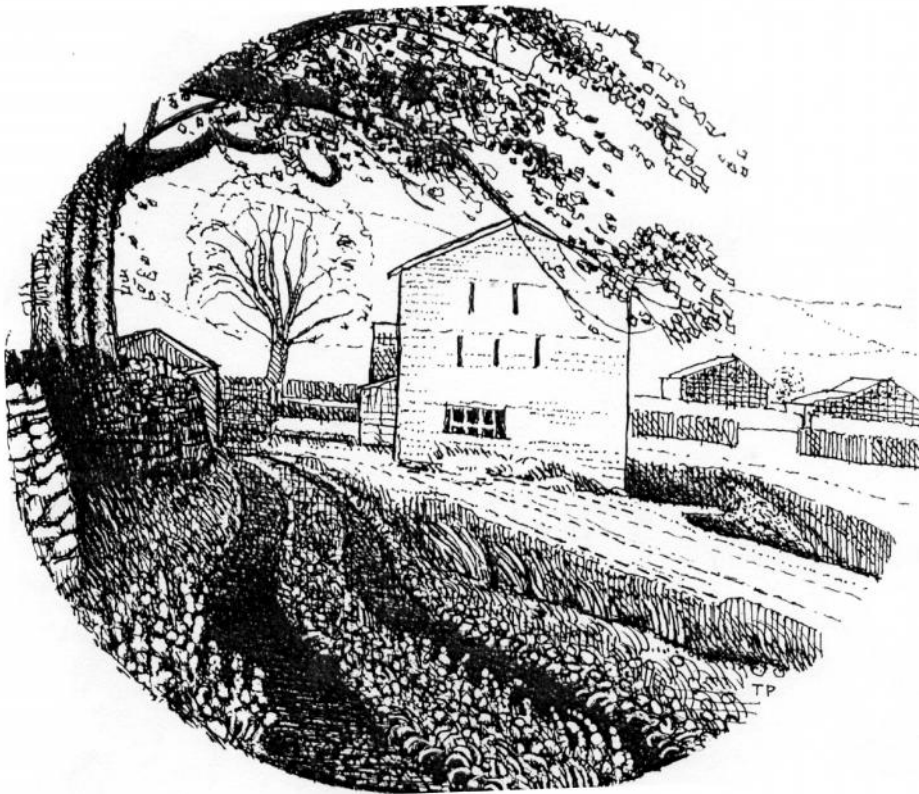


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Editorial

It's more of a discussion document this month!

It becomes fairly obvious by the end of October, with the appearance of everyone on the TV wearing a red poppy, that it is that time of year.

Not everyone feels entirely comfortable about it and it brings mixed feelings. Despite the showing of old footage or of modern documentaries, there is now hardly anyone left who truly remembers the experiences of the first world war or the unimaginably devastating after-effects on the whole of our society. Not so many can easily recall even the second world war. Let's face it, for most younger people the two world wars are as much just 'history' as are the Crimean or Boer war for old people. That's understandable. Also, isn't it reasonable to try to get into proportion modern day conflicts compared with those of the two world wars? Question: Is it possible to *remember* what you have never experienced?

People who lay down their lives in war demand our remembrance. Others, often women and children, are killed or suffer despite no direct involvement themselves. Surely we are right to acknowledge amazing selfless **bravery** wherever it occurs.

But what do you think of this? A broadening of the whole 'Remembrance' to include so many others in all walks of life and work, as it is written: *"And some there be, which have no memorial; who are perished, as though they had never been; and are become as though they had never been born; and their children after them."* Lives lost or damaged in the course of duty, often as terrifying as war, of fire fighters or ambulance services attending to horrific accidents and emergencies, police in riot-torn areas and in attacks, disasters at sea to cope with, or the dangers of mountain rescues; these last ones often by volunteers. Not always honours or recognitions for these.

But why stop there in our 'Big Remembrance'? It isn't just people who have died. Remember too those who continue to live, badly damaged with injuries and after-effects. One-off acts of valour are sometimes amazing to comprehend but what also of lifetimes of dedication to meeting the needs of others; the almost unbelievable strain on the parent-carers looking after desperately ill children for many, many years; or many years of constant stress, caring for severely damaged people. These other 'heroes' can also be

scarred for life. Or those, sometimes voluntary too, giving a lifetime of service in tragically poor and deprived areas of our big towns or cities.

So how about the idea of 'whole remembrance', with a commitment on Remembrance Sunday for a two minute silence for all? *"From the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember the others, too"* And another question: How about a change of name for the day: Remembrance, Thanksgiving and Peace Sunday? Well, new ideas have to start somewhere; why not in deepest Upper Wensleydale! *Discuss.* Your Newsletter committee did at great length

A.S.W.

has a lot of thanks to pass on following his somewhat alarming collapse outside the Hawes surgery, almost certainly owing to a fiendish reaction to an antibiotic for a chest infection causing his blood count to approach zero!

To Edie May who comfortably cushioned his fall; to Dr West for her firm insistence on getting him to Friarage fast; for the A and E there, and the Haematology Unit at James Cook for their rapid response and the conduct of every test known to man; but especially to the very many people who showed their concern and sent greetings. He seems to be back to his 'normal' self.

Askrigg Playgroup

The Playgroup has had a very busy half term learning lots of new nursery rhymes and taking part in activities relating to the nursery rhymes.

Each child has been given a nursery rhyme book so that parents and carers can continue singing and exploring them at home. Our last session of the half term we are having a musical song time session with a musician coming to playgroup. We run every Tuesday and Thursday in term time from **9.20 until 11.15 am** at The Children's centre in Askrigg. We welcome children from 18 months (accompanied by a parent/carers), from 2 years they can attend on their own. We welcome new children and their parents/carers and offer flexible attendance.

If you would like more information please contact askriggplaygroup@yahoo.co.uk We are also on Facebook www.facebook.com/askriggplaygroup

Events on the Wensleydale Railway

Why not plan a joint outing with your friends and relations from further down the dale before winter sets in? Booking is essential (phone **08454 50 54 74**) and written confirmation will be sent.

Saturday November 2nd: Bus picks up from nearby villages to connect with the Bonfire Express from Redmire to Bedale Fireworks Display. (pre-book and check arrangements for time and place for this bus)

Saturday November 16th: 5 mile guided walk followed by a special Festive Lunch at the Bolton Arms, Redmire, and music from a Wensleydale ukulele band before the return train to Leyburn, Finghall, Bedale and Leeming Bar..

Friday November 29th: Christmas shopping trip on the Settle-Carlisle line from Garsdale to Carlisle with connecting coach picking up pre-booked passengers from Bedale onwards, including Leyburn, Wensley, Preston-under-Scar lane end, Redmire, Castle Bolton lane end, Carperby, Askrigg and Sedbusk. (The connecting coach does not include Gayle, Hawes or Hardraw because the Little White Bus connects with Garsdale station 7 days a week).

December 1st, 7th, 8th, 14th, 15th 21st-24th: Santa Specials - a very special family outing ; *early booking gives the best chance of getting seats for the date and time that suits you best..*

Diary Date: New Year's Day, a special Last Walk of The Season from Redmire to Aysgarth Falls and return (details next month or phone me).

Ruth Annison 650349 for walks information but ALL bookings and payments to the WR office at Leeming Bar **08454 50 54 74**)

Bainbridge and District Motor Club

The final rally of the season took place on Wednesday 18th September from Askrigg primary school. The route was 22.5 miles so it was kept nice and local; the furthest we went was to Appersett and was finished before it got too dark!

May I take this opportunity to thank everybody involved in all the rallies, trials and the hill climb; it has been a fantastic year for the motor club and may it continue.

The motor club dinner is being held on **Friday 29th November** at the Wensleydale Creamery for more details or to buy a ticket please contact **Bob Foster on 622331**

Emma Thwaite

Eunice the Ewe



I was hiding in Dalesplay and the winner of the £10 prize was **Leanne Carter from Leeds**. Where am I this month?

You think English is Easy?

Try saying these!

- 1) The bandage was wound around the wound.
- 2) The farm was used to produce produce.
- 3) The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- 4) We must polish the Polish furniture.
- 5) The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- 6) Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present..
- 7) I did not object to the object.
- 8) The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- 9) There was a row among the oarsmen about how to row.
- 10) They were too close to the door to close it.
- 11) The buck does funny things when the does are present.
- 12) A seamstress and a sewer fell down into a sewer line.
- 13) To help with planting, the farmer taught his sow to sow.
- 14) The wind was too strong to wind the sail.
- 15) Upon seeing the tear in the painting I shed a tear.
- 16) I had to subject the subject to a series of tests.
- 17) How can I intimate this to my most intimate friend?

Let's face it; English is a crazy language!

Grand Quiz Evening Thornton Rust Institute

Saturday November 30th, 7.30pm

(Please note change of date)

Teams of 4 - 6; lots of prizes

Light supper provided

Adults £5.00; children £1.00

Book your table now. Ask your friends.

To enter and for further details:

ring **Sue 663504; Ian 663923**

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

GTEC Training Ltd Secures High Profile Government Contract

Hawes based GTEC Training Ltd has been appointed by the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) to administer a national grant funding programme to help installer companies gain the training they require to roll out the Government's flagship renewable heating incentive (RHI). The domestic RHI is a ground-breaking scheme that will enable householders to receive a seven year income for the heat they generate from a renewable technology including Solar Thermal, Heat Pumps or Biomass. Over the last 12 months GTEC has worked for a wide range of organisations from local authorities through to the United Nations delivering third party solutions, site compliance auditing, training and expert witness services.

Upper Dales Family History

Our new season of talks began with Sir Thomas Ingilby on the Ingilbys of Ripley Castle which has been his family home for more than 700 years. He gave us an excellent overview of several centuries of family and national history from the date when the Ingilbys acquired the Ripley estate through marriage with an heiress. One of his ancestors received a knighthood after saving the life of Edward III while others were involved in the Pilgrimage of Grace and both sides of the Rising of the North as well being embroiled in the Gunpowder Plot and the Civil War.

