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MAY 22nd**

Editorial

Apparently 93% of voters don't know the names of their Members of the European Parliament. We have to admit we are part of the 93%. This raises the interesting question: Why, when there is so much talk and debate among politicians about Britain in Europe, do so many people seem not to care? What percentage do you think will vote this month?

It also raises the question of where we feel we belong. What place is uppermost in our minds? Are we International, simply feeling we are members of the human race; European; mid-Atlantic identifying more with America; British; English; Northern English; Yorkshire; Richmondshire; Dalesfolk; or even more local than that!? Or can we be equally committed to more than one?

So much of where we belong to or identify with seems to depend upon where we were born, where we think we will be better off, and where we have more say in our own affairs. That is where the debate about Europe is so complex; do we really know, and do we appreciate that in today's world with multinational companies for power, finance, manufacturing and services we are inextricably linked in with even wider areas of the world? Whichever 'side' you are on, there is always the danger of being taken in by alarmist or exaggerated claims often made by politicians or the rather more dramatic media. Maybe that is why we are not turned on.

But there are other factors which influence where we feel we belong. Historically we were once part of Northumbria stretching up from north of the Humber and Mersey and including much of southern Scotland! Then under the Danelaw linked to Scandinavia! For about a thousand years the English counties have roughly given us a sense of place, and remember that for a good deal of our history we have been under the common throne of France and England, and since the Georges arrived on the scene, a closely linked monarchy with Germany! For the sake of balance we should remember that we've waged war with them all too! It cannot be denied that architecturally, religiously, linguistically and geographically we have been 'near' to much of the rest of Europe.

However, for most of our lives we have been drawn westwards. Our links with America are very strong (not to everyone's taste!). We hear much more news from America than from the rest of Europe; we speak (roughly) the same

language; we are dominated by American-based internet; and think of all the new films and TV series: so many American.

It might not be surprising then that we don't get too excited about the election this month, but if we do intend to vote on May 22nd we really must try to distinguish fiction from fact.

In the wider context, there will always be people and places with which we feel more at home. With travel so easy and quick these days, we can enjoy different cultures and traditions, see what deeper things bind us all together and seek ways of making friends rather than looking for enemies.

The Hawes Weighbridge Hut

I have pleasure in announcing the formation of an embryonic group charged with the task of looking after the Weighbridge Hut that stands in the car park in the old station yard.

At present the Hut is being renovated by volunteers of the National Park, the exterior is complete and the inside is nearing completion.

On behalf of the Wensleydale Railway Trust we will endeavour to create an exciting display area and show pictures of the station and yards. We will also have an explanation of what weighbridges were etc. Our next task is to erect display boards and sort through archive photographic material not readily available in the Museum itself.

We will obviously be using the Hut to flag up the WR's projects, timetables, events, membership applications and the future dreams. Then we need visitors to be interactive and come in!

The site is perfect for the "Western Hub" of the WR to breathe life into the plans of the railway. The group is Alan Watkinson, Chris Hartley, Richard Ross and I.

But four are not enough, and we seek more volunteers at the western end to join us on this project.

Please get in touch by emailing me: snow-john@talk21.com, or phone on 666 164.

John Snow - Project Leader

Bainbridge Bikes

They are yellow and plentiful! You must have a look— on roofs and walls— as the village gets to grips with 'Le Tour'.

April Competition Answers

Wild flowers: Anagrams

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. HIT BE GREY (9) | Eyebright |
| 2. PRICED MOAN (3,7) | Red Campion |
| 3. TEAS WOW DEEM (6,5) | Meadow Sweet |
| 4. ROUND LEDGER (6,5) | Ground Elder |
| 5. YELP AS CROW (3,7) | Cow Parsley |
| 6. IN MOTTLED (9) | Tormentil |
| 7. TORY WELL LATE (6,6) | Yellow Rattle |
| 8. SWIVEL DEER (6,4) | Silver Weed |
| 9. BASH GOLD POE (3,8) | Bog Asphodel |
| 10. ROD LUNGES (9) | Groundsel |
| 11. WELDER LEN SPREAD MEG (9, 9) | Germander Speedwell |
| 12. SHE ADDING THE LADY (6, 10) | Deadly Nightshade |
| 13. SALTY MAN LED (5,6) | Lady's Mantle |
| 14. O RUTLE SOW (9) | Lousewort |

The winner of the £20 prize, donated to the Royal National Institute for the Deaf was **Margaret Roberts, Carperby.**

May Competition

Add a letter.

Example: TURN MIX = bend, blend

Now try these!

- 1 SCOTTISH VALLEY GATHER THE LEFTOVERS
- 2 NAIL WIDE
- 3 YORKSHIRE VALLEY MUTANT
- 4 FAMILY GROUP LOUD SOUND
- 5 HERON SORROW
- 6 NAMES LIST MALE FOWL
7. STRONG WIND LOCAL VILLAGE
8. OLD PREACHER LOCAL VILLAGE
9. CLIFF FRIGHTEN
10. RESCUE CUT THIN SLICE
11. BAKED CLAY PIECE HEADING
12. SATELLITE STUPID

Art Exhibition

...by members of Yoredale Art Club in the Methodist Hall, Leyburn from
2nd to 5th May. 10.00am to 5.00pm daily
(Sunday noon to 5.00pm).
Preview Evening 1st May 7.00pm.
 All welcome. Free admission.

Eunice the Ewe



Last month I was hiding in the Herdy advert on page 15. The winner of the £10 prize was **Becky Woof, Marsett**

Three Men from Bainbridge

Will Scarr, Darren Percival and Dave Alderson, are to visit Ypres and surrounding area from 2nd to 5th June.

They will go to Tyne Cott Cemetery, and Essex Farm, and also Talbot House at Poperine. Finally they will attend a service at the Menin Gate.

On a previous visit, this time to Holland, they sought out the grave of Harry Brown, a Bainbridge man who was killed on Boxing Day 1944. They were able to take a photo of the grave, place a poppy there, and bring home a photograph for members of his family to keep.

If anyone reading this piece has a relative buried in the Belgian fields, and would like the group to make a pilgrimage to the grave, do please phone **Dave** on **07833 526866**.

Hawes in Bloom

Tour de France

I am delighted to report there has been an excellent take-up of the basket and plant offer for Hawes businesses, as detailed earlier.

We are on track for delivery of really excellent well-grown plants in the first weeks of June, weather permitting. The growers met with me and I took them on a tour of our town, unfortunately one of the coldest, wettest and windy days we have had for a while. I did assure them we do get mild and sunny weather as well...

I will give notice in the June Newsletter of the time and place for the sale of red and white plants for residents who wish to take part.

Meanwhile, let's all hope for a lovely summer !

Richard Noble
(for The Hawes Tour de France action group)

**TOSH Leyburn
Films in May
Thursdays and Fridays**

8th, 9th. 4.30 and 7.30pm:
Mandela; Long Walk to
Freedom

15th, 16th. 5.00 and 7.30pm
The Secret Life of Walter Mitty

22nd, 23rd. 5.00 and 7.30pm
The Railway Man

29th, 30th 5.00 and 7.30pm
Enough Said.



...Other Events

1st, 2nd, 3rd. 7.30pm
Leyburn Amateur Dramatic Society:
Two one-act comedies: *Gentlemen and
Players*; *A Jolly Sinister Jape*.

10th. 7.30pm
Singing for Pleasure: Carole and
Malcolm Browne.

17th Parishioners' Race Day

24th to June 7th
Art Exhibition.

Full details of prices, and bookings: **624510**

"Watercolour Impressions"

Trees in the Wensleydale Landscape

Current Exhibition Yoredale, Bainbridge,
Open 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday



Roger Lofts likes to
reflect in his paintings
the atmosphere and
spirit of the subject,
through the interaction
and transparency which
occurs within the
medium of watercolour.

In his latest exhibition,
Roger's paintings reflect the impact of trees
within the Wensleydale landscape.

For more information about Roger or the
exhibition please telephone **Lesley Knevitt** at
the National Park Authority, on **652326**.

St Oswald's Church, Askrigg

Friday 9th May
Concert in Church by Cantabile and Friends
(The Wensleydale School)
7.00pm - Free Entry! Fair Trade Event

Decorative and Fine Arts Society

13th May, 2.00pm
Middleham Key Centre

Title: *Northern Lights – Edvard Munch
and the Art of Scandinavia*

This Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts
Society lecture tours the remarkable,
inspirational diversity of Scandinavian art,
especially at the turn of the 19th century, and
examines in depth the art of Munch, and the
debt owed to him by Modernism.

It will look at the mythologies and folk tales
revitalised by Axel Gallen Kallela, the spiritual
landscapes of Harald Sohlberg and seascapes of
Peter Kroyer, the symbolism of Hugo Simberg
and Magnus Enckel, the light-suffused interiors
of Wilhelm Hammershoi ("the Danish
Vermeer"), and the poetic realism of Carl
Larsson and Anders Zorn.

Adrian Sumner is a university lecturer. He is
currently Arts Development Officer for
Cheshire West and Chester Council and a
professional painter and illustrator.

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

Wensleydale Chorus 2014

Advance Notice

This year the Wensleydale Chorus will be
singing the Masse di Gloria by Puccini and the
Diabelli Pastoral Mass in F opus 147.

