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Editorial

It seems that we can be divided into two groups: the 'chuckers-out' and those who never throw anything away. Certainly, "It might come in handy" is a guiding principle for many, as drawers, filing cabinets, cupboards, spare rooms, lofts or outbuildings get progressively cluttered up. On the other hand there is, especially at this time of the year, an urge to spring clean: "Why on earth have we been keeping this?"

Part of the problem these days is that we get sent, or assemble, so much 'stuff'. Take for example all the pictures, papers, documents and files on our computers; the storage capacity is immense and useful (as long as you remember where you filed things!) but equally, carelessness can mean huge amounts can be lost for ever.

The many paper documents we collect seem at times to be of no relevance. Not so! Some of our Newsletter articles over the last couple of years have relied heavily on the preserved collections that have been unearthed, jogging the memories about people, events, places, buildings or organisations that never 'hit the headlines' but nevertheless give us a real insight into the life and times of years ago. Bills and receipts from businesses say much about costs but also carry details of things bought and sold, where people lived, their style of writing and sometimes their personal details! Old minute books of meetings say so much about the inter-relations between members as well as decisions they might have taken. (See co-incidentally the articles on pages 4 or 32). Postcards from holidays carry much more than a picture; we only hope that the price of stamps or the ease of emailing doesn't mean we stop sending them. Posters and leaflets of events tell us much about what used to take place, and of the changing presentation of such publications.

The problem with the photographs we keep could well be that they often tend to record only the 'special' events, dramas, accidents, parties, celebrations. We always need to put on record the life style and times of the ORDINARY. (Don't forget either, on paper or computer, to date and label them!) Fortunately our area has both local history and family history groups, but of course history is in the making all the time.

This is a threefold plea then: keep on writing – about what's happening, what you saw, or what people said. A few words can be as effective as a picture. Think before being too ruthless when clearing out (the author of this piece is telling himself). Record-offices or museums will store quite a bit if you've no room. (Our museum has every Newsletter from issue number one.) Lastly – and this is directed to our younger readers – ask your Gran! There are so many documents or certificates that you will find fascinating. Ask to see the 'memorabilia' box in the drawer under the bed, or wherever! The time could easily come when you suddenly realise there is no one of that era left to ask!

Forestry. We wholeheartedly agree with the YDNPA Planning Committee's decision to forbid timber trucks descending from Fleet Moss and coming into, and through, Gayle. Could have been calamitous! What is not a cause for jubilation is the image of the 44 tonne trucks coming down to Gearstones on the Cam High Road, a green lane used by many cyclists and walkers. Equally calamitous. The original system of small tractor-hauled loads re-assembled at the bottom, and not needing a new bridge and infrastructure, was acceptable. It seems to us that once again, when the background to this is examined, money is the driving force, but it may not yet be too late to moderate the scheme. When all is said and done, the environment, walkers, cyclists and horse riders do have to be considered, especially when it has been admitted all round, this development contravenes National Park principles and purposes.

An Event Not to be Missed!

The Annual General Meeting of the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter will take place at Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge, on **Wednesday, March 20th from 7.30pm**

Pie & Pea Supper & Bar

Thoraby Village Hall

23 March at 7 for 7.30

Tickets £7.50 contact **663076**

Funds for the Village Hall

Competition Last Month's Answers

Supermarkets and chain stores

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ICELAND
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BURTON
NEXT
DOROTHY PERKINS
BON MARCHE
RIVER ISLAND
HOUSE OF FRASER
MONSOON

The winner of the £20 prize donated to Sycamore Hall Amenity Fund was **Jennifer Johnson**, Hawes.

Letter

I thought I should let know all those who helped me with my enquiries in the autumn when I was seeking help with my research into the former cricket leagues of North Yorks, where I have got to. I interviewed several people who had played in the Swaledale, Wensleydale, and VOM leagues. I decided I would concentrate initially on the Wensleydale League and after Christmas settled down to the hard slog of working my way through the files of *The D and S Times* beginning with the league's modest start in 1947 when there were only four clubs. A few years' records are missing. The other problem which I fear may be insoluble is that many of the clubs who played in these leagues are, and have been for some time, extinct and apart from the odd photograph their records went with them. Sadly it is also the case that it is so long since the clubs were active that it may be that there is nobody left alive who remembers them and their cricket fields are built on or have reverted to farm land.

Despite the problems I have described I am not too dispirited and intend to dig further. *If you come across anything you think might be helpful to me then please get in touch.*
Best wishes,

John Winn:
johnwinn43@gmail.com

March Competition

Here are some anagrams to named roads, lanes or tracks in our area.

1. GRAM ORGAN BEADS
2. CHARM HID GOA
3. DICE DRAGS OAR
4. MINK NEAR BALE
5. SHAKE BAND
6. SHY NEATER LOB
7. GEM HATTER PO
8. A TALL TEN WHINGE
9. TOWNIEST PEST
10. O LATH GEL
11. HARROW OWED IT
12. RACER RAGE PLOY DEN

THORNTON RUST INSTITUTE

Looking for a place to
hold that special event?
If so, why not hire our village hall with
refurbished kitchen and
new accessible toilets.
For further details please contact
Martyn Donno 662649

Richard III

*Apparently they also found Henry IV under a Leicester car park, but he was in two parts.

*Breaking News: 561 year old hunchback questioned by Leicester police about the disappearance of two young boys.

*So Richard III has been found dead underneath a car park in Leicester... Probably died of shock when he saw the NCP car park charges

*Burying people in multi-storey car parks? That's wrong on so many levels.

*Leicester Car parks would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused whilst running a skeleton service.

*A hearse, a hearse! My kingdom for a hearse!

*Someone said they were going to build a car park in Leicester. I said: 'over my dead body'

*I can never remember where I parked the bloody horse.

Full Up; But Only For Now

Aysgarth Singers is a mixed voice choir that meets every Tuesday in the Aysgarth Institute from 7.30-9.00pm. We meet from September until Easter each year.

Our membership has now reached 50, so any interested singers would need to join our waiting list. We expect to be able to recruit new members in September.

We have more women than men (37:13) but what the men lack in numbers, they make up for with enthusiasm!

Singers are able to join our choir without an audition; commitment and a love of singing are the only requirements. To be able to sight-read music is a great help, but certainly not essential. We find that singing and learning together is the best way to improve.

Our choir was started in 1898 when it was called the Aysgarth Choral Society. It has flourished over the years under several notable conductors, regularly entering the Wensleydale Tournament of Song as well as performing fundraising concerts around the Dales. We are now very fortunate to sing under the directorship of Stan Roocroft MBE. He ensures our rehearsals are constructive, stimulating and fun.

We sing a wide variety of music that appeals to singers and audiences alike. This ranges from sacred anthems and classical songs to spirituals and music from the shows.

If you are interested in joining our warm and friendly choir in the future, please contact for more information :

Di Clegg, 666059

Letter

I saw an interesting article earlier this week. The Alzheimer's Society is looking to train one million people before 2015 on how to recognise dementia. Volunteers can attend a free session in a local village hall to learn how to spot the signs of dementia, and help sufferers. Comedian Jo Brand, who trained as a psychiatric nurse took part in a day's session.

To register interest please visit www.dementiafriends.org.uk You can sign up for a fortnightly newsletter.. Cheers !

Kate (Empsall)

Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society

THE COLOUR OF HEAVEN

Where did the blue in medieval manuscripts come from, and how did the glaziers of our Gothic cathedrals make their blue glass? Why doesn't the Virgin Mary wear green, and why is Krishna painted blue?

The Ancient Britons tattooed their bodies in a blue dye, and in a Parisian gallery 2,000 years later, Yves Kline painted his nude models blue and dragged them across his canvasses.

Out of the Blue: the Story of Blue in Art, takes us to the lapis lazuli mines in Afghanistan, the indigo dyers in Africa, and the studios of Titian, Vermeer and Chagall.

As a professional artist herself, Alexandra Drysdale makes particular note of contemporary artists using blue; James Turrell's *Skyscapes* in an inactive volcano, Bill Viola's videos in Durham Cathedral, and Ann Hamilton's *Blue Jeans* installation.

Alexandra Drysdale has been painting and exhibiting work since graduating with a first in Fine Art from Chelsea College of Art in 1985. She has recently undertaken an artist's residency in Australia and her lectures aim to open people's eyes to the language of painting in a practical and imaginative way.

This Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society lecture is on **Tuesday 12th March at 2.00pm** in 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**.

Hawes Bus Stop

Northern Rail have agreed that, when buses are substituted for Settle to Carlisle trains, there will be an additional calling point en route from Ribbleshead station to Garsdale station, in Hawes town. This is a really positive step, and will avoid people on the bus having to travel the needless six miles from Hawes (where the bus passed through but you could not alight) through Appersett, Moorcock, and to Garsdale; followed closely by your chauffeur in the car, who then drove the six miles back to Hawes.

