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Please remember that the next issue is for **December and most of January** so any what's ons or articles for January should be sent by the next deadline date.

Editorial

Does the news on TV often get you cross? What criteria do they use to decide what are the 'headlines' or how much time they give to one particular topic – particularly if it refers to one person? Is it possible to be properly informed if the main news contains only a handful of issues? And shouldn't a news broadcast refrain from anticipating what might happen? We don't doubt that TV/radio news is generally 'balanced' (though some people will question that), but it might be fair to ask if in world news we only hear 'our side' of events. Is that as it should be?

Can the broadcasting media be accused of panicking people by disproportionate coverage of, say, terrorist attacks or vicious viruses? In national politics does it seem sometimes that one or two individuals get more than their fair share of coverage – for better or worse?

That's where we come in. The media is sensitive to what people think. When did you last contact 'Points of View' or write or email to mention some of the issues above?

If there are so few topics covered each day, with emphasis only on the latest issue, then we become less informed of the continuing, on-going problems in many parts of the world or the country. If only they would go away, but they don't!

Now when it comes to daily and Sunday newspapers, it's a different matter! They do report news, but unlike in the days before TV or radio and the internet, when they were the only mass-information medium; now they tend to be 'behind the times' and so depend more on opinion, and in that, they need show no balance. They can also 'bury' certain news items they're not too keen to report by relegating them to the bottom of an inside page in small print! And when it comes to statistics and charts, study them very carefully! All this is quite acceptable as long as we realise what's going on. If we want to get a better overall view of general opinion it might be a good idea, now and again, to buy a newspaper reflecting views different from our 'usual' diet, or watch a TV channel from outside the U.K.

There is no doubt that newspapers and now

the internet and social media are great opinion-formers. They can also dwell upon the bad news, the worst scenarios, the most depressing aspects or the bad behaviour of small groups unrepresentative of the majority. There is more information flying around than ever before and sometimes we get overloaded.

If and when we get 'hot under the collar' at what seems to us to be a misrepresentation of the true facts, let's pick up a pen or email a site to say so.

Middleham and Dales Local History Group

Tuesday 18th November 2.00 pm

Middleham Key Centre.

*New light on the later medieval castle:
recent work at Hornby Castle, North
Yorkshire;*

Erik Matthews

In this talk Erik Matthews will focus on discoveries made at a site recently excavated in the grounds of Hornby Castle near Bedale. Evidence has been revealed of a building known as a "pleasaunce" - a detached moated structure comprising a hall and tower. It was built by one of the early 14th century owners, Sir John Neville, and was used for the entertainment of important guests before being destroyed during some kind of military action shortly before the end of the 15th century.

Erik will talk about the range of artefacts recovered at the site and the appearance of the building before explaining what this tells us about life in the Medieval elite residence. He will also discuss tantalising evidence that has been uncovered of an earlier hunting lodge from the Anglo Norman period used by the Dukes of Brittany, along with even earlier occupation by the Vikings. Erik Matthews is the Field Officer of the Architectural and Archaeological Society of Durham and Northumberland.

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

Hawes School News

Class 4 – Theatre Visit

We are looking forward to having Konflux Theatre Company come in and work with the children in class 4 on Tuesday 11th November. The theatre workshop called “All the King’s Men” involves creating a drama around life in the trenches during WW1, the topic that classes 3 and 4 have been studying this term.

Class 4 – BT Roadshow

Superfast broadband has arrived in Hawes! To celebrate this momentous event, years 5 and 6 were invited into town to see the technology in action. We were all fascinated by the fibre optic cables and the wealth of monitors and screens. We even made a Skype call to Mr Metcalfe back at school and received a bag of goodies!



Sponsored Read

What a fantastic response there has been to the sponsored read organised in conjunction with Usborne books. We have some truly champion readers in our midst! We raised £657.00 in total. The children have been busy choosing their books and we will receive £360 worth of books for the school too. Well done everyone!

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

Eunice the Ewe



I was on Mickel Fell on the map on page 8.

