

**Upper Wensleydale
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Ten Minutes from Leyburn

I wonder how many of you are aware of the fact that about 10 minutes from Leyburn is one of the UK's most interesting and varied nature reserves with lots to see and do throughout the year. On top of which admission is free. Mind you a small donation in the contributions box, towards the upkeep, would be most welcome.

It is thanks to terrorism that the almost 100 acre site came to be the thriving LNR (Local Nature Reserve) it has developed into. Back in the 1960's the IRA began seeking soft targets on the mainland. Consequently secure fencing, topped with razor wire, became the norm for sensitive and military establishments. Catterick Garrison being no exception. However, to reduce costs a huge area of the Army training area was not fenced in but just left to grow wild. Thanks to ex major Tony Crease, in 1992, he came up with the idea that it might be an ideal area for flora and fauna. In 2001 it became the first LNR in Richmondshire and the first on MoD land.

Access is brisk and simple as you are checked in via the manned gates at Cambrai Barracks. Consequently, being guarded by the Army, it is guaranteed job and vandal free.

In addition to the varied wild life such as recently released water voles you may see deer and certainly the reserve's 4 Highland Cattle. A developed area of wetlands ensures a variety of ducks and geese, several of them nesting there. If you are lucky you may even see the vivid blue flash of a kingfisher.

Every Sunday, weather permitting, a dedicated group of people turn up to carry out bird ringing. The reserve has so far handled almost 40,000 birds and now ranks as one of the main ringing centres in the UK. You are welcome to observe the ringing

close up and perhaps even be privileged to release one yourself, after the bird has been checked for age and sex. Many have already been ringed elsewhere, but every week unringed birds are ringed here. Ringing has proved that many birds return year after year from Africa and other far flung places to nest in the reserve.

If you have any interest as a naturalist Foxglove Covert will certainly provide lots of interest for you. There are regular courses and events organised. If you have access to a computer look at their website. Just type in Foxglove LNR and you will learn far more than in this brief note.

Next time you are en route to Tesco's look out for the brown Foxglove LNR sign on the right as you drive down Leyburn Road into Catterick. Turn left, check in at the gatehouse and you will have a thoroughly enjoyable and interesting time there. Who knows, you may even enjoy it enough to offer your services as a volunteer.

C Rudd

Rainfall figures (millimetres)

	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total for half year
Hawes	250	21	140	65	119	89	684
Carperby	120	23	51	38	62	60	354
Bainbridge	165	25	80	48	82	63	463
Stalling Busk	215	30	84	76	94	75	574
Askrigg	134	104	96	67	62	67	530
Thornton Rust	157	40	70	52	92	63	474

Hawes Junction Chapel

Opening of new extension

Saturday August 1st, 2.00pm

followed by tea and display of photographs

Then an evening of local interest with Harry Allen

Sunday, August 2nd 2.00pm

Songs of Praise with Hawes Silver

Band

followed by tea

She's Off Again!

Tina Spence is to take part in the Great North Run on September 20th, this time to raise funds for the District Nurses: Hawes to Leyburn, to buy equipment.

Sponsor forms are available from the surgeries, Hawes Post Office, Hammond's Butchers in Bainbridge and Ivesons Electrical in Hawes, or by phone: **650759**

Editorial

They used to say that August was the ‘Silly Season’... because Parliament wasn’t in session and news was thin on the ground, so TV and papers turned to more ‘trivia’. Some might think it’s silly when Parliament is in session – and at present there is no shortage of serious news, especially from overseas.

However, things are a bit silly. We make no apology for returning to a topic touched on some time ago (and which recently caused excited conversation among our newsletter workers): RISK

Now here’s an issue where things have got more than silly; sometimes with the mis- or over-zealous interpretation of regulations. Where would civilisation have ever got to if humankind had never taken risks! We certainly wouldn’t be eating rhubarb!.. or flying, or burning deep-mined coal. Surgery or medication wouldn’t exist, and diseases would be rife.

At the personal level, how would we know how far we could walk, how much or what, we could eat, how far we could jump or run to get out of trouble, how good we’d be at meeting new people or how challenging we could be in debate if we had never TRIED? We test ourselves all the time; and grow and develop from it.

Yet these days, mainly because of over-blown scare stories, or very rare tragedies, children, (especially children), are so shielded in some of their activities that they never get the chance to test themselves. If they don’t walk any real distances, especially unaccompanied, or go on a journey alone, how will they feel when off in the wider world of work or study? If they never get lost, how on earth will they cope with way-finding? If they never climb trees how will they cope with height and ladders?! If they are never without a mobile phone, how will they cope when it won’t work? PANIC!

We said before ‘in some of their activities’ because in others they ARE allowed to be exposed to risk of, you could argue, a much more serious but emotional and psychological nature by freedom of access to really violent and disturbing images via their computers. Here we tend to turn a blind eye to what goes on (as we tend to do with drink or drugs). This sort of exposure to risk, rather than preparing for future challenges, inures them to the dangers. Aren’t we a bit two-faced?

A survey, out only last week, claims that 38% of children now spend less than an hour a day outdoors, and although 87% of parents wished their children were outdoors more, a quarter wouldn’t let them because of ‘safety concerns’. ‘Playing out’ was a favourite memory of childhood for most parents, but it is worrying that it is not rubbing off on our children or grandchildren. There is so little really to fear; get things in proportion!

The English National Trust has launched a “Go Wild” project for the summer. We are surrounded by open country waiting to be explored. Yes, there are risks... falling, getting lost, getting wet, getting stung, and we would not suggest any activity that puts others in danger, but the benefits of pushing ourselves a little, whatever our age, are that our confidence increases together with our physical, mental and emotional health. Don’t you think it’s time the pendulum swung back a bit? But we must warn you of the risk; it might hit you!

**Next issue
will be produced on August
26th and 27th and will be
distributed between August
27th and 31st
DEADLINE FOR COPY:
THURSDAY AUGUST 20th**

Eunice



EUNICE was in Herriot's advert and the winner of the prize was **Sylvia Sexton, Hawes.**

Hawes Art Group



Want to draw? Want to paint?

Come and join a new art group from September in the Market Hall. Have enjoyment, fun and frustration. For more details ring **Ann Wood 667897**

July Competition Answers

Creepy crawlies/insects.

- | | |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 1. Bee | 2. Dragonfly |
| 3. Earthworm | 4. Skater |
| 5. Spider | 6. Wasp |
| 7. Centipede | 8. Woodlouse |
| 9. Ladybird | 10. Earwig |
| 11. Damselfly | 12. Beetle |
| 13. Cricket | 14. Bug |
| 15. Weevil | 16. Grasshopper |

Margaret Proctor, with 14/16, made a valiant effort, but no-one managed to win the prize.

Swine Flu:

Do your bit and get a 'Flu Friend'

Public health chiefs at NHS North Yorkshire and York are urging people to find a 'Flu Friend' as part of their preparations should they get swine flu.

Now that the number of cases of swine flu is increasing rapidly, the NHS has moved to treatment phase from containment phase as part of its pandemic influenza plan.

Dr Peter Brambleby, Director of Public Health at NHS North Yorkshire and York, said: "If you have flu-like symptoms and are concerned that you may have swine flu, stay at home and call NHS Direct or use the symptom checker on the NHS website. These services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

"Depending on your symptoms you may need to call your GP surgery. If your GP decides that you may benefit from anti-viral medication they will issue an authorisation voucher (like a prescription) entitling you to anti-virals. The surgery will also tell you where your anti-viral medication can be collected from.

"However, it's very important that people with swine flu or flu-like symptoms do not go into pharmacies, GP surgeries or hospitals.

"Instead, people need to find themselves a '**Flu Friend**' - a healthy friend or relative who can collect any anti-viral medication from the designated local collection point. Flu Friends can also make sure you have enough food, fluids and simple cold remedies if you become ill and can't leave home.

"Flu Friends are an essential part of our pandemic influenza plan as they ensure that people with the virus avoid coming into contact with the wider public - reducing the spread of infection."

Wensleydale Gun Club

The gun club will be holding a ladies only night on **August 20th at 6.30pm** behind the Victoria Arms, Worton.

It's a great opportunity for any ladies to have a go at shooting clay pigeons. Experience is not required as tuition is available as are guns and cartridges.

