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Editorial

“I lift up mine eyes to the....”: smog?, tower blocks?, hills? In our case it **is** the hills. We know of local friends who every morning, on drawing back the curtains, are very glad at the view. It wasn’t true for town and city dwellers in the ‘dark, satanic mill’ days; it isn’t true now for those hemmed in by monstrous, monotonous blocks and choking traffic.

Every now and again it is good to remember the enlightened pioneers who knew that space, landscape, beauty and cultural heritage are essential for us all. Take just a few examples: Wordsworth and the other Lakeland poets; Octavia Hill, Canon Rawnsley and the other founders of the National Trust; the Open Spaces Society and the many others who over the last century fought against great odds for the establishment of Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and National Parks. When we live in the midst of these it is easy to forget what privileges we have at our fingertips.

Quoting from what Lord Judd, a Vice Chairman of the Council for National Parks and famous parliamentarian recently wrote: ‘I was talking with a strikingly sensitive and enlightened leader at a residential youth centre near Windermere. She told me that recently a youngster from a minority ethnic community in one of bleakest city centres had been on a course and was asked: “What did you see today?” “I saw FAR”, replied the animated wide-eyed child. Two days later: “I saw VERY FAR!”’

We wonder whether even around here our young people (or maybe not so young people) are missing out on the great benefits of being **outside**. ‘Playing’ these days seems to mean ‘on the computer’, at the ‘play station’: what about in the beck,

round the waterfalls, in the heather, the fields and the woodlands. All credit to those who organise our local sports clubs and teams; they are vital, but don’t we also need ‘adventure’, ‘exploration’ and be challenged by the outdoors as well as the internet? If there are dangers outdoors they may be different, but surely no greater than those on the web.

Not all of us can climb, scramble, run or even walk too well. We can all find a spot from which to wonder, to be refreshed, to take in the views, the distance, the natural world all around us and to be grateful for those pioneers who have helped to safeguard these treasured areas.

Finally, parents and grandparents, why not drag the kids out with you, they’ll have a great time! These pleasures cost very little in our otherwise increasingly cash-strapped age.

Eunice



Competition Winners

Every Second Counts - Janet Middleton of Hawes whose chosen charity is the Alastair Bullen Aromatherapy Fund at the Mowbray Suit at the Friarage Hospital.
Eunice - Charley Sharples of Sedbusk

The Annual Winter Ball

The Annual Winter Ball, Fairy Dust and Fascinators, was held at Simonstone Hall on Friday 4th February. Despite torrential rain causing the coach to approach via Bainbridge, a wonderful evening was enjoyed by the 80 people present, in the process raising over £200 for this year's gala. This will take place on Saturday 25 June and will have a Victorian theme.

Particular thanks go to the Owen and Adele Taylor who sponsored the welcome drinks, David and Kate Metcalfe who sponsored the poker, W Metcalf of Appersett who sponsored "grab-a-bag", the Wensleydale Creamery who supplied the cheese and of course, Simonstone Hall who provided excellent food and set the scene for such a memorable evening.

Next year's Winter Ball will take place on Friday the 3rd February

Sue Wood

Drink Coffee for Pleasure

Askrigg Ladies Sing for Pleasure Group are holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 26 February 2011 at Dolphin House, Main Street, Askrigg from 10.30am to 12 noon. There will be a raffle and Tombola. Proceeds will go towards purchase of music for this thriving singing group. All are very welcome.

Diana Hartley

**The next issue will be
produced on . Deadline
THURSDAY**

Picnic on the Pitch

Meet on Askrigg football pitch to celebrate the Royal Wedding of William and Catherine. Please join us, bring a picnic and a rug on the 29th April 2011 at 3pm. Red White and Blue theme. All welcome.

Catherine Madley

Wensleydale School Words

Prior to writing my monthly dispatch for the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter I ask students and staff to tell me about what they're been up to recently. I am always impressed with the amount of good work going on in school and humbled by our students' varied achievements. This term, for example, our students have: dominated the local badminton competitions; raised thousands of pounds towards a visit to Amala, India, through enterprising and charitable means including quizzes, curry nights, and pie and pea suppers; qualified as young singing leaders working with youngsters at our partner primary schools; impressed in the Richmond swimming gala; and contributed to the school farm. Wensleydale is a small school with big ambitions! January exams have taken place for students in Key Stages 4 and 5 this term and students have responded to the challenge admirably. This term we also held our first Learning Focus Day. We collapsed our normal timetable and engaged students in cross-curricular activities designed to develop transferrable skills such as team-work, empathy, self-awareness and independent study. Year 11, for example, investigated the world of science fiction imagining what the school would be like in 2050 (a staffroom full of holographic teachers, apparently!) whilst Year 9 worked with local business leaders and the North Yorkshire Business and Enterprise Partnership on designing a festival. A wealth of Wensleydale School musicians - Cantabile, Showstoppers and our instrumentalists - have all been hard at work preparing for the Wensleydale Tournament of Song which takes place during week commencing 28 March at the Methodist Church Hall in Leyburn.

The school farm continued to grow this month. Following the success of our two

pigs whose combined weight by slaughter was almost 180kg, we now have two new pigs for fattening. The ducks and geese are relieved to be able to get back in the ponds after the cold spell that rendered the ponds solid for over a month! Our brood of Silky cross hens are starting to lay small eggs and the others are laying well too.

The term ended in high spirits—or at least on high slopes—with many of our students enjoying the Austrian Alps on the first of our two ski trips for Years 8, 9 and 10, led as ever by our very own Eddie the Eagle, Mrs Snook.

Matt Bromley, Deputy Headteacher

**Wanted – A Young Person Who
Has Made an Outstanding
Contribution
to the Yorkshire Dales**

The Yorkshire Dales Society and Craven Branch of CPRE are offering an award of £500 to a young person who has made, or is making, a valued contribution to the life, work and environment of the Yorkshire Dales.

This will be the seventh annual **Ken Willson Award**. The award is a “living memorial” to Ken Willson MBE (1914-2003), of Addingham. Ken spent most of his long and active life working and campaigning for the Yorkshire Dales.

Anyone may nominate a young person in the Dales who they believe merits consideration for the Award. The nominations for the 2011 Award will close on **March 31st** and the young person concerned must be less than 35 years of age at that date. He or she should live or work either within the National Park or Nidderdale AONB, or in an adjacent community, and have made an important contribution in any of these activities:

The protection and enhancement of the natural or built environment of the Dales;

The understanding and enjoyment of the landscape, natural history or cultural heritage of the Dales;

The cultural life of the Dales through the arts or related cultural activity;

The local Dales economy including up-land farming or forestry;

The care and social well being of communities in the Dales.

Anyone wishing to nominate an individual for the 2011 Award should request an official form of nomination which can be obtained from the Yorkshire Dales Society, The Town Hall, Settle, North Yorkshire, BD24 9EJ or telephone **01729 825600**

leaving your name and address, or email ann.shadrake@yds.org.uk.

Carperby W.I.