In more peaceful times one of the family undertook the Grand Tour and was so taken with the continental architecture that he rebuilt the village of Ripley in the style of a French town, complete with its own hotel de ville instead of a town hall. Coming right up to the present day Sir Thomas talked about life at the castle now that it is a tourist destination and event venue rather than a fortress and explained how ongoing research was still uncovering details of its fascinating past.

The next talk is at Harmby village hall on **Wednesday, November 27th at 2.00pm** when David Lewis will be speaking about the famous 18th century scientist Smithson Tennant (1761 - 1815) and his Yorkshire roots. Smithson Tennant had family links to Selby and Wensleydale and David is particularly keen to learn more about his local connections to places such as Mount Park and Nappa Hall. If you can help him in anyway please do come along to the meeting or contact us in advance. Admission is £2 for non-members.

For full details of the group and all the meetings see the website/ www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk or contact **Tracy Little 01748 884759**.

On Saturday, November 9th from 1.00 to 4.00pm, we will be running a drop-in family history computer club at a new venue, Wensley village hall. *This is for anyone interested in researching their family history on the internet but doesn't know how to get started or just wants some tips to help them get further.* Stay as long as you like - no need to book; £3 for the first two hours, then £1 per hour.

For details contact **Tony Keates 640436** e-mail: dotandtonyk@btinternet.com

Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Art Society

Title "Raising modern sculpture from the dead": Jacob Epstein, Eric Gill and Henri Gaudier-Brzeska.

Evelyn Silber discusses the pioneering work of artists who redefined sculpture in Britain during 1907-1915.

This work includes, Epstein's Tomb of Oscar Wilde and Rock Drill; the sexually explicit carvings of Gill and Epstein; Gaudier's animal and figure studies and his Head of Ezra Pound. These artists created carvings that challenged contemporary taste, stirred up controversy and public debate and set the scene for Henry Moore and Barbara Hepworth.

Evelyn Silber has worked at Birmingham Museums and Art Galleries, was Director of Leeds Museums and Galleries and Director of the Hunterian Museum and Art Gallery, University of Glasgow. She is author of books on Jacob Epstein and Gaudier-Brzeska.

This Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts lecture is on **Tuesday 12th November at 2.00pm** in the Middleham Key Centre.

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

Carols by Candlelight

Sing along with Rosi and

The Noel Singers at

ROOKHURST, GAYLE

Wednesday 4th December at 7.00pm

Mulled wine and mince pies

All proceeds to St Margaret's Repair Fund

Tickets £5 from:

Ann Pilling (666969),

Vera Sinton (666948)

Whites of Wensleydale, The Sweet Shop

"In Good Voice"

with the

Aysgarth Singers and Young Voices

Friday 29th November 7.30pm

St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth

Admission £5

Methodism in Hawes

Following several months of reflection, discussion and prayerful consideration, the members of Hawes Methodist Church Council met on October 14th and agreed that permission should be sought for worship to cease at Hawes Methodist Church and that the premises should close. This decision was taken following much soul-searching and with great sadness from all involved.

The Methodist Church in Hawes has not been experiencing new growth for many years. It has also become increasingly difficult to meet the expenses both of its share in the costs of employing the circuit ministers and the ever-growing running costs, including repairs and maintenance of the premises.

Hawes Methodist Church forms one part of the wider Methodist community throughout the UK, and this request, to cease to worship and close, must proceed in accordance with the guidance and procedure set out by the Conference of the Methodist Church.

Therefore, the matter will now be brought to the North Yorkshire Dales Circuit Meeting early in December, and ultimately to the Darlington Methodist District for consideration at their Synod in May 2014. At this stage, the future use and development of the site will become the responsibility of the North Yorkshire Dales Methodist Circuit.

Whatever the final outcome, it is clear from the church members that their faith and Methodist commitment to try to demonstrate the love of God to all, and to serve those in greatest need, both locally and in the wider world, will be undiminished

Rev Janet Park

Cheese and wine evening

"Life as an Army Padre on Operations" by the Rev John Vincent from Catterick Garrison

Friday 15th November at 7.30pm

at West Witton Village Hall

£5 including supper and a glass of wine.

Funds for St Bartholomew's Church,

Bar and Raffle

Tickets from any church member or phone
622307

The Games we Used to Play, 3.

And some still do.

Knur and Spell. The game originated in the moors of Yorkshire, but then spread throughout the north of England. It can be traced back to about the beginning of the 14th century and was especially popular in the 18th and 19th centuries, but is virtually unknown by the 21st century though there was a local revival in the 1970s. As late as the 1930s exhibition games of knur and spell by veterans drew large crowds to the Rusland Valley in South Lakeland, but even then it was regarded as an archaic game. *Knurr* (from Middle English: knurre, knot) refers to a hardwood or pottery ball, as could be made from a knot of wood usually about the size of a



billiard ball. *Spell* (from Danish: spil, spindle) is the stick of wood used to strike it. It is played with a wooden trap, by means of which the knurr is thrown into the air. The knurr is struck by the player with the spell. The object of the game is to hit the knurr the greatest possible distance, either in one or several hits. Each player competes as an individual, without interference, and any number can enter a competition. The spell is a bat consisting of two parts: a 1.2 metre long stick made of ash or lancewood; and a pommel, a piece of very hard wood about 15cm long, 10cm wide and 2.5cm thick. In some places hickory, greenheart or hornbeam have been used to good effect, or even a re-cycled road pick shaft or railway brake stick! This was swung in both hands, although shorter bats for one hand were sometimes used. A successful hit drives the ball about 180 m. The stroke is made by a full swing round the head, not unlike a drive in golf. Originally the ball was thrown into the air by striking a lever upon which it rested in the trap, but in the later development of the game a trap furnished with a spring was introduced,

thus ensuring regularity in the height to which the knurr is tossed, a bit like the manner of the shooter's clay pigeon.

On a large moor, the ground is marked out with wooden pins driven in every 18metres. In matches players supply their own knurrs and spells and have five rises of the ball to a game.

Similar games; similar names; more or less!

There were various names for the same game with certain local variations - nor and spel, knur spell and kibble; buckstick, spell and ore and so on, always popular in Yorkshire but not exclusively; often played on Shrove Tuesday. Some sports historians have claimed the game - sometimes referred to as "northern spell" - contributed to the development of what emerged as America's national sport, baseball.

Other variations which we will look at later: *Nipsy, piggy/peggy and billet*. Some of these started as children's games but soon became popular with men as pub games. A.S.W.



The contraption used to spring the knurr into the air



Push it Mums' class

**Tuesdays from
1.45 to 2.45pm**

Come along with your child and exercise those legs for 30 minutes outside, then inside for some core and upper body work. Children can come out of pushchairs and exercise with you. Relax and chat after the class over a tea/coffee.

For more information call us on **650060** or **0796 8606571** or email admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk

**Middleham and Dales Local
History Group**

Tuesday 19th November 2.00pm
Middleham Key Centre

*The Mesolithic Period in Wensleydale,
Swaledale and across the Tees-Greta
Uplands* Tim Laurie

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A
CHANGE OF TOPIC AND SPEAKER
FROM OUR PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED
PROGRAMME**

In this talk Tim Laurie will introduce the contemporary Mesolithic environment, woodland vegetation and fauna. He will also summarise the lithic and other evidence for human activity on the eastern fringe of the Pennines from the Early Post Glacial period at around 10,000 years BP (Before Present) until the transition from Hunter/Gathering Societies to the earliest pastoral farming communities at around 6000 years BP.

Tim Laurie has been concerned with the survey and interpretation of archaeological sites of all periods in Wensleydale, Swaledale and on the Swale-Tees/Greta Uplands over a period of almost forty years. He is mentor and Hon. President of the recently formed Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Archaeological Group (SWAAG). His current interest is in recording relict woodland communities throughout this region of the East Pennine Fringe.

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 doland-tonyk@btinternet.com

Yore Archaeology Group

The Yore Archaeology Group is a newly formed local history and archaeology club focused 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

Craft Fair

Saturday November 2nd
10.00am to 2.0pm

Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge.
50p entry with proceeds to Sycamore Hall
Amenity Fund.

Plenty of stalls and refreshments.

A good opportunity for early Christmas
presents and a chat with friends. For more
information: **Lisa 07919 8966120**

Christmas Pie Supper

Bainbridge Village Hall

Saturday November 16th, 7.00pm

Ticket £12 includes Christmas pie, potatoes
and veg. choice of homemade sweet, tea or
coffee and entertainment.

There will also be a raffle and tombola.

Tickets from: **Rita Cloughton 650552** or
Margaret Preston 650095

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

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 66740

St Oswald's Askrigg

Please note:

The Children's Service held at St Oswald's Church, on the first Sunday of the month is cancelled until the new year.

There is a coffee morning in the back room of Askrigg Village Hall on **Saturday 9th November between 10.00am and noon**. Everyone is welcome and funds raised will go towards the running of the church.

There will of course be the usual Service of Remembrance at church on Sunday 10th November at 10.30 am.

Peter Pan

Tickets now on Sale

The cast has been chosen, they're learning their lines and songs, the costumes are being made, the scenery is being painted and rehearsals are under way.

Peter Pan will be performed in the Hawes Market Hall from **Tuesday 3rd to Friday 6th December**. Tickets are available now from the Sweet Shop in Hawes and Askrigg Village Kitchen, adults £8 and children under twelve £6.

We depend on your support each year to keep going, so don't delay; there are just four performances this time and we look forward to seeing you.

Jennifer Fawcett

Free Greetings

If our advertisers or readers would like to place a small Christmas greeting in the December/January issue, please send details in as soon as possible: Burnside Coach House, Hawes or email: alan.watkinson@virgin.net

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, Jewelry, 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



Mystery picture. Where's this?

Last month's was the Old School in West Witton

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 day.

