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Editorial

Work: “A clumsy road o’ makking a livin’”, said the old guy in the barber’s shop. “You should know”, said the barber, “You watch enough of it.”

Work, full time or part time, and unemployment are very much at the top of the agenda at present. Even our area which until now doesn’t seem to have fared too badly, is feeling the pinch. At the same time noises are being made about how long, or even how hard, some in the professions (and in Parliament) work or seem to work.

The trouble is, some people make a song and dance about how busy they are while others, seeming to have free time to spare, have packed a great deal, unseen, into their days. That applies to both voluntary work and employment.

Do we really know? Let’s take just a few examples.

Some years ago a high school arranged a series of staff exchanges so that teachers could experience working life in industry, and the ‘captains of industry’ could try their hand in the school and the classroom. The industrialists (spared from the most difficult students) had had enough after a couple of days and gave up. A poster on the study wall of a professor of engineering at one of our well-known colleges used to read: “Oh for the peace and quiet of industry”. Pieces of metal or wood, and machines might not always behave as they should, but they can’t challenge, sulk or answer back!

We can easily poke fun when a ‘job’ is going on in our towns or villages; two guys actually working and half a dozen apparently standing by. Do we really understand? Would we even stand about for days, possibly in all weathers, for their reward? What about those accused of ‘sitting down all day’ for their work. Even a couple of hours in front of a computer screen gives some of us a bad neck or eye strain!

As for others who have to grapple with complicated finance or administration, just a day’s brain-work would defeat many. Those carers in the health and social services might seem sometimes to be idling. How good, understanding and patient would we be day after day? Shop assistants might sometimes seem to be off-hand; could others of us smile and ask after customers’ well-being all day long?

So we repeat: how do we really know? The stress levels in some occupations are almost overwhelming. There will also, always, be the added problem of how much various jobs or

professions get paid. “I wouldn’t do that for love nor money”, you sometimes hear. We tend to handsomely reward people in the professions, probably rightly allowing for long years of study; but how about those in the most tedious, boring or repetitive tasks that most of us wouldn’t touch with a bargepole? Don’t they deserve better?

Let us see if there are ways any of us can provide more work locally; consider the true value of work done in relation to the rewards; try hard to imagine the work load or stress that others bear; and in every case when we get served, get treated, get helped or sorted out, then make sure we give our thanks. It won’t do much to help make ends meet for everyone, but it is so important.

Middleham and Dales Local History Group

Tuesday 21st May 2.00pm – Middleham Key Centre

The Christopher Pratt story David Pratt

In this talk, David Pratt will tell the story of his forebear, Christopher Pratt, the eleven year old son of a Gunnerside lead miner, whose widowed mother took her family to Bradford in 1830. Christopher served his time as a cabinet maker and started his own business some fifteen years later. He was eventually joined by his four sons, and the business became the home and contract furnishing firm of Christopher Pratt and Sons. Surviving two World Wars and witnessing the reign of five monarchs, the company is still in business today. David Pratt’s research resulted in the publication of an article entitled “From humble beginnings...” in *The Yorkshire Dalesman* of May 2010. His presentation will be a new departure for MDLHG as he will use sound recordings in addition to visual images to illustrate the fascinating history of this important Bradford retail firm.

Annual membership of the group is £10 and visitors are welcome to attend individual meetings for a fee of £3. For further information, please contact **Tony Keates 640436** or email dotandtonyk@btinternet.com

Rosemary Anderson

RICHARD DINSDALE

would like to thank family
and friends for the kindness and cards received on
his birthday

April Competition Answers

These represent well-known phrases or words:

1. FEATHERS IN THE LANDFILLS
Down in the dumps
2. FORSIFROMDEMATION
From inside information
3. GLASS GLASS GLASS GLASS
Magnifying glass
4. D I V I S I O N
Long division
5. GSGE
Scrambled eggs
6. RIPLTFALL
teardrop
7. ENIG (Usually very dark)
Middle of the night
8. HOROBOD
Robin Hood
9. TTIIMMEE
Double time
10. NOONLATE
Late afternoon
11. AN A FROM TITUS'S FOR SCOTLAND
Saltire
12. OND (A long way off)
Back of beyond
13. MOORLADS
Backroom boys
14. AH! SO IT'S JOSEPH RULER!
You must be joking
15. ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
Argon

The winner was **Peter Annison** and the £20 goes to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

May Competition

In the Dale or just over the hills. Some local places. * = anagram

1. You'll find it in the dentist's chair
2. You'll find it in there
3. Nursing Dee *
4. Two round here, one on Lune, another in Teesdale, and many more
5. With a fish you might spot it—in the water
6. Show her a gut *
7. Angers toes *
8. Prickle old weight with oxide
9. Lot con tables *
10. The boiler's doing OK
11. Back mac finish
12. Applaud the pork.

Now several of these are not hard! Send in your answers even if not quite complete. Remember the winner nominates a charity for the £20 prize.

Decorative and Fine Arts Society

Member Society of the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies

Garden History

In *From Knots to Borders – and Beyond* Marilyn Elm will trace the development of planting design, from the delights of the medieval perfumed plot, to the modernist architectural planting and the aesthetics of the 'prairie style' so popular today. She is passionate about promoting garden history, and has published articles, broadcast for BBC television and radio, and the Discovery Channel.

This Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society lecture is on **Tuesday May 14th 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**



Tucker and Elizabeth of Askrigg wish to thank everyone for all their cards and good wishes on the occasion of their Diamond wedding.

Walking Group Celebrates 500th Walk

The Upper Dales Walking Group was established in 1998 and is about to celebrate the 500th walk organised by the group members. The Group was formed after an article was published in the Newsletter in March 1998 by Stuart and Pam Lennie of Hawes (Inside the back page of issue 24 for those who keep all the back copies!) inviting interested individuals to come together for a meeting.

The Group has walked consistently since 1998 with only an enforced curtailment for 10 months in 2001 because of the Foot and Mouth outbreak. Several individuals have been active members of the group since its inception 15 years ago and these include Tricia Tate from Askrigg, Lorna Ward from Gayle, Graeme and Sheila Thompson from Sedbusk, Ian and Anne Richardson formerly of Thornton Rust, Jean Sleightholme and Peter Wood from Hawes as well as Stuart and Pam Lennie. It is estimated that they must have clocked up over 2,000 miles each on the Group walks!

The Group produces a schedule of planned walks every six months with three walks per month. The walks vary between 6 and 12 miles with Swaledale, Wensleydale, Wharfedale and the Three Peaks environs being the most popular locations. Any member wishing to join a walk simply turns up at the pre-arranged start point at the appointed hour – no booking or advance confirmation is required. With about 30 active members the typical turnout for each walk is usually between 12 and 20 people and following the walk there is usually a partaking of refreshments in a local tea-room or pub. New members who live in the Newsletter area are always welcome and anyone interested can simply request a copy of the walk schedule from the Group's secretary and turn up for a walk. Contact **Karen Jones on 650100** or email caseymal@live.co.uk

B.M.C.

Sugar Town

31st May from 10.00pm
In the Fountain, Hawes
For the Midsummer Bash

More Help for Mower!

When Bainbridge parish council decided it needed a new mower for its pride and joy, the village green, members knew that raising the money would never be easy. But they were also aware that generous residents have a habit of rallying round; the last time a new grass-cutter was needed, the local Paley family made what Councillor Yvonne Peacock describes as a "very generous donation."

This time the first offer of help came from relative newcomers to the village, Neil and Jane McNair, proprietors of the Low Mill guest house, the old corn mill which they bought and renovated in 2011. The McNairs hosted a well-attended wine and canapes evening in April, which drew guests from far and wide, and raised an amazing £600 towards the cost of the mower, which the council hopes to be able to buy next year. "The old mower will see us through another season. It was such a valuable gift and in fact we will be able to trade it in to help pay for the new one. This is not an easy time to be raising money and we are privileged to live in a village where residents, whether new or of long-standing, are really generous," said Coun. Peacock. Not only did the McNairs host the party, they also paid for the wine and, along with Coun. Peacock and others, provided the extensive buffet.

Campbell's of Leyburn provided the wine at cost price, and the Yorkshire Brewing Company donated beer and raffle prizes. Parish councillor Ian Canavan thanked all who had helped. "It was a lovely evening supported by residents and visitors from far and wide, with a great atmosphere in beautiful surroundings," he said.

Coun. Canavan is one of the volunteers who, with local garage proprietor Paul Metcalfe - who is the sexton for Bainbridge parish - cuts the grass fortnightly in the summer, and for special events.

"Paul helps to maintain the green, along with Tim Prudden, and Roger Duval our caretaker. Tim and his son Tristan have offered to help with mower work this year and will receive training quite soon. We are very fortunate to have so many willing hands," he said.