Performances, both at **7.30pm**

Saturday July 19th St Oswald's Church
Askrigg

Saturday July 26th St John's Church East
Witton

Rehearsals are in Leyburn Methodist
Schoolrooms starting at **7.30pm on
Wednesday May 7th**. The first rehearsal will
stop at 9.00pm to enable choir members to
socialise. Otherwise rehearsals stop at 9.30pm

One Saturday rehearsal will take place on
31st May from 10.00am until 3.00pm in
Hawes Market Hall.

New members are always welcome. If you
would like further information please contact
Gilda Foster 622942 gilda@fosnet.co.uk

Heavens above

We may be in for a spectacular new meteor shower this month when the Earth passes through a stream of dust and debris spawned by Comet 209P/LINEAR. The forecast is



for well over 100 meteors an hour as the shower reaches its maximum on the night of 24/25th of May. Unfortunately for us peak activity occurs about 3 hours after sunrise in the UK – sometime between 8.00 and 9.00am in the morning – and we'll probably miss out on the main action. But - predictions are just that, and there may well be several streams of particles resulting in multiple peaks of bright shooting stars. So if the weather is clear on the 24th and those pesky clouds stay away why not venture out for a bit of meteor spotting – you just might experience the spectacle of a lifetime.

Elsewhere in the night sky it's a great month for getting to know the planets. All five naked-eye ones are on display with tiny Mercury putting on its best evening show of the year. You should be able to spot this elusive little world low down in the west-north-west around 10.00pm from the 7th May onwards, but your best chance of seeing it, is around the 25th when it's at its greatest distance from the Sun as seen from the Earth. Don't confuse Mercury with Jupiter which lies a good deal higher in the west. At magnitude -1.8 Jupiter is much brighter than Mercury which fades quite rapidly as the month progresses. Even more brilliant is the second planet out from the Sun, Venus. At magnitude 3.9 it's a dazzling object brighter than anything else in the sky apart from the Sun and Moon. You'll have to be an early riser to catch a glimpse of it, however, as it's *very* low in the dawn twilight. Look for it in the east about an hour or so before sunrise.

The Red Planet, Mars, dominates the southern evening sky low in the constellation of Virgo. It's visible for most of the night setting about 5.00am. Nearly as bright as Jupiter it slowly moves westwards against the background stars until it reaches its stationary point on May 21st. After this it moves eastwards fading noticeably from mag -1.2 to 0.5 as it goes. You can compare its slightly pinkish-orange colour to the more golden-

orange of Arcturus much higher in the south-east.

Saturn, the ringed-planet, is at its closest and brightest for the year on May 10th when it stands directly opposite to Sun in the sky and is visible all night long. You'll find it low in the south in the constellation of Libra. Its rings are nicely open at present and the planet is a really beautiful sight through even a small telescope. You may even catch a glimpse of its largest Moon, Titan.

If you're interested in finding out more about the solar system and the latest planetary discoveries there's a talk and presentation at the Dales Countryside Museum on the evening of **May 15th**. Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

Bittern Booking Now Open! Swaledale Festival

Tickets for rides behind the Bittern steam locomotive are now on sale at the Festival website: www.swalefest.org

Bittern will open the 2014 Festival with three excursions on the Wensleydale Railway on Saturday 24th May, at 09:30, 13:00 and 16:30. Tickets are £20, or £15 for under-19s. Further details are on the website. This is an exceptional chance to enjoy the sight, sound and smell of one of the grandest steam locomotives, in beautiful lower Wensleydale.

The Peregrines are Back

Once again, a pair is nesting in Malham Cove and over the coming months they will hopefully be rearing young and teaching them to survive.

As in previous years, RSPB and the National Park Authority staff and volunteers will be manning a special, free viewing point where visitors to the cove can watch the spectacular birds through high-powered telescopes.

The viewpoint will be open from **Saturdays to Wednesday** inclusive between **10.30am and 4.30pm** (weather permitting) until **August 2nd**.

Prize-winning Swaledale Festival Performers for Upper Wensleydale

A cavalcade of prize-winning musicians and artists is set to descend on North Yorkshire from **24th May – 7th June** for this year's Swaledale Festival. A former winner of the BBC Young Musician of the Year, star clarinetist Emma Johnson will appear with the Trusler Carroll Wass Trio in Askrigg on **Wednesday 4th June** and the award-winning Navarra String Quartet on **Thursday 5th June** at Bedale.

The only British winner of the London International Piano Competition, Ashley Wass, will play a programme of some of his favourite piano music at Askrigg on **Tuesday 3rd June**.

The Wensleydale Creamery, Hawes hosts the Will Pound Band on **Saturday 31st May**. Expect English, Irish and Northumbrian folk tunes, with bluegrass, blues, rock and funk rhythms from a very fine young band. Will Pound has been nominated for 'Best Musician' at the *BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards*; when you hear him you'll understand why!

On **Saturday 7th June** the Hawes Silver Prize Brass Band will play traditional brass band music of the area, as well as classical transcriptions and themes from the world of music theatre at St Margaret's Church, Hawes.

In *The 'ūd and the Lute: a musical journey* Palestinian 'ūd player Adel Salameh and North Yorkshire-based lutenist Jacob Heringman bring together musical and cultural history, historical and modern East-West relations, the magic of improvisation and joyous musical creativity. Hear them at West Burton Methodist Chapel on **Tuesday 3rd June 4.00—5.00pm**.

Virtuoso violinist Adam Summerhayes returns with another outstanding ensemble, this time including his wife and music partner Catherine on piano, and Mark Smith, one of Europe's foremost horn players on French horn. The Summerhayes Horn Trio will play Brahms's powerful and moving Horn Trio – surely one of his finest works – and a new commission by Gareth

Wood, at St Oswald's Church, Askrigg, **4.00—5.00pm on Thursday 5th June**.

Unless otherwise stated all events start at **7.30pm**. The Swaledale Festival opens on **Saturday 24th May** with a mouth-watering all-Bach programme from the Royal Northern Sinfonia. Two award-winning guitar icons, Martin Taylor, the world's foremost exponent of the solo jazz guitar will be joined by leading folk guitarist Martin Simpson in a superb Festival finale concert on **Saturday 7th June**; both concerts at Grinton. Check out the full programme on our website www.swalefest.org or **01748 880018** or enquiries@swalefest.org to join our mailing list. Festival booking opens on **12th April**. Priority booking for Friends of the Swaledale Festival opens three weeks earlier, full details and how to join are on the website.

Learning on the Farm

Children round here grow up in a rural environment but how many of them actually engage with the land around them? A new project called "Dales Farmers in Action" has been developed by the Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust to encourage educational farm visits. Farms are a wonderful learning environment and schools will be able to give children the opportunity to link up with the farming world which is so much a part of the heritage of this area. Farmers and teachers wanting to know more can ring **Judy Rogers** on **015242 51002** or email her at judy.rogers@ydmf.org

Museum Friends

Friday April 25th was a foot-tapping evening as Dante Ferrara presented a highly entertaining programme of 16th and 17th music performed on lute, hurdy-gurdy, citterns, colascione and an orpharion.

In the afternoon he had given a presentation to the local primary schools in West Burton.

Hawes Gala Craft Competitions

Children's craft competitions

Decorate a cake, it can be any design, any size and any flavour. £2 entry fee (16 years and under)

Tour de Hawes, make a model bike out of any materials, but the finished product must fit on an A4 sheet of paper. 50p entry fee (16 years and under)

Adult craft competitions

Preserves and Scones, 4 homemade scones with a homemade preserve on a plate. £1 entry fee (17 years and over)

Needle craft and knitting, produce something using any form of needle work or knitting. £1 entry fee (17 years and over)

Children's and adults competition

Write a Tour de France themed limerick.

Please keep it clean, it is a children's day after all!

50p entry (16 years and under)

£1 entry (17 years and over)

There will be prizes for each competition 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Please can all entries be taken to the gala field on the day of the gala from **1.30pm**. You can enter more than one competition, but the entry fee will apply for each class..

Also we are having a children's tombola on the day; any donations will be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at **Emma Guy's 37 Little Ings, Gayle.**

Could all cups and trophies be returned to either the Pet Shop or Launderette by 1st June.

Check out our Facebook page for more details.

Silver Line

The District Council is supporting a new national campaign to help older people, backed by Esther Rantzen, called **"Silver Line"**, which will offer friendship calls 24/7 and also assist callers in locating projects in their local area.

The Silver Line number **0800 4 70 80 90** is free and confidential. It works closely with the Samaritans and Action for Elder Abuse.

More information and publicity materials are available via the website www.housinginlaterlife.co.uk.

For more information please contact **Colin Dales, Corporate Director on**

01748 829100 or e mail: colin.dales@richmondshire.gov.uk

The Old School House (TOSH) Update

Thanks to our volunteers and staff we have shown some great films recently, Les Miserables, The Butler, Saving Mr Banks, including 'Frozen' when over 50 adults and young people attended during the Easter School holidays. Various groups are using the rooms for their activities and the building is becoming busy again.

To ensure that our services are meeting the needs of our users, we are currently intending to extend the opening hours of the cafe bar and hope to start opening all day every Friday and Saturday.

