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## Editorial

One difficulty in living where we do in Upper Wensleydale is explaining to people in other parts of the country, when we are away or on the phone, exactly where we are! We are a bit on the edge of things, not near anywhere 'big'. So here's a bit of history; read on!

We were, or in fact can still describe ourselves as, in the North Riding which was divided into Wapentakes, from an old Saxon word 'Waepon-tac' a division set up originally for military purposes, Hang West Wapentake for Upper Wensleydale (Gilling West for Upper Swaledale). They had their separate courts and administration until the fourteenth century when they were taken over by the county. Before 1832 the North Riding had no separate parliamentary representation but the Great Reform Act gave each Riding two seats; then an act of 1868 deprived Richmond and Malton of representatives in favour of the growing town of Middlesbrough. In 1885 the Redistribution Act created four constituencies: Cleveland, Richmond, Thirsk/Malton, and Whitby. Not that it is like this now. The county, now an altered North Yorkshire, has eight constituencies (two for York) and includes the area round Selby which only came into the county in 1974.

**So you see things are always changing.** In that year (1974), the North Riding lost a great chunk at the north into County Durham, the West Riding lost three parishes: Garsdale, Dent and Sedbergh to Cumbria, and several others in a large area of Bowland went into Lancashire. (The indignity of it!). South Yorkshire was created from large parts of the West Riding. All can still claim to be in the original Ridings.

Does it make sense? It depends on how we try to group areas together: historically, politically, geographically, religiously or

socially. We've touched on the first two, but even within the present Richmondshire there is a marked difference between upland Pennine Upper Wensleydale and the areas in and beyond Catterick or up to the north towards the A66, in landscape, farming, the built environment and sociologically. From a church point of view the Anglicans are in Ripon and Leeds Diocese which links them with Harrogate and Knaresborough. Incidentally, the area of Garsdale, Dent and Sedbergh is in Bradford; how bizarre is that? As for the Methodists all their local churches are in the Darlington District which links them into much of County Durham.

When it comes to sport, as an example: which big soccer teams get supported? We wouldn't dare to select a favourite out of Newcastle, Middlesbrough, Leeds, Sunderland, Burnley, Darlington... or even MUFC! For our health services we are increasingly linked into South Tees (Middlesbrough), or even Leeds, although Kendal is quite a bit closer for some of us. When not shopping locally we're off to Catterick, Northallerton, Darlington, Kendal, Lancaster, Kirkby Stephen, Settle or Kirkby Lonsdale! A few readers might be able to receive TV local programmes from Leeds but for most of us it's all Tyneside, Teesside or north Cumbria! (But are we really covered by either?) Increasingly some of our kids go to Sedbergh, Kirkby Stephen or Richmond to school.

It might be because these days travel is so much easier for most of us and ties may be loosened, or maybe a greater mix of residents come from further afield and don't have such strong links to an area. So do boundaries matter as we perceive they once did; whether for Councils (county, district, ward or parish), National Park (extended or not) and parliamentary constituencies? What we need to ensure is that in all these

things we keep the pressure on whoever represents us. Some of us will always be 'Dalesfolk', 'Pennine', 'Yorkshire', 'Northern' or not really sure! One thing we can be sure about: we'll always be a bit away from it all. Is that such a bad thing?

*(OK. So this is a bit long; but it is a double-month issue!)*

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**North Country Theatre presents**

**"The Rocking Horse Winner"**

at the Dales Countryside Museum

**7th December at 7.30pm**

tickets £8.50 at the museum **666210**

**Winter Event at the  
Mulberry Bush, Hawes**

**from 5.00pm on Thursday 1st December**

Mulled wine, mince pies and 15% off all stock; everyone very welcome.

## November Competition Answers

Here are some anagrams of places within the Newsletter area.

1. TONES CUTTER = Countersett
2. SKILL GUN STAB = Stalling Busk
3. A LEARNED RAGGY = Raydale Grange
4. BIGGINS AND BRIE= Bainbridge Ings
5. EG DARK STEWINGS = West End Askrigg
6. RUB HOLED DAG = Addlebrough
7. HAS DEAD LARGE = Garsdale Head
8. PRANCES RUDER TONS= Preston under Scar
9. MALLETS NOR METTLE= Smelter Allotments
10. FORWARD REACH = Hardraw Force
11. CARDED RUM AL= Drumaldrace
12. ODD ORE WORE SHELF= Freeholders Wood

The winner of the £20 prize was:

**K. Iveson from Hawes** whose £20 prize is donated to the Christmas Lights

## December/Christmas Competition

**Find the link.**

Example: Father CHRISTMAS pudding.

Mince \_\_\_\_\_ Bald  
 Shadow \_\_\_\_\_ Day  
 Christmas \_\_\_\_\_ Stitch  
 Christmas \_\_\_\_\_ Day  
 Twelfth \_\_\_\_\_ Store  
 Mistle \_\_\_\_\_ Nail  
 Yule \_\_\_\_\_ Book  
 Yule \_\_\_\_\_ Mark  
 Christmas \_\_\_\_\_ Concert  
 New \_\_\_\_\_ Ling  
 Brandy \_\_\_\_\_ Election  
 Christmas \_\_\_\_\_ Table  
 Caesar \_\_\_\_\_ John  
 Census \_\_\_\_\_ Less  
 Shepherds \_\_\_\_\_ R  
 Shortest \_\_\_\_\_ Light  
 Church \_\_\_\_\_ Tent  
 Little \_\_\_\_\_ Derby

## **Christmas Message**

*This year from  
Rev Canon Sue Whitehouse*

“I like Christmas because it is Jesus' birthday. He has the birthday. We get the presents.” So writes a six year old girl. And, as is often the way with children, there is a deeper truth underlying the more obvious statement.

No doubt her immediate hopes and expectations lie in her Christmas wish list. This list is probably not unlike the list she produces for her own birthday. Of course, for all these presents she has to rely on the generosity - and ability - of family and friends to provide them. But she has already recognised that Christmas is not **her** birthday and hopefully as she grows older she will be able to appreciate more fully the implication of her remark. The outward appearance of present-giving at Christmas may seem the same as for any family or personal celebration. But the reality is different.

**There is a legend in North America** – which in the past was also prevalent here – that at midnight on Christmas Eve a deep peace pervades the world. Its spirit is so distinctive that even the animals in their stables bow their knees in adoration.

Like children, legends often express underlying truths. One of the Christmas readings from St. Luke's Gospel speaks of “the dawn from on high which shall break upon us.” We are indeed celebrating the birth of Jesus and we do receive the gifts which surround that birthday. Those gifts, however, are not those that we might put on a wish-list for God to indulge us. The gifts which Jesus' birthday brings are hard-won and involve our participation.

There is a story of a man going into a shop and finding God behind the counter. He immediately produces his requirements – very noble ones – involving requests such as in-

stant peace throughout the world. God shakes his head and says, “I provide seeds.”

The significant presents that we receive at Christmas are the seeds - the possibilities that God gives us - for love, forgiveness, hope, new life. Let us endeavour to pause this Christmas - perhaps in the special stillness of Christmas Eve - and to recognise God's gifts to us in Jesus' birth and determine to allow the seeds that he provides to grow in us throughout the coming year.

## **Annual Carols by Candlelight and Supper**

**Wednesday December 21st, 6.30pm**

at Hawes Methodist Church.

Carols etc. in the chapel

and supper in the upper and lower rooms.

Everyone is welcome.

There is no charge! But there is a collection for “Action for Children”,

## **Dial 101 – the New Police Non-emergency Number**

From December 12th 2011 if you want to talk to your local police about non-emergency crime or anti-social behaviour, then dial 101. This replaces the current non-emergency number 0845 60 60 24 7 which will be gradually be phased out. Calls to 101 will cost 15 pence per call, no matter how long you are on the phone – this applies to both landlines and mobile phones. Further information can be obtained by visiting [www.police.uk/101](http://www.police.uk/101)

In an emergency call 999, when a crime is in progress, when there is danger to life or when violence is being used or threatened.

## Cheap Rides!

Don't forget that DALES RAILCARDS offer their usual winter concession for travel on the Leeds-Settle-Carlisle, the Leeds-Morecambe line and as far as Brampton on the Carlisle-Newcastle line.

With the card (£10— buy on line or at Settle Station) there is one-third off most local fares, but **until mid-February** travel on the above lines is just £6.50. The card is available for people living in designated post code areas. All the codes within the Newsletter circulation area, and many others adjacent to the lines, are included.

## Hawes Grammar School Trust

If you are currently in full time higher or further education and live in the parish of Hawes then you are eligible for an award of £25 towards the cost of books/materials related to your chosen course. If you feel you are eligible then please contact me for further details. Please note that this award is not available to those studying A-levels at school or college.

**Rebecca Alderson 667760**

## Proposed Boundary Changes

We have been asked to mention in the Newsletter that details of the proposed constituency boundary changes and a map are on display in the library in Hawes. The proposals are quite significant. Any comments about the proposed new boundaries should be addressed to The Boundary Commission no later than **5th December**.

