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## Editorial

Every year, about now, old Annie Hodgson would hurry back from the river to tell us all that the cuckoo was 'shouting'; she always used the word 'shouting'. It is years since there was much chance of that, although a reader heard one up West Stonesdale last week. (See page ) Just recently David Attenborough said on the radio that, in the past, his Buddleia bush was usually heavy with butterflies – red admirals, peacocks and tortoiseshells; now he rejoices at seeing even one cabbage white though they can be a nuisance – to cabbages!).

You can't have missed all the talk about the huge reduction in the bee population, and it is a long time since the kitchen was full of flies, and "*Ladybird, ladybird, fly away home*"; they seem to have done so! Need we care? Well, this reduction in the number of species and in their population, is causing immense concern across the world.

Insects are right at the bottom of life on earth. They underwrite our civilisation, pollinating our crops, cleansing our water supply, essential in the recycling process and the bottom rung on the food-chain ladder.

The demise of so many of these creatures is evidence of what we are doing to the ecosystems of the world; the loss and destruction of essential habitats are seen by some as the greatest threats to human existence.

We might expect that this isn't a concern in our 'rural' area, in our tiny corner of all that is. "*Here in the country's heart, where the grass is green; life is the same sweet life, as it e'er has been*" (*Village hymn; Norman Gale*) This is not so! It is in the urban and suburban gardens where 'wildlife' is spreading, where people are

creating suitable habitats, planting trees, encouraging 'wild' flower species and then the insects, birds and mammals are returning. This is an altogether healthy system.

It only needs each householder to plant one tree or keep one small area of nettles (butterflies love 'em!), to make a huge contribution. On the other hand, every new bit of tarmac or flag stone laid down has a negative effect, taking away a valuable habitat and what's more, adding to the fast run-off of rainwater which becomes an increasing problem in flood control.

But we can all do our bit to help.

## A 2012 Date for Your Diary

Last week the proposed route of the 2012 Olympic Torch relay was announced. The torch will arrive in York on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June and the following day will be carried by a relay of nominated torch-bearers (and vehicles) to Carlisle where it will spend the night.

Although the precise route for Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June will not be announced till later this year there is clearly a good chance that the torch will either pass through or very close to our area. So if you want to be one of those watching the Olympic Torch as it passes through the Dales keep the 20<sup>th</sup> June clear in your diary.

If you want to nominate someone to be a relay torch-bearer you can use the nomination form on the Olympic Games web-site [www.london2012.com/olympic-torch-relay](http://www.london2012.com/olympic-torch-relay). The deadline for nominations is **June 29th.** **B.C.**

### Eunice the Ewe



**Winner: Maureen Dinsdale, Leyburn**

### Wensleydale Railway

#### Wensleydale Railway in June and July

Please see [www.wensleydalerrailway.com](http://www.wensleydalerrailway.com) for details of these major events, including any late news or changes in the timetable or fares:

June 25th/26th: Armed Forces Week-end;

July 1st-3rd Steam Gala

July 30th/31st Leyburn and Redmire 1940s week-end. Come in 1940s costume and feel part of it all, rather than just be a spectator!

Meanwhile train services run on all dates in June **except** 1, 2, 6, 8 and 9 (there are trains every day in July. August and September). Your help in making sure that visitors know about the railway and its events would be very much appreciated.

**Ruth Annison 650349**

#### **Plea to dog owners during birds' breeding season**

Walkers exploring the National Park are being urged to think about ground nesting birds over the next few months.

As the birds start to incubate eggs and raise their young, dog owners are asked to keep their pets on a lead to reduce the chances of disturbing them.

Breeding areas are vulnerable to disruption by passing walkers and their dogs. It is for this reason that access may be restricted to only using rights of way on some of the moorland areas of the National Park.

A leaflet Called '*Ground Nesting Birds - the Big Five in the Yorkshire Dales*

### **DEADLINE FOR THE JULY ISSUE: THURSDAY JUNE 23rd**

*National Park'*, gives details about skylarks, lapwings, red grouse, oystercatchers and curlews, as well as advice on ways of minimising contact with them. It is available at National Park Centres and Park Information Points.

### **Sward**

#### **The Story of a Meadow**

A magical time-travelling tale

**7.00pm**

**Wednesday, June 8th Dales Countryside  
Museum**

**Wednesday, June 15th West Burton Village  
Hall**

### **Pentecost Praise**

**Churches Together Whit Sunday event**

**Bainbridge Green 3.00pm**

**Rev. Ruth Gee, Chair of the Darlington  
Methodist District**

**Hawes Band and light refreshments.**

## Competition

### Body parts

1. Herd soul
2. Ka pence
3. Angel finir
4. Lo a beer
5. Dip in pew
6. Shot cam
7. Giant nite reels
8. O its piglet
9. Lec skunk
10. Ye slide
11. Knob bace
12. Ship

### Last Month's Answers

#### British birds

1. Spotted flycatcher
2. Black grouse
3. Short eared owl
4. Sedge warbler
5. Common sandpiper
6. Yellow wagtail
7. Great crested grebe
8. Collared dove
9. Hedge sparrow
10. House martin
11. Long tailed tit
12. Partridge

The winner was **Laura Gavin, Carperby**

Please send with your entry the charity to which you would like us to send the £20 if you are chosen as the winner

### Tip

**Readers should take note that the Tip (Recycling Centre) in Leyburn will not be open on Wednesdays from the beginning of July.  
Peter Sturman**

With amazing rapidity, the 'Bee-Lyne' in Hawes was converted into an extension to Peter Sturman's antique shop.

Peter admitted, when we chatted after the Opening, that it had been hard going. He opened the business in 1985 but has

father, Bill, had already been in business there since the 1960s.

Hawes hasn't fundamentally changed in Peter's opinion except that the tourist season, helped by the Creamery, Gayle Mill and other attractions, had extended. The H.P.B. is Askrigg also brought in more visitors.

The shop, full of furniture, clocks, barometers and lighting as well as other tempting items, now stretches into its new space and is well worth a visit. Peter commented that although TV programmes about antiques have raised awareness, some customers seemed to think that an item priced at, say, £500 had been bought for a fiver!

He wouldn't choose to do business anywhere else and Peter, born in Hawes, is looking forward to many more successful years in his expanded shop. If you haven't yet explored it, pop in. The *Newsletter* wishes Peter a successful future.

**S.H.**

### Open Studios 2011

Two artists in our area are again opening their studios for this annual event.

Andrea Hunter is showing her unique feltwork images at **Focus on Felt** in Hardraw, and Carol Tyler has paintings and mixed media work at **2, Mill Fosse** near the waterfall bridge in Hawes. Also in Hardraw, Helena Shovlar will be showing a collection of metalwork and jewellery based on Silverdale Sands.

**June weekends 10th-12th; 18th-19th  
10.30am to 5.30pm**

### **Outstanding Success for Settlebeck**

Settlebeck High School, (Sedbergh), was awarded an 'outstanding' grade following a three-day visit from Ofsted inspectors.

With only 170 pupils, Settlebeck is the region's smallest secondary school, and serves many families from the Hawes community.

Inspectors found the school's close-knit environment helped pupils to flourish. "The small size of this school provides a unique environment in which students feel exceptionally safe, and where they are well prepared for life beyond school," said chief inspector John Peckham.

He added: "Staff have an in-depth personal knowledge of each student, which is used very effectively."

He also praised Settlebeck for being 'a true community school' where local people and businesses give their time freely and extensively to support school staff.

