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EDITORIAL

“Remember, remember the fifth of November; gunpowder, treason and plot...” “At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them”.

There's a lot of remembering urged upon us this month and memory is a very precious attribute, especially for as people get older. It is, however, more important to consider the effects of our remembering - sometimes these are good, but not always. When there has been death or separation by moving away, memories of the good times can be very therapeutic. If people are no longer able to have the holidays or the life-styles they had, maybe by lack of funds (or energy!), it is great to talk about past times and re-live them. Friendships are strengthened when together we recall times shared. Unfortunately some people seem to have a penchant for remembering unhappy encounters or fall-outs in the past, with built-in grievances which carry on resurfacing in conversations years later.

It's sometimes mirrored nationally. How far back ought we to go in remembering, for example, past conflicts; Iraq? Northern Ireland? Vietnam? WW2? WW1? Boer War? Crimean War?... War of the Roses? the coming of the Vikings? If the memories help us to work determinedly for the avoidance of conflict, fine; but if they reignite past antagonistic feelings, or even worse, pass them on to younger generations, surely that is quite disastrous. Remembering evil doesn't necessarily do a lot of good!

To forget the other 'battles' that have taken place: to abolish slavery, to achieve votes for all, to fight for equal pay, would be unforgivable since we still have a long way to go in establishing real justice and fairness for all; so we can get inspiration from looking back. A bit of selected forgetfulness might be worth a try! A rotten

memory means that when someone tells the same old tale again, it's OK, you can't remember the outcome; even better if you can't remember jokes- you can laugh over again! So there's a lot to be said for some forgetting as well as some remembering.

Hawes to York

Do not forget the special excursion organised by the Wensleydale Railway by coach and Grand Central Trains: **Thursday November 4th** leaving Hawes at **8.30am** and returning by **8.45pm. £12.50**

For places still available please ring: **08454 50 54 74 NOW.**

Hawes Bonfire

**Community Field
Friday, November 5th
at 6.30pm**



Anyone willing to be involved with

organising next year's event please contact **Harry Balderston or Angela Lee 667009** before November 5th.

Fairy Dust and Fascinators

**Simonstone Hall
Friday 4 February 2011
Disco and Live Band "Nothing Like It"
Tickets from 1 November at
Streetwise Phone 667192**

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Eunice



Eunice was enjoying herself between the trees on the October issue front cover.

Eunice winner is Sophie Handley from Bainbridge. Where am I this month?

Praise Be!

An evening of Poetry and Music in Praise of Creation

Saturday November 27th, 7.00pm

Gayle Institute

Admission free, just turn up.

For further details ring or email

Ann Pilling 666960

ann.pilling@btinternet.com

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Judges love our loos

Judges of the 2010 Loo of the Year Awards inspected all 10 toilets owned or managed by the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) and gave one a top, five-star rating and put the other nine in the four-star category.

The loo at the Aysgarth National Park centre received the five-star rating, which means it is automatically nominated for a 'best of' category award but we won't know the result until December. Until then we are keeping everything crossed!

100 Years of The Wensleydale Tournament of Song

The Wensleydale Tournament of Song Centenary book will be on sale at The Methodist Schoolroom, Leyburn on November the 27th from 10.00am to 2.00pm. Coffee and cakes will be available.

The book is a wonderful look back at 100 years of The Tournament and includes

November issue will produced on
October 23rd and 24th.

Deadline for copy:

Thursday November 18th

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Next Issue

Please note that the next issue covers both December and most of January, so January What's Ons should be sent with December's before the THURSDAY NOVEMBER 18th deadline and copies will be distributed between November 25th and 29th.

many photos of the competitors through the years. The book is a hardback limited edition and is on sale for only £5.00. For further information please contact 663878.

Julie Greenslade

Little Red Bus is Under Threat

The contract is up for renewal but due to the financial situation, is under threat. There are plans to improve and increase the current service if the contract IS renewed. Support is needed so that this excellent service is retained. Please write letters of support for the Little Red Bus to John Blackie, Dryden House, Hawes.

If you would like more information here are details of the company:

Little Red Bus Company, Burley Bank Road, Killinghall, Harrogate, HG3 2BX
01423 526655

Carol Haynes' Dales Broadband Survey

is up and running until the end of November – take part and pass the word to friends in the area. The more data collected the more useful it will be. Visit

www.dalescomputerservices.com click the link at the top of the page to take the survey – it takes less than 5 minutes to complete.

Market Place and Greetings

Please note that all local phone numbers are preceded by the area code 01969

HAPPY 60th Sil

Love

Brian, Karen and Andrew



**Happy 60th
Birthday Sil**
**Love from John,
Brenda, Kevin, Brigitte and Mam**



IVESON

Kathleen would like to thank everyone for the lovely cards, flowers and presents received for her 80th birthday

Nick Pratt

would like to thank everyone for the cards, presents and good wishes received on his 21st birthday.

Mrs Margaret Dent

would like to thank everyone for the overwhelming support she and her family have received following the passing of Thomas.

The cards and flowers have helped so much.

Millennium Trust Tops 1000 Projects

According to its latest Annual Report charity the YDMT is delivering more work than ever before to benefit the Dales. In spite of the continuing difficult economic climate the Trust has grant-aided 170 projects worth £2 million throughout Yorkshire in 2009-10. This brings the total number of projects supported by the Trust since it was set up in 1996 to over 1,000!

YDMT estimate that they have granted more than £20 million to projects

throughout the Dales to date through programmes they deliver on behalf of other organisations, apart from the charity's own projects - which are mounting in numbers.

Projects managed by YDMT have helped to restore over 170 hectares of rare hay meadows, plant almost 1 million broadleaf trees and enable hundreds of disabled and disadvantaged people to enjoy activities in the countryside. The Trust attributes its continued success to its hard working staff and loyal supporters. The charity also receives significant support from partner the People's Postcode Lottery - which has contributed £147k in unrestricted funding to the Trust to date from sales of tickets.

David Sharrod, Director of the YDMT said: "As a charity our main purpose is to support local people and meet the needs of this area. We are immensely grateful to our loyal supporters, with their backing we hope to go to deliver thousands more projects to care for our wonderful Yorkshire Dales."

YOREBRIDGE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

If you are going on to higher education and live in the catchment area of Hawes, Askrigg, Aysgarth etc, you maybe entitled to a small grant.

Apply to Mr R Tunstall,
O'Reillys, Market Place, Hawes
giving details of your Uni/College and what you are studying, name, address etc.

Help needed

I'm looking for help to trace my family history as a winter project using the Ancestry website. If you have knowledge and some time to help me get started, please contact Paula on **650548**.

A Word of Warning

Beware of a computer scam which involves people getting a phone call from a company purporting to be working for Microsoft. The callers say that your computer has reported a serious system error to Microsoft and they are ringing you back to help resolve the problem. (System error reports which you send to Microsoft are anonymous and are only used to help identify possible updates for general release, not to debug an individual computer. Microsoft does not hold your phone number). The "technician" then asks you to right click on the "my computer" and select the "manage" option, from there they ask you to choose the function "event Viewer" and get you to read some of the entries for various errors reported on your computer.

These errors are common, and are caused by things like a document failing to print or an application being unable to make an internet connection to check for updates. The purpose of showing you this list of errors is to convince you that you should log in to their website and give them remote control access to your computer. A variation on getting you to check for errors is to get you to press "Ctrl Alt Del" key sequence to start the "task manager" and have you look at the list of processes that windows runs (a long list is normal) and tell you that there is a virus running on the computer that only they can remove.

One client who went as far as giving them access was then asked to supply them with their credit card details to purchase some antivirus software (despite them already having fully up-to-date antivirus software on the computer). I have tried to check up on the registration of some of the web sites they use for the remote connection but the registration details are withheld. This is an offence for any business. Several of the web sites appeared

to be interlinked, sharing the same company registration, but none gave any contact details or indicated where the business was based.