Postal: Boundary Commission for England, 35 Great Smith Street, London, SW1P 3BQ

Email: [Yorkshumber@bcommengland.x.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Yorkshumber@bcommengland.x.gsi.gov.uk)

[www.consultation.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk](http://www.consultation.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk)

## 50th Birthday Raises Money for Charity

Many of you will know Askrigg resident of 24 years, Richard Alderson, who decided to raise money for a local charity to celebrate his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday by running up 7 Dales peaks of over 700metres, and donate to a local cause.

Richard fell runs several times a week with his mates and gets out into the local landscape. He golfs to de-stress from work. He keeps fit also at his local community gym, at Yorebridge, and wanted to help its funds.

Whilst many of us would be in front of a warm fire on a wild and wet day, he set off with the help of village friends to achieve his goal. Richard and Andy Monk **ran all 37 miles and climbed a total of 9,600feet to raise £594 for the charity**. He was also helped with stage pacers by Martin Empsall and Martin Alderson, and car drivers Sue Monk, and Andy Johnson. All came home soaked and exhausted.

The event started in Wharfedale from the end of the Stake Road, to climb Buckden Pike, and Great Whernside then down into Kettlewell; a drive over to Ribbleshead to climb Ingleborough then Whernside; a drive over to Wild Boar Fell in Mallerstang and High Seat, and finishing in Wensleydale with Great Shunner Fell, and down to Hardraw.

The £594 was raised from golfing friends in the Upper Wensleydale Golf Club and generous villagers.

The circuit has been put on a website, so anyone who wants to follow this arduous course for enjoyment, or to raise money can do it at :

[www.gofar.rwimbush.puurplecloud.net](http://www.gofar.rwimbush.puurplecloud.net)

**Kate Empsall**

### **You think English is easy?**

Try reading these:

The bandage was *wound* around the *wound*.

The farm was used to *produce* *produce*.

The dump was so full that it had to *refuse* more *refuse*.

We must *polish* the *Polish* furniture.

The soldier decided to *desert* his *dessert* in the *desert*.

Since there is no time like the *present*, he thought it was time to *present* the *present*.

I did not *object* to the *object*.

The insurance was *invalid* for the *invalid*.

There was a *row* among the oarsmen about how to *row*.

They were too *close* to the door to *close* it.

Let's face it, English is a crazy language. There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France. Sweetmeats are sweets while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat. We take English for granted.

But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig. And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it? If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

Some think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital, ship by truck and send cargo by ship, have noses that run and feet that smell? How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a

wise man and a wise guy are opposites? You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which, an alarm goes off by going on. English was invented by people, not computers and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all. That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible.

### **Burns Night Supper and Ceilidh**

Thorlby Village Hall

**Saturday January 28th 7.00 for 7.30pm**

Ticket only from **663076 or 663565**

### **Responses to the Mystery Picture**

*(See page 11)*

Yes, it was easy last month. We've had stories of night time war-time Home Guard manoeuvres where participants stopped by to drink its waters, and this email below:

Hello Alan. The mystery picture in the November edition is Eller Beck waterfall on the S. side of the A684 near Burtersett at SD895896. However I assume that - given your big hint - lots of others will have already said so! This little fall has been examined by me, when passing, at least once every month for 20 years or so. From the amount of water cascading over, I can judge reasonably accurately the water levels in the caves of Ribblehead and the Three Peaks area, to ensure I don't get stuck underground by flooding on my frequent caving trips!

**Tony Harrison, Burtersett**

### New Members Needed

New members are needed for the Access Forum that provides guidance and advice on ways to improve and manage public access in the National Park. Application forms need to be submitted by **December 2nd**.

Anyone who would like to join, should contact **Meghann Hull** on **652363** or email her at [meghann.hull@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:meghann.hull@yorkshiredales.org.uk).

### Macmillan Cancer Support

A huge thank you to all the people who supported the coffee morning held in Worton on September 30th.

As ever, the local people were generous with time, support and donations, allowing us to raise a substantial amount of £511.

Macmillan tell us that this is enough to run a support centre, providing trained advisers, for a day PLUS paying for up to three home visits from a Macmillan family support worker. Very many thanks.

**Margaret Meek**

### Caves and Flowers

Expect some superb photography of fabulous caves from Matt Kirkby, Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, in his Wensleydale Society talk *Deep in the Forests of Borneo* on **Friday December 2nd**. We may be in the depths of winter by then but in *Wensleydale Flowers et al*, on **Friday January 6th 2012**, Dr. Robert Hall will remind us that we have spring and summer to look forward to.

Wensleydale Society talks start at **7.30 pm** at West Burton Village Hall. Annual membership is only £5 and entry fee for non-members is £1. For pickup details please phone **Eileen Jackson 622287**.

Membership information please contact :  
**Prof David Milner (Secretary) 624361**

**The cross-country club** - We do a cross-country club every Friday after lunch. Lots of people do it and the route is near the school. It is a mile and a bit but it's very relaxing also it's not that far when you've done it for a long time. At the end I really like it when class 1 cheer you on to the gate, I find it very fun. The track is usually very muddy and slippery but all of us run no matter what. I really like cross-country and I think it's very exciting. At the end we record the time and see if we beat our time from last week.  
**Matthew Y5**

**Conker Competition** - On first day we had loads of people coming into the hall just to have a go as not many of us had ever played conkers before everyone got into pairs and it began! However all of the conkers and people playing were very good, so it had to go on for a couple more days until finally, I won! It was a great feeling to know that I had won and that it was my first time playing. Everyone that was playing did a great job, and it was great fun just having a go! We are glad Mr Chapman thought of it.  
**Sophie Y6**

**Great North Air Ambulance Collection** raised £324 for the Air Ambulance and £216 for school. The money raised for school has been used to frame the felt picture of Wensleydale that the children made with Andrea Hunter; we now have it on display and it looks fantastic!

### Great Cross Country Event

On Wednesday November 16th Askrigg School hosted a five-school cross country event with Leyburn CP, Spennithorne, Bainbridge and Middleham.

The weather was glorious; years 3 and 4 ran round the school grounds and years 5 and 6 followed the Askrigg School's Cross Country course. There were yellow-jacketed marshals everywhere!

### Christingle Celebration

The children will join together after school to make Christingles in Redmire Village Hall, **Friday 2nd December from 4:00 pm till 5:30 approx.**

All are welcome Jayne Foster **622331** or Anne Day **624171**

### Gayle Mill Tours

Special guided tours with demonstrations of water-powered Victorian woodworking machinery. £10 adult, £5 child (includes light refreshments) **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December & Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December - New Years Eve** (in lieu of first Sunday in month – New Years Day!)

Demonstration Tours take place at **11.00am** and **2.30pm** (tours last approx. 2 hours). Booking advised: tel **667320**

### The Victorian Saw Mill - an Experience Weekend

Learn to use Gayle Mill's historic water powered Victorian woodworking machines to create your own wood products. During the day you will get the chance to use our 1879 machinery, including a saw bench, a planer-thicknesser, a band-saw and two lathes, all belt driven by our Williamson turbine. This is a truly unique and memorable experience. The products you make will be yours to take home. An *Experience Weekend* makes the ideal gift, whether for an experienced woodworker, or a newcomer looking for ideas and guidance on how to get started.



**Saturday 28th to Sunday 29th January**  
**9.00am to 5.00pm**

Cost £250 per person (including light lunch) Phone **667320** for details or to book.

### Watch Out; This is a Scam

A card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them on 0906 6611911 (a Premium rate number).

DO NOT call this number, as this is a mail scam originating from Belize. If you call the number and you start to hear a recorded message you will already have been billed £315 for the phone call.

If you do receive a card with these details, then please contact Royal Mail Fraud on **020 7239 6655**. For more information, see the *Crime Stoppers* website.

### Palmer Flatt to Aysgarth Falls Hotel

A refurbished hotel will open next spring featuring 11 new en-suite bedrooms and re-designed public rooms serving lunches and evening meals. The property has been bought by Heather and Steve Swann who previously ran an inn in the Brecon Beacons and latterly a bunkhouse and campsite in Keld. They are not carrying out the work themselves but are new to property development. Currently their own self-contained flat is the main project. Public opening is set for Easter 2012.

We wish them well and look forward to this new enterprise in Aysgarth. More news to follow nearer the opening.

S.E.D.

### Bolton-cum-Redmire PCC's CHURCH COFFEE CLUB

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**  
**10:30am to 12 noon**

Gordon Lodge, Redmire



## West Burton School News

West Burton CE Primary School completed a busy half term living up to their "Work Hard Play hard" aim. Two new members of staff, Mrs Tucker and Mrs Donno-Fuller quickly settled into school life.

This year our Harvest Festival celebrated 'having enough'. Everyone walked to St Andrew's church Aysgarth where all children contributed to the service. Our Harvest collection of old clothes, shoes etc for The Great North Air Ambulance raised £235 for their funds.

New members have been chosen for the School Council, Fairtrade and Eco committees and all are well into their new roles.

We are enjoying our whole school topic on the Victorians which has been enhanced by the visit of two Wensleydale Railway volunteers, and a trip to Darlington's Railway museum.

Sally Stone

## Hawes School News

### Vacancy for Midday Supervisor

Mrs Margaret Taylor has retired after 30 years loyal service to the school, so we have a vacancy for a Midday supervisor, to start as soon as possible.