Betsy Everett

Aysgarth Station

Although no train services presently run from this delightful Victorian station in April 2011 a number of volunteers from the Wensleydale Railway formed a group and engaged on a programme to refurbish Aysgarth Station site in advance of the extension of the Wensleydale Railway from Redmire.

While the station will only be opened to the public for 16 days in 2013, the Station Group does also encourage and welcome visits by appointment throughout the year from:

local school parties/voluntary youth groups / adult community groups.

As part of our Education Experience, it is our intention to create a storyline of the history of this important Victorian Station with the aim to ensure that all visiting the site enjoy themselves, while also learning about how the coming of the railway influenced people's lives and shaped history in the Dales.

We are also looking for people who live in the local area to let us have further information on the history of the station operation, to contribute towards our storyline. Required are old railway artifacts, memories, articles or pictures of the Aysgarth Station and services in the surrounding area.

As part of Wensleydale Railway's 10th Anniversary Celebrations 2003 – 2013 we intend to put "Wensley" our Ruston and Hornsby 88 DS Diesel Loco built at Lincoln in 1960 on display at Aysgarth Station.

In partnership with Gayle Mill, we aim to start the renovation of our 1880s goods wagon which was built by Ashbury in 1882 and operated on the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincoln Railway.

It is our intention to put in a small siding next to the old milk dock which at a later date will allow us to bring a static passenger carriage on site. We are currently looking for some partners who will assist with this project, which will provide space under cover for the many local school children, youth and adult groups who visit the station throughout the year.

Come along during an open day and have a look around the site before enjoying a cup of Yorkshire tea and a piece of homemade cake, or apply for a copy of our station handout via email / address is below.

What can I do to help?:

Make a donation to the Project / become a member of the group.

Join our volunteer team / offer your services to help on Open Days.

Anyone who has any spare time, I do urge you to get involved; you will be helping to preserve the traditions of Upper Wensleydale.

Rod Morris
07779658315.

Email: railwaystation@hotmail.co.uk

Aysgarth Station Heritage Site.

Evening Preview Thurs 2nd and Friday 3rd

(By Appointment Only Telephone: 07779658315)

Open Weekend Sat 4th to Wednesday 8th May. 10.00am to 4.00pm Daily.

Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Wensleydale Railway 2003 - 2013

Visit the Post Office Exhibition from the National Archives, which features the role played by postal communications at the start of 20th Century and examines stories of postal workers at WW1 and on the Home Front.

This will also include details of the Post Office services at Aysgarth Station (RSO) and surrounding area around 1900s

The Extensive Railway at War exhibition which has been put together by Mr Bob Ellis will be on Display.

With permission of Royal Mail the Black and White version of "The Mail Train" will be shown throughout the week-end)

FREE ENTRY TO THE EXHIBITION

JILL BAKER (CLECKHEATON)

**Happy Birthday Jill – 7th May;
from all your friends at Hawes**

Food and Drink Festival

The three-day Dales Festival of Food and Drink has been held over the May Bank Holiday weekend for the last twelve years.

Formed as a response to the Foot and Mouth epidemic, the festival was originally held in Leyburn Market Place. However increased attendance forced a move to its present roomier site just outside the town.

With over 80 different stands which feature only local food products, there is something for all visitors to sample. There is an amazing variety of the best locally sourced meats to cheeses to preserves and traditional baking from the region.

A beer festival held in the drinks marquee has many small breweries from Yorkshire represented within it. Award winning beers and wines are also served. This year it features a new brew dedicated to Richard 111. To entertain, the festival brings together live cookery demonstrations from the region's top chefs and a 'Speakers' Corner'. This features a top author each day, which includes the ever popular Gervase Finn a festival patron. Farming for Food offers demonstrations of traditional farming skills and a chance to see some animals. There are ample attractions for young people, traditional dancing and six hours of live music every day. Since its inception, the festival has donated over £150,000 to local community causes throughout Wensleydale, it also supports Tickets for Troops. The three day-event also supports small businesses, and acts as a springboard to success. By supporting the festival you support these causes.

The festival takes place from **Saturday May 4th, until Monday 6th**. Visit www.dalesfestivaloffood.org, like us on Facebook or follow us on twitter @DalesFoodFest.

Philip Sedgwick

Eunice the Ewe



I was hiding in Cockett's Restaurant last month.
Winner:: **Isabelle Metcalfe, Garsdale.**

Peter Pan 2013

'second star to the right, and straight on till morning'

Rehearsals for the Pantomime "Peter Pan" commence on **Tuesday 3rd September**. Join Wendy, John and Michael as they go on a magical journey to Neverland. Performances at Hawes Market House from Tuesday 3rd to Friday 6th December. For more information please telephone **Jennifer (HAOS Secretary) 667241** or email pryhousefarm@hotmail.com

MORE DETAILS NEARER THE TIME.

ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION
and sale of art work in various styles and materials by members of
YOREDALE ART CLUB
at
LEYBURN METHODIST CHURCH HALL
Fri. 3rd to Mon 6th May
Preview: Thurs. 2nd 7pm
Open daily 10 a.m. To 5 p.m. (12 noon to 5 p.m. Sunday)
The Dales Festival of Art (Supported by the National Lottery through Arts Council England)

Open Meeting

On **Wednesday 22nd May** the Churches Together group in Hawes and the Upper Dale are holding an open meeting in Hawes Methodist Chapel schoolroom. Refreshments will be available from **7.00pm** followed by open discussion about Christian presence, mission and ministry in the area. Everybody is welcome to offer their views and we look forward to an interesting and lively evening.

Christian Aid Service

Hawes Methodist Church

12th May at 3.00pm

followed by refreshments

Prunings

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

Rain, wind, snow, arctic temperatures – we've had it all this year. Didn't someone say it has been the coldest March since 1962? – Well, it felt like it. In consequence therefore it was so much more amazing to poke my nose out one morning and suddenly it felt warm. It is hard to describe how it felt. Once again, so many of those plants which have looked completely dead for months in such a year as this, seem to have been caught out by the burst of warmth and sprung into life almost overnight. The *Potentilla Fruticosa* (Shrubby *Potentilla*) are



now covered in tiny bright green shoots, and the difference between some of the varieties is quite striking. Princess: a pretty pink, is far more

advanced than Red Ace: a brilliant dark orange, and the pale yellow variety with sage green leaves, which I have had for so many years it has long since lost its name tag, is much more forward than both of them. They are such good value as with a little dead-heading they will be covered in flowers for months. I hope the white one (Abbotswood) has survived, but I confess I haven't found one yet. Perhaps the most impressive performance I have come across so far among the debris of too long a winter has been from the *Bergenia*s. Known also as Elephant's Ears and Pigsqueak these plants are spectacularly hardy. One boxful spent the last four months out on a display table taking everything the heavens could throw at them. They appear not to have suffered at all and many have already produced healthy flower buds. The tallest: *Bergenia Cordifolia Purpurea* lifts its lovely clustered pink heads to almost a foot above the foliage. B. Tubby Andrews, which has paler leaves and pale pink flowers reaches about 18 inches in total, and B. Bressingham Ruby is slightly shorter but with larger rich carmine flowers. They are hard to beat for all round value, they are deer resistant, the rabbits don't like them, the leaves are barely affected by the weather and totally evergreen, some are

burnished as the season progresses and they are excellent ground cover. They will grow in almost any conditions and are easy to propagate. Not many plants can beat them. The increasing light levels have brought on the pelargoniums and so I have kept them out of the wind. Taking cuttings in the greenhouse is a good way of hiding and at this time of year they usually take well. Most cuttings are set out in clay pots, but because the pelargoniums and geraniums take so readily I usually set them singly in 4 cm plastic pots, each one labelled. As soon as the roots have formed they move on into sale size pots and the labels move with them. I have moved some of the late cuttings from last year into one-litre pots and they are already flowering. The mauve flowered Susan Pearce has done especially well, and is now residing in the poly-tunnel to prevent it growing leggy. As usual everything gets into gear so quickly when the weather improves that I shall never catch up. No change, - I never do. Good luck! And whatever you grow, take time to enjoy it.

Rose Rambler.

Sweet William



Huts on the moors in snow can all look a bit the same. Robert Hall, Castle Bolton, who took this picture, writes in to say: "but Sweet

William is such a landmark for miles around. Aka 'Greenhaw Hut' on the O.S. map it's always known locally as 'Sweet William', not because of what couples might get up to there in the springtime, but because the Lord Bolton at the time of its construction was of a rather sour temperament!"

Aysgarth Methodist Church

**Young voices with Barbara Roocroft
Saturday June 1st at 7.00pm**

£5 adults, £3 children to include supper.