The Filling Station

Fri 8th November at 7.00pm

Key Centre, Middleham.

Stuart and Andy Braye. Evangelist Amazing Grace Church Teesside.

My name is Keith Nunns

I am a volunteer for the Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line working on a project along the length of the line. Although I live in Wakefield, I have a link to the area in that my grandfather was a signaller in the Crosby Garrett signal box around 1920 and my mother lived in one of the former railway cottages in the village. Despite the family link, it wasn't until the last few months that I came to know the area more and began to appreciate its beauty. I joined a small group of Friends who have begun a long-term project to identify, record and monitor the condition of all the railway-related historic structures within the **Settle - Carlisle Railway Conservation Area (SCRCA)**. Conservation Areas are areas *"of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance"*.

There is a legal requirement: to preserve or enhance the character or appearance of Conservation Areas, to exercise control over the demolition of unlisted buildings located within those areas, and a restriction on the types of development that may be carried out without the need for planning permission (permitted development rights). At present there are no accurate record of the condition of the structures along the Settle-Carlisle line. My colleagues and I are, therefore, walking the length of the line to photograph and write a brief report on each structure. Structures include over bridges, under-bridges, water culverts, station buildings, signal boxes, mileposts and some older buildings that may not be currently in use such as former plate layers huts and fog huts. For health and safety reasons we are not permitted to go on to the railway line or the adjoining land owned by Network Rail. All our images have to be taken from land which is open to the public. It is not always possible to get close enough to the railway by walking on public rights of way or on public access land. Therefore, at times, we need to seek permission of the land owners or tenants for access to their land in order to progress the survey. During the last nine months I have spoken to a number of farmers who have given me permission to access their land and I very much appreciate their assistance and co-operation. The length of the line that I am surveying is from north of the

former workers' cottages north of Garsdale station to the southern end of Birkett tunnel. When in the fields I respect the land that I am given permission to enter, adhering to the principles of the Countryside Code - I do not climb walls or leave gates open. You may see me walking along the road or in fields near the railway between Moorcock and Kirkby Stephen with my tripod and camera. If you do, please stop and have a chat if you have time.

I am always happy to speak to people living in the area. Up-to-date details of the progress we have made can be seen on the Friends website - www.foscl.org.uk/history/historicstructures/SCRCAProject

If you wish to contact the Friends please do so through the following e-mail address: ruth.evans@settle-carlisle.com

Access Forum Needs New Members

A group that helps improve public access and recreation in the Dales National Park is on the lookout for new members.

There are currently four vacancies on the independent **Yorkshire Dales Access Forum**, which provides guidance and advice on ways to improve and manage public access and opportunities for open-air recreation in the 680 square miles of beautiful landscape.

This can be anything from looking at mobility issues to suggesting the upgrade of a specific footpath. The members also take part in consultation on a range of documents and strategies issued at local and national level.

Current members represent interests ranging from land management and agriculture to local business and outdoor recreation. The Forum meets three times a year, although members also sit on a variety of advisory groups that meet more frequently.

The deadline for applications is **November 18th** and anyone who would like to join can obtain more information by contacting **Mohammed Dhalech** on **652363** or email:

mohammed.dhalech@yorkshiredales.org.uk

Drop in for Coffee

Tuesday 5th November 10.00am- noon
Juliet Barker, Warnford Court, Thoraby.
£1 to include coffee/tea and biscuits.

Doctors' Rotas Supplied by the Health Centre																			
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Afternoon Surgery: 4.00 - 5.30 pm appointment only										Afternoon Surgery: 5 - 6.00pm Tues 1.30-4.00 appointments only									
For appointments and all enquiries ring 663222										For appointments and all enquiries ring 667200									

November Competition

Here's an easy one! Solve the clues to common Dales surnames. Not all are anagrams.

1. FELT CAME FROM HERE
2. I NEARLY TAKE THE WATER UNDER THE TRACK
3. NOSEDIVE LESS ED
4. MIXED IN ADDLES
5. PROUD AS A ...
6. ONE-LEGGED?
7. COULD BE HAND-, DUMB-, DOOR-
8. I'M IN THE REAL LENGTH
9. MARBLE TOWN
10. YOU'RE OK IF YOU ARE THIS
11. WHAT TIE TIED UP
12. WAFT ETC.

October's Answers

Anagrams of charities

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| 1. Under Fat | Tear Fund |
| 2. Veil drench haste | Save the Children |
| 3. Hence dinner lid | Children in Need |
| 4. Hot fed after shiner | Friends of the Earth |
| 5. Hat malty aversion | Salvation Army |
| 6. Brutal v icy | Variety Club |
| 7. Fir lice come | Comic Relief |
| 8. I.e. manual crab | Air Ambulance |
| 9. Draw I ate | Water Aid |
| 10. Chucker nears care | Cancer Relief UK |
| 11. I can't hold forcer in | Action for Children |
| 12. Ellie's bum | Blue Smile |

The winner was **Ian Halliwell, Hawes.** £20 to the Stroke Association.

Christmas Shopping Afternoon

..with Santa's Grotto. **Saturday 30th November** at Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge from **2.00 - 6.00pm**. Free admission and refreshments available.

Over 20 stalls for you to do your Christmas shopping. Children's activities, plus a grotto with Santa Claus in attendance all afternoon (small charge payable). Each child will receive a gift. Contact **Alice Thwaite 650008** or **Louise Alder 650727**.

Higher Fares for Student Travel?

North Yorkshire County Council is proposing to reduce the budget by £400k for post-16 home to school and college transport. This means the annual charge would increase from £360 to £480 for each student starting a course in September 2014, although there would be exemptions for some special categories.

This is only a proposal and the council wishes to open consultation with all relevant parties. To see the full consultation document go to www.northyorks.gov.uk/26571. Comments are invited before **6th December**.

Askrigg Snooker Club

Askrigg snooker club! located in Askrigg Village Hall, are looking for new members to support the club.

Membership is £5.00 per annum, with flexible playing times. For more information contact: **Lawrence Alderson 650599** or **Derek Wylie 650767**

From Wensleydale to The World

The Wensleydale Creamery, makers of Yorkshire Wensleydale cheese, nestled in our market town of Hawes is famed across the county and country for the cheese it handcrafts to time-honoured recipes, using milk from local farms.

But, did you know that the export of its wide range of cheeses to other countries now accounts for 14% of its business? The majority of this cheese is sold in the United States, where Yorkshire Wensleydale and Cranberries is in high demand, being the best seller in their range, followed by Abbot's Gold Cheddar with Caramelised Onions. Sharing and celebrating Wensleydale's finest produce with the world is something the Wensleydale Creamery is looking at developing further, to increase awareness and sales of its much-loved cheeses, as well as putting Wensleydale on the World map, attracting tourism to the Dale from afar. Alongside the USA, the Creamery also exports its cheese to Canada, The Falklands, Australia, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Germany, France, Greece, Malta, The Middle East, China, Taiwan and Hong Kong, with many more countries' markets being currently explored.

Not forgetting its domestic market; the Wensleydale Creamery supplies cheese to the UK market, from independent retailers through to all the major supermarket chains, wholesalers, and industrial markets (such as for sandwiches) and food service sector. The Wensleydale Creamery currently has a 43% share of the UK Wensleydale cheese market, which means that only 43% of all Wensleydale cheese sold through the UK supermarkets is produced at the Wensleydale Creamery. The remainder of the Wensleydale cheese sold in the UK is made in Lancashire, Cheshire and even as far as Shropshire! The Wensleydale Creamery does supply all the major supermarkets with their 'Top Tier' own label Wensleydale pre-packed ranges such as 'The Finest', 'Taste The Difference' 'Extra Special', and these do always mention the origin of the cheese coming from the Wensleydale Creamery, Hawes.

All Wensleydale cheese sold from the deli counters in the supermarkets comes from the Creamery too. However, to ensure the Wensleydale cheese you buy is Yorkshire Wensleydale from Wensleydale, it is always

best to look out for the Wensleydale Creamery logo. The Creamery has made an application to Brussels for 'Protected Food Name Status' in the form of 'Protected Geographical Indication' (PGI) for Yorkshire Wensleydale cheese. The application has now reached its final stages, and the decision of the European Union as to when Yorkshire Wensleydale cheese will receive this important title is eagerly anticipated. Protecting the status of Yorkshire Wensleydale cheese would mean that no other cheese-maker outside of the designated area could produce and call a cheese Yorkshire Wensleydale. Whilst staying true to its heritage and maintaining the deepest cheese-making traditions, the Wensleydale Creamery is continually looking at ways to keep the business innovative and moving forward, pioneering new cheese development.

More recently the cheese-maker has developed and launched a sliced cheese range to meet the demand of the growth in convenience cheese sector. The Creamery is a market leader in the blending of cheese with ingredients and the production and waxing of miniature cheese truckles. Yorkshire Wensleydale and Cranberries, developed in 1996 by the Wensleydale Creamery is a shining example and huge success story for the Creamery being a best seller in this category (beware, this cheese is now also copied by other cheese makers too!) The next stage in the Wensleydale Creamery's future will see the redevelopment of its 60 year old Creamery on the site at Hawes, which has been granted planning permission by the National Park. This will help us to improve efficiency, capacity and continued production of Yorkshire Wensleydale cheese production in Wensleydale for decades to come.

Sandra Bell

Cheese and wine evening

"Life as an Army Padre on Operations" by the
Rev. John Vincent from Catterick Garrison

Friday 15th November at 7.30pm

At West Witton Village Hall

£5 including sipper and a glass of wine

Funds for St. Bartholomew's Church

Bar and Raffle

Tickets from any church member or phone

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Hawes and HA Parish Council Moves into the UWCO

Hawes & High Abbotside Parish Council wants to be more accessible and available to the local people and the local businesses that it serves, so it has decided to use the Upper Wensleydale Community Office (UWCO) as its base. Each Tuesday between 11.00am and midday and each Friday between 2.00–3.00pm either its Clerk (Ian King), Chairman (John Blackie) or another member of the Council will be available personally in the Community Office to answer your enquiries or to discuss local issues within the remit of the Parish Council. Public documents such as newly filed planning applications which the Parish Council will discuss at its next meeting, and then send its comments to the YDNPA, will be available for inspection whenever the UWCO is open - simply ask the staff and they will help you. You may leave your comments on these applications which will be taken to the next Parish Council meeting, and also leave messages for either the Clerk or the Chairman which the UWCO will forward on immediately.

