

**Upper Wensleydale Newsletter
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Editorial

We're going to ask you to do the near-impossible for a few minutes: turn your attention away from the increasing pressure and strain - and yes, excitement - of the build-up to Christmas, which grips us all from the end of October, it seems, through to the New Year; because during December this year we are all going to Copenhagen, thinking about the International Climate Change Conference.

Wonderful, Wonderful, Copenhagen! Or is it? There are still some people who aren't convinced of the causes of climate change taking place at ever-increasing rates all over the world, but that isn't to deny that it is happening. Its effect on people in many parts of the world is already desperately serious and in Copenhagen a meaningful progress must be made if we have any hope of avoiding catastrophe. Here are just two quotes from eminent statesmen: "Copenhagen will be the most important international gathering since the end of the second world war"; "No nation, however large or small, wealthy or poor, can escape the impact of climate change".

There are some things that are impossible to deny: since the 1960s the world's population has almost DOUBLED; the earth is finite (we're not likely to escape to the moon); industrial and domestic activity and energy-use have produced dangerous holes in the protecting ozone layer above parts of the earth; there is a very dangerous build-up of polluting gases; glaciers and ice-caps are shrinking fast and sea levels are rising; the huge 'developing' countries see what we, the rich, have... and want to catch up; there is huge movement of population over the whole world as people try to survive, searching for better lives and resources; people in many places have no water, never mind any oil or gas; forests are destroyed

to make way for food crops (more often for the rich than for the poor, or for animal-feed); diseases have no boundaries; pollution has no boundaries; climate change can't be ring-fenced. The world, in these senses, is truly one.

So things are changing fast and we are all in it together, but it is hard for us to appreciate it. The aim at Copenhagen is really to agree on meaningful reduction in emissions in ways that are fair for both developed and the developing countries because that can make a real difference.

The truth is that we CAN play a part in this. The world's politicians and scientists can draw up their schemes; we can draw our curtains to keep in the heat! We can do all those little things that, let's face it, we get a bit tired of hearing about, but if our individual actions are multiplied by the millions doing the same then we can play our part in saving the planet. Many people think it is as serious as that. We haven't quoted this for some time and maybe Christmas is a hard time to say it but: "Live simply, so that others might simply live"; and spare a thought this December for those meeting in Copenhagen.

Heard of the 10/10 scheme? - to cut our emissions by 10% in 2010. It is a forward-looking challenge for homes, clubs, public buildings, work-places and transport. It would make a nice change to jump on to a national positive band-wagon! (We are pleased that the Christmas Lights Festival is cutting down considerably by investing in LED technology).

We would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Eunice



Last Month Winner: **Mr J de Quincey**
found Eunice in K E Spink Advert P.40
Where am I this month?

Drop-off points and contacts

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

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**The next issue will be produced on
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"We're Going on a Mouse Hunt"

For children and adults

Follow a trail around the Advent
Windows in the village seeking out mice
Monday 28th December in the evening
Start and finish at St Oswald's, Askrigg
Hot chocolate, chocolate muffins and
brownies afterwards

Devoted To Wensleydale

Find out more about Wensleydale and the Dales through the Wensleydale Society .

On **Friday December 4th** Fred Stevenson talks about *The Scale of the Universe – from Wensleydale to the Stars* at West Burton Village Hall.

And on **Friday January 8th** the subject will be *Gayle Mill – a New Lease of Life*, please note that this meeting is at Middleham Key Centre.

Both talks start at **7.30 pm**, entry fee is £1 and annual membership of the Wensleydale Society is only £5. We also make it easier to get to lectures by our return coach between Middleham and West Burton, (details from Hazel Townesend 01969 622110)

For the energetic a programme of monthly walks for members adds to the enjoyment of Wensleydale and its wider environs, and is a wonderful way to get to know the area. For more information please contact **Jane Bastow, (Chairman) 01765 640365** or **Prof D Milner (Secretary) 624361**.

Elaine Frances

'Surplus to requirement' equipment:

Copier: Canon iR1210 (without a table)

Typewriter: Brother Electronic Typewriter AX-210

The typewriter is in a cardboard carrying box but the copier does not have a box.

Free to a good home provided it is collected.

contact point: **663738**

Clothes Collection Fundraiser

This collection held in October organised by St. Margaret's Church in Hawes raised £398 for the Great North Air Ambulance and £224 for St. Margaret's Church – a total of £622. Many, many thanks to everyone who cleared out their wardrobes!

Janet Middleton

Gorgeous, Glamorous, Glittering

The Gorgeous Glamorous Glitter Ball will be held at Simonstone Hall on **January 29th**. Tickets are on sale at the Laundrette, Hawes. Don't delay too long or you may miss your chance of a ticket!

Warmer Houses in Store

Dales houses could soon be heated by renewable energy. Community Energy Solutions, a non-profit making organisation, has demonstrated to Richmondshire District Council that air source heat pumps are efficient as well as environmentally friendly. The council intends to bring the new heating systems into communities which are remote from a natural gas supply. Hawes and Reeth have been targeted initially. Owners and tenants of selected houses in Council Tax bands A and B can expect to be notified of the project shortly and they will also be told what financial support is available. With installation promised to be quick and easy and households expected to save money on heating this could be a benefit we would all welcome.

Operatic Coffee!

We had a very successful Coffee Morning on Tuesday November 10th in the Hawes Methodist rooms. "Thank you" to everyone who helped on the day, baked and gave cakes and especially to those who came along and supported HAOS. We made £162.00 profit for our funds. Thank you,

Jennifer Fawcett

**DON'T FORGET THE PANTO:
HAWES MARKET HALL!**

October's Mystery

That photograph of Hawes market has proved to be problematic; however, we're getting nearer the truth. June Metcalfe has called and says she's fairly certain the date is 1964/5 because she recognised Elizabeth (Betty) Cloughton (then from Sedbusk) in the left foreground and even remembered the colour of her coat!

A Run for Your Money

I would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who sponsored me so generously for my Breast Cancer Awareness Run. I ran all 42 laps of the Wensleydale School x-country course (29 miles) and although it was extremely hard the staff and pupils who supported me were tremendous.

THANK YOU to everyone. I couldn't have done it without you. I hope to have raised £1000 when all the money has come in. Many thanks.

Heather Hodgson

Operation Christmas Child

This year our shoe boxes are being taken to some of the world's poorest children in Serbia and Romania. We want to thank the many individuals and church and school groups from the Upper and Mid Dale who have carefully decorated and filled 174 boxes. We have taken them to Richmond where they are packed for travel to Eastern Europe and are then delivered by hand to children through local charities and churches. They are given to the neediest children regardless of political background, nationality or religious belief.

We heard of one young girl in hospital who, following an operation on her mouth, was unable to drink – the hospital having no drinking straws. Imagine her delight when she opened her box to find a pack of straws among other toys and gifts! We have sent over **£553** to Operation Christmas



Child and they will be able to claim at least £66 from Gift Aid. Thank you, also, to those who donated online. We are grateful to the Community Office staff and Stephen and Linda at Hawes Post Office for receiving the boxes.

Heather and Nelson Caplin

Carperby Playing Fields Association – Pavilion Project Update

Some people say that Carperby never does anything the easy way. That's certainly true of the football team, and it seems that the pavilion project is going to be the same. After the "Setanta Sport" fiasco closed off part of the Football Foundation income stream and stopped their rolling programme of funding, Carperby's bid application was effectively halted. An alternative bid for the Rural Communities Grant via Sport England failed, as the grant was heavily over-subscribed.