Proceeds towards the repair of the chapel west wall.

North Yorkshire Local Assistance Fund

Since April 1st the County Council has some funding to support *vulnerable individuals to move into or remain in the community or to help families under exceptional pressure to stay together*; the Social Fund Community Care Grants and Crisis Loans are now abolished.

Applying to the Fund

Individuals should contact North Yorkshire County Council in the first instance (Tel: **0845 8 72 73 74**). Copies of full supporting documentary evidence must be provided by individuals at the time of applying.

To be eligible for Local Assistance grants the applicant must be:

Aged 16 years or over;

Living in North Yorkshire;

Receiving a means-tested benefit **OR** have a household income below the current low income threshold (£15,910) **AND** less than £1,000 capital (savings and bank account balances);

Have a need that cannot be met from other forms of support;

Awards from the fund

Items requested must be essential and critical to the needs of the applicant and/or their families:

Essential items of household furniture and equipment (including tables and chairs, cooker/microwave, washing machine, refrigerators/freezers); beds and bedding; children's clothing;

utility reconnection charges; rent deposits and short term accommodation costs (up to an award value of £500); essential home repairs e.g. to fix leaking plumbing; Food packs (including baby specific); Clothing vouchers

Note: Awards are made in kind. Cash is not provided.

Penhill Benefice Lent Lunches.

Owing to the bad weather we only had 5 lunches this year.

Together these raised £1062-50p.

Christian Aid will be able to add a further £160 through Gift Aid to the above sum. Thank you to all who gave soup, bread and cheese, also the helpers who served the meals and those who attended.

Evelyn Abraham

Upper Dales Family History Group

The March speaker was June Hall who delivered a fascinating talk on a little known emigration between 1772 and 1775 when around a 1000 settlers from North Yorkshire moved to an area around the Bay of Fundy in what was then Nova Scotia. Many of the families still live in the same small area of Canada and can trace their ancestors back to the Yorkshire emigrants, even down to which ship they sailed on. Family correspondence survives along with pieces of furniture which made the voyage with them, traditional crafts such as patchwork and a deep sense of attachment to their roots.

This month's meeting is on **Wednesday, May 22nd, at 2.00pm** in Fremington Sunday School near Reeth when Jackie Depelle will be speaking on the Moravian settlement at Fulneck. 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.

There will also be a drop-in Family History Computer Club at Hudson House in Reeth from 1pm to 5pm on **Saturday, May 4th**, for anyone interested in getting started with researching family history. No need to book. £3 for the first two hours, then £1 per hour – stay as long as you like.

Mine of (mis) Information!

With the memories of the Miners' Strike having been in people's minds recently, one small incident that needs to be recorded has been brought to our notice.

In 1984, a coach load of Durham Miners was sent to picket West Burton Power Station. The bemused group ended up here instead of in Nottinghamshire. Apparently the local pub had its best day ever!

McGregor

Brian and Sylvia would like to thank family and friends for their good wishes, lovely flowers, cards and presents on the occasion of their
Ruby Wedding Anniversary

Hawes Surgery Rota

www.centraldalespractice.co.uk

Tel:- 01969 667 200

	29th April Dr West on holiday Target Day Tue 30th a.m p.m	6th May Bank Hol 6th May a.m p.m	13th May a.m p.m	20th May Dr West on holiday a.m p.m	27th May Bank hol 27th May a.m p.m
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Friday	Dr Brown Dr West	Dr Jones Dr Jones	Dr West Dr West	Dr Jones Dr Jones	Dr West Dr West
Saturday	Emergency Doctor	Emergency Doctor	Emergency Doctor	Emergency Doctor	Emergency Doctor

Surgery Times:- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 08.45am to 10.15am & 5pm to 6pm

Tuesday 08.45am to 10.45am & 1pm to 4pm

Aysgarth Surgery Rota

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Tel:- 01969 663 222

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Friday	Dr West Dr West	Dr West Dr West	Dr Jones Dr Jones	Dr Jones Dr Jones	Dr Jones Dr Jones
Saturday	Emergency Doctor	Emergency Doctor	Emergency Doctor	Emergency Doctor	Emergency Doctor

Morning surgery Times:- Monday to Friday 9am to 10.30am (no appointment necessary)

Evening surgery times:- Monday to Friday 4pm - 5.30pm (appointments **only**)

Surgeries where the doctor's name is in **bold** are emergencies only

UWIPS

UWIPS (Upper Wensleydale Industrial and Provident Society) is a small group that provides the yellow minibus that ferries people to/from the daycare centre at Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge. The decision has been made not to fundraise to replace the existing vehicle. It is in good condition for its age, but is not being used much by NYCC.

Because of scarcity of drivers and conditions of use (constitution of UWIPS), we

will discuss how long UWIPS may continue. *Members of the public are welcome to attend the AGM and express their opinions, although only members have a vote.*

The AGM will be held at 7.00pm at Sycamore hall on **Friday 3rd May**.

Geoff Phillips



*Mystery picture.
Last month's was of
Ellerlands Nearer Target.
spotted very quickly by Anne Spensley,
Castle Bolton.*

Walking Festival

By the time you read this the great **ride2stride** Settle to Carlisle Walking Festival will be underway. We include here details of events nearby. Full Festival programmes are available from Information Centres.

Friday May 3rd Garsdale to Hawes. This 6 or 10 mile walk starts from Garsdale Station at **10.30am**. The Little White bus can take walkers up from Hawes for the start.. (**667400** for details).

Saturday May 4th Ribbleshead Viaduct guided tours; old navvy/shanty town; **10.25am or 2.15pm**. Also circular walk from Ribbleshead: **12 noon**; 7 miles via Chapel le Dale.

And Dent to Ribbleshead via Snaizholme, strenuous 12mile, **10.15am**

Sunday May 5th Dent to Ribbleshead over Blea Moor. 9 miles; **10.30am**

Monday May 6th Ribbleshead Viaduct tour as above, **10.25am**.

All other details : ride2stride.org.uk

Also **Saturday May 25th** Wensleydale Railway 'wildflower' 6 mile walk from Redmire to Leyburn. **650349** for full details.

Wensleydale Chorus

The Wensleydale Chorus rehearsals begin on May 1st at 7.30pm. Why not come and join us? We rehearse for 10 weeks and then do two performances and then the Chorus doesn't meet again until the same time the following year. If you fancy joining us for a right good sing contact our Secretary, Gilda Foster on gilda@fosnet.plus.com to register.

No auditions – everyone is welcome.

The Wensleydale Chorus will be performing Mendelssohn's Elijah for their 2013 programme.

Professional Soloists take the solo parts and this year we are pleased to welcome Emma Wardell - Alto, Nicholas Devlin – Tenor, Jolyon Dodgson -Bass and Greg Smith accompanying.

Performances will take place at St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth on July 20th and St John's Church in East Witton on 27th July.

Tickets are £6.00 and are available on the door and the performance begins at 7.30pm.

Julie Greenslade

Christian Aid Week

It seems incredible, but Christian Aid Week has come round again. This year it is the week of **May 12th-18th** and as usual, collectors will be handing out envelopes, there will be a joint church service on Sunday May 12th and a coffee morning during the week. This year Christian Aid has also asked people to save spent print cartridges and old mobile phones, and there will be a box in St Margaret's Church, Hawes, where these can be left.

In 2012 Christian Aid raised £12.5million, a huge sum raised entirely through the generosity of members of the public. When you make a contribution, however small, you can be certain that it is going to a good cause. Donations are helping refugees fleeing the civil war in Syria, and other conflict zones, building new homes for the survivors of earthquakes and other natural disasters, helping to provide clean water, to combat poverty, to prevent the spread of killer disease, to help all kinds of people around the world to recover strength and dignity as they cope with famine, war and the cruelty of both human beings and the elements.

If you want to learn more, go to info@christian-aid.org and please do support us as we try to play our part in fund-raising again this year. You have always been so generous in the past, so let us try to keep up our reputation for giving.

Susan Bassnett, Secretary for Hawes and district campaign

Swaledale Festival

Events in our area

Sunday 26th May - Concert at St Oswald's as part of the Swaledale Festival - **8.00pm** - by the Renaissance Choir. They are a young choir from Durham and will perform renaissance music and more recent works. Tickets from the Swaledale Festival Office. Adults £15; Under 19's £3.

Friday 31st May - Concert at St Oswald's as part of the Swaledale Festival - **8.00pm** - The Swale Singers will sing War & Peace - Haydn's 'Mass in Time of War' and Jenkins's 'Mass of Peace'. Tickets are £8 for Adults and £3 for Under 19's.

For bookings for all Swaledale Festival events: 01748 880019. Full programme available at information centres and on the Web.

