest bookings 12 August. Contact **663205**
 15 to 7 September Wensleydale Railway in steam. See page 12
 16 Thornton Rust Country Show, page 4
 16 Geocaching at Ribbleshead. 10.13am to 3.30pm. Expert tuition. £15. Details and to book **01729 825600**
 16 The Bainbridge Bash on the Green from 5.00 to 9.00pm. Barbecue, LIVE MUSIC and Jack and Jill slide. All welcome
 17 Table Top sale for Hawes school at the Market House, Hawes
 17 Askrigg Parish Party. See page 7
 19 Coffee Morning, stalls and organ music. Hawes Methodist rooms. 10.00am to noon.
 20 Children's multi sports day at Hawes Market House. See page XX
 20 Dales Discovery Slide talks. See page 3
 20 BDMC Rally. See page 19
 21 Wensleydale Country Market. Methodist Hall, Leyburn. 10.00am to 12.30pm
 21 Children's multi sports day at Yorebridge Sports and Fitness, Askrigg. See page 10
 22 Inn-Way walk with Mark Reid. See page 12
 22-24 St Bartholomew's Flower Festival. See page 23
 23-25 Stalling Busk Flower Festival. See Page 12
 23 Wensleydale Show, Leyburn
 23, 24 Chainsaw Sculpture course. Gayle Mill. **667320** for details.
 23, 24 Garsdale Head Holiday Weekend events. See page 4
 23, 24 West Witton Feast. See page 14
 24 Semerwater Service. See page 40
 24 Marsett Chapel "Singalong" at 8.00pm
 25 Askrigg Produce Show. See page 9
 25 Aysgarth Fete. See page 38
 25 Cream Teas and stalls at St Margaret's Church, Hawes. 1.30 to 4.00pm
 26 Aysgarth Whist in the Institute at 7.30pm
 27 Dales Discovery Slide talks. See page 3
 28 Wensleydale Country Market. Methodist Hall, Leyburn. 10.00am to 12.30pm
 31 United worship Askrigg/Bainbridge at St Oswald's at 10.00am
 31 Swinithwaite Village Lunch. See page 13

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

- 25 July–3 Sept Part of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Hay time Festival.
“Flower Power” an interactive exhibition for all the family, celebrating the history and importance of hay time in the Yorkshire Dales
- 31 July 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.

August

- 1 Storytelling from 2.00 to 3.00pm. All the family welcome
- 2 - 30 Photography exhibition by Daren Smith: “Yorkshire - A Land Painted Silver”
- 3 Rag Rug Making 10.00am to 4.00pm. Free demonstration, display and ‘have a go’
- 5 Spinning a Yarn. 2.00 to 4.00pm. Join Friends of DCM who will be spinning in the Museum concourse and explaining rugmaking, weaving, felting and dyeing
- 6 Discover and Do 2.00 to 4.00pm. Children’s Craft event to tie in with the Hay Time Festival. Over 8s only. Booking essential. £2
- 7 Lunchtime Lecture—Birds of the Yorkshire Dales. 12.30 to 1.30pm
- 8 Storytelling from 2.00 to 3.00pm. All the family welcome
- 13 Discover and Do 2.00 to 4.00pm. Children’s Craft event to tie in with the Hay Time Festival. Over 8s only. Booking essential. £2
- 14 Lunchtime Lecture—Woodland Birds of the Yorkshire Dales. 12.30 to 1.30pm
- 15 Storytelling from 2.00 to 3.00pm. All the family welcome
- 17 Introduction to Digital Photography. 10.30am to 4.00pm. Bring camera, manual and lunch. Advance booking essential.
- 20 Discover and Do 2.00 to 4.00pm. Children’s Craft event to tie in with

the Hay Time Festival. Over 8s only. Booking essential. £2

- 21 Lunchtime Lecture—Upland Birds of the Yorkshire Dales. 12.30 to 1.30pm
- 22 Storytelling from 2.00 to 3.00pm. All the family welcome
- 27 Discover and Do 2.00 to 4.00pm. Children’s Craft event to tie in with the Hay Time Festival. Over 8s only. Booking essential. £2
- 28 Lunchtime Lecture—Birds of the Yorkshire Dales. 12.30 to 1.30pm
- 29 Storytelling from 2.00 to 3.00pm. All the family welcome

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

St Bartholomew’s Flower Festival

The flower festival will take place in St Bartholomew’s church, West Witton from 22nd to 24th August. A preview will be held in the church at 7.00pm on Friday 22nd August. Tickets only £5 to include wine and canapés. Contact **625276** or **622576**. The Flower Festival display will remain in church for Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th August.