We have also introduced a new email address which we would like you to use:

hawesandhighabbotsidepc@hotmail.co.uk

Telephone calls may be made to the UWCO (667400) where the staff will take a message, or you are welcome to ring the Clerk on his home number (666096). Hawes and High Abbotside Parish Council welcomes the engagement of its Parishioners so please do call in if you wish, if nothing else for a chat as it can be a little quiet at times. We look forward to seeing you !

Ian King, Clerk



Hawes Christmas Lights Spectacular 2013

This year there are few new displays, replacing some of the older ones. On **Wednesday 13th November** the displays will be erected, let's hope for a dry day. All work is done by volunteers and we are always asking for assistance in the repair and refurbishment of the lights. If you can give a few hours please contact **Kevin White 667236**, we do have a good laugh while working,

Saturday 7th December is **Switch-on Day**. We hope that there is more to do and see.

Wensleydale's got more talent. A competition of handicrafts, cooking and photography in the front room of The Market Hall, 10.30am-12.30pm. with classes for children, ladies and gents. Entry forms from Hawes Post Office, and Whites of Wensleydale, closing date for entries is **Friday 22nd November**.

We continue with **Wensleydale's got talent**. Last year was a great success proving what talent we have in our local children. All are invited, both local and visitors. Doors open 1.00pm **Colin Bailey** is our MC and will start the programme at **1.30pm prompt**. Admission is free but we ask for some party food to share. After the show we will have a few games and the nibbles. 4.00pm, in the Market Place, there will be Carol singing with Hawes Prize Silver Band.

Father Christmas will arrive in his sleigh at about **4.30pm** with gifts for all children. To finish off the day, there will be a **Variety concert** in Hawes Market House. A night of local entertainment. Doors open **7.00pm for 7.30pm start**. Tickets are £5, including tea/coffee and are available at Whites of Wensleydale or on the night. We again ask everyone to become a **Friend of the Hawes Christmas Lights**. All personal donations will have a chance to win 10% of the funds donated. Forms will be distributed in early November and additional application forms are available at Hawes Post Office and Whites of Wensleydale. The draw will be made during the Variety Show.

The Christmas Cards will, once again, be for sale in town shops with all proceeds going towards the funds for purchasing new lights.

The Christmas Lights Committee wishes a peaceful, safe and wonderful Christmas and New Year for you and your families.

Liz Lawson

GENERAL WHAT'S ON S

November

- 1 Domino and Whist drive; Muker Public Hall, 7.30pm
- 1 Wensleydale Society: "Richmond to Lancaster Turnpike". 7.30pm West Burton
- 2 Bonfire and fireworks, West Burton 6.30pm.
- 2 Craft Fair at Sycamore Hall. See p.8
- 2 Hawes Bonfire and fireworks. Community Field, 6.30pm.
- 5 Drop in for coffee, Warnford Court, Thoraby, 10.00am to noon. See p.10
- 5 Hawes Drama Group reads "House Guest"; Gayle Institute, 7.30pm
- 5 Bonfire night
- 6 Church coffee club, Old Police House, Redmire, 10.30am to noon. See p.28
- 6 'The Lost World'. North Country Theatre West Burton Village Hall. Details: **663753**
- 6 Meeting. Re: Proposed reduction in bus Services. D.C.M. from 5.45pm
- 6 Meeting re Grand Départ.. See p.20
- 8 Guided walk. Meet Crown Hotel, Hawes; 10.30am. Hardrow Scar, Appersett. **01524 251002** for details from the Millennium Trust
- 8 Keld Festival Lantern Procession to mark 60 years of mains electricity in Keld. 4.00pm
- 8 Musician of the Year 2010. See p.15
- 9 Coffee Morning in Askrigg. See p.9
- 9 Keld Festival Centenary Ceillidh. 7.30pm. Booking **01748 886845**
- 9,27 Upper Dales Family History events. See p.5
- 10 Remembrance Sunday. United services St. Margaret's, Hawes with Bishop John; 10.30am. Redmire 9.30am; Preston 9.30am. Aysgarth 11.00am. West Witton to join Wensley Church 10.45am
- 11 Short Remembrance Service, Hawes Methodist Church 10.45am with Memorial organ for Hawes lives lost in WW1
- 12 YDNPA Planning Committee. Yoredale Bainbridge. 1.00pm
- 12 Decorative and Fine Arts Society. See p.6
- 12 Upper Wensleydale Ladies Luncheon Club. See p.28
- 12 Swaledale Festival AGM. See p.25
- 14 Newcastle trip. See p.22
- 14,28 Wensleydale Country Markets. Leyburn Methodist Hall. Christmas displays. Usual times
- 15 Children in Need Day
- 15 Cheese and Wine Evening. West Witton. See p. 12
- 15 Museum Friends: "Betsy, the Scullery Maid". Servant hierarchy in Victorian England. 7.30pm
- 16 Bainbridge Christmas pie supper. See p.8
- 16 Askrigg School PTFA fair. See p.17
- 16 St. Andrew's Craft Fair, West Burton Village Hall. See p.24, 16
- 17 Thanksgiving service. See p.15
- 19 Middleham and Dales Local History Group. See p.8
- 19 Bainbridge 'Talent on Tuesday' See below
- 20 Carperby W.I.AGM and Bring and Share Supper; 7.30pm
- 21 Hawes W.I. 90th birthday celebration Dinner
- 23,24 Dales Countryside Museum Fair
- 24 'Dalesplay Christmas Fayre' in Market House, Hawes
- 24 St. Andrew's, Aysgarth: Christingle Service 11.00am.
- 24 Aysgarth Methodists at Bainbridge; 10.30am
- 27 Hawes Gala AGM. See p.18
- 29 Chicken and Chips Supper. See p.21
- 29 Yoredale Natural History Society: The Hay Meadow Project. 7.30pm. Leyburn Methodist Hall
- 29 "In Good Voice " concert. See p.6
- 29 Christingle, all-age worship: Redmire Village Hall, 4.00pm.
- 30 Charity Dinner Dance; Simonstone Hall. See p.13
- 30 Christmas shopping afternoon at Sycamore Hall. See p.11
- 30 Quiz Evening and food. Thornton Rust Institute 7.30pm

Talent On Tuesdays

... invites you to share your hidden skills and learn some new ones, as we host this pilot evening on **Tuesday 19th November from 7.30 till 9.00pm** in Bainbridge Methodist Schoolroom. Why not come along, bring a few bits and bobs that could help to make some Christmas cards and enjoy light refreshments in the company of others, who want to be part of a TOTS group in the area, regardless of age or ability. We look forward to seeing you. Tel.. **650182** for more information.

Anne Deans



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GAYLE MILL WHAT'S ONS

November

- 12 Drop in and Taste Piccalilli. 10.00am
Using autumn ingredients for preserving
- 15 7.30pm. Lecture by Joanne Halliwell
on 'Betsy the Scullery Maid'. £2.00
- 19 Drop in and Watch. How to create the
best mincemeat using recipes from
the museum archives. 10.00am to
2.30pm.

December

- 11 "The Lost World". A touring
Production by North Country
Theatre. 7.30pm. Entry by ticket
only
- 23,24 Craft and Produce Fair: 10.00am
to 4.00pm. Your chance to pick up
gifts and treats. Free entry to
museum
- 29 "The Mice who ate Christmas".
A production by the Bad Apple
Theatre between now and New
Year. Matinee theatre performance
at 2.30pm. Tickets £9, under 16 £5.
For further information on any
activity: 666210

Musician of the Year (2010)

Coming up on **Friday November 8th** at Reeth Memorial Hall we have the BBC Radio 2 Musician of the Year 2010, John Kirkpatrick. John is a former member of, amongst others, Steeleye Span and the Albion Band and plays 'all things squeezey'. Fresh from his appearances on TV's 'Victorian Farm' and 'Edwardian Farm' series, he presents 'A Victorian Farmer's Year in Song'. The concert begins at **8.00pm** and tickets cost £10 in advance or £12 on the door; under 16s are half price. Profits are for the upkeep of the hall. Contact **John Little 01748-884759** or see details on the website www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk.

Learn a New Skill This Autumn at Gayle Mill

Gayle Mill's heritage skills programme continues this autumn with the rare opportunity to work with wheelwrights and coachbuilders to Her Majesty the Queen. Come on this course to build a cart wheel fit for a Gayle Mill wagon!

Mike and Greg Rowland are a father and son team who can trace their wheelwrighting roots back to the 1300's. They are no strangers to Gayle Mill having provided the know how to help build our wooden bicycle that was famously ridden by TT rider Guy Martin in the Channel 4 programme "How Britain Worked".

The Rowlands are returning to Gayle Mill to teach two master classes in cart wheel making on the **16th and 17th November**. Participants will work together to make a wooden wheel and will experience first-hand the difficulties involved and learn some tricks of the trade. The day will finish with a bonfire being lit in Mill Lane and the dramatic hooping of the wheel. The heated metal tyre will be placed onto the wheel and then quickly cooled to shrink it to size. Tensions will rise, too slow with the water and the wheel might catch fire but too much "nip" might wreck it too! Only when the steam clears will the tension be released and the masterpiece revealed.

If you would be interested in taking part in one of our masterclasses set the wheels in motion by contacting **Sue or Laura** on **667320** or at learning@gaylemill.org.uk

Visit www.gaylemill.org.uk to find out more.

Christmas Fayre, Saturday November 30th..