The meeting on **Wednesday March 16th at 7.30pm** in the Village Institute is entitled ‘The Pampered Chef’, a cookery demonstration by Carol Brown. There will be cookware for sale.

Pension Top Up

Time is running out for 330,000 pensioners to top up their basic state pension on the cheap.

The little-known deal, which ends on April 1, could buy pensioners an income of £1,235 a year for as little as £309.40.

It applies to women born between April 6, 1938, and October 23, 1944, and men born between April 6, 1933, and October 23, 1939.

Contact the Pensions Service on **0845 602 1785** for more information.

Work of Upland Farmers 'Must be Recognised'

The contribution of upland livestock farming still fails to be recognised nationally and internationally, according to **David Butterworth, Chief Executive of the Yorkshire Dales National Park.**

As talks about reform of the Common Agricultural Policy continue, he said: "Ninety-nine per cent of the Yorkshire Dales National Park is in private ownership, so you don't need to be a genius to work out the size of the contribution that farmers and landowners make to the conservation and enhancement of this Jewel in England's landscape.

"In addition, it is these areas that will be critical in the fight against climate change because they contain huge amounts of peat, which are vital stores of carbon. Managing this land well will make a major contribution to controlling carbon emissions, as well as improving water quality and the internationally-important wildlife of the area. Indeed, if these giant 'sponges' of peat are well maintained, it might just help to prevent some of the terrible floods that have been seen in recent years in Boroughbridge and York.

"All of this is on top of the value of the wonderful produce that comes from these areas and the extraordinary contribution these landscapes make to the regional economy - 34,000 jobs in the Yorkshire region and £1.8 billion of sales are directly dependent on the beauty of the farmed landscapes of the Dales and Moors.

"Surely, this hill farming contribution has to enter the equation when the discussion on CAP reform takes place? The Dales might still have its share of down-to-earth, rugged farming folk, but the area itself is fragile, as is its economy - never more so

than as a result of the current economic and financial difficulties.

"In these critical discussions on the future of farming it is important to recognise the WHOLE contribution of Dales' farmers - as Benny Hill once remarked: 'It's bigger than you think!'.

Carperby Pavilion Update

The pavilion project is finally nearing completion. Many of you will have already seen the new **Mars Bar commercial** on ITV. It was first broadcast on Wednesday 9th February in the half-time break of the Denmark v England game. In the space of 30 seconds it sets out to give a flavour of everything that has been happening with the pavilion over the last 4 months. The final filming took place at the end of January and we were fortunate enough to have **Peter Crouch** turn up to officially open the building. He took part in a kick-about that was filmed for the second of the commercials that goes out later in the Spring. The project has featured on **Sky TV** and in **national and local press** and there is extensive internet coverage. If you are interested, much of this can be accessed via Carperby's parish website at www.carperbyparishcouncil.co.uk Pip Land has also added more photographs in her gallery of pictures at www.pipspatch.com/pip-pictures

Water and sewerage services were finally connected in Mid- February but we still have some bills to pay and fitting out to complete. **Consequently, we are still in fund-raising mode.** Our next event will be a **St. Patrick's Celebration Night** at Carperby Village Institute on **Saturday 19th March** at 7.30pm. There will be a **licensed bar and music from The Blethermen**. Tickets are **£12 and include food**. Contact Jane on **663074** for details. All profits will go towards equipping the new pavilion

Steve Sheldon

Surgery News

Breast Screening Unit

No sooner had we gone to press last month than the breast-screening service altered the date that the unit will be at Hawes. The unit will arrive **Saturday 19th March**, & screening will begin **Tuesday 22nd March**. Parking will be very limited at Hawes surgery whilst the unit is on site.

And then there were three...

Following the departure of Dr Arblaster at the end of December, the practice is running on three doctors. Given the many financial uncertainties that the future holds, with the NHS expected to find 20% 'efficiency savings' (i.e. cuts) over the next five years, the practice will continue to run with three doctors for the foreseeable future. We are committed to maintain services at both surgeries, but we can only do this with your help & co-operation. Here is how you can help:

Appointments

These are available for evening surgeries. These surgeries are reserved for people who have to get time off work to attend surgery, or for those who need the help of someone who works in order to get to surgery. All other patients should attend morning surgery. The one exception is the Tuesday afternoon appointments surgery at Hawes, which is open to all.

As I am sure you will understand, there is considerable pressure on appointments now that there are three doctors. If you make an appointment with doctor, or with nurse, please let us know as soon as possible if you cannot attend. This allows us to make that appointment available for another patient. Simply not turning up is not acceptable, and those who repeatedly fail to attend their appointments will not be offered any more, & will be asked to attend morning surgeries instead.

On the subject of morning surgeries, there is a small number of patients who persistently turn up late for these. Unfortunately, we no longer have the capacity to deal with latecomers because the doctors need to be out on their visiting rounds. If you turn up late for morning surgery, you will be asked to attend the next day.

Home visits

These are available to those who genuinely cannot attend surgery. With over 800 square miles to cover, it is essential that our doctors are able to plan their visiting rounds in advance. If you call for a home visit at 1p.m. it is likely that the doctor will already have visited your village and will now be at the other end of the practice area.

Your visit will then have to be delayed until the next working day. So please make ALL home visit requests before 10 a.m.

Ordering repeat medication

The best way to order your repeat prescription is via our website www.centraldalespractice.co.uk

There are no queues & no engaged tones when using the web, but we realise that not everyone has access to the internet. If you order by telephone, we can only accept prescription requests between 11a.m and 3p.m. At other times the receptionists are dealing with patients attending surgery. There are still many patients who try to telephone with their orders at other times. These patients will be asked to call back at the appropriate time

Government survey

At this time of year the government posts out a questionnaire to a sample of patients, asking about the availability of consultations with a doctor. At your practice you can always be seen within one working day, due to the 'turn up and be seen' nature of morning surgeries.

(weekends do not form part of the working week since the new GP contract came into force in 2003). Consequently, the practice always scores well in this survey. This is important because a considerable portion of our funding depends on the results. Please bear this in mind if you are asked to complete a survey.

Clive West

Heavens Above

This March sees the best chance of the year to view the innermost planet, Mercury. Not many people can claim to have seen this diminutive little world as it's usually lost in the Sun's glare, but if you've a fairly unobstructed horizon you might catch a glimpse of it towards the end of the month. The best time to try is on the 23 March, though a few days either side of this won't make much difference. Wait until about half-an-hour after sunset and look directly above the point where the sun sank below the horizon. On a clear night you should easily be able to see the pinkish-gold dot of the planet gleaming low in the twilight. Nearby, but further down, you'll find Jupiter - the brighter of the pair - but harder to see as it's so much closer to the horizon.

Now that Pluto has lost its planetary status, Mercury has also regained the distinction of being the smallest member of the Sun's family. With a diameter of roughly 3000 miles it's only 40 per cent larger than our own Moon and like the Moon it's barren, rocky surface is heavily littered with craters. Mercury whizzes round in its orbit in just less than 88 days. Its nearness to the Sun (a mere 36 million miles) means the daytime temperature can reach 400°C - hot enough to melt lead and tin! During the planet's long night (it takes 59 earth days to turn on its axis) the thermometer can drop to as low as -200°C. And you thought *our* recent cold spell was a bit on the parky side!