High summer in Snaizeholme

Our Red Squirrel friends are having a great year. They are bubbling with energy, also along with our regulars, many strangers are turning up; for instance today a fellow with a really brightly marked tail arrived. His body is a rich red colour, but his tail has a strong black middle section and ends with a startling white tip - and he's so aggressive to all the other squirrels and they clearly respect him.



Before I go to bed, weather permitting, I generally go and stand outside for a few minutes. At this time of year if the conditions are right, I usually see a few bats; often two tiny ones which I take to be pipistrelles and one larger one.

This I have never been able to identify, but an even greater pleasure is the "roding" woodcock. In the late evening he looks quite black, and he flies with "rounded" wings, and as he flies he makes a very unusual call- a kind of "chirrup", "chirrup", "chirrup" like the song of a small bird, followed by several croaks exactly like a frog. I love to hear him. He has a definite route which he flies over and over again, and if you are patient, you can wait for his return.

Early in the month I heard the unmistakeable sound of high flying departing curlews. Quite a good number came to nest in the valley this year, but I never saw any young ones, and there in early July was the haunting sound of their departure for their coastal "winter" feeding grounds.

We have had a strange "stoat" experience this year. In previous years a pair of stoats have chosen to bring their families up in the

walls of our house. This year they returned and settled in the foundations. One day I caught sight of a stoat streaking by past the window on the way to its entrance - very fast. To my amazement, hard on its heels came an enormous rabbit, possibly a female. The window was shut, so I heard nothing, but my suspicion was that the stoat must have been carrying a screaming baby rabbit in its mouth and that the desperate parents were trying to save it. The odd sequel to this is that the stoats abandoned their home in our house and although they have been seen hunting nearby, we have no idea where they have settled.

My bird and squirrel feeding near the kitchen are protected by surrounding shrubs and I thought really well protected from predators, but yesterday I saw a sparrowhawk sweep from behind the feeders straight towards the kitchen window. The small birds feeding there at the time scattered, and it did not make a catch that time, but I realise they are not as safe as I had imagined.

Midsummer is past and at four to five in the morning there is no longer a Dawn Chorus. Lone blackbirds and thrushes work on their subtly developing songs, but they are no longer joined by the great chorus of the smaller birds. Much later in the morning a few blackcaps and other late arriving warblers will sing for a while, and then later again the trees will be filled with the calls of demanding young birds still expecting their bedraggled parents to feed them. But their noisy demands cannot be compared with the beautiful singing of their parents earlier in the year. The wood pigeons still call their warm summer calls, not exactly a song, but still very active.

So may be this is a High Summer but you could fool me!

Jane Kemp



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Open Day

We had a successful open day. Thank you to all who came; it was lovely to see so many different faces.

A representative from 'Family Information Services' has left some new information at Dalesplay regarding contact details for Working Family Tax Credits, Child Tax Credits etc. So please feel free to come and have a look.

Daniel Richardson and Bonnie Glendinning were presented with a framed copy of their logo and a book token for being the worthy winners of our Logo

Competition. It was an extremely difficult decision the Board had to make but the final



outcome was Daniel who designed 'Kidszone logo' and Bonnie designed 'Cuddles'. Well done! Thank you to all who entered; your efforts were tremendous.

Staff at Dalesplay would like to take this opportunity to wish all the children from Foundation Stage Nursery every happiness and success during their time at school. Your little characters will be greatly missed.

Summer Activities

Rugby Coaching at Dalesplay

6th and 7th August, 10.30am -3.30pm

(Please bring a packed lunch!)