I am working on a machine of a client who fell for the scam and gave them access, (I have traced the connection to the USA, but not Microsoft, an other one was from Australia) Some remote control software had been installed on the computer and was configured to give remote access any time the computer connected to the internet, which could happen without giving you any warning or asking permission. When I started to reinstall windows on the computer, it would not let it reformat the hard disk or continue with the installation. After making this attempt the computer no longer recognised that it had a DVD/CD drive installed indicating the computer's built in configuration memory had been infected.

This means that the person who was given remote access installed software on the computer that tries to survive a disk reformat, windows re-load or a factory reset. In most cases this will render that computer unsafe as the infection will still exist on the computer and will re-establish its remote control whenever it gets internet access.

This is probably the worst form of computer hijacking or infection I have seen in all my work and will render most computers to scrap even if they are brand new machines

Gavin Edwards

Shoe-box Appeal

The deadline for handing shoe-boxes to Hawes Post Office or Resources Centre is **Friday November 12th**. Instructions for what to do are also available there .

**The Wensleydale
Tournament of Song
Presidents Centenary Concert**

The Wensleydale Tournament of Song Centenary Concert was once again a wonderful event. Tennants Auction Centre was the venue for this very special celebration of local talent and a programme packed full of delights was enjoyed by everyone present. Wine and canapés were served at a pre-concert reception and then the audience was treated to a variety concert ably compered by the president Stan Rookroft MBE.

The Wensleydale Philharmonic Orchestra, Aysgarth Singers, Musicality and East Witton Male Voice Choir raised the rafters with their wonderful performances and laughter rang through the building for Donovan Leaman's monologue 'The Bovine Timekeeper' and Rhoda Fraser's 'Lime Jelly, marshmallows and Cottage Cheese Surprise'. The audience was also treated to a lovely rendition of 'He Was Beautiful' by duo David and Ann Peach.

The Tournament committee would like to thank everyone who took part, especially the younger members of our community; James Yeadon who played a wonderful trumpet solo, Chloe Hargrave who sang unaccompanied in her beautifully clear voice 'Scarborough Fair' and the evening would not have been complete without Crakehall School Drama Group and their version of Snow White.

During the interval an auction took place of the unique watercolours kindly painted and donated to the Tournament by Janet Taylor, the proceeds of which are to go towards the production of a celebratory centenary book of 100 years of The Wensleydale Tournament of Song. The limited edition hard-backed book will be

launched in mid November at a cost of £5.00 and copies can be reserved by calling **Simon and Julie Greenslade** on **663878** on a first come first served basis.

Jewels and the Crown

We are all familiar with the magnificent portraits of Henry VIII and Elizabeth I with their sumptuous clothes and fabulous jewels; in "The Splendour of Sovereignty during the Tudor and Jacobean Periods" you can discover the role of jewellery to a monarch in the 16th and early 17th centuries. Was it worn as a symbol of power or an expression of glory? Was it a method of communication between a monarch and the people?

Susan Rumfitt will also describe the influence of Europe on English jewellery and how jewellery was remodelled from sovereign to sovereign. The lecture will use paintings and original evidence to explore the splendour of our sovereigns.

Susan is an independent jewellery advisor, auction consultant and a specialist on BBC Antiques Roadshow. Previously she worked at Phillip's Auctioneers from 1996 as an international jewellery specialist and then Head of Department from 1999-2002.

This **Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society** lecture is on **Tuesday November 9th at 2.00pm** in Middleham Key Centre. Non-members are welcome at £5 per lecture and membership and further information is available from the Membership Secretary, tel. **624203**.

Wensleydale Words

Matt Bromley, Deputy Headteacher at The Wensleydale School, talks about what's been happening in school lately.

When I arrived at Wensleydale before the summer I was struck by the overwhelming sense of pride that radiates from its staff and students: they are all proud to belong to this school and to be a stakeholder in its continued improvement. They have a lot of which to be proud, of course; not least this summer's fantastic exam results (70% of Yr 11 students got 5 GCSEs at grades A*-C including English and Maths; the A Level pass rate was 100% and 22% of students got one of the new A* grades).

They are also justifiably proud of the significant progress that has been made with regards behaviour and attitudes to learning. And it is not only Leyburn locals who wear this badge of honour: the school has been singled out by the County Council as being one of the most improved in North Yorkshire and is now being touted as an exemplar of good practice.

The autumn term has been similarly marked by a sense of success with everyone in school determined that the pace of progress doesn't slow. Already much has been done to ensure the school continues to serve its students well.

Year 9 students enjoyed a variety of days out in September to sample the world of work including a memorable day at the races; the school's new all-weather pitch [or MUGA] was finally given the go-ahead; the school farm went from strength-to-strength and, at the start of term, provided the canteen with a bumper crop of potatoes to feed the new Year 7s; students went on a Comenius trip to Hungary; following a parents' conference on target-setting, the new Parents' Portal was launched giving parents instant access to

their child's reports... and the list goes on!

With many more exciting improvements planned for this coming year, I'm delighted I've been given the opportunity to keep you abreast of what's happening at The Wensleydale School in each month's edition of 'The Upper Wensleydale Newsletter' and I look forward to sharing more of our successes with you in the future.

Matt Bromley

Pie Supper

Bainbridge Village Hall

Saturday November 20th from 7.00pm

**£9.50 including sweet, tea/coffee,
entertainment, tombola and raffle.**

Tickets from:

Rita Cloughton 650552

Margaret Preston 650095

Winter Coffee Mornings

These will take place on the second Tuesday of the month from November to February organised through Age UK and the Community Office, in Hawes Methodist rooms from 10.00am to noon. The first one, on **November 9th** is in aid of the Alzheimer's Society.

November 11th

There will be a short service of remembrance starting at **10.45am on Thursday November 11th** in the Hawes Methodist Church. The service incorporates organ music, the organ being a war memorial for the town. On Remembrance Sunday, November 14th, there are the usual services up and down the dale. Starting times might be different from normal Sundays.

1st Hawes Brownies

A great time was had by all when Askrigg Guides joined us to celebrate the ending of our 100 year anniversary. We had a lovely party at Beckingdales with games, balloons and party food. We joined guiding members throughout the country in renewing our Promise at 20.10 on 20.10.2010. We have had a super year. All the Brownies received the 100 challenge badge and were given a brand new Promise badge designed to be used from 20.10.2010 which we were able to purchase from a donation given by a well-wisher. Thank you to everyone who has supported us throughout this special year.

Linda Reynolds

ran out of ink very quickly. Next we had lunch, a hunk of bread, a piece of chicken, cheese and fruit it wasn't special at all really! After lunch we made pomanders using oranges and cloves, a pouch of smelly herbs called Tuzzy-Wuzzys because Tudor streets did not smell very nice. After, we did army training with real spears and swords and English flags. James shouted 'God save the King!', and Noah shouted 'England and St George'!

Adam and Noah Yr6

Askrigg School at Bolton Castle

On Thursday the 7th of October, Askrigg School had a day at Bolton Castle. We arrived at the Castle to be greeted by Master David who was dressed in Tudor costume and was our guide for the day. Firstly, Hugo, James and I took the School



dinners up the stairs to the old kitchen where there was a blazing fire.

Then we dressed up in Tudor costume: coats and caps for the boys and the girls wore a skirt, a pinny, a waistcoat and a bonnet and had a tour of the castle, the chapel didn't even have a roof! After our tour we split into three groups, I was in-group one, who did calligraphy which was very hard as we had to use quills, which

Be on Your Guard

North Yorkshire Police would like to make you aware of a new credit card telephone scam. The caller will already have your name, address and card details. They state that they are calling from the fraud department of your bank and they are investigating a fraudulent purchase. They will then tell you that they will credit your account for this purchase and ***request the last three digits on the reverse of your card.*** With this number they will then actually TAKE funds from your account. Please do not pass your details to anyone who's identity you are not sure of.

