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Editorial

It would seem that the most significant thing about next July's Tour de France Grand Depart so far, for so many people round here, is the temporary disruption to travel, local inconvenience and some loss of business owing to road-works.

While not wishing to minimise this, and sharing the view that local signage of diversions etc. still leaves a lot to be desired, it is fair to say that things need to be got into proportion. We do not seem to have grasped the enormity of the event – described by some as the biggest cycling event in the **world**. The last time it was held in Britain, in Kent in 2007, it attracted two million visitors in the two days and estimates for the Yorkshire stage are not much different. It has never been held in the North before. To divide that number of people by the total distance of the route comes to well over 8,000 people per mile! So clearly, at the more significant vantage points, like the climbs over Kidstones and the Buttertubs, the size of the crowds will almost certainly be in five figures. The average distance travelled to get here will be about 80 miles and the average length of stay at the roadside six hours.

Bearing this in mind, it is pleasing to see some village communities, councils and businesses already getting their acts together and planning not only how to accommodate vast numbers of cars and how to cater for thousands, but also enthusiastically planning locally arranged events. Whether we like it or not, it will also have a huge superimposed festival atmosphere. Surely best to throw our weight behind it all.

For 100 days from March up to the Grand Depart there will be a Cultural Festival; 2014 is the first year for such a build up anywhere, although always in France the festival spirit produces stunning art inspired by cycling themes.

Things are moving in Richmondshire; Maria Bota, Cultural Festival Director said: "We will include music of all kinds, outdoor spectacles, theatre, dance, literature, digital work, installations and visual arts. The Festival will draw artists together with communities, large and small, throughout the county. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity and I am excited to ensure that we make it a festival that transforms people and places and both showcases and celebrates our unique region with the widest possi-

ble audiences in the UK and around the world. We already have some exceptional events and festivals happening across Richmondshire during the festival period and these will be included within the festival promotion. Help us to highlight and create a picture of what is happening in Richmondshire. If you have an idea or are organising an event or festival taking place within the 100 days, from 27 March to 5 July 2014 there is an Events Registration Form from the District Council." See also the item about the public meeting in Hawes on page 27 and make sure you have your say.

If we think the disruption because of road-works (apparently due to be done within 5 years anyway by the County) is inconvenient, bear in mind that it is likely that all major roads leading to the area will be closed on the Friday as well as on race days (though they will remain open for cyclists!) and local roads will continue to be closed for some time after the main event.

As excitement builds, and villages start working hard to be involved, there are a few important matters to be considered. Do we need insurance? A Temporary Events Notice? The National Park should be informed of any parish party or celebration. As for bunting, the County Council needs notice and none should be put up on the route owing to the size and height of the Tour de France vehicles.

We really do not want to miss out on all this. There is now much information and guidance on the Web.

See tourdefrance@richmondshire.gov.uk or www.letour.yorkshire.com.

There will be an estimated three BILLION TV viewers worldwide; let's show them how great it is up here!

More Food Banks News

Since October last year when we collected food donations at our Harvest Festival we have collected food at Bainbridge Methodist Church and taken it to the Influence Church in Richmond, along with donations received at Aysgarth Methodist Church.

This year on **October 13th at 3.00pm** we celebrate Harvest with 'Singing for pleasure' and will again be asking for donations of cans/packets of food.

We hope you will be able to help. Thank you.

Anne Deans

Annual Meeting of the Metcalfe Society

MECCA MUSTER

Saturday 12th October 2013,

10.00am - 4.00pm

Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes

AGM of the Society at 10:30am

2.00pm "Tracking the Metcalfes at War"

a presentation by Dr Philip Judkin about
Tracing your ancestors in both World Wars
Displays, Metcalfe records, research advice
Non-members and non-Metcalfes welcome.

Yore Archaeology Group

The Yore Archaeology Group is a newly formed local history and archaeology club focussed on Wensleydale and the surrounding dales.

Our first dig was recently completed in Raydale, thanks to support from a local farmer. This dale has an unusually large number of earthen platforms which are thought to have been stands for haystacks. They are quite uncommon in England and have rarely been investigated.

Also this year, thanks again to support from local farmers and landowners, we have been surveying numerous fields in the ancient Township of Thoresby, to the south east of Carperby; adjacent to Wattery Lane for those familiar with this area. The Group will be undertaking more surveying and archival research regarding Thoresby over the winter season.

We would like to hear from any local residents interested in joining our Group or with historical knowledge about Thoresby. The Group is aware of the supposed links with John Thoresby, Archbishop of York in the 14th Century; we would like to fill in the gaps between this period and the present.

As an example, we understand there used to be a public house in Thoresby many years ago; does anybody know its name?

There is more information about our activities on our Blog at:

<http://yorearchaeology.wordpress.com>.

Please contact our Secretary directly if you require further information; we would love to hear from you.

Howard Gibbs (Askrigg)
Secretary YAG, 650294
howgibbs@btinternet.com

Eunice the Ewe



The winner of September's £10 prize was Jess Winspear of Askrigg who found me under Andrew Ramsden's work bench

Dedicate a Tree

The Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) has helped to plant more than 1 million native broadleaf trees across the Dales and surrounding areas by working with partners and landowners

Almost 2,000 native sapling trees were planted on the edge of Ingleton in the winter of 2012/13, creating a young woodland called Greenwood Leghe which, in years to come, will go on to become a vibrant habitat for a wide variety of flora and fauna.

YDMT is inviting people to give a donation and dedicate a tree in this new woodland to remember the life of someone special or to celebrate an important occasion such as a birth, wedding, anniversary, company milestone or other occasion.

David Sharrod, YDMT Director, said: "We would love people to get involved and support the Yorkshire Dales landscape. Planting a young tree is a special thing to do, particularly as the benefits will only really be enjoyed by future generations. A small donation today can help us make a significant and enduring difference to the landscape and environment."

To dedicate a tree please call YDMT on **015242 51002**. For a donation of £15 the charity will dedicate a tree on your behalf and post you a commemorative certificate. Or help to save paper by dedicating a tree online for just £10 at www.ydmt.org/dedicate-a-tree and receive an electronic certificate.

THE SENILITY PRAYER

'Grant me the senility to forget
the people I never liked anyway,
the good fortune to run into the ones I do,
and the eyesight to tell the difference'

The Games We Used to Play; 2

And a few still do.

Wallops “What a great name for a game—and who can resist chucking sticks”

It seems that this game has been confined to a very small area indeed, namely the villages of West Witton, Redmire, Castle Bolton, Carperby and occasionally West Burton, with no details from anywhere else in the country! Often played during August/September at ‘Feast Days’.

To wallops, of course, simply means to strike a hard blow, and that’s what this game is all about; like skittles but with a stick thrown instead of a ball at nine tall pyramidal or



conical pieces of wood arranged in three rows.

The stick is variously described as being either 18 or 30 inches long, and thrown from about six yards away. The ‘rules’ which seem a little vague seem to be that the square of the wallops or skittles should be about the same width and length as the length of the throwing stick.

Further details found on a website from Barnsley ‘Camra’ about pub games states that wallops is played by ‘ladies and gentlemen’ but not children. Players are allowed three throws and a running total is kept of the score. It isn’t a team game.



It is still played in Redmire at the Feast on the road and not on a board on the grass as in the picture. Here it is more often than not the women who play: “20p for two throws!” What is not at all clear is when, where and how this game began. We ‘d really like more information.

A.S.W.

Events at Bolton Castle

**Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th October
(10.00am – 5.00 pm)**

15th Century Life Weekend

Meet characters from the 15th Century Castle household and join in their daily activities including cookery, spear drilling, archery and calligraphy as well as trying some traditional crafts. Fun for all the family.

Normal admission charges apply.

Saturday 26th October.

Wensleydale Railway in partnership with Bolton Castle present a Medieval Murder Mystery with The Chuffing Theatre Company.

Calling all supersleuths for an evening of murder and mayhem.

Board Leeming Bar 6.30pm or board at Leyburn 7.15pm. Coach transfer to Bolton Castle where the plot continues to unravel!

Buffet supper served amid the magnificence of The Great Chamber. Licensed bar.

Return home by coach and train.

Tickets £35 (It would be a crime to miss out on this most entertaining event!)

**Monday 28th October–Friday 1st
November (10.00am – 5.00pm)**

Spooky Spectacular!

Dare you enter the witches Castle and join them for their Halloween Party!

With spooky activities, trails and games for children of all ages to enjoy!

Normal admission charges apply.

The Castle is open 10.00am-5.00pm daily until 3rd November. For more information please see our website or contact: **623981**.