£10 per day, book both days and receive a 10% discount. Children must be 7yrs+

In conjunction with Wensleydale Rugby Club and Extended Services

Rosi Music Workshop

6th and 7th August, 10.30-11.30am

Children aged 0-5yrs. This activity is free, working in conjunction with Sure Start Children's Centre

Zoolab

20th August, 9.30-10.30 am

– Speedy the Snail goes on holiday

Children aged 0-5 yrs

10.45-11.45 – Mini Beasts

Children aged 5+. Each activity is £4

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An Afternoon in Thailand.

4th August, 2-4.30pm

Learn to speak Thai, Thai BBQ and other topical games and activities. £7

Water Splash

1st August 10.30am – Noon

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Family BBQ and Games Evening

Friday 29th August 7.00-9.00pm

Lunch Club

11.30am – 12.30pm £3

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BAINBRIDGE SCHOOL NEWS

It has been a hectic end to the term for Bainbridge children with trips, sports days and rugby festivals amongst some of the activities undertaken.

The first event of the final weeks was a trip to look at the old Wensleydale railway between Askrigg and Bainbridge. Considering the children frequently walk on this when attending sports events or visiting the church in Askrigg the children were a



little unsure exactly what they were going to learn as they were convinced they knew everything already – how wrong they were! They hadn't reckoned on having that local font of all things historical with them, Dave "Time Team" Jackson. Walking to church will never be the same again and will undoubtedly now take a great deal longer! We discovered 11th century windows, old graveyards, countless fancy metal posts and

Sue Harpley

Artist

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of course Askrigg station with platform, engine shed, coal depot and waiting room. The only mystery remains where has the old station clock gone?

We then had three sports days almost in a row beginning with the cluster sports at Wensleydale School, which was a great personal success for several children. Next up was the BAWB sports day where again children had both an enjoyable and successful time. Sports day number three was the schools own where a tremendous turnout by parents and relatives despite the rather threatening weather meant a highly enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

The weather once again threatened to spoil the end of year trip to Newby Hall but Bainbridge children are made of tougher stuff than most and the rain only added to

the fun that was had. Children took part in a sculpture workshop where they enjoyed helping create a stone sculpture



with the resident Zimbabwean artists. They then had a great time on the train ride, in the adventure playground and testing their boating skills on the pedalos before trying to get as wet as possible in the new fountains, which were so popular lunch was only reluctantly taken!!

The final event of the year was Mr Prices Jungle Olympics, which had a large variety

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of fun and exciting tasks to overcome; these included the Tiger Trial, Crazy Cricket, and the Net of Despair amongst many others. Sadly this was also Mr Price's farewell to Bainbridge where he has successfully completed his teacher training and is now ready to take on his own class. The staff, parents and children all wish him the best of luck as I'm sure do many other people in Upper Wensleydale who know Mr Price from his Sports Club days. Here's wishing you all a very happy holiday before we start the new term in September.

David Moor

Who knows?

Well, Dennis White has submitted this impressive piece in response to the 'best return journey available in a day from this area on a free bus pass':

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	depart 15.35
Leyburn	arrive 16.28
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A Midsummer Bash to remember!

Saturday, July 5th saw the annual charity music festival hosted in Hawes: The Midsummer Bash. The bash in its 6th year proudly boasted that this year was to be its best yet and it didn't disappoint; even the weather couldn't put a damper on the proceedings.

Although the rain may have put some people off with this year's attendance reaching 649, each and everyone left having a night to remember. The line up kicked off with *Relentless* from Wensleydale who belted out songs from the likes of Snow Patrol to an early and eager crowd. Followed by *Stone Deaf* also from the dale and then came on *DJ Rostas* to really rouse the crowd before *Riot* took to the stage. By this time the crowd had really swelled and were eager to hear the headlining act *The Exploding Buddahs* also from North Yorkshire.

The event caters for every taste and every age group with plenty for children to do. Marie Curie Cancer Research also had a presence raising money and giving away balloons to children.

Event Organiser **Di Blades** said "I was thrilled with the line up this year and proud they are all from North Yorkshire and this really showed with more people arriving early to see their local bands. The rain didn't put too many people off and all that attended left having had a great time. As I spent more money this year on a better PA system and a larger stage I was unable to raise a massive amount of money to donate but hopefully word will spread that the event was the best yet and I will be able to attract a bigger crowd next year. I am hoping to look for extra funding next year through grants and sponsors to enable more of the ticket money to be used to give to local charities. I would like to thank Metcalfe and

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Sons for donating a trailer for me to use to transport equipment and The Fountain Hotel, Hawes for donating a room for the DJ. I would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped both before and after in setting up for the event and clearing up afterwards. A special thank you must be given to Councillor John Blackie and Councillor Yvonne Peacock for all their help and support in ensuring the event took place. The website will be updated shortly with all the photos of the event and I am already planning for next year so keep your eyes peeled."