West Witton Folk

Concert in West Witton Village Hall
Friday 8th March; doors open 7.00pm

The format will be a seated concert with entertainment provided by the acclaimed folk band “**Other Roads**” comprising three accomplished musician/singer songwriters, Pete Abbott, Gregor Borland and Dave Walmisley from England and Scotland who perform a melodic and highly entertaining concert. Playing a wide array of instruments from fiddle to bouzouki, mandolin and a variety of guitars and incorporating some fine harmony singing they perform an eclectic mix of music from soft lilting ballads to “foot stomping” Celtic fiddle tunes and choruses, creating an exciting and vibrant original sound.

The band have produced four albums of their own music, but always include a song or two made popular by the late John Wright in their concert; they are no strangers to The Dales having performed at The Hardraw Folk Gathering in 2011 and Reeth Memorial Hall in 2012. Their expert musicianship and infectious enthusiasm, laced with humour is guaranteed to enthral and amuse you, the event promises to be a memorable evening of music laughter and song.

There will be a licensed bar and a raffle, all proceeds from the evening will go to the West Witton Village Hall. Tickets are priced at £10.00 in advance and £12.00 on the door and are available from The West Witton Village Shop or from

Grant Humphreys on 622108

50,000 People Support the Trust

The Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YMDT) has recruited the support of 50,000 individuals since the charity began its work caring for the landscape, environment and communities of the Yorkshire Dales in 1996.

YDMT recently reached this milestone with the help of Alison Miernik from Knaresborough who became the charity’s 50,000th supporter when she made a donation to support YDMT’s woodland restoration project.

David Sharrod, YDMT Director, said: “We are delighted to have reached this significant milestone in the charity’s life, and are looking forward to meeting many more people who wish to support our work in the future.”

Unwanted Clothes Collection

The collection of unwanted clothing to raise much needed money for the Great North Air Ambulance and St. Margaret’s Church, Hawes, was very successful and well supported last year. Thank you.

Another chance of having a clearout for **Wednesday April 17th at 10.00am** Please leave your bags any time before that date in St. Margaret’s church— any unwanted clothing, shoes, curtains, towels or bedding (not duvets), plus (bagged separately) ink cartridges and mobile phones.

Problems getting bags there? Ring:

Janet Middleton 666070

Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team



Before we get too far into 2013, I hope there is time to look back at 2012 and for the Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team (SMRT) to thank again all the residents and traders in Upper Wensleydale for their support throughout the past year. SMRT (which, as most of you will know, covers Wensleydale as well as Swaledale) depends entirely on voluntary financial contributions to provide a search and rescue service to both residents and visitors. 2012 was a year of “average” activity for us, with 26 call-outs in all. Most of these were in Swaledale, with only 6 incidents in Wensleydale (why is that, I wonder?).

2013 has started off on a much busier note, with 8 call-outs already in the first five weeks of the year. Increasingly the team are asked by the police to assist in incidents outside our area where our specialist skills and equipment (e.g. a swift-water rescue capability) may be of help.

None of this would be possible without the contributions made by local residents, either directly, through our local street collections, or via the collection boxes in many local shops. Many thanks from all members of the team!

Tony Harrison, Burtsett.

Wensleydale Society

HERALDRY

Heraldry is all around us, not just in castles, cathedrals and churches but in every town and city, from pub signs to the police station, on council vehicles and even lampposts.

On **Friday 1st March**, Brian Beeken will introduce us to the basics of Heraldry in an entertaining talk. Please note that this is a change from the published programme.

The talk starts at 7.30 pm at West Burton Village Hall and we make it easier to get to lectures by our return coach between Middleham and West Burton, which picks up in Harmby, Leyburn and West Witton. (details from **Eileen Jackson 622287**) Membership is £5 per year, and members are welcome to bring guests (£1 per guest). Our monthly walks programme for members adds to the enjoyment of Wensleydale and its wider environs, and is a wonderful way to get to know the area.

Broadband Progress

Superfast broadband for Garsdale and Dentsdale is one step nearer thanks to a grant from the National Park Authority.

The parish councils in the two dales have teamed up to create the Fibre Garden project, which aims to provide a 60-kilometre, superfast broadband network connecting Garsdale and Dentsdale and more than 500 homes and businesses. The project has been given a £14,500 grant from the YDNPA's Sustainable Development Fund, which is managed by the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) on behalf of the Authority. When it is complete, the Fibre Garden network will be able to deliver broadband speeds of between 30Mbps and 100Mbps. Currently, properties have less than 2 Mbps - or no broadband service at all.

The scheme has also been awarded £157,000 from the Rural Community Broadband Fund, funded by DEFRA and Broadband Delivery UK.

Church Burglaries

Cash has been taken from 9 churches within North Yorkshire. Please be alert to unusual visitors in the area of local churches and report any suspicious activity, persons or vehicles to the Police.

Wensleydale Railway News

Pink Rabbit's Easter Egg Hunt is on Easter Sunday March 31. Catch Wensleydale Railway's train dep Leeming Bar station at 10.00, (dep Bedale 10.07; Finghall Lane (R) 10.23; Leyburn 10.37; arrives Redmire 10.51 for 11.00 start of walk). It's a lovely one hour walk (scamper!) up the hill on field paths - not suitable for pushchairs - to the entrance to Bolton Castle (www.boltoncastle.co.uk for Eggsellent Easter info). Return trains dep Redmire 13.40 and 16.00. One of the successes of last year's programme of events on the Wensleydale Railway was that sometimes friends and colleagues chose to join the same event for a day out - notably the evening Murder Mystery events, the Music Trains, a themed excursion - or a guided walk followed by lunch in a local pub. These events will be repeated in 2013 - enquiries and bookings to Wensleydale Railway's office, tel 08454 505474. Also, for several years, a West Yorkshire Rotary Club has used WR's train to reach the start of a guided walk in aid of their local hospice, followed by spectacularly successful Yorkshire Pudding lunches. The combination of rail travel, Wensleydale scenery and a meal together seems to be very popular so we would welcome enquiries for more such events!

Most of WR's 2013 programme of events is already on the website www.wensleydalerailway.com However an extra 7 mile guided walk has been arranged from Redmire, to visit the Open Day at Aysgarth station site on Sunday August 25. Enquiries in advance about this event to Rod Morris, chairman of the Aysgarth station group, at rmcommunications@hotmail.co.uk (tel 01733 331658 and 077241 21355). Rod is also the organiser of an exhibition to be held at Aysgarth, from **May 4-8 on Post Office Communications in the early 20th Century, including WW1**; it may be possible to arrange evening visits to the exhibition for groups *by prior arrangement only*.

Ruth Annison 650349

Domino Drive in West Witton

Friday 22nd March - Domino Drive in aid of West Witton Pre-school. West Witton Village Hall at **7.30pm** Adults £3.50 Children £2 includes great supper, prizes and raffle. All welcome.

Hawes Portas Pilot Update

The Hawes Town Team Working Group has to take forward the projects included in the application for £10,000 funding from the Portas Pilot Scheme.

The projects to be taken forward with this money were:

- a Hawes specific website,
- further development of the information brochure containing details of local businesses/services,
- a discount voucher scheme and
- an extension to Little White Bus Service.

The website

The group decided to buy the domain name www.visithawes.co.uk. The aim of the website is not to duplicate what already exists but to provide a Hawes specific website containing information about Hawes Town, a map of the town, an events page, a downloadable copy of the information brochure, links to other websites including the business association, Welcome to Yorkshire, Dales Business Directory. A Facebook page, a Twitter account and blog will also be set up. Please contact **Abi** if you have any further ideas or would like to be involved (abi.bromirskyj@richmondshire.gov.uk)

The information brochure

Each year an information brochure detailing businesses, services, events in Hawes is produced by Abbie and Mick Rhodes and the Community Office. It is distributed to homes and businesses to provide information for local people and visitors.

The format and the purpose of the brochure will remain the same (as it works extremely well) but the brochure will be printed and this is where some of the Portas money will be directed.

Abbie and Mick are currently updating the brochure and if you wish to update your business information or add your business then please contact Abbie on live.shop.hawes@hotmail.co.uk. The deadline for information is **31st March**.

If you can help with the distribution of the brochure once completed then please contact Abbie.

Discount Scheme

'Shop local', discount cards or vouchers have

been discussed. If you want to be included in the discount scheme then please contact Abbie at Hawes Community Office so that we can add a discount symbol next to your business name in the brochure.

The shuttle bus service

The extension of the Little White Bus Service to include weekend evenings (Friday and Saturday) during the summer months will be paid for through the Portas money. The intention is to bring residents and visitors into Hawes Town Centre on an evening and return them home. This will help support the evening economy including restaurants, pubs and events. The details of the scheme are to be finalised through the current organisers of The Little White Bus. If you have any ideas about this scheme then please let Abi know (abi.bromirskyj@richmondshire.gov.uk).