We cannot do this of course unless we can recruit a body of committed volunteers who are able to sign up for a specific period on a weekly basis. There will be full training for these volunteers whose duties will be restricted to cafe bar work only. This will offer those volunteers a means of developing new skills whilst providing a service to our customers. We will still require volunteers to staff the cafe bar at other times, for film screenings and events and for this purpose we will continue with the existing rota system for the full week. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please tel: **624510** for more information, or call in **from noon - 5.00pm Monday to Friday, or Saturday afternoons, from noon - 4.00pm.**

Regular users of the cafe bar are to be offered a loyalty card.

The Friends of TOSH scheme is due to finish at the end of May and a new scheme will commence in June. Thanks to the help of those who became Friends last year we were able to complete our immediate refurbishment requirements and begin film screenings earlier than expected. We hope you will support us again by becoming a Friend so that we can offer more in the way of events and activities in the building. The new scheme is £15 for the year for which you will receive one free ticket for a film screening, participation in the monthly draw for a free film showing and a 5% or 10% discount on food at certain restaurants in Leyburn. Please ask about the Friends' form when visiting TOSH.

Jeannie Bishop

On the Move Again!

It was with a mixture of relief and excitement that I watched a very smart class 20 (D8110) emerge from Harmby cutting and pause on the crossing right outside my front door on Sunday 13th April. It was hauling the first through train from Leeming Bar since October 2013, and the successful test run marked the end of the first phase of work to restore the embankment at Akebar, and confirmed that the 2014 season could get underway, as planned, on Tuesday 15th. Trains started, as planned, and just prior to writing this I waved away the first steam service of the season with a very good load of happy passengers heading into Wensleydale on a glorious Good Friday afternoon

Everywhere you look things are happening. What a gem Bedale station is becoming, I see it every few days but it still surprises me. The new shop is nearing completion and the whole area looks wonderful. The tea room at Leyburn is not a good place to be on a diet, At Redmire there are changes afoot as the rather tatty coach has gone and will eventually be replaced by a camping coach facility.

Elsewhere we have new locomotives on site, some will need a good deal of work, but we are preparing for the future. There is also work to get the Northallerton project back on track, and if you have not done so, take a look at Aysgarth, the site is somewhere the WR can be proud of. The W.R.Trust has taken control of the weighbridge office at Hawes and is looking at ways this can be used. The rails may be some way off, but we are back in Hawes, and no one should underestimate that achievement.

Nigel Park

Thornton Rust Mission Room

On **Saturday May 17th (noon to 5.00pm)** in Thornton Rust Village Institute we will be serving a soup and sweet lunch (£4, noon–1.30pm) and afternoon teas (£2.50, 2.00 to 4.30pm). There will also be book and bric-a-brac stalls and a tombola. The proceeds will go towards the Mission Room.

Wensleydale Writers

Wensleydale Writers are a small, friendly group of people who love writing and meet once a month to share experience.

The group covers all kinds of writing and includes both published and unpublished writers. Its main purpose is to provide support, encouragement and constructive criticism to help members improve the quality of their writing.

The group meets from 10.00am to noon on the first Wednesday of every month in the Quaker Meeting House, Leyburn, but has it in mind to organise occasional evening meetings if there is sufficient interest.

Anyone who would like to find out more about the group is invited to contact

**Lesley Chapman (Secretary) 650547 or
Tony Rossiter (Chairman) 663510.**

“Who We Are” Exhibition

showcases a diverse range of creative crafts including quilting, rag rugging, knitting, sewing, printing and painting. Exhibitors are members of the Gayle Mill Craft Group and the volunteer team which helps keep the Mill open as a visitor attraction.

10th May to 2nd June 2014,
At the Dales Countryside Museum,

VACANCY

Bainbridge CE Primary and Nursery School

require an Administrative Assistant to join their small team. The school is part of a newly established collaboration with Askrigg Primary School, with West Burton Primary School joining later this year.

Hours: Six per week over two mornings, term-time only.

Successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS clearance.

Further details can be obtained from the school:

650336 or by email to:

admin@bainbridge.n-yorks.sch.uk

Application forms can be downloaded from

www.bainbridgeschool.co.uk

Closing date **May 16th 2014**

Calling all Lovers of Fair Maidens

There is a growing market for old domestic paraphernalia and clothes horses or 'maidens' are once again popular. A three-leafed clothes horse, which we always called the clothes maiden, was certainly a great feature of my childhood, when my sister and I used to use it, draped with sheets to make a little den. On winter days wet washing was spread on the maiden as it stood in front of the fire, and in later years, a radiator.

There's a rather charming illustration of Beatrix Potter's Mrs Tiggy Winkle in the tale of the same name, standing to the side of a two-leafed clothes horse, pointing to a rather difficult to remove 'currant wine stain' on the table cloth she has just laundered and ironed for Jenny Wren. Interestingly perhaps, when Mrs TW declares that she has 'clothes to air', it's not on the clothes horse, but from hooks in the ceiling that the clothes are aired.

Other names for a clothes horse include 'winter hedge' (drying laundry in the summer on the bushes and hedges was common practice) 'clothes dyke' or 'linen horse', where a 'horse', as in 'saw-horse' is a stand or frame to support something.



Our first commissioned clothes horse at Gayle Mill was indeed for a customer who remembering her own childhood wanted one for her grandchildren to play in!

More recently we have had commissions and interest from customers who would like to own a 'vintage', 'retro' or even 'shabby chic' clothes horse. You can chart the growing interest for this and other 'household antiques' on eBay! The Gayle Mill version is, we think, a classic: 4 feet beech uprights, with rails made out of cedar, this 'maiden' is sure to keep any other fair maiden's frillies aired and scented!

Lynda Casserly



Spring in Snaizeholme

During our mild winter and very early spring I would spend quite a long period each morning after I had put out the food for the squirrels, birds and pheasants sitting quietly and watching their activity. The squirrels have had a very good breeding season and their many young ones are very entertaining to watch. Pheasants are few and I hope that the females are busy sitting on their nests. Two or three cocks come to feed but at this time of the year they are so busy competing with each other that they eat very little. The bulk of the mixed corn is consumed by a pair of wood pigeons and quite a large flock of stock doves.

However, earlier in the year a roebuck came regularly and ate very well. Each day I saw him his antlers, still in velvet of course, were growing. I had to keep very still. It is my habit to carry a pocket full of peanuts in their husks and I sit by a small garden table on which I place a few. One day I was sitting very still watching the roebuck when a squirrel came to eat my peanuts. It finished the ones on the table but decided (quite rightly) that I must have more about me. It climbed up my arm and on to my head! There I was, watching a roebuck with a squirrel on my head!

As my observations are now confined to the area immediately round the house I have little else to report. The greater spotted woodpeckers are very active; there is the sound of drumming all over the place but I have no idea where they are nesting. For the first time at Mirk Pot there are reed buntings coming to the feeders. They used to be regulars down at Tow Hill but I've never seen them up here before.

One or two siskins came earlier but I haven't seen them recently, and otherwise it's finches and tits; but altogether I would say that it's been a very promising spring, and I hope the year continues as well as it has started.

Jane Kemp



*Mystery picture
Last month's provided by Neil Dyson, was of
Disher Force above Askrigg. Where is this
month's? (It is in the Dales but not in the
Newsletter area.)*

Sycamore News

Wishing Derek Ramsden

Every Happiness in his New Home

A few weeks ago Derek, our much loved resident of more than 7 years, moved into The Terrace at Richmond, so unfortunately he will no longer be able to let people of the upper dale and beyond know the goings on in Sycamore Hall, which he kindly did with his monthly article on Sycamore News.

Derek was truly inspirational always showing great pride in where he lived and always with great enthusiasm, making sure that the rest of the community knew what was going on and that they were always invited to the many social events here at the hall.

I would like to thank him personally and on behalf of the other residents for his contribution, commitment and dedication and that we will miss him greatly but most of all we wish him well in his new abode.

Good luck and God bless Derek, and don't be a stranger!

Michelle Mottershead

Bolton-cum-Redmire PCC

CHURCH COFFEE CLUB

Wednesday 7th 10:30am to Noon

The Old Police House, Redmire (625503)

New Sunday Bus Route Hawes – Dentdale – Sedbergh

Western Dales Bus, is a Sedbergh-based community charity which runs a community minibus driven by trained local volunteers, on similar lines to The Little White Bus. Until 19th October 2014 it will be running a service on Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays to connect Hawes with Dentdale and Sedbergh via Snaizholme Lane End, close to the red squirrel reserve.

Times to and from Hawes:

Hawes Market place (dep)	13.17
Wensleydale Creamery (dep)	13.20
Snaizholme Lane End	13.28
Dent Memorial Hall (arr)	13.58
Sedbergh Library (arr)	14.13

Sedbergh Dalesman (dep)	14.50
Dent Car Park (dep)	15.05
Snaizholme Lane End	15.35
Wensleydale Creamery (arr)	15.43
Hawes Market place (arr)	15.48

Full timetables for all Western Dales Bus services are available from the Hawes Community Office, the Wensleydale Creamery and cafes and shops in Hawes, as well as from the website below.