Harnessing the expertise of local farmers to teach four students high-level farming qualifications was picked out as an example of the school's 'outstanding' use of resources and awareness of its rural community.

The leadership of head teacher Dr Judith Greene was also praised for enabling the school to jump a grade since its last inspection in 2007.

"The school has benefited substantially from the experience, vision and drive of the current head teacher, who was appointed very shortly before the last inspection. She had built on the school's strong care and guidance by encouraging better practice in teaching and learning," added Mr Peckham.

### **FRIDAY EVENING EVENT**

Please support the evening event in the Methodist Hall Leyburn **on Friday 17th**

**June**, which will include a 'bring and share' meal and the showing of the Janadesh (People's March) video, 2007  
WE WILL BE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT.

Contact: **Judy Nicholls**, Beech House, Askrigg, Leyburn, North Yorkshire, DL8 3HG  
bromley.nicholls@tiscali.co.uk  
**650266** (e-mail preferred)

**Sue Holden**, 4 Station Cottages, Richmond, North Yorkshire, DL10 4LF  
sujeho@gmail.com **01748 825732**

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**A MIDSUMMER  
CHARITY  
CONCERT**

**by LEYBURN BRASS BAND**

**at St Andrew's Church Aysgarth**

All proceeds go to the Hambleton and  
Richmondshire Branch of the  
Multiple Sclerosis Society

**Friday June 24th 7.00pm**

Amazing raffle prizes to be drawn by  
'Jimmy King in Emmerdale'

Tickets £7.50 from Aysgarth Church,  
Val Heath **625697** or at the door.

**Wensleydale Tournament of  
Song**

The AGM will be held in the Methodist  
Hall, Leyburn on

**Tuesday 7th June at 7.00pm**

Your attendance would be appreciated by  
the Tournament Council who need to know  
your opinions and ideas for future  
planning.

Thank you ! **Julie Greenslade**

**Fume O'er of These**

1. If you jumped off a bridge in Paris,  
you'd be in Seine.
2. Two fish swim into a concrete wall. On  
turns to the other and says 'Dam'.
3. Two hydrogen atoms meet. One says  
"I've lost my electron". The other says  
"Are you sure?". The first replies "Yes,  
I'm positive."
4. There was the person who sent ten puns  
to friends, with the hope that at least one  
of the puns would make them laugh. No  
pun in ten did.
5. Did you hear about the Buddhist who  
refused Novocain during a root canal  
procedure? His goal: transcend dental

medication.

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### **Holiday Cottage 'Where Am I' Stickers**

A recent fire tragedy in a Northumberland holiday home resulted in the death of two members of a family recently arrived there. Although a family member dialled 999 and knew the name of the holiday cottage, in the stress of the moment they could not provide a full address or location which caused a delay in the the emergency services response.

To try to prevent such an incident in Richmondshire, Ian Canavan, a local resident of Bainbridge, has worked with North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service to design and produce a simple sticker with the full address of the holiday cottage and an Ordnance Survey Map grid reference printed on it. These will be provided free of charge to the responsible person for the holiday cottage to display in a prominent location so the guest can read it off to the 999 operator.

North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Crew Manager James Titchener said "This is a great initiative. Ian approached us with the idea for the stickers and asked what information we would need to identify someone's location in the fastest possible time and advice on where they should be placed"

The stickers will be delivered between by a team of volunteers to all registered holiday cottages in the Upper Dales area. If anyone would like more information on the project they can contact **Ian Canavan on 650582**. Ian would also like to thank North Yorkshire County Council, Richmondshire District Council, Ashleigh Signs and the Upper Wensleydale Business Association for their help and support.

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### **Hawes Oil Club**

Good News -The Hawes Oil Club is now up and running. It has been set up to save on the cost of oil. Currently the areas covered are Hawes, Gayle, Burtersett, Sedbusk, Simonstone and Hardraw.

It works like this:-

- 1 Every couple of months I will send you an email asking if you want to order oil.
- 2 If you need oil, let me know how much (min 500 Lts)
- 3 I will contact the oil companies for the best price for the total amount of oil
- 4 The Oil Company with the best price will then deliver your oil
- 5 You will then be sent your own bill from the Oil Company for which you will be responsible.

This is a free service and the sole aim is to get the best price as a group.

If you would like to join just pop into the Post Office for a form.

**Steve Reynolds**



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## **Swaledale Festival**

**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:**

### **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

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### **S.E. Asian Teaching**

Richard Fawcett recently gave an illustrated talk, at the Wensleydale Pantry, on his travelling and teaching in South East Asia.

This was his 3rd winter migration.

In 2008, he taught Spanish to very poor Mayan children in the Highlands of Guatemala, and, in 2009, in Laos, he was teaching English to novice Buddhist monks. In November, 2010, he flew to Chiang Mai in Northern Thailand. He taught English at an orphanage, out in the country, close to the Burmese border. Whilst there, accompanied by other volunteers, he did several motorbike sorties, visiting the many different ethnic hill tribe villages in the mountainous jungle.

From there, he travelled to the small exotic island of Bali in Indonesia, once again, volunteer teaching English, in the small provincial town of Klungkung, where he was the only westerner. He was also involved with an orphanage there. The learning of English is seen by the people of these poor countries as their possible way out of poverty. After motorbiking right around Bali, Richard spent time on Java, and, particularly around the very active Volcano Bromo.

Upwards of 135 people attended the talk which was followed by a tasty Thai buffet. £770, in donations was raised for the orphanages and Richard would like to thank everyone for their generosity.

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You may have had one of our new leaflets put through your door with information about the facilities we offer. Just a reminder we are open 7 days a week (excluding public holidays) from 7.00am to 10.00pm, so if you've ever thought about joining a gym but never got round to it now's the time to do it! Contact Jan as below for more details.

As well as our usual range of classes we are introducing a brand new fitness session soon. Do you enjoy exercising outdoors? Do you want to lose weight and get fitter? Then our all new Boot Camp sessions are for you. Starting in September these hour long early morning sessions are designed to provide an all over body workout and cater for complete novices and the more experienced individual alike. You will work to your own personal level and intensity in an enjoying and challenging work out whatever the weather! Have a well deserved shower afterwards to freshen up before work!

Interested? For more details on this and any of our other classes contact

**Jan** at Yorebridge Sport and Fitness, Askrigg on **650060** or email us on [admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk](mailto:admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk).

**Wensleydale Walks**  
*In support of Margaret Johnston's*  
*Woolman Walk 2011*

Four years ago, a local Quaker joined 25,000 farmers in India on part of their 500 km march to Delhi, demanding their land rights. The Indian Government promised more than has materialised since then and their leader, Rajagopal, is currently training people for another much bigger march next year, **the 2nd Janadesh [People's Verdict] march**. This time he is keen to get international support focused on initiatives in our own countries, so Quakers in the Dales are trying to raise awareness and support locally. Action Village India, one of the English charities supporting Rajagopal's initiative, has also written about the forthcoming march in its publication 'Village Matters'.

Margaret Johnston, a Friend from Bolton, is planning to walk from London to York in the footsteps of John Woolman, an early Quaker, who was also a charismatic social reformer, like Rajagopal. Margaret is walking to raise awareness of the work of two Indian charities, one of which is the 2012 Janadesh march. She is hoping to reach York on 21st June. **The walk will pass through Hardraw, Askrigg and Leyburn on the 15th/16th and 17th June.**

We would like to encourage other churches and walking groups to join local Quakers in support of her effort. The ways in which this might be done are:

**1. THE WALK**

**a Walking companions for Margaret:**

From Garsdale to Hardraw;  
 Wednesday 15th June  
 From Hardraw to Askrigg;  
 Thursday 16th June  
 From Askrigg to Redmire;  
 Friday 17th June

From Redmire to Leyburn;

Friday 17th June

**b Local walkers or walking groups** to work out the most suitable route for Margaret, using the road as little as possible, without increasing mileage and walk with her where possible

**c Willing car-drivers** to drive those who offer to walk with Margaret to/from one of her local overnight stopping places, so these walking companions don't have walk out/return on foot. Margaret herself insists she will graciously decline all offers of a lift for herself.

