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**Upper Wensleydale  
Newsletter  
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### Eunice the Ewe



I was hiding in the Waltons advert and the winner was **Hilary Grace Forrest** of Sycamore Hall.

Where can I possibly be this month?

### Zumba

Please note that Zumba takes place every **Monday from 7.30pm** in the Hawes Market Hall. Any reference to its not starting until September is entirely due to a momentary 'brain fade' on my part!

**Lesley Williams**

### Filming at Gayle Mill

John Grundy and the BBC 'Look North' team are coming to do some filming at Gayle Mill during the month. Watch out for programme!

### Dales Fire Risk High

*Please take extra care in the moorland areas. If you see a fire please ring 999 to alert the Fire Service.*

### Free Healthy Walks

Following the success of the trial walk in Askrigg a number of walks are planned for May:

Beginners walks – less than 1 hour, reasonably flat, no high stiles

- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May – 11.00am - Yore-bridge Sports Centre
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May – 10:30am - Hawes Market House
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – 11am - Yore-bridge Sports Centre

There will also be a 2 hour advanced walk at 10:30am on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am details from **William - 07710 739192**

**DEADLINE FOR THE  
JUNE ISSUE: THURSDAY  
MAY 19TH**

#### Drop-off points and contacts

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

<b>Hawes:</b>	Alan S. Watkinson, Burnside Coach House.	667785
<b>Gayle:</b>	Lorna Ward, East House	667405
<b>Bainbridge:</b>	Hammond's Butchers	650631
<b>Askrigg:</b>	Rima Berry, 8 Mill Lane.	650980
<b>Carperby:</b>	Margaret Woodcock, Bella Cottage	663488
<b>West Burton:</b>	Nadine Bell, Margaret's Cottage	663559
<b>Aysgarth:</b>	Hamilton's Tearoom	663423
<b>Redmire:</b>	Ann Holubecki	622967
<b>Thoraby:</b>	Sandra Foley, Shop	663205

## Editorial

**W**e can blame the politicians and vested interest – of sixty years ago! We refer to the matter of National Park boundaries. We wouldn't be having the debate now if, in the first place, landscape, geology and all the things that make the area special for designation had been dealt with properly in the 1950s. A look at the map immediately shows up some very odd demarcations of what's in and what's not, with boundaries cutting off land which should have been included in the first place. The prime example of course is the Howgill Fells, but the fells between the present boundary and the River Lune, plus the Orton Fells, are equally significant, not even mentioning Nidderdale which isn't in the present scheme!

Maybe people actually living in, working and having responsibility for the proposed inclusions should have the greatest say, and certainly others speaking up should at least have a good working knowledge of the areas. This is pre-eminently about the areas being able to fulfil the purposes of National Parks, and here's a reminder: 'To conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage' and 'To promote opportunity for the understanding and enjoyment of their special qualities'. Additionally there is a duty to seek to foster the economic and social well-being of the local communities.

It really is difficult to question these in relation to the areas now being considered. But when it comes to how things will work out it could be said to be a matter of the three Ps: power, personalities and planning! The relationship between the National Park and the County and District Councils certainly has to be worked at, especially in the matter of representation on the Park's governing authority which also includes

some nationally appointed members (some people thinking their number should be increased, some saying reduced!). The important thing is that wherever all members come from or live, they surely must be able to show their commitment to the purposes and duty stated above for the whole of the National Park.

When it comes to planning it is true that things can be a bit 'tighter' in National Parks to fulfil their purposes, but can there be a local authority in the land that hasn't got or had planning battles!

It's tempting to question the wisdom of going ahead with these matters at times of financial difficulties. It's easy to say there are more important issues. We're not at all sure; in times of austerity, the value of the environment as of the 'Arts' (which are seriously under threat) gains greater importance. We lose these things to the over-riding need for economic recovery at our peril and our relatively small issue of the Park's boundary needs to be seen within the developing debate about the wider environment where there is some worrying 'kite-flying' beginning. This could seriously weaken many aspects of conservation and protection of the things we hold dear, and we need to be vigilant.

In all these matters we urge a thoughtful, balanced, non-exaggerated or scaremongering debate.

**Front cover.** *We would like to thank Simon Greenslade, West Burton, for printing the front cover.*



### Sundays and Bank Holidays

Although the NYCC has withdrawn the funding along the Dale, thanks to the Dales and Bowland Community Interest Company, the *Wensleydale Flyer Service* is now running to the timetable below.

	856	800*	856	856*	856	856
Northallerton, Friarage Hospital	..	0930	..	1310	..	1600
Northallerton, Buck Inn	..	0932	..	1312	..	1602
Northallerton, opp. Rail Station	..	0935	..	1315	..	1605
Ainderby Steeple, Green	..	0942	..	1322	..	1612
Leeming Bar, White Rose	..	0948	..	1328	..	1618
Bedale, Market Place	..	0953	..	1333	..	1623
Crakehall	..	0957	..	1337	..	1627
Patrick Brompton	..	1001	..	1341	..	1631
Constable Burton	..	1008	..	1348	..	1638
Leyburn, Market Place arr.	..	1017	..	1357	..	1647
Leyburn, Market Place dep.	..	1020	..	..	1430	1650
Wensley	..	1023	..	..	1433	1653
West Witton	..	1027	..	..	1437	1657
Aysgarth, Memorial	..	1035	1235	..	1445	1705
Bainbridge, Green	..	1044	1244	..	1454	1714
Hawes, Market Place	..	1053	1253	..	1503	1723
Hawes, Wensleydale Creamery	..	1055	1255	..	1505	1725

	856	856*	856	800*	856
Hawes, Wensleydale Creamery	..	1057	1347	..	1557
Hawes, Market Place	..	1058	1348	..	1558
Bainbridge, Green	..	1107	1357	..	1607
Aysgarth, Memorial	..	1116	1406	..	1616
West Witton	..	1126	1416	..	1756
Wensley	..	1130	1420	..	1800
Leyburn, Market Place arr.	..	1133	1423	..	1803
Leyburn, Market Place dep.	..	1135	..	1435	1805
Constable Burton	..	1144	..	1444	1814
Patrick Brompton	..	1151	..	1451	1821
Crakehall	..	1155	..	1455	1825
Bedale, Market Place	0900	1200	..	1500	1830
Leeming Bar, White Rose	0905	1205	..	1505	1835
Ainderby Steeple, Green	0911	1211	..	1511	1841
Northallerton, Rail Station	0918	1218	..	1518	1848
Northallerton, Buck Inn	0921	1221	..	1521	1851
Northallerton, Friarage Hospital	0923	1223	..	1523	1853

Note: \* = this journey will not operate on 17th April 2011  
 Timetable also shows part of service 800, which runs from/to York, Leeds and Grassington.

