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Newsletter  
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## Editorial

Whether a little Newsletter, a huge national newspaper, a television programme or a private blogger, tweeter or facebooker, we are all in the business of communication and, as such, we all have influence on others ; and it can be deceptive!

‘Reading between the lines’ is an art very well worth mastering! Take as an example this sentence from a reference once given to the current writer: “*Works well under pressure*”. Compliment? Or meaning “But does b-all the rest of the time”?

When it comes to what we see in pictures in the paper or on the TV, we have to be really careful. Many of us now using our computers know all about ‘cropping’ – cutting out parts of a photograph. It is so easy to cut out aspects of, say, a crime scene, to change the whole concept of who might be guilty, or at least who instigated it.

It is also an interesting exercise to survey the very different headlines with which daily papers bombard us. You might even care to watch an alternative news channel sometimes. It is surely the truth we are after. One important development is that mobile phones can take photographs and videos. We don’t have to rely just on newspapers or the TV any more. In next to no time ordinary eye-witnesses can beam their pictures to all their friends, or around the world, showing scenes that the authorities might wish to conceal. That’s surely good for revealing what’s really happening; or is it?

But isn’t there something more than what we say, or what we photograph? Another ‘*language*’. Body language is so very powerful. It is worth considering it, so as to ‘read’ what others are really ‘saying’, but

also to watch what messages we ourselves are sending!

Consider the eyes. Where do we look when we are talking to someone? At their own eyes, or is that not easy if they are not well-known to us? At their mouths, to really watch what they are saying? Or, and this can be mean such a lot, at other parts of them? Or have you been aware that the person you are talking to is looking right past you, presumably at someone more interesting or more eye-catching?

Consider the hands. It isn’t just a case of ‘signing’ for those who are deaf. Our hands speak: warmth of welcome, slap on the back, kindly stroke on the arm, threatening wag of the finger, anxious wringing of them together or nervous picking of the nails, or rubbing our eyes or nose, scratching the head or touching the hair.

Then consider the whole body! We lean back and stretch, or forward to stress a point. Folded arms are a dead give-away too! Legs crossed or open; nodding or shaking the head are obvious signals, but the way we might incline it or frown or raise our brow have a lot to ‘say’. Then there is the shrug, that in-built facility of every teenager!

Being more perceptive about what we read, hear or see of the news, and how we ‘read’ people, can go some way to improving communication better. Watch out!

## Harp Singers Concert

‘Celebrate Summer’

**Saturday July 2nd**

7.30pm

St Oswald's Church, Castle Bolton

The programme will include music by Cole Porter, Jerome Kern together with folk songs and madrigals.

Tickets are £5, including refreshments and are available on the door.

### **Midsummer Festival**

#### **Gunnerside Methodist Chapel Sunday July 3rd**

Community singing from 6.00pm.

Service at 6.30pm

with Rev. Michael J. Rutter (York)

Items by Gunnerside Choir;  
organist Duncan Bythell.  
Complimentary supper

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

The summer rally, organised by Dave Scarr and Adrien Stevenson, set off from Bainbridge village green. Nine cars made their way up Abbotside, Cotterdale over to Garsdale and then on to Dentdale before heading towards Burton in Lonsdale and Ingleton. Marker boards were to be spotted along the route.

Dave Scarr and Adrien Stevenson won the last rally - well done! The Canny Rally will be on **Wednesday 20th July** and is being organised by Will Thwaite (**650150**) and Mike Percival.

**Emma Thwaite**

### **Any Idea What It's Worth?**

#### **Find out at Sycamore Hall**

"Nay, lad, it's been in t'corner cupboard for last ten years."

"I haven't a clue; me grandmother gev it me."

"I've had it that long, ah don't where it came from or what it's worth."

These are sayings often heard in the household, so now is the chance for you to find out what your hidden-away bits and pieces are really worth.

Watch out for posters announcing "Sycamore Antique Local Roadshow". This will be an entertaining afternoon with no sales taking place; just come and have a bit of fun and a good natter. Posters will give details of the date and time, certain conditions and names of the guest valuers.

**Derek Ramsden**

### **Preston Artists**

#### **Annual Exhibition**

**July 22nd to 24th**

**10.00am to 6.00pm**

In Preston under Scar Village Hall.  
Paintings and range of hand-crafted items.

### **Museum Alert**

We have a push bike here at the museum. It is black with yellow lettering stating "Panther" and "Silver Fox". We will be happy to return the bike to its owner if they would like to claim it.

The bike was abandoned on the station platform after an incident at the end of May at about 10.30 - 11.00pm. Local residents called the police after youths were seen running on the museum roof, making loud noises and causing damage to the building.

Parents need to be aware that other incidents have occurred on the museum site at night and have been reported to the police.

