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Editorial

“April is the cruellest month”. So wrote T.S. Eliot in ‘TheWasteland’ in 1922. Certainly we tend to think winter has really ended but remember: “ Ne’er cast a clout till the May be out!”. Aside from the weather, April this year looks like being particularly cruel: for example for those in Christchurch, or even more so in Japan. Our media might turn their attention to other things, like Libya, Yemen, or wherever next, but it will be years before the effects of those far-eastern disasters are overcome. They really do put our own ‘bad news’ into perspective.

However, we do seem to revel in bad news; accounts of wickedness - sickening crimes or abuses whether reported on the national or local news broadcasts, or of the impending effects from severe cuts that we are to expect. What does this concentration (even obsession?) say about us? We know that attempts to produce broadcasts or newspapers of good news usually come to nothing, but let’s have a bit more balance! Springtime and Easter, with their themes of new life, are surely good for us, so let’s celebrate! A quote from a leading charity this month: “Even earning the British minimum wage, you would be among the richest 11% of the world.”

This is not to say that we should ignore the serious bad news, whether from overseas conflicts or from close to home, like illnesses, sadnesses and deprivation, but it is debatable whether to merely talk about these things without doing anything about them does any good at all. Is there a limit to the amount of bad news we can take? In the past it would have been days or even weeks before news arrived, if at all. Now the immediacy is overwhelming but also dangerous as more and more decisions by those with power are made in great haste. For the majority of us, however, we just

look on, tut-tut, feel gloomy and do nothing more.

Are we losing the ability to protest? Do the enormity of the issues deaden us? Do we feel so many things are ‘cut and dried’ that there’s nothing we can do? What’s wrong with a bit of fire in our bellies?

April! Let’s put a spring in our step; examine carefully what government or authorities propose or do, what they can find to spend their money on, challenge forcefully what we perceive as cruel to the poor or the weak, get on to the powerful media when we think they are being unbalanced; complain loudly when ‘they’ (whoever the ‘they’ are), say ‘everyone agrees’ when we clearly don’t!

We might not change the world, but we could feel better for it!

Sorry, no room.

Although this issue has a four-page supplement there are several articles which have had to be postponed: *Best Foot Forward*, *the Computer article*, *the YDMT Flower Festival* and *news of its millionth tree-planting*.

In addition, some of the schools’ news and surgery news have had to be shortened.

All this is to try to keep a balance of features, news, adverts and What’s Ons.

Eunice the Ewe



I was hiding in Steve Raw's paintbrush.
Winner: **Janet Woolley, Hawes.** Where
am I now?

Hawes Market House

Work on refurbishing the toilets in Hawes Market House has begun. The work will be arranged to ensure that there is always a facility for the public to use. Please be aware of any notices for your information and safety. The project will be completed as soon as possible.

Elections

Elections are held in May for the District and Parish councilors. It is important that there are sufficient nominees for the parishes so that elections, and not co-options, can take place.

**The deadline for nominees is
Monday, April 4th at noon**

Bursary Student Scheme

It's come to an end! We have had some excellent students over the years who have written brilliantly, interviewed people and attended our committee meetings from time to time but the coming of AS level exams and course work in the first year sixth form has put increasing pressure on our 17 year olds, so we have reluctantly decided it is time to call a halt.

However, students of any age are invited to write pieces for the Newsletter— points of view, things they have done, people they have met, news from school (we receive articles from the teachers; let's see what the students think!).

**DEADLINE FOR THE MAY
ISSUE:
THURSDAY APRIL 21ST**

Drop-off points and contacts

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

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West Burton:	Nadine Bell, Margaret's Cottage 663559
Aysgarth:	Hamilton's Tearoom 663423
Redmire:	Ann Holubecki 622967
Thoraby:	Sandra Foley, Shop 663205

April Competition

Here are twelve anagrams of tourist places to visit in Yorkshire:

1. WONKY ARM LORRIASH ROOT
2. BALLY WHEN
3. UNTO YE FAB BAINS
4. STRINKY MORE
5. TT DISHER
6. VAST THERMOS ONE CHIP
7. PHOTO GNASH EAR WAR
8. SURE RIOT HAME
9. SKEIN THROW BRIL HUE
10. POLLY ON A MAST
11. CHIVES SWEAT ARC
12. HOLT BURN LASAGNE

Last Month's Answers

Words with 'MAR' in them

MARS
MARSUPIAL
MARRIAGE
MARIJUANA
TIDEMARK
BISMARCK
CAMARGUE
DAMART
SAMARKAND
OMAR KHAYYAM
PRIMARK
MARL
AUCTION MART
MARZIPAN
MARMION TOWER
MARPLE
MARVELLOUS
REMARK



Mystery picture. Last month's was of Park Scar Waterfall at Stalling Busk. Now here is another local cascade for you!

Wake Up!

This is a wake up call to you, the community of Hawes and District. Are you prepared to lose your church? It can happen and it has happened to some churches.

Have you had a proper look at St Margaret's, your beautiful church? There is the lovely Millennium Window, which you helped to make and install; also a great deal of beautiful stained glass. There are the mice, cats and the woodland animals; War Memorials to those who lost their lives in the two world wars and an historic organ.

We badly need to start repairs to the church building this year, beginning with repairs on the roof and then working down. At the same time we would start the first phase of internal work by installing a toilet and kitchen in the choir vestry.

After five years of struggling, we have been given hope by a very pleasant young woman called Alice Ullathorne, who has been appointed by the diocese as a church building support officer. She will advise us on grants and help us with the paper work, but we will have to find ways to raise money to match the grants.

We have a vision for St Margaret's but we really need your ideas and your help and support.

Please come to our open meeting on **Monday April 4th at 7.00pm in the church.** You will be made very welcome and any questions you might have, such as what's happening to the National School, will be answered.

**Liz Beresford and Margaret Iveson
Churchwardens**

Heavens Above

Now that April's here, the bright winter stars have all but gone. Filling their place in the southern sky are the main springtime constellations of Leo, Bootes the Herdsman, the strongman Hercules, and Virgo the Virgin, with Hydra the Water Serpent sprawling along the horizon. The Plough is almost overhead which means the **W** of Cassiopeia is low in the north. Gaining altitude in the east is steely-blue Vega in the compact constellation of the Lyre.

An added attraction in the southern sky this year is the majestic ringed planet, Saturn. It reaches *opposition* (to the sun as viewed from the earth) on April 4th which means it's visible nearly all night long. You'll find it not too far from Spica, Virgo's bright, white leader star. Saturn is slightly brighter than Spica, and shines with a steadier slightly yellowish hue. The planet's famous rings are well placed for viewing at the moment but you'll need a telescope to see them. Keep an eye out for 'shooting stars' during the third week of April especially around midnight on Friday the 22nd when the annual Lyrid meteor shower reaches it's peak. Towards the end of the month in the eastern early morning sky, there's the start of an impressive '**massing**' of 5 planets - Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Uranus - along with an asteroid (Vesta) as well a couple of dim comets. However, the brightness of the pre-dawn sky means the spectacle will be pretty difficult to observe as all of the bodies involved will be fairly low down. Best time to look is on April 30th around about 5.30 BST.

I can't believe this month sees the 50th anniversary of the first human space flight by the Russian cosmonaut, Yuri Gagarin. His epic journey on board

Vostok 1 on April 12th, 1961 only lasted 108 minutes but it immediately made him the most famous man on earth and sparked off a new 'space race' between America and the USSR which lead to the Moon landings a mere 8 years later. Have clear skies!

Al Bireo



The Turn of the screw?

Today it was the turn of the Archimedes screw to arrive and be hoisted into position by a giant mobile crane at Bainbridge. This 8.6 tonne, 26 foot long and 7 foot diameter steel screw is the penultimate piece of the Jigsaw making up the River Bain Hydro scheme and was hoisted into position on Wednesday 23rd March without a hitch. It is anticipated that the screw will generate enough electricity for 45 average houses.

Water power was selected over solar because the visual impact of panels covering an area in excess of half a football pitch was felt to have been a blight on the beautiful dales landscape.

River Bain Hydro (RBHL) was set up by the Raydale Project, a community organisation committed to tackling climate change and improving the environment. RBHL is an industrial and provident society (IPS) for the benefit of the community which has 200 shareholders providing £198,000 through a public subscription offer. The funds are supplemented by grants from Future Energy, Yorkshire, and the project is supported by the National Park's Sustainable Development Fund, which is managed by the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust. A loan from the Charity Bank makes up the total expenditure of £450,000. Generating an anticipated £30,000 annually RBHL are committed to returning surplus funds to community environmental projects. **Rev Ian Robinson**

Police and National Park Rangers Clamp Down on Illegal Off-roading

Rangers from the National Park Authority have joined forces with North Yorkshire Police to try to reduce the damage to the sensitive landscape caused by illegal off-roading.