Also the annual Andrew Pounder Memorial Sporting Shoot takes place at Arngill, above Askrigg on **Sunday August 2nd at 1.30pm**. Everyone welcome. For further information call **David Cockett 667251 or 07813899163**

Aysgarth Village Fete **Monday 31st August at 1.30pm**

Teas and refreshments, lottery, stalls, tombola, cakes, face painting, quoits and barbeque.

Hawes Silver Prize Band.
Come along for family fun on the Village Green.

Hawes Cricket Club

Fixtures

Home matches:

August 9th v Doncaster
August 15th v Energy Exiles
August 23rd v Gargrave
All games start at 2.00pm



**Mystery picture; ‘Above Wensleydale’; help! We don’t know precisely where it is.
Last month’s was of the old track and bridge under Leyburn Shawl.**

Mystery Picture

We are grateful to Robert Hall for submitting the mystery picture last month and to him and Mason Scarr for giving these details:

The disused inclined railway (with some old sleepers still visible) linked the Moor and Shawl Quarries to private sidings on the Wensleydale Railway about 400yards west of Wensley Railway bridge. The route is still clear on the 1:25,000 map and runs to join up in an easterly direction. The incline’s gradient was 1:70 and a continuous rope system linked the trucks.

Shawl Quarry, leased in 1899, provided fluxing stone to the steel industry in the north east; this output, together with supply of roadstone, fluctuated in the 1930s but revived with the onset of war.

Further depression of the steel industry led to a take-over of the quarry by *Tarmac* in 1963 and almost led to closure, but the

estate managed to engineer a change of mind by *Tarmac* which began to produce tarmacadam instead of crushed stone. This continued until final closure in 1980.

News from Amala
From our reporter in India!
Our Bursary Student is in India and has
emailed this report.

Here's a quick update of what we have been doing in Amala.

When we arrived in Chennai on Saturday we didn't know quite what to expect; the city was completely chaotic, the bus ride was 'interesting' and it was relentlessly hot. We bought countless bottles of water and adjusted to a life of rice and unidentified insects. Taking the train out of Chennai to Virudachalem was a great experience, and it's good to be away from the city.

It's the end of our third full day at the home and the children and staff have been incredibly welcoming. I took the school bus on its route through the villages surrounding Amala and the level of poverty here is very striking, but so is the contentment and warmth of the people; it certainly makes you realise how much we take for granted in the UK. The children



are very eager to meet us, play sport with us, and have even tried to teach us the local language, Tamil, (It's not easy!). We've been taking lessons for two days now, and I am certainly a lot more confident in the classroom than when I started on Tuesday. Between us we're teaching English, Maths, Science, Geography, Art, Music and PE to all ages.

James Yeadon used the proceeds of his

concerts to buy drums in Chennai and will probably have at a least a small band by the time we leave! We're having a great time so far and hopefully you'll hear more from us soon.

Richard Ellison, Bursary Student



SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday 8th August
10am – 3pm

Wensley Village Hall

Bottle Top Tombola

Morning Coffee with Scones
Light Lunches

Raffle

Guess the Weight of the Cake
Name the Doll

Produce Stall, cakes,
preserves bread etc.

All Welcome

Contributions would be gratefully accepted

Prunings

A personal take on Plants, Propagating and other related rural ramblings.

This is the time of year when anything remotely exotic comes into its own. Up here in the Dales I struggle to keep some of the so-called hardy plants through the winter, especially if they are in pots. It seems that if the frost doesn't finish them they will succumb to the wet, or the wind will burn them off if they are too exposed.

I have a few things I take extra time over, and I am particularly fond of the Aeoniums. I keep 2 species, but my favourite is Zwartkop, with its rosettes of shiny black, fleshy leaves. One of my friends calls it "The Dinosaur Plant". My research tells me that they are native to Madeira, the Canaries and North Africa, and that there are 35 species. Mine were brought for me from the Scilly Isles where apparently the seeds arrived sea-borne and they have naturalised in the frost free conditions, growing wild wherever they



can find a crevice to root. They won't survive in my unheated poly-tunnel but they do in my "just about frost free" greenhouse. They put on rapid lush growth in Spring, so they clearly don't need heat, just improving light levels. The biggest problem is that they can grow leggy and top heavy, so the pot needs to be weighted down. I use a few river cobbles or trap the pot in a stone trough so they can't blow over and break the brittle stems. They are very easy to propagate: snip off a rosette, strip a few leaves and stick it in a pot. They don't need much water as they store it. The one on my patio has loved the recent sunshine, and I'll just move it inside before the frost gets it. Potting them up with Echeveria Elegans makes a good

combination, the colour contrast is striking and they need similar conditions.

Arthropodium Cirratum, or the Rengarenga Lily is another interesting example. My seeds came from New Zealand. I first saw it in flower on TV at Chelsea. Mine flowered a few weeks later, and this year it's flowering now. It has large strappy leaves and delicate flowers. By the look of the congested pot I shall need to split it, and I'll save seed. Officially it's hardy, but I fear, not here. I keep it in the greenhouse in winter just to be sure, and my first batch were decimated when the rats got in. Now I put them high up.

Jasminium Beesianum (pink flowers) is worth a go. I keep my stock plant in the polytunnel, but the pot plants outside survived this year even though they are officially only frost hardy. Just about evergreen they flower in Spring and are most unusual. This year I've sold them all, so – more cuttings needed. I seem to have a lot of penstemons and fuchsias rooted so maybe potting up will have to come first.

Good luck! And whatever you grow, take time to enjoy it.

Re the letters 'AGM' in last month's Prunings:

Plant growers will understand AGM. It means **Award of Garden Merit** and it's awarded by the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) to plants which they consider, or have trialled and found to be worthy of recommending. Reasons are usually in the range: trouble free; not prone to viruses; good display; stabilised variety, as well as combinations of other good qualities. Lots of well known favourites have this award, but it's useful to know when considering buying new varieties which may not have a long history. I hope that helps

Rose Rambler

Newsletter Book and Equipment Awards

Students living within the Newsletter circulation area who are about to go on to a course of Higher Education after A-levels may apply for an award of £150 towards the cost of essential books and equipment. Please first apply in writing giving course details; when accepted you will need to submit receipts of items bought. This, unfortunately, cannot be repeated in subsequent years!

Gayle Mill Demonstration Days

The sights and sounds of Victorian woodworking machinery will fill Gayle Mill, as several special demonstration days are staged for visitors.

On **Sunday, August 2nd**, and on the first Sunday in September and October, visitors will be able to experience the dramatic atmosphere in the mill as the original Victorian machinery springs to life.

Tony Routh, the last apprentice to be trained in Gayle Mill during the early 1960s, will be working with William Lambert and Mike Thomson, all directors of the Gayle Mill Trust.

“I never thought I would be back at Gayle Mill using this machinery almost 50 years after I left” said Tony, who is a distant relative of Oswald and Thomas Routh, who built Gayle Mill in 1784.

As well as seeing the machinery in operation, visitors will learn about people who were important figures in Gayle Mill’s history.

There are two special tours starting at 11.00am and 2.30pm, each lasting about 2 hours. Tickets, which include light refreshments, are £10 for adults and £5 for children (age 7-15), are available from Gayle Mill (**667320**) and the Dales Countryside Museum (**666210**). Visitors are advised to book in advance as each session is limited to 25 places owing to constraints within the building.



Mill Manager Moving

Thee two-year contract for **Paul Bisson**, the Gayle Mill manager, terminated on July 17th. Paul writes: “I have very much enjoyed my time at the Mill during my 2-year fixed-term contract, and have been pleased to work with many different colleagues, suppliers, advisers and friends. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your help, and I wish you every success in the future.”

Local Food Heroes.

Over the last few years various initiatives have started to support locally sourced food and competitions have been established by local newspapers and national newspapers have award ceremonies to acknowledge successful businesses.

The latest scheme currently being published and wanting your votes is called Food Heroes, on the Good Food Channel run by Virgin Media and SkyTV. I spotted three local businesses nominated by customers and listed - Raydale Preserves, at Stallng Busk, Elijah Allen of Hawes, and Stoney End Holidays, at Worton.

I guess that if you trawl through, there could be more in our region which we have heard of and supported.