Don't forget that British Summer Time begins on March 27th and your clocks need to go forward an hour. Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

West Burton School News

The Archbishop's Visit

On the 24th of January the Archbishop of York came to visit West Burton Village. The Archbishop held an Assembly in West Burton Chapel about how life is unfair and sometimes you don't get what you want or your fair share. He involved the whole School by making it easier and simpler to understand. Most of the community came to enjoy the assembly.

After that, Archbishop came to our School, and Michael Horner gave a guided tour, also showing all our information boards on Fairtrade, Eco Action, School Council and our work with Africa and Europe. The Archbishop had some home-made buns made by two kind ladies. Then he went to the Infant classroom and talked to them. After a while Archbishop came to talk to the juniors and we asked some questions. He gave us an Easter egg box and a bird box for our garden.

Laura Dent and Ruth Dent Y5

Askrigg School News

Mrs Killip's India Talk

On Thursday the 10th of February, Mrs Killip came to Askrigg School to talk about India for our school project on "Extreme Environments". First we looked at some slides of the landscape and the people who live there. Then we tried a card sort: there was a set of pictures and a set of sentences, we had match the pictures to the words correctly and talk about what they meant. After that we looked at pictures of Indian houses and transport. One picture showed three different types of transport: Ox and cart, bicycle and public bus. Finally we went out into the corridor and sat in a row. We all tried some of the food that they eat there: A mixture of beans called daal and some rice. We even ate Indian style (with our fingers)! When we had finished the

food Mrs Killip came into the classroom and we all said a very big THANK YOU!

We all enjoyed the talk and we learnt a lot for our project.

Noah Killip

Gardening club news

Our gardening club is run by Mr Armstrong and Mrs Fawcett. We meet every week at lunchtime to learn about growing fruit and vegetables.

When the weather gets warmer, we will be sowing seeds and planting our potatoes. This year we are trialing some special types; blue potatoes, purple carrots, golden beetroot and a mixture of other vegetables including giant pumpkins!

Last week we chitted our potatoes so they will get a good start when we plant them out next month. We have turned over our raised beds and dug in some 'black gold' (compost from our school kitchen) and the soil is warming up! Happy gardening everyone!

Alana Class 1

HAWES Dalesplay News

This month we have enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year by making lanterns, spring rolls, Chinese dragons and eating prawn crackers. Our home corner even turned into a Chinese restaurant for us to play in and pretend to make delicious Chinese food. Our outdoor area has been completed with the great help from Michael Fothergill, Mick Alderson and Duffields; the children are now able to play outside without getting muddy feet and enjoy the fresh air!

We are planning on planting some bulbs soon to make Dalesplay look colourful in the months ahead. On one of the fine days we had this month some of the children made the most of the good weather by going on an outing to Hawes Park. They had lots of fun and were eager to tell the others what they had been doing on returning to Dalesplay. You can see more of what the children have been doing by visiting www.dalesplay.posterous.com This is a blog site where we post pictures and comments of what the children have been doing. The blog is run in partnership with Hawes primary school and you can click on a class to see what they have also been doing. Please feel free to leave comments it is always nice to see what others think. We are currently updating our website but there is a link to see what we have on offer, half term activities and more please visit www.dalesplay.co.uk.

Dalesplay will be holding the Hoppers sale refreshments this month, (5th March), and welcomes any help on the day or refreshments. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and the more we have donated the more money we are able to raise.

Another fun fundraiser we are holding is

one for the ladies; Butlers in the Buff Fundraiser. It is held at Beckindales on 2nd April 7-9pm. You will receive a two course meal and the Butler in the buff will serve you your dessert, sell raffle tickets, feed 1 lucky person their pudding and help keep you entertained. Tickets are £25 each and these can be bought from Dalesplay or phone **667789** who will be happy to post them. Limited seats available so first come and paid for first served. An event not to be missed.

Joanne Middleton

Flowers of the Dales Festival

With its pretty limestone dales, species-rich hay meadows, ancient woodlands, breathtaking heather moorland and the spectacular 'Three Peaks' area, the Yorkshire Dales offer the perfect opportunity to discover and enjoy a fantastic variety of wildflower habitats. Wildflowers in all their glory – common or rare – the Flowers of the Dales Festival aims to celebrate them all.

Now in its third year, the Festival goes from strength to strength. There are over 120 events to choose from, taking place throughout the Dales and running till October. With guided walks, photography courses, art exhibitions, children's activities, craft events, botanical identification courses, as well as wild food, cookery and medicinal events to explain how wildflowers, fruits and hedgerow plants were used in the past, there's something for everyone. For something a little different look out for the fungi, butterfly, moth and bug events as well as talks on how you can become involved in monitoring and recording bumblebees. The events are run by a wide range of Dales-based organisations and individuals and the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) co-ordinates the Festival.

The first event is an illustrated talk by Christa Perry, Hay Time project officer, about the wildflowers and grasses found in species-rich hay meadows and how she works with farmers to conserve and restore this valuable habitat. This is at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes on **Tuesday 8 March from 7-8pm**. The event is free but places need to be booked through the Museum on **666210**.

To promote the Festival, copies of our free, colourful programme giving details of each event will be in visitor centres and other outlets. To receive a copy by post

please send an A5 SAE (36p postage) to FoD Festival, YDMT, Old Post Office, Main Street, Clapham, LA2 8DP. The programme can also be downloaded from our website www.ydmt.org.

**Tanya St. Pierre, Flowers of the Dales
Project Officer, YDMT, 015242 51002**

Community Office News

Trish West

At last we are going to be a *real* Internet café! As from the 1st March we will have a coffee machine – with a great selection of *real* coffee and teas. So why not come and try it, whilst reading the papers or when visiting the computers at library? You do know that library members get a free 30 minutes of internet access every day? ... and that membership is free?

Also, we are going to have a website, though we are still working out details.

We are in the process producing a small promotional leaflet encouraging visitors and residents to shop local. It will include a brief description of shops and shopkeepers in Hawes. There is no cost for being included and we hope to have it available in paper copy and on our website.

Another project is the production a welcome pack for new residents and temporary workers to the area. It will comprise local information that isn't found anywhere else. (I can remember when I first came here, I would never have guessed that you bought your wine and got your passport photo at the chemist's). The information will be available in several languages and will also be on our website.

Food Hygiene course are now available online. If you are one of a group of people wanting to do it together, we can provide computers and a room for a small cost. This is a very economical way of gaining the qualification.

The Tuesday afternoon computer workshop for beginners is still very popular. Let us know if you'd like to join us. We may be able to schedule another class on another day.