Nothing daunted, the project team has decided to go ahead with a phased development and continue their fund-raising activities in order to complete the project. The first phase will be to establish the access road before the end of 2009 and phase two will be the construction of a water-tight shell, ready for fitting out and the connection of services. A new fund-raising programme is under way and a very successful Big Breakfast was held in the Village Institute in November.

Over 70 full breakfasts were served as well as bacon and sausage butties and £325 was raised. A Christmas Quiz Night will be held at The Wheatsheaf in the village on **Friday, December 11th**. All are welcome and entry is £3. Into the New Year, there will be two major events in **January**. On **Saturday 16th** there will be a Burns Night celebration which, it is hoped, will be as successful as last year. Details of tickets and times can be obtained from **Nick Oliver on 663179**.

The second event is a real coup for the village. Two of the best known faces in Folk, Folk/Rock and Acoustic music will be touring in early 2010 to launch their new joint album and Carperby is proud to host the first gig of the tour. The evening

promises to be one that fans across the county will not want to miss. The legendary Ashley Hutchings, band-leader extraordinaire, is also a multi-talented writer, arranger, producer and broadcaster. His influence and innovation are celebrated throughout the music world. The founder of Fairport Convention, Steeleye Span and The Albion Band, Ashley continues to be in the forefront of English music. Ashley has also overseen numerous other projects, including records and live theatre, and has collaborated on numerous film and TV projects. Ken Nicol is a guitarist, singer, songwriter and producer and his music covers the spectrum from blues to rock, and effortlessly takes in folk, jazz, ragtime, ballads and more along the way. Ken is currently the lead guitarist in Steeleye Span and is taking part in the band's 40th anniversary world tour.

Tickets in advance are £10 and can be obtained by calling **663808**. With a Casino Night and Golf Day also in the planning stage it is hoped that a substantial amount will be raised this year and that the pavilion will be taking shape by the end of 2010.

Steve Sheldon; www.folkicons.co.uk

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Renewals

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**Hawes and High Abbotside
Parish Community Fund
(The Poor's Close Charity)**

The Trustees of The Hawes and High Abbotside Parish Community Fund have funds available from which to make grants to residents/organisations within the Hawes and High Abbotside parishes for:

- the meeting of particular needs or relief of sudden distress, particularly where public funds are not available or inadequate or
- the advancement of education, of citizenship or community development or
- the general benefit of the inhabitants

The Trustees will shortly be considering applications for grants from residents or organisations in the parishes. Anyone wishing to make an application should contact **Rev A Chapman (667553)** or **Ian Fowler (667044)** not later than **December 15th**.

Christmas Charity Concert

The annual Christmas Charity Concert which this year is in aid of the Richmondshire Alzheimer's Society takes place in the Market House, Hawes on **Friday December 18th at 7.30pm**.

The music is being performed by the Hawes Silver Prize Brass Band, the East Witton Male Voice Choir and a guest appearance of Young Voices Choir.

Admission on the door is £6.00, to include mince pie and a drink. Come along and sing all the favourite well-known carols.

First Aid Training

The Red Cross are looking to provide **free** first aid training between January and June 2010. Sessions last 3 hours and need at least 6 people per session. The sessions can be during the day or in the evening.

Please phone **663385** or email me on

janeother@tiscali.co.uk if you are interested in taking part. It would be helpful to have names by **31st December**; however it sounds as though it will still be possible to arrange training dates in the New Year.

This is a special scheme to help "rural isolation" and the offer may not be repeated, so please take advantage of this opportunity if you can. Parents of young children and people caring for relatives are particularly encouraged to take part.

**Jane Ritchie, Hon Secretary,
Upper Dales Health Watch**

Letter

Hawes' Bonfire Night Spectacular 2009
Having just returned from another wonderful week's holiday in Hawes, I wanted to say a big thank you to the organisers of this year's Hawes Bonfire Night Spectacular - our first experience of Guy Fawkes' Night in this area.

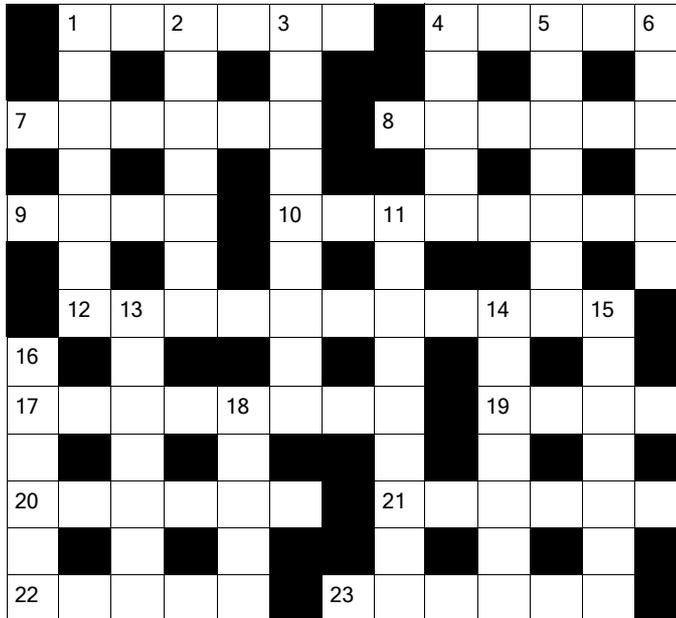
We certainly did not expect such a fantastic firework display, on such a large scale, for such a small community. Were we in for a surprise! The display was colourful, dramatic and lengthy. Thank you very much to all concerned. It made our week!

Gail Tucker, Beverley, East Yorkshire.

KERN

Mick, Micala and Leona would like to thank everyone for the kindness and love shown towards **Denise**.
£500 was raised for the Macmillan Nurses.
Thanks to all

Competition



November Competition Answers

1. Beat; beet
2. Hare; hair
3. Fare; fair
4. Slay; sleigh
5. Vale; veil
6. Draft; draught
7. Ure; your
8. Pear; pair
9. Rime; rhyme
10. Speak; Speke
11. Straight; strait
12. Whining; wining
13. Loaner; loner
14. Martial; marshal
15. Bolder; boulder
16. Descent; dissent

We beat you all! Even Mrs Proctor.

Across

1. Brief— or even rude
4. Gabriel was one
7. Remove the vitamin from outside, and stir
8. A little carp
9. I didn't walk here
10. Steal zero spasms for this technology
12. Mary had one of these— according to the R.Cs.
17. The heavenly host was this
19. Everyone within reach, considered separately
20. Try this at your peril, for most of us
21. The presents have to be (from the kids)
22. Wander off; in Harrogate?
23. Current affairs?

Down

1. SW of Seattle— likely place for an old dance?
2. Only three possible
3. You'll find the one you want in the Radio Times
4. Am I not part of it?
5. Spring in Teesdale
6. It came out below estimate
11. The little town at the start of it all

13. An academic

14. A baby and a library book could be
15. Bottom right hand corner of an island in the Med. If you do this, it might be 21
16. It caused them to go to 11
18. Could be in the W I T W— or in West Cumbria!

Folk /Rock /Acoustic Concert

Ashley Hutchings (founder of Fairport Convention, Steeleye Span and the Albion Band) with **Ken Nicol** (Lead Guitarist in Steeleye Span)

Carperby Village Institute at **8.00pm on Saturday 30th January**

Appersett Art Event

Moira Metcalfe's and Sue Harpley's Art Event at the Artbar Gallery on November 14th and 15th raised £170 for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. This included a donation from Liz Beresford from the sale of cakes.

Best Foot Forward

...with an overloaded stomach!



We tend to eat more when it's cold and dark, not least at Christmas. So let us join with thousands more for a Boxing Day stroll.

It is a perfect time to refresh the memory of shorter walks, or for many, even long-in-the-area locals I suspect, experience some of those 'parish paths' for the first time which wiggle about within and around our town and villages.