St Margaret's Church

The fundraising for St Margaret's church restoration fund is going very well indeed. I am so grateful to the community of Hawes for the way that it has got behind the fundraising events and supported them. We could not have got this far without that incredible support. Thank you all so much! We still have a way to go and I hope that we will continue to see everyone enjoying the events that are going to take place in the near future. St Margaret's has a dedicated team for fundraising and they are constantly inspired to arrange different events to suit everyone. However there is one draw-back. So many people have given generously to the appeal but sadly we are running low on our general day-to-day running costs. It costs St Margaret's somewhere in the region of £35,000 per year to keep the church insured heated and lit, including the share that we pay to the diocese for the ministrations of a Priest-in-charge and we are struggling to keep up. Like everyone else in this day and age we are suffering from the costs of oil and electricity. The church council has decided to dedicate the funds raised from the next three months afternoon teas to the general running costs in an attempt to help our treasurer to pay the bills that have to be paid, whilst still raising the much needed funds for the restoration. The people of Hawes have always been very supportive of these afternoon teas and the church council hope that this will continue so that we can keep the church going whilst the restoration continues.

Rev Ann Chapman

Pentecost Praise Service on Bainbridge Village Green.

Sunday 19th May 3.00pm

Preacher will be Adrian Alker, Diocesan Missioner. The service will include the congregations of St Oswald's Church and Bainbridge Methodist Chapel - along with anyone else who wants to come along.

Coffee Morning in aid of St Oswald's Church

The Back room of Askrigg Village Hall.

10am - noon, Saturday 14th May

Everyone welcome. Entry £2. Raffle, Tea, Scones & Biscuits. Home Produce Stall.

Out of the Woods

If you go down to Farfield Mill you are in for a big surprise. Until June 2nd the wonders of the woodlands are coming to Sedbergh.

Following on from last year's outstandingly successful event 'Working Woodlands', 'Coppice Crafts' a seven week exhibition brings together 30 coppice workers, the majority being members of the Coppice Association North West, in a celebration of coppice history and heritage, the story of its workers, and the beautiful and useful items produced from this ancient and sustainable process. Products made from coppiced wood include baskets, spoons, bowls, hurdles, chairs even beds. The variety of work on display will take your breath away; it is all handmade using traditional heritage craft skills.

Alongside the display of Coppice products is a striking display of artwork inspired by the woodlands. Painter David Johnson originally from Ulverston is producing work especially for this exhibition.

Coppice Crafts will delight and amaze, and if you happen to visit over either Bank Holiday weekend in May, you will be able to see how the coppice products are made, with demonstrations of various coppice crafts.

Coppice Crafts runs until 2nd June. Farfield Mill is open daily 10.30am - 5.00pm. For more information www.farfieldmill.org or **015396 21958**.

Calling Young Artists

Talented young artists have a unique opportunity to learn from an award winning artist in a Swaledale Festival workshop. An exhibition of Wensleydale artist Piers Browne's new works will run from 25th May – 8th June in The Gallery, Hudson House, Reeth and on **Sunday 26th May from 2.00-3.30pm** he will conduct a free hands-on workshop for young artists in the Gallery.

The minimum age for participants is 8 years and the youngsters need to be accompanied by an adult.

Places are limited so book yours as soon as possible, ring **Margaret Murphy on 01748 880018**. Paper and materials will be provided.

Heavens Above

Three bright planets - Venus, Jupiter, and Mercury- put on an impressive show this month when they meet up in the bright evening twilight low in the north-west. You should be able to glimpse them from the 18th May onwards.



The best time to look is around 10 o'clock after the Sun has properly set. Venus is easily the brightest of the three though Jupiter's not too far behind. Binoculars will help you to pick out fainter Mercury.

The trio form a right-angled triangle less than 5° across on May 24th and an equilateral one on the 26th. Over the next few nights Venus and Jupiter come even closer together and by the 28th they're separated by just 1° – not much more than the width of the full Moon. Right at the end of the month all three form a distinctive sloping line with Jupiter at the lower right, Mercury the upper left, and Venus right in the middle.

On the other side of the sky another bright planet, Saturn, is on show. Almost due south by the middle of the evening, it's visible all night long with its beautiful ring system nicely open for viewing. Saturn spends most of this year midway between two ancient constellations of the Zodiac - Libra (The Scales) and Virgo (The Virgin). Neither is particularly distinctive. Y-shaped Virgo is the second largest constellation in the sky but you'd be hard-pressed to see any similarity to a virtuous young lady holding an ear of corn – its brightest star, Spica.

Over in the south-west, however, lies one of the few star patterns that *does* look a bit like the thing it's meant to resemble. It's Leo the Lion slain by Hercules, the legendary hero of Ancient Greece, as one of his 12 labours. Leo faces west and its head and shoulders are outlined by a large curved line of stars often dubbed 'The Sickle'. They look like a large backward facing '?' with Leo's main star, Regulus, forming the dot. Eastwards from Leo above Virgo you'll find the rest of the spring-time constellations well on view by the middle

of the month – Berenice's Hair, Canes Venatici (The Hunting Dogs), Bootes the Herdsman, Corona Borealis (the Northern Crown), and Leo's vanquisher, Hercules himself. Bootes' leader, orange Arcturus, is the brightest star north of the celestial equator. It marks the southern point of Bootes' large kite-shaped outline and really stands out in this sparsely populated section of sky. Seasoned observers will tell you that the re-appearance of Arcturus is a sure sign that warmer days are on their way, but I'm not so sure about this in view of the awful winter we've had to put up with this year. Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

(On **May 16th** there's an illustrated talk on finding your way round the night sky down at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes. See the DCM's 'What's On' entry for more details.)

Save Our Precious Meadows



Petrus RPH The Prince of Wales

Thanks to generations of Dales farmers, the Yorkshire Dales is one of the few remaining strongholds for species-rich hay meadows but over the last fifty years 97% of

wildflower hay meadows in the UK have been lost, making them one of the most threatened habitats in Britain.

The Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) has launched the Hay Time Appeal in a bid to raise £150,000 to fund a three year campaign to safeguard the few hay meadows that remain, restore meadows, and raise awareness about the importance of this precious habitat. It costs around £1,000 to restore a meadow and protect the hundreds of species of wildlife it supports.

Since 2006 YDMT has been working closely with local farmers to coordinate restoration schemes across the Dales to return degraded meadows to their former glory. Locally-harvested meadow seed has already been added to 300 hectares of species-poor meadows and traditional low-input meadow management has been re-instated.

To make a donation or find out more visit www.ydmt.org/haytimeappeal or call YDMT on **015242 51002**.

Bainbridge School News

Just before Easter we had an Ofsted Inspection. The Inspector said our behaviour was outstanding and we were polite pupils. The Ofsted report was really important to the school and our parents.

Lucy S (Y5)

Bainbridge Primary & Nursery School has been judged **good** by Ofsted with **outstanding** behaviour and safety of pupils. The Inspector commented that pupils are self-reliant, confident, caring and socially-aware. In the other key areas - achievement of pupils, quality of teaching and management and leadership is good with achievement in English, and overall attendance, being above the national average and in the top 20 per cent of the country.

Samantha Parfitt
Chair of Governors



Celebrating success: Chair of Governors, Mrs Samantha Parfitt and Executive Headteacher, Mrs Maxine Price with Y6 pupils

This term Mr Moore has come back after he had been off for his shoulder operation. He told us all about it, he had it on Children in Need day so all the doctors were dressed in spotty clothes, he said it was a bit scary.

This term our topic is farming so we will be finding out about farming all over the world and where we live. We are also finding out about different types of farming and why different animals survive in different conditions.

Andrew (Y5)

Last month we walked to Bainbridge chapel for an 'Eastertingle' service to remember Jesus. We acted out some of the scenes and got given a piece of paper to say which character we were playing. Then we walked back to school. The following day we brought hard boiled eggs into school to decorate them. After we had finished decorating them we all went outside to do an Easter egg hunt whilst the eggs were getting judged. We looked for multilinks and the first one to get back to the start with the correct multilinks won. Then we went back inside to see which eggs had won. The people who had won got an Easter egg each.

Mia (Y5)

Leyburn Bowling Club

Despite the long cold winter we've experienced Leyburn Bowling Club managed to get their green open for the 2013 season as planned on Sunday 14th April. To keep to that date was a remarkable achievement as it seemed highly unlikely not so long ago and great thanks go to all who helped in getting the green ready for play and everyone else who assisted in the many other necessary jobs which had to be done before we could get our season under way.