"Who knows?"

We expect a variety of suggestions!

"What is the purpose, if any, of the stone-men (cairns) on many of our fell tops and edges... and who built them? And when?

**Phil Woodyer Retires as
Head of Low Mill**
An Ode To Phil by Helen Francis

Phil Woodyer, outdoor action man
And master of the all-year tan,
A man for whom no hill's too steep,
Nor narrow, damp pot-hole too deep,
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Where it was generally felt
That his enjoyment of the wild
Encouraged many a nervous child
(And not just children-adults too)
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To don their boots and anoraks
And with their rucksacks on their backs,
Explore a different way to live
While using their initiative
And leave fulfilled in every way
From their inspiring Low Mill stay.

The perfect choice to run Low Mill,
This Woodyer by the name of Phil,
Has welcomed groups to Wensleydale,
To climb rock faces, then abseil
Back to the base, as hearts within
Pump high-octane adrenalin,
Their bodies ready to believe
There's nothing that they can't achieve-
A gift that's hard to quantify,
But helps the spirit learn to fly.
In this and many other ways,
Phil and his team enriched the days
Of all who came, themselves to test,
And push their boundaries with the best.

Phil always knew there'd come a time
While hopefully, still in his prime,
When he would choose to yomp away
To pastures new. And, when one day
He realized to his amazement,
That hair with various shades of grays meant
He was no longer a spring chicken-
Relentlessly the time was tickin'
(However, he'd have been appalled
If hair had gone and left him bald!)
He mulled these thoughts around his head
And then decided that instead
Of battling on, he could avoid
His joints becoming rheumatoid.
He'd seek new thrills. With days full, he
Would grow old quite disgracefully.

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Interesting visitor

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Comedy and why we laugh!
Our Bursary Student takes a serious look at it.

For me, comedy is an integral part of my life. I love it. It is widely accessible, mainly because it takes several forms - film, television, radio and theatre. My favourite comedy programmes are Fawlty Towers, The Marx Brothers, Monty Python, Blackadder and more recent programs like The Office, Extras, The Mighty Boosh and Ali G along with various radio programmes. Making people laugh is as much to do with the non-verbal, for example gestures and movements, facial expressions and silences as it is to do with what is being said and what happens. British humour relies on satire, irony and caricature, and can be subtly humorous in

ways that other nationalities sometimes find difficult to understand.

Comedy has several purposes. We use it to escape our every-day lives i.e. our problems and concerns; it allows us to challenge behaviours and ideologies without making critical judgments about them but equally, comedy has the power to change our perceptions about life. It puts real life situations into perspective; it brings the actions of influential figures in society into the public eye and also deals with morality and immorality. Comedy can highlight social issues such as racism and class with the aim of making us think and question problems in society.

The Mighty Boosh is one of my favourite programmes and whilst it appears spontaneous and conversational, much of its content highlights social issues in a modern society and therefore is very relevant. Comedy can also increase knowledge about politics. Political satire is usually the most subtle and thought provoking type of comedy. It is effective because it uses well-known figures as the subjects of its sketches. We like this because as humans we laugh at others and their mishaps, because, in today's perfectionist society, we are under great pressure to be "perfect" and when we see others not being so this pressure is somewhat relieved.

I think comedy is of great benefit to people because in making us laugh; it enables us to recognise our own traits and qualities through observing comedy characters, this results in us being able to laugh at ourselves and not take oneself too seriously. It also increases peoples understanding about human life and helps us to discover things about oneself and other people. Lastly, it encourages knowledge about politics and to be sceptical or questioning of political figures, their policies and motives.

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ASKRIGG SCHOOL NEWS

Sailing our coracles on Semerwater; Class 2

We have built four coracles with the help of Mr David Purvis, Mr Mike Gough and Mr Paul Sheehan.