Take Hawes, for example. Have you walked round by the river from Haylands Bridge to Half Way House since all the old metal stiles were replaced with easy hand-gates? You might see a kingfisher.

When did you last wander along the paths behind Appersett and along to Thorney Mire and back?

Did you know 'they' have done a great job with the very wet bridleway from Burtersett up towards Wether Fell and the Roman Road? It is now a pleasure to walk along.

Or wander along the dale up above the A684 from Bainbridge to Cubeck. It is level once you're up on the limestone path and you can get back by bus. You could go and see how the Raydale Project has dealt with the route from Marsett across to Stalling Busk.

Askrigg probably has more short paths 'round the back' than many of our villages, or simply stroll out along bridleways from Thoralby towards the Stake Allotments, gradually gaining height with views across Bishopdale.

Some like to have a short drive before a walk. One memorable Boxing Day we (my cousin and I) drove to Newbiggin on

Lune to walk to Smardale with its lovely curved pedestrianised viaduct and accompanying Nature Reserve. It is also an area steeped in history. I remember it well as he complained that my passenger door wouldn't close as with a worrying crunch he crushed his mobile phone which had fallen from his pocket.

Old Westmorland with its red sandstone makes a pleasant change now and again and at Newbiggin (how many can you place in the northern dales and County Durham?) there's a teashop.

Maybe we'll be up on the tops in the snow next time.

A.S.W.

(Readers might also have best feet they could put forward and pens they could put to paper. Ed.)

Hawes Christmas Lights Spectacular 2009

The switch-on will be on **Saturday December 5th** with the traditional Christmas Party. All children are invited, both local and visitors. There is no charge for children attending the party but parents are asked to please bring some party food to share. Entertainment starts from 1.30pm with Paul Delaney's Magic Funhouse. After the party, Father Christmas will arrive in style at about **4.30pm** in the Market Place with gifts for all children. This will be preceded by community carol singing.

The Dales Countryside Museum is also holding a weekend of events. On Saturday there will be Craft Stalls, Children's Workshops, quizzes, with mince pies, mulled wine and presents for the children. On Sunday between **2.00 and 4.00 pm** there will be a concert of seasonal songs and carols by the **Alverton Singers**.

Free entry all weekend.

The Return of the Native

Eskimos are said to have between 70 and 400 words for snow. The inhabitants of Wensleydale are said to have just as many for rain, frost and generally grim weather. I myself have a guilty conscience when it comes to moaning about the weather, as does every self respecting native Great British person. Without our ability to grumble and groan about our poor climate, what- ever would we talk about to barely known acquaintances? In fact, is there anything more British than commenting on the weather? : *“It’s been a darley day!”*

For the past year and eight months, I have been living in The Kingdom Of Bahrain. An ironically raindrop-shaped island situated in the Persian Gulf. In a single year, the mean annual rainfall is a mere 70.8mm – 2.8 inches of rain! Roughly the same amount that falls in the dales, between breakfast and lunch! Despite the weather this beautiful land is plagued with, I love it. I grew up in the fields “running and jumping” as my Dad would say. However, almost exactly two years ago my family and I upped and moved to **Bahrain**, where the land is dry, the people are tanned and the livestock... are camels! To us, it was an odd, alien land, but we had to adjust, and for the rest of my family this odd land became a new home. But for me, Wensleydale just wouldn’t make room for The Kingdom Of Bahrain.

In Wensleydale, the children adorn their outfits with scarf, or coat. In The Kingdom Of Bahrain, the school children enhance their uniform (merely shorts, a shirt and a tie) with the addition of sunhats, sunglasses and factor 50 sun cream. It is in school I found the biggest change (*I will tell you about that sometime*).

Almost everything the people in The Kingdom Of Bahrain do is air-conditioned.

People wake up in *air-conditioned* bedrooms, get ready in an *air-conditioned* house, hastily make their way to their *air-conditioned* cars. At which point, they turn on their air-conditioning and wait until their entire car is starting to frost up, and their magic tree car freshener had dropped its leaves before they set off.

The weather itself was a challenge, even the locals sometimes became agitated with the monotonous, extreme weather. Now for the rain, but what rain, I hear you ask. The rain for the whole year, falls in the period of a single day. With raindrops, the size of golf balls hurtling down in droves, it's not only the locals who get upset about it. However, the owner of the only grass Rugby pitch on the island (the pitch itself was an island of grass in a sea of sand) was thrilled! This may have been due to the outrageous sum of money paid annually to maintain mere grass coverage.

Roughly half way through August in Manama, Bahrain, the most shocking weather I have ever encountered appeared. The world turned orange for a day! A layer of sand so thick, the air could only be processed by the lungs when inhaled through a dust mask, lingered over the city. For some almost apparently supernatural reason unknown to me, this sand glowed orange.

So now I return to the land of rolling green dales and breath-takingly beautiful morning hoar frosts. The land where in the spring, the lambs chase butterflies in the fields. I found Wensleydale to be a greatly needed breath of fresh air; after almost two years away this place really exerts its pull on the heart, and it is a genuinely magnificent, enchanting land. So try it yourself, after a trip away, just take a minute, take a breath of *real* Wensleydale air. Appreciate our dale.

Tom Stephenson, (new) Bursary Student



Heavens Above

On a clear and frosty winter's night the starry sky is as good as it gets. Leading the parade, high in the south by mid-evening, you'll find grandest of all the constellations— Orion, the legendary Mighty Hunter of Ancient Greece. His oblong outline with a sloping line of three stars forming his 'belt' is very easy to pick out. Marking his right shoulder is Beleguse, a red super-giant star, with blue-white Rigel diagonally opposite, forming his left knee. Hanging below his belt I, visible to the naked eye as a hazy patch, is Orion's sword- the Great Nebula- a huge cloud of interstellar gas and dust many light years across. It's a magnificent sight in even a small telescope.

Above and to the right of Orion is the constellation of Taurus the Bull with the Hyades, a distinctly V-shaped star cluster forming its face, and the reddish-orange star Aldeberan, marking its baleful eye. Slightly higher still are the beautiful Pleiades- a cluster of young, hot, blue stars excellent for viewing in 10x50 binoculars. Above Orion's head is a brilliant yellow star, Capella, the leader of Auriga, the Charioteer, while back towards the east almost equal in brightness are Castor and Pollux, the Heavenly Twins.

Trailing behind Orion is his faithful hound Sirius, the Dog Star, the brightest in the entire sky. You can't mistake it, flashing low like a diamond. To the east of Sirius the winter Milky Way can be seen flowing up towards the constellations of Perseus and Cassiopeia high in the north west. It's a good deal fainter than the summer Milky Way but still a lovely sight on a dark moonless night. Finally look out for the planet Mars; it's at its best on January 29th shining like a bright orange spark in the constellation of Cancer, the Crab.

Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

Trafford Centre Trip

Sunday December 13th.

Coach leaves Hawes Market Hall; **9.00am**

Book now! £10.00; **667192**

Lunch Club

The Upper Wensleydale Ladies Lunch Club will be meeting at the Rose and Crown, Bainbridge **on Wednesday 9th December at 12 noon** for lunch. The Speaker will be Richard Wilkinson whose topic is to be Christmas Carols. If you would like to join us in starting off the Festive Season we should very much like to meet you, so do please phone **Mrs Williams on 663 860**. We look forward to seeing you.

Wensleydale Bridge Club

Bridge players may not be aware that there is a thriving bridge club in their area. The Wensleydale Bridge Club meets every Thursday night at Thoraby Village Hall. New members are very welcome and a special open night will be held at **7.15pm on 14th January** to give players a taste of what the club can offer. For further details ring **663541**.

