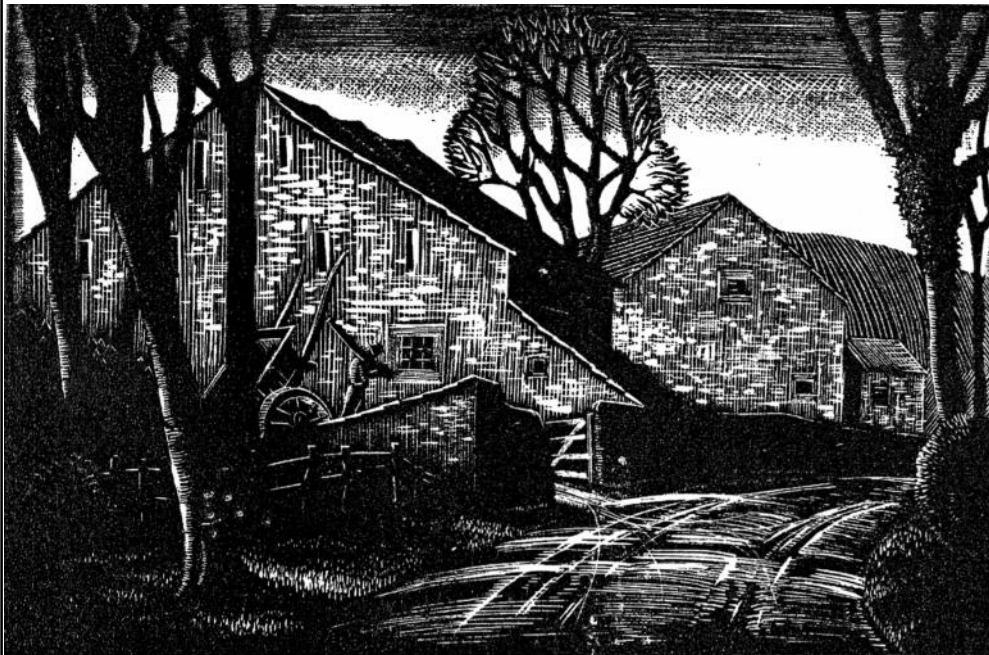


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## Editorial

Here's a little exercise for you! We have tried to think of the seven most important issues that might apply to this special area in which we live, and we thought you might like to put them in your order of priority. We have also tried to collect together facts about each, rather than opinions (but we might have to express a few carefully thought out ones at the end!)

Here is our list of seven (in alphabetical order): farming in the uplands, health service and hospitals, housing, name and constitution of the National Park, planning, tourism, transport.

Farming: facts – it's hard, and the average age of those employed is seriously high; some farmers feel they should be there simply to provide as much food as possible; others welcome the support for environmental schemes; diversification into tourism can help; some feel that farming has traditionally been supported more than other vital industries :e.g. fishing or mining.

Health: facts – Northallerton is a long way; the Middlesbrough hospitals even further; there are others to the west a bit nearer for some; they do not all cover all services; it makes sense to concentrate very specialist services in one centre; air ambulances are available in emergencies, and vital. Out of hours service at Catterick is a long way.

Housing: facts – 'affordable' housing schemes are going ahead; some of our villages have a huge proportion of second homes or holiday cottages, empty for quite a bit of the year.

Name and constitution of the National Park: facts – the 'Yorkshire' bit matters to some people; the current ITV series is simply 'The Dales' and ITV Viewer Services tell us they have not been aware of a single complaint about the title in the two series; some advance road signing reads 'the Dales'; the Lake District, the Peak District, Snowdonia, Brecon Beacons, Exmoor and Dartmoor do not refer to the counties they are in! The National Park is administered by an Authority of 22 members, made up of county and district councillors and members appointed by the Secretary of State for the Environment to represent parishes or in recognition of their specialist skills or knowledge.

Planning: facts – all planning authorities find themselves with conflict and complaints! A big complaint is that they are not consistent; there is a body of people which thinks that those with money 'get their way'.

Tourism: facts – this is a huge economic driver in the area; people are drawn here because of National Park status; the landscape would not be as appealing without farming; many local businesses would fold without tourism; a few people are still on record as saying we can do without it!; some tourists leave litter; so do some locals, and farmers, with black plastic!

Transport: facts – local public services are very much better than some years ago but travel for those without a car is very limited; the cost of fuel in our area is very high; about 93 percent of tourists still come by car. Public transport links to the south and west are missing. (*See article on p.36 re transport hubs*)

We hope you will agree that all the above are facts; we might like to ignore some, but when debating it is important to consider them all.

Now just a few opinions; 1 Issues that suddenly arise get people all excited, often dividing 50:50. When matters have blown over there often seems to be little effective difference made. 2. When authorities like local councils and the voluntary sectors work together things happen that might not if attempted separately. Such a good example of this is the Little White Bus and many other services within the *Dalesbus* network where councils, community partnerships, the National Park, the Yorkshire Dales Society, the Dales and Bowland Community Interest Company and the Public Transport User Group- and volunteers- are producing commendable results. 3. If it is necessary to centralise more health services should there not be more investment in the Air Ambulance service? 4. Whatever we wish for in this area will always be affected by the very small population, thinly spread, but that doesn't mean we shouldn't try; and to that end we want to add our support to the campaign concerning the risk of transfer of children's and maternity services away from Northallerton.

Now have a go and put our seven chosen topics in your order of priority. Let us know; we could see if there is a consensus. We like to give you food for thought!

## Hawes United Football Club

A sponsored walk will take place on **Sunday May 13th** in order to raise funds for the club. The walk starts at Town Foot, Hawes and will be an Upper Wensleydale Circular route of approximately 13 miles. Check in time **10am** at David Gall, Town Foot.

For sponsor forms, further details, or to take part and give a donation please contact **Gordon Sleightholm**, Hawes, **667348** or Sheila Alderson, Hawes, **667408** or the Fountain Hotel, **667206**.

## Be Good to Bees!

Latest figures are still indicating a decline in the size of the bee population which could mean a serious lack of pollination of all kinds of crops.

We're not exactly short of wild flowers in meadows and verges round here but anything we can do to increase flowers in all our gardens can be a great help. Get planting!

## Megz

### Hairdressing, Beauty and Nails!

Megan Robinson (formerly of Fringe 'n' Freckles) is now setting up on her own at Sonja's Salon (Market Place, Hawes) and would like to welcome all new and old clients to her new premises for a full range of Hair and Beauty Treatments on Mondays (9.00am to 5:30pm) and Wednesday s (9.00pm to late).

Megan has been hairdressing for 6years and is fully qualified to NVQ level 2 and 3 in both hairdressing and beauty therapy, plus she has her NVQ level 2 Nail Technology and Nail Art qualification.

So if you need an appointment do not hesitate to give Megan a ring on **07837330045**, or call in at 'Sonja's' to see her so she can book you in for a glamorous make-over!

Also check out her face book page [facebook.com/megzhairdressing,beauty&nails](https://facebook.com/megzhairdressing,beauty&nails)

## May Competition

**Sports and games.** Get going, it's springtime! They are all anagrams.

- 1 BURY AGE GLUE
- 2 NETTLES BAIN
- 3 I FEED VISA
- 4 LINK WILL HAG
- 5 WOOL PATER
- 6 SHY TIN
- 7 A GLIB SINE
- 8 ONE MAN INTRIGUE
- 9 FRET WITH RAW AGE TIN
- 10 PLACERS BOWT
- 11 NIGHT POOL
- 12 PIN GLAG RAID
- 13 SOLE SCAR
- 14 SCALE TITH

## Last Month's Answers

**They sound the same:**

1. BEAR, BARE
2. BREWS, BRUISE
3. GREYS, GRAZE
4. BAYS, BAIZE
5. CREWS, CRUISE
6. FREES, FREEZE
7. HIA, HIGHER
8. NOES, NOSE
9. PALLY, PALAIS
10. QUIRE, CHOIR
11. RALLY, RALEIGH
12. SURE, SHORE
13. RIGHTING, WRITING
14. SHOOS, SHOES
15. BROWSE, BROWS
16. ABOUT, A BOUT

There were several entries and the winner was **John Stirling, Askrigg.** £20 to Yorkshire Air

## Handing on the Torch

This York course will be followed on these **Tuesday evenings** between Easter and Pentecost starting at **7.00pm**. It is not a 'course, that you have to attend each week, although you will gain more if you do.

**May 1st** Bainbridge Friends' Meeting House  
"A secular society?"

**May 8th** Hawes Methodist rooms  
"A beleaguered church"

**May 15th** St. Oswald's Askrigg  
"Competing creeds?"

**May 22nd** Gayle Methodist schoolroom  
"Handing on the torch"

Each week, the meeting will be hosted/guided by different lay people. There is a course CD in which various speakers answer questions relating to the topic. The meetings conclude with light refreshments and a chst.