The competition in its 4th year, is from farm food shops to food producers, and places to eat in each region of the country. If you want to support these local hard working businesses look on the site and vote before **7th August**. on www.uktv.co.uk/food/outlet

The national winner gets £5,000, which would be financially useful to a business in this difficult economic period, but also could be a big boost to the area, which could have a positive spin off for many local businesses.

Kate Empsall



Best Foot Forward

In praise of the post— not the Royal Mail, but the marker post or sign post. You can of course have too many. The eastern section of the Southern Uplands Way in the Scottish Borders has so many, nasty concrete ones, that all the fun goes out of way-finding... that is, until the only confusing bit, where there are none to be seen.

The cynics will say that the posts disappear where it is too hard to get them in the ground (like on limestone pavements), or where the rangers can't get to by vehicle!

Which postal discourse leads nicely to the walk. We are on 'moors' as opposed to the 'fells' of the upper dale and crossing from Coverdale to Nidderdale (and back) and all on rights of way (so plain sailing I thought!)

From West Scafton a pleasant bridleway climbs south for two miles to West Scafton Colliery (disused) at which point a bridleway to the east leads down and up, crossing several gills to arrive at the very top of Colsterdale, a lovely area.

To begin with this part of the route has just the right number of **posts**. As you look ahead along the almost invisible bridleway a few well-spaced white-topped posts appear, that is until the way reaches deeper heather (beautiful to look at) when it, and the posts, completely disappear. I seem destined to spend 2009 up to my waist in undergrowth (*since this was written it's happened again!*), but at last the deep Beldin Gill is found and after that a wide track through the heather had been cut, presumably to help the shooters; this is grouse moor.

An almost lost south turn to cross Steel House Gill leads over to South Haw. This is rough grassland, easy walking among those fine moorland grasses (I've been trying to learn them for over half a century!)

and the delicate white heath bedstraw. It is just at the end of June and I can never remember so many golden plover, peewits and skylarks along the whole upland part of the walk.

In mist, dropping into Nidderdale can be confusing. (It's steep and bends too much) but the descent soon leads down to a disused shooting hut on a track, easier to follow than yet another rather lost bridleway, to meet the Nidderdale Way which for two miles runs west slightly above Scar House Reservoir to 'Lodge'; it would be more accurate for the map to read 'site of Lodge'. The stench of dead rabbits rather took the edge off lunch, taken overlooking the water. This is the only part of the walk where there is anyone else!

Just because it's there, it is worth the trot on to Angram Reservoir and back. The area has that forlorn look of fields and buildings left when the waterworks arrived.

Now for the way back north; I've been to Dead Man's Hill before so my route follows the easy two mile track up and over to Arkleside but I leave it for, yes, another almost invisible long bridleway to Simonside. Just one or two posts wouldn't come amiss!

This is empty moorland walking, gritstone underneath (that's why Bradford built their dams here), heather, bilberry and bracken, and for 'getting away from it all', it can't be beaten. **A.S.W.**





JAZZ
With community jazz band
DALES JAM
Thornton Rust Institute
Saturday September 19th
7.30pm

Fundraiser for Amnesty International
and Village Hall Funds

Tickets £7.50 inc. buffet from:
663248
(Paying bar)

Vaco Concert

A Vaco Concert will take place in St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth on Sunday 30th August at 7.30pm. They tell us that Aysgarth is their favourite venue!

The Programme will comprise:

Brahms A Major Serenade
Wagner Siegfried Idyll
Doppler Andante and Rondo (for two solo Flutes and Strings)
Plus various Wind Quintets and other chamber music.

Tickets cost £10 for adults, children £5.

Trip to Kendal

Hawes W.I. has a few seats left on a bus, to see the Quaker Tapestry in Kendal on **Thursday 20th August**. We shall be leaving Hawes from the Market House at 10.00am and returning at about 5.00pm. The cost of the bus is £6. Come along to see this wonderful tapestry or to do some shopping. Please ring me on **667061** to book a seat.

Jane Macintosh

Learn to Heal Yourself and Others

With traditional Japanese Reiki

Two-day workshop

Wensley Village Hall

Saturday/ Sunday, August 22nd, 23rd

10.00am to 5.00pm

Booking essential.

For full information and booking please contact: **Phillipa Stanyon 625536**

Hawes Market House News

Anyone going into the Market House recently will have noticed improvements. The committee room, used regularly by the Playgroup has been re-decorated, a new carpet laid and blinds fitted. The wall at the back of the stage, long suffering from damp, has been treated and lined with wood panelling to half way. The lights in the main hall are improved and the entrance porch has been re-painted. We have now replaced the ground floor and first floor windows with double-glazed opening units. These not only improve the appearance of the building, they will be much more heat-efficient.

In recent years CCTV has been installed and a new kitchen fitted. The security cameras, although fitted with some reservations, seem to have contributed to the big drop in petty vandalism that the building has experienced in the past. It is also appreciated by hirers of the hall as it deters thieves. Much of this work has been assisted by grant-aid, but also largely from income from users.

A building of this age always has maintenance projects and currently, the Trustees are looking at roof insulation, refurbishment of the chimney stack and replacement of some internal doors. A longer-term expenditure being considered is the upgrading and re-siting of the hall heaters.

As a building used by the public, the Market House is subject to regulations and requirements that are regularly up-graded and compliance naturally comes at a price. This up-date is to assure the community that the revenue received from commercial and community hire is being put to good use. We are fortunate in having an excellent management team and a very good caretaker and we shall all continue to invest in this important part of local life.

Yorebridge Education Foundation

Are you a student going on to Further or
Higher Education?

Would you like to receive a small grant?

Are you in the Wensleydale
catchment area?

Apply now in writing to:

Mr R. Tunstall

c/o O'Reilly's accountants,

Market Place, Hawes

stating where, when you are going
and what course etc.

Letters to arrive no later than **October 31st**

Christine Lambert,
Clerk to the Trustees

Letters and Emails

Just picked up a copy of the Upper
Wensleydale Newsletter and found Eunice !

What a lovely little newsletter it is, I'm
always finding useful local tradesmen to fix
up my holiday cottage. I love the articles. I
was very impressed by Mariposa, the Young
Enterprise company reported on by Bethany
Wood. She and her colleagues are certainly
very enterprising, and I would very much
like to see her Qbits game, perhaps it would
be just the thing to leave in our holiday
cottage for those wet evenings in front of the
fire!

Keep up the good work.

Regards,

Vivien Heenan (Stafford and Gayle)

Dear Alan

I come to the delightful Dales every year for
my holidays and if possible more than once
a year. It is by far my favourite place and
full of wonderfully friendly people. I really
enjoy reading the latest edition of the
newsletter and just hope that one day I can
move to the Dales and take part in some of
the activities which are advertised inside.



Thank you to you and your
committee for all your hard
work.

Kind regards,

Sue Butterworth

*(Dangerous talk, that; we'd have you as
one of our 'slaves'! Ed.)*

**Askrigg and District
Produce Show
Monday August 31st**

The profits from this year's show are being donated to the Askrigg Village Hall, so the opener is Alan Kirkbride who has been a stalwart supporter of the hall for many years.

As always there are some new ideas this year to try to tempt in new entrants. The computer graphics category has been enlarged and renamed "Graphics" to include handwriting for Junior and Senior children, and adults. The children's vegetable challenge is to produce the heaviest cabbage, and over 40 children received plants to take part.

There are new ideas in most categories, such as :

An arrangement in a kitchen utensil –

Floral Art

Longest stick of rhubarb - *Vegetables*

Jar of unusual preserve - *Preserves*

Ginger beer - *Tipples*

A raised cold water pastry pie – *Home
cookery*

Stained glass - *Art*

Model of a wishing well - *Junior children*

A potato person - *Infants*

Spare schedules should be available in local shops, pubs etc. Contact either of us if you need to. Registration is on **Thursday 27th August** at the Village Hall from 7.00 to 9.00pm. Alternatively you can this year register on line. Log on to askriggproduce@tiscali.co.uk giving your name, number of exhibits, child or adult, local or guest. Payment may be made on the morning of the Show.