Quilt Festival @ Farfield Mill

Farfield Mill is getting under the covers and giving in to the love of layering with a fantastic display across all floors of quilted artworks and a range of participatory and gallery events – including workshops and demonstrations.

Exhibitions:

'Voices' by international textile group Quilt Art (www.quiltart.eu);

'Created in Cumbria: the Art of Layering' – selected works by Cumbrian-based members of The Quilters' Guild of the British Isles.

(www.quiltersguild.org.uk);

'Quilted Landscapes: inspired by the Hebridean Islands of Scotland' by quilt artist Effie Galletly (<http://effiegalletly.co.uk>)

'Signatures' by Lynn Settrington (www.lynnsettrington.co.uk).

Workshops:

Friday 15th March – Traditional Welsh Quilts with DeAnne Hartwell-Jones

Saturday 23rd March - Recycled Quilts with Lynn Settrington.

Both £40 call **015396 21958** to book a place.

To accompany the event, a selection of fine quality, British-made quilts and layered textiles will be on sale, plus books by quilt and textile specialists.

Quilt Festival runs until 7th April.

Letter



We have read with interest the letter from Mary and Graham Watts in last month's Newsletter. The residents of Hawes will be grateful to Mary and

Graham for pointing out the need of extra care for the elderly. Some of us will have enlightened self interest in the subject as we are approaching the classification of elderly.

The siting for this facility, if it were ever to be built in these times of financial austerity, is the pertinent question.

The site at Turfy Top behind Lancaster Terrace has been rejected on many occasions for building, in fact an independent government planning adjudicator also rejected planning for building development on the site. No matter what the proposed building on the site is, the original objections including safety issues, still stand. Plus the site is not conducive to provision for the infirm or elderly. The walk to the Creamery as mentioned in the letter is certainly not one for the infirm. There are available sites identified and passed for development in and around Hawes which have not been objected to and are more suitable for this kind of building development.

Much to the credit of the residents of Lancaster Terrace we have not been swayed in our objections by personal gain in respect of the generous offer of land.

Finally we understand that the land has a greater value if passed for building development and have sympathy for the loss of value when planning permission is not granted.

The residents of the proposed development (signed): John Hamer, M. Iveson, Signy Allen, N.J. Heseltine, G. Heseltine, E.A. Beresford.

Hawes 1st Brownies

Need your help!

We are still looking for someone to train up as a leader to help run Brownies. It's not as hard as you might think, so if anyone fancies it, please give me a call, as if we don't get one in the near future we may lose Brownies—and we do not want that.

Carol Hall (Brownie Leader) 667234

Palm Sunday Concert at St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth.

The Alverton Singers, directed by Joan Foster, will present a programme of Easter music on **Sunday 24th March at 7.00pm** in St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth.

The main work to be performed is "Stabat Mater" by Pergolesi. The soprano soloist will be Carole Lindsey, who is in the final year of a music degree in vocal studies at Huddersfield University. The mezzo soprano soloist is Emma Wardell, who is well known in this area for her fine solo performances, and the organist will be John Foster.

The concert will also include "Panis Angelicus" by Cesar Franck, "The Legend" by Tchaikovsky and "Cantique de Jean Racine" by Faure.

Ticket £7.00 including refreshments, available from Penhill Benefice Office tel: **663097**, Cecilia House Carperby tel: **663368**, or at the door. (16yrs and under – free.)

The first "Wensleydale Filling Station"

will be: held on **Friday 10th May at 7.00 pm** at Thornborough Hall, Leyburn

Michael Hepper will lead the evening and the Guest Speaker, Rev Richard Fothergill will speak on the topic of 'God with Us'

Richard Fothergill is the national director of *The Filling Station*. He has a passion for the powerful presence of God's Spirit to be real in the lives of Christians. He is an ordained Anglican minister who has church planted in Cape Town, South Africa and Bristol. Formerly a member of Holy Trinity Brompton, London.

The Filling Station will be a monthly event at Thornborough Hall on the **second Friday of the month.**

Prayer. Prayer will be an important part of the preparation for the start of this new venture and will be on-going once the Filling Station becomes established. Several times and locations have been set aside for people to come together to pray. Each session will last about an hour. The planned dates for prayer are as follows:

Saturday 9th March 10.30 am at West Burton Chapel

Monday 18th March 7.00pm at Dale View Castle Bolton.

Middleham and Dales Local History Group

Beyond the attic door: further history of my house and the sources used Dr Tony Nicholson

Spring course of 3 sessions beginning on **Tuesday 5th March at 2.00pm** at Middleham Key Centre and continuing on 19th and 26th March.

Tony Nicholson moved into an old house in Cleveland back in 1999 and discovered a cache of Victorian photographs and letters in his attic. The astonishing love story that was revealed in these letters prompted him to research the history of his house, and in a MDLHG course in 2010 he talked about some of the stories that emerged. Tony is back by popular demand as the tutor for a new course and this time, in addition to providing an update on his research, he will also offer advice on the best sources and methods that anyone can use to research the history of their house.

Dr. Tony Nicholson is now retired and is currently completing a book based on the discoveries in his attic.

The fee for the 3 sessions is £15 for members of MDLHG and £20 for non-members or £30 to include a year's membership of the group.

To register for a place on the course or for further details please contact **Tony Keates: 640436** or email dotandtonyk@btinternet.com

Bid and Boogie Charity Auction and Dance with Hog Roast Supper In aid of Yorkshire Cancer Research

ADVANCE NOTICE
for Sunday May 26th in Askrigg Village Hall
where it is expected that
over 250 people will attend.

Donations invited for the auction, raffle and for any form of sponsorship.

Please contact:

Kate Bell 650710 or Sandra Bell 666060.

Many further details will appear in
future Newsletters.

True or False?

Can you guess which of the following are true and which are false?

1. Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning.
2. Alfred Hitchcock did not have a belly button.
3. A packet-a-day smoker will lose about 2 teeth every 10 years.
4. People do not get sick from cold weather; it's from being indoors a lot more.
5. When you sneeze, all bodily functions stop, even your heart!
6. Only 7% of the population are lefties.
7. 40 people are sent to the hospital for dog bites every minute.
8. Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until they are 2-6 years old.
9. The average person over 50 will have spent 5 years waiting in lines.
10. The toothbrush was invented in 1498.
11. The average housefly lives for one month.
12. 40,000 Americans are injured by toilets each year.
13. A coat hanger is 44 inches long when straightened.
14. The average computer user blinks 7 times a minute.
15. Your feet are bigger in the afternoon than any other time of day.
16. Most of us have eaten a spider in our sleep.
17. The REAL reason ostriches stick their head in the sand is to search for water.
18. The only two animals that can see behind themselves without turning their heads are the rabbit and the parrot.
19. In most television commercials advertising milk, a mixture of white paint and a little thinner is used in place of the milk.
20. Prince Charles and Prince William NEVER travel on the same airplane, just in case there is a crash.
21. The first Harley Davidson motorcycle built in 1903 used a tomato can for a carburettor.

Now, turn to page 24 for the answers.



Mystery picture. Last month's was at the beck side going from Marsett along to Stalling Busk. Several readers phoned in with the correct answer for last month: beside Marsett Beck, but the quickest was James Fawcett!

Local Food Pop Up Market

A celebration of Yorkshire Dales Food
Dales Countryside Museum

Sunday 21st April 2013 10.00am-4.00pm

Free stands in the exhibition Hall, meeting room and concourse for local food producers and suppliers. A family event at the Dales Countryside Museum promoting local food producers and suppliers as part of our ongoing museum based local food project. There will be free admittance to the public

To book your free stall please email:
jane.sammells@yorkshiredales.org.uk

Visitor 2013

The National Park's free 'Visitor 2013' newspaper is now available from Tourist Information Centres and libraries.

Businesses which would like to advertise in next year's 'Visitor' should contact **Sarah Nicholson, 01756 751618.**

People wishing to promote an event for 2014 in the newspaper or on line should email:

www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/add-an-event before the end of October.

Bridge in the Gap!

Last week, an excited reader rang to say that he'd been studying the front cover in the last Newsletter and couldn't understand where the small bridge was, crossing **over** the line, which appears in arch of the Hardraw Road bridge.

Was it still there, he wondered, especially as all the bridges remembered between Hawes and Appersett, take the railway over the road.

Well it is, stone and sturdy, but we'll be surprised if many readers have ever seen it or know just where it is. It isn't visible from any point in the town, carries no road, track or right of way and simply gives access from fields on either side.

The railway goes (or went) through a large drumlin just behind Ings Lane/Penn Lane and at the top can be seen a field-gate sized gap leading to the invisible bridge.

Always happy to help!

A.S.W.

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 1st March

2.30pm at Hardraw Church.

Followed by tea/coffee in the 'Cart House'.