Hawes Grammar School Trust

If you are currently in full time higher or further education and live in the parish of Hawes, then you are eligible for an award of £25 towards the cost of books/materials related to your chosen course.

If you feel that you are eligible then please contact me for further details. Please note that this award is not available for those studying A-levels at school or college.

Rebecca Alderson, 667760



Tanya St.Pierre of Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust with Class 2 pupils from Bainbridge Primary School.

Local Children Contribute to New Dales Book

Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust is soon to publish 'Hay Time in the Yorkshire Dales' a book all about the natural and cultural history of Dales' hay meadows. The book will include a foreword from John Craven as well as contributions from authors, academics and specialists.

The more unusual contributors include children from **Bainbridge Primary School**. Pupils were asked to become hay time detectives, questioning family members about their experiences of hay times past to include in the book. They were also taught about climate change and asked what they thought future hay meadows would be like. Thomas Reynolds aged 9 answered, "I think that hay meadows will be nearly extinct. I hope that the Yorkshire Dales will be more eco friendly so we can save the hay meadows. If I could, I would show everyone in the world how beautiful the Yorkshire Dales are - and keep hay meadows forever." Some of their work will be published in the book, due out in May 2010.

For further details or to pre-order the book call **Tanya St Pierre, 01524 251002** at the Millennium Trust.

Funding Found For Farmers

The latest round of funding from the Yorkshire Dales LEADER programme has seen projects throughout the Dales receive grants of as much as £70,000, including a project which aims to strengthen the influence of farmers in the region.

Applications from six projects have now been approved for funding from the LEADER programme, which aims to encourage economic and community well-being in the area. Grants ranging from £15,000 to £70,000 have been allocated to projects covering a wide range of activities. Amongst those to benefit is the Yorkshire Dales Farmer Network, which has received £25,000 in funding.

The purpose of the Farmer Network is to give farmers in the area access to advice and support which will benefit their business and the environment. The project aims to increase the profitability of farm businesses, maintain a sustainable farming population and enhance the natural resource base of the Yorkshire Dales. It will also help to strengthen the voice and influence of farmers in the Yorkshire Dales and AONB areas.

Other projects to receive LEADER funding are: The Washburn Heritage Centre, Craven Volunteer Driver Project, Extending Practice/Celebrating Space, Settle Hydro Project and Yorkshire Dales Sustainable Communities Project, which received a massive £70,000.

The Yorkshire Dales LEADER programme has a total of £2.4 million to spend over the next five years on eligible projects throughout the LEADER area. To find out more about the programme please contact the Dales LEADER Co-ordinator **Rima Berry** on **015242 51002** or email rima.berry@vdmto.org

Dales Rail

Readers from the 'top end' of the Dale might be interested in a new late-evening train back from Carlisle at **8.50pm** on **Thursdays December 3rd, 10th and 17th**, coinciding with late night shopping there. The train runs as far as Kirkby Stephen.

Dales railcards at £10 a year are available to all of us in the Newsletter area and beyond, and during the winter have a flat-rate return fare of just £6.00 to anywhere on the Leeds-Carlisle and Leeds Morecambe lines.

Fresh Call for Housing Sites

A fresh call for possible sites on which to build affordable housing has gone out to landowners and organisations in four areas of the National Park.

Despite a good response generally to an appeal launched in January, there were few sites put forward in the Hawes/Gayle, Grassington/Threshfield, Sedbergh and Reeth areas.

Peter Stockton said, "The bigger villages are the best places to put new housing because they have the best range of services up and running and are a focus for local housing need. That means the existing services - and through them the local economy— will benefit, and they are nearby so people can walk to them rather than having to use vehicles - which saves them money and is more environmentally friendly."

The original appeal for sites throughout the National Park did result in a number being put forward in the four areas but some are very constrained and will not go through to the next round of selection.

Each site must be large enough to accommodate at least two homes and will have to meet a number of planning requirements.

Yvonne Peacock said: "We have

launched this second appeal to see if there are any other locations that landowners could put forward in the four areas. We want to be as certain as we can be that we have the best range of available sites - the best options - to look at."

Half of each site that is finally chosen will be used for affordable housing in perpetuity. The remainder will not have to be affordable, but will still be restricted to occupancy by people who need to live inside the National Park. Landowners have until **Friday, December 11th**, to put forward sites .

Askrigg School

National School Meal Week

National School Meal Week was 9th – 13th November. Jo Benbow, our cook, issued the children with a ballot paper to vote for their favourite meal, and also a wordsearch puzzle competition.



The meal with the most votes was Chicken Korma and Sticky Toffee Pudding. The first correct wordsearch pulled out of Jo's hat was James Ashcroft. He received a certificate and also the privilege of helping to serve pudding on 13th November. Many thanks to Jo for offering this opportunity.

Fine Feathered Friends Finally Arrive

On Sunday 8th November the eagerly awaited hens came to roost at Askrigg School. They spent the first 48 hours in their five star accommodation just acclimatising themselves. On the Wednesday, with great anticipation, our poultry manager opened the ramp releasing our ladies out into the Great Unknown. They soon made themselves at home with some very contented clucking.

Already the children have had some very interesting discussions concerning the hen poo: especially the quantity and the changing colour dependent on their living conditions! For the first four days the nesting boxes were disappointingly empty. Then on Friday we discovered some eggshell on the henhouse floor. On Saturday we collected

our first whole egg and we have had one every day since.

We are having to give them extra training in the correct use of the perch because at the moment three of them would rather cuddle up together in the nesting box.

For this project to come to fruition we have had lots of help and we would like to thank the Yorebridge Trustees for allowing us to keep chickens in the first place. A grant was received from Gareth Seabourne, Extended Schools at Wensleydale School, which enabled us to buy the henhouse.

Dave Jackson has been fantastic, the children designed the chicken run and Mr Jackson worked voluntarily with them to build and modify it– now the envy of many. Next we must thank Millie Glancy's uncle from Westwood Timber who provided all the wood. Andrew Wallington our Chair of Governors bought the hens; the hen feed was donated by Carrs Billington (Jim Mc. Roberts) and Askrigg P.T.F.A paid for all the extra equipment.

Finally thanks to Stan, Nigel and Chris Thwaite for a constant supply of sawdust for our chickens and Guinea Pigs as well.

On Monday 23rd November we are officially unveiled our chickens in their luxury abode, partaking in some refreshments produced from our very own free range eggs.

Julie Fawcett
School Council Co-ordinator

Festive Community Carol Concert

For all the family at Leyburn Market Square
(Leyburn Secondary School if weather is bad)

Wednesday 16th December at 6.30pm
The Dales Massed Brass Band conducted by
James Yeadon

Carols and Festive Readings followed by lots of mince pies **All proceed to the NSPCC**
Don't forget your lanterns or torches



The children had great fun making a guy for the community bonfire, having a fancy dress day for Halloween and a visit from Zoolab.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the following, for donating sweets for the Halloween walk: the Crown, The Fountain, Spar, Sweet shop, Rhodes Pet shop, The White Hart and The Chippie.

We will be holding our Christmas party day on **Tuesday 8th December from 12noon to 5.00pm**. We will all sit down together for a traditional Christmas dinner followed by a visit from Santa, party games and a buffet tea. To book your child a place for this please contact Dalesplay **667789**.

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Monday 21st December-

Cinema afternoon, (Santa Claus 2)

Tuesday 22nd December-

Christmas crafts

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Cinema afternoon, (Polar Ice express)

Each afternoon from 1.00 to 2.30pm

You may have noticed that the outside of the building looks a little different. We have repainted it, fitted two canopies to provide shelter and some retractable fencing to enable us to offer 'free flow', allowing the children to choose to be indoors or outdoors. If anyone has any unwanted wellies or waterproofs to donate, they would be very much appreciated.