Upper Dales Family History Group

The first speaker of the new season was Rev David Wiseman from Skipton with the story of two of his relatives who were transported to Australia in the middle of the 19th century. David's ancestor George Taylor was a tanner from Kettlewell who was left with ten children when his wife died in 1829. In search of work, George moved his family to Burnley where they lived in very primitive conditions.

Before long, two of the family had turned to crime rather than cotton spinning. In 1840 one of the elder sons, Richard, was found guilty along with others of stealing goods in Bradford and was sentenced to be transported for 10 years. While he was being held in the hulks at Chatham, awaiting transportation, his younger brother Simon, was found guilty at Preston of burglary and received an identical sentence.

Each unaware of the other's fate, the brothers undertook the four month long voyage to Australia.

The story of the brothers came to light only when David's grandfather died and a trunk was discovered containing the letters home from Richard & Simon, written for them by other convicts. David wrote an article in the journal of the Lancashire Family History Society which led to a similar report in an Australian journal, which found its way into a doctor's waiting room where it was read by the receptionist whose husband was a great great grandson of Richard Taylor. As a result of that series of coincidences David is now aware of around 300 relatives in New South Wales.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, November 24, at 2pm in Middleham Key Centre when Colin Hinson will be talking about the wealth of family history resources which can be accessed through the

Genuki website. On Saturday, November 6, there will be a drop-in Family History Computer Club from 1-4pm at Hudson House in Reeth, for anyone wanting advice on getting started or getting further with research on the internet. No need to book - £3 for the first two hours, then £1 per hour – stay as long as you want.



Help us Make Will Aid a Winner This November

During November, David Gall Solicitors in Hawes, North Yorkshire will write basic Wills, without charging our normal fee. Instead, we hope that you will donate a similar amount to Will Aid charities.

You will gain peace of mind, knowing your affairs are in order, and thousands of people in need will gain the skills, tools and support they need to improve their lives for a suggested donation of £75 for a single Will or £110 for a pair of matching Wills (no VAT payable).

It is extremely important to seek qualified and professional expertise when making a Will, so do not put it off any longer. Telephone: **667171** or call in and make an appointment today.

David Gall Solicitors, Fulford House, Town Foot, Hawes, North Yorkshire. DL8 3NN. (email: [**info@davidgall.co.uk**](mailto:info@davidgall.co.uk))

Snaizeholme in the Autumn

The blossoms of Summer have now ripened into a great fruiting Autumn, and the Pheasants are balancing precariously on the Cotoneaster and picking away at the masses of little red berries. The Rosehips are wonderfully coloured, but obviously not yet quite fit for eating. The Rowan berries are long gone, eaten by many birds, from Woodpigeons and Blackbirds down to the smallest Tits. Curiously there were no Privet blossoms or berries this year, much missed by both bees and birds. I think they were affected by the bad weather in the spring, but all the later flowering shrubs and trees have done really well.

As in other years, the Robins, or rather one particular Robin greets me daily when I go to feed the birds. It perches really, really close and sings a small quiet song until I put out a handful of corn for it. This particular little fellow will often sit and sing his beautiful song at considerable length, and then suddenly he will pause. This is because another Robin has just answered him. Then we have a lovely song and reply song series that Robins do so much. Never, as Blackbirds do, do they repeat or develop each others song. It is more like a conversation: statement and answer, and then another statement, and so on. I find it very difficult to believe that there is aggression in these exchanges.

It is fascinating that wherever you live in Britain, Robins look upon mankind as a friendly provider of food. They follow you around if you are digging in the garden, picking up the worms and insects you expose with tremendous enthusiasm, and on one occasion when I was living by a Scottish Loch I visited a very lonely Island, and was eating a picnic when a Robin came and sat on my toe.

We have seen a few more Butterflies this

Autumn. There are still many Whites about, but at last a few Peacocks and Red Admirals have appeared along with the less decorative Meadow Browns and one or two unidentified Fritillaries. There has also been a very welcome increase in numbers and varieties of Bumble Bees. I hope that they will find good over-wintering homes. Hugh has made a large number of 'habitat piles' out of small branches and twigs of felled trees, and there are also piles of logs which are really good for over-wintering insects and other small creatures.

The other 'dead-wood' that is a great advantage to wildlife is a tall 'skeleton' tree in front of the house. I believe I've mentioned before that this old tree is visited by Greater Spotted Woodpeckers. Now they are systematically stripping of the bark. Under it they must be finding numbers of insects that have thought to over-winter there and having a real feast. I have seen three or four up the tree at a time, and there is no aggression between them as there was in the nesting season. They are of course still using the bird feeders as well.

One or two young blackbirds HAVE now started on the Rosehips. They only stayed for a short time, so there must be riper things to eat elsewhere, and today for the first time since the nesting season, I saw a Greenfinch on the feeder. Is this a winter visitor or one who nested earlier? The Siskins have, of course all gone South.

Jane Kemp



The children at Dalesplay have had fun carving pumpkins, making edible Halloween treats and much more. During half term we had a visit from ZOOLAB who brought lots of different animals for us to see and handle. We also had a visit from the music man and joined in singing lots of fun songs and playing musical instruments.

Our after school clubs have been planting daffodil bulbs, making bird boxes and cooking up some tasty treats. Over the next month we plan to enjoy making a guy for the Hawes Community bonfire. We also hope to have our outdoor play area extended to create more hard surface for the children to play on in all weather conditions.

Dalesplay will be holding the November table top to raise money to decorate the interior of the building as it is beginning to look a little shabby. We appreciate any support and welcome raffle prizes for the tombola.

If you need childcare to enable you to go Christmas shopping don't forget about our temporary registration fee that is available at a cost of £1 added onto session price. This can be used up to 6 times per year by anyone including visitors. We will be open until 3.30pm on Christmas Eve and reopen again on Wednesday 5th January 2011. Please note we are closed on Tuesday 4th January to ensure all the toys and equipment has been cleaned thoroughly. Thank you for all your support.

Stay and Play held at Gayle Institute Friday mornings during term time 9.15-11.15. Come along and have a play, meet other parents and join in with the activities. A healthy snack is provided. This is a free session for everyone to join.

Joanne Middleton

Askrigg School News

Askrigg School Debating Competition

On Thursday the 8th October 2010 Askrigg School went to Richmond Town Hall to debate the issue ... 'All children should walk at least part of their way to school'.

Hugo and Ben spoke in front of Bainbridge School, Askrigg School and the judges who helped organise the competition. The judges were a County Councillor, a Richmondshire Highways Manager and a member of the Road Safety Team.

It was pretty scary at the start but we found it less scary in the end. Askrigg School won the debate and we got some certificates, medals, goody bags and a trophy. It was worth it! Hugo and I did exceedingly well.

I was 'for' the statement and Hugo was against it, there were also people from Bainbridge School such as: Annabel, who was 'for' the statement and a boy called Thomas who was 'against' the statement. In the end we had a vote, 'for' won 18-17! James won best question and I won best speaker and Askrigg School won the trophy!

Ben Y5

Class 1 news

We've been very busy harvesting the school vegetables and have a bumper crop of potatoes and courgettes for our harvest festival this year, not to mention the vast amount of fruit from our orchard. The Gardening Club have already started planning for next year digging over the raised beds and discussing next year's crop.