**2. ACCOMMODATION**

Offers of accommodation - We have offers of accommodation for Margaret in Hardraw, Askrigg, (Leyburn and Crakehall). We would welcome further offers of accommodation in these places for possible supporters coming from outside Wensleydale.

**3. FRIDAY EVENING EVENT**

Support for the evening event Methodist Hall Leyburn **on Friday 17th June**, which will include a 'bring & share' meal and the showing of the Janadesh video of the 2007 march.

**4. FURTHER SUGGESTIONS**

Suggestions of other interested people, walking groups, members of churches who might like to walk and/or attend the Friday evening event

**WE WILL BE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT**

Contact: Judy Nicholls, Beech House,  
 Askrigg, Leyburn, North Yorkshire, DL8  
 3HG [bromley.nicholls@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:bromley.nicholls@tiscali.co.uk)  
 01969 650266 (e-mail preferred)  
 Sue Holden, 4 Station Cottages, Richmond,  
 North Yorkshire, DL10 4LF su-

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### *Water Marks 2011*

**Exhibition during June by**

*Long Preston water-colour group*

At the Yoredale, Bainbridge, National  
Park Centre.

**8.30am to 4.30pm**

**Monday to Friday**

*For more information about the group  
and the exhibition please telephone*

*Lesley Knevitt at the National Park  
Authority, on 652326*

### **Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society**

**The Festival of Britain 1951 and  
its Design Legacy**

The Festival of Britain was described as a  
riot of 'fun, fantasy and colour'.

Sally Hoban looks at how and why the  
Festival had a huge impact on people's  
perception of design - including graphics,  
textiles, ceramics and industrial design –  
and on design itself. The late 1940s was a  
time of great expansion for Britain after  
WW2 and the 1951 Festival of Britain was  
dedicated to showcasing the very best of  
new British industry and design.

**Tuesday 14th June at 2.00pm,  
at Middleham Key Centre**

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

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### **Blooming Sycamore**

It isn't often we hear much about Sycamore Hall in the Newsletter, so here is an update report on what is going on down there.

Summer is upon us and the gardening mode is in the air, especially for two residents, Colin and Michael who are doing their best to change the name to 'Sycamore Park', hence the title 'Blooming'.

The front entrance is endowed with flowers of many colours, even now, and during the next few weeks will look even better, especially when the hanging baskets are hung.

However, the front entrance is not the only picturesque seat of space. One only has to walk a few yards around to the rear of the building and behold, one can be seated and admire the labours of the residents who have converted it into a garden to be proud of.

Then we have the very much appreciated greenhouse which last year proved such a success, providing tomatoes etc. for the residents. At this very moment it is well organised and full of young tomato and cucumber plants monitored by a few of the residents. It is here that I must thank the people who have so kindly donated these plants; they are very much appreciated by all of the residents.

I'm sure that Michelle, the manager, will have a well planned summer of outings. The first is this month and is a trip to Hawes Creamery for tea and cakes, and maybe a bit of shopping.

After our winter entertainment, I am sure that she will come up with the goods!

**D. Ramsden,  
for Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge.**

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### **Diving in the Maldives**

On 28<sup>th</sup> April, Gayle Ladies took the plunge with Jamie Cartwright and Paul Whitehead on an underwater trip, diving in the Maldives. They presented a display of underwater diving equipment alongside a computer presentation of their fascinating trip. The undersea ballet of the manta rays was particularly beautiful and the ladies learned that the rays were actually seeking out the bubbles from the divers to help clean their skins. The islands are part of a conservation initiative and the DVD demonstrated the beauty and variety of the reefs and troughs and the varied fish, crustaceans and other reef dwellers. They were also surprised to find that the sharks were not a particular danger to divers but they had to stay clear of the moray eels. After an interesting time for discussion and time to inspect and handle the diving display the evening closed with supper and some business. The next meeting was on May 26<sup>th</sup> when Brian Alderman was due to talk about Victorian Fairings.

**Pat Whitehead**

### **River Bain Hydro Update**

Commissioning is virtually complete. We await a thoroughly wet spell so that we can prove to the licensing authority that the plant can be shut down instantly should there be a major power cut in the dale.

Under tight security William Hague officially opened the plant on May 13<sup>th</sup> and was suitably impressed that the whole project had been completed on time and in budget. Semer Water beer was poured over the screw and real water from Semer Water, that had been stored in the leat, was released so that guests could see the screw turning. The whole event has been captured on video by Dr Hamer for viewing at the medical centres. Along with the farmers and gardeners of the dale we await rain.

**Deborah Millward**

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## Ranger Report

Spring at last! This area is nationally important for a range of ground nesting birds, notably 'The Big 5', Skylark, Curlew, Red Grouse, Lapwing and Oystercatcher. These birds are easily disturbed, particularly between now and the end of July, which is their breeding season. If you are out enjoying the National Park with your dog, then please keep it on a lead to reduce the chance of disturbance. Dogs can often disturb birds sitting on eggs or young chicks, which may result in the egg or chicks being chilled and the clutch failing. If you don't know your lapwing from your curlew, why not pick up a leaflet from Hawes National Park Centre?

If you are venturing onto the fells off public footpaths or bridleways, onto open access land, then also check to see if there are any temporary restrictions in place on this access land. Frequently landowners implement restrictions to help reduce the disturbance to ground nesting birds. You can check for restrictions on [www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/enjoying/places/openaccess/default.aspx](http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/enjoying/places/openaccess/default.aspx) or feel free to give me a call, email or drop in to Hawes National Park Centre in the old station Yard.

Green Lanes – Over the winter we have held several joint working days with the police, aimed at educating those who wish to take motorbikes or 4 wheel drive vehicles off road. We pass on advice to users about which routes can be used and the police take action against vehicles that are not in a suitable condition. Although a number of routes now have legal orders in place preventing use by vehicles, there remain quite a number of routes that can be used legally by vehicles. We encourage off road enthusiasts to carry out their research carefully before venturing off road. A

good starting point is to visit [www.trailwise.org.uk](http://www.trailwise.org.uk) and also [www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/index/looking\\_after/access\\_to\\_the\\_countryside/green\\_lane\\_management.htm](http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/index/looking_after/access_to_the_countryside/green_lane_management.htm)

Finally, thank you to those who regularly report broken or difficult stiles & gates that you encounter on rights of way, and please keep these reports coming in.

**Matt Neale**

**Area Ranger – Upper Wensleydale**  
[matt.neale@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:matt.neale@yorkshiredales.org.uk)

**Telephone 666220**

## Herriots

**Guest House, Coffee Shop and  
Art Gallery**

Liz, Glenn, Matt and Ellie wish to thank all the locals for such a warm and helpful Yorkshire welcome, making us feel at home already and part of your lovely community.