Leyburn Bowling Club play in the JSW Bowls League and this year the league matches start one week earlier than usual. Our first match was away to Sessay on Wed 24th April then we have a bye, followed by an away match at Dishforth (8th May) before we play our first home game against Thirsk on Wed 15th May. Visitors are always welcome at our home matches.

One further date for your diary is Sunday 7th July when Leyburn Bowling Club have arranged to hold a Car Boot Sale at Cracken House Field Farm, Harmby Road, Leyburn (opposite Tennants).

As always Leyburn Bowling Club will welcome new members this year whether you wish to play competitively or simply wish to enjoy the social side of the game. We are again offering half price membership fees for all new members who join us for the 2013 season. If you require any further information about our club please telephone **Hazel (623480)** or **Mervyn (625734)**.

Upper Dales Football

Tales from the past

It is easy these days to check on the progress of our local teams; the Wensleydale Creamery League website provides all the results. Whether it's easy to find written records of the games or to get the 'feel' of the events is another matter.

So before 'tales from the past' get lost for ever, we've assembled information mainly from the 1940s to 1960s, but just before that, here are a few earlier details:

Football grew in popularity between 1870-80, particularly in the northern towns which wished to use banned professional players to improve the quality of the game. By 1880, the Football Association relented and clubs were able to hire professionals. 1885 saw the first all-professional town team and the first

at Gayle, Hawes, Askrigg, Gunnerside, Reeth, Richmond, Catterick, Leyburn, Aysgarth, West Witton, Wensley, Middleham, Spennithorne, Redmire, Bellerby, Newton le Willows and Hudswell. Before that, Bainbridge had had a team. Carperby only came on the scene in the 1960s and was one of the first to have a properly prepared ground. The other villages played on the most suitable field.

Most readers will remember Hawes at Haylands Bridge. Gayle played near the river down behind Brown Moor (now the caravan site). Middleham had a ground be-



Gayle Cup Winners. They were led through Hawes and up to Gayle by the Hawes Silver Band

women's team. Football leagues were started. Upper Dales teams like Hawes and Askrigg played in the Allertonshire league until 1919 and the Wensleydale League. Today local teams play in the Wensleydale Creamery FA league.

After the second world war had ended, there were village teams in the local league



Early picture of Gayle football team. Back row, left to right: John Iveson, Tom Kirkbride, Thomas Dinsdale, Ken Iveson, Fred Wilde, Jim Iveson, Thomas Iveson, Charles Marlein, Sid Iveson, William Iveson. Front row, left to right: Derek Moore, Milton Iveson, Ant Allen, Arthur Johnson, Norman Iveson,

hind the Castle, Bellerby played up the Moor road—"It had a sloping pitch!" Aysgarth played on land, west of the village, down towards the river. When playing at Gunnerside (near the Swale bridge), "We used to pick hazelnuts!"

There was, of course, great local rivalry, none more so than between Hawes and Gayle, the Gayle team founded because Hawes, a very good club, hadn't room for all those hoping to play and didn't want two teams, although in due course some played for both. The Gayle team came into being about 1947 following a very excitable meeting in Hawes Market Hall. The strip chosen for the Gayle team "Was the same as Arsenal's but nobody seems to know why!" Catterick is remembered for having National Service teams; "They were good,

beating us all!” but from time to time ‘scouts’ from the big clubs came and one or two local lads had trials; from Hawes, “Ivor Mason went to Huddersfield. Harry Walker (the Leyburn goalie) went to Portsmouth.” In the early 1950s the White Hart in Hawes had a landlord “Something to do with Blackburn Rovers” and Joe Howarth and Derek (Snook) Moore were taken by taxi to Blackburn for a trial. It seems they were more impressed with Derek. “What about Joe? - stop at home and grow a bit!”

In those days the Wensleydale League Cup was “Worth more than the F.A. Cup!” According to memories, Hawes never won the Dales Cup. For the Gayle team, Tom Kirkbride, the sort of ‘manager’, kept a tight hand on the players. He expected them not to go out on a Friday night so as to be fit for Saturday. “There was always someone waiting to take your place”.

As for the balls, “They weighed a ton, especially when they got wet!” On one occasion when Gayle were playing Bellerby at Brown Moor, “A penalty from Sid (Iveson) knocked t’goalie to back o’ ‘net!” On another occasion there, an injured Tot Iveson “Had to be carried off on a gate up to the road!” The Gayle team regularly had seven Ivesons and on one occasion eleven!

The Board Hotel in Hawes was a kind of ‘headquarters’; teams waiting for the coach (Metcalf’s of Appersett) to take them to matches would play in the street. “The Market Hall doorway made a grand goal.”

There would often be a coach full including spectators. Once going from Hawes to Gunnerside its brakes failed and hurtled down the hill towards Thwaite coming to rest (luckily) in a huge pile of sand. Several people remember little old Rhoda Johnson, the enthusiastic Gayle ‘mascot’ who had a stick, striking the ground in furious excitement, but had no idea of football. “Why’s him in black nivver got t’ball?”

In one tough game between Hawes and Gayle at Haylands Bridge, there were over 300 spectators. At one point they spilled over on to the pitch but a player, still within the line, slipped round the back of them with the ball and reappeared much to the bemusement of the ref!

Highlights of the season were the matches between the Wensleydale and Allertonshire



Gayle football team, 1876

leagues, with the best players from each, held at either Middleham or Northallerton, and ‘All –star’ teams with players from maybe Newcastle or Sunderland, playing against Wensleydale.

In the summer months informal 5– or 6–side matches were arranged, often taking place at galas or sports days. All the smaller villages would manage teams— even the ‘Sedbusk Tigers’!

A.S.W.

We would like to thank all those who have searched their memories, especially James Ward, Charles Marlein and Joe Howarth, and invite others from along the Dale to send us their stories which are probably not written down anywhere else, and which give us an insight into aspects of Dales life at that time.

AGM
Hawes Cricket Club
2nd-May-2013
Fountain Hotel
7.30pm

Main topic: is this the last season for Hawes Cricket Club? Please support, all welcome.

Fixtures for May: 2.00pm start.
Sunday 12th v Thorp Perrow; away
Sunday 26th v Hartley: home.

Upper Dales Health Watch

The patient participation group for the Central Dales GP Practice

Notes from the meeting held on 25th March (Omitting some points mentioned in last month's Newsletter)

The Secretary of State, Jeremy Hunt MP, has been invited to visit the Central Dales GP Practice.

A part-time locum has been appointed as from the third week in April to cover Dr France's absence.

As from 1st April there is a new GP contract. This not only sets much higher targets but reduces practice income by £31K. More seriously for the Central Dales Practice, the Department of Health are proposing to withdraw the Minimum Practice Income Guarantee as from April 2014. The hope that the NHS national funding formula would take greater account of the age of patients seems to have been lost.

Some health services are being managed by NYCC as from 1st April. The bureaucracy incurred is likely to stop some GP practices doing the work as the financial rewards may not be worth the paperwork required.

Hambleton, Richmondshire & Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Jane (Ritchie) has been elected as the lay representative for Richmondshire. It looks as though the Hambleton, Richmondshire & Whitby CCG will break even by the end of the next financial year, despite having inherited a proportion of the historic debt not created in this CCG area. An event in Richmond for an ageing population is being organised by the CCG for 27th April.

Maternity & Paediatric Services have been referred to the Secretary of State.

Wensleydale START team is run by Social Services and gives up to 6 weeks intensive care when a patient returns home after being in hospital.

Mental Health beds at the Friarage have reduced from 18 to 11 which had resulted in a waiting list of a further 11 over the Christmas period. A patient from Hawes had been sent 92 miles to Scarborough Hospital.

Jane Ritchie, Hon. Secretary.

Hawes School News

The winners of the decorated Easter egg competition were:

Nursery

1st Adam Heseltine
2nd Hannah Scarr
3rd Finley Gregory

Class 1

1st Barnaby Fothergill
2nd Gracie Haigh
3rd Marri Baranasic

Class 2

1st Cole Smith
2nd Aiva Mackeviciute
3rd Jake Alderson

Class 3

1st Jack Baldwin
2nd Megan Iveson
3rd Frankie Nelson



We are very grateful to the PTFA for organising the Easter egg hunt and competition. The children had a great time and they all received a cream egg.

Thank You

We are very grateful to the Wensleydale Creamery who have very kindly given us two Dyson air blade hand dryers for the children's toilets. As you can imagine they can't wait to wash their hands now!!

Ascension Day

Thursday 9th May

An Ecumenical Open Air Eucharist

At 7.00 p.m. at Jervaulx Abbey

Led by Revd David Wood

Preacher: Revd Nicholas Henshall, Acting Archdeacon of Richmond

May Supper

Swinithwaite Hall

11th May at 8.00pm

£10 including a glass of wine

Address by Rt Hon William Hague MP

Contact Bridget Thornton-Berry 663096

Police Report

Well, at last, we have some reasonable weather. Let's hope it's a sign of things to come.