There is no charge and the meetings are open to all especially any who don't normally attend formal worship. For further information please contact:

**Geoff Phillips 650117** or  
[geoffphillips@yoredale.co.uk](mailto:geoffphillips@yoredale.co.uk)

## Middleham and Dales Local History Group

### Documenting and understanding the history of Dales life through everyday features on the ground

By Miles Johnson of the Yorkshire Dales National Park.  
(Countryside Archaeological Adviser).

**Middleham Key Centre 2.00pm**  
**Tuesday May 22nd.**

Visitors welcome; £3.00.

Further information: **Tony Keates 640436**

## Dizzy Blonde

Live at the Fountain, Hawes  
**On 25 May**

**Proceeds to Hawes School PTEA**



## What's On in the Museum

**May 4 - July 1** Exhibition of paintings by Judith Bromley exploring moorland life through the seasons.

### May

16 "Behind the Scenes" at the Museum.

2.00 to 4.00pm. The Curators will show you how they care for, catalogue and display collections. Museum charges apply

17 A Drop in and Taste event—Rhubarb jam. 10.00am to noon

17 Slide Presentation 'The moon by film and telescope' 7.30 pm.

18 Friends of the DCM lecture. David Hill will talk about "In Turner's Footsteps - Wensleydale". 7.30pm.

22 A Drop in and Taste event tied in with Vegetarian Week, using nettles

26 Hawes Town Trail; 2.15 to 4.15pm. An easy 2 mile walk looking at all aspects of history, industry and buildings

27 Pathfinder Intro. 12.30 to 16.30pm. A basic navigation course suitable for adults and accompanied children over 12. Covering basic techniques to give confidence to walk on low level clear paths. £10

For further information on activities please phone **666210**

## Craven Accordion Orchestra May 12<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm Castle Bolton Church

This prize winning orchestra is returning after a "sell out" concert two years ago, with conductor Harry Hinchcliffe, to give another Charity Concert in aid of Amala orphanage and Marie Curie Nurses.

Tickets: £10 ,1/2 price under 16s,  
including refreshments.

Contact Margaret Hall, Dale View,  
Castle Bolton, **623012**

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

### **From Riches to Rags: the Huguenot Silk Weavers of Spitalfields**

Welcomed at first with open arms, and bringing luxury skills, the Huguenots' fortunes fluctuated wildly.

Sue Jackson talks about their early 18<sup>th</sup> century houses, one of which can still be visited today, and how these houses were decorated and occupied. She discusses the fashionable patterned silk dresses, and who designed and made them. And finally she describes how the trade died out, with some weavers literally dying in poverty at their looms.

Sue was originally in art and design publishing (Phaidon and Yale University Press), and now lectures for the National Trust, U3A and City Literary Institute. A qualified Blue Badge Guide, she gives guided walks on various themes, and has published work on the lost world of the River Fleet.

This Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society lecture is on **Tuesday 8th May at 2.00pm** at Middleham Key Centre. Non-members are welcome at £5 per lecture, pre-booking is essential, membership and further information is available from the Membership Secretary, tel. **01748 886545**

### **New Business Website Launched**

A new website [www.inthedaales.co.uk](http://www.inthedaales.co.uk) was demonstrated at the 'Business in the Dales' conference on March 21<sup>st</sup> attended by over 100 Yorkshire Businesses. It is free to use and provides an array of information for businesses.

Any business can register on the website and find out more about future events, the forum of business associations and in what ways you can benefit from the range of services now available.

**Bank Holiday May 7th  
St. Oswald's Church Plant Sale at  
Castle Bolton  
10am - 12.30pm  
Funds for Bolton cum Redmire Mission  
Partners**

## **Advance Notices**

with further details next month

**Diamond Jubilee Free Concert  
Hawes Market Hall  
Friday June 8th 7.30pm**

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**Britannia Rules the Waves  
Exhibition in Askrigg Village Hall  
June 9th-17th**

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**Olympic Challenge Fund-raiser  
Sunday June 17th 11.00am to 3.00pm  
Yorebridge, Askrigg**

## **Hill Sheep Farming**

Of importance to Dales farmers is the announcement that the Agricultural Improvement Council of England and Wales has set up a committee "to investigate the present position of hill and upland sheep farming in England and Wales and in the light of modern scientific knowledge to suggest measures that might be taken to improve the condition of hill and upland grazing, the health and hardiness of sheep stocks and systems for stocking and management." The chairman of the committee is Lord De La Warr and Mr. D.H. Dinsdale, Adviser in agricultural economics, King's College, Newcastle, will act as technical secretary.

*The above is an extract from 'The Yorkshire Dalesman' of seventy years ago!*

**Congratulations and Happy Birthday  
to Askrigg's Newest Nonagenarian**

**\* Michael Weatherald \***  
**90 on 24th May 2012**  
**Love from your family**

## Hawes Market House

Local residents may have noticed scaffolding alongside the Market House. The roof of the extension which houses the kitchen, toilets and office and was built on in the early 80s, is being re-tiled as it was letting in water. Both extensions will be refurbished; the other side accommodates storage and playgroup rooms. We all know that this winter we experienced some very wet weather; rain flooded into the cellar and affected the CH boiler. We have now installed a floating pump so this shouldn't happen again.

There is now a replacement side entrance door, nicely made in hardwood and the refurbishment of the toilets is complete. Most locals are being considerate about the use of the car park, so thank you for that.

As we are coming into the busy season, can we remind everyone that it is not a public car park as such and traders and other hirers expect to be able to park their vehicles and get out without difficulty.

We ask users of the kitchen to ensure that small children are not admitted unsupervised for safety reasons; also children's footprints have been noticed many times on the toilet seats. Would everyone who is supervising children in the hall make sure that they are discouraged from standing on the toilet seats please? We have an on-going problem of the disappearing coffee mugs. New ones are bought frequently and it is a mystery as to where they get to and who takes them away. It is costly to replace them so a 'reminder' will be put up in the kitchen.

In line with increased costs, the fees for the hire of the Market House, *commercial and community* will be raised as of September 2012. Regular users have been informed but please see Les if you need the new pricing.

The Market House is a unique facility in the area and is greatly valued, The Trustees try to ensure it is well maintained and well run and hope that it will continue to play a full part in social and commercial life here.

**Sue Harpley ( Chair of Trustees)**

## Swaledale Festival Events in Wensleydale

The star-studded duo of **Claire Martin**, Britain's first lady of jazz, and Britain's most important living composer **Sir Richard Rodney Bennett** appear in *Out of This World – the Songs of Harold Arlen*, at St Mary and St Akelda's Church, Middleham on Monday 28th May.

Other events at Middleham are *Enchanted Places* with mezzo-soprano **Patricia Hammond**, tenor **Stephen Anthony Brown** and composer Michael **Brough** at the piano on Thursday 31st May. Identical twins and piano duet specialists John and Kevin Robson, **The Robson Piano Duo**, appear on Saturday 2nd June. The internationally famous **Brodsky Quartet** celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary at St Gregory's Church, Bedale on Monday 21st May. Late afternoon concerts in local churches in the dale include viola player **Rosalind Ventris** at Wensley on Wednesday 23rd May; early music artists **Corona Melodica** at Stallington Busk on Monday 28th May; flamenco guitarist **Nick Wilkinson** at Spennithorne on Thursday 31st May; and in Leyburn, Festival favourites **The Hut People** on Friday 1st June. The **Leyburn Band** plays at St Matthew's Leyburn on Wednesday 30th May and the **Hawes Silver Prize Band** plays *Melodies from Yorkshire* at St Margaret's, Hawes on Saturday 26th May. Also in Hawes the **Richmond School Theatre** presents *A Rattigan/Brecht Double Bill* at the Dales Countryside Museum on Sunday 27th May.

Other **Swaledale Festival** highlights include the **King's Singers**; **European Union Chamber Orchestra**; **Royal Holloway Choir** and **Acoustic Triangle**; **Ian McMillan** and **Tony Husband**; **Tim Kliphuis**; Senegalese kora maestro **Kadialy Kouyate**; the **Northern Early Music Collective**; poet **M R Peacocke**; a guided walks programme; and **Time Team's Carenza Lewis** giving the 2012 Reeth Lecture.

Tickets for all Swaledale Festival events are available from the Festival Office, Hudson House, Reeth and Tourist Information Office at Richmond, Welcome to Leyburn and Hawes Community Office; the Box Office on **01748 880019** and the website [www.swalefest.org](http://www.swalefest.org)

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Tues	WF	WF	FJ	J	WJ	WJ	J	J	W	W	Tues	J	J	W	W	F	F	FW	W	FJ	FJ
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**Doctors:** F - France, J - Jones, W - West , C - Closed

**Morning Surgery:** 9.00 - 10.30 am (no appointments)

**Afternoon Surgery:** 4.00 - 5.30 pm (appointment only)

*For appointments and all enquiries ring 663222*

**Doctors:** F - France, J - Jones, W - West , C - Closed

**Morning S'y:** 8.45-10.15 Tues till 10.45 (no appointments)

**Afternoon S'y:** 5.00-6.00 Tues 1.00-4.00 (appointments only)

*For appointments and all enquiries ring 667200*

## Shape up—Don't Give up!

Fed up with having to go on a crash diet two weeks before your holiday? Dreading getting those summer clothes out of the wardrobe in case they've shrunk?