**Laura Hodgson, Co-ordinator,
Gayle Mill Trust, 667320**

Thanksgiving Service

There will be a service of thanksgiving for the life of Rev. Boris Anderson on **Sunday November 17th at 2.00pm.**

This will be followed by afternoon tea.

Police Report

Hello.

The dark nights have returned and the weather is taking a turn for the worse. Now is a good time to check your vehicle and make sure that it is fit for purpose for the winter season. It takes just seconds to check your lights before setting off. Likewise keep your windscreen wipers and washers in good working order. Leaves, water and frost make roads very slippery so check the tread and pressures of your tyres. Highway code rules 226 -237 give general advice on driving in adverse weather and 113-116 refer to use of lights on vehicles. These highway code rules can be found free on line at www.gov.uk

Crimes that have occurred in the Dales over the last month include the theft of a Land Rover Defender from Town Head at Hawes. Several thefts of heating oil have occurred from various locations including Gunnerside, Hawes and Keld. A large van (from the size of Transit Connect or larger) must be involved in these thefts as the amounts taken are substantial and the offenders must be there some time. Oil deliveries are made by marked, usually tank vehicles, displaying company names and also carrying the chemical warning symbols. So if you see other vehicles with pipes near oil tanks it is likely they are taking the oil rather than delivering it. At Aysgarth Falls a metal advertising sign has been stolen. In Hawes a car has been deliberately scratched and a shop has had a door window smashed. A yellow cube-shaped fuel bowser was stolen from a site at Mossdale Head on the moors above the Moorcock Inn. The site is accessed from a road in Cumbria. Maybe it was seen leaving the area?

Just a reminder to farmers that quad bikes continue to be targeted. There have been several taken in the northern part of the county recently including one from Coverdale. The offenders are active during the daytime so please remember to remove your keys from the vehicle when not in use. This is especially applicable when it is parked up temporarily in a barn whilst you go about other tasks as a modus operandi being used is to enter buildings and just ride the quad away.

Please contact the police if you see activity that you think may be suspicious. More often than not your instincts are likely to be correct

and you may prevent a crime or at least help catch those responsible. So **please** make that call. Let's keep our area safe and not let them get away with it.

Andy Foster PC826, North Yorkshire Police

**Leyburn Safer Neighbourhood Team
Safer Neighbourhood Police Officer for
Upper Wensleydale
Tel. 101**

e-mail

SNTLeyburn@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

St. Andrew's Craft Fair

Saturday November 16th, 10.00am- 4.00pm
at West Burton Village Hall

Christmas Gifts And Food, plus All The Fun Of The Fair. Book a stall for £10 and retain profits.

For more details Tel: **Val Gladman 663742**

There is still time to book a stall for the fair; pay £10 and keep the profits.

Promote Your Event for Free

To advertise events on the National Park's What's on calendar, and to be considered for insertion in the 2014 Visitor newspaper, the deadline is **November 11th**.

To apply for a paid-for advert in the Visitor, please contact **Sheila Ward, 01347 825732**.

Or see yorkshiredales.org.uk/add-an-event

Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes

Important notice

Between the **2nd and 13th of December** the museum front entrance and galleries will be closed to the public. We will continue to provide an information service and there will still be the chance to buy charity Christmas cards and gifts, so please do come along and enter the building by the side door opposite the Ropemakers. The North Country Theatre event, The Lost World, is here on **11th December** and will go ahead as planned. It is likely that we will still be using the side door for this event but we will signpost you on the night.

Watch this space for an opening event in the spring to launch the new, improved galleries

Askrigg School News

Inter-Schools Cross Country Competition

Askrigg school hosted a cross-country competition on Thursday 17th October. Askrigg, Leyburn, Hawes, Middleham and West Burton schools took part. There was a 1 and a half mile race for Year 5 and 6 and also a Year 3 and 4 race which was round the school fields. Alana Teasdale came first and won for Askrigg in the Year 3/4 girls' race and the boys from Askrigg came second in their race. Everyone did brilliantly and tried their best.

Jodie Mia Blacklaw, aged 10

Walking Bus News

The Askrigg School Walking Bus started in April 2008. My mum and lots of other parents take it in turns to drive and conduct the bus to school.

This week we have been given some new high-visibility jackets. Our secretary, Mrs Kath Alderson, got these special jackets for free from the Co-operative group via bright kidz! We have been presented with them in our celebration assembly.

Alana Teasdale, aged 8

Askrigg School raises £185 for charity

KS2 at Askrigg School have been taking part in a Rotary enterprise competition. We decided to hold a fruit festival using apples and pears grown in the school field. We used the £40 given to us by the Rotary to buy ingredients and baked recipes chosen by the class. These were: raspberry and blackcurrant brown sugar fingers; apple and pear crumble, apple and pear muffins with walnuts; fruit gingerbread men, apple pies; current biscuits; and jam.

We then held the fruit festival in the hall at Askrigg School and invited parents and friends to come and join us. There were even some people from Norfolk who had been on holiday and seen our posters! We raised £185.32.

**Abby Alderson, aged 10
and Bethany Smith, aged 9**

Askrigg School PTFA

are holding their ever popular Christmas Fair in Askrigg Village Hall on **Saturday 16th November from 10.00am to noon**. If you would like to book a stall for the bargain price of £5 plus a raffle prize, please contact **Carolyn Teasdale 650306**. Please do try and come along, there are some great stalls and you can start your Christmas shopping early!

School Community Governor

At Askrigg VC Primary School we are looking to appoint a new Community Governor.

If you live in our local area, and are interested in being involved in a local school, then you might be interested in becoming a Community Governor. We are looking for someone who is genuinely supportive of our collaboration with Bainbridge CE Primary, and who has an interest in the future of our small rural schools.

We hope to appoint someone with a desire to work with staff, parents and other governors to ensure all our children have the best opportunities for learning.

If you are interested, please send a brief letter of introduction telling us about yourself and outline the skills and experiences you could bring to the post. Please email this to our Clerk to Governors, **Ian King** at kings_wyke@hotmail.com no later than **Friday 15th November**.

There is more information about being a school governor in North Yorkshire on <http://cyps.northyorks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=24040>

Please feel free to ring me for any more information. **Di Clegg, Chair of Governors. 666059**

One up for Cumbria!

I am a fairly regular visitor to Wensleydale as driver of the Mountain Goat tour minibus from Windermere many weeks through the summer. We have our coffee stop at The Cart House in Hardraw and I always enjoy reading your Newsletter.

Further to your article 'Why say it once?' in the October issue, your own Penhill falls into the same category as Knock Fell.

However as far as we know Torpenhow Hill in North Cumbria takes the record, with *tor* being Old English (as in the West Country), *pen* (Cumbrian/Welsh) and *how* being Norse and therefore hill, hill, hill Hill!

Best wishes, Malcolm Brookes

Thornton Rust Institute

Put this date in your diary or on your calendar:

Grand Quiz Evening at Thornton Rust Village Institute on **30th November at 7.30pm**. Refreshments and prizes. Tables of 4-6 people

National Park Ranger Report

The good weather during the summer months has enabled us to make good progress on maintaining and improving the public rights of way network in the area.

We have carried out further works on the bridleway around the north side of Wether Fell. This route gives lovely views down to Hawes and across the north side of the dale towards Cotterdale, Great Shunner Fell, Lovely Seat and Askrigg Moor. It's well worth a walk up from Gayle to the Roman road and round Wether Fell, or park at the top of Fleet Moss and walk east along the Roman road back towards Wether Fell and around.

We have also completed works on three stone flagged footpaths, one a newly flagged route from Stone House down to Haylands Bridge in Hawes and the relaying of the stone flags on the eastern side of the beck in Shaw Ghyll woods at Simonstone. Approximately 100 metres of stone flags have been laid on the Pennine Way on the south side of Great Shunner Fell, basically linking up sections of flags that were laid about 15 years ago.

Further improvements have taken place on the footpath alongside the river Ure below Hawes to make this route easier to use by a wide range of people.

Our walling team have been busy working on stiles and walls on rights of way in Worton, Burtsett, Gayle and at Simonstone.

In the forthcoming months we hope to be installing a new footbridge on the path between Appersett and Birk Rigg and flagging works at Mill Gill, to improve the path surface.

You can contact me if you have any comments about the local path network at:

Hawes National Park centre or email: matt.neale@yorkshiredales.org.uk

Matt Neale
Area Ranger – Upper Wensleydale

Hawes Grammar School Trust

If you are currently in full time higher education (post A Level) and live in the parish of Hawes then you are eligible for an award of £25 towards the cost of books/materials related to your course. If you feel that you are eligible for the award then please contact me for further details.

Rebecca Alderson 667760

Hawes Gala A.G.M

The annual general meeting for Hawes gala will be held on **Wednesday 27th November** in the function room of the Fountain Hotel Hawes at **7.00pm**. As ever the meeting is open to members of the public to come forward and give any ideas for making next year's gala a success. We are however in desperate need for some new blood on the committee to help take over and secure the future of the gala. People from the younger end of the locals and people with young families with new and fresh ideas of how to organise and run fundraising events and generally inject new life into gala day itself are essential to making sure that the gala doesn't fold and become just another one of those things that we used to enjoy! As a committee member, all that you need to commit to is a night a month for meetings, some attendance at fundraising events and a few hours of organising in the week running up to gala day as well as gala day itself. The more people that are involved, the easier the day is for everybody. This is an urgent appeal, as Hawes gala is now approaching its 50th year and this would be the ideal time to "reboot".

Mick Rhodes

LASS -

Leyburn Arts and Social Society

November's films are: Behind the Candelabra on November 14th, Starring Michael Douglas as Liberace and considered to be one of his best roles. November 28th - Great Expectations, the version from 2012. Oak Room, Thornborough Hall, 7.30pm. Membership still £10 to include both films and the Christmas Social on December 12th.