We will be having a cleaning day on

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Our after school clubs are going from strength to strength with Art and Cookery club continuing after Christmas and a new club starting on a Thursday night. This will be to replace the old knitting club previously held within the school. It will begin on **Thursday 21st January**.

We would like to wish everyone a 'Very Merry Christmas!' from all at Dalesplay.

FOR SALE

Silver Subaru Forester Sport 2002 4WD
78,000 miles ; Full Service History
Offers over £2,000
Ring **667458** to view

Country Images

There is considerable movement in the various businesses in Hawes just now.

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December 1st Daryl and Sue move their **Country Images** from Town Foot to the ex-Betting Shop - ex-butchers, for history lovers!) in the centre of town.

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Clive West

SPECIAL CHURCH, SCHOOL AND CAROL-SINGING EVENTS (HC=Holy Communion)

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			10.30am	HC
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Sunday		Dec 20		HC
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	Sunday	Dec 20	10.30am	Bainbridge & Aysgarth Methodist Carol
	Sunday	Dec 27	10.30am	Bainbridge Methodist service

HAWES AREA

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	Christmas Eve		5.00pm	Carol Singing around Gayle
	Friday	Jan 1	6.30pm	Gayle New Year Fellowship
Hawes Methodist Church	Sunday	Jan 3	2.00pm	Annual Covenant service
	Sunday	Nov 29	10.30am	Welcome Advent; Churches together
	Wednesday	Dec 2	6.15pm	Taize Service for Advent
	Wednesday	Dec 16	6.00pm	Meet for joint churches' Carol Singing round Hawes for Save the Children
	Tuesday	Dec 22	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight and supper
	Christmas Day		10.30am	Christmas Day Celebration
	Sunday	Dec 27	10.30am	Christmas Family service
St Margaret's, Hawes	Sunday	Jan 3	10.30am	Annual Covenant service
	Sunday	Dec 6	10.30am	Annual United Toy Service
	Sunday	Dec 13	4.00pm	Service of Lessons and Carols
	Christmas Eve		11.30pm	Midnight Mass (HC)
	Christmas Day		10.30am	Christmas Day Service (HC)
St Mary & St John, Hardraw	Sunday	Jan 17	10.30am	United service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
	Wednesday	Dec 23	4.00pm	Christingle service
Bay Tree Area, Hawes Mkt. Place Gayle Mill	Christmas Eve		11.30pm	Midnight Mass (HC)
	Saturday	Dec 5	4.00pm	Community Carol Singing
Hawes Junction Chapel Ribblehead Station	Friday	Dec 11	7.30pm	Carol concert, with the Young Voices and Hawes Silver Band
	Saturday	Dec 12	7.30pm	Carols, Young Voices and supper
	Thursday	Dec 17	5.00pm	Carol Service

AYSGARTH, WEST BURTON, THORALBY AND WEST WITTON AREA

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CARPERBY, REDMIRE, CASTLE BOLTON AND PRESTON AREA

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			8.00pm	Lessons and Carols by Candlelight
Marsett Methodist Chapel	Tuesday	Dec 8	8.00pm	"Singalong"
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December

- 3, 4, 5 The Dracula Rock Show.
- 4 Wensleydale Society.
- 5 Hawes Christmas Lights.
- 6 Demonstration of Victorian water-powered machinery at Gayle Mill Tours at 11.00am and 2.30pm
- 8 Decorative and Fine Arts Society.
- 9 Ladies Lunch Club.
- 10, 11, 12 HAOS presents 'Snow White'
- 11 Christmas Quiz Night at 8.00pm at the Wheatsheaf, Carperby See P 7
- 11 Gayle Mill carol concert.
- 11, 12 Thoraby trips to Panto.
- 13 Trafford Centre Trip. See P 14
- 14 Christmas Whist at Gayle Institute. Contact Mary Hugill on 667641 for details
- 16 West Witton Pre-school group in Village Hall at 10.30am (for children in the group)
- 16 Upper Dales Family History.
- 16 Community Carol Service, Leyburn. See P 23
- 18 Annual Charity Concert. Hawes Market Hall.
- 19 Mulled wine and carols in West Witton Village Hall with Derek Slade. For all ages. 7.00pm
- 19 Domino Drive in Carperby ; at 7.30pm

- 20 Domino Drive at Gayle Institute for the Playgroup
 - 22 Christmas Whist Drive at Carperby Village Institute at 7.30pm
 - 31 Fireworks at the Fox and Hounds, West Witton
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 - 16 Burns Night at 7.30pm in Carperby for Pavilion project. Nick Oliver on **663179** for tickets and details. See P 7
 - 29 G.G.G. Ball. See P 4
 - 30 Hutchings and Ken Nicol in concert in Carperby. See P 8
 - 31 Deadline for Tournament of Song entries See P 18
 - 31 Deadline for First Aid training.

Hawes Pub Events

December

4 Quiz	Board
5 Live Music	Crown
7 Domino Drive	White Hart
9 Christmas Party Night	Fountain
10 Chinese Night	Board
11 Live Music	Board
12 Darts Knockout	Board
16 Spanish Christmas Meal	Crown
16 Christmas Party Night	Fountain
18 Ladies Darts	White Hart
19 Domino Drive	Crown
20 Christmas Draw	White Hart
22 Domino Drive	Club
26 Live Music	Club
31 Disco Night	Fountain

January

1 Karaoke	White Hart
4 Ladies Darts	Fountain
8 Pairs Darts	Fountain
15 Mixed Darts	Crown
16 Domino Drive	Fountain
22 Dominos / Live music	Crown
23 Singles Darts	Fountain
29 Men's Darts	White Hart

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

2 At 7.30pm **North Country Theatre** will be performing **Home on the Range** an epic tale of pioneer women from the lead mining communities of Northern England to the Wild West of America. Tickets £8.50 (£5 u/16) **Book early - this event will sell out!**

5 Craft and produce stalls, children's activities, visit by Mother Christmas, free entry to the museum, mulled wine and mince pies, quizzes and competitions. 10 - 4pm

6 A very special event to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the National Park and the 30th birthday for the Dales Countryside Museum. Join us for a seasonal concert of songs and carols with the Alverton Singers.

Musical direction by Joan Foster and keyboard accompaniment by Jean Pocock.

Refreshments available.

All Welcome. 2 - 4pm

For details or to book ring **666210** or email hawes@yorkshiredales.org.uk

"Christmas is for the children"

I have often heard that phrase used and I have agreed with it – but only in part.

It is understandable why many people should believe it. To see the excitement and sense of anticipation on the children's faces in the run up to Christmas, and then the thrill of opening their presents on Christmas Day, is a joy to behold. Also knowing the fascination they feel as they listen to or take part in the various enactments of the Christmas story of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, angels, star, wise men and shepherds. It can be a wonderful experience as we adults look knowingly on. Yes, it is truly a magical time for children.

What a pity it is then, that when we "grow up", we are tempted to relegate all of this to the realm of fairy story or the world of make believe. When, in fact, Christmas is for everyone and for all time. It is not simply an annual re-enactment of an ancient story, but a present statement that God so loved the world he created and cares

that our lives should be worth living, that in the form of a human being (Jesus) he shows us just how much we are worth.

Perhaps the way into this story of Christmas is to take an example from the children and simply allow ourselves to be captivated by the wonder and magic of it all. To suspend for a moment our adult knowing and allow the child within us to see and experience the reality that has always been there.

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With every blessing for Christmas and the New Year

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Prunings

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

I am always surprised at how winter creeps up on us as soon as the clocks go back. I like to think that long winter evenings can be spent productively ordering seeds and organising them, and generally planning all the wonderful things I want to do next year? If only life were that simple.