On 9th July we walked from Askrigg to Semerwater on our way to our residential visit at Marsett Barn. Mr Purvis met us there with the coracles and we also were using some canoes from Low Mill Centre with two instructors Dan and Rob.

Mr Purvis showed us how to get started



and then we were off! The coracles were quite hard to paddle as we kept going in circles! We had a lot of fun and some of us managed to capsize. Mrs Fawcett took it nice and steady and went the furthest. We thought the Celts must have done very well to paddle and fish at the same time!

We would like to thank all at the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter for sponsoring us in this unique building and sailing activity. It was great!

We have reached the end of another very successful and enjoyable school year. All the children in both the infants and juniors have completed their tests and have done very well, so congratulations to everyone. Best of all we have had another happy year, with ice-skating, science, the puppet man, forest schools and the residential trips perhaps being the things that stood out.

Best wishes for the future to Sophie, Amy, Susie, Ben, Andrew, Edward and Lewis. These children are leaving us to go to their secondary schools. They have been a marvellous Year Six and we will naturally miss them.

Mrs Hartley is also retiring after 39 years of teaching and we all salute her contribution to school and community life and look forward to a continuation of our friendship

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HAWES SCHOOL NEWS

Open Day

The school held an open day which was a great success to celebrate a number of building improvements to the school; a hall extension and PE store (funded by the National Lottery), mezzanine classroom, store and meeting room, Nursery extension, parents shelter -to name but a few. The event was well supported by parents and the community. Richard Geoghegan, the Assistant Director for North Yorks. Children and Young People's Centre came to officially open the hall extension. He was entertained by musical items from each class. He had worked closely with the school in the past. The Chair of Governors, Ian Mellish and Vice Chair, Griff Thomas gave up a great deal of their time to ensure the building work was completed. Kory Spinks and Kayleigh Barnes presented them with a token of thanks. Anne Lockwood, the widow of Steve Lockwood officially opened the climbing wall. Steve died some time ago. He was a much loved scout leader in Bardsey and a firm believer in children learning from outdoor activities.

There was a bring and share supper later, which was well attended and there was a veritable feast for all. One of the greatest successes of the day was photos of past pupils at the school. There was a queue for



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this which continued after the day. Mrs Woodyer thanked everyone who had supported the school to enable all the improvements to come to fruition.

Police Report

Upper Wensleydale was again one of the safest areas to reside in during the past month. We have had just two recorded crimes. The rest of the dale was not quite so fortunate, which shows that we cannot get complacent. The baddies are out there just waiting for their opportunity. Let's not give it to them.

Like me, I'm sure you have not failed to notice the inexorable rise in oil prices. My car is spending longer and longer in its garage! This has made oil a very lucrative commodity for our light fingered overnight visitors. Wensley saw one such crime, where a large quantity of central heating oil was taken. There have also been diesel thefts from unattended lorries in Leyburn and other parts of Richmondshire District. The quantities taken indicate that the criminal is coming equipped in vehicles with containers/tanks inside and also pumping equipment.

Householders – keep regular checks on your central heating tanks – look for tampering – it might be that a pipe is disconnected to aid the theft.

Lorry drivers – please secure your fuel tanks – locking caps are a deterrent as the offenders will just move along to a lorry not so fitted – however it is best to leave your vehicle somewhere where there is security such as CCTV or wardens. Before shooting the messenger – I am aware that there are not many such places in the dale – however if you are an owner operator and pay to park your wagon somewhere then you should demand something for your money.

Again just a reminder about metal thefts. These are still ongoing throughout North Yorkshire and just about everywhere else. Again it is driven by the high price metals are currently fetching. There are a lot of small flat back wagons out there collecting



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"scrap". A proportion are doing it legitimately, but some are not and will take metal even if it is NOT scrap. Please continue to note and report such vehicles to us – or let us know immediately if you suspect a theft is in progress.

Now for something a bit fishy! A

fishing rod was taken from an insecure garage in Hawes. The owner was only away 10 minutes. It is believed the same rod was seen at the bus stop the following day by a neighbour of the owner of it, but on checking it had disappeared. The initial theft of the rod – by way of burglary - was not carried out by a career criminal – it was someone local because the rod was not particularly valuable and was not taken far before the thief got bored. But where has it gone since? Any information would be greatly appreciated.