Other local services are the *Yorkshire Dalesman 800*, York-Leeds-Grassington-Aysgarth-Hawes. *Ingleborough Pony and Northern Dalesman 831/832* (from May 15th): Settle-Ingleton-Ribblehead-Hawes-Reeth-Richmond. *Dalesbus 830* (from May 15th): Richmond-Reeth-Leyburn. Flyers with details are in T.I.Cs. or by phone: **0871 200 22 22** or [www.dalesbus.org](http://www.dalesbus.org)

### May Competition

#### Unscramble these British birds:

1. PLACED IF THE CRY
2. OK RAGE CLUBS
3. OH REAL WORSTED
4. REDS GREBE LAW
5. MINCE POPS RODMAN
6. WILL LET GO AWAY
7. EDGERS GRACE BETTER
8. VEAL OR DOLCED
9. WHERE RODS GAP
10. SHAME TO RUIN
11. TILLING TO DATE
12. TREAD PRIG

#### Last Month's Answers

#### Tourist places to visit in Yorkshire.

1. North York Moors Railway
2. Newby Hall
3. Fountains Abbey
4. York Minster
5. The Strid
6. Mother Shipton's Cave
7. Haworth Parsonage
8. The Armouries
9. Kilburn White Horse
10. Mallyan Spout
11. White Scar Caves
12. Burton Agnes Hall

The winner was **Jane Macintosh, Hawes**, who also spotted two wrong letters in the anagrams; Mallyan Spoot was one! As no-one seems to have submitted answers to the 'Q-bits' quiz, Jane also is awarded the game.

The £20 prize money goes to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

### The 'Q bits' Quiz Answers

1. Mrs Jones pays £450 (Half as big again each way means  $\pounds 200 \times 1.5 \times 1.5 = \pounds 450$ )
2. The next two letters are L, M. (They are the next capitals with no curved parts)
3. 13, 21 (just adding the two previous numbers)
4. Fibonacci.
5. You keep seven-eighths! (He gets a half in height, half in width and half in thickness, and half x half x half = one eighth)
6. 165 degrees.
7. On a clock face. (If you start at the first number and add on, or move round the next number clockwise).

### **A Few More Puns for the Educated Minds**

1. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'
2. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
3. A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab centre said: 'Keep off the Grass.'
4. The midget fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
5. The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
6. A backward poet writes inverse.
7. In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.

### **Middleham and Dales Local History Group**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2.00pm**  
Middleham Key Centre .

*Reading history through objects from The Swaledale Museum;* Helen Bainbridge

Helen Bainbridge's talk promises to be a light-hearted hands-on tour of the lives of Dales people through objects historic, curious and complicated from The Swaledale Museum. Helen has been owner and curator of the Swaledale Museum since 2004, but prior to moving to Reeth she pursued an academic career as an expert on contemporary and historic silver and taught for many years at the Victoria and Albert Museum. So come along if you would like to extend your knowledge of the history of Swaledale and its people in this novel and entertaining way in the company of an expert on the subject.

*Annual membership of the group is £10 and visitors are welcome to attend individual meetings for a fee of £3. For further information, please contact Tony Keates 640436*

### **Kirkby Stephen Grammar School Commended for Improving GCSE Results**

An annual event in March celebrated the specialist schools and academies that met criteria in one of six categories in the 2010 GCSE or equivalent examinations. KSGS met the following criterion:

- *Schools where the proportion of young people gaining five or more GCSEs at grade A\*-C, including GCSE English and Maths, increased by 20 percentage points or more from 2007-2010.*

David Keetley, Headteacher of Kirkby Stephen Grammar School, commented, "We are very pleased that all the hard work of the students and teachers has been recognised by the SSAT. Our 5 A\*-C pass rate including English and Maths increased by 21% from 2007-2010. This is a very significant improvement of which we are extremely proud."

**Any queries, please contact KSGS on 017683 71693**

or [david.keetley@ksgs.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:david.keetley@ksgs.cumbria.sch.uk)

## **Swaledale Festival**

**May 28th until June 11th**

**Tickets will be available**

**01748 880019 or**

[www.swaledale-festival.org.uk](http://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

## **Celebration Picnic**

There will be a picnic on Askrigg football pitch to celebrate the Royal Wedding of William and Catherine. Please join us, bring a picnic and a rug on the 29<sup>th</sup> April at 3.00pm Red White and Blue theme. All welcome.

**Catherine Madley**



### **Dear Editor**

I am trying to locate Reuben Harrison's last known address, Cowmirefoot in the parish of Aysgarth. Can you help at all, please?

He died in 1804 and this was Richmond Will description. Previously the Harrisons were at Countersett Hall, post-Richard Robinson's time, and they too were Quakers. Many thanks for your time.

**Mrs. E. Thompson**

**Goole, East Yorkshire**

*(Any reader who can help, please contact the Newsletter. Ed.)*

### **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.

### **Housing Development Plan**

Most residents within the National Park will be aware that the full document is now on line for inspection.

There are 34 proposed schemes (over a 15 year period) and responses can be made on the form provided on the web. The deadline is **noon on Monday, May 16th**.

Here is the address:

[www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/  
housingdevelopmentplan](http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/housingdevelopmentplan)

### Best Foot Forward

It isn't exactly difficult to walk from Hawes to Aysgarth or to find the way. Here's one popular route, briefly outlined:



Sedbusk, Litherskew, Cams House and along the railway to Askrigg, then down to Worton Bottoms, Nappa Mill, then once again along the old railway or riverside to Ballowfield, Bear Park and the Falls.

But why not take to the other side of dale for a high level route? Here's mine. Go over from Hawes to Marsett; I quite like to go via Burtsett then to take the long straight climb more or less south over Burtsett High Pasture (it can be a bit of slog and damp!), across the Roman Road into the limestone for a lovely short stretch to the top, crossing the bridleway (which goes to Countersett) before a wonderful steep descent to Marsett Bridge.

Now across to Stalling Busk, on the first Busk Lane of the day. This is much improved since the Raydale Project got underway, the track being well drained. (I reckon the field up to Stalling Busk would make the best sledging field for miles around, steep at first but then with a long more or less level bit to glide gently to a halt!)

Through the village (morning cuppa on the seat just inside the churchyard) cut up the very rough Bob Lane to join the old road to Buckden which is followed for nearly two easy miles to Busk Lane (number two) on the left but after half a mile on this we take the wide open bridleway north east, then east, over Thoraby Common to join the Stake Road. The skylarks are up; and it's a lovely easy walk.

We could, of course, carry straight on to Thoraby; but no, let's turn left on the moorland footpath crossing Gayle Ing Beck and skirting Gayle Ing, over Haw Head to join Flout Moor Lane. After about half a mile we stop for our dose of cultural heritage. A Henge! Not, unfortunately, with huge standing stones, or of the proportions of other more widely-known henges; but a henge none the less! It is a couple of hundred yards to the right of the track in a field about 300yards after the ford we crossed on Flout Moor Lane. Named Castle Dykes, it is a significant circular-mounded Neolithic structure with an entrance you might spot on the east and you'll feel better for having bothered to call in on it!