The RHS, The Hardy Plant Society and the Cottage Garden Society, to name but three, all have free seeds to give away and there are even more available if you send some in. For seed fanatics its worth joining just for the giveaways.

Looking out at the horizontal rain today (Monday 16th) my attention was drawn to the sorry state of the Philadelphus Aurea with a few straggly leaves still hanging on, not to mention dead threads of bindweed which have lately become very obvious. Plan A has to be: cut it back as soon as we have a dry day and take some hardwood cuttings. I have found them quite successful in the past. I usually use a long pot. Fill it with a sandy compost mix so it drains well. I use stems from fairly low down on the plant so they are about as thick as my little finger, and I cut them at about 10 inches long. I find it pays to make a sloping cut at the top and cut straight across the base. Not only does this allow water to run off them more easily and helps prevent rot, but it's easier to tell which way up to put them in. It can be difficult to remember afterwards! I usually top the pots off with grit or gravel. It helps to prevent drying out and discourages the weeds.

I have an outdoor sand bed with sides 3 concrete blocks high, and that's where I put all the hardwood cuttings. I shall leave them undisturbed until next Autumn at

least. I have made my list of the main trees and shrubs I want to increase by this method. With luck I might work my way through it. There is a tree in the village which the owner claims is a Metasequoia! I might try that one as it does not seem to seed. They were thought to be extinct and were only rediscovered in the 1940s. There is also a very old Weeping Beech. I believe they are quite rare and might be worth a try.

Of course we should all be tidying up and cutting back, and no doubt I shall eventually get round to the more important jobs, but just now the rain is focusing my attention on the plants which will encourage bees and butterflies next summer, and naturally, as so many of the caterpillars feed on nettles it is an excuse to ignore some of them. We see only the more common butterflies normally, but this summer I had some Painted Ladies pass through. I thought it was quite special until I read that there had been a massive migration this year.



We must be on the flight path.

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

Rose Rambler

Out Soon Now!



A new book, following two previous ones ('Market in the Hills', and 'Roof of Wensleydale') by Stuart Lennie of Hawes will be available within a month or so.

'Semer Water in Wensleydale' which has been thoroughly researched over many months by Stuart, focuses on the Landscape, Legends and People in the area of Raydale surrounding the lake. It will be available at the Dales Countryside Museum and local shops.

NHS Dentists Return to Hawes and Leyburn

Alpha Dental Studio is a local, independently owned group of practices providing high quality dental treatments for both NHS and Private patients in North Yorkshire.

With a long term contract now secured in Bedale, Leyburn and Hawes, a local dentist is treating patients from Monday to Thursday in Leyburn and on Fridays in Hawes.

Two of the partners, Ben Wild and David Birkin, will be providing treatment from Leyburn with support from Angela Smith and a small team of associates who will also be offering some Saturday sessions by arrangement

PRACTICE OPENING TIMES:

Brentwood Lodge, Leyburn: Monday to Thursday and Health Centre, Hawes on Friday both 9.00am to 5.00pm

APPOINTMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY.

Patients who do not have an NHS dentist and want to be added to the Alpha Dental Group database should call **623 999**. For further information visit the Alpha Dental website- www.alphadental.co.uk

Please note Alpha Dental Group are not associated with Primecare and any previous Primecare patients should contact Alpha Dental to register for a place.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

I have recently emptied the local recycling boxes in Askrigg and Hawes to raise money for Yorebridge Sports and Fitness

Some kind person/people put in some unused cartridges Canon BX 20 (BJFAX) Black and some black and colour cartridges for Canon BC1-21 If they are of any use to anyone, please give me a ring and collect for a small donation to YSF. **Kate Empsall, 650 565**

Great Success of Charity Ball

The Business Association's third annual-Charity Ball raised money for the much needed Air Ambulance service and celebrated another season's business in the Dales. Over 70 masked and gowned guests dined on a three course meal at Simonstone Hall. They were entertained with the musical background singing of Samantha Scarr, and danced into the night to local band Sounds Familiar.

Tony Doveston spoke of the work of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and their ongoing quest to raise £7,200 per day to keep the ambulance in the air. The guest speaker,



Tony Doveston, Yorkshire Air Ambulance, Rima Berry, ex-chairman and

local businessman Phillip Holden MBE, held a rapt audience with farming tales and the changes over the years.

Brian Carlisle, of JR Hopper and Co, kindly steered the auction and helped to raise as much as possible from the prizes which included a B and B stop from Holmedale, Askrigg, gift voucher from Herriot's, Hawes, Sunday Carvery for two from Simonstone Hall, jewellery voucher from Jewels of the Dales and gym membership from Yorebridge Sport and Fitness.

Huge thanks to all who made this event a successful fundraiser! Next year's ball will take place on Saturday 30th October, 2010 at Simonstone Hall. **Rima Berry**

Windows 7 has arrived – Ta daa.

One of the common questions people ask me is: should I upgrade to Windows 7? This article will, I hope, pose some useful questions to consider deciding.

1) Can my computer cope with Windows 7? If you have Vista then probably, yes it can. If you have Windows XP or earlier you need to check your computer has the necessary capacity. Use Microsoft's "Windows 7 Upgrade Advisor" to examine your system. You can download it from <http://tinyurl.com/win7upgradeadv>

2) Will my programs and peripherals (printers, cameras etc) work? Again Microsoft has produced a website where you can check. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/win7compatcen> to check.

Some other things to consider are:

1) You can buy an upgrade version of Windows 7 so long as you own a previous version of Windows but you have to do a clean installation for all versions of Windows except Vista. I always recommend doing a clean installation of a new version of Windows to avoid inheriting problems from your old system. Windows 7 helps you with this – start up your computer as normal and insert the Windows 7 DVD. It includes tools to help backup your previous data (documents, photos, music etc) and program settings (such as internet favourites) before you do a clean install.

2) If you are doing a clean installation, before you go ahead visit the websites of your favourite programs and devices and make sure to download Windows 7 version of your software and drivers wherever possible so that you are prepared to install your programs again when Windows starts up for the first time.

3) Does Windows 7 do something that I can't do with my current system? If you are still using Windows 98, ME or Windows 2000 then it is time to move on as support

for those versions of Windows has either ended or is coming to an end. If you are using Windows XP or Vista you may want to stop and think if an upgrade will add anything worthwhile. See Microsoft's reasons for upgrading at <http://tinyurl.com/win7reasonswhy>

Personally, I like Windows 7 a lot (and I have now been using it through various testing phases for nearly a year and the full version for about three months without any issues). It is a huge improvement over the new release of Vista but Vista has now improved and an upgrade to Windows 7 seems harder to justify.

The good things in Windows 7 (for me) are the new Task Bar (the bar at the bottom of the screen), which has been totally redesigned and has a lot more functionality; also the new search functions work much better than in Windows Vista. Windows XP didn't really have a proper search function. If you have more than one computer in the house/office, Homegroup is a very useful idea for setting up shared information and keeping it private. Finally for the first time all versions of Windows 7 have a good quality backup system built in. That's it for this month. Best wishes. **Carol**

Haynes

(These are always the personal views of Carol, for which we thank her. You might like to contact her for further advice or take part in her on-line Forum. Ed)

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Hawes Bonfire and Fireworks



On behalf of everyone involved with the bonfire and fireworks, we would like to thank all who supported the event this year; the businesses who donated food towards the evening and everyone who came along on the night and gave so generously.

Thanks also to Hawes Brownies, Dalesplay and the Youth Club for their fantastic "guys".

There will be another event next year, but as always we need extra help. If you would like to be involved please contact either **Harry** or **Angela; 667009**. It's for your children!
Harry Balderston

You Can Do It!