Without your time, energy and laughter our first month would have been far more challenging.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts

**Glenn Payne**





**Mystery picture. Last month's was of Cobscar Smelt Mill chimney on the moor north of Redmire. What about this?**

## Heavens Above

Al Bireo

This month's treat is a total **eclipse of the moon** on June 15<sup>th</sup>. The moon is already fully immersed in the Earth's shadow by the time it rises shortly after 9.15pm so you'll need a really flat horizon and good 'seeing' conditions to get the best view of it before totality ends round about 11 pm. With a bit of luck, however, you should be able to see the moon's surface take on a striking coppery-orange tint as it climbs steadily up from the south-eastern horizon. If you happen to miss this eclipse, there's another on December 10th but our view of it from the UK is even worse as the Moon will already have begun to leave the central part of the Earth's shadow before it rises.

June 15<sup>th</sup> and the following few nights also provide a great chance to experience the famous 'Moon illusion' which makes the full Moon appear much larger than it really is when it's only a few degrees above the horizon. To some people it appears to be over twice as big - or even larger - than normal. Have a look yourself and see what you think.

During the last week of June you might just catch a glimpse of the innermost planet, Mercury, low down in the evening sky. Look for it shortly after sunset slightly to the left of where the Sun has gone down from about a quarter to nine onwards.

Summer nights are a good time to look out for **noctilucent clouds** caused by sunlight reflecting off water that has condensed on tiny particles of dust high in the atmosphere. A display of these wraith-like silvery-blue bands glowing against the darker twilight arc is a beautiful sight on a clear summer's night. Look for them low in the north to north-west from about 10.30pm until just after midnight. Have clear skies!

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accommodation etc; and send further inspirational ideas please) to Penhill Benefice Mission Group,  
c/o [roberthall@doctors.org.uk](mailto:roberthall@doctors.org.uk),  
tel. 623012.

### **Mary Jones Walk**

*Mary Jones and her Bible is the traditional and well-loved story of a young girl who saved for six years and walked twenty-five miles to obtain her own copy of the Bible. Not only is it an account of Mary's determination and success, but the story records the inspiration that led to the formation of The British and Foreign Bible Society.*

To celebrate 400 years of the King James Bible and 200 years of the Bible Society, a witness-of-the-Bible three-day walk is planned through all the villages in the Penhill Benefice area, starting from St Andrew church Aysgarth after 11am Pentecost service and spending 2 nights (Wensley, West Burton), finishing Tuesday afternoon 14th June.

**Along the way.** Distance about 28 miles (a chapter of Acts per mile?).

Pentecost Sunday:- Carperby, Castle Bolton, Redmire, Preston under Scar, end Wensley.

Monday:- West Witton, Swinithwaite, end West Burton.

Tuesday morning West Burton school assembly, Newbiggin, Thoraby, Thornton Rust, Aysgarth, finish at St Andrew's.

**How might you be involved?** Come to walk - for 3 days and 2 nights, or come for a day/part of a day, or join the walk before and for a way after your village? Eat with the walkers one evening (in your village?).

Expressions of interest (it would help me to know how many, so that I can arrange

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### **Upper Dales Family History**

This month's meeting of the Upper Dales Family History Group is at **7.30pm** in the Dales Countryside Museum on **Wednesday 22nd June** (NB not 2nd June as originally advertised) when the speaker is Peter Higginbotham on ***"Doing Porridge – the Story of Prison on a Plate"***.

Peter is a well known writer and contributor to TV and radio programmes, mostly connected with the history of workhouses and associated subjects.

His latest book is "The Prison Cookbook" which includes the full text of an original prison cookery manual compiled at Parkhurst Prison in 1902, and examines the history of prison catering from the Middle Ages right through to the present day.

This is what one reviewer, "...an understated gem of a book. The author sets out to summarise the history of prisons and punishment in a concise and highly readable manner, with plenty of gory details for younger readers. His stories about rat soup and other prison 'delicacies' are fascinating."

We can't guarantee that he'll be demonstrating rat soup but you never know, so do come along and join us for what promises to be an informative and highly entertaining evening. Entry is free to members of Cleveland FHS and £2 for visitors.

**Tracy Little**

## Prunings

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

I am often intrigued by how the variations in the seasons produce inconsistent effects. Last year in mid May the Amelanchier was a glorious froth of blossom, but today it is long over. In contrast the small Scabious which were also in bloom have yet to produce more than a couple of heads. Encouraged by last years harvest I have put more strawberries in the poly-tunnel, but so far non are ready to eat.

In London last week I was particularly struck by how far ahead the roses were. My favourite climber at home is Compassion and it covers the south facing front of my house. It looks green and lush, and is covered in buds, but the climbing roses in my sister's walled garden are already festooned with glorious blowsy blooms. One had grown so top heavy it collapsed over the car taking the trellis with it! She had an invasion of brightly coloured beetles, and something was nibbling the Hemerocallis. With some concern we picked off as many as we could, fearing that they might be the dreaded Lily Beetles. A little research shows that we were completely wrong. Lily Beetles are plain bright red, and what we were systematically destroying were probably Lady Bird larvae. Well, you can't get it right all the time!

Trying to identify this ubiquitous little bug led me into looking at lots of images on gardening websites and I was reminded of the catalogues I had pored over early in the year showing pictures of "new" varieties of familiar plants. Nurseries, I gather are free to call varieties anything they want to, and so if something looks very much like an old favourite, it may well be the old favourite. There is not really any way of knowing. What is often more surprising is

when plants are re-classified. Now that botanists have so much more information available, even DNA analysis, I suppose we should not be surprised that some plants actually belong to different families, because the original historical classification was based on form rather than scientific understanding. One thing seems fairly certain: it will take a long time for the new techniques to work through everything we recognise, and if plant breeders want to keep on selling, they will need to retain names that at least sound like something familiar.

If you have driven over to Catterick recently you must have noticed the Gorse. "Kissing time is when the Gorse is in bloom!" as the saying goes. The more observant of us might say that gorse can flower at any time of year. – Well, what a surprise!

Driving down the dale this morning I couldn't help wishing I knew more about painting. The chromatic shades of green in the sunlight were simply amazing, and I realised just what skill is required to reproduce this on paper or canvas. The new growth on the Hawthorn hedges is tipped with russet whilst the hawthorn trees are cloaked in creamy flowers. I wonder if the cold spell will have had an adverse effect on the sloes this year as the blackthorn was in flower early and had gone over before the warm spell ended. Every year brings new surprises. Must get on with the potting, there are too many plants waiting, and I think the surplus tomatoes will have to go to a charity sale.

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

**Rose Rambler**

## Hawes School News

### Thirty Years of Service!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Margaret Taylor for her long service and dedication as a midday supervisor at the school. Margaret has seen hundreds of children pass through the school. Children that were 10 when she started would now be 40. I expect a lot of people, living locally, reading this have had their grazed hands and knees cleaned up by her. Such loyalty to a place is to be commended and we recognise her as being a treasure.

### Residential Trip to London

We are very much looking forward to our residential trip to London in July. We are delighted that through the generous support we have received from The Hawes Market Tolls Trustees, The Wensleydale Rotary Club and our very own Parent Teacher Association the cost has been kept down to £95. We will of course be reporting back on our adventures, but in advance we want to say thank you to these kind people in our community that are making it possible.

### School Blog-

**[www.hawesps.posterous.com](http://www.hawesps.posterous.com)**

Our blogging work has continued to develop. We have had visitors from over 60 countries and we have over 30,000 page visits. We have recently posted a short video made for the Sony company that illustrates some of the work we were involved with at Dales Museum. There are lots of different aspects of our work that can enjoy on the blog and you are invited to leave your own comments. We have received more than 1000 comments to date.