The hours are 11.50 – 13.05 Tuesday to Thursday, a total of 3.75 hours per week. The rate of pay is £6.63 per hour. If you are interested or know of someone who might be, please contact the school office on **667308**.

### Pantomime Trip

The whole school are going to the pantomime at Darlington to see Cinderella on 15<sup>th</sup> December. This is an annual event, which children and parents look forward to. We will be taking 3 coach loads!

### KS1 Production

Children in reception and year 1 will be performing a production of Prickly Hay, a nativity hoedown, on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm and 6pm in the school hall. The nursery children will perform a song at the afternoon performance. All welcome.

**Hawes PTFA Christmas Fayre - Friday December 2nd 6.30pm** in school. Trade stands attending include Avon, Body shop, Candlelite, Usborne books, Children's toys and accessories, sweet shop, jewellery and much more. We will be having our annual Christmas cake competition made by the children, a tombola for children, Grand Raffle draw, refreshments and games. Entry is free so invite all your friends and family!

### Clubs

The children have enjoyed being able to choose from a range of clubs, both at lunch times and after school. These include Lego Club, Warhammer Club, Film Club, Computer Club, Gardening Club, Book Club, Dance Club, Art Club and the Year Six Social Club. All who take part very much enjoys themselves and we are hoping to reintroduce Gymnastics towards the end of November.

### Bags2School

On **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** Hawes PTFA have organised a Bags2School collection. We would be very grateful if people in the community could fill bin liners with unwanted clothes, bedding, curtains, soft toys, shoes, belts and handbags. This is a good fundraiser for school funds. We receive £500 per tonne (50p per kg), so the more we collect the more funds we raise. Please return the filled bags on the Tuesday morning before 9.00am and leave them in the playground by the wall near the main gate. Thank you.

## Rubbish Collections

### Richmondshire District

Revised dates over Christmas and the New Year

Mon. Dec.26th	<b>Wednesday Dec. 28th</b>
Tue. Dec. 27th	<b>Thursday Dec. 29th</b>
Wed. Dec. 28th	<b>Friday Dec. 30th</b>
Thu. Dec. 29th	<b>Saturday Dec. 31st</b>
Fri. Dec. 30th	<b>Tuesday Jan. 3rd</b>
Mon. Jan. 2nd	<b>Wednesday Jan.4th</b>
Tue. Jan. 3rd	<b>Thursday Jan. 5th</b>
Wed. Jan. 4th	<b>Friday Jan. 6th</b>
Thu. Jan. 5th	<b>Saturday Jan 7th</b>
Fri. Jan. 6th	<b>Monday Jan. 9th</b>

From Monday Jan. 9th until Friday Jan. 13th: **one day later.**

There will be no **garden waste** collection from Monday December 26th to Friday January 6th.

## Little Announcement

Ginger Tree Holistic Health and Beauty is now at Simonstone Hall. After 5 very happy years at Stone House, relocation was necessary as Stone House has some development plans which will be very exciting and good for their business. Thank you to Chris and Peter and all the staff for their help over the years and good luck in the future.

All the services provided will continue at the new treatment room at Simonstone Hall plus the new additional hair services for weddings, special occasions and for clients following a treatment. No more going home with oily hair sticking up in every direction after a facial! I look forward to welcoming you to Simonstone. Contact telephone number is **07530 602209** or email [salon@gingertreebeauty.co.uk](mailto:salon@gingertreebeauty.co.uk)

## Askrigg Village Events and News

Come and sing carols round the tree and meet Father Christmas on **Christmas Eve**, Askrigg village cross. The fun will start at **5.00pm** and Santa says he'll be there for about 5.30pm. There'll be mince pies and mulled wine for a small donation and a gift for kids of primary school age. Everyone is welcome so please come along and join us (bring a torch!).

Askrigg village party - **village hall, 3.00 - 5.00pm, Wednesday 28th December**. There'll be a magician and party games plus a **BRING AND SHARE** tea for the children. All welcome.

Thank you to everyone who supported Askrigg Village Sports back in the summer. A great day was had by all, activities included children's races, a tug of war, face painting, fancy dress parade and a fell run. Money was raised to help fund Father Christmas' visit in December and the children's Christmas party.

**Heather Hodgson**

**Barry Wilcox** (Hawes) would like to thank people for all the cards and phone calls wishing him well at this time.

Some readers will know that Barry does a good deal of work for the Newsletter— auditing our accounts annually, formatting the 'what's ons' list and uploading the Newsletter on to the Web. We wish him a very speedy recovery, As we write, he is in James Cook Hospital.

## Hawes Gala Events

Christmas fair and table top sale.  
**Sunday 4th December. Crown hotel.**  
 Coffee and mince pies available.  
 Call **667192** to book a table.

VIVA LAS VEGAS Gala Ball at  
 Simonstone hall on **Friday 3rd February**  
 It will start with welcome drinks at 7.30pm  
 Disco and live entertainment from  
 Elvis tribute Darren Rivers.  
 Transport available.  
 To book tickets: **667192**

The other thing that we would like to mention is that a local Hawes business owner has suggested that the shopkeepers' Christmas party is revived. Apparently it used to be that all the local shopkeepers would close up one Wednesday afternoon before Christmas and meet up in various pubs around town where some would make a day of it and bring staff for meals and others would just turn out for a drink or two and see where the day went from there.

Do you know some more about the tradition? Anyway, at least 4 shop owners that we've suggested it to up to now think it's a



**Hawes Christmas Lights**  
presents



# **Wensleydale's Got T★LENT**

*as part of the Annual Christmas Party.*

**Saturday 3rd December 2011**  
**Hawes Market Hall**

1.00pm Doors open  
 1.30pm Performance commences  
 3.30pm *Community Buffet—Bring your own snacks  
 Music and Games with Colin Bailey*  
 4.00pm *Community Carol Singing in the Market Place  
 with Hawes Prize Silver Band in attendance*  
 4.30pm. *Father Christmas arrives*

*Free Admission \* All Welcome*

brilliant idea, (community spirit and all that!) We've set a date of **Wednesday 14th December** and starting at the newly refurbished White Hart at 1.00pm until whenever, and all business people, shop-keepers and workers in Hawes are welcome.

**Mick Rhodes**



**Mystery picture. Which viaduct?  
 Last month's was of Eller Beck, just by the A684, Burtersett**

## Curates' Progress

Two well known and popular curates from the Upper Dale will be moving to pastures new in the new year.

After a six month placement in Bedale in order to help cope with an interregnum, the Rev Ian Robinson has been appointed Rector of Bedale. The Rev Michael Blanch is moving to Eastbourne to be closer to his family. Both began their ministry in the Upper Dale and both will be much missed.

On **Sunday 29th January**, there will be special short services at the four churches of the Upper Dale (Hardraw, Hawes, Stalling Busk & Askrigg) to mark their departure. No firm details are available yet but these will be notified in the churches in due course.

## Ranger Report

The last few months have seen a healthy number of red squirrel sightings around Upper Wensleydale. This is probably due to the young dispersing from their main breeding areas of Widdale and Cotterdale, combined with some displacement from the active felling work of some of the commercial forest plantations. Red squirrels do not hibernate, but remain active pretty much throughout the winter months, except on very stormy days, so keep your eyes peeled when out and about. Please remember to pass back any sightings, as these can help guide future management of our local woodlands. If you usually see red squirrels in or around your garden and start getting greys, then please let me know as that information is also useful to us.

During the summer we had assistance from members of the Trail Riders Fellowship, with carrying our surfacing works on the Roman Road above Burtersett. The 15 volunteers shovelled over 120 tons of aggregate, which was used to fill potholes

that appeared during last winter.

We are currently repairing the public bridleway that runs along the north side of Wether Fell. This route was badly damaged, mainly by illegal off road motor-bikes, particularly through the areas where the route was over peat. The illegal bike use has now been reduced, and the repairs will create a decent route for walkers, horse-riders and cyclists. The initial phase of the works has seen some drainage, landscaping & surfacing works take place. The remainder will concentrate on helping the vegetation to recover, in order to reduce the visual impact of the new works. This bridleway links Burtersett to the Roman Road.

Please keep any reports of any damaged stiles, gates, bridges and signposts on public routes coming in – contact me on **666220** or call into Hawes National Park Centre.

[matt.neale@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:matt.neale@yorkshiredales.org.uk)

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

**Matt Neale**

**Area Ranger – Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority**

## Book Launch

**Ann Pilling**

launches her new collection of poems

**THE DANCING SAILORS**

**Wednesday January 11th**

**from 7.00 to 9.00pm**

at Rookhurst, West End, Gayle.

Admission is free ; everyone is welcome.

## Grass cutting Tender

Hawes and High Abbotside Parish Council invites tenders for the grass cutting of public open spaces in the Parish for the next 4 years starting in March 2012. Full details on application to the Clerk to the Parish Council, **Ian King**, **666096**, or via e-mail on [kings\\_wyke@hotmail.com](mailto:kings_wyke@hotmail.com)

### **The Use of Lime in Listed and Traditional Buildings**

We all want to live in dry, warm homes and making your house as waterproof as possible is a good thing, isn't it?. Older buildings are constructed quite differently from modern homes. In this area they were built of stone using lime mortar, with lime plaster on the inside and often externally as well. Internally, lime plaster absorbs moisture and releases it slowly back into the atmosphere through the walls via the lime mortar. Traditionally constructed buildings are said to "breathe" and lime is the material that allows this to happen.