In Class 1, the Tudor's have arrived and the classroom has changed into the banqueting room of Bolton Castle while our outdoor area is now a Tudor farmstead with our shed converted into a Tudor cottage. Everyday, the children step back in time

and learn about Tudor life, rich and poor, don Tudor costumes and jewellery and compare the Tudor diet with modern eating habits. We are investigating preserved food, Tudor music and dance and have painted life-sized portraits that mysteriously move around the school! Our new Reception children have built their own castle in our fabulous outdoor area with mountains of cardboard boxes and are busy measuring out their own ingredients to create dough, which is then turned into bread for the Tudor role-play area. We're really looking forward to hosting our Tudor banquet next half term!

M Armstrong and the Class 1 Team.

Askrigg Best Kept Garden Award The Percival Cup

(in memory of John Percival)

The judges would like to thank the ten entrants for the first ever 'Best Kept Garden Award', now known as 'Best Bloomin' Garden Award', and congratulate them all on their beautiful gardens. All the gardens were so different, with varied appeals for the three judges. It took us a very long time to decide that the overall winner should be Jennifer Kirkbride whose garden had huge impact with masses of beautiful colours and strong healthy plants. It was a tribute to all the hard work Jennifer and perhaps Allen have put into the garden.

The last criterion for the judges was the question 'Would I like to spend time here sitting and relaxing?' We all did and I'm sure many other people would want to as well. Well done Jennifer and well done to the others.

Rachel Dechezeaux

Rambler's Rewards

Rambler's Rewards - Cooking From Coast to Coast was launched at The Dales Countryside Museum, in Hawes. Written by two local cooks Elizabeth Guy and Pat Kirkbride, the book is illustrated by Derry Brabbs. Elizabeth Guy started her first local business of Humble Pie, in Askrigg before taking part in the BBC 'Summer Diaries' series and cooking at the Auction Mart in Hawes while Pat Kirkbride lives with her family at Snaizeholme.

The recipes feature local produce and suppliers and range from healthy breakfasts, tasty lunches, warming and nourishing suppers to mouth-watering sweets. As well as from nationwide suppliers, the book is available from Masons in Hawes, Wensleydale Creamery, the Dales Countryside Museum, and Sykes Country Store in Askrigg.

St Matthews Church, Stalling Busk Bread for Life - bread sale & Harvest Festival

Sunday November 7th
Short service at 2.30pm
Sale begins at 3.00pm

Fresh Home made bread and home produce
**Proceeds through Christian Aid for
Pakistan Flood Relief**

Dales Countryside Museum events

All events are free unless otherwise stated.
Contact the Museum on 666210

- 2 Friends of the Museum will be spinning
In the museum foyer. Questions on
Wool crafts welcome
- 3 to 21, "Milk, Slates and Tourists, Hawes
Station and the community it served"
Friends displaying an exhibition
focusing on the history of Hawes
railway station
- 7 Friend of the Museum; Bob Ellis will
Give a talk about the History of
Hawes Station at 3pm
- 13, 14, Dark Skies: 2 evenings 7.00pm to
9.00pm, with local astronomer, Jack
Sutton for a presentation about the
autumn skies through telescopes.
Bring binoculars if you have them.
These are free events but please book
- 14 First steps in Family History, a work-
Shop for beginners. An introduction
to family research led by an
experienced tutor and using census,
Parish registers and other achieve
Material: 10.00am to 15.00pm
- 19 Friends lecture at 7.30pm, where
Glenys Marriot will talk about "The
Lost Schools of Bishopdale".
- 21 Family History Skills Workshop: For
those wishing to develop skills with
research and use more advanced
Techniques: 10.00am to 15.00pm
Tea and Coffee will be provided on
each day but please bring your own
lunch. £10 charge for these work-
shops, booking advisable.

Prunings

*Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosomed friend of the maturing sun.*

What a wonderful image Keats created, and how it lasted, well into October. Then came the wet, and this snippet from Thomas Hardy would not go away:

*This is the weather the shepherd shuns, and
so do I.*

*When beeches drip in browns and duns,
and thresh and ply,*

*And hill hid tides throb, throe on throe, and
meadow rivulets overflow,*

*And drips on gate bars hang in a row, and
rooks in families homeward go, and so do I*

What a difference a week makes! It may not have felt warm and dry but I was shocked to discover that many of the plants in pots are getting desperate for water. Only a fortnight ago I was driving through the patchwork of puddles musing that the evidence of agricultural activity and the standing water had conspired to produce a smeary emulsion which sticks to the car like paint. It was so wet that the Dahlia heads were hanging with the weight of water and even the earwigs had jumped ship. Now, after a frost, they are beginning to look like burned offerings. I cut some before the cold got to them and we had a final show indoors. Some I will lift and dry off. The less interesting I will leave to see how they get on.

Geraniums and Fuchsias have now migrated to the relative protection of the greenhouse, along with two tubsful that a friend brought rather than throw them out. I have lots of material to snip at, goodness knows when I will get it all done. It's now time for hardwood cuttings, and this can be done well into the winter. I usually put them into long pots and sink them in a sand bed, or somewhere sheltered. A free drain-

ing mix works best, so I'll simply add some grit sand to ordinary compost. They need to be 10" – 12" long. Straight across the bottom and sloping at the top to let the rain run off. They may sprout in the spring, but should be left until next winter to be potted on or transplanted when dormant. They are usually fairly successful, but you need to watch that they don't dry out in the summer – if we have one.

Terra Cotta pots will be vulnerable if we get the hard winter we are promised. Lifting them off the ground with feet helps as they can't then get water logged. I usually put some wooden sticks onto them. I'm told that it helps if the frost is really bad, as the wood will accept a bit of pressure when the frost expands the moisture, and this saves the pot. It seems to work, although I may just have been lucky.

Driving out of Catterick last week I was fascinated by the show of colour. It does not seem many years since much of the planting was completed and now the trees are big enough give their best. The sun was low, filtering through the gold and amber, and on the ground the leaves rippled like newly spilled pools of brilliant paint. Of course falling leaves mean rakes and compost bins, not to mention lots of effort, but that fleeting image is so beautiful it would be a shame not to pause to enjoy it.

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

Rose Rambler

River Bain Hydro

At last work on the ground has started and, as the photograph shows, the temporary access road is in place. This will all be



cleared away and recycled once the construction work is completed, access will then be through the original field gate.

Construction can be viewed from various public vantage points but please take care when parking so as not to disturb local residents and businesses. Remember the site is private land and that the construction company are governed by the appropriate health and safety regulations, involving hard hats etc. The company, AE Yates, are also working to a tight schedule and budget so cannot accommodate visiting parties. Work is expected to last until Christmas at the earliest.

Deborah Millward

Thornton Rust Mission Room Fundraising Lunch

There will be a Soup-and-Sweet Lunch on **Wednesday 10th November**, between noon and 2.00pm, in Thornton Rust Institute to raise funds to help meet overheads for the Mission Room.

The cost will be £4.00 per head for soup, sweet and tea or coffee, and everyone is welcome.

Susan Freer

Organothon

St Andrew's, Aysgarth, will host the Organothon 2010 at 7.30pm on Saturday, December 4. This is part of a "coast to coast" series of recitals by two young organists from Barnard Castle, Matthew Atherton and George Warren. They will divide the proceeds of this concert between the YMCA and St Andrew's. Tickets at £5 will be available on the door, and there is concessionary parking at The Falls at £1 per car.

Pip Land

CONCERT SING FOR PUDSEY

Please support the
Young Voices Choir on Thursday
18th November at 7.00 in the
Market House, Hawes
When they are performing a
sponsored sing for the
BBC Children In Need

Admission is £4.00 for adults

And £2.00 for children

This should be a happy family entertaining evening with a light supper provided



Mystery picture. Last month's was Stackhill House up above Askrigg.