### Playground Games

We are becoming interested in exploring playground games. The netball posts have arrived and are very popular and far more appropriate to young children than the old adult sized Basketball posts. Challenges seem to be being set with Libby showing that she can Hoola Hoop twelve hoops simultaneously! I am sure this record will grow. Many other schools around the world seem to be engaged in trying to beat this and set new records. We will be introducing marbles back to the playground shortly. Skipping is also popular as are the Lola balls. All in all it is great fun and exhausting ... just to watch. If you have any memories of games that you used to play at school we would love to hear from you.

**David Eldridge**  
Head Teacher

## Bainbridge School News

Congratulations to the bride and groom! Not only to William and Kate, but to our Bainbridge School 'newly weds' Megan and Jack. What a wonderful day of celebration the children had. The morning was filled preparing for the big event, designing name places, icing the wedding cake, making favours and dressing the coach to carry the bride and groom.

Rev. Ian conducted 'the service', attended by staff and pupils dressed in their finest wedding attire. A toast was held before a wonderful Wedding Breakfast was served, followed by some very moving speeches! A disco was held in the playground to ensure everyone managed a dance with the bride.

Finally, parents, relatives and friends

came to school to join in the celebrations and to look at all the lovely dresses and photo's brought in by parents and staff, that were displayed around school.

We would like to welcome Lily and Alfie who started Nursery this term and hope they are enjoying the transformed nursery room that is currently 'The Big Top Circus!'

Finally, there will be a Bags2School collection on Tuesday 7th June, so please bring any unwanted clothes, bags or shoes in bags, to the school gates at 9.00am. The weight from the clothes will be converted into money towards PFA funds for school.

**Melanie Hammond**  
**Parent Governor**

### **Askrigg School News**

The Great North Air Ambulance collection of clothes, bedding etc held by the school in April raised £334.80 for the Air Ambulance and £223.20 for school funds. The money that school received will pay for a coach to Hawes to tie in with our 'Wensleydale' project, and also a workshop for the children at The Dales Countryside Museum.

### **Outing to Chatsworth**

**Wednesday 15 June**

Leave West Witton at 8.30am; return about 6.00pm

£11 for coach

House & Gardens £9.50; OAPs £7.95

Details from D Barraclough on **624109** or

J Woolley on **666181**

## West Burton School News

West Burton Infant class had a whole two days of a wedding topic to celebrate the wedding of prince William and Kate Middleton.

The Infant class had a display of wedding dresses in the classroom. They made buns and the icing was red white and blue. Some mums brought wedding albums in.

Nancy and I brought our bridesmaid dresses in. The Infant class made invitations to invite people to a wedding memorabilia assembly. Four mums put their dresses on.

It was really good I enjoyed seeing the Mums dressed up.

**Zoe Bell year 2**

## Richmondshire Orchestra

The Richmondshire Orchestra is presenting a concert in St. Oswald's Church, Askrigg on **Sunday 12th June at 3.00pm**. The programme includes Rossini's sparkling overture to *The Silken Ladder*, Vivaldi's *Summer* from *The Seasons* with soloist Keith Robson (violin), Debussy's *Petite Suite*, and Beethoven's 1st Symphony, and will be conducted by Tim Jackson. Tickets at £7 are available at the door or in advance from **622665**. Accompanied children are admitted free.

## Something to Shout About

While working on a barn roof where the meadows meet the moor at West Stonesdale, Keld, we were able to watch spring arrive in early April. On the 7th we saw two black cock in the rushes— a rare sight to most. As the days progressed lapwing arrived, snipe, curlew, oyster catchers and a buzzard.

Then on the 16th swallows returned to the

barn we were repairing. I thought these were early but according to Mike Thomson (Thornton Rust), swallows arrived there on the 9th.

Then we heard a beautiful sound; one I haven't heard at Borwins for three years: the cuckoo shouting not only in Stonesdale Gill but on another day at Thoms Wood, Keld, and yet again later in the week while up Gunnerside Gill near to Sir Francis Level, in the early evening another cuckoo shouting. Beautiful! Is it a correct statement that the cuckoo only shouts until it has laid its egg?

**Tony Routh**



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### **Cash Help for Green Ideas**

Green ideas that might benefit the National Park can still benefit from financial help to get started.

The National Park's Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) - now in its ninth year of operation - aims to support new business ideas, community schemes and environmental projects that demonstrate ways of living and working in the Dales and that benefit the National Park and its communities.

Isobel Hall, the SDF manager at the Millennium Trust, said: "The first round of grants is now underway with a deadline of June 10th and we hope it will attract a lot of applications.

"It is also worth noting that applications from outside the National Park can be considered as long as they show a clear benefit to the area."

Any organisations, individuals or businesses wanting application forms and further details about SDF funding for 2011/12 should contact Isobel on **015242 51002** or email her at [isobel.hall@ydmtd.org](mailto:isobel.hall@ydmtd.org).

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## **Levitan Versus Monet**

**Illustrated Talk by Averil King  
Wednesday June 15th 7.00pm  
Hawes Methodist Church**

The name **Monet** is a touchstone for almost everyone, and most of us can immediately visualise his pictures. This talk compares his joyous, light-filled paintings with those of his Russian contemporary **Isaak Levitan**. Levitan (1860-1900) is famous and well-loved in his homeland for his very different landscape paintings. His atmospheric views of Russia's great rivers and lakes, fields and forests, often seen at twilight, are often called 'mood landscapes'. Whereas Monet painted on the banks of the Seine, during several summers Levitan worked on the shores of the Volga. By chance rather than design, both artists sometimes painted similar subjects, and their haystacks, water lilies and avenues of trees (in Monet's case, poplars, in Levitan's silver birches) are compared in detail.

## **N.R.D.L.V.A. Charity Bike Ride**

Last June our annual charity bike ride amassed a grand total of £17020, which in January this year went on to be awarded to 51 groups ranging from local surgeries and medical centres, air ambulance, Friarage Hospital in various capacities, to primary schools, nurseries and numerous community groups. I would like to thank all those who were sponsored and helped raise that vast sum of money.

This year, our 25th charity bike ride will take place on **Wednesday June 8th** from Hawes to Leyburn. The cyclists will start at 10.30am heading along the A684 via Askrigg, Worton Bottoms, meandering on to Leyburn, finishing at the Black Swan from approximately 3.00pm.

We would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused for those

who may be on the road between these times.

**Angus McCarthy, Secretary  
Downsizing or Clearing Out?**

## **The Richmond and Hambleton**

**Furniture Store** in Northallerton receives and will collect items of good quality furniture and equipment no longer needed, which is made available for others who may need it.

The store, on Brompton Road opposite Netto, is open on Tuesdays, 9-00am to 4.00pm; Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and the 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 9.00am to 1.00pm.

Phone number for further details:

**07801 591 581**

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## Wensleydale Words

I'm typing this month's dispatch having just returned to my office from the school gym where the first GCSE exam of the summer is about to start. I left our Year 11 students sitting nervously in rows, poised to open their English papers in what will be the beginning of the end; for some, a very different future awaits them on the other side of the summer holidays - the world of work, apprenticeships, or college courses; whilst many others are destined for the sixth form here at Wensleydale.

As I walked up and down lines of exam desks, I wasn't sure who was more nervous: the students who had two tough hours ahead of them in which to prove they've listened and learned; or the teachers standing round the edges of the room who've worked hard to prepare their classes for this day.