If anyone would like to help out with any of our ventures, please contact us at the Community Office in the Neukin, Tel: **667400**

Mid Dale Lunches

The first of the annual mid-dale lunches of soup, bread and cheese with tea or coffee will be held to raise money for Christian Aid on **Friday March 11th between noon and 1.30pm** in Redmire Village Hall, followed by:

Friday March 18th at Aysgarth Institute, Friday March 25th at West Burton Village Hall and Carperby April 1st. Later April dates and venues in the next issue..

There is no set charge for the food. We hope you will donate generously to Christian Aid and we are always grateful for donations of bread, cheese and homemade soup.

Evelyn Abraham 663243

Raydale Project

Many people may not have ventured up Raydale in the past few weeks what with road closures and at least three floods, but had you done so you might have noticed the newly installed information board. When one does not have to paddle to see it then I can recommend it. There is information on the geology, wildlife, history and mythology of Semerwater and for those unfamiliar with the area, the circular walk around the lake is depicted. It answers a lot of questions that those of us who visit frequently are regularly asked. Many thanks to the National Park for their help with this part of the project.

Now the wading birds have started to returned to the dale, (there were, lapwing, oystercatcher and curlew calling today) why not try out the walk, with a bit of luck you wont have to wade too.

Deborah Millward

Succession Planning for Farmers

An event entitled **Moving On The next Generation** to consider business and succession planning to enable farms to continue to function successfully into the next generation will be held at Tennants in Leyburn at **6:30 for 7:00 on Tuesday 15th March** and includes a free buffet supper for those who reply in advance.

Anyone interested in attending should contact Claire Wise at Tel: **01845 525757**
Email: clare.wise@crc-online.org.uk

The event has been organised by CRC, the Churches Rural Commission (CRC) and is sponsored by Lloyds TSB Agricultural, Robins Jessop Land agents, Kenneth Easby Accountants, Latimer Hinks Solicitors and ARC Addington fund.

For further information contact Claire Wise or the local representative Rev Ian Robinson Tel **663159**, mobile **07801657988** or email **rev-robbo@btinternet.com**

Rev Ian Robinson

Gayle Mill

Demonstration Day
of the watered-powered
Victorian machinery

Sunday March 6th
Special guided tours 11.00am and
2.30pm
Adults £10, children £5 includes refreshments.

Booking advised: 667320
www.gaylemill.or.uk

Hawes Drama Club/Play Reading Group

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Just in case there are any residents in the area who haven't heard of us, this will answer any questions and hopefully generate enough interest to make you want to join in.

The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month between September and May, in the Institute at Gayle which, if you've never been there is a well-appointed and warm venue. Our origins go back fifty years or more when the 'Play Readers' were part of a thriving local Amateur Dramatics scene. Not everyone who loves drama also loves performing on stage or indeed has the time to learn lines and attend long rehearsals. This is a way of enjoying plays simply by reading or listening. Each summer a list of plays is chosen by a small group and ordered from the library service. Volunteers cast the play of the month and copies are distributed a few weeks before the reading. We read plays by Alan Ayckbourn, Norman Robbins, Simon Brett to name but a few, ranging from comedies and farces to murder mysteries and classics, to meet a wide variety of tastes.

Those not reading make up the audience and tea and coffee is provided in the Interval. We also arrange a theatre trip once a season. We do have some non-reading members and are happy for them to simply enjoy the evening in the audience seats. There is no pressure whatsoever, the aim being to provide home-grown live entertainment among friends.

To enable us to cast a wide-range of plays we need a wide range of ages in both men and women so if you think you might enjoy it, give us a try. Contact Norma Fowler on 667044 or me, Sue Harpley on **667475** if you want to know more. Go on, you know it makes sense!

Dales Cake Pixie!

Don't go and visit Lindsay Williamson on the Hawes Brunt Acres site if you are on a diet! The display of wedding cakes, cup cakes, celebration cakes of all kinds will have your mouth watering. Beautiful designs, beautifully made up on sponge or fruit cake bases are what Lindsay specialises in.

After setting up her business only six months ago she is enjoying a steady trade producing 'bespoke' cakes for all occasions and was busy decorating one when I dropped in.

"I will take on any challenge", she said, "as long as it isn't 'rude'". (you would be surprised to know what she has been asked to put on top of a cake!)

Having come to Hawes two years ago and worked in various local businesses, she spotted a gap in the market and having trained in cake-making and sugar-craft she decided to give it a try. Her new enterprise (from next month) will be the 'Dales Cake Pixie' which is all about children's parties. The children will be helped to create their own cupcakes and cookies (biscuits) and take them home.

So if you have a birthday, wedding, christening, engagement or any other celebration coming up give Lindsay a call: **667015**. She has a website too: dalescakecraft@aol.co.uk

Before I left Lindsay told me how helpful and welcoming everyone in Hawes had been since she started. I couldn't resist: "Well that's just the icing on the cake then!" ,and I left.

The very best of luck to Dales Cake Craft. **S.H.**

Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society

The Staithes Group of Artists

In the late 19th Century a group of artists were drawn to the small fishing village on the North Yorkshire coast where they were inspired by their stunning surroundings, and the work of the French Impressionists.

In The Staithes Group: Yorkshire Coast Impressionists of a Century Ago

Rosamund Jordan will describe the Group and its founders and the work of a selection of artists and on their influences and background. She will look at the female members of the group; the effect of marriage on their work, and use the work of Dame Laura Knight, and her development as an artist, to summarise the work of the Group.

Rosamund Jordan, a former head teacher, has been involved in a Fine Art business in partnership with her husband since 1974. Always specializing in Impressionist artists from the North East of England, Rosamund has made the work of the Staithes Group her main focus. A catalogue written in 2003 has become a definitive reference book on the Group, and she is now researching the subject in more depth.

This Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society lecture will be held on **Tuesday March 8th at 2.00pm** in the Middleham Key Centre. Non-members are welcome at £5 per lecture, pre-booking is essential, membership and further information is available from the Membership Secretary, tel.624203.

Elaine Frances

Snowdrop visit to Austwick Hall

A visit to the Woodland Snowdrop Garden at Austwick Hall, near Settle, has been arranged by the Settle-Carlisle Enterprise Network (SCENe) for **Thursday March 3**. The woodland was planted in 1846 by local naturalist Richard Clapham and the garden

has been developed by its present owners.

By car: park at Austwick Hall (arrival time 11.50 for 12 noon). **By train:** 10.02 from Garsdale (buy your ticket on the train) arrives Settle 10.32. Short walk from the station to market place for Bus No 581 dep 11.30 to Austwick, arr 11.43. (Return bus dep Austwick 14.42; train dep Settle 15.45, arr Garsdale at 16.16. After the garden visit (snowdrops, statues and some steps) there will be a short talk by Michael Pearson, one of the owners of the hall, followed by lunch (soup, sandwiches, scones, cakes, tea/coffee) on a pay-as-you-eat basis. **Bookings** (£5 cheque to SCENe, c/o The Community Office, Hawes, DL8 3HG; members £4).

Prunings

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

"If Candlemas Day is bright and clear, there'll be two winters in the year."

We might have hoped for an early Spring as the 2nd February was a pretty miserable day, and one celebrated groundhog was seen to ride about on a welcoming shoulder to celebrate Spring being just around the corner.