The nice thing about being senile is you can hide your own Easter eggs and have fun finding them.

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

Artists go to War:

the story of Britain's front-line artists

Despite photography, official war artists are still employed today. Paul Harris' talk will encompass the work of official war artists ranging from the first official artist Muirhead Bone in W.W.1 to Peter Howson in Bosnia in 1993.

The advent of illustrated papers in the 1840s led to a new breed of artist who went to war with pen, pencils and brush. Men like William Simpson who recorded the Crimean and Franco-Prussian wars and the Paris Commune; the London Illustrated News 'special artist' Frank Vizetelly who portrayed both sides of the American Civil War; American F. Remington who became a household name for his pictures of the Wild West; Melton Prior recorded the Ashanti, Zulu and Boer wars for the L.I.N.

Paul Harris is a professional writer and lecturer and author of some 45 books, including the co-authored Dictionary of Scottish Painters, now in its sixth edition. He travels extensively and collects and deals in modern Vietnamese art and the Chinese Ming and Qing Empire period.

This Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society lecture is at Middleham Key Centre on **Tuesday 8th October at 2.00pm.**

Non-members are welcome at £6 per lecture, pre-booking is essential, membership and further information are available from the membership secretary, tel. **01748 886545**

Public Meeting

**to discuss options for maternity and
 paediatric services at the Friarage
 Hospital**

**Thursday October 17th
 7.00-8.30pm**

Hawes Primary School

This is one of a series of consultations arranged by the NHS North Yorkshire and Humber Commissioning and Support Unit.

**Upper Dales
 Family History Group**

The next talk is at **2.00pm on Wednesday, October 23rd**, in Fremington Sunday School near Reeth. The speaker is Dawn Webster, curator of Kiplin Hall, who will be talking about one of the great characters associated with the house; the last owner Bridget Talbot.

Miss Talbot was active in both world wars. During the first she travelled across Europe with the Red Cross. In the second she oversaw Kiplin Hall's use by the RAF and as a refuge for servicemen rescued from Dunkirk. In between the wars she invented a waterproof torch which subsequently saved thousands of lives.

Non-members are very welcome at £2. For full details of the group and all the meetings see the website www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk or contact **Tracy Little 01748 884759.**

Greetings from Gairloch

This summer during my family holiday in north west Scotland we called in to see Angus Carmichael, formerly the pharmacist here in Hawes in his new Pharmacy in the village of Gairloch. Angus tells me it has been a good summer. Plenty of sunshine and midges. Bad news for the visitors but good news for the shop with sales of midge repellent and anti-histamine tablets!

Barry Wilcox



Operation Christmas Child

It is time to begin filling shoe boxes again for distribution to underprivileged children. Boxes from our area will be going to Eastern Europe where they will be given out to needy children regardless of their background or religious beliefs. Boxes containing puzzles, scarves, gloves, toiletries, toys and especially school supplies, are really treasured by the



children, and may be the only gift they receive at Christmas.

Some children in the poorest areas are not allowed to start school unless they can provide pens, pencils and note books, so finding such items in their box can make a crucial difference to their lives.

Please get a leaflet from Hawes Post Office, the Library, the Churches or the Schools and follow the instructions as to what can be included in your box. A donation of £3 (cash or cheque) is requested for transport and please Gift Aid this if you can. Donations can also be made online.

Boxes must be handed in to the Post Office or Library by **Friday, November 15th**. Thank you for your help.

Heather and Nelson Caplin

October Competition

Charities. Unravel these:

1. UNDER FAT
2. VEIL DRENCH HASTE
3. HENCE DINNER LID
4. HOT FED AFTER SHINER
5. HAT MALTY AVERSION
6. BRUTAL V ICEY
7. FIR LICE COME
8. I.E. MANUAL CRAB
9. DRAW I ATE
10. CHUCKER NEARS CARE
11. I CAN'T HOLD FORCER IN
12. ELLIE'S BUM

Hawes Carpet Bowling Club

The Hawes Carpet Bowling Club meets every **Tuesday at 7.30 pm** in the Market House for a friendly game of indoor bowls.

New members (male and female) are always welcome. No previous experience necessary, so why not come along and have a go – you might have a hidden talent or just enjoy the company.

Ring **667458** if you have any queries

B.C

September Competition Answers

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|----|--------------|-------------|
| 1 | All | Awl |
| 2 | Weak | Week |
| 3 | Night | Knight |
| 4 | Anti | Aunty |
| 5 | Heal | Heel |
| 6 | Brays | Braise |
| 7 | Lose | Loos |
| 8 | Mayor's Tale | Mare's Tail |
| 9 | Censor | Censer |
| 10 | Seller | Cellar |
| 11 | Vale | Veil |
| 12 | Lapse | Laps |
| 13 | Missed | Mist |
| 14 | Teem | Team |

September's competition was won by Derek Ramsden who has donated his prize to the Sycamore Amenity Fund - Well done Derek!

NSPCC

This annual teas and stalls event will take place in Carperby Institute on

**Friday 25th October
between 3.00 and 4-30pm**

Coffee morning at the home of
Jean Cockburn, Aysgarth

**Saturday, November 2nd
10.00— 11.30am**

Cash for Clothes

URGENTLY NEEDED

for fund Raising for St. Andrew's Church.

Useable adult and children's clothes, bedding, curtains, soft toys, shoes, belts and handbags. (Sold by weight.)

More information and/or collecting bags from

Joan Foster 663368.

Thank you

**Hawes & High Abbotside
Parish Community Fund
(The Poor's Close Charity)**

The Trustees have limited funds available from which to make grants for the relief of poor persons (covering needs arising from sudden distress or sickness, help with travelling expenses to hospitals, or providing fuel and food for the sick) and for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the Hawes and High Abbotside parishes, including the advancement of education and of citizenship or community development.

The Trustees will consider applications from residents or organisations towards the end of October. Apply to **Rev A Chapman (667553)** or **Ian Fowler (667044)** before **21st October**.

Devoted to Wensleydale

Improve your enjoyment and understanding of our beautiful Dale and join the *Wensleydale Society*.

Our 62nd year begins with *Yorkshire Textile Mills* by Dr George Ingle, on **Friday 4th October**. The mechanisation of cotton processing in the 1780s led to the Dales being scoured for suitable water power sites for the new mills. Worsted and flax mills followed as well as silk and eventually rayon. Dr Ingle will describe how over 70 mills were established in the Dales.

The second lecture of the season is *The Richmond to Lancaster Turnpike Road* by Janet Bishop, on Friday 1st November.

You are very welcome to come and sample one of our talks which all start at **7.30 pm** at West Burton Village Hall. 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 only £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.

Elaine Frances

**The Day the Tour comes to Town
– Public meeting in Hawes**

The Tour De France passes through Hawes on Saturday July 5th 2014. Let us make those somewhat shambolic road closure days recently in and around the town really worthwhile by showing all that makes us so very special to the 350,000 crowd that is estimated will be present in the Upper Dales on the day, and the 3.5 billion that will be watching the Race via global TV and the World Wide Web !!

There have been 3 open meetings held recently, rather disappointingly attended, but at least a small working group has been put together to help organise / lead on the events and the celebrations on the great day itself.

The working group has come up with some good ideas which it needs to test out in front of a larger audience, whilst taking on board any ideas that come from the community at large !!

We have organised an open public meeting at The Wensleydale Creamery Visitor Centre on **Wednesday 16th October, 7.00-9.00pm**. We urge representatives of all businesses and social / voluntary organisations, and individual members of the community to attend - all will be very welcome - as it is what this meeting decides which will be taken forward as our local programme for the day the Tour de France comes to town.

Please do not think this is a meeting where you will be allocated a job to do, because we have sufficient voluntary resource already to deliver the goods as long as we can build on the fund of goodwill and spirit of mutual co-operation and self-reliance that is ever present in Hawes & High Abbotside. However new volunteers are always welcome so please do identify yourself on the night.

We also will have a minimum of £1000 to spend towards our celebrations, courtesy of grants from Richmondshire District Council and the YD National Park Authority.

John Blackie



Mystery picture. Last month's was looking out from the stone mines above Simonstone. A good number of readers immediately recognised it.

Aysgarth fete

A beautiful sunny day saw a great turnout for Aysgarth fete on August bank holiday Monday. Thanks to the efforts of a great number of people everyone had a fabulous time and over £2000 was raised for Aysgarth Institute funds.

The organisers would like to thank everyone who helped out, who came, who donated prizes or bought raffle tickets. See you all again next year!

Richard Blowes

TOSH - The Old School House

Arts and Community Centre,
Richmond Road, Leyburn.