Flout Moor Lane can be taken down to Thornton Road and then into Aysgarth. However, having some time on my hands I took a decision I came to regret. Seeing on the map the long straight footpath south east across Aysgarth Pasture I followed its indistinct course to join what seemed to me to be an even more indistinct bridleway which I wanted to follow due north, leaving it to take a wobbly footpath through numerous fields into Aysgarth. **N.P.** can't understand where I went wrong, but I can tell you that it's no fun at all down in the steep and wooded Heaning Gill! Trying then to locate the 'wobbly' footpath when not setting off on it didn't work. I'm ashamed to say I eventually emerged on the Thornton Road at Town Head Farm.

Apart from the last hour, a great way to go down the Dale!

**A.S.W.**

## New Browser and Other Gripes

Over the past week or two, Microsoft has been pushing the new version of Internet Explorer 9 on to computers via Windows Update. There are some 'gotchas' with this release you should be aware of. Firstly this is the first version of Internet Explorer that will not appear on Windows XP as it is not compatible. This upgrade will only work on machines running Windows Vista or Windows 7.

Over the last week I upgraded to Internet Explorer 9 and have had a number of problems. Firstly it seems incredibly slow on my machine. I presume my computer is powerful enough to run it properly – 6 core processor, 16Gb of memory and 64-bit Windows – but it runs really badly and is very 'flaky'.

I have also had a number of customers with questions, the most important of which is a problem on Windows Vista machines. Vista replace Outlook Express with Windows Mail as the free email program in Windows. If you are still using Windows Mail (note this is not the same as Windows Live Mail – confusing isn't it?) then you should know that Windows Mail is not compatible with Internet Explorer 9 – most notably fonts get messed up and buttons disappear. If this is the case there are a couple of options to solve your problems:

either upgrade Windows Mail to Windows Live Mail (you may already have this on your computer as Microsoft have a habit of sneaking Windows Live on to your machine when you aren't looking – otherwise check Windows Update manually) or uninstall Internet Explorer 9 (instructions at <http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows7/how-do-i-install-or-uninstall-internet-explorer-9>) and go back to the version 8.

If you uninstall or haven't yet had IE 9 inflicted on you, you can avoid the experience by going to Windows Update (Click start, type Windows Update and click the link that appears at the top) and hide the update so that it doesn't get installed. Once all the bugs are ironed out and IE 9 works properly you can always go back and unhide it but I recommend, at least for the time being, that you don't bother with IE 9! Luckily I don't use Internet Explorer – I prefer Mozilla Firefox which has also started pushing an update from version 3 to 4. Should you update from version 3 to 4? On the whole I would say yes. If you have lots of extensions installed you may find some of them are not compatible yet with the new version and they will be disabled during the upgrade. If this causes a problem uninstall version 4 and reinstall version 3 and everything should work as before. I have found the move to Firefox 4 seems to work fine – although you may find the new look takes a bit of getting used to as you hunt for missing options – they are there; treat it as a game to find them again!

Finally one of the things that has put me off moving to Google Chrome was the extension I use in Firefox called Adblock Plus. This brilliant extension displays all your websites with the adverts stripped out – no more flashing banners or popups trying to sell you things. Well the good news is that the good people from Adblock Plus have now released a version for Google Chrome – and it works well. If you use Chrome trip over to [www.adblockplus.org](http://www.adblockplus.org) and install this free add-on and make the internet a more pleasant experience again. It also makes it a little safer because you don't get to see the annoying ads which infect many computers with nasties such as fake antivirus programs.

That's all for this month. Any comments, questions or ideas for future articles why

not drop me a line via my website.

**Carol Haynes**



*Mystery picture. Last month's was of  
Bowbridge Foss, near Coleby Hall*

### **Upper Dales Family History**

The next meeting will be in Fremington Sunday School at **2.00pm on Wednesday, May 25th**, when the Rev Kathleen Bowe will be speaking about her research into her own family in "Swaledale Ancestors from Cumberland – Solving a 16<sup>th</sup> Century Mystery". Free to members of the Cleveland FHS; non-members welcome at £2. Further details: Glenys Marriott **663738**.

The group will also be running a drop-in Computer Club at Hudson House in Reeth on **Saturday, May 7th, from 1.00 to 5.00pm**, for anyone who would like to get started with family history research on the internet or would like tips on getting further. Just turn up and stay as long as you like; £3 for the first two hours, then £1 per hour.

**Tracy Little**

### **West Burton May Fair**

**Monday 30th May 1.00-5.00pm**



Falconry display, pony rides, morris dancing, maypole dancing, puppet shows, teas, hotdogs and other refreshments. many stalls, grand raffle, tombola, games and amusements for all ages.

Parking.

## Do You Know?

### **Holiday Cottages.**

There is a little-heralded change to government interpretations of legislation regarding Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs) that will have a significant impact on all holiday home owners. Following a period of consultation, although no-one knows quite who was consulted, the department have decided to interpret the regulations so that from this April all holiday cottages that are available for 4 months a year have to have a current EPC in place. There is an amnesty until 30th June but after that any owner without an EPC can be liable for a fine of up to £200.00 for each tenant that has rented the property during the non compliance period.

So it will be worth getting an EPC which will cost around £65.00 each. The impact of this change is to saddle the industry with a cost of over £15 million that it will be difficult to recover. Anyone wishing to register concern at this should email [eve.martin@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:eve.martin@communities.gsi.gov.uk).

## Country and Western Night



**at Thoraby Village Hall  
with the group Texas Back.**

**Saturday, 14th May at 7:30pm**

£10 a head including a Cowboy Supper.

Ticket only from:-

**07866 010638 or 663076**

### **Peregrines Back at Malham**

The watch site at the Cove, which last year attracted 16,500 visitors, will be manned by YDNPA and RSPB staff and volunteers between **10.30am and 4.30pm from Wednesdays to Sundays** inclusive (weather permitting). Peregrines are the fastest creatures in the world (over 200mph!)

### **River Bain Hydro Update**

With the arrival and fitting of the screw the project is now in the end stages. In late March Dr Hamer videoed the arrival of the screw from Germany and got good shots of it dangling precariously from a vast crane as it was lowered into the prepared channel. It makes entertaining viewing whilst waiting at the medical centre.

All the building work is finished and by now the landscaping and walling should be complete. The power house blends in beautifully and it is hard to remember the old chicken shed which once stood there.

Inside the building there is still a lot of electrical equipment to be installed, then fine tuned, and most important, vetted by the authorities, before we are finally able to generate electricity, hopefully sometime in mid-May. However even prior to any generation we are proud to have received an award in the best community category at the Yorkshire and Humberside Microgeneration Awards. This is our second award; last autumn the hydro combined with Raydale environmental works won the Richmondshire Green Community award.