When cement based mortars and render are used on older buildings, it can appear to work very well at first but traditional buildings move ever so slightly. Cement is rigid and does not "give" in the same way and soon hairline cracks appear that allow rain in. This moisture can't escape through the render and over time, the stonework can become sodden and cause decay.

Lime is a traditional and natural material and it can prolong the life of your building because you are working with it, rather than against it. It allows the property to move and breathe and used as a render it has a wonderful translucent quality that can have natural pigment added to it. The addition of coats of a lime wash, will enhance the beauty of the render.

Modern eco-architects are now rediscovering the amazing properties of lime and it is beginning to be used more widely again. If you have a listed building, you may be required by the local planning authorities to use lime. If you are interested to find out how lime can be used to enhance your home, please contact Wenningdales: Traditional Building Repairs, Mobile 07884-499832.

### **Young Archaeologists**

We run a branch of the Young Archaeologists club at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes and have spaces for new members to join. We meet once a month - Saturday mornings. Sometimes we have trips out to sites and digs. It's a lot of fun. There is a charge to join the national membership and subs to this branch to cover some costs.

If you want to know more - contact Debbie or Fiona at the museum **666210** or email [dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk)

**Debbie Allen**

### **The Annual Christmas Charity Concert**

This year's charity concert by Hawes Silver Prize Brass Band, joined by Aysgarth Singers, is in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care in the Dales and all proceeds will be donated to the work of the Dales care group.

As part of the concert celebrations, The Marie Curie Quilt will be on display and the draw will take place for this wonderful prize, made and donated by the Middleham Quilters group.

The Hawes Silver Prize Brass Band welcome the Aysgarth Singers as guests and in addition to Christmas music by the band, there will be special Christmas songs and carols by the Aysgarth Singers.

The highlight of the concert, as always, will be the community singing of Carols accompanied by the band which, for many people, really heralds the start of their Christmas.

Come along and join us in **Hawes Market House, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 p.m.** celebrating Christmas in music and song !

Admission on the door : £6.00 (to include light refreshments)

**Stan Roocroft**



*Left to right  
 Back (cornets) Jack Preston, ?, John Halton, ?, Norman Dinsdale, ?.  
 Front; Thomas Weatherald (baritone), Sam Foster, William Chapman,  
 Edward Scar (tenor horns), ?, George Terry, George Johnson (tubas).  
 Average age about 26*

### **Askrigg Brass Band**

Some pensioners will remember the era prior to television. A few of us can recall the time before radio or wireless as it was then called. Dales villagers had to generate their own leisure entertainment - drama groups and sporting activities, and also singing: choirs and lone soloists. Most market towns and not a few villages, had a Silver or Brass Band.

Askrigg, a town until the market was usurped by Hawes, then became a village but had its own Brass Band. Sadly, it was disbanded on the outbreak of war in 1914 and never reformed.

My father, Thomas Weatherald, played the tenor horn in the band as a young man and I record memories he passed on to me

prior to his death in 1958.

There was much competition with Dales bands for engagements at shows, fairs, galas and feasts. Askrigg Band's main events were The Foresters' Walk in Coverdale and Aysgarth Feast. Traditionally the Bands played around the Dales at Christmas. However, Askrigg were very limited. Had they gone over the top to Swaledale they would have been chased out with pitch forks! They could not go near Hawes, otherwise they would not have bought their gimmer lambs! They played at Nappa Scar and Woodhall and ventured into Carperby. However they were always very welcome at Aysgarth and in upper Wharfedale,

Let me tell you about the great day they had at Christmas: the band was up at

5.30am, having cleaned and polished their instruments the night before. They walked to Askrigg station to catch the 6.45am train to Aysgarth. The first tune of the day was at 8.00am at Palmer Flatt: "When morning gilds the skies" They then proceeded to Thoraby, playing round the village and so to Newbiggin. Street Head pub, alas, would not be open. They trudged from farm to farm, frequently playing two tunes, pleasing the housewife with her request.

After Long Ridge, it was first foot forward up Kidstones to arrive at Cray at lunch time.

Here, the band had to disband - half the members were teetotal and half enjoyed their beer! Eventually the Bandmaster got them together again, and they made their way to Hubberholme and so to Yockenthwaite, not missing out on the farms between. Long before reaching Oughtershaw, it was dark (hopefully moonlight). Nevertheless, they gave the hamlet the full repertoire of carols for the Fleet Moss shepherds! Perhaps they were given a cup of tea. The next trial was the walk over Cam Top and down Howgate to Gayle! Standing by the beck they played "Now the evening shadows closing"

Mannie Halton was at Gayle to meet them with his horse-drawn wagonette, but it would only carry six and the band instruments. They could only ride on the level or down hill and they had to walk to Cattriggs Brow, Cupples and Yorebridge to Breconbar.

A weary band, short of breath, arrived in Askrigg at midnight; nevertheless they encircled the pump and played "The day thou gavest Lord is ended".

Rest in peace, Askrigg Band.

**Michael Weatherald.**

*(What a day! Michael wonders how much money they managed to collect. Ed.)*

## **Winter Weather**

### **Useful Numbers provided by AgeUK**

AgeUK NorthYorkshire .. 01609 771624  
 Benefits Enquiry Line .... 0800 882200  
 British Gas Energy Trust .. 01733 421060  
 CE Electric (loss of supply) ..0800 66 88 77  
 EDF Energy Trust Fund ... 01733 421060  
 E.on Caring Energy .... 0800 051 1480  
 Hambleton and Richmondshire  
 Rural Transport and Access  
 Partnership..... 01609 761206  
 Home Heat Helpline ..... 0800 336699  
 Keep Warm Keep Well ... 0870 155 5455  
 Northallerton and District Voluntary  
 Service Association ..... 01609 780458  
 Pension Service ..... 0800 991 234  
 Richmondshire Council  
 for Voluntary Services .... 01748 822537  
 Vale and Dale  
 Handyperson Service .... 0845 200 8646  
 Warm Front ..... 0800 316 2805  
 Winter Fuel Payments ... 08459 151515

**Emergency number for Richmondshire:  
 01748 829100**

## **Family History Group**

On **Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, at 2.00pm** in Fremington Sunday School near Reeth the Upper Dales Family History Group will be holding their Christmas meeting '*Food for Family Feasts*' - a 'come and share' afternoon for recipes, memories, and food from your own family's tradition.

Non-members are very welcome to attend (and take part if you wish!) at £2 each. Contact **Tracy Little 01748-884759** for details.

**The Little White Bus  
Tuesday Market Day Special**

The Little White Bus will run a Tuesday only circular service around the villages of Upper Wensleydale which will allow you to spend 2 hours in Hawes.

The flat fare will be £1.00 single for any journey (sorry bus passes are not valid) and there is no need to book. You can use the service to go from village to village in the timetable rather than coming to Hawes. The service will run on the Tuesdays up to Christmas, and if it is successful, we will consider introducing a regular service throughout 2012.

Tuesdays only : **Nov 29th to Dec 20th**

Gayle Bus Shelter	11.10	14.10
Hawes Market Place	11.15	14.15
Sedbusk Lane End	11.20	14.20
Askrigg Village Centre	11.30	14.30
Carperby Bus Shelter	11.40	14.40
Aysgarth Village Centre	11.50	14.50
Bainbridge Sycamore Hall	12.00	15.00
Hawes Market Place	12.10	15.10

Flat Fare: Single £1.00 for any journey

Enquiries: Community Office **667 400**

email: [uwco@btconnect.com](mailto:uwco@btconnect.com)

**Sing For Your Suppers  
Askrigg Village Hall**

Date for your diary

**Saturday 3rd March 7:30pm.**

This will be a fund raising event for the upkeep of the Village Hall, and will be match funded by Barclays (many thanks to them!). Sausage and mash, followed by a pudding, a raffle and entertainment from Askrigg Ladies Sing for Pleasure. Tickets will be available. For more details please contact Eleanor Scarr **650216**, Andrea Moffitt **650556** or Kath Alderson **650599**

**An email Pat on the Back  
And you're all included!**

Hello to you, and to all the workers on this great mag! Just a quick note to you all to tell you how very much we have enjoyed reading your publication. We came to the Wild Woolly North recently from our home in London, as we have been doing for many years - but strangely this is the first time we have come across this really excellent Newsletter. Well - it is surely much more than that! It seems to us that it is a fascinating revelation of what a vibrant and caring community you all have up there, and there can be no doubt that it serves a real purpose in binding folk together, making them feel part of a Whole, and informing of events which will, no doubt, continue to do this in the future.

Having produced something somewhat similar, we do know how very much hard work goes into a magazine like this and, as is the case with many such community efforts, there are many volunteers involved. Thank you all for your efforts! We are sure that many more people are hugely grateful than you realise!