**Would anyone like a**

**CLEANER**

**to clean your workplace or home.**

**Reliable, trustworthy service.**

**Call Karen Banks**

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## July Competition

**Missing middles.** Find the word which fits with both ends.

**Example: news LETTER bomb**

YORKSHIRE	LAMP
SWALEDALE	PENCE
HAWES	CRESS
OAK	PIE
GLORIOUS	NIGHT
WORTON	UP
QUICK	PIPER
BLUE	LED
AUCTION	IAN
GRAND	PARK
SCOTS	TUM
SLEEPING	SHIP
BARN	CLOUD
SETTLE	TURN
MAKE	KEY

## Last Month's Answers

### Body parts

Herd soul	SHOULDER
Ka pence	KNEECAP
Angel finir	FINGERNAIL
Lo a beer	EAR LOBE
Dip in pew	WINDPIPE
Shot can	STOMACH
Giant nite reels	LARGE INTESTINE
O its piglet	EPIGLOTTIS
Lec skunk	KNUCKLES
Ye slide	EYELIDS
Knob bace	BACKBONE
Ship	HIPS

## Brighter or Easier?

The number of entries for our monthly competitions has increased greatly recently. Are you getting cleverer, or are we getting soft?

We would like to thank winners who suggest the charities who are to receive the £20 prize. Our Treasurer has had several appreciative letters.

## Letters and emails

I am sending a little write up about the POW sign that was featured in the Mystery picture in the June issue. It is on top of a gatepost at Wensley and was inscribed by an Italian POW in concrete when he was working locally. Rob (my husband) was only a small boy but remembers the POWs walking (under guard) up and down Grassgill, West Witton to where they were working, probably at Capplebank Farm. The POWs would give the small boys some chewing gum, which was always gladly received!! He has now found out that they would be held at Catterick Camp and brought in wagons to work in Wensleydale.

Hope this gives a bit of an insight into the Italian POWs.

**Janet Harker**

### AAROW

**Multi-fuel boiler stove, stainless steel chimney and new glass for door AVAILABLE.**  
**Offers please: 663322**



The Wensleydale Chorus  
proudly presents  
**Judas Maccabeus**  
by G. F. Handel

Conductor: Stan Roocroft MBE  
Organist: Greg Smith  
Soprano: Laura Ashton  
Alto: Emma Wardell  
Tenor: Robert Thompson  
Bass: Jolyon Dodgson  
Performances:

**7:30pm Saturday 16th July 2011**  
**St Margaret's Church, Hawes**

**7:30pm Saturday 23rd July 2011**  
**St John's Church, East Witton**

Tickets £6.00  
available on the door  
or by calling **622942 or 663878.**

## Yorebridge



Friday, June 10th, saw the first fund raising event of the year for the Yorebridge Community Leisure Centre at Askrigg. Over 50 people took part in a quiz held at the White Rose, Askrigg. Questions included general knowledge through to popular music and pictures.

The winning team, captained by Ian Bell, donated their £20 winners' prize back to the kitty. A raffle was held, and the total amount raised was almost £200. Regular quiz nights are held at the White Rose by Carl Atkinson, whose Mum and Dad, Sue and Richard are the licensees. Thousands of pounds have been raised for the local community and charities. The next quiz night will be held on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July, and starts at 8.30pm.**

**Ian Canavan**

## King's Club

There are still a few places left for King's Club, August 1st—5th. Everyone is invited to the BBQ at **5.00pm on Saturday August 6th.**

Children aged 6—10 meet at Askrigg School, and 11—15 year olds at Low Mill Outdoor Centre. Further details and application forms are available from **Heather Sowerby 650412**

## Sunday July 31st, 2.00pm

**To be opened by Roger and Sue Iveson**

Band	2.15-2.45pm
Puppet Show	2.45-3.00pm
Dog Show	3.00pm
Fell race	3.15pm
Band	3.15-3.45pm
Puppet Show	3.45-4.00pm
Egg catching	4.00pm
Awards and close	4.15pm Folk dancing.

### Children's classes:

Nature collage  
Animal action photograph, 7"x5" maximum  
Decorated ginger bread man  
Confectionary necklace  
Drawing of my house  
Short poem: 'My best friend' 6—10 lines/

### Adult classes

Scarecrow  
Chocolate cake  
Photograph on a water theme, 7"x5" maximum  
Limerick on a topical theme  
Blackcurrant jam  
Indoor pot plant  
Handicraft item

Entries: children 20p, adults 40p.

Entries to be made from 10.00 to 11.30am

## Burtersett Show

## North Yorkshire Dales Biblical Literacy Project



Do you

belong to a BOOK CLUB?

How about reading a

Bible Book as literature?