The winner: **Michaela Handley, Askrigg**

THE OLD School House arts centre		Digital Comfy Seats	Film Surround Sound	Theatre Licensed Bar	Proudly Presents
Happy-Go-Lucky (15) 1 hr 58 m <i>Sally Hawkins, Alexis Zegerman, Samuel Roukin</i> Mike Leigh's entertaining film shows an optimistic slice of life. It takes a look at a few chapters in the life of Poppy, a cheery, colourful, North London schoolteacher whose easy-going and carefree attitude to life tends to exasperate those around her. <i>November - Thursday 6, Friday 7 at 5.00 pm and 7.30 pm</i>					
Jersey Boys (15) 2 hr 14 m <i>John Lloyd Young, Erich Bergen, Michael Lomenda</i> The story of four young men from the wrong side of the tracks in New Jersey who came together to form the iconic 1960s rock group The Four Seasons. Directed by Clint Eastwood. <i>November - Thursday 13, Friday 14 at 4.30 pm and 7.30 pm</i>					
A Long Way Down (15) 1 hr 36 m <i>Pierce Brosnan, Toni Collette, Imogen Poots</i> A comedy drama about four people who meet on New Year's Eve and form a surrogate family to help one another weather the difficulties of their lives. Based on the novel by Nick Hornby. <i>November - Thursday 20, Friday 21 at 5.00 pm and 7.30 pm</i>					
The Last of the Blonde Bombshells (15) 1 hr 24 m <i>Judi Dench, Ian Holm, Leslie Caron</i> The script by Alan Plater focuses on the efforts of a recently widowed woman (Judi Dench) to reunite the members of the World War II - era swing-band with which she played the saxophone. <i>November - Thursday 27, Friday 28 at 5.00 pm and 7.30 pm</i>					
The Old School House, Richmond Road, Leyburn DL8 5DL T: Bookings 01969 624510 E: admin@oldschoolhouseleyburn.com F: facebook.com/oldschoolhouseleyburn W: oldschoolhouseleyburn.com - Registered Charity No: 1122092					Tickets Adults £6 Concessions £5



Hawes Bonfire and Spectacular Firework Display

Saturday
1st November, 6.30pm onwards

On Hawes Community Field
 (far end of the National Park car park)

Free entry - donations welcome.

Refreshments on sale.

No Sparklers - sorry,
 due to insurance.

Come and support our
 local traditional event.

October Competition Answers

Famous Yorkshire people, living or dead.

1. Lady in the House **Baroness Boothroyd**

2. Middle of the road man **Percy Shaw**

3. His films began with a gong

J Arthur Rank

4. Table net Ann

Alan Bennett

5. He likes the East Riding and Los Angeles

David Hockney

6. 364

Sir Len Hutton

7. Sucker fiddle ire

Frederick Delius

8. Clock for longitude

John Harrison

9. His Yorkshire cottage is in Melbourne

James Cook

10. He rode fly

Fred Hoyle

11. Remembered in Hubberholme

J.B. Priestley

12. 'Flower of Oxford' from Hipswell

John Wycliffe

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

Hawes Christmas Lights 2014

On **Wednesday 12th November** the Christmas Lights will be erected. We have bought several new displays and they will take some time to sort out. It's not essential going up ladders, organising traffic is just as important. We will be starting at 8.45am at Town Foot.

If you can help for a few hours please contact **Kevin White 667236**, we do have a good laugh while working, The addage 'many hands make light work' is very appropriate. We hope for a dry day.

P.S. There will be a chance to buy the Hawes Christmas Cards at Masons from November, and at our stall at the **Christmas Market** on 6th December

Craft Fair

I am organising a craft fair in aid of the Sycamore Hall Amenity Fund, it will be held in Sycamore hall on **8th November from 10.00am – 2.00pm**. We have many stalls and there will be refreshments available, The fair will also benefit Askrigg and Bainbridge School,

**Lisa Webb
07919896612**

November Competition

Well known places in each of the National Parks of England and Wales. Anagrams

Peak District:

OY, WIDE BARREL ROVERS (9, 9)

Exmoor:

I CROP HOWLER (7,4)

Brecon Beacons:

TOFF SERF WAR (7 4)

Snowdonia:

BLAINS SAP EARLS (9,4)

North York Moors:

TEST BODE SHRINE (3, 11)

Northumberland:

SICKLE CANT LAW (7, 6)

New Forest:

LACK RED SHRUB: (8,4)

South Downs:

SILKY V DEED (6,4)

Pembrokeshire Coast:

MELDS GOATS (2, 8)

The Lake District:

ONE SNOW REMINDER WEBS (7,2,10)

The Dales:

GRACE AS LORD (7,4)

The Broads:

WAX BROOD HARM (7,5)

Dartmoor:

MO WEB DICE (9)

This isn't one of our easier competitions, so send in whichever ones you can do! You might still win. Remember, £20 goes to the charity of your choice.