Make it less stressful for yourself this year and get on that plane half a stone lighter and feeling good about yourself – start your weight loss plan now. Come along to Shape Up at Hawes Market Hall every **Monday at 6.00pm** and find out how easy it can be to achieve your ideal weight without denying yourself everything you enjoy. You will be given a very warm welcome and loads of help, advice and support ..... So what are you waiting for? Contact:

**Lesley: Tel: 650398 /Mobile: 07989 365363. email:**

**[info@shapeupyourhealth.co.uk](mailto:info@shapeupyourhealth.co.uk) or visit my website:**

**[www.shapeupyourhealth.co.uk](http://www.shapeupyourhealth.co.uk)**



**Mystery picture; it's changed a bit now!  
Last month's was of Bainbridge**

## BBC MUSIC MAGAZINE

**Approximately 100 copies of this magazine for sale, dated between 1994 and 2002. The majority in mint condition.**

**Anyone interested?**

**Proceeds to be given to the Amala Children's Home.**

**Phone KIM: 663597**

**(If out please leave name and phone number)**



## The Wensleydale Tournament of Song

**The AGM of The Wensleydale Tournament of Song will take place in Methodist Schoolroom, Leyburn Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm.**

Everyone is welcome. Please come along to this important meeting and help the committee to shape future festivals.

## Letters

### Amala Children's Home: devastation

The cyclone, as reported in last month's Newsletter was, as Raja expressed it, the worst storm that he has ever experienced. The good news is no one was killed or hurt and the response to our appeal has been overwhelming. The generosity of so many people in the Dale includes the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter who alone have contributed £1000. The Amala Committee here wish to express their very many thanks to all past and present supporters who have Amala and their children very much at heart from the earliest days that go back to 1996.

The work of repair and rebuilding is now in full swing and completion is expected sometime in May.

**Kim Pollit (Chair)**

Dear Sir,

I was delighted to see the reference to the Misses E and M Blythe in the piece relating to Dales Hospitality – 1940 on the back page of your latest edition.

It brought back memories for me in that I stayed with the Misses Blythe, as a small child, for some months in late 1939 when, along with my Mother and Grandmother, I came to Wensleydale in order to escape what was expected to be the early bombing of Liverpool. That came later in the war of course. Much later I returned to stay with the Misses Blythe in the mid 1950s whilst undertaking research for my geography degree. Happy memories of a delightful pair of Wensleydale landladies.

Yours sincerely,

**Susan Lockyer., Simonstone.**

### Gunnerside Rose Arch

A Rose Arch, designed and made by Stephen Calvert in the village smithy will be unveiled on Saturday June 2nd on the Island Garden in the village to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee.

To raise funds for this there will be Soup and Pudding Lunch on **Monday May 7th from noon** in the village institute; bookstall, tombola etc.

## Best Foot Forward

What kind of a walk gives you the greatest pleasure? For me it's some high-level 'away from it all', sufficient challenge without being too daft, and some contrasting beck-side and meadow, especially when the flowers and birds are at their best.



So come with me to start at Kettlewell. Great Whernside beckons and there are several ways to reach the top; the bridleway to Hag Dyke via Hoobank Pasture didn't appeal, neither did the direct path, so I followed Dawber Gill beck and Hag Dyke Gill Beck to the summit cairn. This route is a bit rough. The popular path from Hag Dyke to the top took some fighting for recognition in those days before open access.

But that isn't the end of this walk! It now follows the four-mile boundary between the heads of Wharfedale and Nidderdale with huge views eastwards to Angram and Scar House reservoirs. See how many of the ten boundary stones marked on the map you can actually find! If you like solitude and upland birds this is for you, right round to Sandy Gate to meet the long track coming up from Middlesmoor.

From Sandy Gate to Mossdale we are back in limestone country with scars, disused shafts, and becks disappearing, and after about three-quarters of a mile my route goes more or less due west on indistinct tracks via Old Wife's Pot Hole to meet rights of way just north of Caplestone Gate. The most direct footpath goes easily in a straight line north west across Langcliffe gently down to Kettlewell, this time with lovely views west across Wharfedale.

So you see, this walk of about 11-12 miles 'ticks all my boxes' as they say these days.

**A.S.W**

## Appeal to Dog Owners

Dog owners are being asked to take extra care as they walk in the National Park over the next five months.

Alan Hulme, the Authority's Head of Ranger Services said the breeding season for wildlife and for farm animals is now well underway and dogs can cause long-term damage if they are allowed to roam free.

"This is a very sensitive time for domestic and wild animals - especially ground-nesting birds, for which the Dales are renowned," he said.

"Dog owners are entitled to keep their pets off the lead on public paths although they must keep them under close control. But we would ask them to be on the safe side by keeping their pets on a lead in an effort to reduce the risk of wildlife and farm animals being unintentionally disturbed at this crucial time."

The Countryside Code contains some simple rules that pet owners must remember, the most important being that, in most areas of open country and common land - known as 'access land' - you must keep your dog on a short lead between 1st March and 31st July, and all year round near farm animals.



### A little help from your digi-pal...

**Are you ready for the Digital Switchover in September?**  
**Would you like more information?**

Digital UK is organising a series of drop-in events for viewers in areas served by local relay transmitters. Come along any time and speak with the advisers from Digital UK and the Switchover Help Scheme

West Burton	Tuesday 1 May	Village Hall	10.00-13.00
Redmire	Tuesday 1 May	Village Hall	14.00-16.30
Hawes	Thursday 31 May	Community Office	10.00-13.00
Bainbridge	Thursday 31 May	Village Hall	14.00-17.00

**For technical advice, or help with retuning, call 08456 50 50 50 or visit [www.digitaluk.co.uk](http://www.digitaluk.co.uk)**  
Your local TV retailer will also be pleased to help

**If you are 75 or over, or disabled, or registered blind or partially-sighted, or resident in a care home\*, you could get help to switch to digital. Look out for the pack coming through your door this spring or visit [www.helpscheme.co.uk](http://www.helpscheme.co.uk)**

\* for 6 months or more

## BDMC

**Bainbridge and District Motor Club's first** rally of the new season was held on Wednesday 18th April from station yard, Hawes by Richard Teasdale and Luke Metcalfe. First challenge 'guess how many mini eggs in the jam jar'; guesses ranged from 52 to 115! (actually 71!)

We set off, heading towards Hardraw, keeping an eye out for marker boards (every car missing the letters A & Z - Richard and Luke put these in very sneaky places!) Before we knew it we'd made our way over some unusual roads and arrived in Ingleton! On our way we had to count viaduct arches (52? - wrong!). Most cars spotted 4 viaducts only to be told by Richard and Luke that there were actually 6 - not sure HOW we managed to miss two massive viaducts!! We headed back over more uneven roads and steep hills and came out near Moorcock Inn!

The rally was really enjoyable, it was nice to go over roads we don't often travel. Thanks to Richard and Luke for organising it. The next is on **Wednesday 16th May** and is being held by Muriel Lambert and Netta Davison **650220**.

The motor club has introduced the trials again; we held a very successful one at Dodd-fell in April and there will be another, 30 September at Ballowfield. For information contact Bob Foster on **622331** **Emma Thwaite**  
**Emma Thwaite**

## Hawes Community Bunting (not the Gala bunting)

This first batch of bunting is going up on **Monday April 30th**

If you can help, please meet at the **Bull's Head, Hawes at 6.30pm**  
We need man-power, ladders and persons with heads for heights! Thanks.  
**Sue Wood, 667192/666834**

### Walk for Health

Would you like to improve your health and have company and see a bit more of our lovely area ... and all for free?

Walk for Health leaves Hawes Market Hall and Askrigg School (Yorebridge Sport and Leisure car park) on a Monday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings for a short low-level flat walk of no more than a mile, suitable for beginners (B) or a slightly more undulating walk of no more than 4 miles (I).

Just turn up with suitable outdoor wear for the weather and money for a cuppa afterwards and be assured of a safe, led walk.

The details for May for all of Wensleydale are included but further details are available from any of these walk leaders:-

**Vanda Hurn 650446**  
**Alan Mc Donald 650137**  
**Gwen Clark 667411**  
**Linda Fahy 650477**

May	Time	Start/finish	Route
Wed. 2nd	11.00am	Sports Centre Askrigg B	Worton Bridge
Thu. 3rd	10.15am	Leyburn Market Place B	The Shawl
Wed. 9th	10.30am	Market House, Hawes B	Yore Banks
Thu. 10th	10.15am	Market Cross Middleham I	Cover Banks
Wed. 16th	11.00am	Sports Centre Askrigg I	Mill Gill Force
Mon. 21st	10.30am	Market House, Hawes B	Hardraw
Thu. 24th	10.15am	Bolton Gates Wensley I	Bolton Hall Estate
Mon. 28th	11.00am	Sports Centre Askrigg B+	Yore Bridge

### Hawes Cricket Club

Chairman: Kevin Hatfield,  
 4, Moor Hills, Hawes, 666137

*Hawes Cricket club wants you!*

Did you know that Hawes cricket club is open to all ages young or old? We are always on the look out for new players and have 10+ games arranged for this season already, mostly on **Sundays starting at 2.00pm**. We also will be holding a training night on Thursdays throughout the season hopefully starting at the end of April; all will be welcome.