**Deborah Millward**

**Decorative and Fine Arts Society**  
**Great Tarts in Art**

Linda Smith takes a light-hearted look at changing attitudes to sexual morality down the ages, through a mixture of art-historical analysis, scandalous anecdote, and by examining the portraits and careers of some of history's most notorious mistresses and courtesans,

**Great Tarts in Art: High Culture and the Oldest Profession** is the subject of her lecture on **Tuesday, May 10th at 2.00pm** in Middleham Key Centre.

Linda charts the complex and ambiguous attitudes of art and society towards the numerous anonymous working girls at the lower end of the scale and investigates how they have been represented in art at different times and places from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

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

**Gayle Mill**

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

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

Booking advised: phone **667320**

[www.gaylemill.org.uk](http://www.gaylemill.org.uk)

**Sunday May 1st, 11.00am and 2.30pm**

**Sunday May 29th 11.00am**

(Last about two hours)



### **Hawes Gala**

This year's gala is on **25th June** and the theme is Victorian. We have a Victorian comedy duo to perform in the street and on the field as well as the return of the Richmond pipe band. As usual the fun will start in the market place at **12.30pm** with Hawes silver prize band and the opening of the gala on the Bull's Head steps by this year's gala queen, Gael Lyndsay.

There will be a variety of stalls on the gala field which this year returns to the Gayle lane site next to the creamery, including have-a-go dog agility, quoits, coconut shy, tin can alley and many more.

As ever there will be a shop window dressing competition, which is open to all business owners in town and we are also hoping that maybe staff may want to dress in period costume for the day to add to the atmosphere.

If anyone has a cup or trophy from last year's gala, please return it to either Street-wise Launderette or the pet shop by the end of May. We have also added a couple of extra kids prize competitions this year for display in the marquee: a garden in a tray and a vegetable animal creation. Entries can be brought to the marquee on gala day morning with a postcard underneath stating name, age and address or phone number of the entrant. Let's hope for good weather and hope to see you all there.

**Gala disco. Friday 24th June.** Crown beer garden. 10.00pm till late. £5 entry.

**Community bunting.** Last year was the last one that we could squeeze any more life out of the gala bunting. For the past few years the bunting has gone up in time for gala but has been left up for the LVA bike ride and more recently the midsummer bash as well. Unfortunately with all that the past few summers weather has thrown at it, it

could stand no more and last year as it was taken down, (or fell down!) we decided to bin the lot. Gala committee member Shona Dinsdale took up the challenge to provide the town with all new bunting that would be made and bought and most importantly, owned by the community to be enjoyed by all. Her gallant team of volunteers aided by the invaluable help of Shirley Watkinson, cut, pinned, sewed and ironed literally till the cows came home! And many thanks to all who helped. Shona also wrote to Tolls trustees and Parish council stating her cause and both have been most generous and made cash donations towards new bunting which we matched from gala funds. Anyone wishing to use any of the bunting for a special occasion can call Shona for details.

**Great British Fish and Chip  
Supper  
Friday May 20th**

Every year in the U.K. over 1000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are about 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the U.K. alone.

So this annual money raising event is held and people are invited to hold their own Fish and Chip Supper to raise funds and awareness. Donations can be sent to: Spinal Injuries Association, 2, Trueman Place, Milton Keynes, MK 6 2HH

**Charity Plant Sale for Amala -  
Aysgarth Rock Garden**

On the weekend of **May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>** Robert

Jauneika a sixth form student at The Wensleydale School will be holding a plant sale at the rear of the Aysgarth Edwardian Rock



Garden to raise funds for a trip out to The Amala Orphanage in southern India in July. He and 19 other sixth formers are travelling out to the orphanage to offer assistance at all levels ranging from general maintenance, teaching and play, and to take some useful resources out there too. The school has a long association with the orphanage and has provided many much needed resources and support.

The plant sale will be on between **10.00am and 4.00pm** both days – there will be a mix of alpine and perennials for sale as well as light refreshments to include, of course, Rock Buns! Please do not park directly in front of the Rock Garden or neighbouring cottages but in the lay-by opposite Hamilton's Tea Room or on the wide section of the Thornton Rust road.

### **Gayle Ladies**

Gayle Ladies were intrigued and entertained by Shirley Watkinson at their meeting in March as she answered her own question, "Why am I standing here?" as she began to unpack her handbag and relate the uses of the multifarious contents of the bag to her daily life and how they related to scripture and their influence on her attitudes and behaviour

This provoked not only humorous exchanges but a great deal of thought by the group and a lively consideration of the contents, large and small in their own handbags and possible uses of that equipment.

The meeting closed with discussion of future trips and a supper. **P.Whitehead**

### **Prestidge**

I'd like to thank everybody for their condolences and concern shown to me after the recent sudden death of my dear Mum, Marjorie. She will be sorely missed by me and all her friends, but she is now at peace with my Dad.

Special thanks are due to the vicar, Sue Whitehouse, for the funeral service, to Anne Day for her moving eulogy and to the Wednesday Club and friends in Redmire for the gargantuan spread in the village hall. Nearly £300 was raised in donations to be divided between St Mary's church, Redmire and the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Service. Marjorie loved reading the *Upper Wensleydale Newsletter*.

**Ken Prestidge**

## **Wensleydale Words**

**Matt Bromley, Deputy Headteacher, talks about what's been happening at The Wensleydale School this month**

Well done to all our students for their performance in the January modular exams. Year 11 look like being on course for a record set of results in English, Maths and Science (amongst others) and Year 10 are already performing very well in their modular courses. The latest analysis of A Level performance suggests that we are now one of the best performing comprehensive Post 16 providers in North Yorkshire and particular congratulations go to the Chemistry and Music departments for getting the best results in their subjects in all of North Yorkshire.

Fundraising is now well underway for students travelling to Amala this summer to support a local school and orphanage. Each student has to raise in the region of £1200 and your support is very much appreciated. If you want to find out more about what is going on then please visit the Amala website at [wensleydaleschool.net/amala/home](http://wensleydaleschool.net/amala/home)

Congratulations to the Year 7 boys' football team who beat Thirsk School in a thrilling final of the area championships. Well done to the Year 8 girls' hockey team for being runners-up in the area tournament. Our Key Stage 4 boys' and girls' badminton teams won the Risedale Sports Partnership Tournament and the North Yorkshire round to become county champions. They went through to the regional knock out but found the opposition much tougher: the boys' team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and the girls' team 4<sup>th</sup>.

Two Year 10 students took part in the Matalan YOUR activity training programme in March at the Dolphin Centre in Darlington. The students met representative athletes from a variety of sports including

Parkour, Ultimate Frisbee, Streetcheer, Dodge Ball and Tchoukball. We are looking at introducing some of these alternative sports as extra-curricular activities in the future.

The Wensleydale School recently triumphed at the Rotary Technology Tournament in Richmond. We came first in two categories: Basic and Intermediate. The students are going on to the regional final for North Yorkshire which is to be held in Harrogate.

Once more The School has shown its support for the Wensleydale Tournament of Song. Cantabile represented the school in categories including Gilbert and Sullivan Chorus, Madrigal, Spiritual Song, and Two Contrasting Pieces, where Showstoppers joined the competition. In all classes, the choirs received positive remarks from the adjudicator. Cantabile have also recently performed at a concert in Carlton, Coverdale. They were warmly received by the crowd.