October's Competition Answers

Wild flowers

Self heal
Water avens
Plantain
Betony
Oxford ragwort
Melancholy thistle
Feverfew
Pineapple weed
Giant bellflower
Bugle
Wild thyme
Foxglove
Speedwell
Hemlock
Alternate-leaved golden-saxifrage

October Competition Winners:

JOHN AND BRENDA STIRLING, ASKRIGG. £20 prize money to be donated to The Amala Trust. (They were also the first to correctly identify the mystery picture.)

November Competition

Why should it always be words? Here is a change for you.

Using four, and only four SEVENS each time, together with any mathematical signs as well: +, -, ×, ÷, /, () or the decimal point, make all the numbers from 1 to 12.

We'll do one for you:

$$(7+7+7)/7 = 3$$

Now it is up to you!

Correction

Please note that the correct phone number for Ian King, Clerk to the Hawes and High Abbotside Parish Council is **666096** not 667096, as listed last month

Hawes School News

We have had lots of visitors to Hawes School this term; two students from Switzerland working in school with the children, a pupil from Switzerland in class three and Mr Venkatachalam from South India, who leads the 'Mettupalayam Project'. We also had a student from York University training to be a teacher. All of these visitors add to our wider understanding of what goes on around us and hopefully we'll have continuing links with other schools in the UK and further afield.

We have just finished six weeks of outdoor adventure activities for Years 5 and 6. We say a big thank you to the brilliant staff that Terry has at Low Mill and of course to the parent helpers, who so often get cold and wet!

Film Club has started again for children in Years 2 – 6. Each week we show a film and have a snack. Over the course of a year a wide variety of films are shown and the children often do on-line reviews. In fact, Bethan Alderson won 'review of the week' and there are 4500 schools taking part! I think several other schools in the Dale are starting up similar clubs, St Peters and St Pauls at Leyburn have had a club for nearly a year. Now we start to turn our attention towards Christmas, how quickly the year passes by.

David Eldridge

Theatre Trip

A coach trip from Leyburn to see Lehar's romantic opera "The Merry Widow" performed by Opera North at the Grand Theatre in Leeds is planned for December 19th.

This is for a matinee performance and will cost £46.00 for seats in the dress circle including the coach fare. Please ring 663259 to book.

Shirley Wilson

CURRY CASINO EVENING
CARPERBY VILLAGE INSTITUTE
FRIDAY 19th NOVEMBER 8.00pm
Tickets £10.00 (Casino money included)

Curry Buffet & Casino

Licensed bar

Contact **663179** for tickets
In aid of Carperby Pavilion Fund.

The Race To Infinity

Between now and December 31st, BT are collecting registrations of interest in superfast fibre optic broadband internet access. They are doing this in the guise of a race where the 5 exchanges with the highest percentage of registrations will be upgraded. Unfortunately for an area to qualify to win the race they are requiring that there be at least 1000 lines on the exchange which rules out all of our local exchanges. However if 75% of the users of an exchange (it doesn't matter if you're a BT customer or not) register an interest then they say they will engage with the local community to see what they can do in the area, so it is still well worth registering an interest at

<http://www.racetoinfinity.bt.com/>

West Burton School News

Forest Schools

We do great things like: den building, cooking marshmallows, leaf identification and best of, all games. All of juniors go outside, we have been doing it for a few weeks. We all work in the field next to the school and we are learning to work with knives and fires. We all enjoy it and very much join in the activities. We've done some big thing like a human chain. A human chain is a chain of people moving things.

Robert Ellison Y6



On the 15th October year 5/6 went to Richmond town hall to take part in the School Travel Awareness Debate to argue for/against the statement 'All children should walk part of their way to school.' When we all got there we had a drink and a biscuit and then we practised our speech (me and Millie) After a while, it was time for us to go to the debate room. This was the Council chambers, very grand room. There was another school there called Eppeby Fawcett. Then the other school stood up and introduced themselves to everybody and said their speeches, soon enough it was Millie's and my turn to speak for and against the statement. Wow! It was amazing!

Now it was time for the overall result for and against the statement... we all went out and shook hands with the person doing for or against and they counted it on a tally.

We waited outside while they counted the results. Soon enough we all came in to find out... that... 'against' won. Then it came to judge who was the best individual speaker, the judges said my name I was in shock. Millie and me got given 2 certificates, a reflective cover for our bags and a stepometer. After all the happiness of us winning we came home, smiles all around to give out the news.

We now go through to the final at Darlington County Hall in December.

Laura Dent Y5

Gayle Mill

7 November: Tours at 11am and 2.30pm
(last approx. 2 hrs)

DEMONSTRATION DAY:

Special Guided Tours + demonstrations of water powered Victorian woodworking machinery.

£10 adult, £5 child (inc refreshments)

Booking advised: phone **667320**

27 November: 10.30am to 4.30pm

GAYLE MILL CHRISTMAS FAYRE:

Traditional wooden and seasonal crafts, games, puzzles and family activities. Harp music and wood turning demonstrations.

Admission £2.00 adult (includes seasonal refreshments)

Information : phone **667320**

www.gaylemill.org.uk

Heavens Above

*'Many a night I saw the Pleiads, rising thro' the mellow shade,
Glitter like a swarm of fire-flies tangled in a silver braid.'* Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Late autumn's a good month for viewing the beautiful Pleiades star cluster, easily the finest in the sky. You'll find it about half way up the sky in the south-east round about 9pm, just above Aldebaran, the bright orange leader of Taurus the Bull.

To the naked eye the cluster appears as a slightly hazy patch but closer inspection soon reveals a compact group of six or seven stars shaped like a miniature version of The Plough. In binoculars they're a grand sight with dozens more stars springing into view. In fact the whole cluster probably contains between 250-300 stars spread over a patch of sky roughly twice the size of the moon.

The Pleiades all formed together about 100 million years ago and, as clusters go, lie pretty close to us - about 440 light years away. Most of them are hot, blue-white giant stars much more powerful than our own sun. Long exposure photographs show the whole cluster wreathed in intricate strands of nebulosity caused by starlight scattering off minute grains of interstellar dust in the vicinity. An old name for the Pleiades is 'The Seven Sisters', and another 'The Hen and Chickens'. In Greek mythology they were the daughters of Atlas and Pleione who were changed into doves and placed in the heavens to save them from the clutches of our old friend, the mighty hunter, Orion. You can still see his constellation vainly chasing them across the sky to this very day. Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

Hawes Memorial Service

On **Sunday December 5th**, a Service of Commemoration will be held in St Margaret's Church, Hawes at which the victims of the 1910 Hawes Junction railway accident will be remembered. The accident occurred on Christmas Eve and thus the date which has been chosen, will be the nearest practicable one to the exact 100th Anniversary of the tragedy. The service will be conducted by the Rev. Canon Bill Greetham and the Rev. Ann Chapman, and will commence at 2.30pm.

The Service will begin with the playing of a tape, in which Kit Calvert, one of Hawes' most famous sons, recalls his memories of the accident and reads a poem written about the accident by local poet of the time, John Thwaite.

Following the service, the memorial provided by the Midland Railway Company will be rededicated. Three of the twelve people who lost their lives are interred at the memorial which for many years was maintained by successive generations of railway workers. Since privatization it has fallen into a bit of disrepair and FoSCL has commissioned Pickards of Aysgarth to refurbish it.

All are invited to attend. Tea and biscuits will be served after the service.