A series of joint patrols has been organised aimed at educating trail riders and 4x4 users about where they can and can not legally go - as well as taking action against illegal off-roaders and people using vehicles that are not roadworthy.

National Park Area Ranger Matt Neale said the patrols had been organised because of concern about the illegal use of trail bikes and 4x4s in a number of locations. Motorcycles have been seen leaving public rights of way and causing damage to surrounding land and disturbing stock in Upper Wensleydale and a number of complaints have also been received from members of the public in Coverdale and Malhamdale.

There can also be environmental and archaeological damage caused by vehicles leaving legal routes and attempting to traverse sensitive habitats such as peat moorland - this can cause severe, long-term damage. So far this year, these joint patrols have stopped and checked more than 50 trail riders and 4x4s. Police also issued warnings to the owners of several off-road motorcycles that were being used irresponsibly near Semer Water.

Swaledale Festival

May 28th until June 11th

**Tickets will be available from April 26th
01748 880019 or**

www.swaledale-festival.org.uk.

For more information: **01748 880018**

We cannot print all the events and they are readily available at Information Centres, but here is a summary of the events within the Newsletter area:

May

29th Ariosa. Gayle Mill 2.00pm
'Sweet William'. DCM 7.00pm

June

1st Muker Band in Muker 8.00pm
2nd Guitar and cello. Wensley Church
5.00pm
3rd Wensleydale Railway walk. Train
from Leeming at 9.45am
Piano recital. St. Andrew's 7.30pm
Muker Band in Muker. 8.00pm
6th Saxophone quartet. St Oswald's
Askrigg. 8.00pm
7th Ancient Woodland walk. Meet
Muker. 11.15am
8th Young violinist Masterclass.
St Andrew's. 3.00pm
Buddug Verona James (soprano)
St. Andrew's. 8.00pm
11th Hawes Silver Prize Brass Band. St
Margaret's Hawes. 8.00pm

Wensleydale Society

There is a change to the published programme of the Wensleydale Society.

The Annual General Meeting, at **7.30 pm on Friday 1st April**, will now be followed by a short talk '**A Tale of Three Bridges**' by local dry-stone waller John Heslegrave.

Non-members are welcome; the entry fee is £1 and annual membership of the Wensleydale Society is only £5. We also make it easier to get to lectures by our return coach between Middleham and West

Burton, which picks up in Harmby, Leyburn and West Witton (details from Hazel Townesend 622110)

For more information please contact
Prof David Milner (Secretary) 624361

A Taste of Scandinavia in the Yorkshire Dales.

Most people wouldn't expect to find twelve Scandinavian style lodges in the middle of the Yorkshire Dales. However, nestling at the heart of Wensleydale, in Redmire, you will find just that.

Since 1996, the Jonas Centre has been uniquely positioned to provide for individuals and groups wanting to take time out for refreshment and relaxation in this peaceful environment.

Rest and refreshment, scenic beauty, exhilarating activities, places to discover and explore; the Jonas Centre caters for a wide variety of needs.

As part of its 15th anniversary celebrations this year, the Jonas Centre is now offering affordable opportunities for those wanting to spend a break in the Dales. For more information and booking details visit www.jonascentre.org or telephone 624900.

Simon Eastwood, Centre Manager Wensleydale Walking Group Barn Dance

Another excellent evening was had with the Roosters in the market hall last month. Over 50 people danced and twirled their way through lots of dances, stopping only when hilarity overtook them!

We are able to send a cheque to Air Ambulance in excess of £170 (many thanks to Stuart and Mavis who ran the raffle). Can we thank James at the fish shop who very kindly gave us the mushy peas. We would also like to thank Angus at the Fountain – he heated up all the pies for us. Thanks also to Dave at Cockett's – he let us have the excellent pies at a very good price, to Les for sorting out the market hall and to Alastair for printing the tickets.

Finally thank you to everyone who came and made the evening such a success.

**Penny Blanch
Upper Wensleydale Walking Group**

West Burton School News

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Imaginative World Book Day

On the 3rd March, West Burton School enjoyed an imaginative World Book Day at West Burton Village Hall. Everyone was welcome, lots of Mums, Dads and Grand-parents.

After everyone had found a seat, the first year group went up. Year 2 was first and all of them looked divine! We had 2 Horrid Henrys, a Thumbelina, Rainbow Fairies and lots more! There was a year 2 pupil, Zoe Bell, who dressed up as a Rainbow fairy and nobody could guess her!



Secondly the year 1s went up. There were Tigers, Fairies, Little Red Riding Hood and lots more! There was one pupil from year 1, Marcus Sharp, who dressed up as Scary Tiger.

Next was Year 3. There were lovely costumes! There were more fairies! Just William, naughtiest girls, and loads more! One Pupil, Olivia Smith, dressed up as: the naughtiest little sister! She looked lovely dressed up in sparkles!

Next was year 4. The costumes were wicked! There were Gladiator Boys, King Arthur, Greg Heffley, Gretel and loads more cool costumes! One Pupil, Joe Beaton., dressed up as Gladiator Boy! He had ripped clothes and shorts!

Unfortunately the year 5s couldn't be with us, because they were doing another activity with Askrigg and Bainbridge.

Next were the Receptions! They looked so cute in their lovely costumes! There were Cinderella, sheep, Fireman Sam and loads more! One Pupil, Ryan, dressed up as Fireman Sam! He looked lovely in his fireman suit!

Next was year 6. There were Ella, Artemis Fowl, Tanner and a soldier! I was Ella from the Longest Whale Song, a Jacqueline Wilson Book.

Last but not least there was the teachers! Mrs Brotherton was Dick Whittington and Mrs Stone and Mrs Greenslade were Katie Morag's Grandmas!

All the children enjoyed guessing who everyone was. After Mr Oliver was invited up to talk to us about Polio. He explained Polio a little and all the money we raised will go to help stop Polio.

After the assembly, there was tea and biscuits, also a bookstand where the kids got a chance to buy the books. All books were 20p. After lunch the Library Service was going to read to everyone.

Everyone enjoyed the morning.

Millie Beaton Year 6

Fund Raising at the Fountain

The Beer House Boys raised £446.36 for the Sue Ryder Hospice at a concert at the Fountain, Hawes. A further £25 has been raised by the Fountain customers for Tap into Water Aid.

You are invited to a
Wedding at Cana
Mothering Sunday Shake Up
at West Burton Chapel
Sunday April 3rd, 10.45 – 11.30am

Hawes to Garsdale Station — Scheduled Service Saved

Excellent news; the service was destined to finish in April after the County Council announced it had been unable to secure a tender price that fell within its subsidy limits. This sudden decision, made without any local consultation, caused a storm of protest led by me and Hawes and High Abbotside Parish Council, and many loyal users of the service.

Thankfully this resulted in a re-think, and a tender process where the amount of subsidy the County Council could offer, plus the use of a brand new 8-seater minibus with disabled access, was made available and tenderers had to say what services they would provide in return. 3 Hawes and High Abbotside Parish Councillors were asked to help judge the tenders submitted.

The Upper Wensleydale Community Office/Library has been awarded the contract, and its services will begin on Monday May 16th. They will include daily Monday-Saturday scheduled return journeys starting from Gayle, via Hawes, Hardraw and Appersett to Garsdale Station to meet the trains from both Leeds and Carlisle that arrive at around 10.00am and 7.30 pm, plus on Monday, Friday and Saturday the trains that arrive in the late afternoon.

Other services will include regular community transport journeys to/from the MUGA/Fitness Centre and Mother and Baby Clinics at Yorebridge, to/from Sycamore Hall in the evenings so that residents can enjoy the company of their former neighbours at organised activities like whist drives, to/from the three secondary schools that serve Hawes and Upper Wensleydale so that students can take part in evening activities.

There will be a regular two-weekly runs

around the villages in the Upper Dales where the Minibus will deliver/collect library books to those who are housebound, plus passengers and bring into the Hawes Library for a 1 hour browse, and then return them to where they live. This will replace the Mobile Library visits to these villages which very sadly are to be cut out completely.

All journeys will be at a very subsidised low cost, and the concessionary free travel permits for the over 60s will be honoured. All bookings will be handled by the Community Office in Hawes.

Many of these services will rely on volunteers to augment the two part time jobs the subsidy affords, which we hope might be taken up by the two Little Red Bus drivers who have provided such an excellent service these last 4 years. Volunteers will be MIDAS trained for their driving and customer care skills, and I ask if you might be interested in being a Volunteer driver then you contact the Community Office on **667400** or me on **0796 758 9096** as soon as possible. The minimum commitment of just a handful of hours one day a week is all we are seeking, and more if you can spare the time.

More news on the Upper Dales Community Minibus services next month.