Contact details: Tel: **015396 20504**

email: westerndalesbus@sedbergh.org.uk

Website: www.westerndalesbus.co.uk

The bus route number is **564C**

What's at Lilly's?

I had been wondering what Lilly's, the new shop in Hawes Market Place would be selling. Perhaps like me you had peered through the window at the cake stands suggesting sweet treats of some sort? Well Lilly's is actually a vintage china shop selling pre-loved goods:-tea pots, tea sets and of course cake stands which hopefully will be re-loved.

Laura Dunn is the owner, Lilly is her childhood nickname and she has turned a hobby of collecting china into her new business. She loves exploring auctions for those special items for her own expanding collection and her husband Chris suggested that the only way to fit in more china would be to open a shop!

Laura comes from Harlow in Essex and has wanted to move up to the area for a while. When the opportunity came up in Hawes, she took the plunge and gave up her job as a data analyst for the Fire Service, bought the shop and moved in above it. Chris is from Yorkshire, born into a family of gamekeepers and is currently looking for work locally as a lorry driver. Between them they have five grown up children who have all flown the nest and so this new venture will be a real change of pace for both of them.

Laura is getting a new sandwich board for outside the shop which will hopefully entice people in and help advertise the vintage china. A farmer has already come in asking for a bull -she thought he was joking, but he really was looking for a Beswick bull in a china shop! Laura couldn't help on this occasion, but she does sell some great gift sets combining vintage tea cups with cookies, jams and soaps all locally produced.

Laura wanted to thank the shop owners in Hawes who have been really welcoming and helpful in her first few weeks. Lilly's will be open six days a week only closing on Wednesdays. Laura loves nothing more than going for a walk after she shuts up the shop each night to enjoy the fantastic scenery and fresh air. She is looking forward to joining in with as many local community activities as she can fit in around the new business.

K.J.

'Askrigg and District Produce Show

Monday August 25th 3:00 p.m.

Judging by the proliferation of green shoots in my wife's greenhouse it looks like the growing season is well and truly underway. This and the truly magnificent weather have nudged me into action to start trying to convince all those of you who grow, make or create things at whatever standard or of whatever age to enter something in the Askrigg and District Produce Show this August Bank Holiday Monday.

I had lovely visits to both Askrigg and Bainbridge schools a couple of months ago to introduce this year's veg challenge. How lucky we are to have such wonderful schools in our area and I had a great time talking to the children there. We were overwhelmed by the response we got from the children and I know many of them have already planted their courgette seeds and are eagerly anticipating the plants and huge courgettes that will hopefully follow. I really hope they get great enjoyment out of growing something from a tiny seed. I also hope that parents, grandparents and others in the community will show equal enthusiasm and have a look at what they could enter in the show.

I am immensely proud of being involved with the show with its heritage stretching back to the early 1940s and I would love the village hall to be bursting with entries this year. Please have a look at the schedule which has been delivered throughout the Parish, is on Sykes House notice board and is also available online on our fabulous new website at

<http://askriggproduceshow.weebly.com/> and see what you can do. Who knows? It might be the start of a new passion or the re-kindling of an old one.

Mike Dechezeaux, Chairman

Fundraiser for Hawes Gala 2014

Saturday 10th May

Darts knockout at the Fountain Hotel, Hawes.
8.00pm start.

Includes mega raffle!



Woe, Woe and thrice woe ...

So said the old soothsayer in "Up Pompeii!" as she predicated the end of the world below the grumbling flanks of Vesuvius!

There have been two such stories in the press and being widely circulated over the last couple of weeks (as I write). Is the world coming to an end – well a bit of yes and no:

Windows XP finally reached the end of its support life and Microsoft are doing their level best now to terrify everyone into giving up Windows XP and splash out on Windows



8 (or more likely a new computer with Windows 8 installed). If you have Windows XP you have almost certainly seen the dire warnings popping

up on a regular basis that the computer is likely to melt down from the onslaught of attacks from various criminal elements.

I have mentioned this a couple of times before – and Microsoft are being almost fraudulently disingenuous about their warnings – it is all about money – you have it – they want it.

It is true that without updates over time Windows XP will become less secure but with a combination of security solutions on your computer there is no reason why it should be binned instantly. Here is what I suggest as a three step plan:

a) Turn off Windows update – that should cause the screams to subside a little from Microsoft. (Click Start > Control Panel and double click on System – there is a tab controlling automatic updates – go there and turn them off).

b) Make sure you have a good antivirus installed – Microsoft are giving very mixed messages about their own antivirus, Microsoft Security Essentials – sometimes they will support it and sometimes they say they won't. If you are using MSE, err on the side of caution. Uninstall it (Control Panel > Add and Remove Programs) and then buy a decent security suite – for once I would recommend buying something. I find AVAST is pretty good and not too hungry to use all your computer's resources – go for the full secu-

rity suite at www.avast.com. Good alternatives are AVG and Avira suites.

c) Stop using Internet Explorer as your browser – XP's browser is out of date - instead download and use either Google Chrome (www.google.co.uk) or Firefox (www.mozilla.org).

A further security option you can add is Malwarebytes Antimalware:

(www.malwarebytes.org) which I mentioned last month. Buy a copy so that it gives full time protection and updates.

The Heartbleed Bug is in a different league as security issues go. All secure websites use a program to provide secure connections (called a Secure Socket Layer – or SSL) so that all of your messages to that website are encrypted and, in theory, can't be spied on and information stolen. There are a number of programs that provide this function and only one of them is affected by the Heartbleed bug – unfortunately it is used by approximately two thirds of all secure websites worldwide. The upshot of this is if you have ever shopped or banked online the chances are some of the websites you have visited will be affected. There is no way to know if any of your personal data (including credit card numbers) have been compromised. The fix for this bug is twofold – first the company that is affected needs to patch their webserver and also get new security certificates for their website – and then all customers (you) should change your password. Many companies for obvious reasons aren't too happy to disclose that they are affected so it is difficult to know when to change your password – there is no point until they have fixed the problem at their end.

Best suggestion I can give is change your passwords now – and in a couple of weeks do it again when the dust has settled. It is good practice anyway to change your passwords regularly!

That's all this month. Any questions or suggestions for articles drop me a line at carol.haynes@dalescomputerservices.com or via Facebook www.facebook.com/dalescomputerservices.

Carol Haynes

WHAT'S ON LISITINGS

- 2-5 Yoredale Art Cub Annual Exhibition.
See P4
- 2 Stan Abbott (ex- Burtersett) and "The line that refused to die". Victoria Hall, Settle. 7.15pm. See P16
- 2 Walk from Garsdale Station to Hawes. See P19
- 3-5 Dales Food Festival, Leyburn
- 4 Garsdale Station; Church service— Saving of the line. 2.30pm with Hawes Band
- 4 Bainbridge Chapel Anniversary; 3.00pm Speaker: David Sharpe.
- 4 Aysgarth Methodist Church at Bainbridge 3.00pm
- 4,5,25,26 Aysgarth Station Open Days; 10.00am to 4.00pm
- 5 Cream Teas and Stalls. St. Margaret's 1.00 to 3.00pm. See P16
- 5 Gayle Mill: Bank Holiday Special. Lino Print Course; 10.30am to 4.30pm £40
- 5,26 Castle Bolton Church plant sale; 10.00am to 1.00pm. See P25
- 6 Coffee Morning, Little Cote, West Burton. 10.00am to noon in aid of St Andrew's Church. See P1
- 7 Church Coffee Club. The Old Police House, Redmire. 10.30am to noon. See P11
- 7 Wensleydale Chorus Rehearsal. Leyburn Methodist Schoolrooms. 7.30pm. See P5
- 7 Scenic Walk; Redmire Force from Swinithwaite. Optional lunch. For details: **01524 251002**
- 7 HAOS AGM, Gayle Institute 7.30pm. See P18
- 9 Coffee Morning, Methodist Church Hall, Leyburn. 10.00am to noon. See P22
- 9 'Filling Station' at Middleham Key Centre, 7.00pm.
- 9 Pub quiz, darts and dominoes. White Rose, Askrigg. See P18
- 9 St Oswald's Church, Askrigg: Concert by Cantabile. 7.00pm. See P5
- 10 Fund raiser for Hawes Gala. See P12
- 10 "Who we are" exhibition starts at the Dales Countryside Museum. P9
- 11 Songs of Praise, Aysgarth Institute. 6.30pm.
- 13 YDNPA Planning committee. Yoredale Bainbridge. 1.00pm
- 13 Decorative and Fine Arts Society. See P5
- 13 Tour de France Community meeting. See P21
- 15 FCN lunch at Berry's; See P17
- 16 The Bard of Barnsley in Carperby. See P16
- 16 Gayle Mill: Wine and Cheese Tasting Evening 7.30pm. £20
- 17 Soup and Sweet Lunch, Afternoon Tea, Thornton Rust Village Hall. Noon to 5.00pm. See P9
- 17 Gayle Mill: Night time Photography Course 7.00 to 10.30pm £25 incl. Supper
- 17,18 Music of the Middle Ages. Bolton Castle. See P22
- 18 Guided walk: West Burton Circular. 6 miles. Meet Aysgarth Falls N. Pk. Centre, 11.00am £3 for adults.
- 18 Table-Top Sale, Market Hall, Hawes
- 21 Carperby W.I. "Poisons in your garden, part 2" with Robin Wilson. 7.30pm
- 22 Walk: Wildlife in Snaizeholme. Meet Mirk Pot House, 2.00pm. £3 for adults
- 22 European Elections. See P15
- 24 Swaledale Festival begins
- 24-30 Gaping Gill Winch Meet
- 25 Bainbridge Methodist Church; Sycamore Hall. 10.30am.
- 26 Plant Sale, Castle Bolton Church, 10.00am to 1.00pm. See P25
- 26 Cream Teas and Stalls. St Margaret's Church, Hawes. 1.00 to 3.00pm. See P16
- 26 Marsett Chapel Sing-a-long, 8.00pm
- 26 West Burton May Fair. See P19
- 26-30 Wars of the Roses at Bolton Castle. See P22
- 29 Ascension Day; Jervaulx Abbey 7.00pm
- 30 Pie and pea supper at the The Fountain for St Margaret's, Hawes. See P16
- 30 Wildflower walk, Redmire Station, 11.00am See P19
- 31 Gayle Mill: Dry Stone Walling Course. 10.30am to 4.30pm. £35
- 31 May -1 June. Gayle Mill at DCM Spring Fayre