The Future of Computers – is There One?

Things are changing fast in the world of technology. There is a huge push by manufacturers to sell and promote tablet and phone-based computer products and to begin the move away from traditional desktop and laptop computers. Wonder why – the answer is twofold but simple: money and politics!

The money argument is the simplest: Microsoft, Apple and Google all use their own online services to support their tablet products and they are a cash cow for them. This means that every time you download a paid app, music or film they get a large cut of the price you pay. Microsoft and Apple force users to use their store alone – no competition. Google has Play store but doesn't restrict you from downloading apps from elsewhere. Traditional computers (laptops and desktops) have lots of companies producing programs and applications and consequently MS, Apple and Google don't get their cut. The whole process is very anticompetitive.

Politically many governments (including the US and UK governments) would like to see the power of general computers removed from the masses. This will stop lots of headaches with control issues – and both sides of the Atlantic governments hate the fact the general population has the power of general computing at their fingertips. In particular governments are under heavy pressure from entertainment industries to put a stop to file sharing of copy-right material.

Does it really matter? For some people probably not a lot BUT (and it is a big BUT) all of these new tablets lock you into an infrastructure of one manufacturer and it is then difficult to break away and have choice. Add to that they try desperately to take control of your personal data – to the extent of storing all your files (pictures, documents etc.) on their own computers 'in the cloud' and charge for that service and they have you locked in in more than one way – pay up or lose your data!

Having said that, there are significant differences between tablets/phones and real computers when it comes to power and flexi-

bility. If you want to type longer documents touch screen are not at all helpful or comfortable to use. Try writing a long and complicated letter or email on a phone! There are also current issues with printing from these devices (though I am sure they will be resolved in time). The biggest difference is the use of quality software to do production type tasks – if you want to edit photos or produce home movies desktop and laptop software is far more flexible and powerful.

One of the biggest worries is the change of mindset in companies like Microsoft. Many people use Word as their word processor of choice – even if it is only to write letters. Lots of people use Excel as a spreadsheet to manage home finances or run their home businesses. The latest version of Office (which contains Word and Excel amongst other options) has just been released in the form of Microsoft Office 2013. With this comes a big change in the licensing and funding models. Microsoft want home users ideally to pay £80 subscription to use Office (confusing the subscription version is called Office 365) which includes both Office online applications and the full computer versions. £80 a year would allow up to five computers/users within a single household. If you have five computers it probably isn't too bad a deal – except that it is in perpetuity! Traditionally many users buy a copy of Office and only replace it when it is so old it won't work on a new computer (I still regularly come across Word 97). If you bought the home and student DVD of Office 2010 and still use it in five years' time you will have saved over £400 compared to the subscription. Business subscriptions are much more expensive and more restrictive.

Even worse is if you want to buy a DVD of Office 2013. In short you can't! Microsoft now only sell a licence key card for all versions of Office. If you buy a copy the software only installs on one device – and once installed is LOCKED TO THAT DEVICE for ever! If you install Office on your laptop and your computer is stolen, develops a fault or even has to be returned and replaced under warranty – you will have to buy a new copy of Office to continue using it – at full price.

This is a huge change – business users could always install Office on a desktop and a laptop from a single purchase, and if they replace a computer transfer it to a new machine. Not any

more – if you want to use it on a desktop and a laptop you must buy two copies, and whenever you buy a new machine as an upgrade (or even make major upgrades to your existing computer) you will have to buy a new copy of Office. Given that the pro version is £400 – this is not going to be very cost effective for small versions!

My advice is avoid Office 2013 – if you need to buy a copy of Office grab a copy of Office 2010 (the DVD version – not the key-card version) while you still can.

Another alternative is stop buying Microsoft Office and use a FREE office package. The one I recommend is LibreOffice (which can be downloaded at www.libreoffice.org) which is file compatible with Microsoft Office.

Any comments or questions do contact me via my website at www.dalescomputerservices.com

Carol Haynes

Live-Shop-Hawes

We will be producing the 2013 leaflet again this year. Please call at the Community Office for a form, or e-mail Abbie at: live.shop.hawes@hotmail.co.uk

This year we are adding a "shop local" scheme to the leaflet. Some businesses in Hawes already offer discounts to local people, or to those who spend over a certain amount, so we thought it would be easier to include a symbol in the brochure next to businesses who offered any sort of discount. Stickers for businesses who want to offer discounts can also be distributed and displayed in their premises so that any shopper knows they are part of a local discount scheme. The businesses can then offer any discounts they wish and manage this themselves without being tied to a specific scheme.

Deadline for submission is **31st March** (Easter weekend). Once again, entry into the leaflet is completely free, and it is a project for promoting the use of local businesses and services in Hawes.

Abbie Rhodes

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Grow Your Own for Charity



Patron HRH The Prince of Wales

It's the time of year when the green-fingered amongst us start to plan for the year ahead and think about buying seeds,

bulbs and plants. Now gardeners can help to raise money for a local good cause whilst stocking up on fruits, vegetables and flowering plants.

The Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) has teamed up with Suttons Seeds to raise money to support the charity's vital work caring for the landscape, environment and communities of the Yorkshire Dales.

For every £5 spent on plants, bulbs and seeds ordered from the special fundraising catalogue, YDMT will receive a £1 donation from Suttons Seeds to support the Trust's charitable work.

Sarah Brewer, Fundraising Officer at YDMT, said: "This is a really easy way to raise money to support our important work across the Dales. Simply choose from the excellent selection of high quality flowers and edibles available in the Suttons Seeds catalogue, and for every £5 you spend, £1 will come straight to YDMT. Whether you're looking for inspiration for a small window box or an entire allotment, there's sure to be something to tempt you, and with your help we can raise money to support even more worthwhile projects in the local area."

To request a free copy of the fundraising catalogue please call YDMT on **015242 51002** or email media@ydmtd.org.

Coffee Morning

Saturday 9th March

In the back room of Askrigg Village Hall between 10am and 12pm.

All proceeds to St Oswald's Church.

Entry is just £2 and there will be a popular cake stall, Fairtrade goods, Avon products and raffle. Everyone is welcome.

The Coffee Morning in February raised an amazing £300, thanks to the hard work of the organisers and the generosity of those who came along

Easter Church Services

(H.C. = service includes Holy Communion)

Palm Sunday 24th March

- 9.00am Breakfast in Redmire Village Hall
- 9.40am Donkey Procession to Redmire Church
- 10.00am Family Service St. Mary's, Redmire
- 9.00am Breakfast in West Witton Village Hall
- 9.45am Procession to St. Bartholomew's Church,
- 9.30am Methodist Service, West Witton
- 9.30am Holy Communion, Preston-under-Scar
- 10.30 am Bainbridge Methodist Chapel
- 10.30 am Hawes Methodist Church
- 10.45 am Aysgarth Methodist Chapel
- 10.45 am West Burton Methodist Chapel HC
- 2.00 pm Marsett Methodist Chapel HC
- 2.30pm Evensong, Thornton Rust

Holy Week Meditative Services (all at 7 pm)

- Mon 25th Aysgarth,
- Tues 26th Preston,
- Wed 27th West Witton

Maundy Thursday 28th March

- 9.30am H.C. West Witton.
- 6.00pm Supper at St Oswald's, Askrigg All welcome, including children.
- 7.30pm West Burton H.C.
- 7.00 pm Thornton Rust Mission Room HC

Good Friday 29th March

Penhill Area -The Stations Of The Cross

- 9.05am Preston-u-Scar, outside church,
- 9.35 am Redmire, top green,
- 10.00am Castle Bolton Green
- 10.50am Carperby Cross,
- 11.20am Thornton Rust Institute, meet outside Mission Room.
- 11.50am Thoraby upper green
- 12.15pm Newbiggin,
- 12.50pm West Burton Market Cross,
- 1.25pm Wensley Bolton Hall Gates,
- 1.45pm West Witton opposite Wensleydale Heifer,
- 2.15pm Aysgarth Village Green, to finish with service
- 2.30pm United service at Aysgarth Methodist Chapel

Hawes Area – United Walk of Witness

- 10.00am Leave from Gayle arrive at
- 11.00am Service at Hawes Methodist Church

Other Good Friday Services

- 9.30am St. Margaret's, Preston-under-Scar
- 10.15am St. Oswald's, Castle Bolton
- 1.30 pm Meditation in St Oswald's, Askrigg
- 2.00pm St. Bartholomew's, West Witton

Easter Sunday 31st March

- 6.30am Son-rise service; Pen Hill
- 9.30am HC and baptism, St. Oswald's Castle Bolton
- 9.30am St. Margaret's, Preston-u-Scar HC
- 9.30am St. Bartholomew's, West Witton HC
- 10.30am St Oswald's, Askrigg HC
- 10.30am Aysgarth join Bainbridge Methodists H.C.
- 10.30am Hawes Methodist Church
- 10.30am St Margaret's Hawes HC
- 10.45am West Burton Chapel 'Shake-up' service
- 11.00am Family Communion with activities for children, egg decorating and egg rolling etc. St. Andrew's, Aysgarth
- 11.00am Holy Trinity, Wensley HC
- 2.00pm Marsett Chapel
- 2.30pm Evensong at St Matthew's, Stalling Busk.
- 6.30pm Gayle Chapel H.C

Are You Clued Up About Fraud?