We are very pleased to have been awarded some funding from the Richmondshire District Council Community Opportunities Fund which will enable us to progress on to Phase Two. The meeting rooms are available for bookings and are already in use by local groups. Events are being organised, including Jewellery Making workshops. For more information or if you wish to be entered onto our mailing list, please email leyburnarts@gmail.com.

Jeannie Bishop



**Live at the Fountain, Hawes
Saturday October 5th from 8.00pm
£5 for Gala funds**

Alverton Singers

Director: **Joan Foster**

STABAT MATER-PERGOLESI

Also music by Faure, Franck
and Mendelssohn

Soloists: **Carole Lindsey** – soprano

Emma Wardell - mezzo soprano

Piano: **Jean Pocock** Organ: **John Foster**

St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth

Sunday 20th October at 7.00pm

Tickets: £8 incl. Refreshments, at the door

Also from **663097** or **663368**
(16 and under-free)

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and one cock bird)
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Pat and Bruce Lambert

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13 October 2013

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Chubby, Sarah, Jasmine & George

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The Rise and Fall of a Marble Empire

(A response to 'The Games we Used to Play')

As a young primary school pupil, I didn't have any marbles of my own, nor the means to purchase them, but I soon hit on a scheme to acquire them. The most popular game was 'Hit It You Get It'.

One boy would place a marble against a wall – usually a large one, often what we called a glass alley; sometimes a ball bearing – and if anyone could hit it from a distance determined by the owner, they could keep it, but lost their marble if they missed. Quite often boys rolled marbles at the target in their own time and there would be marbles flying all over the place as they bounced off the wall and I worked as a collector or gatherer of the stray marbles for the boy who had set the game up. For my troubles, I would be paid two or three marbles and in this way started to accumulate my stash.

Watching proceedings, it occurred to me that more often than not the target was missed – not surprising in view of the rough playground surface – and just like the Penny Slots machines, boys generally lost all of their marbles in a vain attempt to win an elusive prize. So I decided to swap my marbles for glass alleys and set up my own games of 'Hit It You Get It'. Very quickly I accumulated a much larger stash, rarely having to hand over a glass alley. One of my most successful ventures was when I was lucky enough to have a sixpence which I set up against the hall and declared 'Hit It You Get It'. Naturally with such a valuable prize, boys queued in their droves to have a go and obviously the firing line was set a long way back from the target. The odds were heavily stacked in my favour and that sixpence served me well winning umpteen times its value in marbles.

There was definitely a marble season but no strict rules as to when it started or ended. We would start playing marbles then, after a few weeks, it would peter out until the next year. Often we would stay behind after school playing marbles in the playground. By the time I finished primary school I had a massive tin of marbles which was almost too heavy to pick up. We didn't play marbles at secondary

school so my marbles languished in the tin until my younger brother Simon came of age and started playing marbles in turn.

Sadly he lacked my entrepreneurial skills and succeeded in losing every single one of them.

M.A. Cluderay



Autumn is upon us and the children in Dalesplay

have been on nature walks to explore the changes around them. We have had fun kicking leaves, making leaf pictures, looking at different animals and how they are getting ready to hibernate and lots more fun activities. The children have been baking some warming recipes and listening to autumn stories. We are planning our Halloween walk leaving Dalesplay **31st October at 6.30pm** prompt to walk our usual route around Hawes collecting treats as we go. This event is free for all to join including visitors to the area. It is suitable for all ages from those in pushchairs to teenagers and has been planned to keep children safe. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. On returning to Dalesplay Halloween activities are available free of charge to end the fun family night out. We will also be holding some fun Halloween workshops during half term;

Monday October 28th: Pumpkin carving and messy play - carve the pumpkins into scary faces and then enjoy playing in gunge.

Tuesday October 29th: Gruesome Kitchen - come along and make some worm cookies, vampire muffins and Halloween chocolates

Wednesday October 30th: Scary Movie 'The dog who saved Halloween' PG- enjoy a nice cup of spider web hot chocolate and green popcorn.

If you are looking for childcare for children from birth to 14 years please call us on **667789** for more information and take a look at our website; www.dalesplay.co.uk We also offer government funded places for 2 and 3 year olds. Call us now for a free information pack.

Joanne Fothergill

The Pennine Way

It seems amazing that at the height of the Second World War, the country— Government and voluntary groups alike — were making plans, outlined in this extract reproduced below from the report of 1942:

WE provide for our readers the text of a memorandum recently submitted by the Pennine Way Association to the Committee on Land Utilisation in Rural Areas at the Ministry of Works and Planning under the chairmanship of Lord Justice Scott. We believe it will have enthusiastic support from those who have tramped along any part of the Pennine Way. Since the memorandum was submitted the Association has asked the Minister of Agriculture to facilitate the completion of the Pennine Way. This, it was suggested, would encourage people to take walking holidays as the Government wishes them to do this year.

HISTORY OF THE

PENNINE WAY SCHEME

THE suggestion for a Pennine Way, a continuous footpath from Edale, Derbyshire, along the Pennines, and over the Cheviots to Wooler in Northumberland, was first made in 1935. Considerable interest was created throughout the country by the suggestion and the Ramblers' Association decided it was worthy of examination.

In 1938 the Pennine Way Association was founded at a conference of representatives of the Ramblers' Association, Youth Hostels Association Regional Groups, Footpath Preservation Societies, the Co-operative Holidays Association, The Holiday Fellowship, The Workers' Travel Association, and other open-air organisations. The conference unanimously agreed that a Pennine Way was desirable "in the national interest on the grounds of the physical and spiritual well-being of the youth of Britain."

It was also agreed that "the wide, health-giving moorlands and high places of solitude, the features of natural beauty, and the places of historical interest along the Pennine Way give this route a special character and attractiveness which should be available for all time as a national heritage of the youth of the country and of all who feel the call of the hills and lonely places." The conference was fully and widely supported in the Press, and the scheme received remarkable publicity.

Reference to the Pennine Way has already been made in memoranda submitted to the Land Utilisation Committee by the Commons, Open Spaces, and Footpaths Preservation Society, the Ramblers' Association, and the Youth Hostels Association.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED ROUTE

Here it will probably suffice to mention a few points indicating the general line of the route,

From the head of Edale it is suggested the Pennine Way should cross Kinder Scout to the Snake Inn and thence to the Derwent Valley and over Bloaklow.

Laddow Rocks, Greenfield and Blackstone Edge are on the route to the crossing of the Calder Valley near Todmorden. By Wycoller and the fringe of the Bronte Country the way would continue, crossing the Aire Gap near Skipton and reaching the head of Airedale to Malham.

By Fountains Fell and Penyghent the way would lead to Horton-in-Ribblesdale and then by Ling Gill and an old packhorse road to Hawes in Wensleydale. From Hardraw in the same dale the way would be over Great Shunner Fell to Swaledale, and up that dale to Keld and Tan Hill.

The Stainmoor Gap in the Pennines would be traversed en route for Middleton-in-Teesdale. Thence the Tees would be followed by High Force to Cauldron Snout. The line would then run westwards by Birkdale and up the valley of the Maize Beck to High Cup Nick, and then descend to the village of Dufton.

Cross Fell, the highest point of the Pennines, would be climbed on the way to Garrigill and the South Tyne Valley. From Alston the Maiden Way would lead to Gilsland. Eastward the line of the Roman Wall would be followed to Housesteads.

Next the way would continue to the North Tyne at Bellingham, and then to High Rochester in Redesdale. Northward the Roman Road, Dere Street, would lead to the Roman Camps at Chew Green, at the head of Coquetdale. Finally, the route would run by way of Cheviot to Wooler, Northumberland.

Big Coffee Morning

Saturday 12th October, 10.00am to noon

St Oswald's Church, Askrigg is holding a Big Coffee Morning - Entry is just £2.

There will be tea/coffee and scones, a raffle, tombola and cake stall. Everyone is welcome.

The Annual Gift Day raised just over £3,000 which is a brilliant achievement. Thanks to everyone who donated.

Have a Say on Planning Plans

Public consultation has begun on a range of options that will shape the way planning decisions are made in the National Park for the next 15 years.

Ideas include encouraging more overnight stays in the National Park by developing new visitor facilities and new camping and touring pitches. Another is to allocate brownfield sites near Grassington and Sedbergh to develop new business uses while a third is to review quarrying in the National Park.

The options are the latest phase of the National Park Authority's drive to create a new Local Plan for 2015 to 2030. Last year the public was asked to have a say in the creation of a new, five-year National Park Management Plan that sets out how the National Park should be looked after in the future. It was produced by a partnership of 15 organisations, including district and county councils, the Environment Agency, the National Park Authority and Natural England, as well as groups like the Dales Farmer Network.