**Dave Jackson 650483
Angus Carmichael 650923**

**Dales Discovery
Annual slide/audio-visual evenings
Hawes Methodist Church
Wednesdays at 8.00pm
August**

5th Bridges of the Dales

12th National Nature Reserve–
Ingleborough

19th By beck and dry stone wall

26th Dales and Nature mixture

Adults £2.00; children £1.50

Report on a Ranger

This month's feature

Every couple of months we publish a "Ranger's Report" from one of our local Yorkshire Dales National Park Rangers. This month we decided to talk to Matt Neale, the Area Ranger for Upper Wensleydale to find out what a Ranger does and a bit about the man himself.

Matt is one of the National Park's "men on the ground" having responsibility for ensuring that the Park fulfils its statutory and other obligations in an area that stretches from Worton to Newby Head to Mallerstang. Working in conjunction with an Access Ranger, who is generally responsible for the day to day practical tasks, Matt takes on the larger tasks and those with legal implications. He views his job as helping to strike a balance between recreational use of the Park, conservation within it and supporting the local economy. He thus works closely with local land owners to ensure that such things as access provisions for Open Access land and Public Rights of Way are implemented in the way most helpful to the farmer yet easy to use for the recreational user.

Much of the job is helping to promote understanding – by the landowner of the recreational visitors' wishes and rights, while by the visitor the understanding of the farming calendar and their potential impact on the farmer. Walking three abreast through hay meadows which represent next winter's animal feed endears neither party to the other and probably wouldn't happen if visitors understood the reasons behind advice and restrictions.

The Area Ranger also provides the

link to other parts of the National Park. Locally examples would be the Woodland Officer who is developing a new bit of woodland north of Bainbridge, the Pennine Bridleway Ranger who is generating a new piece of bridleway to link from Garsdale station to the Moorcock up to the Lady Ann Clifford highway and the new team charged with enriching and renewing the flower meadows which look so beautiful in our area in late June.

Matt has gained particular satisfaction from the restoration of Cotter End from the rutted track, gouged up by trail bikes to the much improved bridleway seen there today, a culmination of 15 years work which has included gathering of evidence, influencing legislation and restoration. Like the willow spiling carried out on the River Ure just below Hawes, a low budget attempt to reduce the erosion of the river bank, he has seen this through from start to a conclusion. However major challenges remain. Although legislation to constrain the use of recreational vehicles on some bridleways has been enacted, strengthening greatly the powers of the Park, this remains a highly emotive issue for participants, other recreational users and landowners alike, keeping Matt's diplomatic skills honed to the full!

So to my other question – what sort of person becomes a Ranger?

Matt comes from South Birmingham from a family which loved the outdoors. He always had an ambition to become a park ranger and so enlisted at Guildford on a course which led to a National Diploma in Countryside Management – one of the few qualifications of its type

available at the time. In his sandwich year he managed to secure a placement in the Yorkshire Dales National Park. After qualification and a spell doing tree surgery and the like while he waited for a suitable opportunity, he returned to the Park as a Ranger in 1992.

He lives with his partner Andrea and dog Tico at Garsdale Station and lives the outdoor life to the full. Mountain biking and running are the current obsessions and I don't use that word lightly. Last year Matt moved up a gear and competed in the Ultra Trail of Mont Blanc. This comprises a run of 100 miles with about 30,000 feet of ascent which he ran in 37 hours (continuously!). This took him into the top third of about 1,300 runners who completed the trail out of over 2,500 starters. After the race it was "never again" – but he has signed up for this year's event, determined to improve his time.

I'm not sure that Matt is completely typical of a Park Ranger, they're all different and interesting characters, but I think that we are pretty lucky in Upper Wensleydale to have someone with such clear views of what he wants to achieve both in business and personal terms and the determination and dedication to achieve those goals – always with consummate tact, of course.

A.M.

St Oswald's Parish Party

The Parish Party of St Oswald's, Askrigg will take place at the vicarage on Sunday 2nd August at 5.00pm. There will be Pork & Apple sandwiches with wine for adults and sausage sandwiches for children.

Adults £3; children free.

All are welcome.

Friends of Bolton Castle

The Friends of Bolton Castle formed earlier this year to provide volunteers initially to help with the gardens at Bolton Castle. We have been meeting regularly (mostly on Wednesdays) and have made a real difference by weeding, cropping, edging and replanting as well as tending to paths and borders.

The gardens are looking lovely. We wanted to show local people the results of our labours. In agreement with Tom Orde-Powlett, son of Lord Bolton and Manager at Bolton Castle; children from local schools have been invited to come along in Medieval fancy dress and get free entry to the Castle and gardens on Sunday 2nd August.

Full details are on page 27

The Friends of Bolton Castle also welcome other groups, such as The Young Archaeologists to join in forthcoming events and activities. We are now starting restoration of the Forge. There is quite a lot of work to do, so we are beginning by cleaning the forge and identifying any tools and equipment which have been in storage. Hopefully it will eventually be back in working order.

There is the opportunity for volunteers to train as a tour guide or help with research or other fund raising or traditional crafts/skills activities.

We have also applied for funding to help to supply some materials to recreate a tapestry (possibly a Mary Queen of Scots scene) which a craft group could work on during the winter.

Anyone who would like to join the Friends can collect a form from the Castle or email friendsofboltoncastle@googlemail.com.

Sue Stokes

The Great Annual Newsletter Treasure Hunt

For several years people sending in their entries have all achieved more or less the same score. This has made selection of the winners very difficult!

This year we hope it is harder! Please send in your answers (see page 3 for the deadline) however much or little you have done; you might win the £50 prize!

Each group of clues refers to a village. Within the group there is at least one clue or picture which tells you the village.

Group 1.



1. What is the weight restriction?
2. R.C.S.P. What?
3. For letters from America?
4. What's out of date on the HHAAA notice?

Group 2.



1. There was one in Hamelin and there's one on the committee
2. How many trestles?
3. Where, and what do you phone if unattended?
4. Battle of Britain 2007 commemoration?
5. 28 SEC. Who supplies?

Group 3.



1. What does it say on 'our' seat?
2. Where's the dangerous corner?
3. How many green footsteps lead to where?
4. Where might the roof increase?
5. What do you use Wendy or Hugh for?

Group 4.



1. One fish, 3 ——— and 6 ———-?
2. What comes before SPERO?
3. Where can't they spell a Greek letter?
4. Two white, two green, two blue all at the same house
5. C. Milner and Sons in the rust.
6. Link with Norfolk's long path?

Group 5.

1. Name the house with the big green curved railings overlooking the beck.
2. Who had a Nanny for his wife?
3. Where's the cow in the wall?
4. Hill House; how many 'sticky-out' stones can you find?
5. Two hundred and eighty three

Group 6.



1. What's double about Keld Springs
2. Where are sixteen big and blue?
3. Who is well?
4. What white face below 1772?
5. Presumably Fools and Horses writer didn't build it— but when?

Group 7.



1. The BWs to where start at Shutt Lane?
2. It isn't white. How many broken tops?
3. Where's the picture?
4. What number is the tank?

Group 8.

1. What distinguishes ours from the one the M6 bypasses?
2. What comes between Batley and Brighouse?
3. What's the link with Scottish Hydro Electricity?
4. What follows BORON?
5. Is there a buzz by Holly Tree?

Group 9.

1. Who pretended to dwell next to Periwinkle?
2. What's your max. speed because of pedestrians and fork trucks?
3. What can't you do for twelve and a half hours?
4. Who loved this place?
5. Hen, cat, cow and owl... all at the same place.

Group 10.



1. Sir Hugh's letters please
2. Light blue, darker blue, green, white— then what?
3. Stone troughs, millstones, chimney pots for sale. Where?
4. E flat, F, G, A flat, G, B flat, A flat, G, F. Where?

Police Report

Crime has been low in our part of the dale since my last report. Just two reported. One at Nappa – theft of heating oil by way of burglary. Offenders entered an insecure shed containing the tank and removed about 500 litres (that's over 100 gallons to you and me) – a quantity that you cannot carry away in a container. Offenders often use vans with large tanks in the back and have electric or manual pumps to transfer the oil. Have you seen a van driving along the road leaking fluid from the load space – if so give us a ring.

The second was in Hawes – the way it was reported makes it one crime under Home office rules – but in layman's terms and to the victim it is two. Two signs have been taken from a hotel – one showing vacancies (or not if you turn it around) and another a general advertising direction sign (grey with white lettering and a red stripe down the edge – very distinctive). They are not much use to anyone other than the owner. One was taken on the night of Hawes Bash so I suspect someone took it as a prank or in a drunken malaise. If you are a parent and one of these signs is now adorning your "child's" bedroom please let us have it back so it can be returned.