Read the Little Book of Big Scams

Fraud costs the British economy £73 billion a year and criminals use a number of sophisticated scams to try and snare victims To ensure the public are informed about these scams to allow them to spot them, Thames Valley Police has produced a booklet which aims to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of fraud. *The Little Book of Big Scams*, which includes a foreword from Esther Rantzen, includes sections on identity fraud, scam mail, door to door scams and internet scams. As well as details on different types of frauds, there are a number of helpful hints, 10 golden rules to avoid becoming a victim, and case studies.

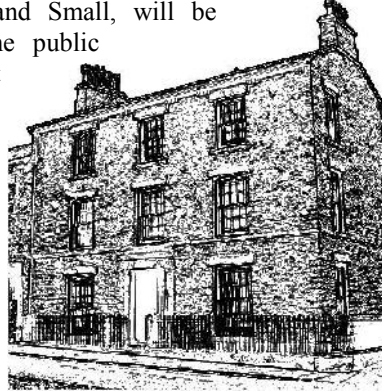
The booklet also gives details on where to go to get help and how to report fraud if you do become a victim. Contact:

www.thamesvalley.police.uk/the-little-book-of-big-scams.pdf

Skeldale House Open Day

The doors of the newly-transformed Skeldale House in Askrigg, 'home' to the vets in the BBC TV series *All Creatures Great and Small*, will be opened to the public for the first time **on Saturday, March 23rd, from 1.00pm.**

Visitors will be able to tour the famous three-storey building, which has been refurbished as a luxurious bed and breakfast, and take a light tea in the elegant dining-room.



The six guest bedrooms and all the other public rooms, including the imposing hall with its wrought ironwork staircase, will be open to view for the first time since the major refurbishment was completed by Lisa and Keith Wright, owners of the village shop.

Apart from the plumbing and electrics, and the painting of the vast hall and stairwell, all the decoration has been done by Keith and Lisa themselves, with Lisa co-ordinating the individual colour schemes in each of the rooms, and choosing the period furniture, soft furnishings and carpets from local suppliers.

"It's been hard work but worth every minute and a real labour of love for both of us. We know there's been an awful lot of interest among local people in what we are doing so we thought they would welcome the opportunity to see it before we officially open for business," says Lisa.

There will be a £3 entry charge for the open day, which will include coffee and a home-made cake, with all the proceeds going to the *Teenage Cancer Trust*.

The iconic three-story building, whose famous railings and black front door are still seen on television screens all over the world more than 30 years after the popular dales drama was screened, was vacated by Broadacres Housing Association, who ran it as a home for vulnerable adults, two years ago.

Keith and Lisa came to Askrigg from a village near Barnsley, South Yorkshire, six and a half years ago, with son Ayrton and daughter Orianne, now 20 and 18, buying the shop and adjacent tea-room. Keith was a sales rep for an engineering company and Lisa had been a family support worker, specialising in child protection.

"We loved village life but decided we wanted to run our own business. The village we lived in was destroyed by a big supermarket chain opening a store nearby. Everything went. The post office, the butcher's, the local shop and pub, all just died. Askrigg is still a vibrant village and we want to help keep it that way," says Lisa.

They are working with Ian Ashton, director of the Herriot museum in Thirsk, where real-life vet Alf Wight, who wrote as James Herriot and whose books formed the basis for the television series, had his practice.

Betsy Everett, 650180

Uphill and Down Dale...

... the Yorkshire Dales National Park is home to some of Yorkshire's most iconic scenery and attractions. With spectacular limestone valleys, picture postcard villages and historic castles, it's a place that stirs the emotions and stimulates the senses of everyone that visits.

The National Park brims over with fantastic sites to see and great days out on our E-bike tours. The beautiful landscapes and cultural heritage is simply 'Yorkshire at its best'.

The Dales have hundreds of events running throughout the year, from bat walks to beer festivals, traditional farming shows and village fetes featuring fell races and sheep dog trials.

The thriving market towns of Grassington, Hawes, Settle and Ingleton are all "Hub" locations to our Dales tours. Aysgarth Falls is our other "Hub" location and is a spectacular stretch of water best known for its triple flight of waterfalls. Escape the hustle and bustle. With over 500 miles of bridleways and byways to explore, it's no wonder The Yorkshire Dales is one of the most popular national parks in England for biking and biking tours.

How Wet Was 2012?

It was officially the wettest year in England (and the second wettest in the UK) since records began but was it the wettest in Wensleydale?

The answer is no. It wasn't even the wettest in the 11 years from 2002 that we have been reporting rainfall figures across a range of locations in our area. Below we have summarised the total rainfall figures for every year from 2002-2012.

	RAINFALL FIGURES											Avg mm	Avg ins
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012		
	(mm)												
Hawes	1757	912	1920	1612	2077	1395	2122	1672	999	1741	1851	1642	64.6
Carperby	1434	n/a	1167	924	1135	1105	1395	1054	779	1034	1345	1137	44.8
Bainbridge	1557	874	1349	1086	1455	1296	1592	1310	862	1406	1520	1301	51.2
Stalling Busk	1805	1067	1553	1266	1641	1512	1942	1551	1035	1157	1813	1486	58.5
Askrigg	1399	800	1230	999	1290	1092	1483	1306	807	1181	1428	1183	46.6
Thornton Rust	1583	907	1117	1136	1470	1303	1746	1326	925	1289	1526	1303	51.3
West Burton	1453	800	1072	952	1157	1007	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1361	n/a	n/a

As can be seen, 2008 was wetter than 2012 in every one of our measuring locations and in Hawes 2012 was only the fourth wettest (after 2008, 2006 and 2004) – what short memories we have.

The average rainfall in the UK during 2012 was 1331mm and each of our locations exceeded that figure so we can confirm that Wensleydale is a fairly wet place (as if you needed telling).

Averaged over the last 11 years we can also confirm that Hawes is the wettest place followed by Stalling Busk. Bainbridge and Thornton Rust have similar totals and Askrigg and Carperby are the driest (relatively speaking). Indeed over the 11 year period Carperby has averaged only 70% of the rainfall of Hawes. In climate change terms, 11 years is too short a period for meaningful comment but there is no obvious trend of Wensleydale getting wetter – it just feels that way.

BMC

Upper Dales Family History Group

The next meeting of the Upper Dales Family History Group is at **2.00pm on Wednesday, March 27th**, in Fremington Sunday School near Reeth in Swaledale. The speaker is June Hall on 'A forgotten emigration - Yorkshire Folk to Nova Scotia'. The talk will describe the emigration of 1772-5, from the Yorkshire Dales, Vale of York and North York Moors, to what was then Nova Scotia, Canada. Many descendants of the one thousand settlers still live in the Maritime provinces. Original correspondence, artefacts and family stories provide evidence for the little known, but extremely hazardous journeys to a new land. The Upper Dales Group is a branch of the Cleveland Family History Society; entry is free for members and non-members are very welcome at £2 each. For further details see the website at www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk or contact: **Tracy Little 01748-884759.**

Programmes available from Towlers Newsagents, Leyburn and the Corner House, West Burton

MARCH 2013



Affiliated to the British Federation of Music Festivals of which Her Majesty the Queen is Patron and will be held at

Methodist Hall, Leyburn

March 12th-15th (Speech)

March 19th- 22nd (Music)

Registered Charity No. 1007474

Admission: Adults £1.00 per day; £2.00 per evening

Children £0.50; Under 5s free

More from North Country Theatre

Well, we had a lovely afternoon doing the play reading the other Sunday – such a pleasant event and delicious cakes [thanks to the cake bakers!] Nobby is still hoping to recruit some more men for *Blame it on Bartle!* Performance dates – dress rehearsal **3rd July then 4th 5th & 7th first week and 11th, 12th & 14th** the following week. Check out the North Country page on Facebook for more info. Next workshop/rehearsal is **3rd March 2.00-5.00pm** at the Catholic Church Hall in Richmond.

In addition there are a few areas where more local people may be able to help

We are currently looking for somewhere to store our costumes, props and educational resources, as the office space along the street from our offices is no longer available. So we are looking for a space 12' x 10' [or that sort of volume] to relocate to. When we looked at commercial spaces we discovered that they are more than we are currently paying for our offices! We don't use it very often – just need somewhere we can access which is dry. Does anyone have any ideas?

Nobby has been in Norway over the weekend recruiting Trolls for Bartle – so we shall be interested to hear how he's got on. Thanks again for all your fantastic support and enthusiasm.