**County Councillor John Blackie,
Chairman, UW Community Partnership**

West Witton Shop

Two or three years ago we all thought we were going to lose every village post office in Wensleydale. Then came the reprieve and we were all delighted. Since then it's been a mixed picture with the loss at West Burton and the new start up at Sycamore Hall. Last month's closure of the post office at West Witton has come as a body blow, particularly to the new owners, Sue and Ian Jackson. Despite this they are remarkably upbeat about their new venture. I called in on a Saturday morning and there was a real buzz about the place, with customers queuing for service. Most were locals so there was lots of banter and smiles all round. Ian said they were enjoying getting to know people and loved the dales life, so different from Garforth near Leeds where they came from.

The post office may not be lost permanently if a campaign to reopen it is successful. If not, there is plenty of determination to make the shop a success. There won't be any immediate changes (even the name "Arkwrights" is being retained) and there may be plans for the future. At present the shop looks well stocked and thriving. Particularly inviting are the cakes and pastries provided by David Wilson, the previous owner, whose wife Sue still bakes at Swinithwaite and whose daughter Claire is now producing jams and chutneys (Wensleydale Preserves). More about them in a future issue.

This is very much a family business with daughter Katherine and Sue's brother, Stephen, also involved. Taking over a new business is both daunting and exciting and it is clear that a lot of effort is being put in to make the shop a welcoming place. We often say we should use the local shop but how many of us do? If the owners are working so hard to provide a service for us,

shouldn't we feel a sort of moral obligation to become their customers at least for some of our needs? Let's all pull together to keep our shops going. Sue and Ian have taken a bold step and this newsletter wishes them well. **N.P.**

Askrigg

Best Blooming Garden Award Competition

It is not too late to put your name down for this year's award. Just ring **Rachel 650424** for details or see the poster in Sykes's Store. Judging is on May 15th.

The winner will be informed on the day. The cup will be awarded at the Produce Show in August.

Cakes and Plants

On Easter Monday, **April 25th from 10.30am to 1.00pm** there will be the usual cake stall, refreshments and plants for sale at Castle Bolton Church for church funds and Mission Partners.

New Karen at the Coppice Cafe, Aysgarth

Karen Nevison has taken over the Coppice Cafe at Aysgarth Falls - so it can still be known as Karen's. She took over the business in February and is assisted by her daughter and son, April and Zak.

A varied menu is being offered including home-made baking, daily specials, and gluten free food is available on request.

Karen, who has previously worked in catering at the Edinburgh Woollen Mill in Richmond reports good trading since opening and is considering offering a locals' discount, as well as hosting kid's parties.

Normal daily opening hours are from 10.00am. to 5.00pm, staying open later summer until 8.00pm.

We wish Karen and her family every success in their new venture.

S.E.D.

Churches Together in the Hawes Area

Lent lunches continue on **Wednesdays, April 6th and 13th from noon**, in the Hawes Methodist rooms. "The journey through Lent; walking in someone else's shoes."



Help!

Letter by email:

The sign above belongs to Andrew Craske, who bought it in an auction, where it was claimed to have been a railway sign, but I have my doubts. I showed it to some experts on the North Eastern Railway and they thought, like me, that it was probably not a railway sign. Andrew has cleaned it up and painted it, picking out the letters on one side only in black, but there is no guarantee that it was like that when in use. There is evidence that there were two brackets on the top from which to hang it. If you could publish the photographs in the Newsletter, there is a chance that someone might be able to identify it.

Bob Ellis, Gayle

(So come on, readers; any ideas? Ed.)

Surgery News

Prescription Charges

NHS prescription charges will increase from April 1st as follows:-

£7.40 per item

£29.10 for a 3-month pre-payment certificate

£104 for a 12-month pre-payment certificate (i.e. same as last year)

Interesting to note that April 1st marks the date on which prescription charges are abolished in Scotland...

Patient registrations

Across the country Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) have been undertaking a 'list cleansing' exercise. The objective is to identify patients who no longer live in a particular area, and remove those patients from their local GP practice's list. If you receive a letter from the PCT asking you to respond to it, please do so. When I have discovered attempts to deduct our patients, I have tried to track down the patients concerned and stop the process if they are still resident in the practice area.

The other side of this coin is the significant number of patients who have moved into the area but have not yet registered with the practice. If this applies to you, please register at your earliest convenience. Please call in at Hawes or Aysgarth surgery and we can provide you with the form

Breast Screening Unit

This is now on site at Hawes surgery. Do not be concerned if you have not yet received an invitation; the unit is here for the next 6 weeks and invites are being sent out over this period. Women between 50-70 years of age are the target group, but if you are outside this group and wish to be screened, please ask at your surgery. If you are in the target group and have not re-

ceived an invitation by the end of April, again please contact your surgery.

Telephone System New digital telephone systems were installed at both surgeries in early March. A number of teething problems arose on day one, which may have resulted in one or two patients being unable to get through. The out-of hours call redirect system went off-line for a couple of hours on the first day, but this was quickly rectified. Apologies to anyone who was inconvenienced by these technical gremlins. All is now working well.

Clive West

Free Adventure Day

Bank Holiday Monday, May 2nd, is free adventure day at Low Mill Outdoor Centre in Askrigg. Young people are encouraged to get active in caving, climbing, scrambling, canoeing and cycling. As well as providing taster sessions, information will be available about clubs and facilities for youngsters to follow up their activities.

Organised by **Go Dales!** (funded by the National Park Authority and Sport England), the day is open to young people between 14 and 25 who live in the northern dales.

Go Dales! said that last year was extremely successful and many young people enjoyed the day out. There is no charge but places must be booked before 21st April.

For further information contact go-dales@yorkshiredales.org.uk or call **Corinne** on **652395**.

Concert—Plus Farewell

East Witton Male Voice Choir will give its spring concert in Leyburn Methodist Hall on **Wednesday April 27th at 7.30pm.** Admission is free but there will be a collection for Marie Curie Cancer Care and choir funds.

This will be the last concert for the conductor Janet Taylor who is retiring after 25 years and we wish her well. Diane Hartley (Askrigg) will be taking over.



Never Seen Teeth Like These!

There should have been two Williams; unfortunately one of them had more on his mind – like Libya, but the other one, William Lambert was on hand to open the proceedings and to welcome invited guests to the official inauguration of the restored Victorian Rack Saw-Bench at Gayle Mill on Friday March 25th.

Standing in for William Hague at the last minute, David Hartley, Managing Director of the Hawes Creamery, gave a splendid speech touching on heritage, tourism and the links between the Mill and the Creamery, after which Tony Routh, warning us of the noise to come, set things in motion. We were mightily impressed as the large fearsome saw cut its way along a larch (or was it a scots pine?) trunk; quite a relief as there wasn't so much water-flow from the beck. Then it was upstairs for the excellent refreshments and the cutting of the celebratory cake. I think things are looking bright for Gayle Mill.

A.S.W.



An Exhibition by Janet Rawlins

**Aardvark Pictures, West Burton, from
Tuesday 19th April to Friday 13th May
Tuesdays—Saturdays 10.00am– 5.00pm**

Janet says “The theme **In Turner’s Footsteps** came about by re-reading David Hill’s book of the same name prior to joining a Wensleydale Railway excursion led by him. I drew West Burton Falls that day, and realised that in my 40 years in the Dale I had also painted many of the views Turner drew during his visit to Wensleydale in 1816. It was a challenge to mark my 80th birthday by producing as many watercolours and fabric collages of the same subjects as I could. After 60 years, collage is still exciting”.

Janet was a founder member of the annual Askrigg Exhibition, made numerous drawings and cover designs for the Dalesman, illustrated several children’s books, and painted 60 pages of wild flowers of the Dales for pleasure. She produced and illustrated the “Dales Countryside Cookbook” in aid of the Museum where she has had three solo exhibitions and organised a large group show. In 2007 she exhibited at Yoredale in aid of the Landmark Trust’s Cowside.

(You will have noticed that Janet is also very generous in allowing examples of her work to appear on our front covers from time! Ed.) Ring **663102** for more details.

Puns for the Educated Minds

1. The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian .
3. She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
4. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.
5. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
6. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
7. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart
8. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
9. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
10. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
11. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

One Night With You.

A tribute to Elvis Presley.

Saturday 9th April 7.30pm

Live performance by Darren Rivers.

Followed by disco.

Wensleydale Pantry Hawes

Tickets £8.00 Streetwise Hawes **667192**

Proceeds for Hawes Gala.

Sites Wanted

With the ever-increasing tourist traffic in the Dales a pressure group is urging that more car parking sites be found at the main 'honey-pots' of our area— namely Aysgarth Falls and Hawes.