We are trying to arrange a junior game this summer which will be for 10-15 year olds against Reeth (date to be arranged and details will follow). If you would like more details about any of the above please contact **Steve on 667990**.

**Louise Raw**

### Season 2012 Fixtures

<b>May 6th</b>	Dales.	Home
<b>13th</b>	Thorp Perrow	Away
<b>20th</b>	Kendal I.C.	Home
<b>27th</b>	Kirkby Stephen	Home

**"Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people live full and independent lives."**



## Businesses Needed for Electric Bike Project

Tourism businesses in the Yorkshire Dales are being given the chance to join a new project aimed at boosting their takings - using electric bikes.

The National Park Authority is hoping to launch a Dales Electric Bicycle Network as part of the Dales Integrated Transport Alliance's (DITA) 'Connecting the Dales' project. And businesses involved in the tourist trade are being asked to consider either becoming locations where cyclists can recharge their batteries - and their bike's as well.

From a business owner's point of view, hiring out bikes or acting as a charging point can be a great commercial opportunity. Following on from successful launches last year in the Lake District and the Peak District national parks, we are now looking to launch the Dales Electric Bicycle Network to cover our National Park and beyond. But, for it to be a success, we need to hear from businesses in the Dales who can see the potential and want to know more. For that reason, we're issuing a call for any local businesses who may be interested to email me at [kath.needham@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:kath.needham@yorkshiredales.org.uk)

The next stage will be for the Electric Bicycle Network - the company who set up both the national parks projects - to bring a couple of the bikes around the area, in order that those interested can have a go and see what they think. This will also be a chance for them to ask questions about the scheme. Following on from this, we hope there will be enough businesses interested to launch a functioning network by late Spring.

### Epson Stylus Photo R300 Inkjet printer FOR SALE.

Good as new; little used.  
Cheapest new one seen on the web: £217.  
**Yours for £25**  
**Tel: 667785**

## Have You Noticed the Change?

For far too long (namely since this Newsletter began) we have asked for a donation of 20p and although some readers do not bother to contribute, this with our other income enables us to make considerable grants within the area.

Now, honestly, what can you really get for 20p now? One third of a first class stamp; a toilet visit in some places. So we invite you to make a 30p donation and we know that many people already give much more.

In the next month or two we are going to have to buy a replacement folding/stapling machine, and although we ourselves are looking for some grant aid, this will cost just short of £7000. We are still keen to be able to offer some of our usual grants and hope readers will think carefully about what they contribute. Your Newsletter committee is *entirely voluntary* receiving nothing more than any postages they choose to claim for. Thank you.

A.S.W.

## Irish Folk Star in Carperby

Double platinum selling singer / songwriter Kieran Goss has long been hailed as one of Ireland's leading songwriters and performers. His music has won him fans across the globe and he was recently on tour with Fairport Convention. In February 2010, Kieran's new studio album, *I'll Be Seeing You*, along with his considerable back catalogue, was released for the first time in the U.K. to huge critical acclaim. But while his albums have made him a star, his live shows have made him a legend.

Live on stage is where Kieran Goss really shines, not just with his great songs and instinctive musicality, but with warmth and humour. It's the performance of an artist at the top of his game, delivered with intelligence and integrity. "Kieran Goss is one of Ireland's national treasures."

He will be playing in Carperby Village Institute on **Friday 25th May** and proceeds from the concert will go to Askrigg Primary School. Tickets £12 in advance £14 on the door. Call **663808**

Steve Sheldon

## West Burton School News



The spring term has been over-run by competitions and services, including one of the biggest singing competitions in Wensleydale, the Tournament of Song, and a lovely BAWB Service, joining all three schools together – Bainbridge, Askrigg and West Burton. The school had a competition, in which they commemorated Easter by decorating eggs.

The Tournament of Song is a huge competition to find the best school choir in Wensleydale. There were four categories that West Burton entered: a round, action, traditional and a two-part harmony song. West Burton sang a traditional Gaelic song – Mari's Wedding and enjoyed performing the action song, My Grandfather's Clock. The whole school took on a challenge of singing a two-part harmony, Michael Rowed The Boat Ashore; there were a few hiccups but other than that, a successful performance. They then impressed the adjudicator with the catchy Praise to the Lord. Overall they were marked commended in each and every class. The school worked extremely hard to perfect their performances; and it paid off!

Another section of the Tournament of Song was the poem reading, called the Tournament of Speech. Every child from year three up to year six took part in the competition. The school had numerous winners; Sophie Sharp, a year three pupil won one of the classes with 'Sisters' - a comical poem about a little girl who was concerned about her older sister. Next up Jack Greenslade, a year five pupil, came second giving an absolutely outstanding performance of 'It's Busy in the Cloakroom (Under the Coats)', which was about the humorous happenings in the cloakroom. Last but not least was Aleks Karadzic with the winning performance of 'He Was...' receiving the John Cockett Plate.

Other places went to Laura Dent (2<sup>nd</sup>), Will Smith (3<sup>rd</sup>), Ellie Harker (2<sup>nd</sup>), Oliver

Holubecki-France (3<sup>rd</sup>) and Fred Sturrgess (3<sup>rd</sup>).

In March, the children from West Burton, Askrigg and Bainbridge came together for an Easter service held at Aysgarth Church. The children sang three songs; 'We are Climbing Jesus' Ladder', 'Praise to the Lord' and 'This is the Day'. Then all three schools put together a short play to show the stages from Good Friday, to Easter Sunday. It was very dramatic and extremely clever how each school had done their part. The audience was wowed at the children's performance and singing. It was an amazing performance. Well done!

The term has been bubbling over with fun and challenging events – we hope there will be more to come in the summer term!

**Katie Taplin and Ruth Dent, year 6.**

***We have various items for sale surplus to requirements from our static caravan. Mainly good quality bedding (duvets, covers, towels) cutlery etc". Would suit self-catering/caravans No reasonable offer refused. Please telephone - Sue or Steve on 663 504.***

## Peregrines Back

The Malham Cove peregrines are able to be viewed again. The special viewpoint manned by the National Park and the RSPB is now open on **Saturdays to Wednesdays, 10.30am to 4.30pm** until the end of July.

## Thoralby Village Hall

Art and Photography Exhibition  
by Bishopdale Artists

Also a Quality Second Hand Book Sale  
**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> and Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May**  
**11.00am ---5.00pm each day**

## Climb up to the Moor...

Climb up to the Moor is a touring exhibition which will be launched at the Dales Countryside Museum during May and June. It offers a unique experience of moorland, with paintings by Judith Bromley and Robert Nicholls.

The artists' paintings and written responses to the moorland came together in the form of a book published last October. Their initial aim has grown into a much bigger vision, evolving from their direct experience of the fells:

*'The more time I spent up on the moorland with the calls of curlew and lapwing, the more I rediscovered my true relationship with the changing of the seasons, the turning of the earth, and the more passionate I became about caring for our precious jewel of a planet.'*

The climate change debate is high on the agenda now and by bringing the moorland into towns and cities in the form of this exhibition our intention is:

- a) to highlight that our peat bogs are as important for capturing and holding carbon as the earth's rainforests;
- b) to raise awareness of the diversity of the upland environment;
- c) through the experience of the exhibition, invite wider audiences to deepen their own individual encounters with nature.

The paintings, together with the information panels and the artist's contemplative insights, form the main core of the exhibition. The text panels describe the creation of the landscape, the diversity of the upland environment and the importance of its conservation.



Local artists, craftspeople and makers have been invited each to make a small piece, in their own medium and style, inspired by the moorland floor, to make a group installation: 'Ground Cover'. Schools and other groups have also contributed their creations, adding to this innovative expanding artwork. Our hope is that as the exhibition travels from one venue to another 'Ground Cover' will grow as other groups, children and families add their own contributions.

Judith feels strongly that if only we could regain total consciousness of our connection to the earth, physically, psychologically and spiritually, we would want to act in harmony with the natural world instead of merely plundering it as a commodity. We would thus shift our attitudes from our own desires to the earth's needs, helping us to act more creatively and live more compassionately, recognising our true place as an integral part of an interdependent body.

## The Wensleydale Chorus

For 2012 The Wensleydale Chorus will be singing Schubert's Mass in G and Vivaldi's Gloria. Our rehearsals begin on 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30pm and are held in the Leyburn Methodist Schoolroom.

This is an opportunity for anyone who loves to sing to come along (no auditions, and reading music is not essential) to enjoy good company and a good sing and then enjoy the thrill of performing with professional soloists in two concerts which take place in the wonderful surroundings of St Oswald's Church, Askrigg and St John's Church, East Witton. Our soloists this year are Laura Ashton Avery - Soprano, Emma Wardell - Mezzo Soprano and Jolyon Dodgson - Bass.