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.

**Andy Foster PC826
Safer Neighbourhood Police Officer
Upper Wensleydale
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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.

Friends of the D.C.M. Gift Day, Friday 18th July

An excellent gathering of Friends and visitors enjoyed a social evening which included a very interesting illustrated lecture by Moira Fulton, ably assisted by Helen Lazenby who was in charge of the powerpoint presentation.

The topic was “Woodland Walks and Walled gardens” and gave members an opportunity to see views of some local gardens as they appeared in the 18th and 19th centuries and as they are now. A lot of

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evidence had been gleaned from early maps, estate plans and postcards. Gardens in the Upper Dales included ones associated with Askrigg Old Hall, Coleby, Oughtershaw and Scar House in Arkengarthdale. It had not been possible to visit Marske Hall but useful information had been obtained from aerial photos.

Sue Foster, Chairman of the friends, thanked Moira on behalf of a very appreciative audience.

Denny Minnitt

Advance notice

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Letter

Dear Sir,
I have read your July Newsletter whilst holidaying in Hawes and felt I should write.

My friend and I enjoyed our four day stay in a bed and breakfast—the first time we had actually stayed in Hawes although we had visited a number of times. We found everyone friendly and helpful, and ate locally in the evening.

A happy and relaxing four days and we will be returning soon.

Yours sincerely,

John Hollin, Derby

Watch out, the Pied Piper is about...



Well, we hope so! Thank you to everyone who attended the read through evenings. We find ourselves in the usual position of needing more willing adults to step forward and have a go. Please consider joining us so we can provide a fun

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Rehearsals start from September at the Wensleydale Centre, Askrigg (there will be people willing to give lifts and car share, you just need to ask).

Adults: Mondays 7.30-9.30pm Music and Movement

Thursdays 7.30-9.30pm Script
Juniors: Mondays 6.30– 7.30pm Music and Movement

Thursdays 6.30-7.30pm Script

Refreshments at Hoppers Sale

We are seeking help and support to run the refreshments on **Saturday 6th September**. We would be delighted to hear from anyone able to donate items or provide time to staff the kitchen on the day.

Love is in the Air DVD and photographs

We haven't forgotten... the DVD can be ordered now (£14each), please make cheques payable to HAOS. We will

provide a time to view and order photographs in the coming weeks so keep an eye out for further announcements.

Quiz Night at the Fountain Hotel

Rodger Emmins has kindly arranged a quiz night to be held on **Saturday 9th August, 7.30pm** at the Fountain. £2 entry. Please support and enjoy what promises to be a fun evening.

Junior Discos

Thanks to everyone who supported our disco evenings this year, we had a brilliant Karaoke/Disco in June. We hope to start them again from September. A huge thanks to all who helped supervise.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual meeting will be held on **Monday 29th September, 7.00pm** at Wensleydale Centre, Askrigg. All welcome.

For more information on how to join our fun and friendly group or to register your interest please contact **Jennifer Fawcett, 667241; Colin Bailey 663181 or 07711211169 or email info@hawesoperatic.co.uk**

New Business Venture in Hawes.

“Rhodes Pet & Garden Supplies” should be open for business by the time you read this! It’s been a while getting there, but with a lot of help from family and friends, the idea of providing Hawes with a new shop has finally become a reality. We hope to be able to supply people with basic pet and gardening sundries that are not already available in Hawes. We also hope to be able to operate a local home delivery service once we are up and running.

The choice of stock and quantities in store will be trial and error to start with, so we hope that people will please bear with us while we get it right, and also let us know what they want us to sell. If we can locate specific stock items to meet our customers’ needs then we will do our best to accommodate and deliver.

We have been asked if we will be selling live animals and fish and the simple answer is no. We will, however, advertise any pets or livestock on our notice board free of charge.

Mick and Abbie would like to thank everyone who has been instrumental in helping this venture to get off the ground, with an especially huge thank you to Ian, who has been absolutely fantastic. We look forward to seeing you, and to serving both locals and visitors for some time to come.