Please be aware of scams which try to obtain details of your bank accounts. These can take many forms, such as unsolicited e-mails, "snail" mail and telephone calls, through to door to door "traders" and collectors. Never provide bank account details to anyone whom you have even the smallest doubt about, especially not to "links" on e-mails, and be aware of people asking for the 3-digit number on the back of your bank card – this can be legitimate but if you have doubts about the caller then do not disclose this number.

Rogue traders. There is a national operation ongoing to identify and bring to justice "Rogue Traders". These are the type of "traders" or more specifically con-men that cold call and tell you that you have a roof tile loose, or your soffits need replacing, your drive needs new tarmac or some other maintenance issue with your home. These traders may have vehicles marked up with company logos which is all part of the scam and may even leave business cards – but it is likely that the telephone number will be a mobile one. The prices charged by these people tend to be exorbitant and the work, if done, normally did not need doing or is very shoddy. If you receive such a cold call please contact the police on 101 and we will be there to check them out.

It has been a busy month for criminals in the dales. There have been thefts of heating oil yet again. A Land Rover Defender was taken from Gunnerside and I have had reports that it left the Dales via Upper Wensleydale. It was stolen in the early evening and the offenders had access to the keys which apparently were hung up in a nearby building. Please get out of the habit of leaving keys in vehicles including quads, either in the ignition or the glove box, or in sheds if it is a common user vehicle (unless of course you put it in a safe). There have been a couple of shed break ins (or walk ins

as the case may be) where power tools have been stolen. There is a bigger market at this time of year as people are breaking out their garden equipment after winter storage and finding it may no longer work. Unfortunately some people have a "no questions asked" attitude to buying tools at knock down prices and criminals will exploit this. Mark your power tools and keep a record of serial numbers. Mountain bikes have been the target of thieves with two separate crimes where high quality bikes have been taken. The offenders even went to the trouble of removing two from a "secure" bike rack on a parked car.

Please be aware that North Yorkshire have invested in three more road safety camera vans. Their launch has been well covered in the local press. I am sure that many of the drivers within the Dales will have seen at least one lately, some of you may have already been caught by the camera. One of our main complaints from the parish councils in our area is that of speeding traffic (both cars and in the summer months motorcycles) so the vans will be a much more common sight so stick to the speed limits and keep the points off your licence. Another complaint that is received is that of off road motorcyclists driving in places on the moors where they should not be. Over this past winter joint operations have been conducted with National Park Rangers to educate off roaders and as a result there have been several successful prosecutions where irresponsible riding/driving has occurred. Remember the Dales are there to be enjoyed by everyone and will be if people abide by the regulations in place.

Andy Foster PC826
Leyburn Safer Neighbourhood Team
Safer Neighbourhood Police Officer for
Upper Wensleydale
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SNTLeyburn@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Surgery News

Dr Holubecki-France

Having had some treatment, Dr Holubecki-France is making good progress. He will require further treatment in the coming weeks. If all goes according to plan, he is hoping to return to work towards the end of June. In the meantime, some of his duties will be taken by a locum doctor, Dr Mary Carnegie-Brown (Dr Brown). Dr Brown has worked with several of the GP practices in our locality, & comes highly recommended. It is very difficult for geographically remote rural practices to recruit locums, so we are delighted to have secured the services of such a good doctor. We are still trying to fill remaining sessions with other locum doctors. If you want to see a doctor on Friday 24th May, whether in the morning or evening, please telephone your surgery first. As things stand, sessions on this Friday will be for emergency cases only. A doctors' rota for May can be found in this newsletter & on the practice's website www.centraldalespractice.co.uk. Copies are available at both surgeries & at the drop-off points for medicines.

DNAs

DNA stands for Did Not Attend. I am sure you will share my incredulity that under the present circumstances, when the practice is one doctor down & there are fewer appointments available, there are patients who book precious evening GP appointments then fail to turn up. There has been an upswing in these DNAs recently, & it is simply unacceptable to take an appointment that some other person could need, then not turn up. From Monday 29th April, there will be a new policy which will be strictly enforced. Anyone who fails to turn up for an evening GP appointment will not be offered evening appointments in future. Instead, these patients will be asked to present at the morning open-access surgeries. If you know that you will not be able to make your appointment, please let your surgery know as soon as possible. We can then give your appointment to another patient.

NHS 111

My scepticism about the proposed launch date for NHS111 in our locality was well founded. The service did not go live as planned on April 9th, & as I write no new

date has been notified. I am sure that those of you who have followed the unfolding story of NHS 111 in the national press will not shed many tears about this delay. For now, please continue to ring your surgery out-of-hours. Your call will be redirected to the OOH call centre, where you will be advised about how your call will be handled. **Clive West**

New Faces at West Burton Shop

There are new shopkeepers in West Burton. Mike and Teresa Wightman took over the village shop from Simon and Sarah Philpott in February; they are now settling in to their new venture and getting to know their customers. Mike is from Leeds, well Pudsey actually, and Teresa is from Newcastle but they have been down south in Kent for about 24 years. Despite the distance, they have visited the Dales regularly and they have now made what we all think is a very sensible decision to come and live here. Neither of them has experience of running a shop so this is a bit of a career change but they both seem very enthusiastic and keen to succeed. There are no major changes planned but one ambition is to be open every day. At present the shop is closed on Wednesdays but with help from local people it should be possible to open seven days a week. They intend to continue with the tearoom, which is a very attractive facility and well worth a visit. The post office disappeared a few years ago and its reinstatement depends on a number of external factors but it isn't beyond the bounds of possibility. Village shops are getting scarce these days so it's good to see this one thriving. This Newsletter wishes them well and, as always, would encourage local people to make full use of it. Of course what we all want, and what would suit Mike and Teresa very well, is a nice long, warm summer. That should bring lots of visitors. Running a shop can be hard work so we hope their efforts are well rewarded. **N. P.**

Newsletter Committee

We are very pleased to report that **Karen Jones** from Skellgill, Askrigg, is now a committee member.

Askrigg School News

Aysgarth Falls

On the 19th of March, the pupils and teachers of Askrigg School had a visit to Aysgarth Falls, for our raging river topic. We took loads of photos of the Falls while we were there, these were to use back at school for writing, art and geography work. We conversed about the way the river and nearby banks flood and erodes the sides of the valley. We viewed the Upper Falls, the Middle Falls and the Lower Falls by following the footpaths that ran next to the river, through the woods. We already knew that the source of a river is thin and fast flowing, the source of the River Ure is at Lunds Fell. By the time the river reaches Aysgarth Falls the river is wide and the water is raging and flowing quite fast. The sound of the water going over the rocks was terrifyingly loud – especially if you were likely to fall in! (which could have happened at the Higher Falls as there were no barriers but was unlikely at the Middle and Lower Falls because of the barriers and notices.) At the Middle Falls and Lower Falls, we could easily see the eroded sides which had left flat and squared off edges to the rocks.

Kian, Y6

Askrigg Primary School Arts Festival

To celebrate the end of our Raging Rivers topic we organised an open afternoon Arts Festival at school. Parents, Governors and special visitors from around the area were invited to come and follow a trail around the school to see the displays of artwork and Class 1's dance and recorder playing. Visitors were able to see art work inspired by Claude Monet and David Hockney. Designs and 3d models of boats with explanations and video diaries about their construction and success or otherwise when floated. Some of the artwork came from our own imaginations. Creative writing and poetry was also on display. The pièce de résistance was displayed in the hall – a 3-D collage of the River Ure journey the source to Redmire. This was completed during a whole school art day when everybody collaborated to create different sections of the river. Each section was then added to another

to create the whole piece.

Visitors were able to enjoy a drink in the café area and if they could solve the clues to a mystery trail put their entry into a competition to win a prize.

Class 2

Bainbridge and District Motor Club

Ladies and Members Rally

The first rally of the season took place on Wednesday 17th April, with 12 cars attending. It began from the National Park car park in Aysgarth. The first challenge was to drive through some cones and reverse into a 'garage' without hitting the cones, then we had to lower a barrier to what we thought was the height of our car and drive under it. Once those tasks had taken place we were on our way and the rally was kept nice and local but headed down some narrow tracks!

Unfortunately one car broke down, had to be rescued then start the rally again; all in all a brilliant first rally and it was nice to see some new faces. Thank you to Matt Foster and Adam Billingham for organising this event.

The 12 village rally will take place on **Wednesday 15th May** and is being organised by Dave Scarr **650537**: everyone welcome.

The trial which we had to postpone because of the weather will now be on **Wednesday 8th May** at Ballowfield from **6.00pm** for more information please contact **Bob Foster on 622331**.