This event is being organized by The Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line. Further information **01729 825454**

Ruth Evans

**Wensleydale School
Comenius Week
September 25th - 3rd October**

On Saturday 25th September nine students, from years 11 and 12, and two teachers embarked on a once in a lifetime exchange to Barcs in Hungary as part of the ongoing Comenius Project. The project itself has been running for a couple of years already with different students involved. Each exchange has a different topic for the students to work on, this time it was based on 'The Fading Sixties'. For this topic each country had to focus on their country in the Sixties and technology from that time. At the end of this project it will all be compiled together, with work from other exchanges, as a record of the exchanges and the work that went into them. The following paragraphs are a compressed version of events from the amazing week:

Saturday: After a gruelling bus journey and flight, we eventually arrived in Budapest. While we were all expecting to catch up on some sleep when we reached our hostel we ended up on a night-time tour of Budapest. Lucky we did because the views of Parliament and other illuminated buildings was spectacular! After sampling the night-life we returned to the hostel exhilarated by the night's viewing.

Sunday: Refreshed by the night's sleep we had a short sightseeing tour of Budapest; however the weather let us down with rain and light fog restricting our views. It didn't stop us enjoying every minute though. We then headed into the middle of Budapest to the House of Terror. I know what you're all thinking "House of Terror doesn't sound like a happy place to spend the morning". Well you're right because it was a museum that followed the Nazi death camps and reign of terror. However it did prove eye-

opening for all of us. The rest of the day was spent sleeping and chatting on another long bus journey to Lake Balaton.

Monday: The best weather of the trip by far accompanied the most spectacular setting. Lake Balaton is a massive lake that makes Semerwater look like a puddle. Surrounding it was spectacular scenery and beautiful villages. However the visit to Szigliget castle made my day. The castle itself was located at the top of a large hill overlooking the lake. The view itself was enough to take your breath away; the lake disappearing over the horizon; green fields surrounded by three spectacular (yet dormant!) volcanoes. After that we boarded the bus once again for the journey to Barcs, and then for me another journey by car to my partner's house. As you can imagine by this time we were all exhausted.

Tuesday: Tuesday saw us paying a visit to a horse back archery school located within picturesque scenery. Here we saw one man, known as the Master, demonstrate amazing archery whilst riding a horse. It was scary if I say so myself! Here we also experienced some of the country's amazing architecture and culture. The rest of the day was spent in Barcs relaxing before the evening activities. In the evening all five visiting countries (Belgium, Czech Republic, Italy, Spain and UK) presented their country. This varied from fashion shows to traditional dance, and all in all was an amazing experience seeing all the countries together.

Josh Prudden, Bursary Student

Josh's account of his visit continues next month.

Christmas Lights Spectacular 2010

This year we need to spend about £7,000 to buy new displays, as well as service, erect, connect and insure the Upper Dales Christmas Lights in Hawes.

The switch-on will be on **Saturday December 4th** 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 please to bring some party food to share. Colin Bailey will start the entertainment at **1.30pm** with **Magic Tom** and his amazingly funny magic show following. After the party **Father Christmas** will arrive in style at about **4.30pm**, in the Market Place, with gifts for all children preceded by community carol singing with Hawes Prize Silver Band.

The Upper Dales Christmas Lights are the envy of many a larger town and they are all provided thanks to the generosity of local people and businesses together with the work of a team of volunteers. We were saddened by the passing of one of our stalwarts, Reg Fagg, who devoted a lot of time and expense to make the displays memorable each year. We send our condolences to Janet and family and hope they see the lights a fitting reminder of Reg.

Once again we ask everyone to become a **Friend of the Hawes Christmas Lights**. All personal donations will have a chance to win a Christmas bonus of 10% of the funds. Forms will be distributed to most homes in early November and additional application forms are available in Whites of Wensleydale and Hawes Post Office.

All work is done by volunteers and additional helpers are being sought to help with the repair and refurbishment of lights throughout the year, as well as erection and

removal of the lights. This year we will have a cherry picker on Wednesday 3rd November to put up the overhead lights, hopefully by being a little early we will have a dry day. If you can give even a few hours to help, please let **Kevin White** now on **667236**. *Many hands make light work.*

The Christmas Lights Committee wish you all a very peaceful, safe and happy Christmas.

Liz Lawson

Help our Heroes

Pie & Peas Supper

Friday 12 November at 7.30pm

The Crown, Askrigg

Tickets £6.50 from Sykes House Shop

Rachel on **650424** or Peter on **650023**

All profits go to the Royal British Legion

Raffle prizes gratefully received

Come and support our Armed Forces

Wensleydale Duke of Edinburgh

Award Group

The last couple of months have been quite busy for the D of E group. September saw the 2010 Bronze group complete their assessed expedition in upper Swaledale. The weather held out for their walks from Tan Hill, Keld and Gunnerside to Reeth, via an overnight camp in the top of Gunnerside Ghyll. We have a very healthy looking crop of prospective award participants for next year, so many in fact that we had to put on a second introductory residential weekend at Low Mill's Marsett bunk barn during October.

Those who attended the trips were subjected to a mixture of outdoor activities, camp craft, catering, teambuilding games and magic cutlery. We will be reconvening in January when we start the bronze expedition training programme. These Tuesday night sessions, based in Askrigg, cover what you need to know to look after yourself walking and camping in the wilds, culminating in an assessed overnight expedition in the Summer. It's open to young people in year 10 (or above), you can get more details from me on **650185**. **Gareth**

Askrigg Youth Club

The club's been well attended over the last half term with around 16 young people turning up most Thursday nights taking part in activities which have included painting the pool table cover, outdoor cooking and

football on the MUGA, interspersed with some (very) experimental music, and vast quantities of socialising.

We had to cancel a caving trip with Low Mill due to lack of interest. This is the second trip that we've had to cancel this year due to low numbers. The club has not been open every week this term due to the availability of staff. Although we are aiming to open for as many term time dates as possible, this is a situation which will continue for the foreseeable future. Young people should check the programme displayed in the club.

Gareth, Dan, & Jill

The Wensleydale School

"the local sixth form with outstanding student performance"

invites you to our

Post 16 Open Evening

Thursday November 11th

7.00 until 9.00pm

Richmond Road, Leyburn

Tel: 622244

www.wensleydaleschool.net

Life in a Vietnamese Village

Friday 12 November,

Thornton Rust Institute at 7.30pm

Colin Day will give a talk about Life in a Vietnamese Village. Admission is £3 including light refreshments. All proceeds to Thornton Rust Institute.

J.W.T.

Infusion

At the Fountain Hotel, Hawes

Saturday, November 20th

Entry by ticket only £12

From: The Fountain 667206

Matt Dinsdale 07930 905064

Gordon Sleightholm 667348

Proceeds for Hawes United Football Club

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Hawes Youth Club

Hawes Youth Club needs you! - We are calling out for volunteers; if you have any spare time on a Wednesday evening and want to do your 'bit' please get in touch. Volunteering can open many doors for anyone wishing to develop new skills; getting more involved within their community or gaining experience, you won't get a better Youth Club! Volunteers are subject to a CRB check; if you would like some more information please contact me on **07812831509**.

Domino Drive - Wednesday 3rd November 2010 in the Market Hall in Hawes, 6.30pm to 8.30pm

£1 entry - Refreshments and prizes!

Organised and hosted by the youth club members to raise funds for the Youth Club, we hope you will support us! Everyone welcome.

Remember Hawes Youth Club is every Wednesday (term time only) 6.30pm to 8.30pm in the Market Hall, Hawes. We look forward to seeing you!

Rachael and Di





Best Foot Forward

For those of us living in Wensleydale, Nidderdale seems a long way away. Yet as the crow flies it's only about 11 miles from Aysgarth to Lofthouse at the top end of Nidderdale. This in itself would make a good walk (and might be the subject of a future Best Foot Forward) but by road it is more than twice the distance—25 miles to be exact. It used to be even further before the road from Leighton reservoir to Lofthouse was tarmacked.

Nidderdale is very much a part of the Yorkshire Dales. Its exclusion from the National Park was a result of the political chicanery of the North and West Riding authorities and many have campaigned to get it included within the park. For people living in Ripon and Harrogate it is the most accessible part of the dales. The residents of Nidderdale may have mixed feelings about being excluded. There are advantages and disadvantages.