We would like to thank readers young and old who are responding to the request for front cover line drawings or pictures which we can use. We have a good stock now, but **DON'T STOP!**

It is a while since we had any 'Favourite Places' articles, so why not try out your writing skills. The strength of the Newsletter is enhanced by the contributions of the readers.

The Dracula Rock Show

Wensleydale School
 Thursday to Saturday 3rd to 5th December at
 7.30pm at Wensleydale School
A musical for all the family
 Tickets £6 Adults £3 Children
 Contact James **663505** or the school **622244**

Bainbridge School News

Bainbridge JRSOs

We are Bainbridge Schools JRSO's, **Toni McIntyre, Saskia Welch, Annabel Harrison and Thomas Reynolds**. We help everybody in our school learn about how much danger there is on the road. We run competitions, lead assemblies and help the younger children when we are out of school and our first competition went well. We will keep you informed of future competitions and things we do. **Keep safe!**

Cycling report

Years five and six took part in a cycling awareness program last month. After that we went to the National Parks Centre grounds to do all we had learnt on a proper road. We took our test and all passed—and got medals and Maltesers!

Callum Spence and James Spence

Willow Weaving

How to willow weave, a live tunnel!

We made two trenches. Then we put the sticks of willow in to them. After that we filled in the trenches with soil. The next day class one weaved the willow sticks together. When they were joined together they made an archway. Next year they will have grown roots and they will have started to grow shoots. When they have grown long enough we will weave them in to the structure **Kristin Arblaster, Chelsea Bain**

Parent Governor report Christmas Festivities

Christmas activities have already kicked off with our annual Christmas Craft Day. Thanks to all of our “little helpers”! The next event is our Christmas Production – Jesus@BethlehemStable.com. I gather it is a traditional nativity, with a modern twist and a pantomime feel to it... Costumes are being put together, voices warmed up, carols practised and hay bales

prepared! Everyone is very welcome to join us at one of the two performances on **Thursday 10th December at 2.00 and 6.00pm**. Come early to ensure a good seat. Other Christmas events include carol singing, both around Bainbridge and at Sycamore Hall. This is particularly popular with the children, bringing together the young and the young at heart. Of course it wouldn't be Christmas without a lunch and a party. I wonder if a *Very Special Guest* might make an appearance?

Happy Christmas from us all at Bainbridge School!
Emma Arblaster

Decorative and Fine Arts Society

The Sculpture of Degas and Rodin in Venice

Two of the Nineteenth Century's most accessible artists are explored through their interest in movement in the lecture, *The Consolation of Movement – the sculpture of Edgar Degas and Auguste Rodin*, on **Tuesday December 8th**. Michael Howard is a lecturer at Manchester Metropolitan University and a Fellow of the RSA.

Venice is the subject of the WDFAS 10th Anniversary lecture on **Tuesday January 12th**. In *Poets, Painters and Private Lives in Venice* Douglas Skeggs makes a personal tour of 19th century Venice in search of painters, poets and authors. Douglas read Fine Art at Magdalene College, Cambridge

Both lectures are at Middleham Key Centre at **2.00pm**. Non-members are welcome at £5 per lecture. Further information is available; tel. **624203**.

The Wensleydale Writers are a group of writers from all over Wensleydale who meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 10.00 a.m. in the Friends Meeting House, Grove Square, Leyburn. All are welcome.

Bonny Face!

“I know you don’t like going by train, but there’s no other way”, said Sybil, with a trace of sympathy softening her tone, but her voice hardened as she continued. “We’re not missing Carol’s wedding, so there’s an end of it!”

Frank watched the orphaned lamb lying on the hearth, but his mind was elsewhere as he muttered: “Perhaps we can go from Garsdale.” “Okay”, replied Sybil slowly. “I thought it might be nice to go from Hawes station since it’s going to close next month, but Garsdale will do. Why not Hawes?” Frank didn’t want to explain, but he knew that the look on Sybil’s face could have drawn even the darkest secrets from his reluctant mouth.

Hesitatingly, he began: “It was 1919. I was eight. Father had come home from the war a few months earlier, but he was quiet – locked inside himself. He was out hay-timing before I got up that morning. Ma would normally have joined him after breakfast, but she was wearing her best turquoise skirt and jacket and there was a suitcase near the door.

“I’m going to Liverpool for a few days”, she said: “Auntie Joan’s ill. Jack’s taking me to the station with the milk.” I liked trains then, so I asked if I could go with them. I expected her to say that I had to help father, but she just smiled and said “Okay”.

There was small talk about hay-time and gossip about neighbours as we drove from Hardraw to Hawes, but I didn’t say much: I

was thinking about trains. As we pulled into the station yard, I was delighted to see three engines there: a smart, green North Eastern Railway tank engine waiting to take its coaches and milk vans to Northallerton; a black tender engine shunting the goods yard; and a shiny, red, Midland Railway engine waiting in the main platform with two coaches and a cattle wagon bound for Hellifield, where Ma would change for Liverpool. That engine was beautiful: I could see why folk call the train *Bonny Face!*

Ma hurried on to the platform, opened a carriage door and Jack put her suitcase inside. She attempted to step up into the compartment, but her skirt was too tight. A man rose from the far corner, took her arm and gently assisted her to climb in. It was Arthur Dinsdale from Appersett. He smiled at me and returned to sit in the corner. The guard blew his whistle and Ma closed the door. As the guard waved his flag, Ma lowered the window and leant out, intending to kiss me, but she couldn’t reach that far down, so she blew me a kiss. She continued to lean out of the window looking back as the train gathered speed.

That was the last I saw of her. Neither she nor Arthur Dinsdale ever returned to Hawes: some say they went to Canada. I have disliked turquoise ever since and kept away from Hawes station. *Bonny Face!* If ever a train was mis-named!”

Robert Ellis

(All names are fictitious)

Jean (Cockburn) wishes to thank everyone who supported and helped at the N.S.P.C.C. Coffee Morning in Aysgarth. The total of £170 was raised.

Also thanks to everyone in the Aysgarth Parish who donated to the Poppy appeal.

Grateful thanks also to the collectors. £935 was raised.

Forthcoming Events at Gayle Mill



down and stored after 6th January. All we ask is help in doing this. Contact **Steve at Hawes Post Office 667201** if you feel able to assist. Remember. "many hands make the lights work".

December 6th and January 3rd:

Tours: **1100am and 2.30pm** (last approx. 2 hrs) **DEMONSTRATION DAY:** Special guided Tours + demonstrations of water powered Victorian woodworking machinery. Admission: £10 adult, £5 child (including refreshments). Booking advised: phone **667320**

December 11th, 7.30pm Carol concert with 'Young Voices' and Hawes Band

January 23rd, 24th: 10.00am to 4.00pm each day; **HANDS ON EXPERIENCE:** DIY Victorian woodworking machinery weekend. Use Gayle Mill's historic water powered woodworking machinery to create your own unique wood products. Expert tuition from the Directors of Gayle Mill Trust. £250 per person (includes 2 days tuition, light lunch, refreshments and all materials). **667320**

Where Have All the Young Men Gone?

By the time you read this Hawes will be twinkling with Christmas illuminations, the envy of many a larger town. You may have seen the small group of grey haired, elderly gents (and one much younger female) distributing and erecting the lights. If only a few younger and more able-bodied volunteers could assist how much easier it would be. The lights will be taken

Police Report

It still seems a long way off at the time I am writing this but seasonal greetings to you all (and to all those non-pc a Merry Christmas).