BDMC have also got the hill climb back up and running - the first one will be on Wednesday 14th August, more information to follow.

Emma Thwaite

East Witton Male Voice Choir with Singing for Pleasure Ladies Group

Friday 3rd May at 7.30pm

St. Margaret's Church, Hawes

Tea and biscuits - Raffle - £6.00 at the door.

Proceeds for Restoration Fund



There may be trouble ahead!

Just a few warnings this month from the Computer Corner:

1) Telephone scammers still seem to be very active and I have had a few people contact me over the last month to say they have been conned (or nearly conned). If you get an unsolicited call about a computer problem it is more than likely a scam – especially if they say they work on behalf of (or even are) Microsoft. Treat them like any other potential thief and whatever you do don't allow them to remotely access your computer.

2) Microsoft issued a patch in April which has caused some people problems. The patch ID number is 2823324 and the symptom of a problem is "You receive an Event ID 55 or a 0xc000021a Stop error in Windows 7 after you install security update 2823324". The problem only seems to affect Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008 – you can check for the event by clicking start, type "Event Viewer" (without the quotes) and then press enter – it will be under the section Windows Logs > System. Microsoft have issued instruction on how to resolve the problem here: <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/2839011>

3) "Registry Cleaners", "System optimisers" and "Speed up your PC" type tools are everywhere on the internet. It doesn't seem to matter which page you go to on the internet you get bombarded with adverts and download links to download these tools. At best all of these tools are smoke and mirrors, at worst they are simply cons to get money from you. There are a lot of tools that are very useful but there is a big problem – to be useful you need to be VERY knowledgeable about the inner workings of your computer and Windows – almost none of them work well as one click fixes – even though many advertise themselves as such. The fact is that all of these 'tools' clean up what they consider to be rubbish but there is no way they can genuinely identify rubbish with 100% accuracy. Even a clean, fresh install of Windows straight from the factory will have 'errors' according to

these tools. Used without a great deal of caution they can cause huge problems and even stop computers working altogether. The 'tweaking' the tools do is almost always unnecessary so if in doubt don't download them at all. If you want a quick clean up tool the only one I recommend is CCleaner (which can be downloaded for free from www.ccleaner.com – note there are paid for versions just make sure you choose the version you want). CCleaner is an excellent, and safe, way to clear rubbish (esp. internet related rubbish) from your system – even so I would avoid the built in registry cleaner section unless you really know what you are doing.

That's it this month – any questions or comments, or ideas for new column topics please get in touch via my website www.dalescomputerservices.com

Carol Haynes

Gala Time Again

Hawes Gala is on **Saturday 22nd June** and this year's theme is ***Country and Western***.

As ever, the fancy dress is open and all are welcome to enter. We have made plenty of wet weather provision this year so it will be a scorcher! This year we will be welcoming back the Fairly Famous Family with an all-new show as well as the rodeo bull and other attractions.

If any cups can be returned to the pet shop or launderette before the end of May we would appreciate it and we are also needing some new mattresses for the jack and jill slide. Anyone with a mattress to dispose of can leave it inside the gala shed on the community field if they wish. The shed is always open and is the first door on the right just through the gate.

If anyone would like to donate some time to help out on Gala day to either tend a gate, be a judge, or to help out running a stall then you can let any of the committee members know and we will gladly put you on the list.

Any help we get is seriously appreciated!

Mick Rhodes

Sycamore Hall

Despite weather conditions we were joined at our Easter party by a group of residents from Brentwood Lodge at Leyburn. The afternoon gave us the opportunity to try out our new "karaoke" machine which proved to be a great success. Carers from both Sycamore and Brentwood got the party into full swing, singing and dancing with some of the residents joining in. A game of bingo followed after tea and cakes. Once again a good afternoon enjoyed by all. Thanks to all the staff and organisers.

As a rule one does not associate lawn mowers with snow drifts, snow ploughs being the chosen type of equipment so on Tuesday 9th it seemed quite inappropriate to see our gardener steering his mower in and out the contours of the remaining snow drifts. Since then we have had two days of sunshine which saw the summer house put to good use by a few of the residents.

Some readers and people living in the area get the impression that Sycamore Hall is the Fort Knox of care homes with a waiting list a mile long; on the contrary this is not so. Vacancies for flats do arise now and then and such is the present situation. For further information and people wishing to be considered for accommodation, please get in touch with **Michelle Mottershead on 0370 192 4055**. Not associated with news from Sycamore but I thought that the following might be of interest to some readers.

A phone call from a puzzled A.S.W. gave me something to think about. The Newsletter had received a letter from a lady now living on the South Coast stating she was discontinuing her subscription owing to the fact that she didn't know anyone mentioned or involved anymore. Yours truly (Derek Ramsden) the only one she

remembered. She told Alan that she ran the fish and chip shop in Hawes 60 years ago and said her name was Homer. I spent a bit of time (of which these days I have plenty) trying to think who this lady could be and actually with a few calls and questions asked I began to realise. Her parents were Jim and Ada Calvert and it was they who

had the chip shop at that time; they had three daughters Vera, Olive, and Maggie and two sons John and Keith. Maggie is the lady in question and she left Hawes to become an Archdeacon and went to live first in York and then on the South Coast with her then husband, a man with the name of Homer.

(See page 37 Newsletter issue 190 (Easter - April). Happy to help, Alan! **Derek Ramsden**



The children are enjoying playing in our new pirate ship role play corner that has replaced the castle. There are different things to dress up and do while you pretend to sail upon the sea.

The Easter Egg Hunt was a success and everyone who entered got the answers right, so we had to put all the names in a bucket and pull the winners out.

1st Prize went to Ted Alderson, 2nd Prize went to Kian Spink and 3rd Prize went to Isla Kitchingman. Thank you to all who took part and to the shops for displaying the clues. Also thanks to the old sweet shop for selling the clue sheets.

As usual Dalesplay will be taking part in a sponsored toddle during the summer term. This is usually a short walk to the park for a play and picnic. So if you see a group of children walking around the town that is what we are up to.

We have a few new starters this term taking up some of their 3&4 year old funded hours and we also have a new starter for the 2yr funding. Don't forget to contact Dalesplay if you think that your child could be eligible for a 2yr place. We have the forms available here so you can see if you may be eligible.

For any enquires or to book a place at Dalesplay please contact **667789**

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

May

- 1 Wensleydale Chorus rehearsals begin. See p.11
- 2 Local Elections
- 3-6 Yoredale Art Exhibition. See p.7
- 3 AGM of UWIPS, 7.00pm at Sycamore Hall. See p.16
- 3 East Witton Male Voice Choir with Singing for Pleasure Ladies; St Margaret's Church, Hawes. See p.20
- 4 Live singer in the Fountain Hotel, Hawes
- 4 Table Top sale, Thornton Rust
- 4,5 Mammoth Art Sale; Tarney Fors
- 4-6 Dales Festival of Food and Drink; Leyburn. See p.7
- Up to 6th; ride2stride walking festival. See p.11
- 5 Guided walk; meet Ribbleshead Station at 10.15am. 9 miles
- 5 Bainbridge Methodist Church Anniversary. 3.00pm.
- 5,6 Craft display and teas. Thoraby Village Hall. See p.26
- 6 Bank Holiday Monday
- 6 Plant and Cakes Sale; 10.00am–12.30pm. Castle Bolton
- 6,7,8 and every Tuesday and Wednesday through May. Tea and Scones; St Margaret's, Hawes.
- 7 Hawes Drama Group: AGM and entertainment; Gayle Institute, 7.30pm
- 9 Ascension Day
- 9 Ecumenical Open Air Eucharist; 7.00pm. Jervaulx Abbey. See p.17
- 9,23 Wensleydale Country Markets; Leyburn Methodist Hall, 10.00am to 12.30pm
- 9,23 Films at Thornborough Hall.
- 11 Woodland Open Day; St Joseph's Wood, Aysgarth Falls. 10.00am to 4.00pm.
- 11 May Supper at Swinithwaite Hall. See p.17
- 11 Kings Club Seminar. West Burton Chapel, 10.30am to 5.00pm.
- 11,12 Gayle Mill events: See p.24
- 11-12 Tudor Life Weekend; Bolton Castle
- 12 Aysgarth Methodist Church, Songs of Praise, 6.30pm.
- 12 Christian Aid Service at Hawes Methodist Church; 3.00pm. See p.7
- 12-18 Christian Aid Week. See p. 11
- 12 Churches' Day of Prayer for the Media
- 12 Guided walk; meet West Burton Village green, 10.30am. 9.5 miles
- 14 Decorative and Fine Arts Society. See p.
- 14 Coffee Morning; St Oswald's Church, Askrigg. See p.12
- 14 Wensleydale Society. 7.30pm.
- 14 YDNPA Planning committee; Yoredale Bainbridge. 1.00pm
- 14 Coffee Morning and stalls, Hawes Methodist rooms. 10.00am to noon for Christian Aid
- 15 Blood Donors at Hawes Market House
- 16 "Beauty from Ashes" - Inspirational stories from Rwanda.
- 18 Mobile skip service; see p.26
- 19 Table Top Sale for Hawes School; Hawes Market House
- 19 Pentecost–Whit Sunday; United Church service. Bainbridge Village Green. 3.00pm
- 21 Middleham and Dales Local History Group. 2.00pm See p.3
- 25 Swaledale Festival begins. See p.11
- 25 Hawes Town Trail. Meet at Museum, 1.15pm. 2 miles
- 26 Trinity Sunday
- 26 Bid and Boogie: charity auction and dance. See p.24
- 26 Bainbridge Methodist Church service in Sycamore Hall. 10.30am
- 26 Marsett Chapel Sing-a-long. 8.00pm.
- 27 West Burton May Fair. See p.26
- 27 Bank Holiday Monday
- 27 Plant Sale, 10.30am to 12.30pm, Castle Bolton
- 27-31 Magical Mayhem; Bolton Castle, 10.00am to 5.00pm.
- 28 Coffee Morning and stalls. Hawes Methodist rooms, 10.00am to noon
- 30 Gayle Ladies, 7.30pm; Terry O'Neill, counselling
- 31 'Sugar Town' in Fountain Hotel, See p. 5