**Al Ashworth**

*(Yes, but we couldn't operate without the great support, articles and donations made by our readers; so thanks all round! Ed.)*

**Gayle Fellowship**

Meetings started up again in October with a superb evening of music and song from Hunton Ladies. This was followed by the delightful Young Voices with Barbara Roodcroft who encourages these lovely girls and boys to enjoy music and song. Come and enjoy the fellowship and friendship on **Tuesdays at 7.30pm** in Gayle Chapel schoolroom. See the What's ons for the programme for December and January





Dalesplay would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year. We will be closing on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 6.00pm and re-opening to families on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2012. We are having our annual Christmas Party, Christmas Lunch and visit from Santa on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**. If you would like to join in the fun please contact Dalesplay to enquire further and book a place. We have a discounted Christmas craft workshop on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2.00-3.30pm** when children can come and join in Christmas baking, Christmas arts and crafts and songs. On **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2.00-4.00pm** we will be having Christmas films. Both workshops cost £2.75 and additional siblings £1.75, refreshments included.

The children have been enjoying their new role-play area, an igloo, and have been getting wrapped up warm to venture through the snow! We have also been playing in artificial snow in our tuft tubs with the polar animals. The children have been learning about sizes and learnt all about Goldilocks and the Three Bears, retelling the story and acting it out.

We have just had our computers cleaned up and made more accessible for children to use. This has proved very popular with the younger children. We are going to look at the Mosaic approach of mapping over the next few weeks to gain more insight into children's learning and what areas they like and areas they would like to modify, helping to involve them in their learning.

Dalesplay has a range of childcare packages available. For more information and details please contact **Joanne on 667789** or [dalesplay1@btconnect.com](mailto:dalesplay1@btconnect.com).

## Police Report

It pays to make sure your vehicle is fit for the predicted harsh winter; with decent tread on tyres, working lights and the under bonnet stuff taken care of (anti freeze etc) then you don't get caught out in the cold.

On the crime front, there has been a town centre burglary at an antiques shop in Hawes. A dark Audi car was believed to have been used by those responsible. We need information on this car. On the same night a set of number plates were stolen from a car parked not far from the burglary.

A house was broken into on the edge of Leyburn recently. Try and make your house look occupied if you go out – close the curtains and leave a light and a radio on.

A fairly substantial decorative iron gate was taken from Askrigg in October. It was one of a pair. It is not the sort of gate you would want to carry far, yet it would not have been easy to get a vehicle close to it. Did you see anything that may help?

A quad bike was taken from Arkengarthdale recently. The offender was caught near Richmond. Please remember to remove your keys from your quad, even if you are only going to be away from it for a matter of seconds. "LOCK IT ----OR LOSE IT".

There have been some curious goings on now for a good couple of years around Cotter Force. Indecent graffiti keeps appearing on signage and fence posts. This graffiti, in such a secluded spot has sinister overtones. Any information to assist us catching the culprit would be appreciated.

May I wish readers a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

**Andy Foster PC826**  
**Leyburn Safer Neighbourhood Team**  
**Wards of Addleborough and Hawes &**

## Prunings

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

**W**ary of being caught out by early snow and struggling to put the winter tyres on to my car amidst three inches of the white stuff as happened last year, I had them put on before the end of October! Then, of course, there followed three weeks of unseasonably warm weather. I suppose it's better to be safe than sorry. Even some of the shrubs have been confused by the mild temperatures: a pretty little Sorbus that makes a good specimen in a patio pot is covered in new shoots. I trust it will not suffer too much in the cold which will most certainly arrive eventually

It begins to feel wintery when the leaves lose their sparkling colour and blow about shrivelled and grey. Time for the big sweep up. I've moved everything vulnerable into the greenhouse, (I hope ) and cut back lots of greenery. The Aeoniums were huge, so as space is limited I've taken plenty of cuttings and dispensed with the older, more woody examples. Pelargoniums, Geraniums – both hardy and otherwise— have provided plenty of propagating material and now there seem to be cuttings and baby plants everywhere. I've checked on the Box babies that I put in at the end of May when we clipped the hedge, and they appear to be well rooted. I shall probably leave potting them up until Spring as they won't grow much now, and will benefit from fresh compost and nutrients at the beginning of the growing season.

I have already sown some seeds, and its not just about being ahead of the game. A parcel arrived from Plant World, Devon. If you haven't bought from them before do give them a try. As always, I opened the packet and checked through them. It is always exciting to see what they have sent as

freebies, and these are a thank you for introducing potential customers or putting them on your website. It is also most important to find any labelled "*Sow immediately upon receipt.*" It is essential to sow any seeds which need the opportunity to germinate quickly as if they are left too long they become dormant and this dormancy is very hard to break.

I found some interesting snippets on a US site about germination; apparently some varieties of Maple need to germinate within a couple of weeks of becoming mature or the embryo inside the seed will die, whereas there are plants of the Lotus family whose seeds will survive 2,000 years and can still be germinated.



I assume that these must have been the seeds found in the tombs of the Pharaohs. Still, experience has taught me that if I leave Hellebore seeds too long they cease to be viable and simply won't do anything, although Ray Brown of the afore-said Plant World always advises that you should never throw away a seed pot that has not yet sprouted. I suspect that he is an eternal optimist. I shall take care that all this year's seeds are sown reasonably soon so they have the best chance.

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

**Rose Rambler**

### Operation Christmas Child

Since 1990, when the idea of sending shoe boxes packed with gifts for deprived children was conceived, millions of boxes have been thoughtfully filled, wrapped and delivered to children in Eastern Europe, Mozambique, Monrovia and Liberia. Workers

delivering the boxes tell of the amazement and joy on the faces of the poorest and most needy children as they open their box. We heard of a six year old gypsy boy in Romania where children can't start school until they can provide their own stationery. Mehi beamed with excitement as he opened his box and realised he could now start school with pens, pencils and notebook!

Thank you so much to individuals, groups and schools for packing boxes. This year we have sent 127 boxes to Serbia and Ukraine. Over £ 328 has been given to help with transport costs and at least £ 36 will be claimed through Gift Aid. Thank you to those who donated online. We are grateful to the Community Office Staff and Stephen and Linda at the Post office for receiving the boxes.

**Heather and Nelson Caplin**

### **"It's Behind You"**

Tickets for 'Beauty and the Beast' are on sale at The Sweet Shop in Hawes, Askrigg Village Kitchen, or on-line at [wensleydale.org](http://wensleydale.org). Performances begin at **7.30pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December** for four nights plus a matinee on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm. A fun time is to be had by all with not one but three dames and a great support cast including some very talented juniors. The Prince is played by Ben Fawcett and the Princess by Gina Thomas. We are very lucky to have a new costume designer, Liz Connelly and a new set painter Richard Waring. We hope you will join us as we start the festive season.

**The cast of Beauty and the Beast**

### **Wensleydale Railway**

The Bonfire Express was a great success on November 5th: 156 passengers travelled to Bedale by train.

**'Chirstmassy' news:** from the first weekend in December, WR's popular Santa Specials will run again. The office is now very busy taking bookings (phone **08454 50 54 74**) so please don't delay if you hope to take a special little someone!

On the five days from December **27th to New Year's Eve**, there will be a guided walk each day. There's no need to book for these walks: just catch the 09.50 train from Leeming Bar, bring packed lunch and drinks and wear suitable clothes for wintry weather. Walks are 4-5 miles except on December 31 when the last guided walk of the year is 8 miles.

*To check train arrangements for January 1st and 2nd, please [wensleydalerailway.com](http://wensleydalerailway.com), phone the number above or ask local TICs.*

**Ruth Annison 650349**

### **Shape Up Your Life**

It's that time of the year again when we all flock to the gym and clear out the biscuits from the kitchen cupboards. Wouldn't it be nice though if that didn't have to happen and our good intentions lasted all year round?

Come to Shape-Up and find out how to achieve this and much more. Be the person you want to be without all the hard work of the latest fad diet and tough exercise regime! Sessions are held at Hawes Market Hall on **Mondays at 6.00pm** and Fremington Sunday School **Wednesdays at 6.00pm**. Call Lesley on **07989 365363 or (01969) 650398** or email: [info@shapeupyourhealth.co.uk](mailto:info@shapeupyourhealth.co.uk)

## Sycamore News

Rather a disappointing start to this month when we received the dispiriting news that it is not yet possible to acquire the services of valuers for our planned valuation event. The supplying auctioneers, who are very keen on the idea, have promised that these occasions will take place no earlier than next Spring. This setback is rather a disappointment but it still remains something to look forward to.

On the brighter side Michelle has found somebody to take over the undertaking of the restaurant and shop (*as reported on in last month's Newsletter*).

We are in the process of moving the summerhouse from the rear of the building to the front near the greenhouse. It is the general opinion that it would be used more by the residents in the nice summer days, if we ever get any next year. We only hope that the National Park planning committee sees good reason to site it to be accessible by wheelchairs, buggies and walkers.

I must apologise for the mistake in the last month's report. I mentioned that Whist Drives are held here every Wednesday night, I now correct that to read every other Wednesday. Sorry about that.

**Derek Ramsden**

## Thanks

Jean Cockburn wishes to thank all collectors in the Aysgarth Poppy Appeal. **£947.37** has been sent off.