For further information contact

**Rev David Wood 01677 424486**

[david.wood@btinternet.com](mailto:david.wood@btinternet.com)

**Wensleydale Show**

**Saturday 27th August**

**from 9.30 am until 5.00 pm**

**Schedules are now available**

Entry form can be viewed and downloaded  
from the show website

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

Alternatively, a printed schedule is  
available from Towlers Newsagent or  
Farmway Leyburn. The closing date for  
entries: **5.00pm Wednesday August 10th.**

Also, the show committee is looking for  
sponsors for the main ring. Taking charge  
of the show for the first time since  
becoming chairman this year Mr David  
Ford said, "This year we're looking for  
sponsors of the main ring, where there is  
both entertainment and some animal  
judging."

Any prospective sponsor should contact  
the show secretary **Sara North** by email at  
[saranorth2@btinternet.com](mailto:saranorth2@btinternet.com).

## Annual Dales Discovery Evenings

Audio-visual presentations

**Hawes Methodist Church.**

**Wednesdays at 8.00pm from July 27th**

First one:

Ingleborough National Nature Reserve:

its wildlife and management.

Colin Newlands, Chapel le Dale.

Adults £2.00. Children £1.50

## Medieval World Comes Alive at the Dales Countryside Museum

A pike drill led by a fully armoured  
medieval soldier was just one of the  
activities celebrating the fifth birthday of  
the Yorkshire Dales Young Archaeologists'  
Club (YDYAC). Based at the museum,  
and running monthly sessions, the club  
welcomed members of the Red Wyvern Re-  
enactment Group; a shoe maker, an  
apothecary, a fisherman, an archery display  
and a knights' school.

Club leader Keith Webster said: "The  
club is a huge success and a credit to our  
members and leaders, who travel  
considerable distances to discover more  
about their past. Our annual themes have  
included prehistory and the Vikings, along  
with archaeological methods and, of  
course, the medieval world. It's tremendous  
fun; the majority of the leaders are  
volunteers, we get a great deal from it too".

This year's planned visits include: Bolton  
Castle and Fountains Abbey, and  
experiment with heraldry, stone-hurling  
trebuchet catapults and medieval food.

### **Oxfam - Yorkshire Dales Trailtrekker 2011**

On June 4th and 5th four Oxfordshire women - with various Yorkshire connections - participated in the annual Oxfam Trailtrekker fundraising event. This is a 100km (62 mile) trek for teams of four over 30 hours (yes, walking day and night) across the Yorkshire Dales, starting and finishing in Skipton, via Malham, Fountains Fell, Horton-in-Ribblesdale, Cam Houses, Buckden, Conistone and Hetton.

Three of the team (known as the Bampton Blister Sisters – after the village where we live) achieved silver medals, but had to retire after 24 hours due to blood blisters and strained knees, and it fell to Debbie Landray, ably assisted by husband Martin, to bring in a gold medal for the team, completing the trek in 29 hours.

Trailtrekker is expected to raise over £300,000 for Oxfam this year, which will be used to help people living in poverty. Many thanks to the kind people of the Upper Dale who donated money, baked cakes and helped in any way at my mother's afternoon tea in Gayle on May 27th to support our efforts raising funds for Oxfam. Thanks also to the Wensleydale Singers who ate the leftover cakes and donated generously. A grand total of £250 was raised in this way.

**Penny Fowler, Bampton, Oxfordshire**

### **Milkchurn Cottage**

Having in the past handled five antique centres in South Yorkshire, running the 'Milkchurn Cottage' shop at town end in Hawes, near the Post Office probably seems like a holiday to Karen Peacock.

She started the shop three years ago, having moved to Redmire and specialises in painted furniture. The shop is a treasure trove of furniture, mirrors, lamps, pictures, throws, ceramics and much more, and Karen tells me business is good. She also sells special paint by 'Annie Sloan' for painting furniture. It is chalk paint, water-based and will cover most surfaces without any more preparation than a rub down. Karen will also paint customers' pieces, in their own home, and has done some work for Simonstone Hall.

'French' style painted furniture is very much in fashion at the moment, and has been for a few years now. Ordinary looking pieces can be transformed into something really stylish with paint, different handles or knobs and perhaps some hand-painted motifs or a lining of fabric.#

Karen obviously has a flair for spotting stylish items for the home. It is well worth visiting her shop, something will doubtless catch your eye! Milkchurn Cottage is open every day in the summer.

**S.H.**

**North Yorkshire Credit Union,  
a local alternative to High Street Banks  
for Upper Wensleydale.**

A Credit Union is a “not for profit” Cooperative Financial institution owned by its members for the benefit of its members. The North Yorkshire Credit Union is open for membership to anyone who lives or works in North Yorkshire or York. Members can pay money into the Credit Union through any Post Office or Pay Point outlet and at Community Access Points.