TOSH - The Old School House, Arts and Community Centre. Now available for bookings, our forthcoming events include Bead & Button Bangles on Tuesday 5th November and Christmas Angels on Tuesday 3rd December, both at 1.00 until 3.00pm. Christmas Creations Workshop on Saturday 30th November 10.30am - 4.00pm. Dance classes beginning on Saturdays; LADS, Leyburn Amateur Dramatics performances, Thursday 5th until Saturday 7th December and The Uketopians on Saturday 14th December For further information or to book, please email leyburnarts@gmail.com or tel **622023**.

Computer Corner

Email woes, confusion, phishing and spam

Over the last couple of months I have become heartily sick of email. Not only do I get hundreds of emails a day (many of which are junk or trying to sell me



something) increasingly I am finding emails either don't arrive when I send them (with no explanation) and aren't received (again with no explanation). Even when someone does receive an email it is becoming increasingly difficult to see the important emails you want to read in the blizzard of stuff you don't want. The problem seems to be a result of massive amounts of malicious emails swamping systems. I have had some experience of this recently dealing with websites that have been hacked and abused by spammers and malicious emailers using someone else's website to send out their malicious email. This is particularly frustrating as usually the first clue someone has that their website has been hacked is either their own emails being rejected because their site has been blacklisted or getting their account suspended by their email provider for sending out ridiculous quantities of email. Additionally the poor victim is frequently attacked by the recipients of the junk.

Some things to consider when emails arrive in your inbox:

1) Are you sure the email is from where it says it is from? A number of years ago someone pretended to be me and started sending out job offers on my behalf – for weeks I was inundated by people sending CVs and other emails. Almost all of this came from the US – and it didn't seem to occur to them that a business in the UK was unlikely to randomly offer them a job in the UK. You have to use your common sense when looking at emails – a particularly common example of this sort of email is getting requests for money from a friend stranded in some far flung country --- ask yourself is your friend likely to be stranded in Vietnam at the

moment? Unfortunately people get drawn into these scams very easily and seem to throw common sense out of the window.

2) Were you expecting that attachment from a friend? If in doubt ask them BEFORE opening the attachment!

3) Is the email from a financial intuition or official body – bank, building society etc. or a government department (such as HMRC). Does it ask you to log in to their website to solve a problem or offer you a free tax refund, free cash or any other inducement? I cannot say this loudly enough: **BANKS AND GOVERNMENT NEVER ASK YOU TO DIVULGE PERSONAL DATA VIA AN EMAIL.** It doesn't matter how convincing the email looks it is almost certainly a scam. If you are unsure then call the relevant body on the telephone and ask if this email is real – and use the phone number everyone else would use (from the directory) ***not the number supplied in the email.*** If it turns out to be genuine you need to get very angry with the institution for behaving so recklessly in the first place. You should never log in to a website from a link in an email unless you are absolutely 100% certain that the email is genuine and even then check the address of the website you end up at to make sure it is where you expect to be.

4) If you get junk from an unexpected source (for example fake 'Thank you for your order' emails that look like they come from Amazon and are very similar to genuine emails from Amazon) don't act on any of the suggestions in the email – check to see if the email address looks correct. If it does, go directly to the website yourself (not via a link in the email) and login to your account to check for fraudulent activity. Chances are the supposed sender knows nothing about it.

The last two examples are what is meant when you see the term "phishing" – basically someone is trying to steal information that may enable them to steal money from you. Just to say it again – the rule is switch on common sense when dealing with email (and the internet in general). If you have any doubts the simple thing is to check it out before you do anything you may regret. Any questions or suggestions for future articles please contact me via my website www.dalescomputerservices.com.

Carol Haynes

Letters

Dear Sir,
Having just read the online newsletter I would like to let you



know of our experience of the Little White Bus. We visit Hawes and Hardraw 4 or 5 times a year and have never used it before but this year we wanted to go to the Muker show without the hassle of driving and parking etc. We booked the bus for a very reasonable £7 each and had a very enjoyable and informative trip. We asked the driver if he would mind dropping us off at the end of the road to Buttertubs as we were camping in Hardraw and didn't want to walk back from Hawes. He dropped us at the bus stop outside the Green Dragon saving us any walking at all. We then used it later to get back from Hawes laden with shopping from the creamery!

The drivers are always polite and we will continue to use it as and when we need to when we are in the area. It is so easy and cheap, I am surprised it is not always full. Keep up the good work. Kind Regards.

**Peter and Angela Day,
Morley, Leeds**

Dear Editor,
Whilst once more stopping at Askrigg for a couple of days I leisurely picked up a copy of the *Upper Wensleydale Newsletter* whilst supping at the Crown.

Amid other things it confirmed 'le Tour' cycling circus was indeed on its way to you soon, to depict lycra-clad amazons thrashing away up and down hill and dale.

What a memory that conjures up for me, a 78 year old Cycling Touring Club lad, living in Kent. My mate, another 'lad' and I had struggled up from Gayle in a downpour to stand, off the saddles, at the top of Wether Fell, ready

and poised we thought for the bendy drop to the Wharfe, heading for the George at Hubberholme.

We got back on for the exciting descent in front of us and pushed off. However very soon to be unsaddled again and sitting bestride our crossbars, both feet firmly plonked on the tarmac, grabbing the brakes for all we were worth.

You see, although we were fit, and the bikes' brakes likewise, your Dales weather disdainfully disregarded our then technology of centre-pull Mafac brakes, and threw half a river of water between our wheelrims and brakeblocks, thereby making them completely inoperable. Our speed was increasing rather than decreasing. We would have had more chance of trying to fly.

At the third bend (I think it was), my mate sledged in to it, more horizontal than upright—and just disappeared!. Gawd, why had they put that gully just there? I'll never know, but he was in it as I slithered past.

I stopped eventually at a heaven-sent lower rise in the road about a quarter of a mile further on, shivering from head to foot. I couldn't stop it and stood immovable for about four minutes, expecting my cycling shoes by now to be totally sole- and heel-less, upon which my mate nonchalantly rolled up and grinned at me! If I'd had the energy, I'd have socked him one.

Now more than half a century later, next year's 'Tour' won't find such exhilarating delights. There are disc brakes now, with mother-hen trucks following for each rider's every need. Lucky them, I say, not to have our hundredweight saddlebags to hump around!

But I know the Dales weather; given half a chance, it'll 'ave 'em!

**Iain Pringle, CTC L8080,
Orpington, Kent**

Grand Départ

There will be a Welcome to Yorkshire Tour de France roadshow, presented by area Director David Shields at Herriot's on **Wednesday 6th November 5.30 to 7.00pm**, come along to get the latest news and suggestions for making the most of the event.



Prunings

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

Despite the downpour, today is an excellent day: the catalogue from Plant World Seeds in Devon arrived. If it comes down like cats and dogs tomorrow I have a first rate excuse to put my feet up. Another sure sign that Autumn is truly here has been the appearance of Mrs Blackbird feasting on the *Cotoneaster* near the kitchen window. Could she be the same bird who had most of the berries last year? Who knows, but she will need to hurry, a glossy



young male bird is also stuffing himself. Funny, but they never eat together.

Although sloes have been rather thin on the ground (or should I say the bushes?) there has been an abundance of other berries especially the rowans which are glorious, and the elderberries are so engorged with juice that the plants are pulled ground-ward under their weight. Such universal indicators have the pundits telling us that we can expect a bad winter. Interestingly none of these predictions emanate from the Met Office. As this august body no longer publishes seasonal forecasts anyone can have a go. Perhaps it is significant that similar doom and gloom was promised last year and we were told to expect heavy snowfall lasting well into Spring accompanied by severe temperatures. None of this actually happened, and the cold spell which followed was not forecast at all.

We can't complain about the temperatures yet, it has been almost unseasonably warm. Records show that up to the Second World War this time of year was known as The Season of St Luke. (St Luke's Day was the 18th) The story goes that St Luke was annoyed at being overshadowed by so many other

Saints' days that he gave us a warm spell in order that he should be remembered. The expression has been overtaken by the name Indian Summer which of course comes from across the pond.

When the weather conditions are inclement it is easy to forget how much warmth is retained in the earth. I potted up some *Muscari* bulbs about a month ago, and they are already at least an inch and a half above the compost. I have more to pot, and I only hope that the ones I did first don't suffer when the inevitable low temperatures do arrive. Driving to Bedale the other day I was intrigued to see the differences between the arable fields and how the earlier sown ground looks as if a fine velvet layer of green has been laid on it.

There is so much colour to be seen in spite of the weather and perhaps we shall be blessed with the promised spectacular leaves before the wind removes them all. It's a sign of old age I suppose, but we have just invested in an electrical leaf vac. The old one works, but it is a swine to start it. On top of that, I can hardly carry it around. This one seems much more user friendly. Now I need a dry day to try it out.

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

Rose Rambler.

Chicken and Chips Supper

at The Wensleydale Pantry, Hawes

Vegetarian options available - Puddings, Bar, Tea and Coffee extra.

Followed by a quiz and raffle.

Friday 29th November, from 6.30pm

Tickets: Adults £7.00 - Child £4.00

Available from Whites of Wensleydale and The Old Sweet Shop, Hawes.

Proceeds towards the restoration Fund for St.Margaret's Church

Looking Ahead

Moulin Rouge night.

Friday 7th February 2014

Simonstone Hall.

Get in the mood for Touring the French way

By dancing the Pennine way!

Call Sue Wood 667192 for





At Dalesplay the children have been baking bat biscuits, making firework pizzas and bonfire buns. We made a Halloween den where the children enjoyed thinking up different rhyming spells to make around the cauldron. They loved dressing up in the different Halloween costumes and pulling different scary faces. We made a dinosaur world on the small world table and we have been grouping the different types of dinosaurs and make believing as we play. Over the half term the children have made scented pumpkin playdough, played in gunge, baked various Halloween treats and made a guy for the community bonfire.