I often write about extra-curricular activities and about the school's achievements in the community, whilst the bread-and-butter work of the school is taken for granted. But being in that exam room just now has reminded me how lucky we are here at Wensleydale to have a group of hard-working, conscientious students and a team of committed, skilled teachers and teaching assistants. As a result of this, we are hopeful of breaking all previous records this summer in terms of exam performance and we wish our students well.

Two post-16 students from Wensleydale picked up top awards at the International Chemistry Olympiad in April. 2604 students competed in the competition and only 7% of those students achieved the Gold Certificate: Duncan Lindsay from Year 13 was one of them. He achieved a creditable score of 40 out of 55. Liam Utley got a Silver Certificate and scored an impressive 35 out of 55, placing him in the

top 23% of competitors. Both students sat a 2 hour theory paper in February to compete in the Olympiad.

Another proud achievement to report this month: our Head of Modern Foreign Languages, Liz Sowter, ran the London Marathon to raise money for Cancer Research UK and collected over £200. She finished the race in 3 hours 55 minutes and 56 seconds which is an impressive time although she modestly informs me that she passed the finish line behind a banana and a giant Lucozade bottle, and only marginally ahead of a flower pot.

Finally, I have two upcoming events to make you aware of:

On **June 24th** the school is holding its annual **Presentation Evening** to honour and reward the achievements of last year's Year 11. David Hartley from the Hawes Creamery will be presenting the trophies and awards and the school's staff band is reforming by popular demand to entertain the audience.

On **July 9th** we are running a **summer fair** on the school fields. This is a community event and everyone is welcome. It will be a great opportunity for local people to see our school farm and to get involved. We're also hoping to open our climbing wall to the public; and to have a skateboard park, a demonstration of Zumba dancing, a vintage fair ground, a farmers' market, a brass band, a football tournament for primary school children, an ice cream van and cake stall, and a BBQ! We hope to run a number of competitions, to have a dog show, a geese dog trial and a pig-handling competition. If you'd like to get involved – or have suggestions about other events we could run – please contact Gareth Seaborne in school. We hope you will be able to support us.

**Matt Bromley**

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organised - Thank you.

For the second rally, 10 cars met at Aysgarth Falls car park where a golfing task was to be undertaken (I and my navigator didn't do very well on this task!) before a list of 21 villages were given to us; we were to work out the shortest route round visiting 12 of the villages mentioned and it took us a while to work out where we needed to go but it was a very enjoyable drive around once we had! On the way round we had to collect 5 things beginning with the letter D, most people came back with the obvious things like dandelions and daisies; one car came back with a dry stone wall and another car with some thing not quite as nice! I won't go into details!

Thank you very much to Muriel Lambert for this rally. We all hope Netta Davison is recovering well and we hope to see her at the next rally.

The next rally will be the Summer Rally on the 15th June which is been organised by Dave Scarr and Adrien Stevenson **650537**.

I would like to also say a big thank you to every one who made the first trial in April a very enjoyable and successful day. Watch this space for details of the next trail—hopefully later in the year.

**Emma Thwaite**

### **Bainbridge and District Motor Club**

10 cars set off for the first outdoor rally of the season from Askrigg School.

The rally visited some local villages such as Worton, Thornton Rust, Aysgarth and Carperby, and we were then taken over the Moor at Redmire (where one car had a gear box problem and ended up retiring early!) towards Reeth.

Questions were to be answered on the way round and marker boards were to spotted - not many of these were found!

The rally was very enjoyable and a great success considering it was the first one Richard Teasdale and Luke Metcalfe had

## Letter

Dear Editor,

I read about Exchequer Leghorns with interest in April's Newsletter. I was reminded that Hawes had a Poultry Club and Annual Poultry Show in the early 1900s.

On August 25th in 1903 and on August 31st 1909 the Log Book entries of Widdale School record a holiday for pupils to attend Hawes Poultry Show. However, on November 18th 1924, despite no holiday being given, Hawes Poultry Show caused 'poor attendance' as only 6 out of 21 children went to school.

The Reverend James Alderson in his book 'Under Wetherfell' writes(p. 99): 'Early in the twentieth century a Poultry Society was formed and shows were held in the Market Hall.

T. T. Fawcett was the secretary in 1906 and Mr Wiggins in later years.'

This James Wiggins was my father's eldest step-brother. He came to Hawes in 1921, where he held the post of bank manager, dying in 1931. (See UWNL December 1999, 'Hawes Girl Cycles to County Durham: An Appreciation of Jessie Blades,' by G. Phillips.)

Can anyone tell me more about the Hawes Poultry Club and what breeds were popular with members?

**Jean Day**

## **Cream Teas at West Witton**

**Sunday 19th June at 2.00pm**

**Catherall Hall, Main Street**

(next to the Fox)

By kind permission of Vera Brown

In aid of church funds

## **Men's Prayer Breakfast**

**Saturday June 4th at 8.30am at Sycamore Hall Bainbridge**

Come and join us for breakfast, a talk and fellowship. Any further information from Ian Ferguson **650685**

## **Drop in for Coffee**

**Tuesday June 7th 10am– 12.30pm At Yorebridge, Thoraby (Catherine Bennett)**

£1 to include coffee/tea and biscuits

The proceeds will be divided between St Andrews Church and a charity chosen by the host. Everybody welcome!

## **Dales Countryside Museum events**

For more information contact the DCM on **666210**

### **May**

31-13 July Photographer Tessa Bunney explores Romanian villagers and Nomadic shepards. Free

### **June**

2 Meet a Ranger; A day in the life of a Yorkshire Dales NP Ranger; 2.00 - 3.00pm. Free.

5 History of knitting in the Dales; 1.00 - 4.00pm

5 Batwatch; 9.15–11.00pm. Try and see How many you can spot! Free.

7 Spinning demo. 2.00–4.00pm

12 Felt jewellery design and making; 10.00am -3.30pm

17 Victorian kitchen; 1.00–4.00pm

19 Kids come and make something Special for your Dad. Free entry for Dads

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### Trip to Whitby

**Thursday July 7th**

**Leaving Hawes at 9.00am**

The coach will pick up down the Dale.

Coffee stop at Jervaulx.

Coach cost per person £13

To book contact:

**Shirley Watkinson 667785**

### Martin Roscoe

The Renowned International  
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*“Roscoe is a pianist who both thinks and  
offers full-blooded playing of breadth and  
depth.”*

**St. Andrew’s Church, Aysgarth**

(Bring a cushion for comfort!)

**Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at 7.30pm**

Including: *Haydn, Beethoven, Schubert,  
Liszt.*

Tickets £12.50 (16 and under £5) (for  
church funds)

For more information: contact Joan or John

Foster **663368**

or the Church Office **66309**

### Greetings & for sale

#### FOR SALE

2 indoor bowls mats,  
mobile storage frames, storage boxes  
and 2 sets of bowls.

For details contact

**Anne Daykin on 650333, Alan Ball  
650330, or Kate Empsall 650565**

#### George Sumner

would like to thank

everyone who sent him cards and good  
wishes on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

Here’s to many more!



**Richard and Anne**

( Dinsdale )

**Lots of love on your**

#### CONGRATULATIONS

**Stuart and Kathy**

on the birth of Lily Elizabeth, a little sister  
for Owen.

Love always from

Dad and Mum, Mike, Diane, Rachel,  
Andrew, Holly, Daisy and Jake.