If any-one is interested in joining us please contact our secretary **Gilda Foster** on **622942** or [gilda@fosnet.co.uk](mailto:gilda@fosnet.co.uk) for further information.

The concerts take place on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July at St Oswald's Church, Askrigg and Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July at St John's Church, East Witton.

**Julie Greenslade**

## Snaizeholme Wildlife

My first nature observation of this year must have been the raucous battle between a pair of nesting mistle thrushes and a pair of rampaging magpies. I am pleased to say that the thrushes won and the magpies flew off without (hopefully) a meal of eggs.

The red squirrels who start their breeding season very early have successfully raised large numbers of young and the feeders are busier than I have ever known them. No doubt eventually many of the young will be given their marching orders to disperse but meanwhile they are a complete delight for in spite of their agility, lack of experience makes them both clumsy and uncertain at times, and the adults certainly don't protect or make allowances for them.

The birds are also really numerous this spring. Apart from our resident pair of greater spotted woodpeckers, and the haunting distant call of the curlews, the small birds are hugely active. Great, blue and coal tits abound and chaffinches are also all over the place. Other finches are gold finches and siskins both of which make for the niger seedfeeder all the time. I have not yet seen any green finches this year but a bull finch has been heard. The robins and dunnocks are singing enthusiastically. The occasional blackbird has been seen but no sign of nesting yet.

When I feed the birds I scatter some corn on the ground. Most of it is eaten by chaffinches but a few other visitors turn up. One or two rabbits come (not so welcome) but for two or three weeks a roebuck with his antlers in velvet (normal hairy skin still coats them at this stage) took some of the corn. Finally he got rid of the velvet and for one day his shiny new antlers were pink. For quite some time now he has stopped visiting.

Deer, birds and rabbits apart, spring is such a wonderful time of year. It is so good to see the young green leaves unfurling and the first blossoms opening. What a joy!

**Jane Kemp**

## Wensleydale Railway in May

### Walkers to accompany Everest Mountaineer to Hawes

**Friday May 4:** Just a reminder that Alan Hinkes OBE will be at Garsdale station for the 10.30am start of two guided walks to Hawes (10 miles and 6 miles). Trains arrive from Carlisle at 10.02 and Leeds at 10.21 so please tell your friends who live near stations on the Settle-Carlisle line, (bus back to the station for rail passengers; local walkers catch the Little White Bus from Hawes to the station and walk back). Bring packed lunch and drinks. This event is Wensleydale Railway's contribution to the Settle-Carlisle Walking Festival (walks, talks and music; [www.ride2stride.org.uk](http://www.ride2stride.org.uk))

**Open Days:** Two Open Days at Aysgarth station site (Sun/Mon May 6/7); a rail/coach excursion on Lead Mining and Smelting in Swaledale and Arkengarthdale (Sun May 20; *note that booking is essential for this event - phone WR*) and the annual Wildflower Walk from Redmire to Leyburn (Fri May 25). Everyone welcome, accommodation providers are asked to tell their visitors about these interesting and enjoyable events.

**During May:** scheduled WR trains run from Leeming Bar via Bedale, Finghall and Leyburn to Redmire on Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holiday Monday May 7. Chris Bulmer's vintage bus arrives in Hawes from Redmire station at 11.45 and 13.45 on the same days and also makes a scenic trip to Garsdale station dep Hawes at 13.50. For timetables, see [www.wensleydalerailway.com](http://www.wensleydalerailway.com) or phone **08454 50 54 74** (Wensleydale Railway); **01765 635273** (Vintage bus). Special thanks to the staff at the Community Office (**667400**) and Dales Countryside Museum (**666210**) who answer so many railway enquiries!

**Ruth Annison**

**Settle - Carlisle Railway:** new timetable begins Mon May 14; check before travelling!

**Carol's Computer Corner**  
– brought to you by  
**Dales Computer Services**

**Let's start a computer glossary ... (but I need your help!)**

Last month I asked people to send in questions about computer terms – well here is the first question from Ian:

“How about explaining what 64 bit means when buying a computer and what you need to do differently? Is a 64 bit lap top (or desktop) future proofing or a waste of money?”



Computers work using only two electronic states (basically like an on and off switch). Each switch is called a ‘bit’ and is usually represented by 1 (on) and 0 (off). To speed up processing these bits, computers take a number of bits at a time and process them together. All new desktop and laptop computers today process 64 bits at a time. Only a few years ago (in the days of Windows 98, 2000, NT and early Windows XP) all computers processed 32 bits at a time. There was a 64-bit version of Windows XP but it never became popular. By the time Vista appeared all computers were 64 –bit. However, the programs (and especially the software that makes devices work – called drivers) were almost all written for 32-bit computers. This meant there was a transition period where most people still only used their computer as if it were a 32-bit machine – even though it was actually 64-bit.

Nowadays all new computers (almost without exception) are supplied with Windows 7 64-bit and work as a full 64-bit machine. The problem is finding software to make older devices work. For example, if you have a printer more than a few years old and buy a new computer you may or may not get it to work and you may have to buy a new printer.

So what are the advantages? Two mainly – the speed at which your computer can process data and also the amount of RAM (memory) your computer can support. 32-bit systems could only support up to 4Gb of memory (that's

how many combinations of 32 bits there are). In practice even the 4Gb could not be fully utilised because some of the memory needed to be used to make devices work (eg. your screen) and it was not uncommon for the practical limit to be less than 3Gb. Now 64-bit computers support effectively unlimited amounts of memory and it is not uncommon to find computers with 4, 6, 8 or 16Gb of usable memory. These larger amounts of memory mean your computer can do more things at once and process more data more quickly.

64-bits are the future now – and it is here to stay (at least until 128-bit computers appear at some point – though that is still a long way off) and 32-bit machines are now old technology.

If you have a question or a term you would like explaining (it doesn't matter how simple) send an email to:

[carol.haynes@dalescomputerservices.com](mailto:carol.haynes@dalescomputerservices.com) or

go to my website

[www.dalescomputerservices.com](http://www.dalescomputerservices.com) and use the help form.

**Warning to Mac users – Virus Alert**

You may be aware that there is a recent alert about a virus attacking Apple Macs. For details of what is going on see: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-17623422> (or go to [www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk) and type Mac Virus in the search box at the top right). Best advice I can give is make sure your computer is up to date regularly with Apple's updates and also install a good antivirus program. As Macs become more and more popular they are bound to become more of a target for malicious people! If you need an antivirus you can get free AV software from <http://www.sophos.com> (under Products / Free Tools) or you can buy protection from <http://www.kaspersky.co.uk> or <http://www.f-secure.com> (all of whom are reputable security sites). Just make sure the version you buy is suitable for your system.

That's all for this month. Any questions/ comments or glossary requests please contact me via email or my website.

**Carol Haynes**

## **Upper Dales Family History Group**

We have a bumper crop of meetings this month beginning with a drop-in Computer Club at Hudson House in Reeth from **1.00 to 5.00pm on Saturday, May 5th**. This is club for anyone interested in getting started with researching their family on the internet or looking for ideas to get further. There's no need to book and you can stay as long as you like - £3 for the first 2 hours then £1 per hour. Contact **Tony Keates 640436** for more details.

On **Wednesday, May 23rd, at 2.00pm** in Fremington Sunday School we have one of our regular programme of talks when Barbara Dixon will be tackling one of the basics of family history research and explaining how to make the most of birth, marriage and death certificates. Talks are free to members of the Cleveland Family History Society and £2 for visitors who are very welcome.

Finally, on **Saturday, May 26th**, we will be back at Hudson House from **10.00am until 5.00pm** with a drop-in day where you can chat to group members, find out what resources are available and how to access them. Copies of our Anniversary publication 'Those Who Left the Dales' will be on sale along with the Bishopdale Booklets series of local census transcripts.

Contact **Glenys Marriott 663738** or see the website at [www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk](http://www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk) for further details of all events.

## **Beetle Drive Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 6.30pm**

West Burton Village Hall

A Penhill Benefice event to raise funds for the benefice office

Adults £5, Under 16's £2 (under 5's free)

Supper will be served

**Entry: Tickets only**

## **May Activities at Gayle Mill**

**Spring Family Fun – Arts & crafts activities.—5th May 10:00am – noon** - £2.00 entry Sat (inc. drink and art activity) under 5's free. Spring has sprung! – Make a wooden plant pot (£3.00 per pot) Learn about traditional gate making at Gayle Mill and what made them so special when it came to lambing season. Decorate a lolly pop stick gate, make a lamb pom pom key ring (free with entry). Activities are suitable for 5-11 year olds however younger or older children may still enjoy taking part. Booking recommended **667320**.

**Demonstration Tour of the Victorian Saw Mill - Sun 6th May 11:00am & 2:30pm** £10.00 (inc. refreshments). During a tour you will have the chance to see and hear the original 1879 water-powered Victorian woodworking machinery being demonstrated.