A ground-breaking suggestion is that, as no one wants to see sprawling car parks, investigation takes place into the possibility of underground sites. In Hawes, for example, where there is a strong feeling that the centre misses out to the two ends—the museum/ropeworks and the creamery—an underground site in the middle where the rising ground to the south could be tunnelled into, would solve many problems.

At Aysgarth Falls the obvious site is underneath Freeholders' Wood and tree scientists will be consulted to establish how deep the parking would have to be so as not to affect tree-growth.

Already, the development company: **Transport Relief in Prime Environments (Undergrounding Division)** is doing feasibility studies.

During construction there would be considerable disruption but when completed there would be no visual impact— for ever. The company would welcome any feedback from readers: www.tripe.co.uk

Don't be an April Fool-



Go Car Free

April Fools Day is being rebranded 'Car Free Day' in Richmondshire. It is part of Richmondshire Eco Week and we are all being urged to use alternative ways of getting about- *bus, bicycle or walking, and if the car must be used, car sharing might be the way forward.*

People looking to buy a new car are urged to check out the most fuel efficient model for their needs.

See www.green-car-guide.co.uk



Letter

A Knee Operation Does Not Have to be a Pain!

Those of us who suffer from Osteo-Arthritis well know the joint pain involved in this disease. We are aware of the agony of going up and down stairs or going up or down hills. Our quality of life is severely restricted, sleep often interrupted and uncharacteristic irritability is amongst the symptoms.

Hip and knee replacements are now common procedures to relieve pain, which I know can be utterly depressing and although successful replacements can ease the symptoms of this progressive disease they cannot cure it. Many helpful leaflets and books are available but none emphasise the steps that must be taken **before** an operation.

We are fortunate in our area to have **the Yorebridge Sport and Fitness Centre and Gym** in Askrigg. Keeping as fit as possible is essential in advance of any operation; this will hasten recovery and reduce pain, swelling and soreness. I am no paragon, but I did 'work out' in the gym three or four times a week following discussions with my G.P. The result was: Monday, operated on at noon; Tuesday a.m., seen by physiotherapist; Wednesday a.m., seen by physiotherapist; Wednesday pm., discharged!

General fitness is advisable and desirable for everybody. It is more so when anticipating a knee operation. At the Sport and Fitness Centre we have a full range of equipment, treadmills, cross trainer, upright bike, rowing machine etc. together with gym balls, exercise mats to help everyone achieve their optimum level of fitness in preparation for any operation especially knee and hip.

Our local Medical Centres do not seem to be fully aware of the facilities available and it is important that you discuss with your G.P. before undertaking any high or low impact activity; it would be helpful if they were to become familiar with what is on offer. Supervised fitness classes also take place at the Centre: Pilates, Gentle exercise (over 50s), Circuit training, Box fit; with advice always available from qualified professionals.

On a personal note: the Centre has been a lifeline for me and many others. It is a Community Centre in the truest meaning of the word and we are so fortunate to have it in the Upper Dales. It gets no grant funding from the local authorities and exists solely on the members' contributions and fund raising activities. It is run as a not-for-profit limited company but is also a registered charity which means it can always accept donations! I have to acknowledge the magnificent before and after care provided by the Friarage and James Cook Hospital staff who all explained every aspect in detail and gave all kinds of assurances. Transport to and from the hospital by the Yorkshire Ambulance Service was superb; they are the unsung heroes of the N.H.S. All deserve our greatest gratitude.

References:

*Arthritis Research Campaign (arc),
Copeman House, Chesterfield, S41 7TD
www.arthritisresearchuk.org 0870 850 4000*

*Jan Hale, Co-ordinator, Wensleydale Centre,
Yorebridge, Askrigg, DL8 3BJ
www.yorebridge-sport.co.uk 650060*

Kieran Fahy, Bainbridge

(Very) Advance Notice

Zumba classes will begin in Hawes Market Hall on Monday September 28th from 7.30pm; £4 per session and no need to book. Inquiries: **Lesley 07989 365363**

Car Park Charges in the National Park

The National Park Authority has frozen the cost of resident parking in its car parks for the next financial year. And 24-hour and 48-hour tickets providing visitors with the option to leave their vehicle overnight - with the flexibility to go off walking or cycling in the Dales - will also remain unchanged. However, there will be a small increase for short-stay drivers, with the two hour parking fee increasing from £2.20 to £2.50 .

The all-day parking charge will increase from £3.50 to £4.00. However, as well as the freeze on residents' and frequent users' fees, coaches will continue to park free and the 10-minute, free, quick stop bays in all car parks will remain.

Weekly passes provided in conjunction with Richmondshire District Council that can be used in all National Park and RDC car parks will increase from £10 to £12 - the first rise in three years. All the increases will take effect on April 1st.



Craven CVS is very pleased to invite food producers, growers, shop keepers, restaurateurs, caterers, food businesses and community members who are involved in or

interested in participating in local food activities to a free half-day workshop on local food.

The workshop will present emerging findings from the local food map and provide space for discussion for you to suggest how support for local food production and consumption can be strengthened across the Yorkshire Dales. There will also be space available for attendees to display produce or information about local food activities.

Tuesday 12th April, 10.00am-12.30pm
at the Dales Countryside Museum.

To book a place or for more details:
info@cravencvs.org.uk

Art Exhibition

...and sale of art work in various styles and materials by members of the **Yoredale Art Club** will take place in Leyburn Methodist Hall **Friday April 29th from 1.00 to 5.00pm, Saturday April 30th and Monday May 2nd from 10.00am to 5.00pm and Sunday May 1st from noon to 5.00pm.** Free admission.

Gladly Solemn Sound

A return concert by popular demand

At Hardraw Church
1st May at 11.00am

Bainbridge School News

Bike Club We have been very lucky to get a grant to start our very own bike club. The money was enough to buy 11 bikes and some equipment for them. We checked the bikes by using an “m” shape from the front wheel to the back wheel. We have mountain trek bikes and there are two sizes for year 3 and upwards. Mr. Moore teaches us mountain biking. He plans to take us up the Roman road and also up to Swaledale. It sounds like good fun, but hard work!
Annabel, Chloe, Jessica, James. Becky



Film club On Wednesdays we go to film club and we watch different films such as “Arctic Tale”, “Barnyard”, “Cloudy with a Chance of Meat Balls”, “G-force”, “Over the Hedge” and “Brother Bear”. One of the best bits is that we get to eat popcorn just like being at the cinema. We watch the film in class two. Mrs Baldwin organises it. It costs fifty pence to get popcorn, a drink and watch the film so it is a good deal. Some of the older children want scarier films but the younger children don’t like them.
Toni, Reese and Matthew

Looking at Lexia Bainbridge School is lucky to have ‘Lexia’ downloaded onto their computers. It helps us with sounds and words. Class 2 and Year 3 are happy with the program. One of the pupils said, ‘I like the program because it is simple and easy to use’. It is fun and a great way to learn.
Saskia Welch and Luke Dinsdale

Newsletter Accounts
March 2010 to February 2011

Income

Balance brought forward	7996.06
Donations and Postal subs.	470.00
Collecting boxes	1989.44
Adverts	7657.00
Interest	<u>51.23</u>
	18163.73

Expenditure

Production costs	1927.13
Expenses and honoraria	1050.99
Software and computers	216.00
Office rental	264.00
Donations and distribution	2402.12
Prizes	170.00
Bursary student	100.00
Book grant scheme	1522.40
Refund to advertiser	<u>45.00</u>
	7697.64

Balance carried forward 10466.09

Janet W. Thomson, Treasurer

The accounts were audited and approved on 13th March 2011 by Barry Wilcox, MCMI.

Although income is down compared to last year, we have received a number of small donations from subscribers, for which we thank them.

Our expenditure over the year has also been less than in 2009/10 despite increasing the prize money we gave for competitions and making 12 awards to local college and university students under our book and equipment grants.

We introduced a new donation scheme during the year whereby the winner of the monthly competition nominated a charity to receive the prize money. A number of local and national charities have benefited from this scheme: Dalesplay, Motor Neurone Disease, Tearfund, The Amala Trust,

Smile Train, and the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Other donations we made included:

£525 UNICEF for its 'School in a Box' scheme, Pakistan

£326 Wooden seat for Bainbridge

£200 Hawes Christmas Lights

£150 Tournament of Song

£40 Wensleydale Chorus

J.W.T.

Gayle Mill Events

Sundays April 3rd and 24th Tours at
11.00am and 2.30pm (last approx.2 hrs)
and DEMONSTRATION DAY of
water powered Victorian woodworking
machinery.:

Adm. £10 adult, £5 child
(including refreshments)

Booking advised: phone **667320**

Good Friday April 22nd

Weekly tours commence.