Following a huge response to the consultation, the Management Plan was launched earlier this year and the objectives in it that are related to development will be delivered through the Local Plan.

Peter Stockton, the Authority's Head of Sustainable Development, said: "Last year we asked people what they wanted to see in terms of planning priorities and they came back with a number of different ideas. These included increasing the re-use of traditional farm buildings and supporting high speed broadband.

"We have looked at these and other issues, and the options that are finally selected at the end of this consultation process will form the basis for detailed local planning policy.

"We are particularly concerned about the continued trend for services and jobs to move further away from the National Park. We are also worried that the population of the National Park has stopped growing for the first time since 1970 and that there has been a significant drop in the number of children and younger households. This has serious implications for the sustainability of communities over the 15-year plan period." The options are available on the National Park Authority's website at

www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/future-policy.

Please send comments by email to localplan@yorkshiredales.org.uk

The consultation period will end on **October 29th**. A draft Local Plan will then be produced for further public consultation next year. A final submission version of the Plan will be sent to Communities and Local Government Secretary Eric Pickles for approval in 2015.

Hawes School News

Welcome Back

It has been very special seeing all the children in school again. I was especially delighted that on day one all the children in our Early Years' Foundation Class were so settled and enjoying their learning! I hope we have another successful year and if I can be of help in anyway please talk to me in the playground, or drop in and have a chat.

Swimming

Our annual swimming lessons have started and will continue for the next 10 weeks. We are going to Catterick Pool for 50 minute lessons and involves children who are in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. We are very grateful to Hawes Parish Council who have very kindly given £350.00 and the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter who have given £346.00 to help offset the costs for our parents.

Morrisons Vouchers

Morrisons are running their 'Lets grow for Schools' scheme again. We would be grateful if you collect them for us and also encourage family and friends to save them.

Watch this space!

Year 6 will be organising a small charity fund raiser at the Market Hall Table Top sale on **27th October**. It would be really appreciated if you could lend us your support by visiting our stand.

Mrs L Dooley, Headteacher

Big Breakfast

19th October

West Burton village hall from **8.30-11.00am**.

Come along and enjoy a 'full English'.

Other options available.

Cake stall and raffle.

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For appointments and all enquiries ring 663222												For appointments and all enquiries ring 667200											

Surgery News

Flu Vaccination Programme

The traditional winter flu vaccination programme is under way & some of you will already have had your jabs. If you are over 65 (or will be by 31st March next year) or younger than this but in an 'at risk' group you should book your winter flu jab without delay. At risk groups include those patients taking medicines that lower their immune response & those with the following conditions:-

- Asthma
- Diabetes
- Chronic kidney, liver or lung disease (COPD)
- Chronic heart disease

For the first time this year, ALL 2 and 3 year old children will be offered a flu vaccination. This will not be a jab, but administered via a nasal spray.

Reminder letters will be sent to all those not inoculated by the end of November.

As usual, if you have any comments or suggestions about the services your practice provides, please contact me at Hawes surgery, 667 200, or at clive.west@gp-B82045.nhs.uk

Clive West

Rev Sue Whitehouse

At the end of September Wensleydale said goodbye to Sue Whitehouse, vicar of Penhill Benefice. After 17 years, firstly as the incumbent for Aysgarth and Bolton cum Redmire Parishes and more recently with responsibility for the enlarged benefice including West Witton, Wensley and Preston-under-Scar. During that time she has made a significant mark in her ministry and has become renowned for her unstinting pastoral care. With an ageing population this has meant numerous hospital visits and a great deal of sympathetic visiting in difficult circumstances. We shall all miss her greatly.

Sue is moving to the Edinburgh area and the newsletter sends its best wishes to her in her retirement.

N.P.

Gayle Fellowship

The new session starts on Saturday 19th October at 7.30pm for the Autumn Rally with the familiar and well loved "Orton Male Voice Choir". Then on Tuesday 29th October at 7.30pm a group from Richmond called 'The Dalesmen'.

Meetings in Gayle Schoolroom with supper to follow.

GENERAL WHAT'S ON S

October

- 1 Hawes Drama Group reads "Dead man's hand". Gayle Institute, 7.30pm
- 2 Bolton-cum-Redmire Church Coffee Club, Dale View, Castle Bolton, 10.30am to noon
- 4 Wensleydale Society. See p.8
- 5 'Superfecta' live band; Fountain Hotel, Hawes, from 8.00pm. £5.00 in aid of Gala Funds. See p 9
- 5 Men's Prayer breakfast, Sycamore Hall 8.30am. Speaker Dr Alan Stanley. Details: **650685**
- 5 Northallerton Male Voice Choir at St. Margaret's, Hawes. 7.30pm. £6.00 followed by raffle
- 5 Diamond Jubilee Celebration; Thoraby. See p. 25
- 5 Drop in for coffee: Dale Cottage, Aysgarth, 10.00am to 2.00pm. £1.00. Proceeds to St. Andrew's Church and host's chosen charity
- 5,6 15th century life weekend. Bolton Castle; 10.00am to 5.00p. See p. 5
- 6 West Witton Harvest, 11.00am. Followed by lunch and produce sale In the Village Hall
- 8 Decorative and Fine Arts Society, 2.00pm. See p.6
- 8 YDNPA Planning Committee. Yoredale, Bainbridge; 1.00pm.
- 10,24 Wensleydale Country Markets. Leyburn Methodist Hall Usual times
- 10, 24 LASS screenings. See page 27
- 12 Big Coffee Morning at St Oswald's, Askrigg. See page 11
- 12 'Caring for Historic buildings' course. See p.22
- 12 MECCA MUSTER See page 4
- 13 St. Margaret's Hawes, Harvest Festival 10.30am
- 13 Bainbridge Methodist Harvest. Leyburn Methodist Hall; usual times
- 13 Hardraw Harvest Festival, 2.30pm followed by Parish Party in the Green Dragon, 4.00pm
- 16 Carperby WI "Women's Refuge". Carperby Institute at 7.30pm
- 16 Tour de France Open Meeting in Hawes. See p 27
- 17 Public meeting in Hawes; re: the Friarage. See p.6
- 17 Hawes W.I. Members' evening. Methodist rooms, 7.00pm
- 19 Big breakfast; West Burton. See p.12
- 19 Mobile Skip on Gayle Green
- 19 Gayle Chapel Autumn Rally. See p. 13
- 19 Bainbridge PFA EX Chain Store Fashion Show. See page 23
- 20 Aysgarth Methodist Church Anniversary. 6.30pm
- 20 Alverton Singers at St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth. See p.9
- 22 'Slow Dales' film food, art event See p.26
- 23 Upper Dales Family History Group. See p. 6
- 25 NSPCC teas. See p.7
- 26 Bolton Castle and Wensleydale Railway event; See p.5
- 26 Leyburn Brass Band at St. Margaret's, Hawes. 7.30pm. £6.00 including tea and biscuits. Raffle.
- 27 Table top sale, Hawes Market House for Hawes Primary School.
- 27 Bainbridge Methodist Church; service in Sycamore Hall, 10.30am
- 28-Nov 1 'Spooky Spectacular; Bolton Castle; 10.00am to 5.00pm. See P. 5
- 29 Coffee Morning and stalls, Hawes Methodist rooms, 10.00am to noon
- 29 Gayle Fellowship. See p 13

November

- 1 Domino and Whist drive; Muker Public Hall, 7.30pm
- 2 NSPCC Coffee Morning; See p.7
- 2 Bonfire and fireworks, West Burton. 6.30pm.
- 5 Drop in for coffee, Wanford Court, Thoraby, 10.00am to noon
- 6 Church coffee club, Old Post Office, Redmire, 10.30am to noon
- 6 'The Lost World'. North Country Theatre West Burton Village Hall. Details: **663753**



DCM WHAT'S ONS

Continuing until 9 October.
"Journeys with a Needle". An exhibition of textile art by Gina Smith using materials and thread and is inspired by architecture and landscape.