MUSEUM WHAT'S ONS

4 April -2 June Exhibition

Traditions with a Twist

Textile artist Elizabeth Smith creates unique knitted pieces inspired by traditional Dales knitting

31 May to 1 June 10.00am to 4.00pm.
Spring Fair Weekend. Gifts and treats with plant, textile, woodwork and local food stalls

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

May

- 3 Needle Felt workshop. 10.00am to 4.00pm. Create an animal of choice in felt and wire skeleton. £25 with all materials. (£20 if you bring your own)
- 3 Hawes Town Trail. 1.15 to 3.15pm. Meet Dales Museum. An easy 2 mile walk looking at the history, industry and natural beauty of the area. Adults £3
- 4 Porcelain Impressions. 2.00 to 4.00pm. Join ceramic artist Anna Whitehouse to create a collection. £10 Booking required
- 14 Knitting Workshop: 1.00 to 4.00pm. Informal drop-in event with Elizabeth Smith
- 15 Planets in Focus: 7.30pm. Join local astronomer Jack Sutton for an illustrated talk, followed by a practical session with binoculars and telescopes. Adults £4, children £2
- 16 Yorkshire Film Archive "1940s Dales Days": 7.30pm. Friends of Museum lecture £2
- 17 Nuno Felted light Summer Scarves. 10.00am to 4.00pm. £28 including materials, (bring your own £20)
- 18 History of knitting. 1.00 till 4.00pm. Learn to knit with four needles. Cost included in Museum admission
- 25 Introductory Pathfinder course: 12.30-4.30pm. Basic navigation course for all the family. £10. Booking required
- 27 Drystone Walling demo. 11.00am to 3.00pm. National Park volunteer demonstrators. 5 sessions between 11.00am and 3.00pm.
- 28 Crafts for Kids: 1.30 to 4.30pm. A drop in family event. Printing techniques. £3.
- 30 Victorian Kitchen: 11.00am to 3.00pm. Museum Friends in costume explain all about washday in the farmhouse kitchen

European Elections

Our area, Yorkshire and Humberside has six MEPs. They are: Edward McMillan-Scott and Timothy Kirkhope (Conservative); Linda McAvan (Labour); Godfrey Bloom (UKIP); Diana Wallis (LibDem) and Andrew Brons (BNP).

The list below is of the candidates for this year's election. (Complete at the time of writing)

An Independence from Europe: Christopher Booth

BNP: Marlene Guest, Adan Walker, Danny Cooke, Gordon Johnson.

Conservative: Timothy Kirkhope, Alex Story, John Procter, Carolyn Abbott, Michael Naughton,

English Democrats: Chris Beverley, David Wildgoose, Ian Sutton, Colin Porter, Tom Redmood, David Allen.

Green: Andrew Cooper, Shan Oakes, Dr Vicky Dunn, Denise Craghill, Martin Hemmingway, Kevin Warnes.

Labour: Linda McAvan, Richard Corbett, Eleanor Tunnicliffe, Asghar Khan, Helen Mirfin-Boukouris, Darren Hughes.

Liberal Democrat: Edward McMillan-Scott, James Monaghan, Joe Otten, Chris Foote-Wood, Jacqueline Bell.

UKIP: Jane Collins, Amjad Bashir, Mike Hooten, Gary Shores, Jason Smith, Anne Murgatroyd.

St. Andrew's Church

DROP IN FOR COFFEE

Tuesday 6th May 10.00am– Noon

Little Cote, West Burton (662811)

£1 to include coffee/tea and biscuits.

Proceeds will be divided between the church and a charity of the host's choice

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AYS GARTH SURGERY ROTA						Wb - week beginning					
Wb	Apr 28th		May 5th		12th		19th		26th		
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Mon	FJ	FJ	C	C	J	J	BW	BW	C	C	
Tues	BW	BW	B	BF	F	F	FJ	FJ	B	B	
Wed	F	F	B	B	J	J	J	J	J	J	
Thur	B	B	J	J	W	W	F	F	B	B	
Fri	J	J	F	F	F	F	B	B	W	W	
Doctors: B-Brown, F - France, J - Jones, W - West, C - Closed											
Morning Surgery: 9.00 - 10.30 am no appointments											
Afternoon Surgery: 4.00 - 5.30 pm appointment only											
For appointments and all enquiries ring 663222											

HAWES SURGERY ROTA											
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Wb	Apr 28th		May 5th		12th		19th		26th		
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Morning Surgery: 8.45-10.15am Tues till 10.45 no appts											
Afternoon Surgery: 5- 6.00pm Tues 1.30-4.00 appts only											
For appointments and all enquiries ring 667200											

Carperby Village Institute

The Bard of Barnsley comes to Wensleydale

Nationally renowned poet and comedian, *Ian McMillan*, is coming to Carperby with his sidekick, the award winning cartoonist, *Tony Husband*. Together they perform a show called "**A Cartoon History of Here**". Comedy, cartoonery and poetry are combined in a fast-flowing adventure in which two top funny men reflect upon local stories and legends. With poems & cartoons the show is described as suitable for audiences from 9 to 109.

You can see these two wonderful performers at Carperby Village Institute on **Friday 16th May**. There will be a raffle and licensed bar and the doors open at 7.00pm. All concert proceeds will be donated to Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Tickets are £13 in advance or £15 on the door. Call **663808**

Settle-Carlisle Railway News

Friday May 2nd: Journalist and author Stan Abbott, who lived in Hawes before converting the former Burtersett Chapel as a base for his publishing business Leading Edge, is the speaker at an evening talk in Settle's Victoria Hall (**7.15pm**). Stan's talk is on "*The Line That Refused to Die*" i.e the Settle-Carlisle railway, which was reprieved from a long-running threat of closure 25 years ago, on April 11, 1989. See www.ride2stride.org.uk or local TICs for details of the full Ride To Stride programme of walks, talks and music.

St.Margaret's Church, Hawes

Cream Teas with Stalls. From **1.00pm to 3.00pm. Bank Holiday Mondays May 5th and May 26th.**

Pie and Peas Supper at the Fountain Hotel, Hawes on **Friday 30th May From 6.30pm** Adults £7 Child £5 Sweets, Coffee and other drinks available extra. Vegetarian options available. This will be followed by Quiz and Raffle. Tickets available from 'Whites of Wensleydale and the Fountain Hotel, Hawes.

Advance Notice: 'Choral Evensong with The Heritage Singers in St.Margaret's Church on Sunday June 8th at 6.30pm

Proceeds from all events towards the Restoration Fund for St. Margaret's Church.

First Day Covers

By special arrangement with Royal Mail, a colourful First Day Cover has been produced to mark the 25th Anniversary of the Reprieve of the Settle-Carlisle line.

Produced in a numbered limited edition of 250 and postmarked Appleby-in-Westmoreland 11th April 2014, these souvenir first day covers are available at £20 each from the station shops at Settle and Appleby and online from the website of the Friends of the Settle-Carlisle line. They are also available whilst stocks last to shoppers in Hawes, from the Ropeworks office (Monday-Friday) and in Askrigg by telephoning **650349**.

Hawes School News

Swimming Gala

In the last week of term some of our year 5 and 6 pupils competed in a swimming gala against cluster schools at Richmond Swimming Baths. Our children all competed extremely well and achieved fourth position overall, competing against seven schools. We are all very proud of them. Well done!

Eastertingle



On Wednesday of the same week we attended Hawes Chapel for our Eastertingle service. The service was very lively and we re-enacted the story of Easter through role play in various parts of the chapel. The children all participated and were given a small memento to remind them of the service. Sadly, this will be the last time we will be able to hold any of our services in chapel as the building is due to close. We would like to say a huge thank you to Rev. Janet Park and her voluntary helpers for ensuring a very memorable event in our school calendar.