Guided Tours on Tuesday to Saturday start
at **11.00am and 2.00pm.**

For more information on opening hours,
visit

www.gaylemill.org.uk



Samantha in the main workshop

Classroom With a Difference

Gayle Mill

Children from schools in the Dales will soon be able to experience hands-on learning as the mill launches its heritage education project with the arrival of Samantha Belcher from the Bowes Museum, as the Education and Training Co-ordinator for a three-year Yorkshire Dales LEADER project.

The project will provide opportunities for young people and adults to keep traditional heritage skills alive.

Seeking Walkers to Film the Dales

Walkers of all ages and abilities are wanted to take part in a quirky outdoor arts project, **Meander**, in the Yorkshire Dales during the summer. Artist duo Shanaz Gulzar and Steve Manthorp, who work together as ADEPT, are recruiting volunteers to walk in the National Park, recording their progress on tiny head-mounted cameras. Participants can just chat, discuss local history, geology, wildlife or anything else they feel may be of interest to others. If they feel inspired they can be creative — recite poetry, tell a story or even sing a song while walking!

Shanaz Gulzar comments: “We hope that our artwork will encourage its audience to abandon the gallery and enjoy the landscape for themselves”. For information: info@adeptprojects.co.uk, or phone **Shanaz Gulzar on 07816 526121 or Steve Manthorp on 07507 400489**.



Red Nose Day On the 18th March (Red Nose Day) Askrigg School did a dress in red and bring a donation day! Then at break time the school council gave out pieces of flapjack, which they had made the day before. Over all on the day they made £91.12 which they have given to Comic Relief! Even by selling the Red Noses they made £60 for the fund. Over all on the day they had a fabulous time and enjoyed every part of the day! They all hope that they can raise more in two years time!

Sophie Oliver, Secretary of Askrigg

Askrigg School News

School Council

Congratulations Mrs Bagnall Mrs Bagnall has been coming to Askrigg School two afternoons a week for nearly 20 years. She has helped generations of children, and worked with several teachers who have all been more than happy to have her in the class. She is always happy to help, and has a wealth of knowledge about many things including gardening, sewing and knitting. We have lost count of the myriad of items she has brought into school that ‘might just be useful!’

To show the school’s appreciation we nominated her for a Richmondshire Community Award and she won the category of Volunteer of the Year 2010-2011. Mrs Bagnall was presented with a certificate and trophy by Councillor Yvonne Peacock at a presentation ceremony at Wensleydale School on Wednesday 23rd March.

White Scar Caves On the 8th March the school went to White Scar Caves. We learned about Christopher Long who found White Scar Caves. Christopher found the cave when he went on a walk and he went into the cave with three candles on his hat. In the cave the water develops special features which have been named as the Sword Damocles, the Arum Lily, the Devil's Tongue, the Judge's Head, Witches Hat, the Crown and the Witches Fingers. There was also a part of the cave which was named the Battlefield because the rock has fallen down all around the place. There are stalagmites which are formed by drips coming down from the ceiling and they look like carrots. The Devils Tongue has a thing saying if you touch the water you have to do the washing up for a year! There was a part further down the cave which was called the Squeeze and if you passed another tour guide you would have to reverse otherwise you would get stuck! There are two waterfalls which come down really fast. When a group came a few years ago, a lady found the way into the Battlefield. She was the first person to reach the cavern. Now college groups are exploring 4 miles further on from the cavern. Other groups are exploring higher.

Mo, Year 6

North Yorkshire Reward Grant Fund

**Available for voluntary organisations,
community groups and small charities.**


This Fund is managed by the Two Ridings Community Foundation (formerly the York and North Yorkshire Community Foundation) and has been established using Performance Reward Grant funding from the North Yorkshire Local Area Agreement. Grants are available up to a maximum of £5000 for projects that help communities to meet priorities that are within the North Yorkshire sustainable community strategy at the time that the grant is made.

Applications will only be accepted from voluntary organisations, community groups and small charities based in, and serving the communities of North Yorkshire and with an income of less than £50,000.

Further information is available on the Community Foundation website
www.tworidingscommunityfoundation.org.uk/grants/northyorkshirerewardfund/

Win a Brand New Table Game

The Newsletter has been sent “Q bits” and is offering it as a prize for the chosen winner of this quiz. *See page 34*

1. Mrs Brown bought a carpet for £200. When Mrs Jones saw it she said “I’d like one just like it; my room’s the same shape as yours but about half as big again each way.” How much would Mrs Jones have to pay?
2. What are the next two letters?:
A, E, F, H, I, K...
3. What are the next two numbers?:
1,1,2,3,5,8
4. Whose name is given to this series above?
5. I tell my little brother he can have the bottom half in height of my Cornetto.

What fraction of the whole cone do I keep for myself?
6. What is the size of the angle between the hands of a clock at 1.30
7. Where can $7+9$ equal 4, or $5+10$ equal 3?

Open Day at Art Bar Saturday April 16th

To be officially opened at noon by
Gary Verity
Head of ‘Welcome to Yorkshire’

Good Deeds Near the Good Life!

There has been a real 'scrow' for years as you turn into the Brunt Acres Business Park in Hawes—opposite the Good Life near to the beck. Not any more! Step forward Chloe and Nicole Sunter from Simonstone. In half term, armed with large poly-bags they did a great job clearing up loads of litter.

They called at the Good Life to buy drinks when they'd finished. Jackie and Barry were so impressed they gave them free. That's the sort of good news story we like!

And that isn't all!

To be true to our editorial we can also report that others have been busy with their voluntary spring-cleaning. One local business-woman has been spotted cleaning up litter and fag-ends outside the closed White Hart pub. In Hawes, and a huge amount of litter in the Hawes playpark suddenly disappeared into several black bags—the work of one local parish councillor.

Bainbridge Methodist Church 175th Anniversary

Did you or did anyone you know attend Bainbridge Sunday School? Bainbridge Methodist Church celebrates its 175th Anniversary this year, it was opened in 1836 on a piece of land which had been bought for £5 5s in 1803. We plan to have a display of photographs and other items relating to the history of the chapel and we are appealing for the loan of anything you may have which could be used. There was a thriving Sunday School for many years so there are still many people in the dale who might be able to help, if you can please contact John Stirling 650334 or Anne

Deans 650182. The Anniversary celebration will take place on the 24/25th September, when the Rev. Gordon Gatward will lead our Sunday worship. Further details of the weekend will be announced later.

Decorative and Fine Arts Society

**English Glass of the 17th and 18th
Centuries**

**Tuesday April 12th 2.00pm
Middleham Key Centre**

George Ravenscroft transformed the production of English glass. In *English Glass of the 17th and 18th Centuries*. Jane Gardiner will cover his early experiments and the development of lead glass, which gave rise to a truly English style which is so collectable today. It will show the English love for simplicity of form and discuss the development of the baluster-stem wine glass. Later glasses will exhibit the techniques of engraving, enamelling and the skill of cutting. The lecture will conclude with this dominance of cut glass in England in the later 18th century, particularly in the production of chandeliers.

Non-members are welcome at £5 per lecture, pre-booking is essential, membership and further information is available from the Membership Secretary, **624203**.

Alverton Singers (Northallerton) Concert

**Conductor Joan Foster
Accompanist Jean Pocock**

**St. Andrew's Aysgsarth
Sunday April 10th 7.30pm**

**In aid of the
Yorkshire Air Ambulance**

**Soloist Emma Lundberg
Accompanist John Foster**

Adults £5.00; children £2.50

Correction

The article headed "Pension Top Up" in the March Newsletter contained out of date information. We apologise to readers who rang the number, and thank them for pointing it out to us.

**April Exhibition at Yoredale,
Bainbridge**



Field Sketch: Janet Swailes

8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday

Janet has practised as an artist printmaker since 1995, developing alongside professional landscape architectural practice since 1991. She is currently completing a PhD in field sketching at Edinburgh College of Art.

“I am interested in the structures and patterns of natural and cultural landscapes. The exhibition has sketches and prints of the barns and walls scenery in the Dales, mostly from Swaledale and Arkengarthdale, and also some studies of rock exposures of the upper reaches of local rivers.”

For more information please phone

Lesley Knevitt 652326

Hawes Cricket Club

The Hawes Cricket Club A.G.M. will be held at the Fountain Hotel, Hawes on **Monday April 4th at 7.00pm**. Please show your support for Hawes Cricket Club.

Louise Raw

Ask Craske!

More glimpses from the past from Andrew Craske
in Woodhall

We will begin in the early 1920s when the phone number was 'Bainbridge 4'! As the years went by it became 24, then 224. Telegrams were to 'Outhwaite, Carr End, Bainbridge'.



So what is all this about? From that time **Sam Outhwaite, Carr End Poultry Farm, Askrigg**, became renowned throughout the country, and further

afield for *Exchequer Leghorns*, and as his brochures declare "The world's specialist breeder of the highest pedigree dual-purpose Exchequer Leghorns". "Beauty and Utility"!