The annual ski trip to Austria took place last month and proved very successful. One student wrote in our school newsletter that she "loved every minute of it and had such a great time". She added, "Being with all your friends and on your way to another country was just so exciting... the scenery in Austria was beautiful, words can't describe it: the mountains, the buildings, the snow - it was breathtaking!"

Meanwhile, down on the school farm, spring is well on its way. Two new piglets arrive on the farm after the Easter Holidays along with some 6-week-old lambs who are still being bottle-fed. We will also have a Dexter heifer joining us. The school farm's Summer Fair takes place in July and plans are well underway.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a very happy Easter.

**Matt Bromley**

### **Sarcoma Event**

As you probably know my cancer which is quite rare, is one of a group of cancers called "Sarcoma".

There is a great need for research to help understand this disease. I have decided to have a fundraising event in aid of Sarcoma UK and Yorkshire Cancer.

This will take the form of a Pie and Pea Supper on **Friday, May 6th**, at Beckindales from **6.30 pm** onwards. Tickets are available from Beckindales, J.R. Iveson's and Mason's Newsagents.

We are holding a Raffle, Tombola and Lucky Dip on the night and would appreciate any help sponsoring this event. Any donations no matter how small would be welcome.

Later in the year I also hope to put together a recipe book of favourites from family and friends. If you would like to contribute please let me have the recipe when you can. I hope you can help; many thanks.

**Sue Iveson**

### **Mid Dale Lenten Lunches**

Sincere thanks to all the helpers who made soup, supplied cheese and bread, served the food and washed up over the six Fridays in Lent. Also thank you to all who supported the lunches. Over those weeks we have been able to send a total of **£1072.93** to Christian Aid. Christian Aid will be able to claim a further £180.00p approximately from the Gift Aid envelopes. Hope to see you all again next year.

**Evelyn Abraham**

### **'Aldersgate' Sunday**

**West Burton Methodist Church**

**May 22nd, 6.30pm**

Special service to give thanks for the Wesley brothers, John and Charles, and for the people called Methodist. (*It was in a room in Aldersgate St. London where John Wesley first felt his heart 'strangely warmed'*)

## Prunings

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

I like to think that I have a modicum of patience when Spring is on its way, but more likely I am basically lazy, and if something looks as if it has succumbed to the weather during the winter I tend to give it another chance. Thank goodness I did so again this year. The warmth this April has rejuvenated some of the most dismal looking specimens and new shoots once again are poking through. Even Heleniums in pots as small as one litre sprouted so well that I have been able to split them. I could do with more hours in the day, or even more days in the week. As usual I have concentrated on the plants, and some areas of the garden are still a complete mess, but I console myself with the promise that I will get round to them eventually. Meanwhile there are flowers on some of the strawberries in the polytunnel. What a delicious prospect.

Researching the harm that Lilies can do to cats last month threw up quite a few disturbing facts about poisonous plants which are widely grown. The two most deadly plants in the British flora are Henbane and Deadly Nightshade, both contain alkaloids which can cause coma and death, although neither are very common even in the wild. Tomatoes and potatoes belong to the same family which perhaps explains why they were treated with suspicion when first imported. In fact the only safe part of the potato plant is the tuber, and they become poisonous if allowed to turn green.

I was quite surprised to discover that the otherwise harmless and useful carrot family hosts a particular rogue: Hemlock (*Conium Maculatum*) was used by the Greeks to carry out state executions. – Socrates was the most famous victim in 399 BC. Pre 19<sup>th</sup>

century it was used in medicine, but had a tendency to kill the patient! It's not uncommon on waste ground and roadsides. The most dangerous garden plants are those which produce poisonous fruits or large seeds which children might be attracted to. The seeds of woody members of the Rosaceae family are all potentially harmful including cherries apples and almonds as they contain cyanides, and Ricin, from the castor oil plant has become a favourite weapon of terrorists, particularly as it can be injected with the spike of an umbrella!

Having said all this, plant poisoning is very rare; you are much more likely to win the lottery. The most useful plan is to make sure children know they must not put anything they find outside in their mouths, and if you love Laburnum grow the sterile hybrid Laburnum x watereri "*Vossii*", it looks gorgeous but does not set seeds.

On a more positive note I think we shall have lots of tomatoes this year as Gardeners Delight and Moneymaker have germinated very well. I have put in a few other specials so I hope my neighbours can use a few plants.

No poetic quote this month, I've run out of space.

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

**Rose Rambler.**

### Late Spring in Snaizeholme

The devastating early winter was made more bearable for many birds by the great harvest of berries, nuts and (after two fruitless winters) cones on all the conifers, but alas, the wrens succumbed. There were none singing through the winter, when you expect both robins and wrens to continue their cheering songs. However, at the beginning of the nesting season, there were two singing near the house. We hope they both succeed in raising very large families.

The curlews returned to the valley very late this year. In March we suspected that hardly any had come back, but now, there are times when the air is wild with their songs. Also, the oyster catchers have settled in for their nesting season.

The usual great population of chaffinches are visiting the feeders, but no sign of bullfinches at present. Part of me rejoices at this because my snowy masphilis behind the house promises a great blossom display. (In Bullfinch years all the buds are destroyed). A few days ago I heard the sweet chattering of goldfinches, so I pruned a shrub to make a new place to hang my nyger seed feeder. (The branch I used to use was blown off in the winter storms). About half an hour after it was hung, there were two pairs of goldfinches and two pairs of siskins queuing up to feed from it. A little later one of the goldfinches was pecking at one of the teasels I have been growing hopefully for a few years. Another great joy, the greenfinches are also around but seem not to be very hungry for seed at this time of year.

Blackbirds, song thrushes and mistle thrushes thrill the mornings, and I have already seen a female blackbird with a huge

beakful of worms, so we may be seeing fledglings soon. Our friends in the bottom of the valley have recently been seeing a pair of bramblings in full breeding colour. Will they be staying to nest? They have also seen redpolls which used to be seen regularly in the valley, and which I haven't seen for several years. So that's another thrill. And to add to their viewing, they have met up with a blackcock in the woods. Hugh has been planting trees and shrubs especially to attract blackcock back to the valley for years. Could this be the beginning of their return?

The tawny owls have been very vocal this spring. It is lovely to hear them calling to each other in the night. I suspect there are at least two pairs in the valley. In the past there have also been barn owls nesting, but the destruction of many barns eventually cleared the valley of them, so the National Park has placed an enormous barn owl box on the edge of the woods, and we have high hopes of their return.

The greater spotted woodpeckers have continued at the feeders throughout the winter, and over the last month we have been hearing their courting drumming. Recently the male has discovered that he could use the metal box on the electricity pole where the lines divide, and that if he drums different parts of it he can produce different notes producing his own woodpecker timpani section!