Despite being outside the National Park, footpaths are well signposted so North Yorkshire Highways Department must be doing a reasonable job. This walk begins at How Stean Gorge below Middlesmoor. The gorge is well worth a visit. It has been a tourist feature for many years—not surprising when you see how the beck has cut down spectacularly into the limestone. There's a useful car park and a tearoom just below the hamlet of Stean.

The object of this walk is to ascend a little known hill called Meugher (variously pronounced Mergher, Mugger or more correctly, Mufer). It really is the back of beyond, over three miles into the wilderness behind Great Whernside and three miles from Stean. It's higher than Penhill but far less frequently climbed. It appears as a

conical hill on the distant skyline from some vantage points but from most places it is hidden. This is an area of deeply dissected peat moorland which makes access difficult. However, modern shooting tracks and Open Access to moorland have made a decent walk possible. From Stean, paths lead past Moor House to Blagshaw Gill where a track goes westwards for three miles onto the moor. The gradient is steady. Views become more expansive, although Nidderdale itself is mostly hidden by now. After crossing Backsteane Gill a short climb leads to Meugher trig point.

This must be one of the most remote trig points in the dales. It's not the place to be on a foggy day as the moor is featureless and bleak. On a fine day you can just see Penyghent but much of the view north and westwards is obscured by Great and Little Whernsides. As compensation the view eastwards to the Vale of York and Hambleton Hills is extensive. There's some heather bashing to do before more paths and tracks lead to Straight Stean Beck which has been much modified by water board activities—culverts, sluices and bridges. Beckside paths then eventually return to the starting point.

This is a walk to do on a fine day, preferably in summer when the moorland birds are about (but after the nesting season). It is grouse shooting territory so not dog friendly and some of the ground can be very wet. For those who don't like crowds it's a nice contrast to the busy dales. Up here you can walk all day without seeing another soul. And it's a great cup of tea when you get back.

N.P

Coffee Morning

World Diabetes Day
Saturday November 13th
Carperby Village Hall
10.00am to 2.00pm

WHAT'S ON LISTING

November

(For Wensleydale Railway events see p.)
(Gayle Mill tours Tuesday to Saturday,
bank holiday Sunday and Monday). For
details and booking; **666210 or 667320**

- 2 Hawes Drama Group reads 'Hay Fever'
by Noel Coward. Gayle Institute,
7.30pm
- 3 Bolton -cum-Redmire PCC's Coffee
Morning and Gift Day 10.30am to
12noon. Hambleton House, Redmire
- 3 Hawes Youth Club domino drive in the
Market House. See p33.
- 4 Coach and rail trip: Hawes to York. P3.
- 5 Bonfire night. See p2.
- 5 Wensleydale Society. 'The historical
Importance of Richmond'. West Bur-
ton Village Hall
- 6 Drop-in family history Computer club;
1.00pm to 4.00pm, Hudson House,
Reeth
- 7 Cafe Style Service 10.30am,
St Oswald's, Askrigg
- 7 Harvest & Bread Sale, 2.30pm,
St Matthew's, Stalling Busk. P19.
- 7,27 Gayle Mill events. P26.
- 8,22 Askrigg ladies sing for pleasure
Group. Village Hall 7.30pm
- 9 YDNPA Planning Committee. Yoredale
10.30am
- 9 Decorative and Fine Arts Society.
Middleham Key Centre. 2.00pm. P7
- 9 Coffee morning. Hawes Methodist
Church rooms 10.00am to noon. P11
- 11 Short Remembrance service; Hawes
Methodist Church 10.45am. P11.
- 11,18,25 Wensleydale Country Markets.
Leyburn Methodist Hall. 10.00am-
11.30am
- 12 Deadline for Shoe Box Appeal. See
P13
- 12 Hawes School; Auction of Promises,
from 7.00pm
- 13 Sycamore Hall Craft Fayre.
- 13 Diabetes Day Coffee morning;
Carperby. See p32.
- 13 Bainbridge School Christmas Coffee
Morning; 10.00am to 12.00 noon.
P35
- 14 Remembrance Sunday; St Margaret's
Hawes, 10.30 am
- 14 Remembrance Sunday: Children's
Service 4.00pm. St Oswald's,
Askrigg
- 14 Remembrance Sunday: Redmire
9.30am, Aysgarth 11am, Preston
under Scar 9.30am, Wensley
10.45am, West Witton 10.45am
- 17 West Burton School Council Christmas
Fair. See p38.
- 18 Trip: Thoraby to Newcastle. Leaves
8.30am. Bookings: 663319
- 18 Young Voices sing for Pudsey, Market
House Hawes, 7.00pm. See p.23
- 19 Curry Casino Night: Village Hall,
Carperby P25
- 19 Museum Friends: The lost schools of
Bishopdale. 7.30pm
- 19,20 Wensleydale Railway walks.
- 20 'Infusion' at the Fountain, Hawes. P33.
- 20 Bainbridge Pie Supper. See p11.
- 24 Upper Dales Family History Group,
Middleham Key Centre. 2.00pm
- 25 Gayle Ladies; 'Working in the
Falklands'. Mike Blanch. 7.30pm
- 26 Making Christingles; 4.00pm to 6.00pm
followed by a Cafe' style Christingle,
Redmire Village Hall.
- 27 "Praise be!" poetry and music. Gayle
Institute. 7.00pm. See p3.
- 27 The Wensleydale Tournament of Song
Centenary book sale at the Method-
ist Schoolrooms, Leyburn. See p4.
- 28 Advent Sunday
- 28 Table-top sale, Market House, Hawes
- 28 Service of Healing, St Margaret's,
Hawes
- 30 YDNPA Full Authority meeting. Yoredale
10.30am

Police Report

There are two months of crime trends to inform you of this month. There has been a rise in theft of metal items (not all scrap – although that is what it has been taken as) also lead from buildings.. If you see anyone removing lead who does not appears properly equipped for such work please let us know immediately so that we can check them out.

There have been several break-ins to sheds and outbuildings throughout Wensleydale and Swaledale where power and hand tools have been stolen; a generator, strimmer, chain saws, and drills. Some of these will be getting sold on, but some particularly hand tools are often stolen to be used in crime nearby. One thing that concerns me when reading some of the crime reports is that some of the crimes were not in fact “break-ins” as the buildings entered were in some cases insecure – that is there was no form of lock on it- or it was even left open. The simple message is “LOCK IT - OR LOSE IT”.

I am particularly concerned at the rise in the number of dwelling burglaries in the Upper Dales. There have been two in the last 40 days, one on the Ingleton Road in Hawes and one in Appersett. Property stolen includes jewellery and a television. Entry in both cases is by damaging a secure rear door. In both cases noise would have occurred and someone would have been loitering about. Please keep a watchful eye out.

On 29th September the AA Box at Aysgarth was damaged. This is mindless as these boxes do not contain anything worth stealing.

Finally - on the crime front the Quad thieves are back with us. A Honda machine was taken from a barn in Aysgarth on the

evening of the 10th October. Although parked up in a barn and out of sight the quad was not secured in any way. I appreciate the hassle but please garage your quad bikes in a locked building. The thieves in all probability will then target someone else's. The time of the theft of this machine was prior to 11pm. Quad owners -Please be vigilant during the evening – and reports any suspect visitors to your premises during the day – as the thieves are obviously carrying out reconnaissance.