Free Greetings

As usual we offer free Christmas and New Year greetings in the December/January Newsletter.

Please submit them as soon as possible

Hawes Christmas Lights Festival

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday 6th December 2014

10.00am—4.00pm

Hawes Market Place

(opposite the Market House)

Local Crafts ~ Food ~ Gifts

Seasonal Refreshments

More information please call in at

Whites of Wensleydale, or Wensleydale Press



Heavens Above

Mercury puts on its best morning show of the year this month. It reaches its furthest point west (18 degrees) on November 1st when it rises nearly two hours before dawn. Surprisingly bright at magnitude -0.6. The smallest planet brightens even more as it gradually pulls back towards the Sun. So if you've never seen the innermost planet (and not many people have) look out for a pinkish-yellow 'star' low in the east-southeast around 6.00am during the first two weeks of the month. It should be fairly easy to see with just the naked eye but you'll need to have a clear, unobstructed horizon as it's quite low down.

The biggest planet, Jupiter, becomes much more prominent this month as it heads towards opposition next year. It rises in the east amongst the stars of Leo the Lion around 11.30pm at the beginning of November, and reaches its highest point in the south (52°) just before dawn. At magnitude -2 it's the brightest object in the night sky (apart from the Moon of course).

Venus and Saturn are too close to the Sun for observing at the moment but you might catch a glimpse of Mars in the evening sky, low in the south-west before it sets around 7.15pm.

The annual Leonid meteor shower peaks on the night of 17/18th November. Expect to see 15-20 of these fast shooting stars an hour as the stream approaches maximum. Best time to look is just after midnight before the Moon rises to interfere with the view.

The nights really begin to draw in this month as autumn slips away. In the night sky the Great Square of Pegasus has moved over into the south-west making way for the winter star groups – Taurus, Auriga, Gemini, and Orion - coming in from the East. The Plough, low in the north, is beginning to swing up from the horizon again and Cassiopeia's 'W' and the straggly 'Y' of Perseus are now almost overhead.

Andromeda with its famous spiral Galaxy continues high in the south, but only a small portion of Hercules remains on view. Two of the Summer Triangle stars. Vega and Deneb are still visible in the west but the third, Altair sets before midnight. Cetus the Whale and part of Eridanus the Celestial River sprawl low over the southern horizon. From the west the Milky Way arches right across the sky through Cygnus and Cassiopeia down to Gemini the Heavenly twins in the east. Over in the north-east the beautiful Pleiades star cluster glitters like a swarm of fire-flies. Along with the return of Orion and his Hunting Dogs later in the evening, it's a sure sign that the cold, clear nights of winter will soon be on their way. Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

Easier to Get to the Gill

Walkers heading to Whitfield Gill in Wensleydale will find the route is a lot easier to navigate thanks to work by volunteers and the National Park Authority.

Sixteen volunteers from the Ragged Robin conservation group teamed up with Dales Rural Trainee Scheme apprentice Suzannah Barningham and Authority Access Rangers Paul Sheehan and Rob Wilson to repair the path running up Mill Gill from Askrigg.

"It's an extremely popular route, winding through woodland past Mill Gill and Whitfield Gill waterfalls from the village," Paul said.

"Due to the high level of use and the fact it is old, it needed a wide range of work to improve accessibility for users including replacing and resurfacing 35 wooden steps, laying 40m of flags, widening gateways and clearing vegetation.

"We also improved the signage and we have had a lot of positive feedback from local users and visitors alike."

The YDNPA staff, together with the Authority's Dales Volunteers, the Ragged Robin group and other volunteers, look after 1,454 km of public footpaths that cover the 1,088 sq km of the National Park.