**Exhibition by Anna Tosney  
'Rural Life in the Dales'  
Drypoint and Monoprint  
at the National Park Authority offices  
Yoredale, Bainbridge  
8.30am to 4.30pm - Mon to Fri  
during December**

## Christmas Music and Christmas Trees

The East Witton Male Voice Choir and the Askrigg Ladies Sing for Pleasure group have prepared a seasonal feast of music for you, which they will present in a joint concert in Askrigg Church on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm**. There will be a supper and a collection in lieu of tickets for the British Heart Foundation. The performance will be enhanced by the wonderful Christmas Tree Festival at the Church during this period. The East Witton men are also appearing as follows:- **Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm**. Concert at Middleham Methodist Chapel. All warmly welcome.

## See a Film—Fairly Nearby!

We have been asked to give details of films at **Thornborough Hall, Leyburn:**  
**January 12<sup>th</sup> "To kill a mocking bird"**  
**January 26<sup>th</sup> "The birdcage."**  
**Start time 7.30pm. Further details from Jeannie Bishop, 622023**

## Hawes Chemist Christmas and New Year Opening Hours.

Christmas Week - open 9am-5.30pm, Mon 19th to Sat 24th December (Christmas Eve).

Closed Christmas Day and Mon 26th.

Open 9am-5.30pm Tues 27th to Sat 31st.

Closed New Years Day and Monday 2nd.

Open again 9am-5.30pm from Tues 3rd January 2012 onwards.

Plan ahead, order your prescriptions in plenty of time - we will have full access to our suppliers between Christmas and New Year. Make sure you have a few over-the-counter remedies in the medicine cabinet in readiness for those minor ailments that can take the enjoyment out of the festive season. Painkillers (liquid form for kids), cough/cold remedies, something for an upset stomach, and a few first aid essentials.

**Angus - the pharmacist 667213**

### Heavens Above

The dark nights are back - a great time of the year for star-watching. Towards the middle of December all the brilliant winter star patterns are on view with Orion, the grandest of all the constellations, dominating the southern sky. Orion was the 'mighty hunter' of ancient Greek legend, his right shoulder is marked by the red supergiant star Betelgeuse and a sloping line of three fairly bright stars form his distinctive 'Belt'. Just below Alnilam, the Belt's middle star, you'll find the his 'Sword' - the famous Orion nebula - a huge cloud of interstellar gas and dust over 1500 light years across. Lower down diagonally opposite Betelgeuse is the powerful blue-white star, Rigel, marking the Hunter's left knee. Crouching between his feet is his favourite

quarry, the little constellation of Lepus the Hare.

Northwest of Orion lie the Hyades, a loose cluster of stars surrounding orange-red Aldebaran marking the baleful eye of Taurus the Bull. Slightly higher up is another, more compact cluster, the Pleiades or Seven Sisters - a beautiful sight in binoculars. High over Orion's head lies Capella, the leader of Auriga the Charioteer. It's the sixth brightest star in the sky and has a definite yellowish tinge. Above and to the east are Castor and Pollux, the Heavenly Twins, with Procyon, one of Orion's two hunting dogs, a few degrees further down. The other 'dog star' is Sirius, the brightest star in the sky, glittering diamond-like low in the southeast. On a really dark, moonless night you should be able to make out the winter Milky Way running down past Orion's eastern edge towards the southern horizon.

You might catch some *shooting stars*, around the 14<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> when the Geminid and Ursid meteor showers reach their peak. On the planetary front, Jupiter continues to put on a good show in the constellation of Aries and is well up in the south-east as darkness falls. Mars and Saturn are prominent in the very early morning sky. Venus returns as a beautiful evening star low in the south west shortly after sunset - a brilliant beacon right through the festive season and on into the New Year. Have clear skies!

**Al Bireo**

### Newsletter on the Web

The upgraded website for Wensleydale now includes again all the archive copies of the Newsletter (not the commercial adverts) for the last seven years. The easiest way to find it is to enter "Wensleydale Area Guide" in your search; there is then a link on the home page.

### How About These for Clever Anagrams!

PRESBYTERIAN becomes  
BEST IN PRAYER  
ASTRONOMER becomes  
MOON STARER  
DESPERATION becomes  
A ROPE ENDS IT  
THE EYES becomes  
THEY SEE  
THE MORSE CODE becomes  
HERE COME DOTS  
SLOT MACHINES becomes  
CASH LOST IN ME  
ELECTION RESULTS becomes  
LIES - LET'S RECOUNT  
A DECIMAL POINT becomes  
I'M A DOT IN PLACE  
THE EARTHQUAKES becomes  
THAT QUEER SHAKE  
ELEVEN PLUS TWO becomes  
TWELVE PLUS ONE  
**And for the grand finale:**  
MOTHER-IN-LAW becomes  
WOMAN HITLER

### Hand Washing "Single Most Important Thing" to Reduce Common Illnesses This Winter

Health professionals across North Yorkshire and York are urging people to be vigilant about hand washing this winter.

Health and social care services come under severe pressure every winter with people suffering from common illnesses such as colds and flu. In addition, common illnesses such as flu can significantly increase absenteeism in the workplace.

Good hand washing can significantly reduce the spread of colds and flu as well as a virus called Norovirus (also known as

winter vomiting or gastric flu) which can close hospital wards and care homes.

NHS North Yorkshire and York has launched a campaign to encourage people to wash their hands following the six step technique recommended by infection control professionals.

Dr Phil Kirby, Interim Director of Public Health at NHS North Yorkshire and York, said: "The most common way germs are spread is on your hands. Germs are often harmless but they can cause illnesses such as colds, flu and stomach upset.

["Proper hand washing](#) with soap and warm water is the single most important thing you can do to help reduce the spread of infection and help protect you, your family and those around you."

### Ring a Ring a Roses

**In Nursery Notions: the Illustration, Music and History of Nursery Rhyme**, Jeremy Barlow looks at the history of nursery rhyme books, and that of the rhymes themselves. Jeremy is a performer and writer on music and many musical examples will be included in this Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society lecture on **Tuesday 13th December at 2.00pm** at Middleham Key Centre.

The first lecture of 2012 will be **Painting and Poetry: an introduction to the Pre-Raphaelites** on **Tuesday 10th January** when Suzanne Fagence Cooper reveals the complex and very personal responses of these artists to their favourite poets, from Dante to Tennyson. In particular it traces the idea of the 'double work of art' in Rossetti's art, and in pictures by his friend Edward Burne-Jones.

Non-members are welcome at £5 per lecture, pre-booking is essential; membership and further information available from the Membership Secretary, tel. **01748 886545**

## Free Health Walks in December in Wensleydale

Beginners walks – less than 1 hour, reasonably flat, no high stiles (just the odd squeeze)

- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December – 10:30am - Hawes Market House
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December – 11.00am - Yorebridge Sports Centre, Askrigg
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January - 11.00am - Yorebridge Sports Centre, Askrigg

No need to book – just come on the day dressed for the weather – sorry no dogs! There will 2 hour walks with some slopes and stiles:

- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – 10:15am – Start Bolton Estate Gates, Wensley
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> December – 10:15am – Middleham Market Cross

For a full programme of walks contact **William Gedye on 07710 739192** or email [walk.for.health@btinternet.com](mailto:walk.for.health@btinternet.com)

## Children In Need Fundraiser West Burton Village Hall 11<sup>th</sup> November 2011

A successful variety evening of musical entertainment by local young musicians, arts and crafts stallholders and the marvellous bakers of the West Burton area was held in the Village Hall to raise funds for Children In Need.

Two West Burton brothers, Jack and Luke Greenslade aged 9 and 8 conceived the idea and organised the evening with help from mum, Julie. The evening commenced at 7:00pm with a welcome from Jack and was followed by half an hours variety of musical performances by Robert, 11, on guitar, Michael, 11, on violin, Rosalind, 9, on flute, Joseph, 11, on piano and Jack, 9, on piano. Following the music, the audience partook of tea and

cakes baked by local volunteers and were able to buy a variety of gifts from stall holders selling Books, Scarves, Jewellery, Cards, Recipe Books, Avon Cosmetics, Cakes and Christmas gifts.

The amount collected on the evening came to £344.65 with pledges from friends and family who unfortunately couldn't attend on the evening of a further £70 or so. The organisers would like to thank all the locals and non-locals who turned out on a fairly murky November evening to support Jack and Luke and all the willing volun-



teers who helped on the evening by baking and serving the teas and coffees.

## Thanks

Jean Cockburn (Aysgarth) would like to thank all those who helped and supported the October coffee morning which raised **£190** for NSPCC funds

**Christmas Shopping Trip  
to Manchester Sunday December 11th**  
Pick up from Hawes market hall at 9.00am  
Tickets available at £13 from Streetwise

## Hawes Youth Club

*Please read this article!  
The last paragraph in  
particular. Ed*

I would like to start off with a few overdue thank yous.

Firstly the staff and members at Hawes Youth Club would like to thank Allen Dinsdale for taking us out on The Little White Bus to Richmond swimming pool; we really appreciate him giving up his time to do so. Thanks again Allen! We would also like to thank Di Blades and the Summer Bash crew for the new Radio and CD player, it is a fantastic piece of equipment so thank you very much.