New Head

Following an intensive recruitment process we are now delighted to inform you that the governors have appointed Mrs Dooley as the Head Teacher at our school. Mrs Dooley impressed us with her passion and vision for the school. We were happy to see Mr Eldridge in school recently, he continues to be his usual positive self and we hope he will continue to pop in and feel part of the school. We shall be holding an assembly in school to present Mr Eldridge his leaving gift from the staff, parents, governors and children. We have also decided to purchase a tree for the school grounds to commemorate the long standing commitment and

service of our local councillor John Blackie on our governing body from which he has recently retired. Hopefully Mr Blackie will be able to come along and help us to plant it. We have very much appreciated everyone's help and support throughout the last term.

Dales and Vale Ostomy Support Group

We meet 1st Monday of each month
(apart from bank holidays)
6:30 to 8:00pm at Bedale Bowling Club.
Come along for support, or to share experiences, or just have a cup of tea.
All Ostomists, their carers and families are welcome.

For more information please call
Carol on 01677 988150



A lunch...

will be held for farming people
(working and retired)

At Berry's Farm Shop and Café, Swinithwaite
at 12.30 pm on Thursday 15th May 2014

All are welcome but numbers are limited, so please call **Helen on 01677 470180 by 2nd May** to book a place. The lunch is free of charge, though a donation would be helpful from those who feel able to contribute. Transport can be provided if necessary.

Fire Warning

This newsletter would not presume to tell people how to live their lives but the fire service has a very clear educational mandate and needs to highlight lifestyle habits which are potentially hazardous.

One such case is the subject of a current campaign by North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority. The message is quite simple: be careful with cigarettes in the house, especially smoking in bed; get proper smoke alarms fitted and check them regularly. If you want to learn more about the horrors of house fires ring **01609 788545** or go to www.northyorksfire.gov.uk

The Games we Used to Play, 6

The Wide Game we used to play, and organise for youth groups, seemed to have its own particular rules within a wider 'capture the flag' series of games.

Requirements: a large woodland with some paths and tracks, plenty of undergrowth, preferably not level, and a clearing; two good-sized flags or emblems of different colours fixed to large poles; two balls of wool of different colours; a loud whistle—preferably the famous Acme Thunderer!; fourteen to twenty boisterous teenagers.

Two teams take their emblems and



secrete them some good distance apart, with a marker defining where they are; the aim being to capture the opponent's flag and take it back to their own. Some of the team will be on the attack and others defending.

Why the wool? Woollen arm-bands are worn as a 'life' and if caught and broken by an opposing team member, the victim has to return to the base in the clearing and will be 'out of action' for the time having been decided upon, after which a new woollen 'life' will be put on.

Those who have worked with this age group will know that a few active adult monitors keeping a cautious eye on the occasional cheat will be helpful, although their activities stalking around in the undergrowth in this suspicious day and age might be misconstrued!

Chaos is not unknown; it is possible that both flags can be on the move at the same time but it is only when both are together at one of the hiding places that the Acme Thunderer sounds calling everyone to the clearing.

Believe me, it can be very exciting both for the teams and for supervisors. I only dislodged my knee in once leaping over a root-strewn ditch to check on what was going on!

A.S.W.

Hawes Panto - Peter Pan

DVDs and Blu-rays are available for our last pantomime Peter Pan. They are priced at £14. each. If you would like a copy please let me know. Telephone **Jennifer on 667241** or email pryhouse-farm@hotmail.com. They can be collected at Pry House, Hawes, or I can deliver in the Dale.

The AGM for Hawes Amateur Operatic Society will be held on **Wednesday 7th May, 7.30pm** at Gayle Institute, everyone is welcome to attend.

White Rose Hotel Askrigg

Pub quiz, Friday May 9th at 9.00pm,
up to 6 per team and £2 pp to take part.

Darts knockout, Friday May 30th
8.30pm £2 each.

Dominoes knockout, Friday June 6th
8.30pm £2 each

All proceeds to go towards sponsorship for my quest to run the great north run in aid of the eve appeal charity, more information can be found at

www.justgiving.com/rachaelkirkbride

Rachael Kirkbride

Walk Right!

Over the Easter holiday with plenty of visitors around it was disturbing to see so many people walking on the wrong side of the roads. This was especially the case between Hawes and Hardraw near the river.

It would be helpful if all hotels, guest houses and B and Bs could remind visitors to walk **on the right, facing the on-coming traffic.**

Railway Events

Train services between Leeming Bar and Redmire resumed on April 10th. For 2014 operating days, dates, times and MANY special events, please see the printed timetable available from the Dales Countryside Museum, Community Office and Ropeworks, check the railway's website or phone WR's office at Leeming Bar on **08454 50 54 74**.

Chris Bulmer's Wensleydale Vintage Tourer Buses from Ripon to Hawes and Garsdale station: Edith (the green one) and Dorothy the red one): Service No 127 runs on Tuesdays (only) until October 28th, 2014. Please check timetable with care as departures/arrivals are earlier on some dates in July and August. This service provides an opportunity for those with friends and relations in Ripon, West Tanfield, Masham, Middleham, Leyburn, Redmire station etc to invite them for lunch in Hawes and/or a short trip to Garsdale station. There are also limited connections between Redmire and Hawes/Garsdale. .

Friday May 2nd Garsdale station to Hawes one-way walks (6 and 10 mile options). Please notify the Little White Bus office in advance **667400** if you intend to travel on the scheduled LWB from Hawes at 09.32 to the station for the start of the event at 10.30am - or to book the LWB for a special journey back to the station to catch a train after the walks. It is very important that we can assess the demand for seats! Please bring packed lunch and drinks and note that the 10 mile walk is a strenuous high-level route for experienced walkers who can keep up the pace, whereas the 6 mile route is described as a 'moderate walk.' WR wishes to thank the Upper Wensleydale Walking Group for providing leaders and backmarkers for this long-advertised event due to illness in our own team.

Diary Date: Friday May 30th: 6 mile annual Wildflower Walk with local botanists from Redmire station to Leyburn station: Book a single rail ticket from Leyburn to Redmire for use either to the start of the walk at 11.00am or back to Redmire after the walk. *(Please note that this a different event and date from a similar event during the Swaledale Festival).*

Rail Link Goes Global! WR's monthly email newsletter, previously an internal document for staff and volunteers, is now available to anyone who would like to keep in touch with work and events on the railway to join the mailing list for its free email newsletter. To register your interest in receiving it (or to opt out in future), please send an email to the editor at timothyedwards1@btinternet.com with the subject Rail Link Request. (If you change your email address, remember to notify the editor). Please note that this is ONLY for the email newsletter; any enquiries about train services and events should go to the office at Leeming Bar on **08457 5054 74** or admin@wensleydalerrailway.com)

Upper Wensleydale Newsletter Issue No 1 Copies of this and other early copies of the newsletter are available at the Ropeworks (Mon-Fri). Complete your collection Small donation to projects on the Settle-Carlisle line appreciated. When they're gone, they're gone!

Ruth Annison

West Burton May Fair 2014

Keeping up the theme for the year, the Fête de Mai will be held on Bank Holiday **Monday, 26th May** on the village green in West Burton at **1.00pm**.

The afternoon starts with a Fun Run followed by Sheep Dog Running, Maypole Dancing, Dog Show, Singing in the Chapel, Morris Dancing, Children's Art Competition, Egg Throwing, Tug of War, Raffle and to end it all a Water Slide. Should you get hungry during the day, there will be a BBQ serving local sausages and burgers and to follow enjoy a cup of tea and a slice of cake in the village hall.

A large selection of stalls will be available where you can seek a bargain, buy a homemade cake, win a coconut and even slide off the greasy pole. Kids will enjoy the bouncy castle and 135 foot long assault course.

Further information is available from **Jane Ritchie 663385** or **Chris Pratt 663792** or email **Gail Dent** at aandgdent@aol.com

Christine Pratt

New Bus Timetable Along the Dale

Monday to Saturday	156	155	156	155	156	155	156	155	156	155
Northallerton Buck Inn (73)	--	0835	0935	1035	1135	1235	1335	1435	1535	1635
BEDALE Market Place	0820	0920	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	1620	1720
Crakehall Bay Horse	0823	0923	1023	1123	1223	1323	1423	1523	1623	1723
Newton le Willows Wheatsheaf	0830	--	1030	--	1230	--	1430	--	1630	--
Spennithorne Primary School	0840	--	1040	--	1240	--	1440	--	1640	--
Hunton Village Hall	--	0931	--	1131	--	1331	--	1531	--	1731
Constable Burton Park Gate	--	0937	--	1137	--	1337	--	1537	--	1737
LEYBURN Market Place (arr)	0845	0945	1045	1145	1245	1345	1445	1545	1645	1745
LEYBURN Market Place (dep)	0850	--	1050	--	1250	--	1450	--	1650	--
West Witton Fox & Hounds	0857	--	1057	--	1257	--	1457	--	1657	--
West Burton Post Office	0904	--	1104	--	1304	--	1504	--	1704	--
Thoralby Village Green	0910	--	1110	--	1310	--	1510	--	1710	--
Aysgarth Memorial	0915	--	1115	--	1315	--	1515	--	1715	--
Askrigg Market Cross	0928	--	1128	--	1328	--	1528	--	1728	--
Bainbridge Village Green	0932	--	1132	--	1332	--	1532	--	1732	--
HAWES Market Place	0940	--	1140	--	1340	--	1540	--	1740	--
Gayle Beckstones Ford	0942	--	1142	--	1342	--	1542	--	1742	--