It's summer or at least that's what they tell me. The usual problem is raising it's head. Living in such a beautiful part of the world, people like to come and pay us a visit. Many businesses locally rely on these visits and we have to make hay while the sun shines. Hawes is particularly popular and so suffers more than most with the problem. What is it I'm going on about you may ask? - PARKING!

This has been commented on in no uncertain terms by the Hawes and High Abbotside Parish Council (Darlington and Stockton Times 3/7/09 edition). Hawes was never designed for the amount of traffic that

it gets these days. Being human we do not like paying for parking, however abandoning your car wherever you see fit is not an option. If you park inconsiderately, cause an obstruction or park where a parking restriction exists then do not complain if you come back and find a parking ticket stuck firmly to your windscreen. Popping into the shop or the bookies for 10 minutes is not an excuse I have found in any law book. Also "Keep Clear" means just what it says – its not an area kept clear so that parking is made easy – it is so users can gain access to an entrance or property the sign (as that is what the words are – a road traffic sign) is in front of. ENFORCEMENT will be taking place.

Crime trends. West Witton was visited overnight 21-22nd June by some West Yorks criminals. They burgled five houses and stole two cars. One they abandoned at the other end of the village from where it was taken as they fancied a more salubrious ride home and took a BMW. Items taken were upmarket electrical gizmo's (computers/flat screen TV's) as well as credit/bank cards. Money was then removed from accounts at autobanks in Skipton. Most of the houses attacked were insecure – doors not locked – allowing offenders near silent entry and exit – and all houses were occupied. Please remember to lock up at night. Don't make it easier for them. How do I know they were from West Yorks – that's where the car was left.

Spennithorne is getting more than its fair share – wheels have been taken from a 4x4 pick up/ Two outhouses on separate nights have had garden equipment taken – a petrol lawnmower and a Stihl chainsaw stolen – a large grass cutter has been taken from premises in Lower Swaledale just outside Richmond – scrap metal taken from two locations in the Leyburn area (one was a large quantity which was not scrap until it was stolen!) – a flower tub stolen from the roadside in Bellerby and an attempt on a



domestic garage in Wensley- a quad bike was stolen by way of burglary (breaking through a wall) at Carperby

There has been a lot of variety in the crimes with older crime trends now beginning to re-appear as the recession really takes hold. Please make it difficult for them by locking things away, and keeping an eye out for anything that does not appear “normal”.

REMEMBER we live in one of the safest places in the safest counties in the UK and that is in no small part down to your help.

As I have said before in this column the local people possess a lot of information about “happenings” in their community. If these “happenings” cause you concern then do not hesitate to report them to us. There are numerous methods by which you can do this – letter (anonymous if so wished – however we will not be able to update you) , the various means of telephony (**0845 60 60 247** for general matters or **999** for emergencies (including crimes in progress) or even by e-mail.

Finally if you have access to the internet a website worth looking at is www.northyorksire.police.uk . Yes it is the force website. It has details of your local neighbourhood police team but also a calendar of events in your area as well as much more.

Thanks

Andy Foster PC826
Leyburn Safer Neighbourhood Team
Safer Neighbourhood Police Officer for
Upper Wensleydale
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SNTEyburn@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Hawes Band Lights the Town

On the 5th of July, Hawes Prize Silver Band together with Young Voices entertained a packed Market House to a feast of band music and song and in the process raised £634 for the Hawes Christmas Lights fund.

Christmas lights are not the first thing that springs to mind on a warm July evening but the band, led by Stan Roocroft, made that their beneficiary for this year’s summer concert. They gave spirited renditions of a wide range of brass band music from old traditional to movie scores to a bit of Whitney Houston - a varied programme which was enjoyed by all. Sharing the stage were the Young Voices, a group of talented young ladies, joined for a while by a very brave young man, whose singing skills have been developed by Barbara Roocroft. Over the years, their numbers and their accomplishments have developed – they even brought their own flautist to accompany one song. They enchanted the audience with a range of songs both familiar and unusual, sung in harmony with crystal clear diction.

The Hawes Christmas Lights committee would like to express their thanks to all who attended, to the Hawes Silver Prize Band, to Young Voices and particularly to Stan and Barbara Roocroft who made it all happen.

A.M.



*Haytime memories
(from Ann Holubecki's collection)*

A Visit to an African Zoo

I recently had the need to pass away a few hours whilst waiting for an aeroplane in the Ghanaian capital of Accra; so I decided to visit the Zoo. I mean no disrespect to its people but the Zoo is a fairly depleted place, although I am most surprised that they have one at all, given the demands on the public purse with many more pressing priorities to be addressed. Much of the Zoo is subsidised by different commercial companies and individual sponsorship or subscription.

They have there a preponderance of the smaller African animals and a good collection of reptiles but the larger animals are conspicuous by their absence, apart from an extremely ugly camel with two humps and which dribbled copiously! I now understand the old joke about a camel being designed by a committee.

On wandering around I was particularly drawn to an enclosure containing one rather lonely African python. I watched it for quite some time. It was very long and quite thick in the body but it never moved a muscle and I thought it was dead. A keeper came over and we started chatting. He told me that this python used to have a mate but it had killed it in a fight to the death between the two of them over a rabbit. When I asked why, I was told that they fed pythons on live rabbits and on this particular day they only had one rabbit to share between the two so they put it into the enclosure and hoped for the best. The two pythons fought over it and the best snake won.

I asked the Keeper if he had ever heard of King Solomon who suggested cutting the baby in half when two women had a dispute about to whom it belonged. Being a Christian he knew the story well but he explained that these snakes like to have their food initially alive. "Yes", I said "but had you cut the rabbit in half you would have

two Pythons alive today instead of one." I could tell that he had seen the logic of my argument because he gave me a very white and very wide smile that spanned the horizon.

I then moved on in search of larger animals and came across an elephant enclosure with no elephant in evidence. Wait a moment! There was a pile of bones heaped in the middle of the cage and judging by their colossal size, they could only be the bones of an elephant.

This late elephant was apparently given alive by Jomo Kenyatta of Kenya to Ghana in 1965 whilst Kwame Nkruma, Father of the Nation, was president. It died quite recently aged about 50 years. Here were the bones picked clean and on display in the elephant enclosure- not in any sort of anatomical order you understand but just a pile of bones flanked by two enormous shoulder blades, one propping up each side of the pile. I pondered on this for a while. If they no longer have an elephant to display then surely the next best thing is to display the skeletal remains. The Zoological Society obviously thought so too and they made no bones about it.

Andrew Balfour

Friends of Bolton Castle
Medieval Fancy Dress Garden Party and
Treasure Hunt



Sunday 2nd August

Free admission to the castle
for children in
Medieval costume.

Come and join in the fun!

2.00 – 5.30 pm

Normal admission for adults.

Refreshments and picnics are available
from the Tea Room

Please order in advance if possible.

Bolton Hall Gardens Open Day

Bolton Hall Gardens will be open at
Wensley in aid of St Margaret's, Preston-
under-Scar and Wensley Church.
Afternoon Teas: 2-5 pm, £2.50 (young
children free)

Other August Events at the Castle

8th, 9th Buckingham's Retinue This is a
medieval murder mystery weekend.

15th, 16th Savile Household. Come and
see Sir John Savile's Household bring
Bolton to life, with music, dancing, combat,
cookery and a host of medieval activities.

22nd, 23rd Spanish Armada Weekend. As
the Armada approached the Kent coast,
beacons were lit across England to warn of
the Spanish attack. Militias, such as those of
Sir Henry, 9th Lord Scrope of Bolton
prepared to defend the country. Come and
watch the castle prepare for assault. All of
the family will be welcome to join in with
spear drill and other activities.

*The newly formed Friends Association has
been busy for three months working on the
Castle gardens. Go and see their efforts!
The August 2nd event is their first.*

New Ranger for the Three Peaks

Ian Middleton has a huge job on his hands - and the results of his work will be seen by hundreds of thousands of people. He has just joined the National Park Authority as the Three Peaks Ranger, responsible for maintaining Whernside, Ingleborough and Pen-y-ghent and the surrounding areas, which attract about 250,000 visitors a year.