Once March arrives we know that all the pruning and cutting back should be well under way, but in our neck of the woods we feel lucky if the weather will permit such activity. One year I was full of enthusiasm and cut all the Buddleias back really early, well that was a lesson learned as I lost half of them. Pruning should be done with caution if frost still threatens, as the parts we cut off were doing a good job protecting the heart of the plant, so take care. A friend who claims some success in amateur weather forecasting says there is still white stuff to come. I hope not. Much of the ground has been so waterlogged that simply walking on the grass can leave a lasting impression, and much of the detritus is just too wet to scrape away. The snowdrops are so cheerful and if you want a real treat just Google snowdrop display and there are lots of gardens where they can be seen en masse.

Its quite amazing to think that some plants choose to flower in our winter conditions and I always find the brave displays put on by the Hellebores so inspiring. I read the piece by Ken Thompson in the Telegraph with great interest and was fascinated to discover that many winter flowering plants create their own heat to attract polli-

nators, which are few and far between in cold conditions. Some generate heat through the starch present in the cells, Arums are best at this; and some behave as "microgreenhouses" with translucent petals which let in light and then warm up in sunshine, Crocuses are good at this. Yet others such as the Stinking Hellebore which lives in shady places where the sun can't help are able to reach temperatures as high as 6° C above the surrounding air temperature. They use a specific yeast which is capable of rapid fermentation of the sugars in the nectar and generate heat in the process. Apparently there is a Malaysian Palm whose flowers contain yeasts that can create alcohol at 3.8 per cent vol. and the tree shrews that pollinate the palm are always drunk!

Until it warms up a bit I think I'll have plenty to do in the greenhouse. Last Autumn's cuttings are ready to move on, and I really need the space for seeds. I've dozens of plastic pots and cartons to use: normal seed trays are just too big and who needs 500 of the same thing all at once. Little and often seems much better. The geraniums are greening up, so a little judicious watering will produce lots of cuttings.

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

Rose Rambler

Police Report

Hello again. Like multi channel television, this month I will be mostly full of repeats. This is not to say that there is no news, but the crimes that are occurring are the same type as have been prevalent for a few months now.

Oil thefts have occurred at a couple of locations in the Leyburn Police area. Again central heating oil has been stolen, but also farm diesel tanks have been targeted in the Finghall area. This type of crime is increasing and is lucrative for the criminals due to the cost of the fuel, whether it is to fuel their thieving lifestyle or to sell on. If you are a haulier please be aware that parked HGVs are targeted regularly near to the A1 as they obviously contain “road legal” duty paid diesel – it is only a matter of time before they visit one of the local operators or the Auction Mart sites where lorries are parked overnight. Report any suspicious

activity immediately please. We will be patrolling relevant locations.

Just to reiterate, methods of securing Oil Tanks, either domestic or business, can be found at www.oilsecure.com.

Metal thefts are still increasing alarmingly. I’m sure many people do not report such crimes especially when it’s just an old bike that has disappeared from the garden. However it seems to be a common occurrence that “scrap men”, most of whom now carry the correct paperwork, in that they have a DoFE licence for Waste (because it is only a few pounds compared to what they can make), will visit properties and the first you will know about them is when you see them having a good look around your garden. If no one is home then they will not be averse to taking any metal items. This happened to a lady in Leyburn recently. She had quite a bit of metal in her garden including an old metal bunk bed. She saw a male walk down the side of her house have a good look in to see if anyone was at home. He had not seen her. He then helped himself to the bunk bed and she then challenged him – however she wanted to get rid of it so she let him have it. It appears that he would have taken it regardless. It is worth bearing in mind that if you get rid of metal in this way then you should be issued with a receipt for it.

I’m sure as you travel up and down the dales you cannot have failed to notice

numerous sets of those pesky traffic lights at various road works. Isn't it strange? As I approach them they always seem to change to red! However two sets have had their batteries stolen from them. Disgruntled motorist maybe? I doubt it – more likely stolen for the metals they contain.

Damage has been caused to a lock at an electric mast site near West Burton and Water Works are being targeted. Again it is metal that the thieves are after, particularly copper. If you see strange vehicles parked at utility sites please let us know as these thefts cost us all money as the companies will inevitably pass on the costs to us by raised bills. Utility company vehicles normally have logos on them.

Finally there was a spate of wheel trims stolen one weekend from parked vehicles in Hawes. I tend to think that the culprit was fairly local as it is not the type of crime that offenders travel miles for.

If you have any information that can help us solve any crime please give us a call, and please report suspicious sightings promptly - the number as always

0845 60 60 247.

Andy Foster PC826

Leyburn Safer Neighbourhood Team

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Wensleydale Railway News

Tuesday and Friday trains will be added to week-end services from March 22, with a Fiddlers Fiesta on March 19 and a 'Winter in the Dales' event on March 26/27.

Diesel Gala 1 will be held from April 8-10, followed by guided walks in Easter week (April 22 and 24) and an Easter Egg hunt from Redmire station on Easter Sunday morning.

Pick up a free timetable at the Hawes Post Office, the Ropemakers or Dales Country-side Museum; see the website www.wensleydalerailway.com or phone Leeming Bar station on 08454 50 54 74.

What's On at Simonstone Hall in March..

Thursdays: Italian Nights £10 per person

Wednesday 9th: quiz night

Thursday 17th: Italian wine tasting evening

Saturday 26th: Charity night with Infusion live band.

The Wensleydale Tournament Of Song 2011

The one hundred and first Tournament of song will be held at Leyburn Methodist Chapel and School Rooms from w/c 21st March (Speech) and w/c 28th March (Music). We are delighted to welcome Stephen R Owen to adjudicate the speech classes and Dr Andrew Padmore for the music classes once again. We have had a large number of entries again for this year and look forward to hearing competitors from as far away as Leeds and Darlington at our friendly festival.

All are welcome to come and spectate the Junior and Senior classes alike during the two weeks and a full listing of classes and times is be available on www.dalesmusic.co.uk. Programmes are available from Towlers newsagents in Leyburn along with the Tourist Information Centre in Leyburn and directly from the organisers at The Corner House West Burton tel: **663878**.

Following a very successful Centenary year in 2010 with record entries and a comprehensive calendar of events including a book launch and President's concert, this year promises to be just as entertaining with the final evening gala concert featuring bands, orchestras and choirs being held on 1st April from 7:00pm (TBC).

We look forward to seeing you at the classes and gala evening where a limited number of the centenary celebration book "A History Of A North Yorkshire Festival" will be available for £5.00 per copy.

For further information please contact Julie or Simon Greenslade on **663878** or julie@dalesmusic.co.uk.

Simon Greenslade

Calling All Anglers

Waltons of Hawes are offering three £20 gift vouchers for the biggest fish caught on the fly in Hawes & High Abbotside waters in 2011 by male, female and under 16 anglers respectively.

Anglers (visitors or locals) should register their catch in the special book held in the shop with details of weight, date, location and fly used. Photos, to be displayed in the shop, would also be appreciated.