**Boxing Clever – Evening Talk Sat 12th May 7:30pm** - £3.50 (inc. hot drink on arrival)

How conserving the county's archival heritage can inform the preservation of a personal collection. Advice and guidance from Rachel Greenwood, Conservator, North Yorkshire County Record Office. This event takes place in celebration of National Mills Weekend. Booking recommended **667320**.

## **Crochet Cotton Corsages – Hands on course**

**Tues 15th May 10:30am – 4:30pm** - £15.00 (inc. lunch) SPECIAL OFFER FOR UPPER WENSLEYDALE NEWSLETTER READERS – normally £35.00. Once a common place traditional skill crochet now has an arts and crafts following. Working with cotton and wool fibres learn from local artist, Stella Adams Schofield, to crochet a decorative corsage to take home with you. Mention Upper Wensleydale news when booking to receive your discount. Booking required **667320**

## A Stitch in Time - Gayle Mill

A volunteer with a passion for heritage is putting her creativity to good use in Wensleydale. Sue Stokes is a volunteer wood worker at the Gayle Mill. She is also a volunteer at Bolton Castle and founding member of the Friends of Bolton Castle. She is currently working on a project to recreate examples of the type of tapestries Mary Queen of Scots would have made during her imprisonment in the dale.



Sue has combined her skills to make the wooden frame for her latest tapestry at Gayle Mill. The embroidery itself depicts a Gleade (a Kite) reflecting Mary's interest in birds of prey. Once the tapestry is mounted the frame will no longer be visible but Sue has included a time capsule of information explaining where the frame came from.

Sue's tapestry will be displayed alongside 3 others of her creation in the Bed Chamber where Mary Queen of Scots slept during her time at the Castle in 1568/9. Sue is looking forward to continuing to work on the series. With 3 more in the pipe line she has her work cut out, each one taking about a year to make!

Katie Boggis, General Manager at Bolton Castle comments "Sue's tapestries really add to the sense of history in Mary Queen of Scots' bedchamber. Visitors can imagine Mary spending long hours sitting over her embroidery while she waited for Queen Elizabeth to decide her fate.

"Mary stayed at the Castle for six months from July 1568 until January 1569 and although she was treated as a royal guest and

given plenty of freedom it must have been an anxious time for her as it was during this time that an enquiry was carried out into her husband's murder.

"Each of the tapestries displayed in the room has an information sheet explaining the image depicted and the background behind it. They really add to the colour and interpretation of the room. We are very grateful to Sue for the many many hours of work she has put into creating these beautiful pieces for us."

Much of the work taking place to preserve the heritage of the Dales has fallen to the hands of volunteers over recent years. Their passion and dedication keeps these gems of our history open and available to the public. If you are interested in volunteering at Gayle Mill or Bolton Castle get in touch (**667320 or 623981**) to offer your support. Or you can support from a distance by joining the Friends groups.

## Produce Show Needs Help!

As you probably know the Askrigg and District Produce Show on August Bank Holiday Monday has been going every year since the war. Until a few years ago it had been chaired by Dave Jackson and for the last 2 years by Angus Carmichael. Sadly Angus is leaving in May for sunnier climes in North West Scotland.

Although we have a fair sized committee we cannot find a chairman. We need someone to chair our 3 meetings a year, help take registration on the Thursday before show day and oversee on the day (someone to say "the Chairman's decision is final").

Can you help us make sure this wonderful show doesn't become a relic of past glories?

If you can help please contact either **Mike or Rachel Dechezeaux** on **650424** or **Lesley Glancy** on **650149** or email us at: [askriggshow@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:askriggshow@hotmail.co.uk)

## Askrigg School News

### The Tournament Of Song

On Thursday 22nd March Askrigg School choir sang three wonderful songs at the Tournament of Song: Hey Jude by John Lennon and Paul McCartney which we sang as a two part harmony, Make you feel my love by Bob Dylan was our unison song and Viva la musica a Latin song which we sung as a round. We won two prizes a second for Hey Jude and third for Viva la musica. We were very pleased with our scores and we really enjoyed the day!

Eliza Y6

### Miss McGregor Comes Back To School

Miss McGregor was Headteacher at Askrigg School from February 1951 to December 1972 and we were approached by the nursing home in Richmond where she now lives to see if it would be possible for her to visit us to celebrate her 100th Birthday. We were delighted to agree and she came to us on Friday 30th March, spent the morning with us and helped to plant an oak tree to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee.



The first and last entries that Miss McGregor made in the school log book are shown below:  
**19<sup>th</sup> February 1951:** *School re-opened today. Decorators are at work, and no rooms are yet finished. Miss Isabelle McGregor took up duty as Headmistress.*

**20<sup>th</sup> Dec 1972:** *'The school took part in a carol service at St Oswald's church this afternoon. There followed, in school, a presentation from parents, managers, friends, past and present pupils and staff, to Miss McGregor on her retirement. Made by the Rev G.M. Stonestreet, Angela Kirkbride and Edward Kear-*

*ton, it consisted of a bow fronted mahogany chest, a book of photographs and signatures, a bouquet and a cheque. Mr J. Jordan represented the education Authority. School closed for the Christmas holiday.*

*I, Isabelle McGregor, terminate my engagement as Head Teacher.'*

### Help Record Dragonflies

The British Dragonfly Society is in the final year of its National Dragonfly Atlas Project and we need as many records as we can get. The Atlas and the records contained within it will enable us to provide evidence of the impact that climate change and other environmental factors are having on our dragonfly fauna.

If you see a dragonfly in the Hawes, Thwaite, Keld, Whernside and West Witton areas, please send the details to me at either the email or postal address below.

However, if you would prefer to enter the record directly, please feel free to use the simple record form on the British Dragonfly Society website at <http://british-dragonflies.org.uk/content/submit-records>

A basic record has 5 parts to it:

1. What you saw
2. The date of your sighting
3. The name of the site where you saw the dragonfly
4. An Ordnance Survey Grid Reference for the site (if known)
5. Your name and contact details

Historical records or sightings from other areas would also be welcomed.

For details on dragonfly species and sightings in Yorkshire, please visit the Yorkshire Branch of the BDS website at [www.yorkshiredragonflies.org.uk](http://www.yorkshiredragonflies.org.uk)

**Tom Hubball**

4 South View Terrace, Silsden, West Yorkshire, BD20 0AS

email: [vc64dragonfly@virginmedia.com](mailto:vc64dragonfly@virginmedia.com)

## Hawes School News

### A Huge Thank You

Once again we are very grateful to the Rotary Club who have given us a Bursary of £359.00 towards our residential trip in May, to the Robin Wood centre in Alston, Cumbria.

We are also grateful to the Yorebridge Educational Foundation who have given us £300 to help offset the cost of swimming, which children in Years 2 – 6 attend every year.

### School Grounds Safety

We have spoken to the children about using the school grounds safely. This is particularly important after school. It is something of a tradition that local children use the grounds after school. Children MUST NOT climb on walls, fences, roofs and gates. Please could you ensure that your children understand the importance of playing safely. If children are seen breaking these simple safety rules please tell school. Thank you.

### Thank you from the PTFA

Thank you to all you helped with or attended the Bingo evening. Everyone had a good time and £75 was raised. We have received the cheque from the Bag to School in December when we raised £210 which is excellent. We have another collection organised for early June so please save any clothes which you were going to throw out, for the next month or so.

We have 2 positions which need to be filled. Joanne has resigned as Secretary and I am finishing as Chair in September. Please come forward if you feel able to carry out either of these roles. We only meet once or twice a term in an evening in a pub. The meetings are relaxed and usually last about an hour. When we have events people are always willing to help.

The PTFA contributes about £3,000 per year to school, without which, the costs to parents for activities and trips would be considerably more. People need to come forward to be secretary and Chair so that the PTFA can continue.

## Friarage Hospital, Northallerton

A march is taking place on Saturday 26th May to protest about the proposed cuts to services at the Friarage Hospital on Northallerton.

The marchers will assemble close to All Saints Parish Church, Northallerton at the north end of the High Street at 2.00pm

### Dave Chapman Memorial Cup

20 May - Kick off at 2.30pm

**Nigel's all Stars**

**v**

**Hawes A**

Afterwards at the Fountain

### Exhibition

at the National Park Authority offices Bainbridge

**3<sup>rd</sup> May to 29<sup>th</sup> June**

open 8.30 am to 4.30 pm Mon.- Fri.