I'll start with a quick reminder about road safety. The colder days are upon us and we have had a few frosts now. Please take extra care on those early morning drives, whether it be to work or the school run. Try and allow a little extra time for your journey and save yourself some hassle, extra bills and me and my colleagues some paperwork. Walls, trees, fences and ditches are not good for a vehicle's bodywork and are best avoided! Check your tyres and lights to make sure they are legal and fit for purpose. Make sure you have some wind-screen wash in that bottle and keep it topped up as travelling behind other vehicles in current road conditions soon makes a mess of the screen.

Fog has also been appearing with the change in weather conditions. Remember lights are needed in foggy conditions, the highway code states dipped headlights should be used (not just sidelights) and, if fitted, and visibility is less than 100 metres front and rear fog lights must be displayed. Too many people are still driving around in really poor visibility without lights. Fog lights are high intensity, so when you exit poor visibility, ie when the fog has gone – turn them **off** as they cause dazzle.

Front fog lights are **not** a fashion accessory, as some younger drivers seem to believe, and are not there just to increase illumination of roads – that's what high beam is for. Driving with fog lights on (front or rear) when not required is an offence, so please turn them off.

Unfortunately, I must have had a crystal ball last month as I highlighted a quick reminder about quad-bike and other farm

thefts. Luckily the Dales section has not suffered much as yet, with one trailer being stolen from the Auction Mart at Hawes, but there has been a steep rise in quad and live-stock/horse trailer thefts in the Richmond rural area (between Richmond and County Durham) also several in the last week or so in Craven district. Please do as much as you can to make it hard for the thieves to take yours, by locking them and not leaving keys in them.

A vehicle was attacked at the eastern end of Hawes in early November. Entry was attempted by inserting something into and damaging a lock. The thieves were not successful, but nevertheless have seriously inconvenienced the owner.

If you can assist with any of the crimes mentioned above – then give us a call or drop us a line.

Thanks and all the best for 2010.

Andy Foster PC826

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Connecting Classrooms

Bainbridge and West Burton Staff Visit Zimbabwe Schools.

Many of you will be aware that Bainbridge, Askrigg and West Burton Schools have been involved in a Connecting Classrooms project linking Schools in Zambia and Zimbabwe. We are now in the final year of the project and are looking at ways of sustaining links over future years.

Early on Saturday 24th October Mrs Brotherton and myself set off on our long journey to Zimbabwe finally arriving in Harare at lunchtime on Sunday 25th. As you can imagine we travelled with both excitement and apprehension. We hear so much on the news; what is the reality? We were soon reassured. We were met at the airport by teachers we knew and were soon whisked off to our first school calling in at a Lion Park on route!

Our visit proved to be an amazing experience. We visited three schools Bryden, Eiffel Flats and Lomagundi and although these schools are private schools we shared much in common. One of the main differences was the emphasis the school placed on sport. The school day began at 7.30am and finished at 1.00pm. After lunch the whole school participates in 2-3 hours of sport every day. All children swim every day (each school has its own pool) and if children were selected for the school squad they had to train before school commenced in the morning.

We participated in a wide range of events, library week, inset training, talent show (yes we did have to perform on stage), we judged power point presentations, observed lessons, joined in tennis and cricket training, joined staff meetings, observed special needs teaching etc. We were hosted by teachers at the schools, we enjoyed afternoon tea at Governors' homes and in fact

were thoroughly spoilt. We arrived home with much to share with our schools and memories to last a life time.

We were left with a feeling of admiration for everyone we met. They had endured so much, food shortages, terrible inflation, bank accounts zeroed, families turned off farms and made homeless the list is endless and we heard many harrowing accounts. However, everyone has been so resilient and resourceful and found ways to continue and overcome adversity. Life is now much better than a year ago; food was available and now the US\$ is the currency the economy is more stable. The country is still in a fragile state but we hope and pray that it continues to progress in the right direction.

We departed with a lasting impression of how proudly Zimbabwean everybody is.

E. Hopwood



Mrs Brotherton, visiting teachers from Zambia and Elaine Hopwood ready for action wearing Eiffel Flats sports T shirts.

West Burton School News

Friday 20th November saw the annual fund-raising marathon “Children In Need”. The school council has adopted this as their chosen charity for 2009 / 2010 and a full day of events took place on the day – the theme of which was “Go Spotty” – including an open assembly with our VIP guest, Mrs Dobbing from the village judging the spottiest dressed child and awarding the prizes. Tea , coffee and Pudsey buns were served by school council members for a small charge. Guess the weight of the cake, raffle, name the bear, find Pudsey and lots of other exciting activities took place to raise funds for this very worthy charity. A good turnout of parents supported the assembly and in all some 200 Pudsey buns were “demolished” in around 25 minutes – must be some kind of record! The total raised on the day came to a massive **£229.52**

The official opening of the recent building works takes place on **8th January** and we are truly honoured to have an internationally renowned VIP guest to perform the ceremony- it's **Dr John Sentamu, the Archbishop of York!**

The governors would like to wish all pupils, parents and staff a very happy Christmas.

Simon Greenslade, Parent Governor

The spotty judging



Christmas and New Year on the Wensleydale Railway

Bookings: phone: 08454 50 54

Santa Specials will run from Leyburn/Redmire on **December 13th, 20th, 21st and 22nd**, as well as from Leeming Bar/Bedale on **December 5/6th, 12/13th, 19-24th**. Booking is essential. Mulled wine and mince pies. Adult and child ticket prices are £10.50 each (Christmas Eve £12); Babes-in-arms £3.50 (with present); free without..

New this year is a Christmas Carol Special on **Saturday December 19th**.

Tickets are £16 (children just £2.00!) and include drinks and light buffet This train departs from Leeming Bar at 16.45 (4.45pm) for Leyburn, Redmire and return.

December train services are:

December 1st to 24th: As listed above

Boxing Day to New Year's Day: passenger services and a guided walk every day (no need to book).; **Sunday Jan 2nd**, "Farewell to the Season" loco-hauled trains.

Service details and all other W.R.A. information are on the website:

www.wensleydalerrailway.com

In the New Year

The WR team gets on with preparations for the next season with work on the track, at stations and behind-the-scenes. If you would like to volunteer, please phone

Phil Smith (01609 774733), or see: www.wensleydalerrailwayassociation.com

Meanwhile a major appeal for £100,000 has been launched, to fund ongoing work on the track. By mid-November the appeal had raised £25,528.90, much of it from well-wishers outside the dale (donations may also be made online).

Wishing a Happy Christmas to the Newsletter team!

Ruth Annison 650349

Greetings and Other Events



Happy Birthday Steve
THE BIG 40
Lots of love from
Louise and Gabi xx

Congratulations Pete and Denise
on your Silver Wedding; December 15th
Love Mum and Dad.

SAM BOWN
HAPPY 18TH BIRTHDAY
25TH DECEMBER
Lots of love
Mum, Dad and Katie
XXXXX



Jasmine Brown
Happy 6th Birthday
9th January 2010
Lots of Love from
Mummy, Daddy and George xxx



**December 26th
Johnson**
Chloe and Jessica.
Happy 8th birthday girls
Lots of love from
Nana, Grandad and uncle Kev
XXX



Bruce Lambert
would like to thank everyone for the cards
and presents he received
on his 60th birthday

Askrigg Advent Window Trail
1st December - 4th January
A new window will be lit around the
village every day in December

Christmas Tree Preview with Supper
St Oswald's, Askrigg
Friday 18 December at 6.30pm
All Welcome Ticket Only event
Tickets £7.50 (adults) and £2.50 (children)
For details and tickets contact Liz Guy or ring **650671**

Thoralby Panto Trips to see
Snow White
At Hawes
11th (evening) and 12th (Matinee) December
Adult £6.50 Child £4.50
Details from Audrey Bailey

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