Class 3 Technology Project

Class 3 have been involved in a creative technology project with the Dales Countryside Museum this term. This project, which has involved the use of Playstation Portables, has been run in collaboration with the Yorkshire & Humberside Grid for Learning and Sony.

The culmination of our project will be an open evening to be held in March at the Dales Countryside Museum.

Junior Road Safety Officers

Jenny Guy and David Dore have been nominated to be our school's junior road safety officers (JRSO's). As part of their job, they are expected to organise and run a colouring competition to promote road safety throughout the school.

Daily Mirror – Book Tokens

From Saturday 5th February, the Daily Mirror will be printing book tokens. For every two tokens collected, school can claim a free Ladybird book. Please encourage family and friends to collect the vouchers for us. Thank you.

Last Month's Two Competitions

Christmas-related anagrams

MINCE PIES

WISE MEN

STAR IN THE EAST

CAROL SINGING

MARY AND JOSEPH

CHRISTMAS PUDDING

TREE DECORATIONS

CAESAR AUGUSTUS

MISTLETOE

BLEAK MID WINTER

WINTER SOLSTICE

SHORTEST DAY

GOOD KING WENCESLAS

HITHER PAGE

YONDER PEASANT

5. Could be on the beach or the neck
6. Famous old German
7. In south east France
8. Cosy underwear maker
9. On the Silk Road
10. Persian; solved a cubic geometrically!
11. "Fast fashion and lean operations"
12. Lime-rich mudstone
13. There's still a big one in Hawes
14. Carve it... or maybe roll it
15. It stands in West Tanfield
16. Some famous locks in Cheshire
17. Fantastic!
18. Re-do the score.

February. "Every second counts"

1. COUNTERSETT
2. AYSGARTH
3. REDMIRE FALLS
4. CARPLEY GREEN
5. WEST BURTON
6. PRESTON UNDER SCAR
7. GREAT SHUNNER FELL
8. SWINITHWAITE
9. THORNTON RUST
10. HARDRAW SCAR
11. PENHILL BEACON
12. LITHERSKEW
13. DUERLEY BECK
14. GARSDALE HEAD
15. SNAIZEHOLME
16. GAYLE MILL
17. CHANTRY
18. CARPERBY WARREN

March Competition

All the answers contain the letters MAR

1. Planet (*That's so easy to start with!*)
2. A wallaby is one
3. Hitching?
4. Drug

Money Raised

It has been pointed out to us that the £125 raised for 'Crisis' was from carol singing around Thornton Rust organised by Olwyn Chorley, and not from a carol service.

Best Foot Forward

They have been described as ‘sleeping elephants’ mainly I think because they have no walls to break up the view; yes, you’ve guessed it, we are in the Howgills. Old maps never referred to them as a whole, but now the mass of them (half within the National Park, and half not... an old political aberration) are so called.

They are not too easy; in mist you must be very sure which wide curving ridge you are on, and if you wish to drop off one and up another, be sure you’ve plenty of breath; if they were just that bit steeper they would be scree!

Walks in the Howgills could fill a book—and there are some—but here is just one of my favourites. It starts and ends round the ‘far side’.

We begin at Lincoln’s Inn Bridge; that is the very narrow one on the A684 a couple of miles beyond Sedbergh. Take the Dales-way on the east side of the Lune and just at the wonderful viaduct on the old London and North Western railway from Clapham Junction (the Yorkshire one!) to Lowgill, either ford the beck or follow signs to Low Branthwaite and Nether Bainbridge and Thwaite to join the lane to Howgill Church. This is the perfect church yard with seat for your morning drink.

There are several tracks up the Howgills; I like the signs which in places simply read “To the fell”. Ours leaves Howgill Lane at Gate Side on a stiled field path to Castley where our bridleway climb begins—except that to start with, it drops down to cross Chapel Beck!

It is a steady climb of about a mile and a half to White Fell Head with the deep valleys and other ridges all around. You will be alone, except that last summer we were accompanied by *thousands* of caterpillars crawling over the track, having completely

denuded the nearby bracken. Swing round to the right, south of east, and you will soon reach the trig point at the Calf. Hope for a good day because the 360 degree panorama is fantastic: Dales, Lakes, Morecambe Bay and the North Pennines.

The descent which needs no explanation is via the long bridle track over Calders, Arant Haw and in our case to the north of (or the top of) Winder to join Howgill Lane. A little south east of here a pleasant path through Underwinder leads to the A684 a little east of Lincoln’s Inn Bridge.

There is one slight drawback, although it does add interest, and that is, when you climb up the fell, the ever-present M6 in the west.

A.S.W.

“People and the Dales”

Beside a busy road in Bradford a group of intrepid community workers have been busy making houses for the resident ducks in Lister Park. This workshop was part of the People and the DALES Project event held at Cartwright Hall in Bradford. The day brought together groups that have been involved in the project over the last two years and was attended by 39 people.

People and the DALES is run by the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT), and funded by Natural England’s Access to Nature Fund through the Big Lottery Fund. The project enables disadvantaged groups from West Yorkshire and North Lancashire to get out and about in the Yorkshire Dales and experience the natural environment. During the first two years of the project over 160 events have been run involving over 2,000 individuals. Visits to the Dales have included visits to stunning locations for wildlife, historic places, quarries, organic farms and wonderful landscapes. Activities have included making kites, helping farmers with lamb-

ing, art workshops, felt making, identifying wildflowers and conservation work at special sites.

“The feedback has been amazing”, says Judy Rogers one of the community workers for the project, “Being out in the beautiful Yorkshire Dales enjoying the place brings real benefits to the health and well being of people whose lives may be difficult. For some it is the first time they have been to the Dales where they have a chance to take part in fun, thought provoking activities and enjoy the great outdoors.”

Staff from Natural England were present at the event and were so enthusiastic about the project that **People and the Dales** will now have national promotion.

A Newsletter Committee Trip!

Several of the Newsletter Committee were delighted to accept an invitation to join the great and the good for the Official Opening of the new café and visitor centre a couple of weeks ago.

We were frenetically entertained with an enthusiastic cookery demonstration by **Rosemary Shrager** of T.V. fame, of two recipes created especially for the Creamery. Two excellent 'kitchens' were set up in the new coffee shop with huge mirrors above for us all to see. It's fair to say that speed and fun were to the fore!

Following this, two couples— David Shields, tourism promoter for the area with Natasha Smith of 'Great British Food' magazine, and Adam Bedford of the N.F.U. with Malcolm Warne, *D. and S. Times* editor, competed in a 'cook-off' of one of Rosemary's dishes: *Seared loin of pork with Jervaulx Blue cheese, served with a cheese tagliatelle*. All four of them spoke of the huge benefits to, and the great value of the Creamery for the whole area.

The audience was the competition judge. This was very entertaining and clearly stressful for the participants! How would you like to be told (albeit in mirth) : "This looks horrendous". Maybe the highlight was the tagliatelle-making in mangles!