We have raised over £17.00 for Children in Need. Well done to all the young people involved and the parents who contributed. It takes a lot of 'guess how many sweets are in the jar for 10p a go' to help raise that amount of money so it is a fantastic achievement.

The last youth club before Christmas will be Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, we will return on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

The Youth Service has undergone a big re-organisation and unfortunately this has resulted in my post being terminated at the end of January. I am really sad to be leaving the Youth Club, I have been at the club for over two years now and I think it is one of the best. The past and present members of the club are so dedicated and are such a brilliant bunch of people to work with; they are a credit to the area. Compared to other youth clubs we are very lucky to be based in The Market Hall which continues to provide an ideal venue for the club. Luckily Di's post will remain, so the club is in safe hands, Di's commitment to the club is amazing and without her and the help of

Stella the club would have been in serious trouble.

Although I have been informed that there are not any immediate plans for the youth provision in Hawes to change I think that both Upper Wensleydale Youth Clubs (Askrigg and Hawes) are very vulnerable at the moment. I intend to fight to maintain the youth provision in this Upper Wensleydale area as I think they provide an essential service within the local communities especially when there is so very little for young people to do in this area. I will endeavour to keep parents and members informed if any changes are proposed but I am unlikely to know more until December. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supports the Youth Club; let's keep it going!

**Rachael Alderson 663736**

### Hawes Pub and Club Events

#### December

3 Entertainment	Crown
10 Domino Drive	White Hart
14 Christmas Bingo	Club
16 Domino Drive	Crown
17 Acoustic Band	Board
18 Xmas Draw & Ladies Darts	White Hart
20 Domino Drive	Club
25 Quiz	Board
26 Singer	Club
27 Quiz Night	Crown
31 Singer (in the bar)	Fountain

#### January 2012

6 Pairs Darts	Fountain
7 Domino Drive	Board
8 Mixed Darts	Board
13 Mixed Darts	Crown
14 Domino Drive	Fountain
20 Theakston Domino Prs K'out	Crown
21 Singles Darts	White Hart
28 Singles Darts	Fountain

Please check for variations and extra events in pubs.



## Doctors' Rotas as Supplied by the Health Centre

AYSGARTH SURGERY ROTA    Wb - week beginning										HAWES SURGERY ROTA    Wb - week beginning											
Wb	Dec 5th		12th		19th		26th				Wb	Dec 5th		12th		19th		26th			
Day	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	Day	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
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<b>Doctors:</b> F - France, J - Jones, W - West, C - Closed <b>Morning Surgery:</b> 9.00 - 10.30 a.m. (no appointments) <b>Afternoon Surgery:</b> 4.00 - 5.30 p.m. (appointment only) <i>For appointments and all enquiries ring 663222</i>										<b>Doctors:</b> F - France, J - Jones, W - West, C - Closed <b>Morning S'y:</b> 8.45-10.15 Tues till 10.45 (no appointments) <b>Afternoon S'y:</b> 5.00-6.00 Tues 1.00-4.00 (appointments only) <i>For appointments and all enquiries ring 667200</i>											

### One Christmas

One Christmas hangs in memory like lamps  
in a deep wood, the year the village band  
chugged up our hill in an old van and set up  
over the road in gateway. Their forest green jackets  
were snibbed with silver, cornets and tubas  
slicing the dark like moons, and what looked like flowers, white  
flowers blooming in winter, turned out to be sheep jockeying  
for position as the word got round.

Later I went out for coal and heard, floating up from Keld,  
Away in a Manger, misty on the night air.  
The sheep hadn't budged from the gate but the flock had spread  
a great wing over the fell as it stood there listening,  
stone-still, waiting for the next move.

**Ann Pilling**

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FEBRUARY ISSUE: THURSDAY  
JANUARY 19th**



### Best Foot Forward

Here's one way to walk from Garsdale Station back to Hawes. (You can catch the Little White Bus to get there.)

The trouble with parts of the new Pennine Bridleway is that they are not yet on all the maps and parts can't quite be picked out from afar, so I went to explore. The



PWB is easy enough to follow from just below the station down to the Moorcock Inn, but though having a sign at the Moorcock end, it is apparently not quite official. There's been trouble

with Network Rail about the Way going under Dandrymires viaduct! Do they expect bits to fall down on unsuspecting walkers; or horse-riders to demolish the viaduct?

From the Moorcock it wanders across rough ground to near Yore House. It was from here that I couldn't see the route up to Lady Anne's Way until actually on it. Going, well defined, beside a plantation it then makes its way northwards climbing to a waterfall on Johnston Gill and is not to be gravelled on this stretch. Here it is still hard to see. The guy in charge was there working on the signposts for it.

It emerges on the Highway a few hundred metres southeast of High Dyke. This is a good place to pause, to sit down watching trains and to look far down Garsdale.

After that the PBW follows the Highway down into Mallerstang; no problem. As for me, I was off over to Cotterdale. It was over this indistinct path running east for a mile across the moor top that I first saw the shallow gripping a few years ago in readiness for the small heather plants to go in. The area is recovering and looking far less messy already.

The view ahead down into Cotterdale is so different now. Felling of the large plan-

tations continues. The path straight down steeply through the trees was never too easy to follow and slimy, and it



is now better to wind one's way down on the forest roads until the last bit of the foot-path leads to stepping stones over West Gill and into the Cotterdale village road.

It is equally changed up the other side. Whereas most of the route from the end of the village on to the shoulder of Great Shunner Fell was in dense plantation, it is now open with wide views. The amazing thing is the way great swathes of Oxford Ragwort have so quickly colonised the sides of the tracks.

The bridleway from Jinglemea Bog Pits (dis) leading back to Hardraw is a lovely unspoilt green lane with views down into the dale and beyond. It joins the Pennine Way for the last two miles down into Hardraw. There can be very few readers who don't know the well-walked way from here back to the fleshpots of Hawes. This walk is about 11-12 miles.

A.S.W.

## How Annoying is email ?

### *A bit of a rant plus an admission!*

Is it just me or does email seem to be getting less and less easy to use. Firstly there is the massive increase in junk mail again. Over the past couple of weeks my inbox seems to be absolutely full of adverts for pills and potions to solve problems I can't even have (you know the ones I mean but I am too much of a delicate flower to mention them here). Depending on how you collect your email there are various things you can do to try to avoid having to face the biological challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. If they go into your junk folder that is fine and it is easy to quickly scan to check you haven't lost a real e-mail and then delete the lot. If they are landing in your inbox the easiest way to deal with them is to look for common words in the subject line and set up a rule or filter. Almost all email services allow the use of rules or filters but you will have to look in the options to find them. You need to set up a rule similar to this:

If the email contains the word "XXXXX" then move it to the Junk (or Spam) folder. From then on anything with that word will not drop into your inbox. Some systems allow you to automatically delete things – personally I avoid that approach just in case you make a mistake setting up your rule and end up deleting useful things!

If you are looking for rules and filters for BT internet or Gmail then they both have this system in the options. If you use a program to download your email (such as Out-



look, Outlook Express, Windows Live Mail or Apple Mail) you will need to look through the menus to find the rules setup.

The second thing is more and more people are using email just through an ordinary webpage and are inundated with adverts that flash and pop up at the most inconvenient times. If this is your experience you need to use a browser that supports blocking adverts. Try either Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox and install the extension Ad Block Plus – and voila 99% of adverts are stripped from the page before you see it – no more flashing banners. To get Ad Block plus, first install a compatible browser and then go to <http://adblockplus.org/en/> and install the extension. Note that once installed you have to subscribe to an advert list (this is a list that is regularly updated to recognise new ads on the web) – the two I find most useful are EasyList and Fanboy's list.

Now an admission – remember I told you about weak passwords? Well I got struck this week when one of my email accounts was hacked. It was a very old email address that I haven't used since 2002 – but amazingly it still exists. Not sure how someone got my password but it was a very simple password and they managed to break in and send spam to everyone in the address book – luckily it was a very old address book and most of the email addresses did not work. Quick reminder – check out [www.lastpass.com](http://www.lastpass.com) and you can use very long and very secure passwords and different ones on every website because you no longer need to remember them – that way if one password gets out there they can't use it on every account you own. Using weak passwords on multiple websites is very dangerous – if someone gets your email address and password and then try to log in to common websites you can find all your accounts compromised. Safe surfing and have a great Christmas.