Ian has lived in Dent all his life apart from a spell working in New Zealand as an assistant deer farm manager. Before joining the National Park Authority as the Three Peaks Ranger, he ran his own landscaping business in the town for more than six years. His appointment is the latest phase of the three-year Three Peaks Project, which has been started by the YDNPA to try to protect and conserve the area. Charities, organisations and individuals are being asked to help in the maintenance and conservation of the network of paths crossing a fragile area of land that, in 1986, was judged to have the most severely eroded network in the UK.

Many of the charities that regularly use the Three Peaks for sponsored events have volunteered to donate money towards the upkeep of the area— and the project also aims to enlist the help of people who live or work in the area. In addition, it will be developing merchandise to celebrate walking one, two or all of the peaks and building business and community interest in the Three Peaks.

Anyone wanting more information can contact **Steve Hastie, the Three Peaks Project Manager, on 01729 825242**

First Class

Many readers will remember that for several years this Newsletter's final desktop publishing work was carried out by Josh Cluderay who was only in his teens at the time. We knew he had great things coming to him!

He has just received a first class honours B.A. degree from Sheffield Hallam University.

Doctors' Rotas as Supplied by the Surgeries

HAWES SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning										
Wb	3rd Aug		10		17		24		31	
Day	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Mon	F	F	W	W	WJ	WJ	JA	J	FA	FA
Tues	WJ	WJ	JA	JA	A	A	W	W	WJ	WJ
Wed	J	J	J	J	A	A	A	A	F	F
Thur	J	J	A	A	J	J	W	W	J	J
Fri	F	F	W	W	W	W	JA	JA	FA	FA

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**

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Wed	W	W	A	A	J	J	W	W	WJ	W
Thur	F	F	W	W	W	W	JA	J	FA	A
Fri	W	W	J	J	A	A	F	F	W	W

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

managed this without any bumps or scrapes!

The route then took them back to the A684 through Dent, back down Widdale towards Hawes, through Hardraw and then back to Askrigg.

Drivers and navigators also had to keep an eye out for 'narrowing road' and 'bridge' signs, recording how many they had seen.

The night was very pleasant and enjoyed by all. Thank you to Harry Balderston and Angela Lee for organising the rally. Also well done to David Scarr and Adrian for winning the last rally.

The next rally is on **Wednesday 19th August** and will be organised by Bob and Rachel Foster (**622331**).

Everyone welcome.

Emma Thwaite

Bainbridge and District Motor Club

Nine cars arrived at Station Yard, Hawes ready for the rally ahead and before they set off each driver and navigator was challenged to throwing one quoit each closest to the pin. The rally then set off, headed to Grisedale, Sedbergh then towards the M6 and Beckfoot, where they had to pass over a very tight bridge leaving only a couple of inches between cars and the bridge! Luckily, everyone successfully

Raydale Project

The Raydale Project is now talking with a suitable not-for-profit company about developing a Community Hydro-electricity scheme on the lines of that developed in Settle. We are definitely on a steep learning curve and delighted that the Settle group has already established a possible way ahead that we can choose to follow.

It seems that a Community Hydro Scheme does **not** mean cheaper electricity for local people. All the electricity produced has to go into the National Grid and we will seek the best possible price available at the time, and these are changing times.

So why is it called a Community scheme ? Clearly any scheme will only go ahead if it is deemed to be profitable and there has been not one but two feasibility studies done which confirm that it will be profitable. By setting up an Industrial Providential Society it is possible to channel that profit into the community. Just this last month the government has announced that it intends supporting community schemes which is really encouraging.

However it is worth remembering that profit is not the most important aspect of the scheme, what is important is that by producing "green" electricity we reduce the use of fossil fuel. Reducing our so called "carbon footprint" goes a little way to helping to cope with climate change and that is what the Raydale Project is about.

Deborah Millward, Project Leader

Help Housing 21 to Make a Difference

**TWO 20 HOUR POSITIONS
AVAILABLE**

Cleaner/Domestic – To start in August.
Sycamore Hall Extra Care Scheme,
Bainbridge.

Excellent rates of pay + contributory
pension scheme and other benefits.
20 hours per week.

Would you like to be part of a team working in extra care housing, helping older people to live independently? You can help us improve the quality of life by providing support services of the highest standard.

If you are looking for a worthwhile job, where your efforts will be appreciated, then why not work with us to make Sycamore Hall a warm and welcoming home for our residents to live.

To find out more, or for an application form please call **Michelle Mottershead on 0370 192 4055**

Housing 21 is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications from all sections of the community.

WHAT'S ON LISTING

August

- 1 Yorkshire Day
- 1,2 Hawes Junction Chapel events. See page 15
- 1, 2, 12, 14, 19 Wensleydale Railway Guided Walks. For details see WRA leaflets or **08454 50 54 74**
- 1 Fit 'n Fun for Families. Yorebridge Sports & Fitness 10.00 to 11.00am
- 2 Bolton Castle Garden Party see page 27
- 2 Gayle Mill: Victorian machinery demonstration tours 11.00am and 2.30pm. Tickets from the Mill or the Dales Countryside Museum.
- 2 Gun Club event see page 5
- 2 Guided walk; Rural Heritage Trail. Meet Hawes Nat Pk Centre 11.00am 11k
- 2 Bolton Hall Gardens open See page 27
- 2 St Oswald's Parish Party. See page 21
- 3-8 King's Club Week, BBQ Saturday 8th.
- 4 Mothers' Union afternoon tea and stalls St Margaret's Church, Hawes 1.00–3.00pm
- 5 Church Coffee Morning at Park Lane House, Castle Bolton from 10.30am-noon Contact Kathy Firth **623913** for details.
- 5 Wensleydale Writers' Group. Quaker Meeting House, Leyburn 10.00am. **667311** for more details
- 5 Hawes Town Trail. Meet Nat Pk Centre 2.15pm easy 3k
- 5 Dales Discovery illustrated talks. Hawes Methodist Church 8.00pm See Page 19
- 7 Soft play session for families. Yorebridge Sports and Fitness 10.00 to 11.30am
- 8 YDNPA Planning Committee, Yoredale, Bainbridge, 10.30am
- 8 Guided walk; Mossdale and Cotterdale. Meet Appersett 11.00am 13k
- 8 Summer Fayre at Wensley See page 7
- 8 Bainbridge Bash 5.00 to 9.00pm. Barbecue, music and Jack & Jill slide on the village green.
- 8,9 Murder Mystery Weekend; see page 27
- 9 Hawes Town Trail details as on 5th
- 9 Thoraby Village Fete from 2.00pm on the village green.
- 9 Swinithwaite v West Witton 2.30pm cricket match at West Witton Playing Fields.
- 9 Gayle Chapel Anniversary 2.00pm
- 9 West Burton Chapel Anniversary 6.30pm with Reeth Band
- 11 Afternoon Tea and stalls. St Margaret's Church, Hawes 1.00 to 3.00pm
- 12 Nature Discovery walk; meet Aysgarth Falls N Pk Centre 11.00am easy 3k
- 12 Guided walk over Blea Moor; meet Ribbleshead Station 11.45am. 14k
- 12 Dales Discovery illustrated talks. Hawes Methodist Church 8.00pm See Page 19
- 13 Guided walk Mallerstang; meet Garsdale Station 10.30am. 13k
- 13 Wensleydale Country Market, Methodist Hall, Leyburn 10.00am to 12.30pm
- 15 Guided walk round Semerwater. Meet foreshore 1.00pm. 8k
- 15 Thornton Rust Country Show from 2.00pm. Plant stall, teas, tombola.
- 15, 16 Sir John Saville's Household see P27
- 15 Fit 'n Fun for families Yorebridge Sports & Fitness 10.00 to 11.00am
- 16 Songs of Praise; Aysgarth Methodist Church
- 16 Pet Service at Castle Bolton church at 3.00pm. All ages and pets (except snakes) welcome.
- 16 Table Top Sale at the Market House, Hawes for Hawes School funds.
- 17 - 20 Outdoor adventure week; Low Mill, Askrigg 9.30am to 4.00pm. 9-16 yrs
- 18 Coffee Morning, stalls, organ music. Hawes Methodist Church and rooms. 10.00am to noon
- 19 Woodland creatures; meet Aysgarth Falls Nat Pk Centre 10.30am
- 19 Dales Discovery illustrated talks. Hawes Methodist Church 8.00pm See Page 19
- 20 Bus trip to Kendal. See page 16
- 20 Wensleydale Country Market, Methodist Hall, Leyburn 10.00am to 12.30pm
- 20 Gun Club Event see Page 5
- 20, 23 Reiki workshop, Wensley. See Page 18
- 22,23 August Armada. See Page 27
- 22,23 West Witton Feast Weekend.
- 23 Patronal Festival at St Bartholomew's, West Witton. Flowers and Photo 9.30am