Gillian Howells, 01748 825362

Lent Course

"Finding a Voice" is the title of this year's Lent Course. It is based on the film "The King's Speech". We shall watch extracts from the film and consider them together with related Bible passages.

There will be three further meetings on Wednesday evenings at the vicarage in Carperby beginning at **7.00pm on March 6th, 13th and 20th**. Everyone is invited to come to all or any of the meetings as they fit in with your diaries! In Lent it is good to join with others to think about different aspects of our faith and our calling to be Christians.

Sue and Penny

A Senior Moment

The other Sunday morning I was in contemplative mood, sitting in my car and watching the wind-torn surface of the river swirling prettily about. All about. I was on my way to church as normal when the amphibian qualities of my vehicle were exposed as woefully inadequate for fording the swollen, angry Ure just across Haylands Bridge.

My thoughts as I sat there were such as not to be shared in polite society. I just wished I could find a rewind button and start the journey again but in more sensible fashion. Water was coming in round the door 'seals' and was steadily rising towards my knees. My feet were already suffering from hypothermia and urgent action was necessary. I actually had my mobile phone with me which had a well-charged battery and there was a strong signal. These three requirements are seldom found together at one time and I offered up a prayer of thanks to my guardian angel.

Help was soon at hand in the form of the Hawes fire engine, fully staffed and competent. I was pushed out on to dry land where I was able to disembark and join my wife who had hurried to my rescue with a bag of Wellington boots. Later in the day a group of kind friends towed the car to a safe place to await attention.

It was altogether an interesting experience but one I do not plan to repeat. I am deeply grateful for the speed and competence of the response to my mayday call; and the concerned inquiries of everyone I meet are heart-warming. I am preparing a placard to wear bearing the words

"No, I am not planning to go swimming today."

Hugh Bridgman

The Craven Accordion Orchestra

Saturday 9th March at 7.00pm

in St. Margaret's Church, Hawes

£5 at the door, followed by Tea and Biscuits with Raffle. Proceeds towards the restoration fund

Prunings

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

What a welcome taste of Spring it was, albeit brief. Today (20th) the temperature feels very wintry again. A week ago, coming back from Bedale, the fields were greening, not so here in the Dale: the greys of Winter remain incapable. Now, following three glorious sunny days there is still a worrying amount of the white stuff lying behind the walls. Older dales-folk assure me that more will come to shift it! Yesterday I planned to pot up some *Eryngiums* which had been started off last year as offsets. I had to put them in full sun until after lunch as the pots were frozen solid and the weeds trapped.

Strange how sunshine encourages us to plan for the feast of colour to come: I have been sorting through seeds. – If I grew a tenth of my current stash I could carpet the Dale. Seed merchants seem able to sell the less spectacular varieties by the hundred, or even thousand, but the really choice ones are packeted in single numbers. It says something about the marketing of new strains. Much has been written about the demise of bee populations and we have completely lost some of our native species. There seems to be little convincing consensus that we can rely on to explain these changes, especially here in the Dales where alterations in agriculture and farming practice have been much less dramatic than in arable country. I have become increasingly inclined to feel that we, as individuals should accept more environmental responsibility and provide plants more appropriate for their welfare. If enough growers take this view it has to help. Last year I was tempted to grub out a large cotoneaster that was threatening to demolish a wall. In the end it had some serious surgery to remove all the branches that were doing damage. Now, what remains is budding up and growing again, and I can look forward to the constant “sing” of the buzzing creatures that feed on it when it flowers. In addition the blackbirds love the berries in the autumn.



There are so many difficult choices to make at this time. I have always loved Dahlias, they are almost vulgar in their brilliant colours and spectacular shapes, but this year I shall not buy tubers that promise blooms like dinner plates. In terms of helping out our flying friends they are not a good option. Many of these large hybrids have been bred for looks, and in producing huge heads of petals the breeders have lost the stigma, stamens and pollen that the insects feed on. If a flower does not produce seed it has no need to attract pollinators with scent or nectar. If you too love Dahlias choose the single ones. There are many in the Bishop family with superb dark leaves and spectacular red flowers. What is more you can save seed from them. Having been ill in January I am now weeks behind and so many urgent jobs are still to be done. I am sowing seed and potting up rooted cuttings as fast as possible. One real success has been the box cuttings started in “Roottrainers” a year last June. Out of 64 cuttings taken 63 plants have survived. I have never had a result like that. I shall be using “Roottrainers” a good deal more often in future.

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

Rose Rambler

Circle Dancing

As our thoughts turn to Spring it's time to start dancing again!

CIRCSLE DANCING SESSIONS start at Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge on **Monday March 11th at 7.30pm**

All are welcome, both new and experienced dancers. Contact numbers:

Paula 650548, Peter 624038

Upright piano AVAILABLE FREE



To be collected from West
Burton Chapel.
Ring Julie Pledge
663481

Best Foot Forward



Tony Harrison (Burtersett) emailed to say: "Thanks for the recent Great Shunner Fell article which I've just read with pleasure. I thoroughly agree with

your comments and can also recommend the Great Sleddale route - a wonderfully remote dale. As well as a great walking hill, Gt Shunner is just the right "steepness" for cross-country skiing (at least for me!) - I've been up (and down!) it twice on skis recently."

Where am I this time? (just strolling)



This is the famous Ruskin's View' in Kirkby Lonsdale and accessible for most

people via the large churchyard which by the time you go will be just coming into its spring-bulb splendour. Here is a pleasant walk to take it in, maybe while others are at the shops. It may sound disloyal to our area, but



Kirkby Lonsdale has a good deal to offer—and even to learn from!

Start with your back to the splendidly refurbished Royal Hotel looking to this building across the Market Place and go down the little narrow lane to its right, past the privately-supported public toilets, and at the end turn right to carry on down to the famous Devil's Bridge. It is hard to imagine all the main road traffic once going over here. Have a look, read the information boards; you may well see several practising canoeists below you as I did a few weeks ago. Returning up the road, the path upstream beside the Lune has very recently been newly gravelled or flagged (it used to be messy) and makes for an easy walk next to the river.

As the path swings round to the left, the river splits round 'The Island' and the path

comes close to the water along *Mill Ayre*. This river is apparently one of the cleanest in England. At this point a narrow lane comes steeply down from the town to this interesting area but we carry on close by the water for a little way. Now here is the only hard bit: 85 (or thereabouts) steps (with handrail!) up to the View where you can sit down to enjoy the scene which inspired both John Ruskin and JMW Turner. If you must return via the churchyard, fair enough, but the path continues eventually arriving at the village of Kearswick. However, after a little while a track bears left to the Kirkby Lonsdale Rugby Club. They must be a keen lot here; there are four pitches. From the slightly higher ground look right again across the Lune to Barbon and Middleton Fells, geographically and topographically part of the Dales. The rugby club lane leads back to the B6254 where, turning left, takes us down to the far end of the town. While in the town, potter around the alleyways and old buildings especially between the shopping streets and the river. This is a pleasant stroll at any time of the year. Three-quarters of an hour to an hour should do it. Tearooms and pubs abound!

A.S.W.

**Happy 21st birthday
Hannah, Elizabeth Pedley**

Love from
Granny, Granddad and uncle Nigel
XXXX

**Hannah Pedley
Happy 21st birthday; March 16th
Lots of love from
Mum, Dad, Stuart, Betheni and Archie
XXXXX**

Robert and Marina
would like to thank family and
friends for the lovely flowers,
cards and gifts received on the
occasion of their Golden Wedding.

Sycamore News

Monday January 21st was the night chosen by the Licensed Victuallers to present local organisations with gifts of money raised by their annual road cycle run, venue being the Fountain Hotel at Hawes. However because of the very bad weather the event was cancelled and cheques sent through the post. Each year they have been very generous to Sycamore and our amenities fund and it is very much appreciated by the residents. A kind donation of £300.00 was received. I wonder how many readers know or realise that throughout the nation February 1st was DIGNITY ACTION DAY, a day which aims to ensure that people receiving care are treated as individuals and are given choice, control and a sense of purpose. Michelle organised a full afternoon's entertainment here at Sycamore consisting of a quiz, a chat about the event and a surprise and unexpected puppet show by two of our carers, Julian and Barbara. Puppeteers at Sycamore; I did not know we had such talent. Thanks to Michelle we then had sherry, cheese and biscuits after singing an appropriate song "What is this thing called love".

I can honestly say that here at Sycamore everyday is a dignity day and the aims of such are very much taken into consideration, thanks to Michelle and all the caring staff. On Wednesday 27th February a very welcome friend of ours will be here at 1.30pm. to entertain us. His name is Tony Hill and he never fails to bring delight and enjoyment with his skill and talent on the keyboard. I have been told that refreshments will also be served.