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

### May

- 28-30 Teddy bears picnic on the Wensleydale Railway  
30 Cream Teas at St Margaret's, Hawes from 1.00pm

### June

- 1 June Prayers for Pentecost; Green-Dragon, Hardraw 7.00pm.  
1 Bolton-cum-Redmire, Church coffee Club. 10.00am to 12 noon; Polly Millers Cottage, Redmire, **624604**  
2 Annual Service for Askrigg Friendly Society, St Oswald's 7.00pm  
2 Ecumenical Open air service, Ascension Day at Jervaulx Abbey. Proceeds for Christian Aid. See p.  
..11 Swaledale Festival. See p.  
2-8 Appleby Horse Fair  
3,5,12 Wensleydale Railway train/coach tour. See p.  
3 Piano Recital, Mark Bebbington; St Andrew's Church, 7.30pm.  
4 Men's Prayer Breakfast; 8.30am at Sycamore Hall. See p.  
4 60s Barn Dance at Patrick Brompton. Details: **650324**  
5 St. Oswald's Cafe style service with tea and cakes; 10.30am.  
5 Gayle Mill demonstration day. See p.  
5 Guided walk: Redmire Falls and High Lane. Meet West Burton Green 10.30am. 16k  
6 St Oswald's Church; Swaledale Festival, 8.00pm.  
7 Tournament of Song: AGM. See p.  
7 'Sward! The story of a meadow; at DCM 7.00pm. See p.  
7 Bags2school collection; Bainbridge School. See p.  
7 Drop in for Coffee; 10.00am to 12.30pm at Yorebridge, Thoraby. See p.  
8 Annual LVA bike ride. See p.  
8 St Andrew's Aysgarth; Swaledale Festival events. 3.00pm Violin Masterclass. 8.00pm Soprano, Buddug Verona Jones  
9,16,23,30 Wensleydale Country Markets, Leyburn Methodist Hall. 10.30am to 12.30pm.  
10 Help the Heroes round Hawes pubs. See p.  
10-12 and 18-19. Open Studios. See p.  
12 Aysgarth Methodist Church at Bainbridge 10.30am.  
12 Whit Sunday; Pentecost. Bainbridge Green event. See p.

- 12 Richmondshire Orchestra concert at St Oswald's. 3.00pm. See p.  
12-14 Mary Jones walk. See p.  
14 YDNPA Planning Committee, 10.30am At Yoredale  
14 Decorative and Fine Arts Society. Middleham Key Centre 2.00pm. See p.  
15 Outing to Chatsworth from West Witton. See p.  
15 Illustrated lecture, 'Levitan verses Monet'; Hawes Methodist Church 7.00pm See p.  
15 Carperby W.I. 7.30pm with Canon Cooper, chaplain to the Queen  
15 'Sward! The story of a meadow; West Burton village hall. 7.00pm. See p.  
15 Walk around the farm; Stalling Busk; Details and essential booking **666210**  
16,23 Wensleydale Chorus; Judas Maccabeus; See p.  
17 Marsett Chapel Anniversary; 2.00pm.  
17 People's March video; Leyburn Methodist Hall. Bring and share supper. 7.00pm. See p.  
18 Buckden Gala from 12.30pm.  
19 Father's Day  
19 Guided Walk; Hawes Rural Heritage Trail. Meet D.C.M. 11.00am. 11k  
19 Batwatch on Bainbridge Green. Meet 9.30pm. Details; **623065**  
19 Trinity Sunday  
19 Songs of Praise, Aysgarth Methodist Church 6.30pm.  
19 Cream Teas at West Witton. See p.  
20-26 Refugee Week  
21 Middleham and Dales local history group. See p.  
21 Afternoon Teas at St Margaret's from 1.00pm.  
22 Upper Dales Family History Group - DCM. See p.  
24 Midsummer Charity Concert. St Andrew's, Aysgarth. 7.30pm with Leyburn Band See p.  
24 Hawes Gala Disco  
25 Hawes Gala. See p.  
25-26 Armed Forces weekend of Wensleydale Railway.  
26 Bainbridge Methodist Church service in Sycamore Hall. 10.30am.  
28 Coffee morning and stalls; Hawes Methodist rooms, 10.00am to noon

### July

- 9 Martin Roscoe at St Andrew's Aysgarth 7.30pm See p.

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### **New Landlords at Redmire**

When I passed the Bolton Arms at Redmire recently I was on my way to Reeth. It was Sunday lunchtime. I could hardly squeeze past all the cars parked on the road outside, it was so busy; far busier than it has ever been in recent years. The answer could only be new landlords.

Bill Riding and Janet Metcalfe took over the pub three months ago. Janet is local - from Walden - whereas Bill comes from Lancashire. Although neither of them have run a pub before he clearly has business management experience, mainly in cheese-making. Both of them are obviously enjoying the new venture and word seems to be getting round that it's a good place to go.

One attractive feature is that it's open all day, that is from 11am until whenever. I dropped in late one afternoon. The welcome over a glass of wine after a day at work was so inviting that it was tempting to stay on. The menu looked well priced and with a fifty seat restaurant and five letting bedrooms it's not surprising that they employ eighteen local people.

The residents of Redmire are very lucky to have such a thriving pub but they won't have it all to themselves. There'll be plenty more of us beating a path to the door. I certainly shall.

**N.P.**

### **Yore Mill Craft Shop**

Yore Mill Craft Shop is now under new tenancy. Sue and Martin Sampson, who run the nearby Mill Race Teashop, have acquired the business and are hoping steadily to improve the selection of stock for sale. In particular they want to concentrate as much as possible on locally produced crafts and there are aspirations to create a second hand book swap. What a good idea!

One of the benefits for Sue and Martin is

that there is accommodation attached to the premises, which has enabled them to move from Thornton Rust to be on site. Furthermore there is a holiday flat to be let, which has hardly been used in recent years. A more stunning location to base a holiday would be hard to find.

With a craft shop and a teashop to run the couple are going to be busy but they are full of optimism that they can make it work and they are providing employment for at least five local people. Let's hope it's a good season for them with lots of visitors.

### **Go Dales! App**

Smartphone users can now add a new application. The app has been created by the National Park Authority and provides details of walking, cycling and mountain biking routes as well as lots of information about the park.

Available in the iTunes App Store, it can be downloaded from [www.godales.org.uk/go-mobile](http://www.godales.org.uk/go-mobile) and because *Go Dales!* is funding it the app is free. It is designed to inspire young people to go out and explore the dales and it has been described as a pocket digital guide to the national park.

Some of us might just want to carry on using the Ordnance Survey map but for those thirsting for further information they can contact the authority's media officer, **Nick Oldham on 01756 751616**. He's only there on Mondays, Tuesday mornings and Wednesdays.

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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 has a fun packed programme for the half term for children aged 1year – 14 years. If you would like to join in the fun please have a look at our website to see full listings, [www.dalesplay.co.uk](http://www.dalesplay.co.uk); these workshops are open to everyone including visitors to the area.

The children in Hawes have been enjoying a workshop put on through the Wensleydale children's centre called 'mini movers'. The children have learnt lots of new skills in this workshop and had a good old laugh whilst doing it. This workshop has run every Thursday between 12.45-1.45pm.

Dalesplay are running a First Aid training course for appointed persons. If you would like to join us we have 3 spaces available and the course will run Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am-4.30pm, for more information please contact Joanne **667789**. We are also running a special offer after school session from 3.15-5.30pm at a discounted price of £7.95. This includes a light tea and

lots of exciting fun and activities for the children to participate in within a safe environment, (this offer will only run until the children break up for summer if it proves to be a big hit we may continue in September).

The children in Dalesplay have been enjoying the good weather that appeared occasionally on the climbing frame that Angela kindly donated to the setting; we are ever so grateful. If you are looking for care for your child please call in and have a look around the setting, have a look at our website or pick up a brochure we have spaces available to start as soon as you feel is convenient.