- 23 Guided walk; Hardraw, Sedbusk. Meet Hawes Nat Pk Centre 1.00pm. 6k
- 24-28 Football and mini-sports; Yorebridge 10.00am to 3.00pm. 2-11 yrs
- 26 Guided walk over Blea Moor. See 12th
- 26 Dales Discovery illustrated talks. Hawes Methodist Church 8.00pm See P 19
- 27 Wensleydale Country Market, Methodist Hall, Leyburn 10.00am to 12.30pm
- 28 Hawes Amateur Operatic Society AGM at the Wensleydale Centre, Askrigg at 7.00pm
- 28-30 St Matthew's, Stalling Busk Flower Festival. 10.00am to 5.00pm. Refreshments available.
- 29 St Oswald's, Askrigg gift day. Collections outside the church and near the old Post Office in Bainbridge all day
- 29 Wensleydale Show, Leyburn from 9.30am
- 29 Plant walk; Seata Quarry, Aysgarth. For details ring **663379**
- 30 Holy Communion Benefice Service at Castle Bolton at 10.30am. Preacher Ann Dyer, Warden of Cranmer Hall.
- 30 Lakeside service at Semmerwater with the Hawes Prize Silver Band. 3.00pm. All welcome
- 30 Vaco concert at St Andrew's Aysgarth. See page 16
- 30 Marssett Chapel Singalong 8.00pm
- 31 Aysgarth Village Fete. See page 5
- 31 Cream Teas and stalls at St Margaret's Church, Hawes from 1.30pm

1st Hawes Brownies

What a busy end to the term. We spent the evening making majorette costumes for the gala parade. The rain held off long enough for a midgefree cookout evening and the hotdogs and marshmallows were enjoyed by all. The rain didn't stay away for the water fun evening but we were getting wet anyway so that didn't matter.

Brownies starts again after the summer break on 8th September when we begin the year long girlguiding centenary celebrations.

Linda Reynolds

Bainbridge Methodist Chapel

needs more people, especially from in or near Bainbridge to show a commitment to join us for worship and/or to help with the upkeep and running of the building. It is becoming increasingly difficult to justify keeping the chapel open with so few regular worshippers. We would be interested to hear from anyone who feels that they could contribute in any way to help keep the chapel running, especially anyone prepared to organise a group for young people. If we do not have more support soon, the society may feel that it is best to leave our current premises and meet elsewhere for worship. Contacts:

**Anne Deans 650182,
John Stirling 650334**

Launch of LEADER Programme for Yorkshire Dales Area



There are opportunities for exciting and innovative projects within the Yorkshire Dales area to receive funding from a newly launched LEADER programme. These funds have been secured from Yorkshire Forward as part of the Rural Development Programme for England. Rima Berry, Project Co-ordinator, said “ LEADER is a great opportunity for our area to initiate some lasting legacy regeneration projects. Collaboration and communities working together is at the heart of LEADER and what we are seeking to achieve. From the launch, it’s obvious there are some fabulous projects out there in the making and these next few years are going to see some positive changes within our rural communities”.

The first areas the Local Action Group will look at, to fund through the LEADER programme will be: improving and retaining community service provision; research supporting the community; sustainable rural businesses, development and enhancement of village infrastructure and actions conserving the culture, heritage and environment.

Potential project applicants should contact Rima initially to discuss their projects.

The area covered by the Yorkshire Dales LEADER and the Call for Projects document can be found on www.ydmt.org, in the “resources” section of the YDMT website. A dedicated LEADER website is on its way. For more information about this programme, please contact **015242 51002** or email rima.berry@ydmt.org

Heavens Above

It's a great month for planet spotting. Mighty Jupiter, the largest of all the planets, takes pride of place, far outshining any of the stars. It rises as the Sun sets and is visible all night long dominating the low southern sky. Binoculars will show you its four largest moons as tiny star-like points in almost a straight line to either side of the planet, and even a small telescope should reveal some of the belts and zones crossing its noticeably flattened disc.

Close to Jupiter this August - slightly further to the east - is another giant world, the outermost planet, Neptune, though you'll need some kind of optical aid to see it properly and quite a large 'scope to show its tiny bluish disc.

Low in the south-east is yet another massive planet, Uranus. Uranus can be seen with the naked eye but to give yourself a real chance of spotting it, you'll need to be well away from any street lights on a dark, moonless night.

The fourth of the 'gas giants', Saturn, with its magnificent ring system, is also visible early on in August. Look for it immediately after the Sun goes down low in the west.

Venus rises about 3 hours before the Sun shining brilliantly low over the eastern horizon. The red planet, Mars, well to its upper right, is a much dimmer object. It will brighten considerably, however, as the year draws to a close. Sadly, the innermost planet, elusive little Mercury is badly placed for viewing this month though you might just catch a fleeting glimpse of it on August 9th low down in the west shortly after sunset.

Finally, keep a look out for 'shooting stars' during the first half of August. The ever reliable Perseid Meteor Shower reaches its peak on the evening of August 11/12th but can be quite active for a couple of weeks beforehand. A waning gibbous Moon will unfortunately wash out many of the fainter



meteors as the swarm reaches its maximum, but even so you'll be really unlucky not to see a good number of the brighter ones as they streak across the sky. **Al Bireo**

What's On in August at the Dales Countryside Museum

Exhibition: 18th - 3rd Sept: Our own Summer Exhibition on the theme of climate change, recycling and sustainability. Interactive activities for all the family.

Events

Wednesdays 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th Children's Craft Afternoons – Discover and Do. 2.00 – 4.00 pm please book, £3 charge

Thursdays Lunchtime Bird Lectures all from 12.30 – 1.30 pm. Cost £3 on the door.

6 Birds of the Yorkshire Dales

13 Woodland Birds

20 Upland Birds

27 Birds of the Yorkshire Dales

4 Friends of the Museum will be spinning and rugmaking in the museum reception between 2.00 and 4.00pm

9 Digital cameras for beginners. 10.30am – 4.00pm. Learn how to use your camera effectively and download to computer. No prior knowledge needed. Bring your own camera and computer cable. Charge £12. Booking essential

11 Using Handheld GPS Unit – a basic introduction. 10.00am – 3.00pm Classroom session followed by practical work. Booking essential.

16 Pathfinder 10.30am– 4.30pm Navigation training; map reading, grid references and compass work. Classroom and practical session. Bring walking gear and packed lunch – all maps and compasses provided

25 Traditional dry stone walling demonstration 2.00– 4.00pm

30 Weaving demonstration 11am-4pm Using a four or eight shaft loom and making table runners from linen.

The museum is open every day 10am— 5pm.

For more details of events or to book **666210**

Greetings from Sunny Whitby

Well! I finally made it back to my childhood stomping ground! - with quite a bit of help from my friends from Hawes and Gayle! Needless to say, two rooms are still full of packing boxes as the weather is too nice to stay indoors! 'There will be plenty of time to sort things out when the North wind doth blow and the fog rolls in off the sea!

I have been made very welcome here, by my neighbours and the people at the church, but am trying not get too involved too quickly as there will be plenty of time when I get properly settled in.

My thoughts are often back in Wensleydale as I look back on the past 38years. Such a rich experience of work, worship, joy, sorrow, laughter and tears shared amongst you all, there are just so many memories to savour and to treasure.

Thank you so much for all your cards, gifts and best wishes for the next chapter of my life. Your kindness has been overwhelming! I am coming back every fortnight until October to do tour guiding at Gayle Mill and also to help with King's Club so will no doubt have opportunities to catch up with some of you plus all the latest local news! God bless you all.