The services available include: Credit Union Current Account, Savings account, Children’s Savings account, Christmas Saver, Small flexible loans, all covered by FREE Life Assurance. Also CUNA Mutual Group insurance products. The Current Account offers a Cash Card and Post Office and ATM access that won’t surprise you with unexpected large penalty charges. Credit Union specialise in small flexible loans that are a good alternative to Credit Cards, Overdrafts Bank Loans, or Licensed money lenders.

All the money saved with the North Yorkshire Credit union is invested in loans to our members, which means it is circulated and supports the North Yorkshire and Upper Wensleydale economy.

***The First Community Access Point is to be launched at the Upper Wensleydale Community Office in Hawes.*** You will be able to join the Credit Union, pay money in or apply for a loan.

While the Credit Union offers a Local choice for handling your money it’s nice to know that in the same way as any High Street Bank or Building Society your money is protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. The Credit Union was launched in May 2006 and is supported by Richmondshire District Council as well as NYCC.

**To join North Yorkshire Credit Union or  
find out more information:**

Check the website for more information and download an application form.

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

Contact the Credit Union by Phone **01904 676633** or email: [office@nycu.org.uk](mailto:office@nycu.org.uk)

**New to You Sale**

**Aysgarth Institute  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm  
in aid of**

Aysgarth Methodist Chapel  
and

St. Andrew’s Church  
Tickets £1 to include tea & biscuits  
Donations of good quality clothing and  
household goods to Irene Pickard **663768**  
or Jean Cockburn **663201**

**Community Office News**

Robin Myshrall from the Credit Union will be available for information and appointments on **Tuesday 12th July from 9.30am - 12.30pm.** Contact the office for appointments on **667400.**

The Little White Bus is proving successful. and the Afternoon Trip to Kendal on the 22nd June was fully booked very quickly.

We would appreciate suggestions as to where the bus might go for other trips. Tel **667400.**



## Wensleydale Railway

The first of two steam locomotives that will be running on the line this summer has arrived at Leeming Bar, ready for Wensleydale Railway's Steam Gala on the first week-end in July. After that it will be steam on **some** services (not all) each week-end and on selected weekdays through the summer holidays.

Please, we really need everyone's help in promoting the train services this year, to attract people to the dale for a day out or, hopefully, for a longer stay. If you provide visitor accommodation - or know someone else who does - please consider how to make the Wensleydale Railway better known so it can play its part in helping the local economy and 'green' tourism. Timetables are available on the website [www.wensleydalerailway.com](http://www.wensleydalerailway.com); printed copies are free in Hawes from the Rope-works and the Dales Countryside Museum. In Leyburn, they can be picked up from the station and the new home for Tourist Information at Dales Haven Guest House (opposite the Bolton Arms).

On **Friday July 15**, WR is offering a special scenic excursion "in the footsteps" of the artist JMW Turner in Swaledale and Teesdale. The coach starts from Leyburn when the first train from Leeming Bar arrives at 10.33, returning 4pm. There is a £2 discount for Senior Citizens and it should be a lovely journey, with photo-stops at key places. To book for this summer day out or any other event, phone **08454 50 54 74** - someone will ring you back if it's on answerphone. On **Friday July 29** there is a WR guided walk from Redmire-Leyburn - please ring me if you would like details (**650349**).

On **Saturday July 30**, there will be a WR excursion from Carlisle to Wensleydale for

the 1940s week-end in Leyburn. Do you know anyone who lives in Carlisle, Armathwaite, Lazonby, Langwathby, Appleby or Kirkby Stephen who might like to know about this event?

Do you know the local significance of the date 14th July 1986? This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the re-opening of GARSDALE (and 7 other small stations) on the Settle-Carlisle line. Astonishingly, re-opening took place in the middle of British Rail's proposal to close the whole line! It was another three years before the railway was eventually reprieved, on 11th April 1989, after eight long years of campaigning. Since then, passenger numbers have just kept on growing - and a huge amount of freight also goes by rail, rather than by road.

Four organisations are helping to celebrate the 25th anniversary: the Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line (FoSCL) are decorating the stations with colourful bunting; the Settle-Carlisle Enterprise Network of local business people (SCENE) is printing 15,000 copies of a publicity leaflet with news of events along the railway corridor this summer. Meanwhile the Settle-Carlisle Development Company provides catering trolley services on the trains between Settle and Carlisle and manages Settle and Appleby's staffed stations. The Settle-Carlisle Trust's contribution is the restoration of heritage buildings - the Stationmaster's House at Ribbleshead is next - and a very pleasant station tearoom has just opened at Kirkby Stephen, open 7 days a week!