### Gathered Fragments, Stolen Moments

*A celebration of simple gifts*

*Photographs by Roy Shoesmith*

### Thanks

The Mid-dale Lent lunches for Christian Aid raised £1132.36. Many thanks to all who helped and supported. **Evelyn Abraham**

## WHAT'S ON LISTING;

- 1-7 Settle-Carlisle Walking Festival  
1,8, 5, 22 Pentecost course; 7.30pm. P.5
- 2 Wensleydale Chorus rehearsals. P.14
- 2 Church Coffee Club at Redmire. P.24
- 4 Mountaineer Alan Hinks, OBE starts off the guided walks from Garsdale Station. 10.30am P15
- 4 Return concert visit of Al Parrish 'Tanglefoot' front man to Reeth Memorial Hall. 8.00pm. **01768 - 884759** for more details.
- 5 Gayle Mill 'Spring has sprung' family fun 10.00am to noon See P.17
- 5 Coffee Morning; Bainbridge Methodist Chapel. See P.22
- 5-6 Folk Festival at the Green Dragon, Hardraw
- 5-7 Dales Festival of Food and Drink in Leyburn,
- 6 Gayle Mill demonstration tours; 11.00am and 2.30pm.
- 6,7 Thoraby Art Exhibition. See P.13
- 7 Castle Bolton plants for sale; 10.00am to 12.30pm outside church
- 8 Illustrated talk, 'Travels and Teaching in S.E. Asia' by Richard Fawcett. Wensleydale Pantry, 7.30pm
- 8 YDNPA Planning Committee. Yoredale Bainbridge. 1.00pm.
- 8 Decorative and Fine Arts Society, Middleham Key Centre, 2.pm. P6
- 8 Drop in for Coffee at Carperby. See p21
- 10,17,24,31 Wensleydale Country Market in Methodist Church Hall, Leyburn
- 12 Gayle Mill evening talk; archive conservation, 7.30pm. (£3.50)
- 12 Craven Accordion Orchestra, Castle Bolton Church. 7.30pm. See P.5
- 12-13 Tudor Life weekend. Bolton Castle, 10.00am to 5.30pm
- 13 Christian Aid Week begins. United service for Hawes area churches; St Margaret's 10.30am
- 13 Guided Walk, Redmire Falls and High Lane. Meet West Burton Green, 10.30am. 9.5 miles
- 13 Table Top Sale at Hawes Market House for Hawes School
- 13 Garsdale Station platform church service. 11.00am
- 13 Cafe style Service for Christian Aid at St Oswald's, Askrigg
- 15 Coffee morning and stalls; Hawes Methodist rooms; for Christian Aid. 10.00am to noon
- 16 Carperby W.I. 'The work of Northdale Agriculture'; Village Hall 7.30pm
- 17 Ascension Day; churches of Wensleydale Service at Jervaulx, 7.00pm. Rev Ruth Gee, Chair of the Darlington Methodist District
- 17 Hawes W.I. "Bess O'leary an Irish Girl" by Joanne Halliwell. Methodist rooms 7.00pm.
- 19-June 3 Swaledale Festival. See P.7
- 20 Dave Chapman Memorial Cup, Hawes. See P.20
- 22 Middleham and Dales Local History Group. See P.5
- 23 Upper Dales Family Group. See P.17
- 25 The Kieran Goss concert in Carperby Village Institute. Proceeds in aid of Askrigg Primary School. See P.12
- 25 Dizzy Blonde live in Hawes. See P.5
- 25 Part of the Swaledale Festival: Skipton Camerata, 8.00pm, St Oswald's Church, Askrigg
- 26 Guided walk; Hawes Town Trail. Meet Dales Countryside Museum, 2.15pm
- 26 May Supper at Swinithwaite Hall. P.21
- 26 Beetle Drive at West Burton. See P.17
- 26 Protest March 2.00pm in support of Keeping essential services at the Friarage Hospital. See P.20
- 26 Hawes Sliver Band at St Margaret's, 8.00pm. See P.7
- 27 Pentecost (Whit) Sunday. 'Pentecost Praise' on Bainbridge Green, 3.00pm
- 27 Richmond School Theatre at the Dales Countryside Museum. A Rattigan-Brecht double bill; 7.00-9.30pm £6, £3 (under 19). **01748 880019** for tickets
- 29 Coffee morning and stalls, Hawes Methodist rooms, 10.00am to noon
- 31 Gayle Ladies; Jonathon Woolley shows slides of Botswana and Vietnam. 7.30pm.

### St. Andrew's Church, Drop in for Coffee

#### At Talworth, Carperby

Tel: Marion Bains, **663334**

#### Tuesday 8th May 10am- 12 noon

£1 to include coffee/tea and biscuits.

Proceeds will be divided between the church and a charity of the hosts choice

### May Supper

#### Saturday 26 May at 8.00pm

#### At Swinithwaite Hall

Mid Wensleydale Conservative Association

Tickets £10 phone **663443** or **624109**

### **‘La Computadora’ or ‘El Computador’?**

A Spanish teacher was explaining to her class that in Spanish (like French), but unlike English, nouns are designated as either masculine or feminine. ‘House’, for instance, is feminine: ‘la casa’. Pencil, however, is masculine: ‘el lapiz’.

Instead of giving the answer, the teacher split the class into two groups, male and female, and asked them to decide for themselves whether ‘computer’ should be a masculine or feminine noun. Each group was asked to give four reasons for its recommendation.

*The men’s group decided that ‘computer’ should definitely be feminine— la computadora— because:*

1. No-one but their creator understands their internal logic.
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else.
3. Even the smallest mistakes are stored in long-term memory for possible later retrieval.
4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheque on accessories to it.

*The women’s group., however, concluded that computers should be masculine— el computador— because:*

1. In order to do anything with them, you have to turn them on.
2. They have a lot of data but still can’t think for themselves.
3. They are supposed to help you solve problems, but half the time they *are* the problem.
4. As soon as you commit to one, you realise that if you had waited a little longer, you could have got a better model.

**Stalling Busk**  
May Bank Holiday Weekend  
St.Matthew’s Evensong 2.30pm

### **Hawes Gala 23rd June 2012**

2012 is the 45th annual Gala and the committee want to make it extra special by having a pirates/seafaring theme. We invite you to dine at the Captains table if you dare, and try our ‘delights from the deep’ menu. This is in the style of “I’m a *sealebrity* get me out of here!”; instead of Ant and Dec, we will have Oh and Eck! Some of the fayre to sample will be fish eyes, barracuda bait, wriggly worms, octopus tentacles all washed down with a hearty glass of squid ink.

The pet photo competition is back this year with a new trophy and prizes. The category is open, so drop in a 6x4 photo of your favourite pet at the pet shop in Hawes and we’ll display them as they come in, before they are judged a couple of days before gala. Please write the details of the pet and the owner on the back so we can return them later.

Also, we’d be grateful for any **cups or shields to be returned** to the pet shop or the launderette **before the end of May** please.

Gordon Walton of Waltons of Hawes outdoor shop has very kindly donated some archery equipment for a junior stall at the gala. We’re looking for two or three responsible adults who can help set up and run this stall on Gala Day. Safety will be the priority on the field so anyone with any experience will be a very valued asset. I can give advice on the kind of backstops required and how to use the archery equipment safely but my other duties on the day will prevent me from running the stall myself. If you feel that you could help out in any way, please contact me at the pet shop on **666834** or just drop in. Many thanks.

**Mick Rhodes**

### **Coffee Morning in Bainbridge Methodist Chapel.**

**Saturday 5th May - 10.00 am to Noon**

Entry £2. All welcome.  
Cake stall, Fairtrade Stall,  
raffle and refreshments.

## Berry's Farm Shop and Café

### Discover something new.

Local, local, local. This is the underlying theme to the new venture that is Berry's Farm Shop and Cafe which has just opened at Swinithwaite Estate, midway between Aysgarth and West Witton on the A684.

When I visited the shop and cafe, I found an interesting building (formerly a granary) arranged around a courtyard which not only houses a well stocked and inviting cafe staffed by local people, but a butcher's run by John Hall. John has been a butcher since he was 16, working at the Co-op and other farm shops. He told me all his meat, game and poultry are locally sourced, with beef produced on the farm and the rest from within a 30mile radius of Swinithwaite estate. John makes his own delicious sausages and beef burgers and will deliver by arrangement for larger orders within the local area.

The farm shop sells a fine range of meats, cheeses, eggs, oils and specialities including chocolates while local jams, pickles and chutneys are also for sale. Cloister Walk will house a selection of interesting gifts and crafts (mostly made by local people) this then leads into the fruit and vegetable store, again with a variety of local seasonal products available.

The cafe and shop are inviting, offering a relaxed atmosphere with large picture windows letting in the sunshine and looking out on to the courtyard with water feature where plants are sold.