Linda Butters

Periwinkle— One Year On

As we reach the end of August, we celebrate surviving the worst winter for ten years and the worst recession since the last worst recession.

Local support for our venture has been very encouraging if somewhat patchy. It has proved somewhat more of a challenge to alter shopping habits built up over many years, even when it involves a thirty mile round trip to the nearest superstore. One of the most complimentary comments we have received over the past year: "You don't do yourselves any favours, as your flowers last for weeks!", has turned out to be somewhat of a double edged sword.

As a small family business, we do pride ourselves on our flexibility, quality of stock and personal service. We now stock a range of indoor and outdoor plants, and Lesley has just produced an exclusive range of greetings cards found nowhere else on the planet! We have also just opened another section in the shop to sell a range of Gardenalia, and the first sale was a Victorian watering can which flew out within hours of its appearance to a visitor from Essex. We hope to stock items such as plant stands, trugs and garden utensils from all eras as well as decorative pottery, glass and furniture from the same period.

Periwinkle has quickly built up a reputation as the provider of quality wedding flowers in the area, and has bookings well into autumn 2010. We guarantee to deliver to the remotest locations in all weathers, and quite often we get referrals from national relay companies. How's that for a local service! We would like to take the opportunity of thanking all those who have supported us over the last twelve months, and appeal to those who have not, to support all local business over the next testing period. The old maxim has never been more relevant...USE IT OR LOSE IT.

**Gay and Lesley Blissett, Penwinkle,
Askrigg**

MARKET PLACE AND GREETINGS

Eileen and Terry Knox

Would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts, cards, flowers, and gifts they received following their recent stay in hospital. We are pleased to say everything went really well and we are both making good progress.

Imogen

Have a fabulous
18th
Love, Mum, Lochlan and Esmé
XXX

Happy 40th Lady
Love from
The Auction Mart Girls

Happy 40th, Dave
August 18th
Pete, Eileen, Polly, Jenna and
Charlie, Darren, Denise, Megan and Mia

ALDERSON

Les and Val would like to thank all their family, neighbours and friends for the lovely cards and flowers received on their Golden Wedding, and Val's 70th birthday. Also for the donations to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Many thanks to Diane at Sycamore Hall for a lovely meal.

Fabulous at 40
Happy birthday to Jayne Metcalfe
from Sheila, Shirley and friends
near and far.
Enjoy your special day.

Lorraine and Kevin Nugent

send thanks to family and friends for the cards, gifts and good wishes on their Ruby Wedding anniversary

WANTED
Sturdy card /folding table
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20th August
Have a great 18th Imogen!
From Natasha, Helen,
Charlotte & Sarah

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Approx. 20 weeks per year
GOOD RATES OF PAY
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or email: karenmasters@gmail.com

Trevor, Sue and Richard Teasdale would like to thank everyone who sent cards gifts and flowers.

£240 was raised for the Air Ambulance from both celebrations.

Dalesplay News

Dalesplay would like to wish everyone a happy holiday. We have 3 newly arrived resident fish 'Paddy', 'Curly Wurly' and 'Spike'. Kath Kenneally very kindly donated a fish tank and the children and staff were keen to fill it. They all designed a fish and wrote on the back their chosen name for the new arrivals. I'm not sure who were more excited, staff or children! We then asked a non participant to pick out 3 fish and that's how they got their names. The children are really enjoying watching and feeding them. We have also bought a few things to go in the tank to keep them entertained.

The children have been busy making entries for Burtersett Show. They are all excited to see if they will win anything. Dalesplay are entering the children in one category each.

Parents of Dalesplay have been doing the refreshments and tombola for the table top in Hawes to raise money to help towards purchasing new resources and equipment for the children. A BIG Thank You to all those who turned up on the day to help; we know it's difficult when you have a family. Also, thank you to those who donated tombola prizes and refreshments.

We have lots of different workshops in the holidays for everyone to join in; including those not registered at Dalesplay. There is a small fee to cover costs, if you would like some more information please contact Dalesplay **667789**.

Cinema afternoon 28th July 2.00-3.30pm

Sports day 6th August 1.00-4.00pm

5aside football 18th August 2.00-3.00pm

Music workshop 25th August 2.00-3.00pm

Water Splash 27th August, 1.00-4.00pm

Children's BBQ 4th Septem. 3.00-6.00pm

Joanne Middleton, Manager

Snaizeholme Summer



We heard the Cuckoo ONE morning this Spring. It is a little sad that when we came to Snaizeholme over 40 years ago Snaizeholme was nicknamed 'Cuckoo Valley' - and rightly, too. At least three pairs laid their eggs in Meadow Pipits' nests in this valley. The Meadow Pipits have almost disappeared now. There used to be hundreds - truly hundreds nesting in the valley each year. Now I see two or three pairs between our house and the main road. The Curlews, however, are holding out. Young ones have been both heard and seen, but I no longer hear or see Snipe, Lapwing or Skylark or indeed Redshank near our house.

On the other hand, the woodland birds flourish and multiply, so it is not all bad news. The most delightful of the visiting breeders this year have been the Siskins. These little Snaizeholme Canaries (as I have come to call them) came to the feeders quite early in the Spring, especially when I added Niger Seed to the mixture, and now they crowd in with their young in very large numbers. The other small birds, especially Tits and Finches have hatched and fledged in very large numbers too. Blackbirds and Song Thrushes have filled the early mornings with songs as have Robins and, latterly Wrens - though they, along with Goldcrests, were very badly hit by that very cold spell in the winter.

The Greater Spotted Woodpeckers have caused endless interest, and indeed, amusement this year. It is possible that some of you may remember that last year I came to the belief that one Cock Woodpecker had fathered two families simultaneously. Well, he's done it again this year. The female who visits the feeders all the time (except when she is sitting), once again, only managed to raise one fledgling. Then, about ten days later, another female with two, or possibly three fledglings,

(obviously younger), began visiting the feeders. Alas, at that point, I had to go away, and so never saw the arguments that must have taken place between the two mothers and their offspring. I did, however, see the father, at various times, play his part in teaching the young different feeding methods.

It is generally accepted that Squirrels become very hungry in the Summer. In the Spring, when the cones from last year are running short (though this year there were none), they have a great supply of young shoots to feed on, but in the Summer they are truly hungry. This has become truly obvious the last few days, and the competition at the feeders has been very noticeable, and there is a lot of chasing around. I now have again five regular visitors to my feeders, and several others who are comparatively strange to me. It seems to be the year of the pale tail this Summer. Several of the Squirrels are sporting tails which are almost white. Others are normal 'Red Squirrel' colour. I am pleased to report that we have so far seen no Grey Squirrels this year.



Jane Kemp

Gayle Mill Calendar

Friends of Gayle Mill have published the Gayle Mill Calendar 2010. Five photographers have provided a varied selection of 12 images of both the outside and interior of the mill in all seasons. Printed in full colour with space for all your appointments, the calendar is available in Hawes at: The Mill, Herriot's Gallery, The Ropemakers, Bee Lyne, Masons Newsagents, the Post Office and The Dales Countryside Museum.

Drop-off points and contacts

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

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* indicates a Parish Meeting

Fundraising for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance in Newbiggin

On Sunday 19th July, Brian White and Peter Waterfall once again held a party in their garden in Newbiggin in Bishopdale to celebrate their birthdays. Some sixty neighbours and other friends helped them celebrate on a pleasant sunny afternoon..

The hosts suggested that a donation to the Air Ambulance Services would be more appreciated than cards or presents. Their friends, including some of those unable to attend, responded magnificently by giving donations to a total of £1065, which has been sent to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. As most of the donations were accompanied by Gift Aid declarations, the taxman will also have to contribute a further £194, giving an overall total of a superb £1259

Brian and Peter first became interested in supporting the Air Ambulance six years ago, when their neighbour fell downstairs and was taken in the helicopter to Northallerton. They have held parties every year since and have now raised a total over f 5000 plus Gift Aid.

They would like to thank all their friends from Newbiggin, Thoraby and as far afield as Sheffield for their generosity and support for this worthwhile local charity far exceeding their hopes.

In the September Newsletter

We are grateful for all the news, reports and articles sent in each month.

This month, despite our extra four pages, some things have had to be carried forward. These include Schools news from Askrigg and Bainbridge and some articles sent in by the Wensleydale Writers' Group.

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