**Ruth Annison**

## New Appointment Branches Out

Hawes Auction Mart welcome **James Alderson**, local chartered surveyor to their



busy team. James will be based in the Auction Mart office and will be responsible for expanding and running the Auction Mart's new Property Services enterprise which will specialise in:

- \*Sale, letting and management of all types of rural property including; land, homes, farms and businesses;
- \*Providing advice and assistance with the Rural Payments Agencies Single Payment Scheme, Natural England's Environmental Stewardship Schemes and others;
- \*Preparing professional RICS Red Book valuations of rural property and assets for a wide range of private and professional clients;
- \*Dealing with utility companies and preparing detailed claims for compensation and compulsory purchase type work;
- \*General planning advice and application assistance.
- \*Preparing and drafting letting agreements for land, farms and houses; providing advice on disputes and reviewing rents;
- \*Analysing business performance and providing financial reporting;
- Providing professional resources, advice

and management for most rural projects including renewable energy.

James has good local knowledge of the area having lived in Wensleydale his whole life. He attended Harper Adams University College, in Shropshire and after graduation he returned to George F White's Bedale office. After a few years James decided he wanted a new challenge and accepted the position at the Auction Mart where he very much looks forward to being able to grow and develop the Property Services sector Hawes Auction Mart now offer.

James can be contacted on **667207** or **07717 884422** or simply drop in to the office to speak to him.

## Hull Ladies Choir

**Celebrating their  
75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2011**

Musical Director PAMELA RUNCIMAN  
L.R.A.M.

Accompanist Marlene Pinchbeck

**"A Celebration in Song"**

St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 6.30pm**

Admission £5 (under 16's £2)

For more information **663097**

All proceeds are for St. Andrew's Church

### **New faces on National Park Authority**

Three new faces have been appointed to the National Park Authority following local council elections last month.

Bob Gale replaces Yvonne Peacock, who joined the Authority as a Richmondshire District Council appointment in 2003. She served as chairman of the Audit and Review Committee and was Member Champion for Forward Planning. Mr Gale, who lives in Arkengarthdale, is also an RDC appointee. He is a Board member for the Hudson House Community Centre in Reeth and has been a member of Arkengarthdale Parish Council for more than 12 years. A member of the Reeth brass band, he is married with two children and two grandchildren.

Ian McPherson replaces Kevin Lancaster, who was a Member since 1996, first as a Secretary of State appointment and subsequently as a South Lakeland District Council appointment. Mr Lancaster was chairman of the Authority in 2008-2009 as well as being Chair of the Planning Committee. Most recently he was Chair of the now-abolished Access Committee. He was previously the Authority's Member Champion for Corporate Management. Mr McPherson, who lives in Sedbergh, represents the Sedbergh and Kirkby Lonsdale ward on South Lakeland District Council. A former solicitor, he has for nearly 20 years been an active member of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) and is presently a Trustee of Kendal and Sedbergh Area Meeting and an Elder of Brigflatts Local Meeting. He enjoys walking, travelling and spending time with his family and friends.

Malcolm Gardner replaces Raymond Alderson, who was Richmondshire District Councillor for Swaledale until the elections. Mr Alderson was appointed to the Authority as a Richmondshire District Council representative in May 2007. He is a director and chairman, of Hudson House in Reeth, and is very much involved with Reeth Agricultural Show. He served on the Finance and Resources and Standards Committees. Mr Gardner lives in Healaugh.

### **Askrigg Post Office is Re-opening!**

In July a part time post office will be opening in Askrigg- date to be announced. It will operate as an out post from Hawes with Steve Reynolds in charge. This is in addition to Steve's successful work at Bainbridge on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9.00-11am. He will be at Askrigg on **MONDAYS and WEDNESDAYS from 12noon to 3.00pm**. There will be a full range of PO facilities, as at Hawes, **so please USE IT, or LOSE IT!**

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The post office will be in the same building in the Main Street, as when it closed just 3 years ago. It is now called NEXT DOOR and is run by Jo Benbow, who also runs the ASKRIGG VILLAGE BAKERY and DELI- next door! The shop is welcoming and full of gifts, sweets, ice creams and many more items for locals and visitors.

If there is something missing and you

## **The All-England Festival of One-Act Plays**

As members of both Hawes Amateur Operatic Society (HAOS) and Leyburn Amateur Dramatic Society (LADS), we thought that readers might be interested in the recent success of LADS in the above festival.