The squirrels continue as numerous and busy as ever; the trees get greener every day, and the chaffinches are once again clearing the windows of cobwebs to sew their nests together.

**Jane Kemp**

### **West Burton Shop**

Last month I was reporting from West Witton, encouraging people to use their local shop. This month it's West Burton's turn. Once again it's the arrival of new owners which has caught my attention.

Sarah and Simon Phillpotts have actually been at West Burton shop for several months so why wait till now to feature them? Well, there have been some great changes to the premises which are only now just about complete. The shop has been totally revamped and there is now a delightful new tearoom next door. The local produce in the shop, which looks very tempting, can now be consumed at leisure with a cup of tea.

Many villages throughout the country have lost their shops and Wensleydale is no exception - take Carperby or Thornton Rust for example. But we are better off than some areas and we still have shops in Askrigg, Bainbridge in Sycamore Hall, Thoraby, Redmire, West Witton and West Burton. Long may this continue. West Burton isn't on a main road but it has a decent sized population and it does get a fair number of visitors in the summer. Let's hope they're all hungry and thirsty when they arrive. A nice hot summer would help.

Simon and Sarah come from Carperby and they know the dale well. They had been looking for an opportunity like this for three or four years so they are full of enthusiasm and keen to make a go of it. The changes they have made cost quite a lot of money. Part of the cost was met by a grant from the Campaign to Protect Rural England who are trying to support local businesses. After the upheaval of the building and refurbishing work, it's now up to us, the general public, to make it worth while for them.

**N.P.**



### **Wensleydale Railway**

Although the Wensleydale Railway only reaches Redmire (at present!), some of WR's guided walks are accessible for those from the upper dale. For example, the Wildflower Walk to Leyburn on **Friday May 20th** starts from Redmire station when the first train arrives at 10.48. and walkers who join the group there (where there is free car parking) can buy a single ticket at Leyburn station for the 15.30 train back to Redmire.

Another travel option is to use the Vintage bus which leaves Hawes station yard at 12.20 on Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays until late October, as this is useful for short visits to family and friends in Bainbridge (for example, at Sycamore Hall) or for the attractive ride on to Aysgarth, Carperby, Redmire and return. The good news is that Senior Citizen bus passes are valid.

THE WENSLEYDALE POSTBUS: Reprieved by Royal Mail until late October, this valuable service still has six months to run. The reprieve is very helpful as it gives a breathing space for consideration of the needs of passengers on this exceptionally long route whilst applications to the government's new Sustainable Local Transport Fund are being considered.

Ruth Annison

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Having a chat and a cuppa?  
Talking to others with similar experiences?  
Taking part in activities?  
Being part of a group?  
Meeting new people?  
Getting out of the house?  
Feeling supported?

From **1030am until 1230pm every Tuesday** we are meeting upstairs in the community office Hawes, to offer support tea, coffee and biscuits to others (all welcome!). For more information please contact **Gwen 01609 780758**.

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**Gladly Solemn Sound**

A return concert by popular demand

**At Hardraw Church  
Sunday, 1st May at 11.30am**

**Drop in for Coffee**

**Tuesday May 3rd 10.00am– 12.30pm**  
Sheep Scar, Thornton Rust (Sue Freer) £1 to include coffee/tea and biscuits The proceeds will be divided between St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth and a charity chosen by the host. Everybody welcome!

**Church Coffee Club**

Bolton-cum-Redmire PCC'

**Wednesday 4th May 10:30am to noon**  
at Dales View  
Castle Bolton

Margaret and Robert Hall **623012**

(Castle Bolton's Easter Monday plant sale raised £570 for Mission Partners and church funds.)

## Hawes School News

### Harry's House

On Wednesday 30th March, Bethan Sowerby officially opened Harry's House. She cut the green ribbon and spoke very well, proudly reminding everyone that Harry had been a 'real monkey' at home. The children all greatly enjoy having the lovely house that has been presented to the school in memory of Harry, by the Sowerby family. Despite the rain and cloud everyone enjoyed themselves and especially the extra playtime.

Many thanks to everyone. When the netball posts and the better weather arrive it would be nice to celebrate the other play improvements that have been enabled by the PTA.



### Tesco Vouchers for Schools

Just to remind everyone we are collecting the Tesco vouchers and we would be very grateful if you could encourage people in our community to collect them for us.

They finish on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May. The more tokens we collect the better items we can order. If you happen to notice the person in front of you at the checkout has declined their vouchers, it's worth asking if you can have theirs!! A few people have done this and come away with quite a few tokens!



### Thank You

We are extremely grateful to Hawes Tolls Trustees, who once again have very generously given us £1500 towards our residential visit to London. This greatly reduces the burden for parents. We would also like to thank Ann Wood who raised £40.00 for school funds with her pre Christmas toy knit. These kindnesses from the community are greatly valued.

### Class One Fashion Show

In Class 1 the children have been learning about clothes. They have designed and decorated their own outfits. They were able to show their designs at our 'Fashion Show' for the rest of the school.

### **All Change at Herriots**

remembered details of everyday life.

By the time you read this Richard and Andrea of the Herriot Gallery in Hawes will have moved to Bristol. In their place *from* Bristol will be Glen and Liz Payne with son Matt and daughter Ellie.

The picture gallery will continue and there will be 'more food' with the possibility of some early evening meals. As for Richard, it's 'back to electronics' and 'more painting' for Andrea. After their five and a half years in Hawes they will be missed, especially by the Operatic Society.

### **Art Bar Gallery Opening**

Neighbours, friends and fellow artists joined together in Appersett on Saturday April 16th to support Moira Metcalfe in her new venture. Gary Verity, who is chief of 'Welcome to Yorkshire', spoke with enthusiasm about, and encouragement for, tourism in the county.

### **Rolling in the Aisles!**

They kept bringing in extra chairs for what must be one of the best attended Museum Friends meetings for years— Friday April 15th. The reason was clear; Ian Dewhirst, ex-reference librarian from Keighley, whom many will remember from his frequent appearances on 'Dales Diary', was speaking on 'Life in the 1950s', a period very familiar to all the audience.

Hardly pausing for breath for over an hour and a half, he gave the audience the best laughs they've had for years with extracts from his exercise-book diaries detailing the social history of the times. Not that it was all comedy; some interesting comparisons were made with today but also revealed that the 1950s were not quite as idyllic as our memories might suggest. Finally he stressed the need to keep— or at least pass on to museums or archives—

## Heavens Above

The seven bright stars of the Plough lie almost overhead on late spring evenings. They're not a constellation in their own right but form part of a much larger assembly of stars called Ursa Major (the Great Bear) with the Plough's 'blade' outlining most of the Bear's body and its 'handle' the creature's (anatomically incorrect) elongated tail. Unofficial star patterns like the Plough are called *asterisms* and there are quite a few of them on show at this time of the year. In fact you can use the Plough's handle as a pointer to help you find one of the most conspicuous. Follow its curve downwards and you'll come to the 'Kite', part of the constellation of Boötes the Herdsman, almost due south at midnight in May.