It was in 1904 that a Mr Miller, in Scotland, began to perfect and establish these handsome black, white and bright red birds which he found to be great in egg-production. After the first World War they slowly spread to England as show birds and as excellent utility fowl but met with some resistance, many growing too fat.

Enter Sam Outhwaite; by this time he had jumped on the band wagon and was secretary of the Exchequer Leghorn Club and their popularity began to spread across



SAM OUTHWAITE

the land. "In 1919 there was world-wide interest when a pen on Carr End Poultry Farm put up a sensation in egg-laying. Ten Exchequer Leghorn pullets laid the magnificent flock average of 291 eggs per bird in twelve months."

Carr End's Leghorns were the only ones

to represent the U.K. at the World Poultry Congress in Canada. By the 1930s eggs for hatching and chicks were being sent all over the world. Letters of satisfaction read, "Winter laying was really wonderful", "Out to Canada", "Veritable Egg Machines", and "Repeat Order to the Gold Coast"!

I had no idea Askrigg (that was the postal address) had been so world-renowned for its Leghorns! Some of the brochures were also printed in languages other than English. Here are some quotes "Outhwaite's Exchequers are non-broody and great foragers". "Outhwaite's Exchequers do well in small pens or back yards".

"Let's go round by 'Sam's hens'" Sam Outhwaite had married Dorothy Thistlethwaite and lived in Askrigg at Dorothy's family post office just below Lodge Yard Archway. By the time Andrew remembers, the incubators were in a building at the top of Lodge Yard and the hens at **Arngill**, and it was a favourite walk up the Moor Road, then along the Reeth Road and down to Newbiggin. On this stretch were dozens of hen huts on rather rocky and hilly terrain. There are only the slightest remains now.

In the 1950s the incubators were at what was Miss Preston's Sweet Shop on Elm Hill. Andrew remembers, "I used to help him on a night and at weekends, sometimes 'candling' eggs, that is checking the incubating eggs after a week with a bright light shining through them to see if they were fertile. (Any that weren't were put in trays and Pratts of Sedbergh would collect them for commercial baking.) On hatching, a chicken sexer was called for who quickly inspected each day old chick separating males from females. The females were boxed up and sent from Askrigg or Northallerton Station to begin their journey all over the world. The males and any late

hatchers, usually weak, were disposed of in a way that wouldn't be acceptable today!

"In the early 1960s Sam decided to retire and the business was taken over by Lawrence Thwaite. Exchequer Leghorns were very flighty birds, reasonable layers of white eggs but now classed as a rare breed, seen occasionally at shows but commercially superseded by 'hybrid' breeds.

"When I go past Arngill today I can still 'see' all the hens and huts, and Sam with his Morris 1000 shooting brake!", said Andrew. **A.S.W.**

Free Visiting Service

If you would like someone to talk to, please phone Margaret Iveson (**667285**) who will arrange for a church member to visit. This is a service offered by the Anglican Churches in the area. There are lots of reasons why someone might like a visit – perhaps they are housebound, perhaps they have no adult to talk to, perhaps they are new to the area and would like to know about local groups and facilities.



Network With Other LEADER areas

at Yorkshire's first World Heritage Site

The Yorkshire Dales LEADER Local Action Group are hosting a joint event with the East Riding LEADER group on June 8th at Fountains Abbey.

Joining us will be organisations from the Way of the Roses cycleway project, and neighbouring LEADER area representatives from the North York Moors and Northumberland. There will be presentations on Dales LEADER funded co-operation activity on the Way of the Roses cycleway (this goes through the south of the National Park), and cycle initiatives in and around the Dales. Also included will be



a summary of Dales LEADER funded activity to date and a guest presentation on the value of partnering with other organisations to spark project ideas. As this is a free open event, booking is essential as *space is limited*. Site entry, buffet lunch and refreshment are provided as part of the event programme. Please call **01609 532681** or email norma.hood@northyorks.gov.uk or rma.hood@northyorks.gov.uk as soon as possible to reserve a place. The draft programme of the event is on the Yorkshire Dales LEADER blog at www.yorkshiredalesleader.wordpress.com

QBits

A while ago now I wrote an article on a company that my school friends and I started in September 2008, when we were 16, as a part of the Young Enterprise Scheme. Here is a little more information on our company and how it has advanced since. After 18 months and a lot of stress and hard work we finally set up our own private limited company. We designed, researched and developed our first product, QBits, whilst we were studying for our A Levels, and then parted ways last September in favour of universities across the country. We managed to achieve all of this with no support from Young Enterprise or the school we attended.

QBits is a mathematical game based upon strategy and tactical thinking; often it has been described as 'a version of scrabble but with numbers'. The game incorporates the four principles of mathematics: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Our product managed to ensure us the title of both 'area champions' and 'county champions' during the Young Enterprise Competition, meaning we advanced through to the regional round, where we narrowly missed out. However, we did scoop the 'Telegraph Best New Media Award' for a short commercial we had made about our product. We have experienced many setbacks and low points along the way but now the final design is ready and has passed all testing.

Doctors' Rotas as supplied by the Practice

AYSGARTH SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning

Wb	Mar 28th		Apr 4th		11th		18th		25th	
Day	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Mon	J	F	W	W	F	F	W	W	C	C
Tues	WF	WF	FJ	J	WJ	J	J	J	J	J
Wed	J	J	J	J	F	F	W	W	F	F
Thur	F	F	F	F	W	W	J	J	J	J
Fri	W	W	W	W	J	J	C	C	C	C

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

HAWES SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning

Wb	Mar 28th		Apr 4th		11th		18th		25th	
Day	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Mon	WF	W	FJ	FJ	WJ	WJ	J	J	C	C
Tues	J	J	W	W	F	W	W	W	F	F
Wed	W	W	F	F	W	W	J	J	J	J
Thur	J	J	W	W	J	J	W	W	F	F
Fri	F	F	J	J	F	F	C	C	C	C

Doctors: F - France, J - Jones, W - West, C - Closed
 Morning S'y: 8.45-10.15 Tues till 10.45 (no appointments)
 Afternoon S'y: 5.00-6.00 Tues 1.00-4.00 (appointments only)
 For appointments and all enquiries ring 667200

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.



5,000 games have been produced and Qube Games Ltd was incorporated on 21st April 2010. All 14 members are directors and shareholders. At the beginning of September 2010, I and four other members

of the company attended the Birmingham Toy and Games Convention, where we manned our trade stand over 4 days. We were lucky enough to be positioned opposite 'The Magic Wand Company' who had recently received great success on the TV Show Dragons Den; they gave us some invaluable advice, particularly due to the fact that the show had previously expressed much interest in our new company.

We have just set up our website www.qubegames.co.uk, please feel free to browse our site, where you can learn more about the game or even purchase one. You can also find our contact details should you wish to find out more.

Bethany Wood



Letter

Dear Janet (*our Treasurer*),

I've enclosed a cheque for two more years. I look forward to reading all the news from the Dales. I'm enjoying my life here with my family; I've got a granny flat built in their garden. The people are so friendly, they look after the elderly very well. I've joined lots of things; my daughter says I'm never at home.

I've just had my 90th birthday and keeping quite well. Many thanks to all you people who work on the Newsletter.

Annie Taylor, Nannup, W Australia.
(Many people in the Gayle and Hawes area will want us to pass on good wishes, which we do.)



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

*"The kiss of the sun for pardon,
The song of the birds for mirth,
One is nearer God's heart in a garden
Than anywhere else on earth".*

(Dorothy Frances Gurney)

Cold, wet, wind, fog, mist, rain, frost - even sleet and snow have all visited during March. On the more inclement days I find it incredibly hard to be inspired by the new growth which is creeping up surreptitiously around us, but those brilliant sunny days which materialise out of nowhere find me poking about in corners. What I am looking for, and always find, is evidence that nature has not let us down after all; that everything will be back very soon, and that so many plants, especially spring bulbs, will be better than ever as a result of what they have gone through. It is at these precious moments that my usually cynical attitude takes a back seat, and my mind is full of poetic snippets such as the one above. These particular frequently quoted lines form the penultimate verse of the poem "God's Garden". It was inspired by Lord Ronald Gower's garden at Hammerfield Penshurst and written in the visitor's book around 1925. It is especially apt at Easter. Google will find you the complete poem.