16–November 23 "Out of Yorkshire"

A selling exhibition of evocative artworks, textiles, ceramics, and glass by artists linked with Yorkshire

15 Drop in and taste; 10.00am to 2.30pm. Spicy recipes relating to Black History Month

18 Evening lecture: Life as a museum volunteer. 19.30pm. A talk from Museum volunteer Janet Thomson, explaining the work that goes on behind the scenes in reserve collections. £2.00

22 Drop in and taste. 10.00am to 2.30pm. Winter warmer soups and from 5.00 to 7.00pm. Slow Dales Film, Food and Art. A presentation of a project on sustainability in the Yorkshire Dales

27 History of knitting in the Yorkshire Dales; 1.00 to 4.00pm. Learn how to knit on 4 needles and then see the museum needle collection

29 Children's music workshop: 10.30am to 3.00pm. Traditional Brazilian music, dancing and stories. Children 7-11 years. £3.00. Booking required

30 Halloween stories and crafts. 2.00 to 4.00pm. Children £3.00

31 Halloween Cook along; 2.00 to 4.00pm Booking essential

The Big Draw in October half-term. Drawing activities for children. Christmas cards will be on sale in the Museum reception

For further information on any activity 'phone 666210

GAYLE MILL WHAT'S ONS

Simple Book Binding on 12th

Introduction to Hand Spinning on 19th.

Gayle Mill Experience weekend on 26th/27th

Learn to use Gayle Mill's historic water powered Victorian woodworking machines to create your own wood products. During the course you will get the chance to use our 1879 machinery including a saw bench, a planer-thicknesser, a band saw and two lathes (all belt driven by our Williamson turbine) as well as using hand tools for finishing. Often participants make a three legged milking stool/side table, rolling pin and boot jack to take home. This course includes refreshments, a heavenly Herriots Kitchen lunch, all materials and tuition

Keep an eye out in November for news about the schools percussion project on 11th – 14th and the **Wheelwright courses which are due to take place on the 16th and 17th November.** Early booking is anticipated for tuition by the Royal Appointment Wheelwrights who are coming all the way from Devon to deliver these courses. Not forgetting the **Gayle Mill Christmas Fayre on Saturday 30th November.** One not to be missed! Future events and courses for 2014 are being arranged as we speak and anyone can contact learning@gaylemill.org.uk or telephone **667320** for more details or to register an interest.

Advance Notice

Thornton Rust Institute

Put this date in your diary or on your calendar:

Grand Quiz Evening at Thornton Rust Village Institute on **29th November at 7.30pm.**

Refreshments and prizes. Tables of 4-6 people.

Askrigg and Bainbridge School News

From the Headteacher

Two weeks into the start of a new term and our children (and staff) have settled back into school-life really well. We are excited to be beginning our new collaboration between Askrigg VC and Bainbridge C of E Primary Schools, and this has begun positively with our members of staff getting together to plan the term, and our school councils holding a joint meeting to share their vision.

At Bainbridge, we currently have places available in our nursery and offer an open invitation for any parents / friends / family to come and have a look round to see what we have to offer. Our setting is spacious, well-equipped and staffed by experienced early-years practitioners. We warmly welcome anyone considering provision for nursery-aged children to come and have a look around.

Exciting times are ahead as we look forward to events such as the Tour de France – fantastic opportunities for our schools and communities, and a chance to be a part of history-in-the-making for our area.

Please look out for some of the fantastic events and activities that the parents' and friends' associations have planned for the year ahead. We hope you enjoy reading our children's updates here at Askrigg and Bainbridge and we look forward to sharing our news with you as the year moves on.

**Charlotte Harper, Headteacher
Askrigg VC and Bainbridge C of E Primary and Nursery Schools**

From the children of Bainbridge

We are all looking forward to our John Muir Award trip back to Freeholders' Wood where we will be moving gravel to make footpaths and making signs for people who go through the woods and visit. We are also looking forward to going with Low Mill for caving, canoeing and gorge walking. We are also welcoming Miss Harper - she is a wonderful experienced teacher. Bainbridge and Askrigg School are now sharing house team names, they are Wharfe, Ure and Swale. We have now got a new P.E. teacher called Simon Carson.

Lucy Allen

Class two are doing a topic of invaders and settlers. We are really enjoying it. We are doing Celts and what they did and where they lived. We are going to Low Mill and hopefully we will enjoy it and it will be a good experience. We will be doing caving, canoeing and gorge walking.

Our new P.E teacher is Simon Carson. Hopefully all the children are looking forward to doing P.E with him. The best behaved child will get a medal each week.

India Atkinson

From the children of Askrigg

Askrigg school has a new start with the collaboration of Askrigg and Bainbridge schools. We have new house teams with the names of rivers: Ure (red), Wharfe (green), and Swale (blue). We are going to go on school trips together. Our new teacher is Mrs Uca who used to be a part time teacher and Miss Harper, Headteacher to both schools.

Bethany Smith

In literacy we are looking at 'familiar settings' and our topic is 'Mega-structures'. In topic we have learnt lots about different mega-structures like Ribbleshead Viaduct, The Great Wall of China, The Sphinx, and The Leaning Tower of Pisa!

Lola Reilly

Proposed Transport Changes

Are you well-informed on NYCC's proposals?

(a) All info is on www.northyorks.gov.uk/bus/busconsultation and then find proposed timetables for 156/157 and any others you are interested in (e.g connections at Leyburn for Ripon; for Richmond (change here for Darlington); for Bedale (change here for Northallerton).

(b) Key point is that these are proposals FOR CONSULTATION (Nov deadline), not yet cast in stone, although headed New timetable (rather than Proposed new timetable). There must be some wriggle room if it's a 'consultation'.

Ruth Annison

Advance Notice November 16th

St Andrew's Craft Fair will be held on in West Burton Village Hall. For information and to book a table: **Val Gladman, 663742.**

Askrigg Primary School PTFA

Bunting Challenge

We are in the process of creating some fabulous bunting to raise money for the school. Not only will the bunting decorate our School and PTFA events, but will also create a piece of history. The National Park have kindly donated the fabric used for the banners when the Olympic torch came through the Yorkshire Dales which has provided part of the material for the bunting.

Would you like to advertise your business or add your family's creations to our bunting? All you need to do is send us in your design or wording and we will do the rest.

For a template, or if you have any questions please email to: charlotte0911@btinternet.com or telephone **650680**. Personal designs £5, Business Adverts £10.

Wensleydale's Got More Talent!

To include the wider community, a Talent Competition to include handicrafts, cooking and photography will take place in conjunction with Wensleydale's Got Talent **on 7th December, 2013**.

Categories will be for children, ladies and gents.

Entry forms and details will be available from Hawes Post Office, Whites of Wensleydale and the Wensleydale Press from **1st October**, so get making, baking and snapping.

Unwanted Items Wanted

St Margaret's Church, Hawes, are asking for items to sell on **Saturday, November 2nd** at Hoppers Sale

The Money raised will go towards our Restoration Fund.

Items wanted include China, Pottery, Silver, Jewellery, Paintings, Ornaments and small furniture.

If you want to help us in this way, please let us know in plenty of time to enter the items in the catalogue. Please contact

Margaret Iveson 667285

Tea and Scones

Each Tuesday and Wednesday in October with books and stalls; St Margaret's Hawes, for restoration fund. **1.00— 3.00pm**

Leyburn Bowling Club

Following last month's series of disappointing results we ended our 2013 JSW League season in good style by winning each of our final 3 League matches.

Having been in contention to win the JSW League title for the first time for much of the season, and despite this good last few weeks, Leyburn could only finish 4th, albeit a very close 4th, in the league. We were, in fact, only 7 points behind this year's champions, Hutton Rudby once again, with Thirsk and Bedale filling 2nd and 3rd places.

On Saturday August 24th we held our annual competition for the Leyburn Cup in which each player competing played 6 games, each over 4 ends. This year's competition was won by Mervyn Buckley who was the only bowler to win all 6 games with David Halliday (5 wins from 6 games) this year's runner-up and thereby winning the Alderson Cup.

If the JSW League title once again eluded Leyburn at least we are pleased to have won one piece of silverware. Leyburn entered a team in the JSW League Rinks (4 players) Competition. In the final of this year's competition, played at Sessay on Sunday September 1st, we played a team representing Thirsk. The final, played over 21 ends, was a tight affair throughout, until at the 18th end Leyburn scored 7 points. Consequently Leyburn were able to record a 26 - 15 victory with the 21st end not needing to be played as Thirsk could no longer win. Congratulations must therefore go to our team which comprised John Gorman, Peter Nicholas, Mervyn Buckley and Hazel Derby.

At the time of writing we were due to hold our club's Finals Weekend on 14th and 15th September. The following Sunday, 22nd September, our Moor Road green closed for the 2013 season, and on Wednesday 25th September will have been our annual Presentation Night at the Friar's Head, Akebar.

Finally, Leyburn Bowling Club intend to hold another of our popular pie and peas Quiz Nights at Wensleydale Rugby Club in November.