Bid 'n'Boogie

The Dales family trying to raise thousands of pounds for Yorkshire Cancer Research with a *bid 'n' boogie* auction and raffle evening say they have been overwhelmed by the generosity of their local community.

Businesses and individuals in Upper Wensleydale have offered or donated everything from paintings and prints, to dinner parties, golf lessons and a week in Portugal for six. There are two tickets to an England Rugby International at Twickenham, a Manchester United football signed by 17 first team members and two Robbie Williams concert tickets among the items for auction. Artist Judith Bromley has donated a print to the value of £80 to the raffle, and there will be chance to bid for a Piers Browne print in the auction.

Anne Bell, daughter Sandra and daughter-in-law Kate are organising the event, which also includes a hog roast and dancing to the Toni James Band, on **Sunday, May 26th** in Askrigg village hall at **7.30pm**.

"We have had a truly amazing response, with hundreds of pounds' worth of items donated for the auction and the raffle," says Sandra. "The auction items are varied to suit all pockets and all tastes and we are so grateful to everyone."

Tickets for the evening at just £15 are selling fast and are available from **Sandra 666060** or **Kate 650710**. Raffle tickets are £1 each or £5 a book and can be bought from JR Iveson in Hawes, Askrigg village shop and Hannah's Hairdressing in Reeth.

Below is a full list of items generously donated for auction:

Portugal holiday home, sleeps 4-6, for a week in Carvoeiro.

Lakes cottage, sleeps five, for a weekend in Ambleside.

Golf lesson with a junior pPro at Darlington Golf Club.

Photography session with Jemima Stubbs Photography.

Cake to the value of £100 from Dales Cake Craft in Hawes.

Dinner party for eight cooked in your home by Aaron Craig, head chef at Yorebridge House.

Five shoot days – Grange Gill, Raydale House, Raydale Grange, Studdah Farm and Earby Estate.

Two Robbie Williams tickets for Manchester Etihad Stadium on the June 17, 2013.

Two tickets to the Proms Spectacular at Castle Howard.

Afternoon tea for 12 for your home or to take out.

Rich fruit cake.

Two tickets to an England Rugby International at Twickenham.

Man Utd football signed by 17 of the first team members.

Half a tonne of coal. Plumber for the day.

Eight hours of alterations/sewing.

Bronze resin spaniel pup. Four cases of Wensleydale Beer.

One night's B&B at the CB Inn or the Punchbowl.

One night's DB&B at Low Mill Guest House, Bainbridge.

An hour's tuition with 50 Cartridges or 100 Cartridges for Warren Gill. Piers Browne Print.

Bear Cottage Interiors voucher for £100.

Three night luxury Champagne getaway at Thief Hole Cottages.

Box of meat to the value of £100.

Betsy Everett

Gayle Mill What's On

Demonstration Tours – **Sunday 5th May, 11:00am and 2:30pm**

£12.00 per person under 16s FREE

An Introduction to Wood Carving Course with Peter Berry - **Saturday 11th May**

10:30am – 4:30pm. £50.00 per person

Carving log spirit heads with Peter Berry -

Sunday 12th May, 10:30am – 4:30pm

£50.00 per person



DCM What's On

27 April–30 June

An exhibition of work by artists, photographers and sculptors inspired by the Dales

May

- 16 Signpost to the Stars: 7.30 to 9.00pm.
A practical demonstration and illustrated talk by local astronomer, Jack Sutton, showing how to find your way around the night sky. Part of the national 'Museums at Night' event. Adults £4, children £2. Booking required
- 17 Evening lecture: Life in Haworth at the time of the Bronte's; 7.30pm.
A talk by Isobel Stirk as part of the Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum lecture programme. £2
- 23 Come and see what's new in the museum! Open event to launch the outdoor sculpture trail at the Museum. Free entry to the trail and museum galleries.
- 25 Hawes Town Trail: 1.15 to 3.15pm. An easy 2 mile (3.2km) walk looking at the history, industry and buildings in the area.
- 26 History of knitting in the Yorkshire Dales: 1.00 to 4.00pm. Learn how to knit with four needles and see knitting sticks from the Museum collection.
- 28 Drystone walling demonstration; 12.30pm. Join us in the amphitheatre for a practical demonstration and talk about the history of this traditional craft and wall management in the National Park.
- 28 Local food: Nettles, a taste of the wild; 10.00am to 3.00pm. Drop in and taste some delicious nettle recipes
- 31 Victorian kitchen: 11.00am to 3.00pm. The farmhouse kitchen brought to life by Friends of the Museum

For further information on any activity 'phone 666210'

Let's Celebrate!

New for 2013 at the Dales Countryside Museum is an outdoor sculpture trail. An area on the site has been landscaped and made wheelchair and pushchair friendly for families to enjoy the outdoors and learn more about the culture, wildlife and built heritage of the Dales. Original works of art by Yorkshire artists are sited round the trail and there are things to find and explore. The themes are interpreted by codes which can be read on mobile phones and also in a leaflet.

Local school children and residents of Sycamore Hall have contributed to the project which has been funded by LEADER and the Friends of the Museum. It's hoped that more sculptures will be added in the future with further community involvement.

The Sculpture Trail will be accessible as part of the museum visit.

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West Burton May Fair

The Fair will be held on Bank Holiday **Monday, 27th May** on the village green in West Burton. There will be stalls such as plants, cakes, books, toys as well as the usual raffle, tombola, Morris Men dancing and music in the chapel. If it's fun you're after, there will be a coconut shy, face painting, bucking bronco, bouncy castle, tug of war, quoits, egg throwing and water slide (bring a spare set of clothes!). To keep your tummy from rumbling hot dogs and burgers will be available during the afternoon and to finish you can enjoy a yummy cake or cream tea in the village hall.

The fun starts at **1.00pm** and ends when everyone is full and/or wet!

Parking is available on the village green or in a nearby field. Disabled parking spaces are reserved on the green. All proceeds will be shared between the village hall, Methodist chapel and parish council.

The Upper Dales Mobile Skip Service

Saturday May 18th

Askrigg - Banks of Askrigg Yard

9.00 - 10.30 am

Aysgarth - Village Green

11.15 am- 1.00 pm

Enquiries: **0796 758 9096**

Drop-off points and contacts

for news, articles, reports, letters, what's on dates, competition entries, suggestions and comments:

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Gayle:	Lorna Ward, East House	667405
Askrigg:	Rima Berry, 8 Mill Lane.	650980
Carperby:	Margaret Woodcock, Bella Cottage	663488
West Burton:	Nadine Bell, Margaret's Cottage	663559
Aysgarth:	Hamilton's Tearoom	663423
Redmire:	see Carperby above	
Thoralby:	Sandra Foley, Shop	663205

Tea, Scones and stalls

St Margaret's Church, Hawes

1.00 to 3p.00m.

**Bank Holiday Monday and every Tuesday
and Wednesday through out May.**

Proceeds for Church Funds

Thoralby Village Hall

Sunday and Monday May 5th and 6th

11.00am to 5.00pm

CRAFT DISPLAY BY LOCAL PEOPLE

Tea and scones and cake stall.

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