Busy Bees

Did you know that there are 24 different species of bumblebee in Britain? There used to be 26 but two have recently become extinct. As important pollinators of food crops their welfare is vital to us all and you'll probably have been pleased to see lots of bees bumbling around the garden flowers this summer.

Such is the interest in bees that the **Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust** initiated a *Buzz in the Meadows* project this year to plot bumblebee populations at several hay meadow locations in the National Park, the nearest to us being at Askrigg Bottoms. Led by Tanya St Pierre, a group of volunteers got down on their knees and identified 614 bees, comprising ten different species. Red Clover was the bees' principal target but they were also found on a dozen or so other wild flowers, making full use of the meadows' diversity.

It is expected that the survey will help with the future management of our hay meadows which have been seriously depleted in recent decades, with only 1000ha left in the UK, half of which are in the Pennine Dales. The YDMT is actively engaged in reseeding large areas of degraded meadows so that bees and other insects have an abundant supply of pollen and nectar. It is also engaged in public education to ensure that both hay meadows and bumblebee conservation are widely appreciated. To become a volunteer in 2015 contact **Tanya on 01524 251002** or email: tanya.stpierre@ydmtd.org

**Wensleydale's
GoT TALENT**

Saturday 6th December

7.00pm prompt

Hawes Market House

Hurry! Closing Date for entries

Saturday November 1st

If you would like to enter or want more information please call in at **Whites of Wensleydale**, or **Wensleydale Press**

Pru Freda

No, that is not her real name, which she wishes to keep from you, but for about 16 years the lady in question has faithfully read and checked the final copy of the Newsletter, agonising over the split infinitive, 'owing to' or 'due to' and checking that no doctor on the rota is at Hawes and Aysgarth at the same time!

She has faithfully checked that "Wednesday 25th" really is, and not "Tuesday or Thursday 25th" or "Wednesday 24th! That's dedication for you. We will miss her greatly and thank her very much.

The Newsletter is proof-read by more than one person each month and we can always accept others. If this sort of thing's for you, get in touch. We're fanatical about getting it right!

Housing Needs Under Review

A review of the way affordable housing is supplied in the Yorkshire Dales National Park will be carried out in the next few months.

Authority chairman Peter Charlesworth said: "We and our district council partners set a target of delivering an average of at least 30 affordable houses a year in the National Park. The number of planning applications approved has risen in the last two years but the actual number of homes being built is still struggling to reach that level.

"There are a number of economic reasons for this. Most are out of our control but we still need to see if there's anything more we, as a National Park Authority, can do to help improve delivery.

"The review will look again at some of the practical aspects of providing affordable houses for local occupancy - rather than as second homes or holiday homes. In particular, it will look at whether some additional flexibility is needed to make it viable to develop some of the allocated housing sites."

Days of Ure

For those interested in the history of Wensleydale the Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum have published an excellent compendium of articles from their annual magazine *Now Then*.

The book is entitled *The Days of Ure* and the Friends Committee has included what it believes are the most noteworthy article published since 1992.

These include the story of Betty Webster, the 19th century centenarian who lived near Askrigg for 40 years.

The compendium begins with the story of how the Dales Countryside Museum came into being due to the efforts of Marie Hartley, Ella Pontefract and Joan Ingilby.

There are also descriptions of buildings and work places which have now disappeared such as the brick and tile factory at Redmire; the candle mill at Burtsett; the Bungalow Town near Carperby; the hospital field at Bainbridge; and the 'Mad School' at the Rookery in Bishopdale; as well as about those which still exist like Force Head Farm at Gayle, Nappa Hall, and St Matthew's church at Stalling Busk.

Then there are the articles aimed at making sure that aspects of Dales culture are not lost such as Bob Ellis's 'Dales village dances and their music' and Eleanor Scarr's 'Wensleydale dialect poetry'.

Alongside the stories about the Middleham Jewel, the Viking ring, the Cotterdale Sword, the Jervaulx Screen at Aysgarth church and horn blowing at Bainbridge there are those with such intriguing titles as 'Vikings at Ribbleshead?', 'A shopping jaunt during the reign of William IV' and 'The tribulations of Edward Broderick'.