**Carol Haynes**

#### ASKRIGG AND BAINBRIDGE AREA

Bainbridge Methodist Chapel	Sunday	Jan 29	10.30am	Annual Covenant service
St Oswald's, Askrigg	Saturday	Dec 17	7.30pm	Christmas Tree Preview. See Page 31
	Dec 18 to	Jan 1		Christmas Tree Festival in Church
	Sunday	Dec 18	10.30am	HC
			4.00pm	Service of Carols and Lessons
	Tuesday	Dec 20	1.30pm	Askrigg School Carols and Nativity
	Christmas Eve		4.00pm	Christingle
			11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist (HC)
	Christmas Day		10.30am	HC
St Matthew's, Stalling Busk	Christmas Eve		7.15pm	HC
			8.00pm	Lessons and Carols by Candlelight
Countersett Meeting House	Christmas Day		10.45am	Quaker (Society of Friends) meeting
Marsett Methodist Chapel	Sunday	Dec 4	8.00pm	"Singalong"
	Sunday	Jan 8	2.00pm	Annual Covenant service
Sycamore Hall	Sunday	Dec 18	10.30am	Carol Service
<i>St Oswald's, Stalling Busk and Hardraw, St Margaret's</i>	<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Jan 29</i>	<i>NBC</i>	<i>Curates' farewell services. See p. 16</i>

#### HAWES AREA

Gayle Methodist Church	New Year's Day		2.00pm	United Methodist Service
	Monday	Jan 2	6.30pm	Gayle Methodist New Year party
	Sunday	Jan 8	2.00pm	Annual Covenant service
Hawes Methodist Church	Monday	Dec 5	6.30pm	Taize Service for Advent
	Sunday	Dec 11	2.30pm	WI Group Carol Service
	Wednesday	Dec 14	6.00pm	Meet for joint churches' Carol Singing round Hawes for "Shelter Box"
	Wednesday	Dec 21	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight and supper for "Action for Children". See p. 5
	Christmas Day		10.30am	United Christmas Day Celebration followed by H.C
	Sunday	Jan 8	10.30am	Annual Covenant service
St Margaret's, Hawes	Sunday	Dec 4	10.30am	United Toy service for Salvation Army
	Monday	Dec 19	2.00pm	Hawes School Christingle service
	Christmas Eve		11.30pm	Midnight Mass (HC)
	Sunday	Jan 22	10.30am	Churches together united service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
St Mary and St John, Hardraw	Christmas Eve		4.00pm	Christingle service
	Christmas Eve		6.30pm	Carol singing round Hardraw
	Christmas Eve		11.30pm	Midnight Mass (HC)
Hawes Market Place	Saturday	Dec 3	4.00pm	Community Carol Singing
Hawes Junction Chapel	Saturday	Dec 10	7.30pm	Carols by candlelight

#### AYSGARTH, WEST BURTON, THORALBY AND WEST WITTON AREA

St Andrew's Aysgarth	Sunday	Dec 5	11.00am	Christingle service
	Sunday	Dec 18	11.00am	HC
	Christmas Eve		11.30pm	Midnight communion (HC)
	Christmas Day		11.00am	Family Service
Aysgarth Methodist Church	Sunday	Dec 4	10.30am	Aysgarth Methodists at Bainbridge
	Sunday	Dec 11	6.30pm	Nativity Service
	Sunday	Dec 18	10.45am	Carol Service
	Sunday	Jan 15	10.45am	Annual Covenant Service
Thoralby Village Hall	Sunday	Dec 18	2.30pm	Carol service
Thornton Rust Mission Room	Thursday	Dec 6	2.00pm	Advent Reflections

**AYSGARTH, WEST BURTON, THORALBY AND WEST WITTON AREA (Continued)**

Thornton Rust	Sunday	Dec 18	4.00pm	Carol Service
West Burton Chapel	Sunday	Dec 18	6.00pm	Methodist Nativity service
	Mon, Tues	Dec 19,20	6.00pm	Carol Singing around village for "Action for Children"
	Christmas Eve		8.00pm	Christmas Eve communion (HC)
	Christmas Day		10.45am	Family Service
St Bartholomew's, West Witton	Sunday	Jan 22	10.45am	Annual Methodist Covenant service
	Sunday	Dec 4	9.30am	Christingle service
	Wednesday	Dec 7	7.00pm	Advent Reflections
	Sunday	Dec 18	6.00pm	Carol Service
	Christmas Eve		4.00pm	Crib Service
	Christmas Eve		11.30pm	Midnight Communion (HC)
	New Year's Day		9.30am	Communion Service (HC)
	Sunday	Jan 29	10.30am	Candlemass Celebration (HC)

**CARPERBY, REDMIRE, CASTLE BOLTON AND PRESTON AREA**

Carperby Institute	Sunday	Dec 18	7.30pm	Carol Service
Castle Bolton Church	Monday	Dec 19	7.00pm	Carols around the village + refreshments
	Christmas Eve		10.00pm	HC
	New Year's Day		11.00am	Communion Service (HC)
Preston-under-Scar	Wednesday	Dec 14	7.00pm	Advent Reflections
	Sunday	Dec 18	6.00pm	Carol service
	Christmas Day		9.30am	HC
Redmire	Monday	Dec 26	9.30am	Christingle
	Friday	Dec 2	4.00pm	Christingles in Village Hall
	Thursday	Dec 15	7.00pm	Carols in the Pub - at the Bolton Arms
Redmire Church	Tuesday	Dec 13	2.00pm	Advent Reflections
	Sunday	Dec 18	4.00pm	Carol Service
	Christmas Eve		3.30pm	Crib service
Wensley Church	Friday	Dec 23	6.00pm	Carol service

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- 7 North Country Theatre presents 'The Rocking Horse Winner. 7.30pm
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- 8,15 Wensleydale Country Markets, Leyburn Methodist Hall, 10.00am to 12.30pm
- 9 White Rose, Askrigg; Charity Quiz 9.00pm
- 11 Shopping trip to Manchester. See p. 23
- 13 YDNPA Planning Committee. Yoredale, Bainbridge, 10.30am
- 13 Rev. Vera Sinton at Gayle Fellowship
- 13 Hawes Drama Group; Christmas dinner at Stone House
- 13 Decorative and Fine Arts Society; See p. 22

**GENERAL WHAT'S ON LISTING (Continued)**

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- 15 Hawes W.I. Christmas Party; Methodist rooms, 7.00pm
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- 23 Christmas dominoes; Carperby village hall, 7.30pm
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**January**

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- 3 New Year Supper at Gayle Fellowship
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- 10 Bible Study with the Rev. Janet Park at Gayle Fellowship 7.30pm
- 10 Decorative and Fine Arts Society. See p. 22
- 11 Book Launch. See p. 12
- 14 Coffee morning, Askrigg Village Hall for St. Oswald's. 10.00am to noon
- 17 Thomas Harper: 50 years as local preacher, Gayle Fellowship 7.30pm
- 24 Rev Alan Coustick at Gayle Fellowship
- 28 Burns Night in Thoraby. See p. 6
- 31 Marsett Group at Gayle Fellowship

**What's On at the Dales Countryside  
Museum, Hawes in December**

**December**

There will be "cards for good causes" for sale in the museum from 2nd November - 23rd December.

Most of the money for the Christmas cards goes directly to the charities.

**Christmas fun at the museum 3rd December 10.00am - 4.00pm**

Crafts and quizzes, Mother Christmas, mulled wine and mince pies. Free entry to the museum.

Throughout the museum there will be regular demonstrations, workshops and art sessions for all the family and a chance to do some Christmas shopping at our giftshop. Or you can delve into our archives and uncover the ghosts of Christmas past for yourself!

Museum closed in January

To contact the Museum phone **666210**

**Bob Facer and family**












would like to thank everyone for the kindness and sympathy shown and the many cards of condolence following their recent sad loss.

**JOHNSON**

Chloe and Jessica  
Happy Birthday  
Lots of Love from Nanna,  
Grandad and Uncle Kevin



**Judy Fawcett** would like to wish everyone a happy Christmas and thank you for all the support this year given to all the family.

<p><b>IVESON</b> Mary Iveson formerly of Gayle, now at Brentwood Lodge, Leyburn sends Xmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year to family, friends and staff</p>	 <p>Wishing all my friends and neighbours a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year from Audrey Stringer.</p> 
 <p>Annie Taylor formerly of Gayle sends Xmas Greetings and best wishes for the New Year to family and friends from her home in Nannup, Western Australia</p>	 <p>Marilyn and Tony [ex-Thoralby and Gayle] send Seasonal Greetings to all their many friends in Wensleydale</p>
<p>HAPPY CHRISTMAS Will, Sharon, Carl and Emma would like to wish all their friends and family a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2012</p> 	<p>Linda and Stephen wish all their friends and customers at Askrigg, Bainbridge and Hawes, a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.</p> 
<p><b>Hazel Metcalfe</b> wishes friends and family a merry Christmas and a happy New Year</p>	 <p>Mrs D. Hulley Cornerstones The Hill, Hawes Wishes all family, friends and neighbours a very happy Christmas and New Year</p>
<p>Marion Metcalfe of Sycamore Hall would like to wish her family, friends and carers all the best for Christmas and the New Year</p> 	<p><b>Harold Moore</b> (Gayle) wishes to wish everyone a happy Christmas.</p>
 <p>James and Barbara Peacock 37, Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge Would like to wish family &amp; friends a very merry Christmas And a happy and healthy new year.</p>	<p><b>Richard &amp; Anne Dinsdale</b> Wish all their family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year</p> 
<p><b>Judy and Pud Iveson</b> would like to wish all our family and friends a very merry Christmas and a happy 2012</p>	<p><b>IVESON</b> Alick and Edith Iveson wish all family and friends a merry Christmas and a happy New Year</p>
<p><b>Paul and Susan of Aysgarth Joinery</b> would like to wish all their customers a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.</p> 	<p><b>Verna Whitehead</b> would like to thank friends and relatives for their kindness and best wishes this last year and wishes them a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.</p>