The play chosen, with great perspicacity and imagination by our Director, Kevan Fawkes, was "Mediocrity", a "black/ absurd" comedy by Anton Robert Krueger. Having won the first round (Northern Area) at the Georgian Theatre Royal, Richmond, we followed this with another triumph in the quarter-finals at Bishop Monkton. This took us to the wonderful Todmorden Hippodrome for the semi-finals (really the Northern Group Finals), where, after a truly bravura performance we narrowly lost, (by only two points!) to the very well-known and multi-award winning Dewsbury Arts Group.

On our three-theatre journey, LADS won no less than nine awards, a most remarkable achievement, but the most valued by far were those for Best Ensemble Performance, for after all, (and here's a contentious statement!), theatre is the best of all team games.

Why not join YOUR local Dramatic/ Operatic Society? All you need is enthusiasm and the wish to enjoy yourself in the company of like-minded people. Even if you don't want to tread the boards, there are so many other ways to contribute, including directing, stage-managing, 'props', wardrobe, scene-building and painting, lighting, sound, choreography, music and even (dare we even think it), prompting!

"I'm far too busy to bother with all that; I've no time to spare". Well, we've got news for you, many members have full-time jobs and are incredibly busy, but find

that belonging to a theatre group adds a wonderful extra dimension to their lives. So, why not come along.

You won't regret it; but, be warned, amateur dramatics is, we're delighted to say, highly addictive!

For LADS, contact **Martin Crowson:** [m222jrc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:m222jrc@hotmail.co.uk) or **623814**

For HAOS, contact **Jennifer Fawcett:** [pryhousefarm@hotmail.com](mailto:pryhousefarm@hotmail.com) or **667241**

**Michael and Hazel Waldman.**

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### **They're Spreading East!**

Kate Empsall writes from Helm, "At 5.00pm today (*June 21st*) we sat and watched a delightful red squirrel from the garage door then opened the window.

It ate the nuts for over 20 minutes. A quad bike went past then a van; only jumped off when a runner went past. We had only put the wire around today as we were fed up of jackdaws getting the nuts and keeping away the little birds and woodpeckers."

Kate wanted to know, since it is a long way from Snaizeholme, if there have been other sightings. Matt Neale, Area Ranger, confirms that over the last three months there have been regular sightings in Sedbusk. Reds are also now regularly spotted in Raydale Forest, and as the river Bain is a decent wildlife corridor with cover along its banks it could have travelled from there.

If readers see a red squirrel they may like to note the date, time and place and let Matt know. [Matt.kneale@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:Matt.kneale@yorkshiredales.org.uk)

### **LOOK at What You Are Clicking on – Cautionary Tales!**

I know it seems obvious but you would be truly amazed at what people do and then wonder what has gone wrong. Actually it isn't really that obvious – many internet pages are now DESIGNED to be confusing. As an example I pointed a customer (no names to save embarrassment) at a page to download a malware scanner to clean up his computer. To my horror the next day he wrote to me and told me the download link on that page had installed something completely different – a registry cleaner. It wasn't entirely my fault as the download link he clicked was labelled as an advert (provided you have Superman vision or view your screen with a magnifying glass). Even worse he had run it and it had 'cleaned up' the registry on his computer – something I recommend you never do – registry cleaners almost always do more damage than good! Fortunately it saved a copy of everything it was deleting so we could put it back the way it was.

I use an advert blocker on my computer and so didn't see that the page contained multiple similar looking big download buttons (most with microscopic notices that they are adverts). As it happened the software ultimately did no harm but the potential for downloading something nasty is very clear. **The solution is to LOOK at what you are clicking on!** And yes, get out the magnifying glass or use an advert blocker!

Returning to an old topic with a new twist, fake antivirus software is really becoming endemic and is now also attacking Mac computers (yes they are the ones that Mac users say it is impossible to infect because they are perfect, and Apple actually advertises them that way – wait for the law suits to start rolling in in the US). It took

Apple a while to admit there is a problem and now the problem is growing rapidly as it becomes an arms race between Apple and the scammers. Apple released a free tool to clean their systems for users, though how you are supposed to download it once your computer is infected isn't clear. However, the scammers had written a new version of the scam that defeats the removal tool before that tool was even available to the public. Once again the rule with this is LOOK at what you are clicking on!

For anyone who hasn't had the experience of a fake antivirus scam this is what to look out for and an easy way to deal with it. **Scenario:** you are looking at internet pages when suddenly you are told that an infection has been detected with a "click here" to scan your computer and sort out the problem. Solution: whatever you do don't "click here", don't "click" anywhere except to restart your computer. If there is a genuine infection on your computer it will still be there when it restarts and your antivirus should pop and tell you but clicking on that button will cause a whole heap of trouble. If your computer does get accidentally infected, the scammers usually have a stab at making the window look like it comes from Microsoft or Apple – but it is fake. **Whatever you do don't give them credit card details.** The solution is LOOK at what you are clicking on in the first place!