The black and white illustrations include artwork by Marie Hartley and Janet Rawlins as well as photographs taken between the late 19th and early 20th century.

The compendium can be purchased from the Dales Countryside Museum, price £8.

Pip Land

Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society

Title: Wine and Vine in Art

Wine has been at the heart of many civilisations making the long journey from myth to history as the drink of kings and heroes. It appears frequently in the Bible and symbolically in Christian Art.

Wine, vines and wine drinking have been illustrated in the arts of all centuries from Assyrian reliefs to Impressionist picnics. Salutory tales from ancient Rome to the Rake's Progress in Hogarth's England lighten the history of wine drinking. The story of wine is littered with surprises and adventures. Crusaders, Templars, pilgrims, apostles, French courtesans and English Milords, all appear in this entertaining lecture.

Lecturer **Hilary Hope Guise** trained as an artist at Central St. Martins and is a respected Art Historian. The lecture is on **Tuesday 11th November at 2.00 pm** at the Middleham Key Centre.

We welcome non- members to this lecture and any future lectures of interest. Lectures are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from October to June at the Middleham Key Centre. The cost is £8 per lecture. If you would like to attend please contact the secretary **Ros Higson on 01765 635244**,

email: rosalindhigson@btinternet.com.

Family History

Meetings of the Upper Dales Family History Group continue on **Wednesday, November 26th**, with a meeting at **2.00pm** in Harmby village hall near Leyburn. The speaker is Carol Metcalfe on 'Computers as a research tool - friend or foe?'.
Carol will be looking at ways to make better use of your computer to store, retrieve and present your research.

Non-members very welcome, £2. Contact telephone: **01748-884759** for details or see the website at www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk

Tracy Little

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 £95 for a single Will or £150 for a pair of matching Wills or £50 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 to make an appointment today.

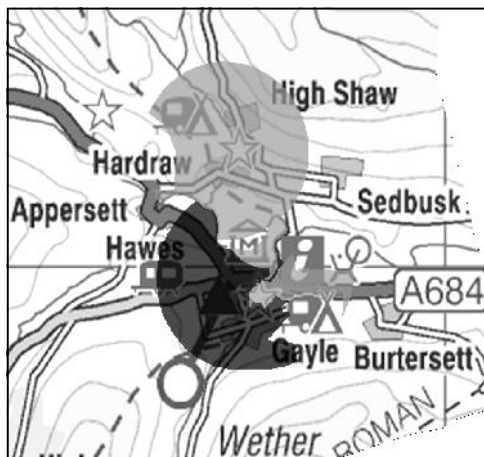
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(email: info@davidgall.co.uk)

Broadband in the Hawes Area

As reported widely (and see the picture in Hawes School news) the Broadband Roadshow was in the town on October 16th.

We just want to make it clear that the whole of the Hawes area is not yet covered. On the map below, the lower darker part-circle is now covered; the upper part-circle will be 'in the near future', but in the areas to the west or east of these it will be into next year before they are covered.



Wensleydale Railway News

BONFIRE EXPRESS

As in previous years, a special Bonfire Express train will run on Saturday 1st November to take people from up Wensleydale to the firework display at Bedale. It will leave Redmire at 17:05, Leyburn 17:20, Finghall 17:28 arriving at Bedale at 17:45. There will be a connecting bus leaving Hawes at 16:00, picking up at Gayle, Bainbridge, Carperby, and Askrigg on the way.

The train will return from Bedale for Redmire at 20:30. The bus will then be at Redmire to take people home when the train arrives. A fare of £3 per adult is required for the bus. Children under 16 are free. No train fares are chargeable we ask for donations instead.

The bus **MUST** be booked in advance. Deadline for numbers is **12 midday on the 1st November**. Bus bookings must be emailed to wrbonfire@gmail.com. There will be draught ale on the train and details of the beers will be supplied near the time.

NORTHALLERTON WEST

At last, after several years of design work and working our way through the bureaucracy of getting permission to build a new temporary station, we have been able to actually start work on Northallerton West. This has been possible due to obtaining grants from Hambleton District Council and another from DITA (Dales Integrated transport authority).



**The Dales Farming Group
Business Support
Launch Event**

Thursday October 30th

Details of this launch arrived too late for most readers as it is happening as most of you are reading this— namely after the tup sales.