Orange Arcturus, the fourth brightest star in the sky, sits at the Kite's sharply angled bottom corner with five much dimmer stars marking out the rest of its outline. Over in the south west you'll find the hook-shaped 'Sickle' which forms the head and shoulders of Leo the Lion. It looks like a backward facing '?' with bright white Regulus, Leo's main star, as the 'full stop'. To the east of Boötes is another well known asterism, the 'Keystone', a group of four stars outlining the torso of Hercules, the legendary strongman of ancient Greece. Not too far away is another quadrilateral of stars representing the head of Draco, the Dragon. In America this particular asterism is often called the 'Lozenge'.

Over in the north-east you'll find two others - the 'House' in the constellation of Cepheus, and the distinct 'W' of Cassiopeia, the Lady in the Chair. Towards the end of May you can glimpse my own personal favourite, the famous 'Summer Triangle' formed by three brilliant first magnitude stars - Vega, Deneb, and Altair. Set

against the rich star fields of the Milky Way, it dominates the high southern sky right through the summer and well on into autumn. A glorious sight. Have clear skies!

**Al Bireo**

## May Elections

**Parishes.** Here are the nominations:  
**Aysgarth (Aysgarth, Bishopdale, Thoraby, Thornton. Rust)**

Robert C. Walker	Peter J. Windle
David W. Wood	Alison E. Sayer
Jane Huntington	Jake Jacobs
Brian T. McGregor	John Dinsdale
Penny Noake	Vacancy

### **Bainbridge**

Brian R. Brown	Ian Canavan
Derek Kettlewell	Yvonne Peacock
Thomas W. Tennant	

### **Burton cum Walden**

Gail C. Dent	Rowland Dent
Jane Ritchie	Mark W. Stanley
Bill Woodbridge	

### **Carperby cum Thoresby**

John R. Amsden	David S. Brampton
David W. Moore	Nick Oliver
Steve Sheldon	

### **Hawes and High Abbotside**

Sheila Alderson	Deborah R. Allen
John Blackie	Andrea Caygill
Mary Grainger	Sara J. Mason
Kevin M. Nugent	Tony Fawcett
Walter Head	Stewart Hunter
J. Albert Sunter	

### **Muker**

Raymond Calvert	Philip T. Metcalfe
Bryan Porter	Trevor L. Reynoldson
Ernest Whitehead	

### **Preston under Scar**

Sue Craven	Marion J. Donnelly
Anna K. Hackett Pain	Duke Iveson
Julie C. Woodyer	

### **Redmire**

Andrew M. Jordan	Emma J. Robinson
David W. Shields	Vacancy
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### **West Witton**

David F. Bentley	Nick Burgham
Jane E. Chapman	Stephen F. Iveson
John Loader	

### **Askrigg and Low Abbotside**

As this combined parish was established only last year, no nominations were needed.

## DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Addlebrough** Yvonne Peacock

**Bolton Castle** John R. Amsden  
David E. Ashforth

**Hawes and High Abbotside**  
John Blackie  
Ian Whinray

**Penhill** Howard Thomas  
Matthew W. Wilkes

As can be seen, there will not be an election in the Addlebrough ward. Also in each parish council listed the number of nominations equals, or is less than, the number of councillors allowed, so no elections there either. All polling stations are, of course, open for the national referendum on the voting system.

## ***What's on listing. Add these to your calendar!***

### **April**

- 29 Royal Wedding picnic: Askrigg foot-Ball field. See p.9
- 30 ..to May 2. Leyburn Festival of Food

### **May**

- 1 "Gladly solemn sound" . Hardraw Church. 11.30am
- 1, 29 Gayle Mill Demo. Days. See p.17
- 2 Go Dales Adventure Day. Low Mill Askrigg.
- 3 Coffee Morning; Thornton Rust 10.00am to 12.30pm. See p.28
- 4 Bolton cum Redmire Church Coffee Club. 10.30am to noon. See p.28
- 5 Local elections and Referendum
- 6 Sarcoma event; pie and peas. See p.22
- 7 Mid Wensleydale Conservatives at Swinithwaite Hall 8.00pm to 10.00pm. Tickets from Ann Kinsman **622307**
- 8 Guided walk; 'Historical footsteps'. Meet Bainbridge Green 11.00am. 6 miles
- 10 Decorative and Fine Arts Society. See p.17
- 10 YDNPA Planning committee, Yoredale Bainbridge, 10.30am.
- 12,19,26 Wensleydale Country Market. Leyburn Methodist Hall, 10.00am to 12.30pm.
- 14 Country and Western Night. Thoraby. See p.15
- 14,15 Plant sale for 'Amala'. Aysgarth Rock Garden. See p.19
- 17 Middleham and Dales Local History group. See p.7
- 15 United Christian Aid service at Hawes Methodist Church at 10.30am.
- 17 Coffee morning and stalls. Hawes Methodist room 10.00am to noon. For Christian Aid
- 19 Hawes W.I. "Magic, mirth and mystery". Methodist rooms, 7.00pm
- 18 Bainbridge and District Motor Club
- 20 Wensleydale Railway walk. See p.27
- 20 Museum Friends "Sword in one hand; a compliment in the other". 7.30pm
- 20 Bainbridge PTFA. Sausage and Mash Night. Details: **650212**

- 21 Mobile Skip: Askrigg (Carrs- Billington) 9.00- 10.30am. West Burton Green, 11.00am to 12.30pm
- 22 'Aldersgate Sunday'. Special service at West Burton. See p.25
- 22 Table Top Sale at the Market House for school funds
- 25 Guided walk; 'Wild flowers of Ingleborough'. 10.00am; 6 miles. For essential booking and details, ring **01542 242021**
- 25 Upper Dales Family History. See p.14
- 26 Gayle Ladies; 'Victorian Fairings' with Brian Alderman, 7.30pm.
- 28 to June 11. Swaledale festival. See p.9
- 28 ..to June 3. Gaping Gill winch meet.
- 29 Utd service with Bainbridge Methodists at St Oswald's, Askrigg, 10.30am
- 30 Annual West Burton May Fair. See p.14
- 30 Plant sale, Castle Bolton church, 10.30am to 1.00pm for Mission Aviation Fellowship and Scripture Union
- 31 Coffee morning and stalls, Hawes Methodist rooms, 10.00am to noon

### **June**

- 1 June Prayers for Pentecost at the Green Dragon, Hardraw, 7.00pm.