Comment heard this week at Sycamore by one of the ladies: "My husband talking in his sleep happened to say 'you are very beautiful darling' When on waking up she asked him if he was dreaming about her, his comment back was 'I shall have to go back to sleep and find out' OUCH !

Once again top marks to Chris our Chef who during the bad weather the last few weeks has on Wednesday night collected fish and chips from the mobile fish and chip van on the Green and delivered then to the residents in their flats. "Cheers Chris" very much appreciated. Each month I write about the goings-on at Sycamore Hall, but if anyone wants to give us a visit I am sure Michelle or I will only be

too pleased to entertain you, give a cup of tea or coffee and introduce you to the staff and residents. Just give **Michelle** a ring: **0370 192 4055** to confirm.

Derek Ramsden

Cheers! Come on City

The only cheerful thing last month's editorial could name was 'Bradford City'. For the benefit of non-sports fans, a Wembley cup final with a fourth tier team is as unlikely as, say, Bradley Wiggins and Mark Cavendish racing their bikes across Bainbridge village green (whoops, bad comparison) Very surprising, a n y w a y .

I had a season ticket for City, aged eleven, and was never tempted to switch allegiance to a posh rich team. My boys have supported them through thick and thin and now our moment has come. Getting tickets has been a nightmare, but in scarves and shirts (claret and amber hoops not very flattering) off we went on February 24th. Snow was forecast, so on with the long Johns..... and if there's extra time and penalties, will my nerves/bladder cope? I'll let you know.

Sylvia Crookes

Well, Sylvia did, with a 'stop press' brief phone call from Wembley: "Nevertheless it was a grand day out". A hasty email added, "Swansea and Bradford fans mingled happily, and one tipsy Welshman wanted to take me home because he liked my Yorkshire accent."

Wensleydale Red Squirrel Group

A new community group formed to help conserve our native Red Squirrel and expand its range in the Yorkshire Dales

Our first public meeting will be held in Hawes at the Dales Countryside Museum

Weds 13th March
at 7.30pm

Please come along and see how you can get involved or just offer your support!

www.wensleydalersg.co.uk



Heavens Above

The nights become shorter than the days this month after we reach the vernal equinox on March 20th. It's the date when the Sun is directly above the equator as it moves northwards in the sky and marks the 'official' start of Spring. Don't confuse it with British Summer Time which begins on March 31st when you need to put your clocks *forward* an hour.

There's a seasonal change in our view of the night sky too, this month. The bright winter stars are now well past their best and by the end of March they're beginning to fade into the western twilight. Now the view south is filled with the less spectacular springtime groups – Leo, Virgo, Cancer, Bootes the Herdsman and the largest of all the constellations, Hydra the Water Serpent, straggling low over the horizon. The familiar seven stars of the Plough are nearly overhead, which means the 'W' of Cassiopeia is almost at its lowest in the north. Bootes' leading star is golden-orange Arcturus, the fourth brightest in the sky. It's very prominent in the high east and is easily found by following the Plough's 'Handle' downwards. Another really brilliant star is Capella the yellowish leader of Auriga the Charioteer. High overhead in winter, it's now sinking in the west though it never actually sets in UK skies. On the opposite side of the Pole star, and about the same distance from it, is the blue-white Vega in the little constellation of Lyra the Harp. It takes Capella's overhead position during the summer months.

Now's your last chance to get a really good view of Jupiter before it disappears until the autumn. It's a striking object low in the west where it sets around one o'clock in the morning. Mars and Venus aren't visible this month so it's the ringed planet, Saturn, that takes centre stage. It rises in the east around 10 in the evening and is well placed for viewing after midnight amongst the stars of Libra.

Comets are notoriously unpredictable but with a bit of luck we should be able to see Comet PANSTARRS during mid-March after its closet approach to the sun on March 10th. Look for it (binoculars will help) low in the west just over an hour after

sunset from the 12th onwards. Over the next few nights as it climbs higher in the sky you should be able to see it better against the darker background. There's really no telling how bright it will become – it may turn out to



be another flop like so many others - but if all the predictions are correct it should be quite a sight. So here's hoping for clear skies!

Al Bireo



We would like to congratulate Joanne, Mike and family on the safe arrival of baby Harry.

The children have been very busy making some Valentine cards and doing other craft activities involving lots of hearts.

Our topic very soon will be Easter and we will be very busy making things to celebrate this. Watch out for the posters with a list of activities that will be going on during the Easter break.

We would like to say a big thank you to the Jubilee committee and to the LVA for their generous donations. We will be able to use them to buy some new resources for the setting.

Some of you may have seen our new bunting hanging in the main room and on our entrance door, this has been made by Jenny Guy. Thank you Jenny it brightens up the setting.

As part of our ECAT ('Every child a talker') project we are sending home some story packs for the children to share at home with their families and then return them to us with some feedback on what they thought. Each pack includes a book and a soft toy.

Please contact Dalesplay for any enquires or bookings **667789**

Louise Cloughton

Askrigg and District Produce Show

Hello from the current committee of the Askrigg and District Produce Association as we approach what we believe to be our 72nd year of existence. As the incoming Chairman (no-one else stood for election!) I have inherited some wonderful treasures such as the minutes dating back to 1953 in which there was discussion of rules regarding 'dressed poultry' and the judging of hams! It would be fascinating to go back in time and see what the show was like in those early years when such skills were widespread in the dale. It has been intriguing for me to see names of people winning prizes as children but who now have kids of their own who are entering every year.

As a committee we are charged with taking on this historically and culturally valuable event and, whilst keeping it fresh and relevant to today's life, retaining the values that have kept it alive for such a long time. I have joked that I have the opposite of green fingers and have no art, craft or culinary skills so am not the most obvious choice for chairman. I am, however, extremely proud of my connection with the show and I am passionate about keeping the show as vibrant and loved as it has always been to people of all ages and abilities.

To this end the committee have tried to capture some comments from people in the area as to what changes would be welcomed in the schedule and have come up with a number of new categories, whilst hopefully retaining a core of the long-standing ones to retain continuity. Don't panic, Wilf, the Piccalilli category is still there!

Copies of the schedule will be displayed in the area wherever we are able to display them soon and also on the website at www.askriggshow.talktalk.net. Schedules will be sent out to all in the catchment area as early as feasible once they are printed. If you live outside the area, there are usually a few spare copies so please get in touch if you would like one.

After the poor weather last year reduced the vegetable showing to a poorly looking selection, it would be lovely to see a good display in all the categories this year. Please take time to have a look at the schedule and, if you've not put anything in the show for a few

years, maybe have a think about having another go. Who knows? It could be the start of a whole new adventure. The show is on August 26th – Bank Holiday Monday. Any help on setting up day on Sunday 25th from 11:00am and clearing up between 4.00 and 5:00pm on show day would be gratefully received as would any donations of cakes for the teas. Thank you in anticipation.

Mike Dechezeaux, Stoneybank, Askrigg

Does anyone have a copy of the table arrangements which were drawn out? We had one which was given to a committee member who has now moved away. Any information? Please phone **650424**

Christians Together in the Dales

Thursday 14th March 2013

"God Cares For You"

Exploring Ways of Giving and Receiving Care

With The Rev'd Vera Sinton

Methodist Church Hall, Middleham, Leyburn

From 9.30am (Registration and coffee to 2.30pm) Charge for the Day £5 (including coffee, tea & biscuits on arrival and at lunchtime)

Remember to bring your bible and a packed lunch

Contact: Paul and Helen Robson 623775

Mob: 07857 800818

Mothering Sunday Services

Special services will take place on 10 March:

9.30am at St. Mary's, Redmire

10.30am at St. Margaret's, Preston under Scar

11am at St. Andrew's, Aysgarth joined with West Burton and Aysgarth Chapel

4pm at St. Bartholomew's, West Witton

Pie and Pea Supper

15 March at 7.00pm

at Berry's at Swinithwaite

Raffle and Bingo

Tickets £8 from **663096** or **663443**

Mid Wensleydale Conservative Association

HAWES SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning										AYSGARTH SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning									
Wb	Mar 4th		Mar 10th		Mar 18th		Mar 25th			Wb	Mar 4th		Mar 11th		Mar 18th		Mar 25th		
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Doctors: F - France, J - Jones, W - West, C - Closed Morning Surgery: 9.00 - 10.30 a.m. (no appointments) Afternoon Surgery: 3.30 - 5.30 p.m. (appointment only) <i>For appointments and all enquiries ring 667200</i>										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: 4.40-6.00 Tues 1.30-4.00 (appointments only) <i>For appointments and all enquiries ring 6673222</i>									