We have welcomed two new families to the setting and hope to welcome more in the near future. Did you know if your child turns 3 years of age before 31st December 2013 or your child is 2 years of age and you are in receipt of income support, income-based jobseekers allowance or other related government support your child may be entitled to 15 hours funded by the government to attend an Early years nursery setting. For more information please contact us on 667789 or email: dales-play1@btconnect.com. Please also feel free to contact us if you are looking for childcare, we are here to help families in the dales by providing high quality care in a stimulating safe environment for children to learn, develop and explore. Dalesplay will be holding their annual Christmas Fayre on **Sunday 24th November** in Hawes market hall from **10.00am-4.00pm**, come along and join in the fun.

Joanne Fothergill

Rev. Ann Chapman

It is with pleasure that we can announce that Ann has become an Honorary Canon of Ripon Cathedral.

She may attend three meetings a year of the College of Canons and is invited to special services. She will have her own dedicated 'stall' or seat in the Cathedral choir area.

There is a special Evensong in the Cathedral on **December 8th at 5.30pm**

Christmas Trip to Newcastle

Thursday 14th November.

Pick up at 8.30am Thoraby, West Burton,
West Witton, Leyburn, Bookings:

Mrs Bailey : 663 319

Heavens Above



It's been quite sometime since we've had a really bright comet in northern skies – the last one was Hale-Bopp in 1997 - but we could strike lucky this

month if Comet ISON lives up to expectations. Discovered late last year as it swept in from the far reaches of the solar system, it seemed to have the potential for being the 'Comet of the Century' with forecasts that it might shine brighter than the full Moon. Recent observations have led to that optimistic forecast being revised somewhat but even so all the signs still point to Comet ISON being something out of the ordinary.

The comet crossed the orbit of Mars at the beginning of October, and is now heading sun-wards at well over 80,000 mph. On November 28th it reaches perihelion – its closest approach to the Sun – when it passes just a few hundred thousand miles above the solar surface at a staggering 850,000 mph. Provided it isn't torn apart by gravitational forces as it sweeps around the Sun – it's only a tiny, a mere 3 miles or so across - it might outshine Venus after its reappearance on November 29th and develop an impressive tail many millions of miles long.

If you want to try and catch a glimpse of the comet yourself before it disappears back into the depths of outer space, you'll have to get up pretty early as initially it will only be visible in the pre-dawn sky. Try using a pair of binoculars and look low in the south-south-east from about 5.30am onwards. After November 18th it should in theory be an easy naked-eye object but unfortunately a bright Moon interferes with the view making observations a little bit tricky. Things should improve dramatically towards the month's end after the comet rounds the Sun on November 28th when the Moon will be out of the way and it becomes visible in the evening as well as in the morning twilight. By then we'll know if it's going to live up to all the hype and develop a really spectacular tail. If it does it will be a wonderful sight and a terrific target for photography buffs.

Comets are notoriously fickle creatures, however, and like so many others in recent years this one might turn out to be yet another damp squib. On the other hand it could surprise us all and put on a really cracking show. All we can do is wait and see. In any event here's hoping for *really* clear skies!

Al Bireo

Harper's Hands Across the Ure...

Charlotte Harper started on the 1st September as Executive Head of Askrigg VC Primary School (Voluntary Controlled by Yorebridge Trust) and Bainbridge C of E Primary School and Nursery. I caught up with Charlotte after a late staff meeting at Bainbridge School; she said she was exhausted having spent the day in SIN! Apparently it was a 'School Improvement Network' meeting in Northallerton. She has really had to hit the ground running in this, her first role as Head. The two schools of just over 30 children each, have separate Governing Bodies and separate budgets, but are now working in partnership under one Head. Charlotte explained that the decreasing school-aged population in rural areas and new funding arrangements in primary education make the need to work in partnership even more pressing in order to share costs and resources. She couldn't praise enough the staff and governors of both schools and all the parents and pupils, thanking them for their support, hard work and dedication to get the partnership up and running successfully. Charlotte said that they have already had joint training sessions, meetings, fundraising events and joint school trips out which have all proved that there are real benefits to the schools working together.

She talked enthusiastically about the recent additional government funding to increase PE and sports activities in Primary Schools. They have been able to use this funding to bring in a specialist sports teacher and provide a free weekly joint after school club which has been very popular. Growing up near Doncaster, Charlotte always wanted to be a teacher. Having a keen interest in communication skills, she decided to study English and Linguistics at Durham University before going on to Teacher Training in Cambridge. Teaching in a rural Primary school in Crakehall gave her a passion for the countryside and having gained experience as a Deputy Head in a large City Primary School in Ripon, she was looking for her ideal job - a Head post in a rural community. Although Charlotte is not directly teaching now she tries to spend as much time as possible with the children to get their feedback on the changes. She has to balance this with meetings to keep



abreast of changes in policy whilst ensuring everyone involved in both schools is kept informed and inspired to raise standards. She is really enjoying the challenge of her new job here and everyone has been very welcoming. When she gets time she loves to go camping and for long walks in the Dales with her German Shepherd, Tara (her dog — not a European farm worker)!

K.J.



HELP US MAKE WILL AID A WINNER THIS NOVEMBER

During **November**, David Gall Solicitors in Hawes, North Yorkshire will write basic Wills, without charging our normal fee. Instead, we hope that you will donate a similar amount to Will Aid charities.

You will gain peace of mind, knowing your affairs are in order, and thousands of people in need will gain the skills, tools and support they need to improve their lives for a suggested donation of £90 for a single Will or £135 for a pair of matching Wills or £40 for a Codicil to an existing Will (no VAT payable). It is extremely important to seek qualified and professional expertise when making a Will, so do not put it off any longer. **Telephone 01969 667171** or call in and make an appointment today.

David Gall Solicitors, Fulford House, Town Foot, Hawes, North Yorkshire. DL8 3NN
(e-mail: info@davidgall.co.uk)

Sycamore Hall News

Like the Western Front all seems quiet at present with every day pattern of events taking place although we are giving thought to the future. Michelle has compiled a series of events up to and during Christmas comprising pantomime, parties, carol singers from school, and I imagine many more activities. There is our Craft Fayre on **November 2nd** (see page 11) for details) which helps to pay for our social activities which are so important to us here.

I've compiled the following to give readers an insight to what takes place on certain days.
"A day in the Day Room"

It is a designated room in the court building known as the Day Centre with a specific purpose in mind which is to care for elderly people both residents and from the neighbourhood by keeping them entertained and their minds busy throughout the day.

To monitor this, are carers fully competent and trained in all aspects of caring, first aid, fire warnings and the means to deal with emergencies.

I have chosen Friday to write as it is one of the busiest days. On duty are Dylis and Liz two very adept carers performing a job they love doing. John arrives in the yellow bus bringing people from the surrounding villages and a cup of tea is available if required. People then seem to split into groups. Dominoes seem to be the most popular game; others can choose between painting, sewing, knitting, jigsaws or just relaxing in a comfortable armchair.

Lunchtime arrives and a stream of people aided by carers make their way to the dining room to partake of whatever Chris has prepared for them.

After lunch Dylis and Liz have some sort of light entertainment prepared— quiz, games or a sing-song or two. Once a month there is a film, usually a musical. Bus outings are available depending on the weather.

After tea and biscuits it is time to board the yellow bus and say goodbye until next week.

Don't forget our coffee mornings each Thursday from 10.30am; come along and have a natter. You are all more than welcome.

Whist drive, every two weeks, Wednesdays at 7.30pm.

Please note: Sycamore Hall have a **Karaoke Machine** which we hire out to the public.

Please ring **0370 192 4055** for the hire charge.

Sycamore Hall suffered a great loss last month with the death of Janet Middleton, a carer since 2006, starting at High Hall and moving to Sycamore a year later. Janet was kindness itself and full of compassion, knowing herself to be extremely ill; she bravely endured this and carried on caring for elderly people. It is a blessing to have known her.

Derek Ramsden

North Country Theatre; The Lost World



On tour from 30th October – 18th January

Cutting a swathe through the village halls of North Yorkshire will be a new company of actors with North Country Theatre's acclaimed adaptation of *The Lost World*. Written in 1912 by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (of Sherlock Holmes fame) *The Lost World* is a classic "boy's own" adventure of the sort which North Country Theatre brings to the stage so magically. With prehistoric monsters, ape men and madcap professors the story takes us from London to a lost plateau deep in the Amazonian Jungle. It's a fast moving, action packed tale of derring-do - of men against the elements, of talking dinosaurs and a girl back home. Director Nobby Dimon says that his stage version has *"evolved from the original but still contains some prehistoric jokes."* The piece was first performed back in 2000 and he decided to revive it as so many North Country supporters asked to see it again.

Venues in our area:

West Burton Village Hall,

Wednesday November 6th.

Dales Countryside Museum,

Wednesday December 11th.

Home wanted

There is a piano looking for a new home. It is free to someone who really needs one and is able to collect and transport it away. The piano was new around 1981, not very old-fashioned and in excellent condition; it comes with a piano stool. If you are interested please contact Eunice Page on **663158**.

David, Barbara, Emily, Charlotte and family

would like to thank everyone who helped, donated and attended their fundraiser. The total amount raised was £2840 for South Cleveland Heart Fund. Thank you everyone for your generosity.

Pat and Bruce

would like to thank Sarah and Chubby, family and friends for the cards and presents received on our Ruby Wedding Anniversary

Pete Allen and Jean Metcalfe

would like to thank everyone for their lovely birthday cards, gifts and generous donations, which amounted to £260 for The Great North Air Ambulance.

Hawes Primary School PTFA Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who has supported our various fundraising events throughout the year. This year our **Christmas Fair** will be held at the school on **Friday 22nd November from 6.30pm**. A great opportunity for Christmas shopping with some fantastic local trade stalls, games, Kids tombola, cake stall, refreshments and drawing of the Grand Christmas Raffle - £100 1st prize! Much festive fun to be had by all! **Free Entry**.