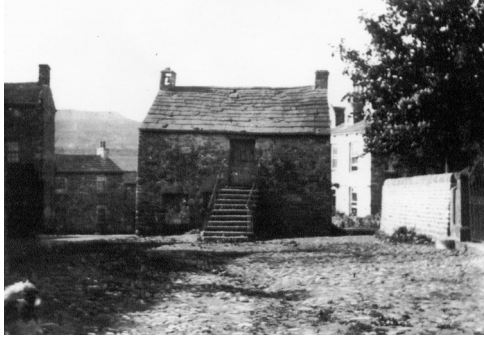
### **Museum What's ons.**

#### **May**



- 3 Spinning demonstrations. 2.00 to 4.00pm
- 8 Creative knitting workshop. 10.00am to 4.00pm. **666210** for details and booking
- 13 Victorian kitchen washday. 1.00 to 4.00pm. For details **666210**
- 13 Dark skies. An evening with local Astronomer to make the most of the dark Dales skies. Charges apply
- 21,22 Sheep to Scarf. Textiles demonstrations and talks. 11.00am to 2.00pm
- 29 Pathfinder introduction. Basic navigation Course. Charges apply **666210** for details.
- 31 Dry stone walling demonstrations. 2.00 to 4.00pm

### Askrigg's Market Toll Booth



**Michael Weatherald** tells us the story with information handed down from his father, Thomas, who died in 1958.

The Toll Booth was demolished in 1900. The two storey building was sited in the Market Place below the church gates; a red phone box now stands guard over this historic site.

The Market Charter for Askrigg was granted by Queen Elizabeth in the 16th century and the Toll Booth would be built at this time from locally quarried stone or salvaged from older derelict buildings. It served as the administrative centre for the market and was the village community venue.

The first floor (up the outside steps) was used for meetings and social gatherings and also housed a library (probably donated by local residents and bequeathed from benefactors). On the ground floor facing the road was the lamp lighter's domain, the room where he stored his oil, wicks, ladders and lamps for lighting the village street. Facing the churchyard was the dungeon; the key was held by the parish constable and any resident or vagrant found drunk or disorderly was incarcerated overnight. At this level the parish constable was the law — no magistrate, no judge, no appeal!

In the 1860s and 1870s Hawes market was established and soon took trade from Askrigg which had had a market for nearly 300 years. Hawes now had a cattle market, and the railway some years before Askrigg which was losing its market status and moving to a thriving village. Its market closed in 1878.

The Toll Booth continued as a community centre until 1900 when it was demolished, the stone carted to Gyll Gate to make a farm building.

Up to 1995 the site was not paved and parts of the foundations were visible. Prior to the cobbling the National Park had an archaeological dig but nothing was found except animal bones. It was assumed it had been the site of the market trade butcher.

Askrigg had three fairs for the sale of farm animals: Thursdays: nearest May 11th, the first in June and nearest to October 28th. A horsefair was held on the first Thursday in July until the outbreak of war in 1939. The dealers came from far and wide on a flat car with a canvas awning at the back and a string of tethered horses. The fair was to enable local farmers to buy additional horses for haytime. The horses were galloped from West End to the White Rose Hotel.

When I went to primary school at 8.30am they were just arriving; coming home for lunch at noon the fair was in full swing (we were told to be careful as they kidnapped little boys!). Coming home at 3.30pm all had gone and the enthusiastic gardeners were barrowing away the horse manure!



## Doctors' Rotas as supplied by the Practice

AYSGARTH SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning											HAWES SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning										
Wb	May 2nd		9th		16th		23rd		30th		Wb	May 2nd		9th		16th		23rd		30th	
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Mon	C	C	J	J	W	W	F	F	C	C	Mon	C	C	WF	WF	FJ	FJ	WJ	WJ	C	C
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*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.*



Dalesplay would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter. The children in Dalesplay have been listening to the story of Jesus on the cross and enjoyed making Easter cards and chicks to take home. We were very lucky to receive a visit from a big friendly Easter bunny who brought the children a treat and stayed a while to play.

We have had lots of enjoyable workshops running over the holidays including a visit from the music man, decorating Easter bonnets and planting vegetables. We will have another list of exciting workshops available

for the next half term at the beginning of June. Please take a look at our newly updated website [www.dalesplay.co.uk](http://www.dalesplay.co.uk) for more details about what we have to offer families in the dales.

We would like to thank the following businesses for donating raffle prizes for our Butlers in the buff fundraiser: Bear Cottage Interiors, Cunninghams, Rhodes Pet shop, Pennine Gifts, Carrs Billington, Ropemakers, Wensleydale Dairy and Vickings. We raised £130 and this has helped to purchase some lego and games for the older children. Thank you to all those who came on the night and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

## Police Report

I would like to start this month by bringing your attention to a despicable crime that is back with us – that is distraction burglary. The offenders target some of the most trusting and therefore vulnerable people in our society, namely the elderly. No, I am not being un-PC by saying this, but many people in their late 70s through to centenarians, were brought up in a more trustworthy time and tend to treat people from utility companies (gas, electricity and water) without question.

The scam is that some male comes to your door and “pretends” to be from the water board (“boards” don’t exist anymore). He states that they are working down the road and asks to test your water. Often he will take the householder to a tap and turn it on and ask them to keep their hand on it to see if anything can be felt – or if any dirty water comes out. He may even stay with the person. At the same time either he or another (if he remains there) will then go through the house taking cash or jewellery or anything else worthwhile. This will take a matter of minutes. The householder may not really be aware of the loss for hours or days. Similarly gas or electricity boards are sometimes used as the “Cover” for the scam.

The genuine companies will notify you in advance if they need to call and will carry identification, normally also arriving in a vehicle emblazoned with the company name. If you are not happy with their bonafides, give the company a ring before allowing them access.

Offenders will travel far and wide to commit this type of offence and often do several in a small area in one day. Please don’t become a victim – it pays to be suspicious – if someone turns up unannounced

in circumstances similar to above don’t let them in and **notify the Police straight away 0845 60 60 247**. If you have an elderly relative who maybe does not read this magazine then please speak to them about it and help prevent them becoming a victim.

The crimes that have occurred over the last month have been a locked Land Rover Defender which was stolen from Aysgarth. Shoplifters were active in Hawes targeting clothing. A Ford Escort car had its number plate stolen in Hawes and on the same night a Vauxhall Corsa van was stolen from nearby. A male has been arrested in connection with the last two mentioned offences.

It is the time of the year that public can nominate members of the Police Service for a Safer Neighbourhood Award. Last year one of the Leyburn Police Community Support Officers won not only the Richmondshire Award but also the North Yorkshire award. For several years now your Upper Wensleydale PCSO Don Watson has worked hard within the Community. You may like to feel he should be nominated for his work. How do you do this? Just pop down to Hawes Community Office in the library and pick up one of the forms and fill it in. The return details are on the form at the bottom and the closing date is **6th May**.

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**.

Thanks as always **Andy Foster PC826**  
**Leyburn Safer Neighbourhood Team**  
**Wards of Addleborough and Hawes &**  
**High Abbotside**  
**0845 60 60 247**

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**FACER**  
**With love on your 50th birthday,**  
**Sandra on May 5th**  
**Dad, Mother and Nigel**

**Denise Percival**  
**Happy 40th birthday to a very special**  
**Mum on May 19th.**  
**Lots of love,**  
**Megan and Mia**  
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