A tiered 'wedding-type' cake made entirely of cheese was ceremonially cut to mark the official opening, followed by a short speech by David Hartley showing his deep appreciation to all involved in the £1 million venture, how he is hugely proud of his team in the continued growth of the business, and his commitment to the future for employment at all levels. Stressing the uniqueness of the venture with commitment to quality food distribution, they also wish it to become a 'shop window' for many

other businesses in the area.

It is expected that the outside area with seating available will be ready by the Spring to complete the project.

The assembled company were then treated to drinks and a buffet lunch in the restaurant. **A.S.W.**

Charity Concerned About Impact of Cuts

Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) are disappointed to hear of the proposal that financial support from the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) will reduce next year and end altogether by 2013.

David Sharrod, YDMT Director, said: "Obviously this will place additional pressure on our ability to undertake our charitable work in and around the Dales, which we believe represents great value for money.

However, we do appreciate the harsh reality and understand the difficult decisions that the National Park is being forced to make. We had already agreed in principle to a reduction in funding over the coming years and are grateful for their financial support over the 14 years since the formation of the Trust. It also helps that the proposed reduction is phased over three years rather than ending immediately.

We will continue to work together with the National Park Authority on many joint programmes to support and make a real difference to the communities in this special area. These include employing local young people on our countryside trainee scheme, and working with farmers to restore the wonderful flower-rich hay meadows which attract so many visitors to the Dales.

We are much more concerned about the potential effects of current events on the Dales and local communities. They face the

“double whammy” of losing services and support whilst trying to cope with the great financial pressures of the current economic downturn.”

My Favourite Place

Like most people I've got lots of favourite places. On a cold January morning nowhere is better than in bed. On a Friday night it's in the pub next to where I live. But for the purposes of this article I'll choose somewhere that might be more widely recognisable, a small corner of the Yorkshire dales, known by some but maybe not by many.

Thieves Gill must be one of the tiniest valleys in the dales. For much of its mile or so length it isn't a gill at all, but one of those dry valleys which are so common here. Mind you after all the recent rain we've had there were two very extensive puddles (almost lakes) in the middle section last time I walked through it. The lower end does have a small stream flowing through it which tumbles over an artificial waterfall in the old caravan site before joining the main Bishopdale Beck.

An unusual feature of this particular gill is that, unlike most valleys which point straight down the hillside, this one runs parallel to the main valley and for much of its length there is only a gentle gradient. It also means that it is well hidden from the main valley, giving it a secluded and secretive air. The most likely explanation of this phenomenon is that the right hand retaining ridge is the remnant of a lateral moraine with a stream running parallel to the glacier. Tom Gill, which cuts across the head of Thieves Gill may well have flowed down this same valley before bursting through the moraine. There is another overflow channel half way down so maybe the lakes I mentioned earlier were once much bigger and more permanent features.

So much for the glacial history; what about today? Well in winter its hedges are full of berries, especially holly berries (though I hasten to add that this is not why it's called Thieves Gill, tempting as they

are. The name is much more likely to be due to it being a good place to hide for sheep and cattle rustlers). The berries make it a popular place for blackbirds, fieldfares and the occasional redwing. This winter there seem to have been even more of these Scandinavian visitors than usual and they had stripped a lot of the holly berries off before Christmas. Good luck to them, I say.

As spring approaches we can look forward to early flowers. The speciality of Thieves Gill is bluebells and it's the best carpet of blue that I know. Last May they were truly spectacular—well worth taking a camera. Half way down the gill is a beech wood—my favourite trees—and the combination of beech and bluebell is very special and not too common in the dales. If you're lucky you'll catch sight of blackcaps in the foliage and hear the echo of a woodpecker hammering on a tree.

Because of its alignment, views from the gill are restricted but there are a couple of places where the flat valley floor of Bishopdale expands before you, backed by Penhill and its neighbour Harland Hill. However, the charm of this place is in the close up, not in the distant. It can feel a very private place, no human activity visible and all sound deadened except the bird calls and the bleat of a sheep.

Favourite places are ones to be revisited so I often go there. Fortunately there's a public right of way through it so it links to other paths in the area. It's also on my way to church when I walk there, usually in summer, and a good place for quiet meditation. Surprisingly I hardly ever see anyone else there, and during recent heavy snow there were rarely any other footprints.

I'm sure Thieves Gill must be other people's favourite place and they'll grumble when they read this. It's a bit like doing a TV programme on 'Secret Britain' or telling everybody about the best place to pick

blackberries. At least you have to get out of the car and put your boots on so it should remain quiet and unchanged. I sincerely hope so.

NP

River Bain Hydro

As copy date for this newsletter precedes the open day we are not able to report numbers of visitors but interest is already high so we are expecting a crowd.

Now temperatures have risen most of the concreting is finished. The visible sections of this concrete will be clad with local stone to soften the visual impact. We expect both sets of sluice gates to be installed shortly. This will allow the final bit of drilling in the river to be completed and Bainbridge will then no longer be subjected to the noise of the rock pecker. The lining for the leat is being laid so that soon the soil can be put on top of the banking ready for seeding with grass and meadow flowers in the spring. By the time of the next newsletter there should be a completion date.

Deborah Millward

No excuses to use the same password everywhere

A common complaint from customers is that they can't remember lots of passwords and so they just use the same one everywhere. This is a really bad idea as someone only needs to pinch your email address and password from one website and they can guess you might use the same details on shopping sites etc.

A long time ago I mentioned using RoboForm for generating difficult to guess passwords and remembering them for you. Recently Roboform changed its licensing policy so that you have to pay for an annual subscription and their software has become less reliable because of bugs. Luckily there is another program which can do the job (and in my opinion better than RoboForm). The program is called LastPass and even better it is free. It works like this:

Go to www.lastpass.com and download the installation program to your computer. Double click on the file to install it. During installation it will ask for a number of pieces of information to make your passwords secure but to understand what is going on you need to understand a little of the mechanics of how it works (yes I know some eyes have glazed over but I will try to keep it simple).

During installation you are asked to set up an encryption code and also an online account (which is free). Everytime you save a new password when you fill in a form on a webpage it is stored on your computer. The encryption key you chose during setup is used to encrypt all of your data with military grade encryption and the encrypted data is stored on the server at LastPass in the account you set up there. No one at LastPass can decode your encrypted data so it is important you keep a copy of your encryption code and account details.

Once set up a new button appears in your browser (looks like a red star near the top right corner of the window) and whenever you have to fill in a form on a webpage or choose a new email you can use LastPass to record that information. It will even make up new, hard to crack passwords for you on your behalf and remember them so you don't have to.

The advantage of all this is that you can choose a new difficult password everytime you need to (so no using the same password more than once) and LastPass not only remembers the password but will fill in the login page next time you visit that website automatically. Your online account means that if you are at somebody's house and need to remember a password you can log in to your online account and look up a password.

LastPass works with most common browsers on Windows (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Google Chrome, Safari and Opera) and also works with common browsers for people using Macs and Linux machines. If you pay a subscription (£1 per month) you also have access to lots of other features including using LastPass on mobile phones (such as iPhones and Blackberrys) as well as the ability to install all of your passwords onto a USB stick and use it in any computer without having to install any software. You can even use LastPass to remember passwords for security conscious applications on your computer (such as book keeping and accounts software that require you to log in).