More HAWES SCHOOL NEWS

Key Stage 2 SAT Results

We were very pleased again with the KS2 SAT results which reflect the effort and commitment of the Y6 pupils. WELL DONE. These are the best results ever! It also reflects the excellent teaching they have had. An enormous pat on the back for Mrs Dooley- **not** forgetting the other teachers who have given them a superb start over the years so that they began their final years at school **very** well prepared.

L4	National	Hawes
English	67%	100%
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RAINFALL FIGURES FROM JANUARY TO JUNE 2008

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	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Hawes	375	182	248	67	24	160	1056
Carperby	209	101	129	66	31	125	661
West Burton	308	72	131	56	46	83	696
Bainbridge	281	119	118	70	15	121	724
Stalling Busk	372	139	190	82	25	137	945
Askrigg	251	90	146	68	26	106	687
Thornton Rust	294	105	165	87	31	126	808

Aysgarth Village Fete

Monday 25th August at 1.30pm

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Heavens above

If the weather lets up it's quite an exciting month for sky watching. On August 1st there's a ***partial eclipse of the sun*** beginning just before 9.30 in the morning. Mid-eclipse occurs around about 10.15am when roughly a quarter of the sun's disc will be obscured by the moon - not particularly dramatic as eclipses go but still worth looking out for if it's a clear day. (Remember: never stare at the sun with unprotected eyes or through any kind of optical aid such as binoculars or a telescope. You will seriously damage your eyesight if you do. The only safe method for observing the eclipse is to project the sun's image on to a shaded piece of white card).

The moon itself undergoes a deep partial eclipse in the middle of the month on the evening of August 16th. Just after 8.30pm (about half an hour after moonrise) you should be able to notice a slight darkening of its south-eastern rim as it begins to pass through the northern part of the Earth's shadow. By mid-eclipse, at 11 minutes past 10, about 90% of the lunar disc will be immersed leaving just a thin sliver of the northern hemisphere in sunlight. With any luck - a lot depends on conditions in the Earth's atmosphere - the darkened portion should take on a subtle coppery-orange colour.

On August 12th the ever reliable ***Perseid meteor shower*** reaches its peak. If it's a

good year up to 80 or so of these bright, swift, 'shooting stars' per hour can be observed. The best time to try and spot one is on the morning of the 11/12th after the moon has set (about 12.30 am). From a dark location away from artificial lights you'll be very unfortunate not to see a meteor or two every minute if you keep your eyes peeled.

Finally this month there's a chance to catch a glimpse of ***Jupiter***, the solar systems largest planet. It's visible for most of the night, very low down in the south in the constellation of Sagittarius, shining brilliantly against the rich star clouds of the summer Milky Way. A good pair of binoculars should enable you to spot up to 4 of its largest moons. Have clear skies'

Al Bireo

Flower power in the Dales

Staff at the Dales Countryside Museum are currently working on their summer family exhibition, "Flower Power: Hay Time in the Dales" which runs until September 3rd. The exhibition is part of the Yorkshire Dales Hay Time Festival and features banners made by Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, after-school groups and kids' clubs from the Richmond area .

There are hands-on exhibits, digi-stories and oral history from local people and activities to keep children of all ages busy. ***And if anyone has memories or photos of hay time and would be willing to share them, please get in touch with staff. We will make an arrangement to visit you to record your impressions of hay time, either in the past, or now.***

More than 70 separate activities are being staged during the Festival to celebrate the wonderful diversity of plant and animal life to be found in the traditional hay meadows

There's something for everyone from Teddy Bear's picnics to guided walks through some of the finest Dales meadows.

A lovely place to live

On May 11th Julia and Val organised a Sedbusk reunion from the 1940s to 1960s at Sycamore Hall, where about 50 people attended. We had a wonderful afternoon with a lot of reminiscing about the old days.

Many of the activities in Sedbusk revolved around the chapel and Sunday School which was taken by Mr and Mrs George Dinsdale of Brown Moor. In winter we had the prize-giving service followed by a very good supper. Next day was the tea party which all the ladies in the village baked for.

In June we had the anniversary when every child wore best clothes and had to recite a verse. Later in June the village was nearly empty as we went on our Sunday School outing, usually to Morecambe, sometimes to Blackpool. It was the highlight of the year and something we children looked forward to for weeks.