Mervyn Buckley

Best Foot Forward

How many of you know this area? It is



wonderful, a bit like some of the Pennine Way area before it was 'discovered'.

Where am I? Right at the western end of the Dales area sits the village of Barbon at the foot of Barbon and Middleton Fells. Barbon Manor, a French-style chateau nestles in woodland above the beck. The ride down the quiet Barbon Dale from Dent is a treat following a limestone/gritstone fault. Don't travel that way, it takes too long; go via Ingleton and Kirkby Lonsdale.

This walk has all the difficulty at the start, and it is quite a steep climb. Beginning just near the church a track leads north along to the Manor but we soon take an invisible foot-path towards Eskholme Farm and turn due east soon into the open access and on a right of way that is followed all the way round the bulk of Middleton Fell.

The first three quarters of a mile is very steep over Devil's Crag, then less so, leaving the wall, as it swings north east to the cairn on Castle Knott. A more level squelchy section followed by yet another climb brings us to the highest point at Calf Top where the present boundary of the National Park is.

We have now come about three and a half miles, and on this occasion for the last two, it was thick, damp fog and wind. The newly-painted trig point shining white suddenly emerged against the foggy sky.

The altitude is about 1900 feet and on a good day the view to the right, down into and across Barbon Dale to Crag Hill and Great Combe is worth the climb. The path is sometimes a tractor track, sometimes rather indistinct but with no need for miles of flagstones. For the next two and a half miles a long descent follows the Park boundary continuing to swing anticlockwise past Combe Scar and down Long Bank. By now the view (not for

us last month!) is of Dentdale. The track becomes clearer going WNW but at 649887 (sorry about the grid ref. but it is the only way to explain it!) look for a small beck flowing left under a distinct wall at a bend.

Now for a just little rough stuff; turn SW to Raismoor (the wall has to be climbed) and carry on down the open access boundary to a marked track which goes down above the steeply wooded Luge Gill for a mile to cross the disused Lune Valley railway near High Green. A lane goes all the way to Barbon. That would be boring, so a series of paths are taken, almost none looks as if it'd been trodden for years, but surprisingly quite well way-marked: Ullathorns, Tossbeck (under the railway again), Mill House, Sowermire Farm (and again!), Borwens then a bit of lane to Barbon.

Several of these farms have become holiday complexes in an area of marginal land between the River Lune and the high fells. The whole walk has a bit of everything, unless you want to see people!

It is about 13 miles.

A.S.W.

National Park Logo Offer is a Hit

Businesses are queuing up to adopt the National Park logo to help boost their trade.

More than 100 have now been given the go-ahead to use the famous Swaledale ram's head logo in connection with their marketing material - and there are more applications coming in every day.

There is no charge from the YDNPA to use the new locator logos.

However, the Intellectual Property Office sets a fee of £50 to register licensees permitted to use the trademark, with the licence lasting in perpetuity.

The fee is being paid by the Authority in the first year of the scheme to encourage take up. This offer continues until November 11th.

Research by VisitEngland has shown that the Yorkshire Dales is one of the most recognised destination brands and the logo is a great way to demonstrate we're all part of this fantastic area.

Anyone wanting to find more information or to download the two application forms should visit the YDNPA website at

www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/logo

Prunings

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

September arrived, and it was almost as if someone had thrown a switch. Subtly the greens had altered and the hedgerows began to show signs of berrying up. Already there are brambles swelling for pies and there have been



lots of elderberries if country wine appeals. I haven't made any for years, but I feel strangely tempted. I shall have to fish out the old recipe books.

I recently dug up a clump of compacted bulbs which have been long ignored and consequently don't produce flowers. Of course I can't remember what they were, and am agonising over what to do with them. My other half objects to lots of bulbs in grass as they interfere with mowing unless they are very early, such as *Tête à Tête* which die back soon enough not to cause a problem. As these could be anything, I fancy that the best solution might be to plant them close under the walls. At least that way they won't be wasted and will have a chance to recover. I might even move them somewhere more prominent if they prove interesting.

The *Hebes* are looking very untidy as the flowers are over: time for some serious dead-heading. It pays to be patient and cut each stem below all signs of spent heads. They will soon start to re-grow and the harder they are pruned the more bushy they will remain. The same applies to many shrubby varieties and some of the prunings of course will make excellent cuttings material. (Time to switch on the cable in the sand bed.)

I've been surprised at how low the temperatures have dropped overnight and have been rushing round making space for plants which are still outside and need to be rescued. I don't want to lose some of the nicer *Geraniums* and *Pelargoniums* so I shall bring them in and take cuttings before it gets too late in the season. I'm

not much of a veg. grower, but the French beans have done quite well and I need to collect the last of them.

I read somewhere that the July-August period this year ranks around the 8th warmest in the last 125 years, and the summer we've had was the warmest since 2006. Having got used to the warmth I'm feeling the drop in temperature quite keenly, but we should remember that the ground is still warmer than average for the season and it is an excellent time for planting as roots still have time to grow and establish well before the winter. Perennials, soft fruits and bulbs will all benefit if put into the ground sooner rather than later.

I took advantage of an offer in Garden News and today took delivery of some *Hellebores*. I seem to have lots of white ones, both early bloomers and the later "Lenten" types, so I felt it time to go for some colour. The offer was 10 plants for £12.50 which looked very cheap. There are so many interesting hybrids now I was loath to miss them. The plants look healthy and I shall pot them up tomorrow in hope of some more sunshine to help them along.

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

Rose Rambler.

Assistant Manager Gayle Mill Trust

Gayle Mill Trust would like to employ an Assistant Manager to work with the trustees and volunteers to develop a sustainable future for Gayle Mill.

We are looking for someone who is self-motivated and with an interest in marketing, working with volunteers, heritage skills, education and tour guiding.

Experience would be beneficial although not essential as training and support can be provided.

Salary is £22,000 a year on a one-year rolling contract, renewable subject to funding and performance. For an application form email ryvita59@gmail.com.

The closing date is 5.00pm on 13th October

Le Tour; Grand Départ Local Heroes - Scott Thwaites



Scott Thwaites, 23, was born in Burley in Wharfedale and is a professional cyclist for Team NetApp-Endura.

First bike.

I'd never seen this photo before until I searched the family photo albums. So I'm not sure what the bike is but I was about 4 years old here in front of my family home in Burley in Wharfedale where my parents still live.

First Memory of riding

I used to ride around the village a lot and having an older brother meant that I was always keen to join in when he went riding. I remember making ramps out of planks and doing stunts on our bikes.

Cycling hero growing up?

I didn't really have a cycling hero but I was big into Cyclo-cross and loved watching the Belgians like Sven Nys and Bart Wellens.

Favourite ride or route in Yorkshire?

I tend to head up the Wharfe Valley a lot but I really like riding over to Pateley Bridge and Masham as there are plenty of tough climbs and nice views at the top

What was the turning point for your career as a cyclist?

Signing with Endura Racing was a massive point in my career as previously I had been riding for my local bike shop Crosstrax and doing races on and off road, whatever I felt like. Then to be *riding* a professional race at the Tour du Haut Var the next year was a huge step up and a daunting experience. It was a big shock but gave me a target to work towards which was important to help me develop into a better rider.

Top training tip?

Find a good group of people you enjoy riding with. Having a bit of competition helps you push yourself and it is always nicer chatting to like-minded people on a long ride.



Career highlight so far?

Winning the U23 National Championships on the Road and Mountain Bike.

Cycling ambition?

Firstly to get a professional victory which I have come close to so far. Looking further ahead I would like to ride the Spring Classics like Paris-Roubaix and Tour of Flanders and also ride a Grand Tour.

*On the Buttertubs.
Estimates vary as to the huge numbers
expected to watch from this road.*



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Much Loved Little White Bus

I am sure most readers know and love the Little White Bus (LWB) service run by the community office in Hawes, but we think it is time to be reminded of its services, celebrate its success and find out about future developments.

The story so far Trish West told me how it all started when the Community office put in a tender to North Yorkshire County Council to run the scheduled service from Hawes to meet trains at Garsdale station (previously provided by the Little Red Bus). For the same level of funding they knew they could also provide a much needed on-demand transport service for local people. The bid was successful, they recruited volunteer drivers and increased the station service from 5 to 7 days a week. Passenger numbers and income from fares rose rapidly and the on-demand service was so popular they were able, with the support of NYCC, their own funds and Dales Integrated Transport Alliance (dita) to provide a second bus. They now employ two part time drivers and are supported by 20 volunteers without whom the service couldn't operate. Being based in the Community Partnership Office, the LWB service has the vital administrative structure to support it.