Lilies don't seem to thrive in my soil, so I usually keep them in pots where they do very well, but of course need to be divided regularly, and the bulblets have to be taken out and grown on. I have lost some of last year's unfortunately, and I put it down to them getting too wet and then frozen. I have put extra drainage into the last pots as insurance, and I was about to send for some more which were spectacular in one of the major catalogues, when I remembered an

article from last year's Cottage Gardener. Julie Plumb, a qualified vet, had written about how dangerous Lilies are to cats. The cats nibble all sorts of things, but I've never seen them attacking Lily leaves, however, it appears that all parts of the plant are very toxic, even the pollen, and all the common varieties – *longiflorum*, *speciosum*, *orientalis* and hybrids carry the same toxin which causes rapid and catastrophic kidney and sometimes pancreatic damage. It can also cause fits. Munching a few leaves or a flower can prove fatal in as many as fifty per cent of cases. Pollen licked off the fur can make a cat very ill. I shall move my pots to less accessible places and I might follow Ms Plumb's lead and resist temptation this year. On a less gloomy note, it seems that dogs are not affected although research suggests that the number of cases of cats poisoned by lilies is almost as great as slug bait poisoning in all species. Cat lovers beware!

On a more cheerful note I've been busy in the greenhouse, I've potted on autumn cuttings and taken lots of new ones, especially geraniums and pelargoniums. I might just buy some tomato tumbler plants for hanging baskets because it looks as if some catalogues offer the plants as cheaply as the seeds, and they did extremely well last year.

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

Rose Rambler

Wensleydale Railway Welcomes Springtime

Copies of the printed timetable for 2011 have been distributed locally or phone **08454 50 54 74** for a copy by post (leaflet includes operating dates and major on-train events such as Diesel Galas and the 1940s week-end). A separate leaflet gives details of Excursions and Guided Walks. See also www.wensleydalerailway.com

The spring programme begins with several events over Easter week-end, including a 7 mile walk on **Good Friday via historic Coverham church** and over the top to Redmire. People joining this event from the Upper Dale should be at Leyburn station (free parking) at 08.43 for arrival of the special Early Bird train from Leeming Bar – it's a good opportunity to spend a long day walking with friends from down the Dale who can come to Leyburn on the train perhaps? **Shuttle bus to Middleham for hot cross buns and coffee;** also bring packed lunch and drinks. The return train from Redmire at 15.50 arrives Leyburn at 16.05 (single ticket £3; SC £2.75; discounts for WRA members and holders of free Wensleydale resident railcards, obtainable from Leyburn station). Please buy tickets at staffed stations or on the train.

Lots of Chocolate! Easter Sunday (April 24th) sees the traditional appearance of Pink Rabbit to greet the first train of the day (departs Leyburn 10.33; arr. Redmire at 10.48) - he's tall, pink and very photogenic! This heralds the start of the annual Easter Egg Hunt along hedgerows and field paths up to the gates of Bolton Castle - a fun event which everyone is invited to join (children to be accompanied). Allow about an hour for the walk and then perhaps visit the castle (admission fee) before walking back to the station. Trains depart Redmire 13.10 and 15.50.

The Vintage Bus from Ripon meets WR trains at Redmire station at 11.05 and 13.05 on Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays plus Bank Holiday Mondays from early April until late October for the journey via Aysgarth and Bainbridge to Hawes and Garsdale. Senior Citizens with a valid Bus Pass travel free on this bus!

Ruth Annison

Free Healthy Walks

Would you like to be more active, explore our local countryside and meet new friends? Richmondshire Walking For Health will be running free "taster" beginners health walks in Hawes and Askrigg during April & May. These walks are relaxed and friendly but moving at a pace brisk enough for individuals to feel an increased heart rate and faster breathing. You will still be able to chat-while you walk and enjoy the countryside. These 'Beginners' walks are under an hour, reasonably flat and have no high stiles. Children are welcome if accompanied by an adult, dogs are not allowed. We are also looking for volunteers to train as leaders for these walks. For more information and start dates of these walks email walk.for.health@btinternet.com, or call **William Gedye on 07710 739192.**

Market Place and Greetings

Kevin Metcalfe (Gerbil)

Happy 21st birthday 30th March
Hope you're back on your feet soon.
Love from the family XXX

Pete and Claire Moore

would like to thank everyone for their
kind donations towards Spina Bifida
from their
birthday celebrations. £270 was raised.

The Beelyne, Hawes

Ron and Sue

We would like to thank all our customers for
the support given over the
last 23 years of trading.
It has been a pleasure to serve you all and we
send our best wishes to
the new owner, Peter Sturman.

Judy (Fawcett) and family would like to thank
everyone for their cards, flowers and their kind
offers of help. The comfort and care given to
us all is truly unbelievable. What a wonderful
community we have. Jack would have been
astounded. Once again thank you all from the
bottom of our hearts. God bless you all.
Judy and family.

FACER- PEDLEY

**Congratulations on your
engagement, Hannah and Martin.
Love from Granny and Grandad**

Upper Dales Mobile Skip Service

Saturday April 16th - 9am - 1 pm
Gayle Green

Refuse, large bulky items and recycling
materials including plastic and cardboard
Enqs - County Councillor John Blackie
0796 758 9096

Annual Report

Now in its 16th year the Newsletter continues to thrive because of the support and encouragement of advertisers, contributors of articles and readers. Our policy of using only one-third of the Newsletter for adverts, spaced to leave plenty of room for reports, news and features, continues. This does mean that there is a limit on advertisers, especially those from outside the circulation area; which is the main dale from Lunds to Wensley plus side dales, and over to the tops of Swaledale and Dentdale. We cannot range any further.

The year has seen a continuing supply of articles, which means that some which are not time-related have to wait a while; we also strive to keep a balance of news, comment, serious stuff and then some light relief! We are keen to ensure that our 'What's On' listing is as complete (and accurate) as possible, but we are not thought-readers, so please ensure you let us know any events to be listed. We have a store of lovely front covers to be used in due course, but will always welcome more. The quality of photographs accompanying articles depends entirely on the clarity of the originals.

As usual, we had purposeful and jovial committee meetings and are pleased to report a number of new recruits to our 'office slaves' and distributors. Our equipment - printing machine and stapler/folders- have behaved, which is a great relief. H o w - ever, we are not complacent; we will listen to anyone who has ideas or who might like to assist in the various tasks. None of us can go on for ever! **A.S.W.**

SUPPLEMENTARY PAGES

April

- 1 Wensleydale Society AGM then 'A Tale of Three Bridges'. West Burton 7.30pm See p. 9
- 1,8,15 Mid-dale Christian Aid Lent lunches. See back of supplement
- 2 Men's breakfast at Sycamore, 8.30am. All welcome
- 3 Mothering Sunday; "Wedding at Cana" West Burton Chapel. See p. 11
- 4 Askrigg School Service; St Oswald's
- 4 Hawes Cricket Club AGM. See p.31
- 4 Open meeting at St Margaret's, Hawes. See p. 5
- 5 Hawes Drama Group reads sketch from 'Beyond the Fringe'. Gayle Institute 7.30pm.
- 6,13 Lent lunches and meditation, Hawes Methodist rooms, from noon
- 9 'One night with you'. Tribute to Elvis. p.19
- 9 Askrigg Playgroup; Big Breakfast.
- 10 Table top sale, Market House, Hawes
- 10 Alverton Singers at St Andrew's Aysgarth. See p.30
- 12 Yorkshire Food Workshop. See p.22
- 12 Decorative and Fine Arts Society. Middleham Key Centre, 2.00pm. 17th and 18th Century English Glass
- 12 YDNPA Planning Committee, Yoredale Bainbridge, 10.30am.
- 13 Wild Wednesday at Aysgarth Falls 11am to 3pm. Tel. **662910** for details
- 15 Museum Friends; Ian Dewhurst "Life in In the 1950's". 7.30pm. £1 to non-Members
- 16 Mobile Skip, Gayle Green. See p.39
- 16 Bainbridge Chapel Gift Day 2.00pm to 4.00pm.
- 16 Art Bar Gallery, Appersett. Open day. See p. 28
- 19,22,24 Wensleydale Railway events. p.37
- 19 Janet Rawlins Exhibition starts. See p.19
- 20 Springtime stroll around the farm. Schoolhouse Farm, Stalling Busk. Tel. **666210** for details.
- 21 Hawes W.I. "After Henry-A Writing Life" by Lady Ann Pilling. Methodist rooms, 7.00pm
- 22 Middleham Stables Open Day

- 23,24,25 Art Exhibition, Burtersett.
- 25 Cakes and plants; Castle Bolton. p.14
- 26 Coffee morning and Stalls. Hawes Methodist rooms; 10.00am to noon.
- 27 Gayle Chapel Gift Day from 6.30pm.
- 27 East Witton Male Voice Choir-Spring Concert. See p. 17
- 28 Gayle Ladies; "Diving in the Maldives" 7.30pm
- 29 Royal Wedding "Bring and Share" picnic in Hardraw churchyard, 3.00pm
- 29- May 2 Yoredale Art Exhibition. See p.23
- 30 Low Mill Charity Dinner. See p. 22
- 30 57th Annual Three Peaks Fell Race
- 30 Boozy flower walk. Early spring flowers on Ingleborough limestone grasslands. 10.30am to 2.00pm. Meet in lay by just north of the Hill Inn, Chapel le Dale
- 30-1 May Middleham Quilters Exhibition at Middleham Key Centre. 11.00am to 4.00pm. Admission £2
- 30-2 May Leyburn Festival of Food

May

- 1 "Gladly Solemn Sound" concert at Hardraw Church at 11.00am. p.23

Local club closes after 23 years

Askrigg and District Indoor Bowling Club has closed. This small club gave a lot of pleasure to many people since 1988.