LastPass is a brilliant idea and works really well – why not give it a go.

Any comments or questions do please visit www.dalescomputerservices.com and drop me a line – or sign up to ask questions in the forum (it is very lonely in there at the moment!).

Carol Haynes

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<i>We have been asked by the Practice to say that occasionally there will be changes to these rotas as both Drs. France and Jones have commitments elsewhere.</i>																			

Rainfall Figures for Last Year Readings in mm.

	July	August	Septem-ber	October	Novem-ber	Decem-ber	Total for year
Hawes	132	66	142	109	213	25	999
Carperby	86	57	73	77	180	25	779
Bainbridge	109	68	79	102	175	35	862
Stalling Busk	130	60	128	112	228	48	1035
Askrigg	96	60	87	83	167	35	807
Thornton Rust	110	66	96	97	198	23	925

WHAT'S ON LISTING

March

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| <p>1 Hawes drama group reads "Out of sight-Out of murder". Gayle Institute 7.30pm.</p> <p>1 St David's Day</p> <p>1 Hawes and High Abbotside's Angling Association AGM; 7.45pm in Market House Meeting Room</p> <p>3 Snowdrop visit to Austwick Hall See p.</p> <p>4 Wensleydale Society. The Geology of Wensleydale with Nick McCave; West Burton Village Hall, 7.30pm.</p> <p>6 Bainbridge Methodist church joins Aysgarth, 10.45am.</p> <p>6 Gayle Mill tours. See p.</p> <p>8 Decorative and Fine Arts Society. Middleham Key Centre, 2.00pm. See p.</p> <p>8 Shrove Tuesday</p> <p>8 YDNPA Planning Committee; Yoredale, 10.30am.</p> <p>8 Flowers of the Dales Festival, opening lecture at the Dales Countryside Museum, from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. See p.</p> <p>9 Ash Wednesday</p> <p>9 Ashing Service; St Margaret's Hawes, 7.00pm.</p> <p>11 Mid-Dales lunches start; Redmire See p.</p> <p>13 Aysgarth Methodist church joins Bainbridge, 10.30am</p> <p>14 Commonwealth Day</p> <p>15 Succession Planning for Farmers; 6.30pm. See p.</p> <p>16 Carperby W.I. 7.30pm. See p.</p> <p>17 St Patrick's Day</p> <p>17 Hawes W.I. "Darlington Civic Theatre" by Chris Lloyd; Methodist rooms 7.00pm.</p> <p>18 Mid-Dales lunch; Aysgarth</p> <p>18 Red Nose Day</p> <p>19 St Patrick's Day Celebration Night at Carperby Village Institute, See p.</p> <p>21 Inter-denominational Taize service;</p> | <p>Hawes Methodist Church, 6.30pm.</p> <p>21 onwards. Speech section of Wensleydale Tournament of Song. See p.</p> <p>22 Churches Together in Hawes area Coffee morning for "Help the Heroes"; Methodist rooms 10.00am to noon</p> <p>22 Breast Screening begins in Hawes</p> <p>23,30 Lent lunches and meditation for churches in the Hawes area; Hawes Methodist rooms from noon</p> <p>24 Christians in the Dale; Methodist Church Hall, Middleham. 10.00am to 2.30pm.</p> <p>25 Mid-dale lunch; West Burton</p> <p>26 W.I. Show; Hawes Market House 10.00am to 3pm. See p.</p> <p>26 A Springtime serenade at Bolton Castle; 7.30pm. See p.</p> <p>26 Askrigg Ladies Sing for Pleasure Group coffee morning. See p.</p> <p>27 Hawes Methodist Church Fellowship Sunday; Rev V. Sinton, 10.30pm</p> <p>27 Bainbridge Methodist Church; service in Sycamore Hall, 10.30am</p> <p>27 Table Top sale for Hawes School In Hawes Market House</p> <p>28 onwards. Music element of Wensleydale Tournament of Song. See p.</p> <p>29 YDNPA Full meeting; Yoredale, 10.30am</p> <p>31 Gayle Ladies meet, 7.30pm</p> <p>Dalesplay Stay and Play Friday Mornings; Gayle Institute, 9.15am to 11.00am. Free for all parents and siblings under 5 years may attend. Includes a free healthy snack.</p> |
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April

- 30 Early notification; Low Mill Charity Dinner at Simonstone Hall

Christians in the Dales

Spring Meeting - Thursday 24th

March - 10:00am to 2:30pm

**Coming Back to the Heart of Worship
Worshipping with Lives as well as with
Lyrics**

With Reverend Richard Cutting

A Suffolk man, Richard moved to North Yorkshire in 1994. He is married to Annabel and they have four adult children. Richard taught for 23 years before training for the Ministry and in 2006 he was appointed Minister of the Baptist church in Bicester, Oxfordshire. Eight months later Annabel was involved in a road accident and was in hospital for six months. Richard left full-time ministry in order to concentrate on Annabel's ongoing recovery and care. They returned to North Yorkshire in 2008 and now live in Northallerton where they remain actively involved in the ministry of the New Life Baptist Church. Richard has led worship at many events including Prisons and Spring Harvest. He is a gifted speaker, musician and songwriter.

This takes place at the Methodist Church Hall, Middleham, Near Leyburn, North Yorkshire. Charge for the day: £5 includes coffee, tea & biscuits on arrival & lunchtime

Remember to bring your Bible and a packed lunch!

Contact: Mrs. Jean Boyd **663474** or Mrs. Anne Day **624171**

‘A Springtime Serenade’ at Bolton Castle

On Saturday March 26th at 7.30pm

the

AYSGARTH SINGERS

are performing a Spring concert in the Hall
of Bolton Castle.

The music will be varied to suit all tastes,
and includes pieces that the choir will perform in this years’

Wensleydale Tournament of Song.

Tickets are £5, and will be available from
Bolton Castle, Leyburn Tourist Information
Centre, and at the door,

or ring Di Clegg **666059** to reserve tickets
or for more information

Market Place and Greetings

Jack Russell pups for sale.
Short legs, smooth coat.
Mum and Dad can be seen.
Phone: 650151

Mason Scarr would like to thank all family and friends who helped to raise £250 for Diabetes UK on the occasion of his 70th birthday

Lisa Alderson
Happy 40th Birthday, Mum
On the 9th of March
Love from Bethan and Jake

Pauline Teasdale
would like to thank family and friends for all their help and support, gifts of flowers and food (especially all the dinners), and for the many cards received during her stay in hospital and since she has come home.
Many thanks to all who have walked Gemma— especially Tracy.
It is very much appreciated.

BETTY MOORE
Would like to thank everyone for their get well cards, also for her birthday cards and gifts.

Wanted
Does anybody have an 8mm cine film projector (NOT Super 8mm) that they would sell or lend to me?
Tricia Tate **650371**

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