Whether it is breakfast, lunch or afternoon tea with cakes, the cafe is a perfect setting. The menu features seasonal ingredients sourced locally and many of these can be found in the Farm Shop. The breakfast (9.30am - noon) offers a wide selection and includes a full cooked Yorkshire breakfast; pancakes with honey or bacon, omelettes with various fillings. Light Bites and Starters (noon -3.00pm.) also has a wide selection to choose from. Sandwiches are always available as well as a "Specials Board" which changes daily. Children's platter is also of-

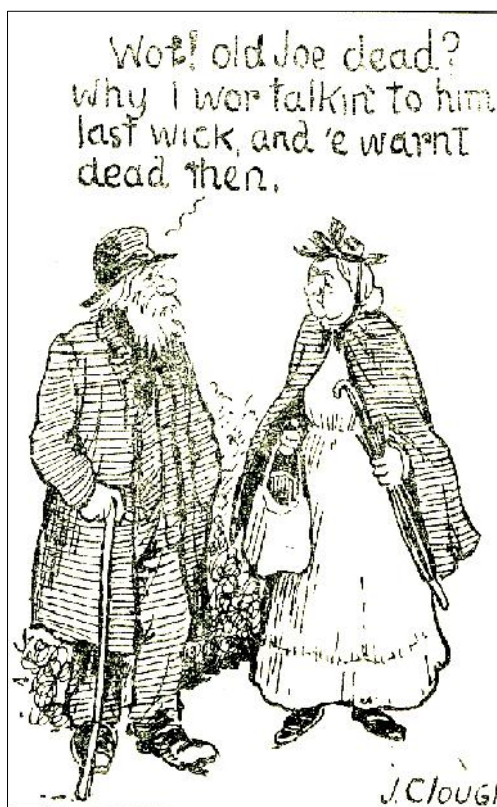
fered as well some Gluten Free food.

The opening hours are; Mon-Sat 9.30am - 5.30pm. Sunday 10.00 - 4.00pm; this includes the butchery section and shop

Both children and adults can enjoy the working farm and woodland walk to the stunning Redmire Falls. There is ample free parking on site. *Can anyone suggest names for the two llamas they have?*

If you feel you would like to treat yourself and the family why not book a roast Sunday lunch? Booking is recommended by contacting Benita at Berry's Farm Shop on 663377 or visit [www.berrysfarmshop.com](http://www.berrysfarmshop.com)

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### Heavens Above

There's the largest and most impressive Full Moon for over a hundred years this month. If you've a clear view to the south-east and can catch the Moon as it rises just after **8.15pm on May 5th**, you'll be really surprised just how big our lunar companion appears as it heaves over the horizon. Full Moons like this are often nick-named 'Mega Moons' and are caused by a combination of the Moon's closeness to the Earth (only just over 221,000 miles when it reaches perigee on May 6th) and the so-called 'Moon Illusion' which makes the low Full Moon in a twilight sky look a great deal bigger than when it's higher up in a darker sky. No-one's come up with a really convincing explanation for this puzzling optical effect which has been known since time immemorial. Can you? Take a look for yourself on May 5th and see what you think!



You can't fail to have noticed the brilliant planet Venus, if you've been out and about on a clear evening recently. It still remains a striking object at the start of May shining at magnitude *minus* 4.5 and on view for almost four hours after sunset. By the end of the month, though, it's closed to within 8 degrees of the Sun and is much lower down above the north-western horizon. The planet's impressive display isn't over just yet, however. Early next month it gives a very special encore when it moves directly between the Sun and the Earth to undergo a rare transit across the solar disc. Transits of Venus occur in pairs roughly 8 years apart. The last one took place in 2004 and the next pair won't be until 2117 and 2125, so next months - on June 6th - is definitely a once in a lifetime experience.

Finally this month, you might be interested in a slide presentation all about the Moon at the Dales Countryside Museum on Thursday, **May 17th** (plus a chance to look through an astronomical telescope, weather permitting). See the DCM listings in the 'What's On' section for more details. Have clear skies.

**Al Bireo**

### Local Transport Group to Hold Public Meeting for Hawes Transport Hub

Residents are invited to attend a public meeting in Hawes at The Market House on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm**, to discuss transport issues for Hawes and Upper Wensleydale. The Dales Integrated Travel Alliance (DITA) has secured 1.1 million of funding from the Department of Transport's 'Local Sustainable Transport Fund', in order to improve transport in the Dales.

Residents are invited to the meeting in order to share their views on what improvements they would like to see, and whether they would like to see any particular pilot services trialled. DITA are primarily community led, and residents are urged to get involved in order to achieve the improvements to services they need and can support in their local area.

The DITA scheme proposes 8 hubs across the Yorkshire Dales area, to act as interchange points, and where residents and visitors can find out comprehensive travel information, one of which will be located in Hawes. Three hubs have so far applied for and been awarded funding, at Grassington, Leyburn and Sedburgh, and these hubs are in the process of being set up. DITA Grant funding can also be used for pilot schemes so that new services for the area can be trialled. For example, DITA are currently trialling evening and late night email [kate.sewell@wypte.gov.uk](mailto:kate.sewell@wypte.gov.uk). Further information on DITA can be found on a Friday and Saturday between Harrogate and Pateley Bridge, and Grassington and Skipton.

Should residents have any queries in the meantime, please contact the Project Leader, **Kate Sewell, on 07919 391773**, also be found at [www.dalesconnect.net](http://www.dalesconnect.net)

### Bolton-cum-Redmire PCC's Church Coffee Club

**Wednesday 2nd May 10:30am to 12 noon**

The Old Police House, Redmire (625503)

## Prunings

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



Loveliest of trees, the cherry now  
Is hung with bloom along the bough,  
And stands about the woodland ride  
Wearing white for Eastertide.

Most will be familiar with A.E. Houseman's poem "The Cherry Tree" If not, it is so simple and beautiful, do look it up.

The early warmth produced masses of blossom this year and my baby *Amelanchier* was covered. It has now survived three Dales winters so I can vouch for it's hardiness. Survival however, does not mean productivity and I have a sneaking suspicion that I might struggle to find enough sloes for my favourite tippie this year. Just as the clouds of milky white flowers on the Blackthorn were at their most exquisite we had a sudden, and surprisingly heavy dump of the white stuff. Whether or not the flowers were fertilised during the warm spell I have no way of knowing, but they browned off fairly quickly. – Time will tell.

When it was really horrible outside I felt like hibernating, and now the urgent jobs are staring me in the face: The daffs are looking very scruffy especially after the snow, but they need to feed for next year. Dead head as many as you can as developing seed heads takes lots of energy, and they will benefit from a boost of liquid feed. It is also a good time to move them if required and congested clumps will thrive and flower more freely if split up now. As a general rule all bulbs can be treated the same way.

Perennials I tend to treat differently. For example the seeds are forming on the hellebores and I shall collect them, but they will

need to be sown fresh as dormancy is very difficult to break.

The *Kerrias* have been very pretty but are becoming leggy. Cutting them back soon after flowering will persuade them into new growth and supply lots of good cutting material. This applies to most of the spring flowering shrubs, and the early flowering *Clematis* ( *C. alpina*, *C. cirrhosa*, *C. macropetala*, *C. armandii* and cultivars) will really appreciate losing any dead stems. *Choisya* is more likely to produce a second flush in the autumn if the flowered shoots are cut back now.

Looking out through the downpour today, the stream on the far side of the valley appears boiling as it gushes down. When the river is up we know that in a few days it will be bothering the good folks in York. It seems crazy that when we have so much good clean water as a nation, we have managed it so badly that at this stage of the year half the country already has a hose-pipe ban. When it is raining on my lean-to greenhouse and the roof above, the water butt fills faster than I can run it out into cans. My collection system is a bit "Heath Robinson", but it works. I suspend a lump of charcoal in the butt to keep the water a little cleaner and I tie a pop sock over the end of the downpipe to filter out the worst of the rubbish. I can't remember the last time I had to use tap water in the greenhouse. I am trying to do my bit, and its not difficult.

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

**Rose Rambler.**

I would like to thank everybody who sent  
cards, gifts and good wishes,  
for my operation.

Regards Kathryn Harrington



Dalesplay provides childcare and workshops for children in the dales. We offer a wide range of packages to suit everyone's needs, and workshops during half term to help keep children entertained for a minimal cost.

Dalesplay is open Monday- Friday 8.00am-6.00pm all year around excluding bank holidays and the week between Christmas and New Year.

Dalesplay has grown tremendously since it opened six years ago. We offer government funded places, (15 hours per week during term time), for children the term following their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday and we are able to offer this flexible to suit your working needs.

We are in the process of providing a link between the setting and Askrigg and Bainbridge hopefully in effect from September, and we will hopefully be able to bring you more news on this in the next issue.

We have recently been inspected by Ofsted and received a Grade 'Good'. If you are looking for childcare please feel free to come and have a look around our setting and request a copy of our Prospectus, we are here to help all families in the dales and if you have any suggestions on other services we could provide we would be very interested to hear them; contact **667789**.

This month the children have enjoyed lots of Easter activities from a visit from the Easter bunny, baking Easter treats to gardening. We have had outings to the local library to listen to stories and borrow books to share with all the children in the setting. On Easter Sunday we teamed up with The Old Board hotel to offer children an Easter hunt following clues around the town in search of the eggs which helped to solve a

clue. On completion of the hunt every child received a small egg and put into a prize draw to receive one of three prizes. The old Board very kindly put on a buffet lunch for all the children taking part, it was a fantastic morning and the Easter bunny stopped by to say hello.

**Joanne Middleton**

## **Aysgarth Falls Hotel**

**(formerly the Palmer Flatt)**

is reopening on **Wednesday May 2nd** after

extensive refurbishment.

We'd love to see you there!

Heather, Steve and team