What's currently offered The service to Garsdale station is a vital link bringing people into Hawes from the Settle to Carlisle line (for timetable see - www.dalesbus.org/LWB.html). They offer a Tuesday service from outlying villages to bring people to the market in Hawes. Day trips to places such as Kendal and to special events like the Harrogate Flower show are increasingly popular (see full list in community office news). The on-demand service provides transport for people to reach Darlington Cemetery, Richmond Swimming Pool, Youth Club outings, Darts team events, walking group trips, party transport and much, much more (call 667400 to book). They also work in partnership with the Dales Countryside Museum to provide transport for the Red Squirrel walks.

What the future holds All Dales bus services are heavily subsidised by NYCC who are currently having to make savings across all of its departments. Part of the problem is the higher

than average percentage of the Dales population having concessionary bus passes which are funded by NYCC. The community office is in consultation talks with NYCC and dita about the proposed cuts to transport subsidies and how the Little White Bus could possibly fill any gaps in threatened services. The community office is one of 8 transport hubs across the Dales as part of the Dales Integrated Transport Alliance trying to ensure a joined up approach for all services. Trish would love to be able to offer a link up with services in Settle and Sedbergh and to work with the Countryside Museum on further projects e.g. to offer a service to different start points for walks back to Hawes. Inevitably any developments would require a third bus and support from NYCC and the local community.

So what can we do to help?

Use the bus where possible.

Participate in the consultation on proposed cuts – give your views at <http://northyorks.gov.uk/busconsultation>

Could everyone with a bus pass volunteer to pay a £1 on scheduled services? Better to pay a little, than have no services left that you can use your bus pass on.?

Offer suggestions for more days out.

Become a volunteer driver - contact the Community Office to find out more and book on the next available training session.

K.J

Little White Bus - Day trips £7 return (£5 concs)

2nd Oct: Skipton

16th Oct: Kendal

6th Nov: Blackpool Illuminations (£12/£10)

21st Nov: Boundary Mill

4th Dec: Hayes Garden Centre, Ambleside

18th Dec: Kendal

For more information and to book, call 667400

£488 Raised

... from the garage sale at Carperby Vicarage for Penhill Benefice funds. Thank to all who contributed— your help was very much appreciated.

Heavens Above

Look low in the south-west on October 8th around 7.30pm and you'll see the crescent Moon just above the planet Venus – a lovely



sight in the gathering darkness. Venus hasn't put on much of a show recently,

but things rapidly improve during the next couple of months as its brightness increases as it climbs higher in the sky. By the end of October it sets a good two hours after the Sun and almost three hours after by the end of November. After the Moon it's the brightest object in the whole night sky.

Jupiter becomes more prominent this month too, rising in the east at 11.00pm among the stars of Gemini. The giant planet reaches opposition at the beginning of January next year when it will be at its best for observation since 2002. Saturn and Mercury are lost in the Sun's glare this month but Mars can be seen in the early morning sky after it rises in the east around 2.30am.

As we head towards late autumn the days become increasingly shorter with full darkness coming as early as 8.00pm by the middle of the month. The bright summer star groups have slipped noticeably westwards, and the view south is now filled by The Great Square of Pegasus, the Winged Horse of ancient Greek mythology. Below the Square lie the 'watery' constellations of Aquarius, Pisces, and Cetus, the Sea Monster – none of them much to write home about. From the Square's top left-hand corner two loose chains of stars trail eastwards forming the constellation of Andromeda, the Ethiopian Princess. This unfortunate young woman was due to be sacrificed to Cetus but was saved by the dashing hero, Perseus, riding to her rescue astride Pegasus. Perseus' outline is shaped a bit like a deformed letter 'K' and lies high in the east close to Andromeda's parents, Cassiopeia and Cepheus. The Milky Way crosses its northern part and the whole area abounds with bright stars and open clusters. In the north-western corner you'll find the

famous 'Sword Handle'. A hazy patch to the naked eye, binoculars reveal a beautiful overlapping pair of star clusters each covering an area the size of the full Moon.

The Full Moon itself, undergoes a *penumbral* eclipse on October 18/19th when it moves into the Earth's outer shadow. Around mid-eclipse (0.50am) you should notice the lower half of the lunar disc looking considerably dimmer but to be honest eclipses like this can't really match up to a fully-blown total one.

Finally, don't forget that British Summer Time comes to an end this year at 2.00 am on 27th October when you'll need to put your clocks **back** an hour. Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

Historic Buildings Under the Spotlight

Owners and occupiers of historic buildings in the National Park and the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty will have the chance to learn more about ways of looking after them at a special day school on **October 12th**.

Called '*Caring for Your Historic Building*', the event will be held in Burnsall Village Hall and will include a number of guest speakers as well as outdoor practical demonstrations and a guided architectural tour through the village.

The annual day school will run between **9.30am and 5.00pm**. Gaby Rose, the YDNPA's Building Conservation Officer, said: "The event is growing in popularity each year and it gets booked up very quickly.

"It's aimed primarily at owners, managers and occupiers of historic buildings, but there is plenty of interest for people who just want to learn more about the architecture of the area or old buildings in general."

The fee for the day school is £15 per person including buffet lunch and tea/coffee. Details and a booking form are available on the YDNPA website at

www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/caringforyourhistoricbuilding2013.

Anyone wanting more information can also email aonbevents@harrogate.gov.uk or call **01423 712950**.

Why say it once?

When you can say it three times!

Because the language we speak is derived from French and, especially in the North, from Danish, Anglo-Saxon or old Norse, plus some Celtic, we have the wonderful situation where names for the same place have multiplied. We do not always realise how daft are the consequences!

How about these: **Knock Fell** (in the Dufton area); from *cnoc* (Gaelic or Danish for 'hill'), plus *fell* = hill. So Knock Fell = Hill Hill.

Even better: **Pendle Hill** (hill of the Lancashire Witches); from *pen* (Cumbrian/Welsh for 'hill') plus *dhyll* (Old English for 'hill'). So Pendle Hill = Hill Hill Hill.

In Warwickshire: **Napton on the Hill**; from *cnaeppe* (Old English for 'hilltop'), plus *tun* (Old English for 'settlement/town'); so Napton on the Hill = Hilltop town on the top of a hill!

Things are just as interesting with water!

The suffix 'ey' often means 'island'.

Lundy Island: Lundy (Puffin Island); so Lundy Island – Puffin Island Island. The **Isle of Sheppey** = Sheep Island Island. The Old Norse word for Island is *holmr*. Isle of Axholme =

Ax Island Island.

In Yorkshire, the **Ouse** is from the Celtic '*usa*', meaning 'water'. River Ouse = Water River.

Please never say **Walden Dale**. The 'den' means dale; actually 'Dale of the foreigners', as in '**Wales**'. This gives strong indication that around here was the linguistic divide between the Danes from the east and the Norse Vikings who settled from the west.

There is a **Keld Spring** in Carperby. *Keld* is the Old Norse for 'spring'. Hence: Spring Spring!

Maybe the one that takes some beating is **Lake Semerwater**. From *sae* (old English for 'lake'); plus *mere* (Old English for 'pool'). So Lake Semerwater = Lake pool lake water! (Caution: contains water).

It is no surprise to learn that there are so many rivers named **Avon**. 'Avon' or 'Afon' in Welsh, means river. So quite a few River Rivers about. **Hayle Estuary** in Cornwall is derived from the Old Cornish word *Heyl* meaning 'estuary'. So Hayle Estuary Estuary.

It is perhaps as well the Welsh didn't come along; their 'mouth of a river' is 'aber'. Hayleaber Estuary!

So then, "What's in a name" makes an interesting diversion. Like the girl, Fiona White, in the youth group from years ago. Fiona = White.

A.S.W.

...An elderly woman decided to prepare her will and told her vicar she had two final requests. First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered outside Tesco.

'Tesco' the vicar exclaimed. 'Why Tesco?' 'Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week'.

... My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

.... Just before the funeral services, the undertaker came up to the very elderly widow and asked, 'How old was your husband?' '98,' she replied. 'Two years older than me' 'So you're 96,' the undertaker commented. She responded, 'Hardly worth going home, is it?'

... Know how to prevent sagging?
Just eat till the wrinkles fill out.

... These days about half the stuff in my shopping trolley says, 'For fast relief.'

Ex Chain Store Fashion Show

Saturday 19th October at
Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge

Hosted by Bainbridge PFA raising funds for Bainbridge School.

Tickets are £5.00 including a glass of wine or fruit juice on entry, and can be purchased from [Angela Peacock 650212](#) or The Cornmill Tea room **650769**.