Safe surfing until next month – as usual you can contact me via my website [www.dalescomputerservices.com](http://www.dalescomputerservices.com).

**Carol Haynes**

### Best Foot Forward

**W**ell, it might be too warm this month to tackle a long walk! Here is a suggestion that might appeal to you: have a walk round those villages that you very often drive through, or the ones that the main road by-passes; you will be surprised just what you have missed.

There are plenty to choose from, but here are a few suggestions. How about a couple (from the very large number) of Newbiggins for a start, both by-passed. There is the one in Bishopdale, long and thin with a lovely selection of houses and cottages, or the one above Askrigg, a small cluster of dwellings—and you could call and see where Andrew Craske was talking about the old hen-houses a couple of months back.

Some while ago we spent a long time following one of (ex-Bainbridge) June Hall's excellent guides to Bellerby which takes a steady but informative stroll round the village detailing the history of the buildings. Much more recently as we raced on from Kirkby Stephen to Brough, we turned aside to the left to look at Church Brough. Here is the older, forgotten bit of the village, by-passed when the Kirkby road was re-aligned to link with the newly constructed A66 (not that the other steeper part of Brough is exactly alive these days!)

We had often glanced at Brough Castle, but never been. Although not on very high ground it has a commanding position from where you can see right down the Eden valley or up to Stainmore, and it is free to enter! And I'll bet not many knew that it also has a tea-room! The church itself is of great interest, set down from the small pleasant square. Wander up the old 'main' road to see where it used to link with the new Kirkby road and imagine the busy

scene of bygone times.

The village of Winton on the eastern side of the Kirkby road is the next on the visiting list. In the opposite direction from our area, when did you ever do anything more than drive through Buckden? These very small villages aren't so small when discovered on foot and have fascinating back lanes. Try Long Preston, too. It has three 'greens' which there is no time to see when racing on to Skipton. As for Langcliffe, that is well worth looking at, nearly hidden as it is, off the Horton to Settle road. Did you know there is a large Langcliffe Hall and a church full of old second- (and third!) hand books to browse through? Lastly, while near there we very recently, at long last, visited the famous and extensive Hoffman Lime Kilns and their surroundings, all explained with interpretation boards.

All treasures in our 'back garden', and not far away; saves on the petrol too! Why not have a go? **A.S.W.**

### Cross House, Carperby

**Tuesday July 5<sup>th</sup> 10am– 12.30pm**

£1 to include coffee/tea and biscuits  
The proceeds will be divided between  
St Andrew's Church and a charity chosen  
by the host, Doreen Mason.  
Everybody welcome

### Flower Festival

St. Margaret's Church, Preston-under-Scar  
**22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> July**  
Flower Festival in church and display of  
family bibles to celebrate  
400 years of King James Bible

**Upper Dales Health Watch**  
***The Consultative Group for the Central***  
***Dales GP Practice***  
**Synopsis of the meeting held on**  
**13<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

Three main points had been made at the meeting with William Hague:

- \*The need for fair funding of deeply rural GP Practices

- \*Problems with red tape e.g. Care Quality Commission monitoring

- \*Fairness when assessing monitoring of practice expenditure on drugs and hospital referrals.

The importance of the Ambulance Service had also been stressed.

It was felt that the UDHW had had a good audience and that William Hague had understood the points that had been made. It was agreed to write and ask him if he had managed to persuade anyone from the Department of Health to visit the outer reaches of the Richmondshire Constituency.

Brian McGregor had very kindly agreed to lower the wall to the right of the exit at the Aysgarth Surgery. This would allow drivers to exit safely without the need to erect an expensive mirror.

Cllr. John Blackie would again ask NYCC Highways Dept to get the double yellow lines extended to allow safe exit from the Hawes Surgery.

NHS funding was going to be allocated for having a patients' consultative group. Clive West had been approached by other GP Practices who wanted to know how the Central Dales GP Practice's Group had operated successfully since 2000.

The Central Dales GP Practice is in the process of recruiting a temporary receptionist to work mainly at Hawes but occasionally at Aysgarth.

The three doctor situation had resulted in

morning surgeries rarely finishing before 1.00pm. The feeling of the meeting was that patients were grateful that they could be seen the same day and were stoically accepting the longer wait. Appreciation for the service given by the Doctors was expressed. It was pointed out that sick children would always be fitted into evening surgeries.

The Richmondshire District Council Scrutiny report on Physiotherapy was praised. It had been a good partnership with the Richmondshire LINk Group. It was hoped that the GP Commissioning Group (or whatever it is now going to be called), will take note of the issues the report raises.

The Chairman had been warned of the serious cuts announced by the South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, and pointed out that 75 District Nurses had left North Yorkshire over the last 4 years and had not been replaced. The shortage of midwives was also worrying.