**Joanne Middleton**

## Helpers Need Help Too

Slightly different column this month ...

In my alter-ego as Dales Computer Services I have the privilege of visiting lots of homes and offices in the area to resolve problems. Recently there has been another widespread spate of infections with the old familiar fake antivirus problems but there is a new twist to this issue of which everyone should be aware. The fake antivirus scam (and other nasties contracted from the internet) now seem to be attacking the core system files of Windows and these are a bit trickier to repair.

Windows (XP, Vista and 7) has an inbuilt checking system to ensure that the core files are valid and haven't been altered from when Microsoft supplied them. You can verify that your core files are consistent with a small built in tool called SFC. To use this tool in Vista and 7 click on Start and type CMD (don't worry Windows knows where you are going to type!). You should see CMD listed at the top of the left column – right click on it and select “Run as administrator”; a warning will pop up but allow the program to run. (On Windows XP it is slightly different – just press and hold the Windows key – the flag at the bottom right of the keyboard and press R). In the window that opens on all systems type SFC /SCANNOW (note there is a space after SFC) and press Enter on the keyboard. SFC now scans all of your windows files and checks they are authentic and haven't been modified by something nasty.

Hopefully you will get a message saying everything is OK but if not the best thing to do is to backup any important data (documents, pictures etc.) and then reinstall Windows either from a known good backup copy or from the original disks that came with the system.

This is where things get tricky and you can help yourself a lot. If your computer came with a set of disks (probably quite old now) then find them and keep them somewhere safe. If you have bought a computer in the last 2 or 3 years you probably didn't get any disks and this is where things are difficult. When you first switched on your computer it installed everything automatically – and probably prompted you to make recovery disks for emergency use. ***The trouble is I estimate that about 99% of people ignore the instruction and when things go wrong they have no disks or have lost them.*** Be aware that without recovery disks it will not always be possible to recover your computer – especially if the hard disk becomes faulty. If you haven't made these recovery disks follow the instructions that came with your computer and make them now (you will need to buy some blank DVDs). Some manufacturers are helpful and you can purchase recovery disks from them but many will not help and the only way to recover your system would be to buy a new copy of Windows 7 (currently the list price is £149.99 for Home Premium edition) and if your computer didn't originally have Windows 7 installed you may need to upgrade hardware too.

Be warned – recovering your system back to the way it was supplied to you without the manufacturers recovery disks is not a trivial undertaking. So help yourself (and help me if you call me out) by having your recovery disks to hand as well as any other programs that are important to you (such as the original Microsoft Office disks) in case of emergency.

That's all for this month – any questions or comments please send me an email via [www.dalescomputerservices.com](http://www.dalescomputerservices.com).

**Carol Haynes**

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**44th Annual Hawes and District  
Gala**

**Saturday June 25th**

On the Creamery Field

(by kind permission of Wensleydale Creamery)

**Victorian Theme**

To be opened by the Gala

Queen

(Gael Lindsay) with

'Isambard Kingdom Brunel'



**1.00pm at the Bull's Head Hotel**

Music: Hawes Silver Prize Band, Richmond Town Pip and Drum Band and 'Zooted' Street Entertainers

Admission by programme only, £3.00

Free entry for under 16s and for everyone in fancy dress.

**Pre-Gala Disco**

**Friday June 24th, 10.00pm to late**

**Crown Hotel, Hawes; £4.00**

Under 18s must be accompanied.

**Well Done!**

Congratulations to the following young musicians who gained success in recent music examinations.

London College of Music

James Peacock: Grade 1 Music Theatre.

Pass with distinction.

Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music

Simon Chorley: Grade 1 Piano. Pass with distinction.

Georgina Donno-Fuller: Grade 4 Piano.

Pass with merit.

Jo-Ann Lambert: Grade 4 Singing. Pass

with merit.

All have lessons with Diane Hartley.

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### **A Breath of Fresh Air**

Dry stone walls are a striking and fantastic feature of the Yorkshire Dales. A group of homeless men from Bradford recently had a chance to learn about the art of creating them thanks to the **People and the DALES** programme run by the Millennium Trust (YDMT).

A group from Assisi House Project in Bradford spent the day rebuilding a stretch of dry stone wall at Colt Park nature reserve at the foot of Ingleborough.

One participant commented "I've done building work in the past, but this is something else, there's a real art to it - a bit like doing a jigsaw without the picture! I've really enjoyed the day. We really had to work as a team and I'm really proud of what we've done."

The group worked under the excellent supervision of local waller and master craftsman Stephen Harrison, who has worked with YDMT to provide dry stone walling with similar groups in the past.

YDMT's People and the DALES Community Worker, Gail Smith commented "Days like this are a fantastic and unique opportunity for groups that may be disadvantaged in some way to escape what can be a tough existence in the city. Getting out to the Dales is literally a breath of fresh air for them and having the chance to try their hand at something new, do a bit of hard graft and have pride in what they've achieved helps increase self-esteem and confidence, which is really important for guys like those supported by Assisi House." Assisi House Project provides accommodation and resettlement support for homeless men in Bradford.

For more information, please contact **Gail Smith, Community Worker**  
**015242 51002** or email  
[gail.smith@ydmto.org](mailto:gail.smith@ydmto.org)

### **Sue Iveson, Speechless**

The Charity Fundraiser at Beckindales on 6th. May in aid of Yorkshire Cancer and Sarcoma UK has raised **£5329.11** with donations still arriving every day.

Raffle winners, 68 in all, are displayed in the shop window at JR Iveson as are all the other winners of the quiz, the guess the weight of the cake and the guess the name of the doll.

What an amazing night we had. I would never have imagined we could raise over £5000 in one evening; a stunning amount from so many generous people.

Huge thank you to everyone, from helpers, donators and those who came for the evening.

What else can I say, I am speechless;

**Regards, Sue**

### **Gayle Mill**

**Demonstration days and guided tours**

**Sundays June 5th and July 3rd**

**11.00am and 2.30pm**

(Tours last about two hours)

£10 adult; £5 children including refreshments

Booking advised: **667320**

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

### Pension Top Up

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

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

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

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

You are warmly invited to an  
Ecumenical Open Air  
Ascension Day Service

*Proceeds of the offertory collection are for  
Christian Aid*

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
7.00 p.m.


Jervaulx Abbey

*(by kind permission of Ian and Carol Burdon)*

Holy Communion: led by Rev'd Alan Coustick  
Preacher: James Bishop of Knaresborough

*Music led by Bedale Brass Band*

*Bring a chair or rug and wear warm clothing!  
Car parking in the grounds of Jervaulx*



new photographs, maps and extracts from contemporary newspapers. Come along if you would like to hear a comprehensive account of this fascinating but neglected aspect of the history of the local area.

For further information, please contact  
**Tony Keates 640436** or email  
[dotandtonyk@btinternet.com](mailto:dotandtonyk@btinternet.com)

### Thoralby Event

**Saturday June 18th  
Barbecue, 8.00pm**

Tickets from Brian McGregor  
**663565**

### Middleham and Dales Local History Group

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2.00pm Middleham  
Key Centre**

*Yorkshire Dales cotton mills*  
Dr George Ingle

We don't associate the Yorkshire Dales with textile mills, but Dr Ingle has researched the background and development of over seventy mills built in the Dales from 1784 onwards. The availability of water power brought this new industry to Swaledale and Wensleydale.

This talk will be illustrated with old and

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