155 Hawes Market Place
Bainbridge Green
156 Leyburn Market Place
Bedale Market Place

Change at Bedale on all services

Monday to Saturday	155	156	155	156	155	156	155	156	155	156
Gayle Beckstones Ford	--	0943	--	1143	--	1343	--	1543	--	1743
HAWES Market Place	--	0945	--	1145	--	1345	--	1545	--	1745
Bainbridge Village Green	--	0957	--	1157	--	1357	--	1557	--	1757
Askrigg Market Cross	--	1000	--	1200	--	1400	--	1600	--	1800
Aysgarth Memorial	--	1013	--	1213	--	1413	--	1613	--	1813
Thoralby Village Green	--	1018	--	1218	--	1418	--	1618	--	1818
West Burton Post Office	--	1024	--	1224	--	1424	--	1624	--	1824
West Witton Fox & Hounds	--	1031	--	1231	--	1431	--	1631	--	1831
LEYBURN Market Place (arr)	--	1038	--	1238	--	1438	--	1638	--	1838
LEYBURN Market Place (dep)	0945	1045	1145	1245	1345	1445	1545	1645	1745	1845
Constable Burton Park Gate	0954	--	1154	--	1354	--	1554	--	1754	--
Hunton Village Hall	0959	--	1159	--	1359	--	1559	--	1759	--
Spennithorne Primary School	--	1051	--	1251	--	1451	--	1651	--	1851
Newton le Willows Wheatsheaf	--	1103	--	1303	--	1503	--	1703	--	1903
Crakehall Bay Horse	1010	1110	1210	1310	1410	1510	1610	1710	1810	1910
BEDALE Market Place	1015	1115	1215	1315	1415	1515	1615	1715	1815	1915
Northallerton Buck Inn (73)	1058	1158	1258	1358	1458	1558	1658	1758	--	--

Area Partnership Grants

The District Council's funding to the Upper Dales area for 2013-14 awarded these grants to projects within the Newsletter area:

Bainbridge Parish Council War Memorial £500
Aysgarth Institute children's sports equipment £150

Burton-cum-Walden, West Burton Quoits £105

Carperby; boundary gates £282

Bainbridge School Recycle store £500

Aysgarth and District; War memorial £500

Yorebridge Sports; marketing £500

Askrigg and Low Abbotside;

cobbles restoration £500

Hawes and High Abbotside; notice board £500

New Member

Karen Prudden of Bainbridge has become a member of the Newsletter committee. We are delighted to welcome her.

Volunteers Wanted

Are there any living in Aysgarth who are able to join the two of us from the village who are Community First Responders with the team which serves Aysgarth and Carperby?

Since its inception in 2005 the team has depended upon the volunteers from Carperby to be viable - and we are very grateful to them. But it would be nice to have a few more from Aysgarth. If there were there would probably be enough of us to ensure that there was a defibrillator available to the two villages 24/7.

The team is fully supported by the Yorkshire Ambulance Service which also provides the training. If you are interested and have any questions do contact either me (**663362**) or our team leader, **David Brampton (663561)**.

Pip Land

Walking the Bridleways

I wonder how many of our walkers have discovered the recently formed network of bridleways that meander across our moors.



Two of the best start from Newby Head (Hawes to Ingleton road).

Ask a friend to drive you up to Newby Head, turn right towards Dentedale and a few hundred yards on the right is a bridleway heading north. The gently sloping gravelled track takes you up the hill to the first gate, where a convenient rock provides a place to sit and rest and admire the stunning view to the south: Pen y Ghent and Ingleborough and all the Ribblesdale valley between.

Continue north along the track which is now short grass and as you progress shows signs of having been an old bridleway or packhorse track. This walk eventually meets up with the bridleway which comes round from the Coal Road above Garsdale. Here you could drop down east to Widdale (wet and muddy) or down west, Arten Gill, to meet your friendly chauffeur in the pub at Cowgill.

Or you can carry on along the main bridleway north down the Coal Road to Garsdale Station where the Little White Bus will take you back to Hawes.

The other bridleway going east from Newby Head curves round the moor giving lovely views, first down to Ingleton, then down Snaizholme and finally down Wharfedale. After about an hour's walking you meet up with the Pennine Way which followed north will bring you all the way down to Gayle and so home.

These are two easy walks, firm under foot and in clear weather provide magnificent views and all in perfect silence except for the singing of the larks.

Sue Foster

Donations Given

The Christmas Charity Concert given by Hawes Silver Prize Band and the Aysgarth Singers conducted by Stan Roocroft MBE has allocated the proceeds to the following organisations:

Hawes Brownies, Bluebox Productions, Dalesplay, Thornton Rust Mission Room, Wensleydale Tournament, King's Club, Thornton Rust Village Institute and Marsett Chapel. Each has received £220.

Sue Woof

Tour de France Community Meeting

Update on the planning for the Tour de France



Tuesday May 13th 7.00pm

West Burton Village Hall.

*Please car share where possible
as parking is limited*

Carolyn Cloughton

thanks everyone for the cards, gifts, donations and help she received for her 40th birthday party. £850 was raised for the Epilepsy charity, *Abbies Love*, which helps children's epilepsy at James Cook Hospital and at home.

Castle Bolton Church

Wonderful weather and a lot of help from workers for the home baking, refreshments and plant sales over Easter produced £417; £119 for church funds and £298 for mission partners and the Mission Aviation Fellowship.

Mobile Skip Service

Saturday May 17th

9.00 - 10.30am Banks of Askrigg forecourt

11.15am - 1.00pm Aysgarth Village Green



Fencing!

They braved rain, wind, hail and snow but in the end they fixed the school fence! Tom Dinsdale and his dad and some friends came to Askrigg school last Saturday to fix the garden fence. Rabbits and time had destroyed the fence so it needed reconstructing. The team of fence-builders were Mr and Mrs Dinsdale, Mr Hodgson, Mrs Madley and Mrs Uca. They kept going despite the terrible weather and a lot of mud and in the end they had a marvellous result. This means that gardening club can resume after the Easter holidays. It will be on every Wednesday lunchtime.

Tom Dinsdale, Year 5

Science!

There was smoke, fire and explosions at Askrigg School last week when a science expert came to visit. Mr Seaborne, a teacher at Wensleydale Secondary School, came in to demonstrate science to Class 1 and 2 last Friday. Ben Alderson, 7, said: "I like how he blew up the jelly baby!"

First Mr Seaborne taught the children about mixing different chemicals together. They mashed lettuce and red cabbage in ethanol and then poured the red cabbage and the lettuce juice into test tubes. Then the children put in acids and alkalis to see if the liquid changed colour. Mr Seaborne said the liquid they made was called a PH indicator.

Later, the whole school went to the hall to watch Mr Seaborne make lots of loud bangs, fire and flames. He even made people's hair stand up on end! This was caused by static electricity from a Van Der Graaf generator.

Abby Y6 and Bethany Y5.

Interviewing David

On Tuesday 1st April we interviewed David the air ambulance man who collects the bags. We wanted to know what they do with the clothes. David told us all the brand

new clothes which have labels still on go to the charity shop at Newton Aycliffe. All the other clothes go abroad. They take scraps and rags as well as good clothes. The ink cartridges get cleaned out and re used. The mobile phones get cleaned and sold. We asked how the clothes get to Europe. Drivers come over from Poland and Romania and collect all the stuff in a lorry.

Charlotte and Gracie, Eco Warriors

Bolton Castle News

Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th May

Medieval Music and Dance (10am - 5pm)

Trouvere Medieval Minstrels present their amazing Musical Instrumentarium! Discover the wonderful variety of instruments and sounds from the Middle Ages and enjoy the varied arts of the medieval minstrel. Try your hand at a bagpipe, a harp, and many other instruments. Step out in a medieval dance and enjoy storytelling with music.

Normal Admission Charges Apply

Monday 26th to Friday 30th May

Wars of the Roses (10am to 5pm)

The Lords' of Bolton took part in many important battles during this fight for the English throne. Learn which side they fought for. With helmet, rose, crown and flag making and educational children's trails.

Normal Admission Charges Apply

Coffee Morning

Friday 9th May 10.00am – Noon

Methodist Church Hall, Leyburn

Coffee/tea and biscuits £1

There will be a sale of cakes and produce
We welcome any produce and cake donations

(Please take along to the hall on the day)

All money raised goes towards funding the
benefice office.

Do come and join us.

Hawes Post Office Latest News

Plans to re-locate the Hawes Post Office to the Upper Wensleydale Community Office (UWCO) are moving forward at top speed, and the date it will open there has been agreed with the Post Office to be **Thursday 26th June**. The Sorting Office and the two post delivery rounds based in Hawes may move ahead of this date to Raynes Court on Hawes Business Park. The two Outreach Post Offices at Bainbridge and Askrigg will continue on their usual schedules throughout the re-location period.

These new arrangements have been put in place to prevent the Post Office closing down all of these essential services, and replacing them with a very inferior mobile Post Office calling just three times a week. This was clearly a totally inadequate proposal for local people and local businesses, and indeed our visitors as well.