At the AGM of the club it was agreed to close the club. Despite extensive publicity, free trial sessions, we have not managed to recruit new members to keep us going, and it had an ageing population - many over 80. Some weeks we have struggled to get 4 players in the village hall. It is sad to see such amenities no longer popular with younger people and newcomers.

Members decided to donate their funds to local funds. £500 will be given to Askrigg and Low Abbotside Parish Council **to spend on some celebration** within this new large parish. Askrigg Village Hall is a well used community base for all ages, and

Holy Week and Easter Church Services



Hawes area

Palm Sunday April 17th

10.30am Hawes Methodist Church; Morning worship with communion

10.30am Hawes St. Margaret's; morning service. *With Diocesan Missioner (**)*

10.30am Bainbridge Methodist Church; morning worship.

6.30pm Gayle evening worship

Monday April 18th

9.00am Hardraw; morning prayer and meditation (**)

Tuesday April 19th

10.30am Hawes St Margaret's; morning prayer and meditation (**)

Maundy Thursday April 21st

6.00pm Hawes St. Margaret's; liturgy for Maundy Thursday

Good Friday April 22nd

10.00am Churches Together; United walk of witness: Gayle chapel to Hawes (**)

11.00am Hawes Methodist Church; united worship

Easter Day April 24th

7.00am Hardraw; service of light followed by breakfast (**)

10.30am Hawes Methodist Church; Easter morning worship

10.30am Hawes St. Margaret's; Easter communion

6.30pm Gayle evening worship with communion

Wednesday April 27th

2.00pm Hawes School Easter Service; Methodist Church

Askrigg and Bainbridge area

Palm Sunday April 17th

10.30am Bainbridge Methodist Church; morning worship

10.30am Askrigg St Oswald's; morning worship with communion

2.00pm Marsett Methodist Church service

10.30am Bainbridge Friends Meeting House

Wednesday April 20th

10.00am Askrigg St Oswald's; Morning prayer and meditation (**)

Maundy Thursday April 21st

6.00pm Askrigg St Oswald's; Supper (**)

Good Friday April 22nd

2.00pm St Matthew's Stalling Busk; meditation on the Cross with communion (**)

Easter Day April 24th

10.30am Askrigg St. Oswald's; Easter communion (**)

10.30am Bainbridge Methodist Church; Easter communion. At Sycamore Hall

10.45am Countersett Friends' Meeting House.

2.00pm Marsett Methodist Church; Easter worship with communion

Aysgarth, West Burton , Redmire, West Witton, Castle Bolton, Preston area

Palm Sunday April 17th

9.00am Breakfast; Redmire Village Hall

9.40am Donkey procession leaves for Redmire Church; service from 10.00am

9.00am Breakfast; West Witton Village Hall

9.45am Procession to St Bartholomew's for 10.00am Family service

10.45am Aysgarth Methodist Church; Palm Sunday worship

10.45am West Burton Methodist Church; Palm Sunday worship

6.00pm Preston under Scar; Evensong

7.00pm St. Andrew's Aysgarth; Readings and music from Mozart's 1st Mass in C

Monday April 18th

7.30pm St Andrew's Aysgarth; Holy Week Meditation

Tuesday April 19th

7.30pm Preston under Scar; Holy Week Meditation

Wednesday April 20th

7.30pm St. Bartholomew's, West Witton; Holy Week Meditation

Maundy Thursday, April 21st

7.30pm Thornton Rust Mission Room; Holy Communion

7.30pm West Burton Methodist Church;

20am Thornton Rust Institute; 11.50am Thoraby Upper Green;
 12.15pm Newbiggin; 12.45pm West Burton cross; 1.25pm Wensley;
 1.45pm West Witton, opposite Wensleydale Heifer;
 2.15pm Aysgarth; United service in Aysgarth Methodist Church.
 (Services also: Preston 9.30am; Castle Bolton 10.15am; West Witton 2.00pm)
Easter Day April 24th
 6.30am Son-Rise service; Pen Hill Beacon
 9.30am Castle Bolton, Preston under Scar and West Witton: each Holy communion
 10.00am St Andrew's Aysgarth; Family communion with children's activities
 10.45am Aysgarth and West Burton Methodist Churches; each Easter worship
 11.00am Wensley, Holy Trinity; Holy communion
 6.30pm Thornton Rust; Evensong

Police Report

Hello again. The industrial estate at Hawes suffered two burglaries on the first weekend night in March, foodstuffs, money and a computer were stolen. The premises appeared to be the only ones not alarm fitted and the offenders also must have spent some time in the vicinity. If you saw or heard anything which appeared odd to you on this weekend please get in contact.

Road safety. A member of the public has reported that whilst driving up and down Wensleydale they are regularly being dazzled by people driving with high beam headlights rather than dipping them. This is careless driving and with the close proximity of walls, barns and trees on our roads it is also quite dangerous. Please have some consideration for other road users and use dipped beam when a vehicle is approaching you from the opposite direction.

I know I keep harping on about fog

lights on vehicles and their misuse, normally having front ones on in clear visibility. However as I write this on a grey foggy day with visibility considerably reduced and less than 100m (or 105 yards in old money) I see several vehicles passing by without any lights on at all. This is also an offence. In seriously reduced visibility you need to have headlights illuminated (which make your tail lights come on) and rear fog light on as well. As all British spec vehicles have at least one rear fog light, and if fitted, then this is the time to use front fog lights.

Damage. There has been a car damaged at Town Head Hawes. The sort of damage caused in my experience tends to indicate that the offender was on their way home from the pub. Bainbridge school also has had some minor damage caused to items in the grounds, with cigarette butts left in the vicinity. This suggests that teenagers are involved as none of the pupils of that school smoke! Be aware that cigarette butts are great at storing DNA so it may only be a matter of time before you get caught.

A trend that is emerging and often occurs when the tourist season starts are thefts from unattended motor vehicles. Aysgarth Falls Car Park has been targeted twice in a fortnight, with a handbag stolen from one and a wallet from another. Please do not leave any valuables in your car if you are going to leave it unattended – no matter for how short a period of time. It takes seconds to see items lying about in a car and to put the widow through.

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**

WHAT'S ON
Dales Countryside Museum

- 28 Exhibition of Light and Atmosphere. A mixed media event by Susan Ison
- 3 Mothers Day. Free entry to the Museum for all Mums, 10.00am to 5.00pm. Craft activities for all children all day
- 12 Museum Friends will be spinning in the museum foyer from 2.00pm to 4.00pm and will try to answer your questions on wool crafts
- 13 'Discover and Do'. 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Storytelling and children's Easter craft workshop, £3 per child
- 17 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Dilys McCaffrey will be weaving on her own loom in Museum foyer
- 19 2.00pm to 4.00pm. National Park volunteers will be demonstrating dry stone wall and explaining the history of walling in the area and techniques used. Museum ticket holders only
- 19,22 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Easter craft event led by artist Susan Ison. £3 charge
- 23 Pathfinder introduction, 1.30pm-4.30pm
How to map read and find your way around the countryside. Booking essential
- 26 7.00pm to 9.00pm. An illustrated talk "Buzz in the Meadows" learn about Bees and their wildflower habitat.
- 29 2.00pm to 4.00pm. See Friends of the Museum dressed in costume in the Victorian kitchen explaining all the work that went on there. (with Museum ticket only)
- 30 2.00pm-4.00pm. Making a mini Meadow
A practical 'drop-in' event for 5-14yrs
find about hay meadows and wildlife.

Amazing Proposals!

Museum Friends and visitors at their latest meeting were fascinated by Dr Christine Hallas's lecture: *Railway Mania in the Northern Dales and the outcomes, 1840- 1912..* There were numerous mad-cap proposals from many large and small companies aiming to link, in the main, NW and NE England often via Wensleydale and often with very long tunnels under pretty well every fell in the area!

Dr Hallas's entertaining and illustrated talk had been very thoroughly researched and was much appreciated by a very large audience.

Spotted

Spotted recently, this news snippet from the *Bath Chronicle*; Major Andrew Diaper Clausen, the officer in charge of the Salvation Army's Bath Citadel, had his laptop stolen at the weekend after being away from his desk for just 10 minutes. He had been preparing a sermon on the eighth commandment—thou shalt not steal.