WHAT'S ON LISTING; please add these dates to your Diary

March

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| <p>1 Wensleydale Society, 7.30pm. See p.7</p> <p>1 Chicken and chips supper and quiz. Wensleydale Pantry. From 6.30pm</p> <p>1 Singer in bar to celebrate 25 years of Angus and Mandy at the Fountain Hotel, Hawes</p> <p>1 World Day of Prayer; Hawes area service, Hardaw, 2.30pm. See p.11</p> <p>2 Traditional village dance in Askrigg Village Hall from 8.00pm. Tickets £8.00.</p> <p>3 Bainbridge Methodists at Aysgarth, 10.30am</p> <p>5 Hawes Drama group reads "Living Together" by Alan Ayckbourn; Gayle Institute. 7.30pm</p> <p>5, 12, 19 Lent lunches and meditation; Hawes Methodist Church from noon.</p> <p>5 Middleham and Dales Local History</p> <p>6, 13, 20 Lent Course in Penhill Diocese. All welcome. See p.17</p> <p>8 West Witton Folk Concert, from 7.00pm. See p.6</p> <p>9,18 Preliminary prayers for 'Filling Station' project. See p.9</p> <p>9 Coffee Morning for St Oswald's at Askrigg Village Hall. See p.13</p> | <p>9 Craven Accordion Orchestra; St Margaret's, Hawes. See p.17</p> <p>10 Table top Sale in the Market House, Hawes</p> <p>10 Mothering Sunday. See p.22</p> <p>10 Special church services</p> <p>10 West Burton Methodists at St Andrew's, Aysgarth; 11.00am</p> <p>10 Aysgarth Methodists at St Andrew's, Aysgarth. 11.00am</p> <p>11 Lent Taize service for churches in the Upper Dale. Hawes Methodist Chapel; 1.00pm.</p> <p>11 Marsett Chapel Sing-a-long, 8.00pm. Gayle Ladies Choir</p> <p>11 Circle dancing restarts, 7.30pm. See p.18</p> <p>12 Decorative and Fine Arts Society, 2.00pm. See p.5</p> <p>12 Wensleydale Tournament of Song Begins. See p.16</p> <p>12 YDNPA Planning Committee. 1.00pm. Yoredale, Bainbridge</p> <p>12 Coffee morning for Comic Relief: Beckindales, Hawes. 10.00am till Noon</p> <p>13 Wensleydale Red Squirrel Group, 7.30pm. See p.20</p> <p>14 Christians Together in the Dales; day course. See p.22</p> <p>15 Friends of the Museum meeting 7.30pm. See p. 25</p> |
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| 15 | Red Nose Day/Comic Relief | 31 | Easter Day |
| 15 | Pie and Peas supper at Berry's Swinithwaite. See p.22 | 31 | Pink Rabbit's Easter Egg Hunt on the Wensleydale Railway. See p.7 |
| 15, 23 | Quilting workshops, Fairfield Mill. See p.8 | | |
| 16 | Two bands at the Fountain Hotel, Hawes. Funding raising for Amala Orphanage. £5. 10pm 'till late | April | |
| 17 | St Patrick's Day | 1 | Plant Sale at Castle Bolton (with coffee and cakes). 10.00am to 12 noon. |
| 17, 31 | Aysgarth Methodists at Bainbridge, 10.30am. | 1,2,3 | Tea and Scones with in Stalls in St Margaret's Church, Hawes. 1.00 till 3.00pm proceeds towards restoration fund |
| 20 | Newsletter AGM. See p.3 | | |
| 20 | Carperby W. I. 7.30pm. Paul Sheenan: 'Freeholders' Wood and dormice' | | |
| 20 | Upper Wensleydale Ladies Luncheon Club; Rose and Crown, Bainbridge, Noon. Then Tony Smailes: "Churchill, the Big Gathering and Polar Bears". | | |
| 21 | Aysgarth Parish Township Meeting; 7.30pm. In Aysgarth Institute | | |
| 22 | Hawes Primary School PTFA are Holding a Bingo Night from 6.30pm. in the School Hall. Bring and share supper. | | |
| 22 | West Witton domino drive. See p.7 | | |
| 23 | Skeldale House Open Day. See p.15 | | |
| 23 | Ladies darts presentation night and band. Tickets at the Fountain | | |
| 23 | Pie and Pea supper; Thoraby. See p.3 | | |
| 24 | Bainbridge Methodist service in Sycamore Hall, 10.30am. | | |
| 24 | Palm Sunday concert at St Andrew's Aysgarth. See p.9 | | |
| 26 | YDNPA full authority meeting; 10.30am. Yoredale, Bainbridge | | |
| 27 | Good Friday | | |
| 27 | Upper Dales Family History Group 2.00pm. See p.16 | | |
| 28 | Hawes School 'Eastertingle' event; Hawes Methodist Church, 1.30pm | | |

Gayle Mill What's On

- Demonstration Tour: 11.00am and 2.30pm. £12 per person. Booking advisable.
- 10 Reinvent, Recycle and Revive – contemporary wire jewellery Making course, using traditional textile techniques. 10.30am–4.30pm. £40 per person. (limited spaces remain)
A Herriots kitchen lunch is included in the fee.
Booking essential.
- 16, 17 The Victorian Saw Mill Experience Weekend. 9.30am to 5.00pm. £250 per person. This course includes kitchen lunch, all materials and tuition.
Booking essential.
- 25–29 Afternoon tours only, at 1.00 and 3.00pm. £6 per ticket.

Answers to 'True or False' on page 10:

All are true; go back and read 16 again!



DCM What's On

Entry charge to Museum—£4 adults, £3.50 concession, free for under 16s. All exhibitions are free and events included in Museum entry price unless otherwise stated.

1 February till 27 February. “Your Yorkshire Dales: a snapshot”. The top twenty images and captions submitted to a photographic competition, which show the special qualities of the Yorkshire Dales.

March

6, 7, 8 Afternoons. Ladies Textile Art Group are making a large quilt to be for the Friends of DCM funds. If you would like to join in—please drop in. No expertise required. It will be fun and there will be tea and cake!

10 Mum’s the word! 10.00am to

5.00pm. Make something crafty for Mother’s Day. Mums visit the museum free today!

13 Tea, cakes and recipes; 2.30 to 4.30pm. Bring along your favourite cake to share, have a cup of tea and swap recipes. Free event

15 Victorian Keld 7.30pm. A talk by Duncan Blythell as part of the Friends of the DCM lecture Programme. £2

20 Tea cakes and recipes in the evening 6.30 to 8.30pm. Bring along your favourite cake to share, have a cup of tea and swap recipes. Free event

31 Mini Meadow Magic. 2.00 to 4.00pm. Help make a wildflower meadow collage at our family workshop and sow your own mini meadow. Bring a plant pot. A Flowers in the Dales Festival event

For further information on any activity 'phone **666210**

Police Report

Heating oil thefts. Unfortunately we had more of this type of incident. Two tanks were siphoned at Nappa overnight 17th-18th February 2013. The offenders must be using a vehicle with a large tank in the back. Any strange vans or curtain sided vehicles seen in Nappa recently? If so please let us know.

Several churches in Wensleydale have been targeted. The offender(s) are forcing their way inside to gain access to any area where money may be kept. This includes attacking built-in donation boxes or taking "charity" type boxes which are loose. They are using flat bladed implements in their attempts and even if unsuccessful they are causing damage. Please assist us by reporting any suspect activity in or around churches PROMPTLY using 101 or if the suspect appears to be causing damage or breaking in 999.

On 19th February 2013 a male called at a house in Bainbridge. He spoke to the occupier and told her she had a major water leak in the back garden. He then conned his way into the house and asked that the downstairs taps be run whilst he went upstairs "to check the taps". Only he went into a bedroom and stole some jewellery. It is predominantly our elder community that are targeted by this type of offender. Please be aware that if you had a major water leak in your own back garden it would be you that has to get a plumber in to sort out the matter, so you would not get an unexpected "cold caller" like this. If there is a major leak in the street then it would be dealt with in our area by Yorkshire Water (or their sub contractor – usually Morrison Utilities) and they would normally notify residents by other means. So if someone comes to your door with some spurious story about checking your water supply **PLEASE DO NOT LET THEM INTO YOUR HOME.** Utility company employees,

including meter readers, they normally carry some form of identification on them. If you are not sure then ring the company concerned to verify their credentials, or contact the police. If they are genuine they will wait around.

Land Rover Defenders appear to be the vehicle of choice at the moment for thieves so please make sure yours is secure..

The antiques shop was broken into in Middleham overnight in mid February. If you can offer any information that may help us to solve any of the above crimes contact either myself on the number below or have a word with PCSO Don WATSON. If you see suspicious activity ring 101 or if you suspect a crime is being committed 999.

Andy Foster PC826

**Leyburn Safer Neighbourhood Team
Wards of Addleborough and Hawes & High
Abbotside
Tel. 101**

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Thomas and Julie
would like to thank everyone for
their cards, gifts and good
wishes on the birth of their
daughter Ella

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neighbours and friends for the
flowers, cards, phone calls, and to
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hospital.