So to avoid these disastrous proposed closures I have happily taken on the role of Hawes Head Postmaster, and will be responsible personally for all the financial transactions and monies collected under the new arrangements. Abbie Rhodes, now on maternity leave but who will be returning to the UWCO in early June, and I are attending an intensive three day Post Office training course in Leeds in mid May. Being fully responsible for the thousands of pounds in cash, cheques and credit/debit card transactions passing through the Post Office weekly, I need to understand the accounting systems in use, although do not worry, you are unlikely to see me serving very often behind the Counter !

We are extremely fortunate in that Steve and Linda Reynolds, our excellent Postmasters, have agreed to help us smoothly overcome the transition from their shop to the UWCO by being temporary members of our staff for the first three months. They will help train the two part time staff members that will be recruited during these three months to take their place permanently. They will also help the full time Postmaster/Postmistress we are currently recruiting to settle in to their new position from the day the Post Office opens

in June. An advertisement for this full time position is currently posted at the UWCO and on notice boards in Upper Wensleydale, or is available from me. The closing date for applications is **Wednesday May 7th**.

More Post Office news next month.

John Blackie
Head Postmaster-Designate for Hawes
Tel : 667123 Mobile : 0796758 9096

Blame it on Bartle!

Whilst various officials are trying to manage moving thousands of people round the Dales for the Tour de France, Nobby Dimon of North Country Theatre is scratching his head over the logistics of moving 40 performers through 20 scene changes across two stages. The play *Blame it on Bartle!* which was postponed from last summer, will now be performed this July at four outdoor venues including Richmond Castle [10th and 11th] Grinton Lodge [13th] Bolton Castle [17th] and Kiplin Hall 18th and 19th].

Rehearsals are well underway with a regular Tuesday evening held at the Old School House in Leyburn for selected characters and full rehearsals for everyone on specific Sundays in Richmond. Recently he and actor Mark Cronfield went over to Norway to rehearse with the 7 young people from Richmond's twin town of Vinstra who are coming over to join the 30 local volunteer actors. Nobby Dimon has written the play which is like a *Peer Gynt* for the Dales which celebrates local folklore. There are also a number of volunteer musicians who will provide live music throughout and North Country are still on the look out for fiddle, accordion and double bass players. £12 advance tickets [£8 child] are available in person from each of the venues or online from:

www.northcountrytheatre.com or by ringing **01748 825288**.

Gillian Howells

Advance Notice

Tuesday July 1st

Wine and nibbles evening to open
Hardraw Church Flower Festival
More details next month

Three Peaks Challenge

In February this year Karen and Kevin Sorsby became the new owners of the *Three Peaks outdoor clothing shop in Hawes*.

They moved to Askrigg just over a year ago. They decided upon the shop as it was an established business with a great reputation, so Kevin left his job in business development to take up the challenge of the Three Peaks. He has worked in retail before and they are both keen walkers, but their biggest hurdle has been getting to know the products in detail and building relationships with suppliers. The experienced staff members that they kept on, have been invaluable in helping them understand both locals' and visitor needs and have ensured a smooth transition.

They want to grow the business whilst maintaining the reputation of the shop for practical good quality outdoor gear, offering value for money and great customer service. However you can't always please everyone, apparently a man came into the shop recently with bare feet – when Kevin asked him if he could help, he replied “you haven't got anything I need” and walked out!

They will shortly be introducing a range of cycling accessories, having realised there was a local gap in this market and ‘Le Tour’ will be a great opportunity to launch the new range. They are particularly excited to be introducing a new brand of outdoor clothing into the Dales –Skogstad. This company is run by a Welsh/Norwegian family producing great value products which are currently selling well. They have developed a new website www.three-peaks.com and they are setting up a photo shoot of the clothing and accessories being used in local settings to enhance the site.

Having spent a year in Askrigg before opening the shop they have got to know people well and have flung themselves into village life. They are both members of the Askrigg handbell ringing group, Karen has joined singing and walking groups and Kevin is a tower bell ringer and Treasurer for the PCC. They both wish to thank everyone who has been so supportive in their new venture.

K.J.

The Metcalfe Society

The next annual meeting of the Metcalfe Society at the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes will take place on Saturday 4th October 2014.

We will be staging an exhibition in the afternoon, on "The Metcalfes at War", to commemorate the Centenary of the start of World War I - the Great War. Many Metcalfes took part, including my own grandfather, who served in the Engineers in Egypt.

Do you have any memorabilia or stories relating to your Metcalfe ancestors during WWI? We are interested not only in those who fought, but also those who stayed at home and held things together while the young men were away. What did your Metcalfe ladies do at that time? Did any of them serve, for instance, as VADs? And if you have Quaker Metcalfes among your ancestors, were they Conscientious Objectors, and do you know their stories? Their principles will be respected in our exhibition.

Please contact our dedicated email address: firstworldwar@metcalfe.org.uk if you can help. Or, please contact me personally:

**Vivienne Metcalf, 4 Smithy Close,
Thoraby, Leyburn DL8 3TA 662668**

Bainbridge and District Motor Club

The Ladies and Members Rally took place on Wednesday 16th April from Askrigg school; the first challenge was to parallel park your car! Personally, I don't like to parallel park but I did manage it without hitting anything!

We followed the route round the dale over the Buttertubs, through Muker to Low Row then turned left and headed towards the CB Inn before making our way through Reeth, then on to Harkerside and over Askrigg east moor then back to the Crown, Askrigg.

There was a good turnout for the rally. Thanks to organisers Matt Foster and Adam Billingham; the next rally is on **Wednesday 21st May**.

For more information please check out our Facebook page or ring me on **650303**.

Emma Thwaite

Prunings

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

It seems that I had only blinked and the world was transformed: barely a modicum of warmth and sunshine and we are blessed with blossom in all its vibrant hues. Brilliant yellow Forsythia spews forth everywhere, and over it the graceful, arching boughs of the multiple varieties of *Prunus* sport blooms in a kaleidoscope of pinks and whites, while on the road sides the creamy froth of the blackthorn promises sloes in the Autumn. (Must remember to have gin in stock!)

Anyone who has not yet read Houseman's "The Cherry Tree" should do so now. – I can't see this display without reciting to myself:-

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

If, like me you are in *that* age group, it was Houseman who famously used the phrase "three score years and ten"

It's all change in the hedge-bottoms as well: the stitchwort is beginning to erupt, and by the time you read this there will be clouds of little white stars in the grass. The Butterbur is flowering long before the huge Rhubarb-like leaves fill up the spaces. Primroses abound, the Bluebells are poking through the greenery and will form carpets before very long, and, if you look carefully amongst the foliage you'll be rewarded by the nodding heads of the Wood Anemones – wind flowers to most of us, and so fragile in their beauty you just have to see them.

Those who yearn to establish wildflower meadows, and who have found it less than successful, might be interested in an article by Ken Thompson in the Telegraph last month. Most wildflowers fail to thrive because they are outcompeted by other species in soil where the fertility is too high. One simple solution is to add sugar. This gives the microbes in the soil a boost and so they use up more of the nutrients. The research, done in Estonia, involved

adding 1 kilo of sugar per square metre, half in May, half in September. It might sound odd, but if you have tried and failed it would be worth a punt.

On the garden front there is so much to do. Whilst feasting on the wonderful display of colour it is a good time to deadhead the daffodils. Always leave the leaves until they die down naturally (no tying up). This way the bulbs do not waste energy forming seed and the foliage will feed in the sunlight, making them even better next year. If you have homemade compost use some now to mulch beds and borders. There will be plenty of opportunity



to make more as the year progresses.

Yesterday, in a sheltered corner of a neighbour's garden I saw a beautiful Dicentra. He was inclined to divide it, this being the season for division. It seemed a shame to mess about with it when it is so spectacular. As Dicentra flowers early and then dies back we decided that it would be better to wait until it begins to recede and then split it. In late summer it won't be trying to do anything, the position will need marking however as it is quite possible to completely lose track of them.

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

Rose Rambler

Penhill Benefice Plant Sale
Mondays 5th and 26th May 10.00am –
1.00pm Castle Bolton Church
(To raise money for Mission Partners,
Scripture Union and Mission Aviation
Fellowship)

<p style="text-align: center;">WANTED Part-time cook/chef The White Rose Hotel, Askrigg Phone 650515</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Drop-off points and contacts for news, articles, reports, letters, what's on dates, competition entries, suggestions and comments:</p> <p>Hawes: Alan S. Watkinson, Burnside Coach House. 667785</p> <p>Gayle: Sarah Champion 23, Little Ings 667006</p> <p>Bainbridge: Sylvia Crookes, 3, Bainside 650525</p> <p>Askrigg: Rima Berry, 8 Mill Lane 650980</p> <p>Carperby: Margaret Woodcock, Bella Cottage 663488</p> <p>West Burton: Nadine Bell, Margaret's Cottage 663559</p> <p>Aysgarth: Hamilton's Tearoom 663423</p> <p>Redmire: see Carperby above</p> <p>Thoralby: Sandra Foley, Shop 663205</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Happy Birthday Jill! (Cleckheaton) 7th May From all of your friends at Hawes</p>	