The issue of sound proofing the Aysgarth Surgery consulting rooms was raised again. Clive West said the suggested solutions were too expensive to implement. However the Aysgarth dispensary was going to be re-designed using money donated specifically for the Aysgarth Surgery.

It was agreed to invite a representative from the Yorkshire Ambulance Service to the next meeting.



**Illustrated talk:  
Levitan Versus Monet**

On 15<sup>th</sup> June at Hawes Methodist Church Averil King, author of the first western study of nineteenth-century Russian landscape painter Isaak Levitan (1860 – 1900), gave a fascinating and informative talk about his life and work. For most of us this was an introduction to the paintings by this artist who was born into a poor Jewish family in Lithuania yet was able to enrol at the Moscow School of painting aged only 13. His best friend was the playwright Anton Chekhov.

Levitan's work was dedicated to painting the terrain of his homeland. Slide images included many of the atmospheric landscapes painted on the banks of the Volga and which are considered to be masterpieces of Russian art. Having travelled extensively in Europe, his later paintings displayed familiarity with the western artistic trend of impressionism. In particular we were invited to compare similar subjects (water lilies, haystacks, avenues of trees) painted by Levitan and his contemporary, Claude Monet.

Thanks to Dr. Margaret Parry and Rev. Janet Park for arranging this enjoyable event. The latest edition of Averil King's book "Isaak Levitan: Lyrical Landscape" is due out in August.

**Angela Keeble**

**Local Buses News**

Service 113 (the Little White Bus) timetable is as shown. For further details please contact the Community Office **667400**. The contact for the driver: **0752 895 7451**.

The Little Red Bus is also still around and runs 'Squirrel' services to Snaizholme on Wednesdays and Fridays. Contact for details: **666210**. For more information about the Little Red Bus pre-bookings, contact: **01423 526655**

**Monday to Saturdays from 16th May 2011**

The Little White Bus will wait a reasonable time for late trains, except for the 16.16 arrival from Leeds, as it needs to return to Garsdale Station by 17.20.

## Wensleydale Words

The current academic year is drawing to a close at The Wensleydale School and, as ever, we take the opportunity to look back at what we've achieved and look forward to continued improvements next year. We're proud of the way in which the school has raised attainment – and have high hopes for this summer's results – and also at the way in which it has developed its relationship with the local community. We know there are still challenges ahead and we always strive hard to do better but we are confident of our strengths and achievements and hope the community is proud of its school.

### Summer Fair

The fair is only one way in which we have engaged with our local community this year and we intend to expand on this even further next year. For us, the community is vital – we want this school to be influenced by its rural setting. I am currently developing the school's curriculum, for example, and am investigating ways of expanding our agriculture courses and looking at utilising the school farm more. I am also looking at ways of sending our students out into the community more often to see what opportunities exist locally.

### Amala

Twenty Year 12 and 13 students depart for India shortly to visit the children's home we sponsor in Amala – the trip is the culmination of a huge amount of hard work by students fundraising and planning. Wensleydale musicians including Cantabile performed a concert to help raise funds in May and raised several hundred pounds.

### Work Experience

Our Year 10 students take part in a two-week work experience placement soon and will acquire a taste for the world of work. I hope the experience is useful and that stu-

dents get a better idea of what they want to do when they leave school. I also hope it encourages them to work hard at school and achieve their full potential: they have a lot to live up to, of course, with record results expected this summer from Year 11, but I am confident they will do us proud!

### Sport

Some sporting achievements to report: the Year 8 cricket team beat Bedale in the Area Cup this month and our other cricket teams have run some much larger schools close including Year 7 who lost to St Aiden's in the Yorkshire Cup. Adam Langthorne has been selected for the Under 13 Area Cricket team and several students have been nominated for the Richmond District Council Sports Awards.

**Matt Bromley**

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

31 May to 13 Jul

'Hand to Mouth' photography by  
Tessa Bunney 10 - 5pm

### July

5 Spinning Demo. 2 to 4pm. Free

16-17 Sheep to Scarf. See how wool  
fleece is transformed in to woollen  
garments. Free

17 Pathfinder Intermediate; 10.30 to  
4.30pm. Learn how to read maps  
with confidence £5.

23 A taste of the past; 10 to 4pm  
Try snacks from Roman times.  
Free with Museum ticket

22 Jul-11Sept Trees of Life 10 to 5pm

26 Dry Stone walling Demo 2 to 4pm  
Free with Museum ticket

27 Let's get buzzy! 2 to 4pm. Bumble  
crafts for families. Free

28 Hear all about the Red Squirrels in the  
National Park 2 to 3pm

30 Pre historic survival tools and  
techniques.  
Free with Museum ticket