After Easter Sunday service we all went into the fields behind the village to roll our painted Easter eggs. Another big event was the Harvest Festival when we had the sale of goods on the evening following the Sunday service. On August 12th a rare sight was the village green full of jeeps for the shooting on Stags Fell, when the children would watch the men returning.

On November 5th we usually had the best bonfire in the area in the middle of the village green. We started gathering wood in September and then made a guy in the stable at Rose Cottage. We took it round asking for a penny for the guy. We bought crisps and apples to share, and paraffin to get the fire going (which the men were in charge of). All were bought at Chris Chapman's in Hawes. When the fire burned down we roasted potatoes and Ernie Metcalfe entertained us with his accordion.

All the children joined together to play games on the green—rounders, football

and cricket in which the dads joined in. The old trough in the centre of the village was used as goal posts; we also played hide and seek. Some of the girls used to give little concerts for their parents and friends at Jasmine Cottage making dresses from crepe paper.

In those days we had a lot more snow than we get now. We used to sledge down the fields behind Sedbusk and sometimes when frosty down Sedbusk hill—although we did get into trouble for that.

On New Year's Day we were all up early to go round the village for our New Year gifts—money, sweets, fruit or biscuits.

As there was no school in the village we had to walk to Hardraw and back. The older children looked after the younger ones. At 11 years we had to walk to Hawes.

We all looked forward to Thursday evening when it was library night. Miss Linskill who lived at White House ran it where there was a good selection of books to choose from. We were well looked after by the tradesmen as there were three grocers' vans, a green grocer and a fresh fish van, three butchers and the Kirkby Co-op; also the Roc-a-ree ice cream van came in summer.

It was a wonderful place to grow up and we all have happy memories. At the reunion we had a bring and share tea and then a collection which after expenses we gave £63 to the Sycamore Hall amenity fund. Happy Days!

**Julia Harrison
Valerie Alderson**

Lakeside Service

The annual lakeside service will take place at Semerwater on Sunday 24 August at 3.00pm. Hawes Silver Band will play and Revd Ann Chapman will conduct the service. Everyone is welcome to attend this unique event.



The Wildflower Meadow

To be quite honest, it's more grass than wildflowers, but a local farmer informed me that it might look OK in a hundred years time, so I'll take a look at it next time round. Five years ago I'd plug planted a variety of 'bits' into a large, freshly turfed area and then sat back, thinking how easy this meadow business is. How silly of me. Things began well. Plants, which included ox-eye daisy, orange and yellow hawkweed, knapweed, meadow buttercup and ribwort plantain all made a decent effort in the first year. Far more success was achieved with stinging nettles, docks and an evil little ground hugger, the black medick. I learnt the hard way that this can swamp everything and so needs eradicating; early spring before the grass is up I now arm myself with a trowel and a bag of salt and check every inch for young offenders. If it can be dug out, fine, but the more stubborn get the top growth removed and a pinch of salt in the crown. Who needs a social life?

Plenty of advice from farmers and the internet provided the regime; start mowing the end of February and carry on through to the end of April. I suppose that the idea is to replicate grazing - me and the Honda as a right fine pair of Swaledale ewes. A 3 or 4 inch cut will suffice to keep the grass at bay and give the more bashful flowers a chance of sunlight and consequent height. Enjoy the show in June and July but don't get too comfortable as the real work is about to begin....

I was told to wait for a few fine days in late July/ early August and then strim the lot right back. Pack some serious ear protection; strimming that expanse the first time felt like bellringers and Motorhead were practising in my skull. Serves me right. Leave the cut grass for a couple of

days to dry and shed seeds then rake it off. Resume mowing through to November.

Along the way I've sown some parasitical yellow rattle in patches to weaken the grass, and added drifts of cowslips for spring interest. Just mow round them early on and leave to seed with the rest. The enemy is always lush, juicy grass which 'lodges' or collapses and smothers weaker blooms. Repeated mowing and non-application of any fertilizers will starve the soil, thinning the grass and encouraging that 'wild meadow look.' I wouldn't use any bulbs at all as the flowering timing is all wrong (silly mother nature) and the foliage, particularly with daffs, is just too coarse and heavy.

So a hundred years from now if you're in the area ...

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