Come along and have a fun night out.

Doors open at 6.45pm to browse through clothing with fashion show starting at 7.30pm.

Police Report

Hello again.

The recent crime trends in the Leyburn Section: agricultural burglaries and theft of power tools and machines. The items taken have included chain saws and Stihl saws, compressors, power tools such as drills and jigsaws and a very large Kärcher hot water pressure cleaner.

There have also been several vehicle-related crimes over the last couple of months, with cars having criminal damage caused to them in Hawes and Askrigg, a catalytic converter taken from under a pick-up near Reeth, and power tools taken from a vehicle in Leyburn. Trailer theft has returned to our patch, one having been stolen from Reeth. A quad bike was stolen in the daylight hours from a farm near Hawes. An attempt was made to steal diesel from a vehicle in Hardraw by forcing the fuel flap and cap.

There have been several house burglaries recently which have had one thing in common. All were of the “sneak-in” type, where the offender has entered through an insecure door and has targeted purses, handbags and loose cash. These offences have occurred during the day as well as at night and on at least one occasion the house was occupied at the time. It is advisable to keep your doors locked or at least on a chain if you are busy in another part of the house away from the doors. A good habit to get into is to put purses, handbags and wallets out of sight in a drawer or cupboard; that way an offender cannot see it through a window lying on the kitchen side, for example, and then sneak in and remove it.

Other crimes have included theft of pedal cycles, garden furniture and even metal gates from a field.

About two months ago now the Rock and Gem shop, Hawes, was broken into and jewellery taken. A lot of noise must have been caused when smashing through the door. As yet (at the time of writing) this matter remains unsolved. Have you got any information that may help in solving this crime.

Stone thefts are on the increase. By stone I refer to dressed stone used as building mate-

rials. A crime occurred in mid September where some sandstone flag stones were prised off and stolen from a wall in the Swinithwaite area. This was done overnight and a vehicle must have been used as the stones are quite thick and fairly large so would be heavy. Did you see this vehicle?

Finally just a reminder that the speed camera vans are out and about. It is now £100 and 3 points for speeding offences. It is now also a penalty of £100 for not wearing a seat-belt and the same amount for driving and using hand held mobile telephone. The choice is yours, commit the offence and pay the price. Personally I find £100 hard to come by.

If you have any information about any crime or suspicious activity please get in touch.

Many Thanks for your continued support.

Andy Foster PC826

**Leyburn Safer Neighbourhood Team
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Upper Wensleydale**

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Celebrating the ‘Leader’ Programme

The 2008-2013 LEADER Programme, which has awarded over £2 million to community-led projects across the Yorkshire Dales, is drawing to a close. A final celebration event is being held on **Wednesday 16th October** at Fountains Abbey to highlight some of the successes. Workshops will take place to look at the development of the next LEADER programme and the economic regeneration of North Yorkshire.

Individuals or organisations interested in helping develop a new Local Development Strategy for our area, or who would like to learn more about LEADER are invited. Contact Joannah Collins before 2nd October to book your place.

on j.collins@northyorkmoors.org.uk

Hilda Goes to Dorset **...as seen recently on Country File**

As some of you know, my wife Hilda and I own a 1921 Fowler 10-ton steam roller called 'Hilda', along with original roadman's living van and a large collection of vintage road-making equipment, signs etc. The roller used to work in the Dales and as far away as York and Thirsk. It ended its working life in a quarry at Leyburn. We have owned it for 41 years and have exhibited it at various steam fairs in the north.



Hilda in action

Early in the spring we heard that they were organising a "Roller Special" at the Great Dorset Steam Fair. This is a massive event, the largest in the world covering some 600 acres and it takes about three days to look round!

Next, we had an invitation to take *Hilda*, its living van, Fowler-Woods gritting machine and various road signs. We contacted a good friend Stuart, from Hetton le Hole, Durham, who owns a transport firm who agreed to take everything down to Dorset on one of his low loaders. We loaded everything one Friday afternoon at Dalton, Thirsk, where we keep *Hilda* and other equipment, having successfully loaded everything with inches to spare. The next time we would see *Hilda* was a week later in Dorset on August 26th after travelling down overnight 299 miles from Askrigg with our car and caravan.

Son Jeremy and family pulled in soon after and we set upon the task of unloading everything and driving to our position on the show-ground, soon making good friends with the other steam roller owners around us. The **enormity** of the event soon took hold as there were 162 rollers, mostly steam, some early

diesel and living vans from as far away as Germany, Holland and France.

On the Saturday we had to be up early to get steam up as we were told an attempt for the Guinness Book of Records was going to be held for the biggest number of steam rollers rolling a road at the same time. We managed that, and a total of 102 made it, breaking the record that was 32! All the officials from the book verified this. So we made history. We then continued through the arena where a massive photo shoot took place, this taking 2½ hours to organise and get out again!

The weekend consisted of taking turns to look after the equipment, photos etc. and chatting to the many visitors (some 250,000 people attended, and it costs £2 million to stage with six full time staff the year round. The cider and beer went down well as the site was very dusty being on the corn stubble, with a massive old-time and modern fun fair, country crafts and entertainment well into the night. It was truly spectacular, but it was soon Sunday and time to load up again for the long journey home.



Showing the extent of the Fair- and the dust!

This was a once in a lifetime experience as I doubt they will never have as many steam rollers together again; so it is back to the small friendly gatherings we attend, and November will soon be here when we put away for the winter and the Great Dorset Steam Fair will be just a happy memory.

Andrew and Hilda Craske, and *Hilda*

Thoralby Village Hall **Diamond Jubilee Celebration**

"Thoralby and Bishopdale through the ages"
presented by Penny and Bob Ellis

Saturday 5th October 2013

6:30 - 7.00pm, light supper and bar

Tickets **ONLY**

£7:50 from **Jane** on **663407**

West Burton School News

We have started the term with five new children in the Reception group.

Everyone has quickly settled down into new teaching groups. Our whole school topic is 'Food' and we are looking forward to working with the Dales Countryside Museum on some aspects of the history of food (What the Romans and Vikings ate) as well as visiting the Creamery.

At harvest time as well as celebrating having enough to eat, we have our annual clothes collection (clothes, shoes, bags, bedding, ink cartridges and mobile phones).

We give all money we raise to the Great North Air Ambulance. The collection is from WB village hall on **Friday 18th October**.



Invitation to **SLOW DALES** Film, Food and Art **22ND OCTOBER 2013** **5.00 to 7.00pm** at the

Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes
A presentation of SLOW DALES film
previews, an exhibition of SLOW DALES
tea towel designs

and refreshments by local food producers.
*The SLOW DALES film will be available in
spring 2014 via the web for communities
and individuals throughout the Yorkshire*

*Dales and beyond to watch and use in
developing new approaches to sustainable
living. The project is funded by the National
Park's Sustainability Fund and Arts Council
England.*

RSVP to **Kate Maddison, Chrysalis Arts,**
Tel 01756 749222 or email
kate@artdepot.org.uk

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Closing Date for entries
Friday 18th October 2013

For more information or entry forms please call in at
Whites of Wensleydale, or Hawes Post Office



Who's Seen One of These?

Last month this insect, about twice the size of a bumble bee, was flying around and landed on a window sill. It has bright yellow legs and very long yellow antennae.

Describing it to Matt Neale, our Ranger, he immediately replied by sending this picture. "It is a *wood wasp*", he said. "We sometimes see five or six a year."

Any other sightings? It's quite a sight!

A.S.W

Drop-off points and contacts

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

Hawes:	Alan S. Watkinson, Burnside Coach House.	667785
Gayle:	Lorna Ward, East House	667405
Bainbridge:	Sylvia Crookes, 3, Bainside	650525
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

LASS - Leyburn Arts and Social Society

We shall be showing the following films during our Autumn session, Thursdays, in the Oak Room of Thornborough Hall, at **7.30pm**.

Zero Dark Thirty on the **10th October**; *Life of Pi* on **October 24th**; All welcome. £10 membership which includes all films and the social. Refreshments available. Enquiries to **622023**.

Christmas Lights Festival

A small Christmas Market is being arranged for 7th December as part of the Christmas Lights Festival. This will be held in the vicinity of the Market House and the forecourt of Cocketts Hotel.

Please contact

**Linda Reynolds (667201),
Pat White (667236) or
Liz Lawson (667575)**

if you would like a stall or if you can give any help with any of the activities on the

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Matt Dinsdale

would like to thank everyone for
the cards and presents he
received for his 30th birthday
(and hopes you enjoyed the
party and the surprise
entertainment).