Any donations of prizes for the children's tombola or raffle would be very much appreciated and can be left at the school or please contact me for collection. Thanks again and look forward to seeing you there.

Anna Fagg (secretary), 666819

Upper Dales Healthwatch

The patient participation group for the Central Dales GP Practice

A few points raised at the meeting held on 30th September 2013

*No reply has been received from the Secretary of State re a visit to the Upper Dales.

*A plan of the **Extra Care Housing** facility proposed for Leyburn was welcomed.

*The **111 service** is being run by the Yorkshire Ambulance Service in this area. The tick box nature of the service meant it was extremely frustrating for callers. A follow-up call meant all the questions had to be gone through for a second time.

*The Practice celebrated Mary Hugill's 25 years as Reception Manager at the Hawes Surgery.

*Clive West announced he was working his notice and would leave his post sometime at the turn of the year depending on when his successor would be able to start.

*NHS England had agreed to look at the **funding needs of rural GP practices**. Until they come up with the new formula it was difficult to see what further action the UDHW could take.

*The Hambleton Richmondshire and Whitby CCG video on the future of **Maternity and Paediatric Services** at the Friarage was felt to be helpful.

*Clive West reported that **Hambleton Richmondshire Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)** was the best in the country. Next year's funding formula for CCGs is very complex and it is hoped that the possible reduction in the 2014-15 budget of £7M would end up being less draconian.

*A discussion took place re the proposed **cuts in bus services** and the difficulty for patients in getting to the morning surgeries by bus. **[A public meeting will be held on 6th November at 6.00pm at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes.]**

Jane Ritchie, Hon. Secretary

Swaledale Festival A.G.M.

You are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Swaledale Festival on **Tuesday 12th November at 7.00pm** in The Buck Hotel, Reeth

Semerwater Nature Reserve

There is good news from Semerwater Nature Reserve; both bird life and flowering plant numbers have increased. Those plumes of smoke rising from the Reserve have signalled a turn around for the wildlife of the site.

Specialist contractors, with wide tyre vehicles suitable for soft ground, were brought in to cut the dense rushes and coarse grass which were then gathered up and burnt on site. The ash from the fire was removed so as not to enrich the ground. Careful monitoring by researchers from the Open University has shown that the number of marshland flowers has greatly increased. The added spin off from this is that the grazing is much sweeter too.

The rushes will of course re-grow, but the younger, sparser growth will be much more effectively weed wiped with herbicide.

Since Yorkshire Wildlife Trust (YWT) entered the new Higher Level Stewardship with Natural England the grazing levels have been reduced, not just to allow the herbs to flower, but also to avoid trampling during the nesting season. The number of breeding birds is carefully recorded by specially trained volunteers. Although it is too soon to be sure, because of the very different weather over the last two seasons, it is certainly looking as though the new management regime is working.

Much of the Semerwater Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) lies within the Reserve and YWT, like any other SSSI landowner, is legally obliged to manage the land in a manner which benefits wildlife. For the Trust that goes without saying and we accept the challenge that managing these wetland pasture and meadow sites present.

**Dr Jenny Hayward,
Yorkshire Wildlife Trust**

Askrigg Snooker Club

Askrigg snooker club! located in Askrigg Village Hall, are looking for new members to support the club.

Membership is £5.00 per annum, with flexible playing times. For more information contact: **Lawrence Alderson 650599 or Derek Wylie 650767**

Leyburn Bowling Club

Unsettled weather greeted our Finals weekend on Saturday and Sunday September 14th and 15th, but all 5 singles finals were completed. On the Saturday 3 finals were played opening with the Barclays Trophy in which David Halliday narrowly defeated Chris King in what turned out to be the closest final of the weekend. Next up was the Todd Cup in which Peter Nicholas beat Mervyn Buckley, followed by the Walker Cup (Ladies Trophy) in which Hazel Doig defeated Michelle King.

The remaining finals were played simultaneously, and in the Wilkjohn Cup Mervyn Buckley beat Chris Hassall, whilst John Gorman defeated Peter Nicholas in the Jack Ellis Cup.

Sunday September 22nd saw the formal closing of our Moor Road green for the 2013 season. We closed our green for the year with a final Jumbles (pairs) and, not for the first time this season, the competition resulted in an extremely tight finish

On Wednesday September 25th we held our Annual Dinner / Presentation night at the Friar's Head, Akebar. This was, as always, an enjoyable evening, with 35 members and friends attending. Pleasingly the number included quite a few of our new members who have joined during the past year. After the meal the trophies won throughout the season were presented.

Although we finished 4th in the league this year we were only 7 points behind the champions and this therefore represents another very good season for Leyburn. Players old and new will help our attempt to push for a first JSW League title in 2014.

We are, of course, always continuing to look for new members and anyone interested in joining Leyburn Bowling Club for the 2014 season, or learning more about the club, is welcome to contact **Hazel (623480) or Mervyn (625734)**

Mervyn Buckley

Hawes Bonfire and Fireworks Committee...

would like to thank everyone who kindly donated refreshments, time and came and supported us at the last Hopper's Furniture sale. We made a staggering £489.95 which will be put towards this years event. Thank you

Bainbridge School News

John Muir Award

On Thursday 17th October Class 2 went to Nethergill farm to do our John Muir Award. The people who run the farm are called Chris and Fiona. First Chris told us a bit about the farm and showed us his CCTV cameras and what they were for. Next we went around the farm. First we went to see the cows and bulls. He had the rare breed white short horns and a bull. After that we went to see a boiler. He uses his trees which he planted, for his wood, he saves about £3,000 a year. Not long after we went river dipping and we caught all sorts of water creatures. After that we made some boats made out of bark and string, then we set them off down the river and Andrew's group came 1st Jess's group came 2nd and Lucy Spence's group came 3rd.

Lucy Spence, Craig Woof and Chloe Spence.

School Calendar Project

Over the past 2 weeks as part of the Rotary Club challenge to raise money for charity we have decided to make a 2014 calendar. We are making an A4 sized calendar with pictures of school activities and local shots of Wensleydale in it. We decided that by producing a calendar we would be making money in 2 different ways. The first way is by selling the calendar at a profit. The second way is by getting local businesses to sponsor us. They will be paying to get their company name and phone number on the back of the calendar. We will be selling the calendars at £4 each.

Mia Percival and James Peacock

Low Mill

This term Bainbridge School have been to Low Mill. They have been caving, canoeing and gorge walking. They went caving near Ribbleshead, canoeing at Semerwater and gorge walking at Arngill. The children have enjoyed it so far and they are always excited to go. Sadly it is the last session next week. The children have been telling Mums, Dads, friends and family about the activities they have done.

Rebekah Parkin Thwaite and Miles Horn

Sumdog

Bainbridge Primary School have been entering a national maths competition called Sumdog. Now I know a lot of you are wondering what Sumdog is. Well it's a maths website where schools from all over the country take part in maths games and competitions. The type of maths games they take part in is answering maths questions but more fun. There are fun games such as Junk Pile where you stack up old furniture and rubbish.

Let's say it's a fun way to get kids learning. On the first competition we came 43 out of 190 schools and Mia came 26 out of 9361 students.

Ellie Winspear, Luke Bussey and Arthur Clarkson

Hawes School News

On Monday afternoon (21st October) the Year 6 children and Mrs Guy travelled to Middleham Primary School to give a presentation to the Rotary Club and other schools participating in the 'Enterprise Challenge'.

Our presentation was about how we will use the £40.00 donated by the Rotary Club, to raise money for RABI (Royal Agriculture Benevolent Fund). We chose to run a chocolate tombola in the Market Hall on Sunday 27th October.

Cassie Drury (Y6)

On Thursday 17th October, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 went to Askrigg Primary School for a cross-country run. Everyone there cheered for their school. There were children running from Leyburn School, Askrigg School, Spennithorne and West Burton. Hawes School came third in 3 out of 4 races. We were all very happy about that! Well done everyone.

Matthew Lewin (Y4)

On Friday 11th October the children at Hawes Primary School went to Hawes Chapel for our annual Harvest Festival. Adults came too and we sang songs. We all said prayers and gave presents in of fruit, vegetables, plants and tins of food for the elderly in Hawes and Gayle. It was lots of fun and everybody enjoyed it.

Nia Moore

West Burton School News

West Burton School have been taking part in The Rotary Challenge. We were challenged to make a profit from the original £40 given to each school. We decided to make and sell cakes at The Big Breakfast on Saturday 19th October. It was a busy and successful morning. After our expenses for the ingredients, we should have a healthy profit for the Farmers' Benevolent Fund. As part of the challenge 6 pupils delivered a presentation explaining the whole process in front of an audience at Middleham School. We are

waiting for the results of the competition! We also took part in the cross-country event at Askrigg Primary School. Seven schools from the Wensleydale cluster were involved including ourselves. The course was in and around Askrigg and was about 2 miles! We are very proud of year 5 and 6 girls as they came second out of all the other schools. Although the teachers were proud of everyone for taking part.

**Luke Greenslade, Emma Hannon
and Zoe Bell.**

Upper Wensleydale Luncheon Club

Edinburgh Woollen Mill
Fashion Show and Christmas Gifts.
10% off all purchases.
at Aysgarth Falls Motel.

Nov 12th 7.30 for 8.00pm

Proceeds go to Marie Curie Cancer Care and
the Wensleydale Branch Luncheon Club

Church Coffee Club and Gift Day Wednesday 6th November 10:30am to noon

The Old Police House, Redmire (625585),
for Bolton cum Redmire

Tour de France Grand Départ meeting

About seventy people attended the public meeting at the Wensleydale Creamery in Hawes where representatives from the County and District Councils, the Police and the National Park were able to give the latest details regarding the timing and extent of road closures (many hours on the actual day), the expected pressure on the local services, the opportunities for local businesses, and the proposals for a three-day festival event in the town. All local people need to appreciate the huge size of this event, especially the very large number of spectators who will attend, and the supporting entourage that will precede the actual cycle race.

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