Road safety – particularly speeding. The Fire Brigade have had their speed matrix recording equipment out and about in the dales in the last couple of months and it has highlighted some quite startling results. On our “patch” AYSGARTH has been highlighted with some quite horrendous figures. Throughout the day there is some serious neglect of the 30mph speed limit which has now been in for several years along the stretch passed the Old Police House. Considering there is a 40 mph speed limit for some distance beyond that right down to the Westholme junction – speeds in the high fifties appear commonplace in the 30 mph limit. THIS IS COMPLETELY UN-ACCEPTABLE.

Several motorists have already fallen foul and are facing points on their licences and a fine as rigorous enforcement is taking place. One local person who was caught even told a colleague that they were not aware of the LIMIT. It is well signed which includes repeater signs so I cannot see how it can be missed.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Andy Foster PC826

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Bainbridge School News

Toe tapping jazz!

The children from Nursery upwards were treated to the sound of live music with a visit from the Smith Gilligan Duo. They told the children about their piano and saxophone and played a wide variety of musical pieces including "The Simpson's" theme tune. What a fantastic sound!

Harvest and Judaism Week

In the week leading up to Half Term, School is having a variety of themed activities on this subject. Yesterday, Tony Frais, an author, came in to read the children, including Nursery, one of his books – "Noah's Rocket", based on a modern day Noah's Ark story. The star of the story is Stanley, a red space suit wearing spider! I gather the children were mesmerised and there was an opportunity for them to purchase a signed copy of one of Tony's books.

On Friday we will be celebrating our own Harvest Festival outdoors under a large Sukkah which the children are building themselves – we hope the weather will be kind to us! Warm refreshments made by the children will be consumed afterwards.

The **Table Tennis Club** is going from strength to strength, with a fund raising project taking place tomorrow to buy more bats and balls. Wensleydale meets Hollywood as the children dress up as their favourite Film Star!

Upcoming PFA Events

Firstly I'd like to say a huge thank you to our outgoing Committee – Lynette Spence, Amanda Scarr and Lindsey Lightowler for the thousands of pounds they have raised for the benefit of Bainbridge School and Nursery children over the past 5 years or so. We now welcome our new Committee

– Angela Peacock, Melanie Clarkson and Amanda Scarr, who have the following exciting events lined up!

Christmas Coffee Morning – Saturday 13th November, 10am -12noon at School. £2 entry to include refreshments. Fun festive activities for the children including face painting, decorating Xmas cookies and colouring competitions to name but a few!

Emma Arblaster, Parent Governor

The Wensleydale Orchestra

We are the Wensleydale Orchestra. All we ask of our members is a love of making music with others; a willingness to 'have a go' – and, of course, a sense of humour! We don't hold auditions and welcome players of any instrument, standard and age. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm either at West Burton Village Hall (Autumn/Winter) or Thornton Rust (Summer). Interested in joining us? Then just come along to one of our rehearsals or contact me **663325**. If you'd just like to hear us play, our next 'Open Rehearsal' is at West Burton Village Hall at 7:30 pm on Thursday 2nd December. Whether you want to listen or join us you will be made very welcome.

Fiona Johnston

Community Office News

Library: The running of the library in the Community Office in Hawes has been taken over by the Community Office staff. Opening hours will change and improve from the **1st November:**

Monday	10.00 am - 4.30 pm
Tuesday	9.30 am - 6.00 pm
Wednesday	10.00 am - 4.30 pm
Thursday	10.00 am - 6.00 pm
Friday	10.00 am - 4.30 pm

Closed Saturday and Sunday

It is hoped that the two later openings on Tuesday and Thursday will be popular.

Part Two!

A second visit to Rookhurst

Two months ago, you will remember, we featured Sir Joe Pilling and we promised you **Lady Ann** and here we are; not reclining in the Rookhurst lounge but this time, led in business-like manner to Ann Pilling's study in the older part of the house. (They admit they are different!)

We were soon down to work as Ann, writer of children's books, novels and, later poetry, laid out some of the most significant ones on the floor in front of her chair, on what, coincidentally, was National Poetry Day!

The enthusiasm immediately shone through and I wanted to know when it all began. Ann was born in Warrington but circumstances soon meant moving away; mother a musician and father an architect, and she was reading and, yes, writing from an early age. "I've always written poetry... from aged eight!" At 15 she wanted to be a poet but "it won't pay!" After graduation in English from London University she taught in the south, spent time in America and then settled in Oxford with a place in the Dales from 1986.

Ann had always wanted to write but writing for children (which she claims is very hard) came about by accident as she was persuaded to try it by her mentor and continuing supporter, Dot Edwards. Ann's two young sons were her most valuable critics. She still likes nothing better than to have her young grandchildren pile into bed with her as she tells them stories when she "still feels about 8 inside".

Her first published novel was one of a series of ghost stories! She was approached by *Collins* to write one 'horror'. Each has an historical element which meant much research; *Black Harvest* (now a Collins

Modern Classic and soon to be filmed), being set during the Irish potato famine. Among Ann's many books are several novels of contemporary life, *Henry's Leg* being set in her native north of England where she has always felt "ripped away from". It won the *Guardian* Book Award in 1986 and had been both broadcast and televised. *Broken Path*, written in 1991 is set in Swaledale.

And will the novels continue? With a slight twinkle in the eye and a sense of excitement Ann said, "I've had an idea; a detective story set in a nunnery; working title *Sister Sabrina and the rude man*."

Although Ann has a great interest in drama, music (singing and listening), and in cooking, with a desire for us not to lose regional and seasonal recipes, I think it is fair to say that writing poetry now gives her the greatest pleasure; "When you've worked long and hard, can't do more, it's printed... and it looks right!" *Home Field*, her collection of poems (pub. 2008) and dedicated to 'Mother and father who gave me poetry' has been described as 'acute and celebratory observations of the domestic and familial which are balanced by the author's renderings of the tragic- searing, sombre, resonant, controlled, haunting'. I was then treated to a few lines being read to me!

Maybe it isn't fair to ask who have had the greatest influence in one's life; but I did. Ann's parents, "intellectual, agnostic but great debaters", came first. Then there was the lovely little lady who gave elocution lessons; not that Ann wanted to talk 'posh', but to learn a new poem every week and how to deliver it was invaluable. For someone like me who can remember phone numbers and not much else it was great to hear Ann quoting poetry and remembering past conversations. A young science

teacher who ‘made it interesting’ but who also had a strong Christian faith that ‘shone out of her’ and who remains ‘utterly at Ann’s disposal’ when needed comes next on the list. (That, and the fact that Ann’s university thesis was on C.S. Lewis have helped to form her own strong, wondering, yet still questioning, faith.)

“Then there’s my friend (and husband) Joe. He respected my desire to write; ‘give it a go’ he said, even when the two children were little. He believed in me.” He now meets poets, is developing a respect for poetry and helps Ann by listening to her readings.

Maybe of all the poets it is Wordsworth at the top of her list. Like him she finds ‘nature such a consolation’ and can’t really believe she now lives in (as Mike Harding says) ‘fat and friendly Wensleydale’. Her friends from Oxford can’t believe how wonderful it is! So her deep longing for the North of England is now met; we are already appreciating some of her poetry-reading events, and it was a real pleasure for me to listen to her for a while. As we parted in the doorway of Rookhurst we agreed that in writing, especially in poetry, every single word used must matter. Imagine, therefore, how long it took to write this feature!

A.S.W.

(See Ann on her website with the fells of Wensleydale behind her as she reads and speaks about her work. Ed.)

West Burton School Council Fair 2010

Stalls include:

- ◆ The Body Shop
- ◆ Phoenix Cards
- ◆ The Pampered Chef
- ◆ West Burton Recipe Book
- ◆ Cakes Stall
- ◆ Solid Silver Jewellery
- ◆ Forever Living



All at **West Burton CE Primary School** on
Wednesday 17th November from 7:00pm
 Proceeds in aid of Yorkshire Air Ambulance and
 School Council Funds