Yorkshire farmers are being invited to a new two-year business support initiative funded through the Prince's Countryside Fund.

The aim is to help local farmers maximise their income and support them in their decision making by setting up regular meetings.

The project will provide 15 farms with detailed business reviews.

There will also be a number of drop-in clinics through spring next year open to all farms in the area and farmers will be able to book a one-hour meeting to discuss specific issues.

Local Agricultural Consultant James Hadwin said "We hope the Dales Farming Group members will gain a better understanding of the business issues they face and have ideas about moving forward in a more sustainable way."

"We also envisage the group will continue to meet after the project finishes, providing collaborative working opportunities and the chance to go on sharing ideas and information."

Those interested in finding out more should ring SAC Consulting **01539 566226**

**Thornton Rust Institute
Grand Quiz Evening**

Saturday November 22nd from 7.30pm.

Admission is £5.00. Please come along and enjoy this event. Teams of four to six— with prizes to the best teams.

As usual we will be providing a light supper with tea and coffee. (Bring your own wine if preferred). Please book early as tables are limited. **Sue:663504; Ian 663923**

**News From the Wensleydale
Society**

LITERARY LIONS

The Brontes, Britain's most famous literary family is the subject of Isabel Stirk's talk on **Friday November 7th**. The three surviving Bronte sisters were born in Bradford and moved to the bustling village of Haworth as children. Charlotte's *Jane Eyre* and Emily's *Wuthering Heights* published in the 1840s caused a sensation and have never been out of print. Anne's *Tenant of Wildfell Hall* also caused controversy.

The Wensleydale Society meeting starts at **7.30pm** at West Burton Village Hall and we make it easier to get to lectures by our return coach between Middleham and West Burton, which picks up in Harmby, Leyburn and West Witton. (details **from Eileen Jackson 622287**)

Membership is £5 per year, and members are welcome to bring guests (£1 per guest). Our monthly walks programme for members adds to the enjoyment of Wensleydale and its wider environs, and is a wonderful way to get to know the area.

Elaine Frances



**Operation
Christmas Child**

Folk in Wensleydale have been very generous for many years filling shoe boxes for transport to Eastern Europe and once

again we ask for your help.

Please get a leaflet from the churches, schools or the Hawes Community Office and follow the instructions as to what can be included in your box. Please include a £3 cheque or cash to cover the transport and Gift Aid if you can. Donations may also be made online. Boxes must be handed in to the Community Office by **Friday November 14th**. The simple act of filling and sending a shoe box carries a practical message of love and care to a disadvantaged child and has the potential to bring hope, not only to the child, but to the family as well.

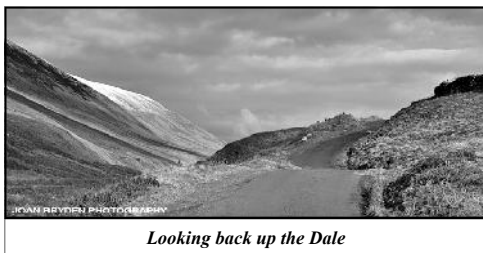
Heather and Nelson Caplin 667625

Best Foot Forward

It isn't only the walk I'm recommending but also part of the journey there. There are some dales we shouldn't advertise— they are too nice to let everybody know!

Barbon Dale is one of them and I have to say it's becoming a bit more popular. From our area it is approached through Dent and Gawthrop from where a steep lane, south west, arrives at the top where the 'OCCY' track (the Occupation road) winds for six miles round to the Kingsdale– Deepdale road.

Barbondale Road descends for about four miles beside Barkin Beck (it becomes Barbon Beck at some indeterminate point!). To the right the sheer smooth gritstone fell with long straight walls rises up, only to be



matched on the left by knolls, waterfalls and shake holes. The dale itself lies on a very prominent fault line between the limestone and gritstone.



After about four miles by Blindbeck Bridge, where you must pull in beside the beck to be entertained by dippers and a heron, the beck disappears into woods surrounding Barbon Manor, a large property built like a French chateau. Carry on for a couple of miles beside the plantation, looking out for polecats, down to Barbon village, where the walk starts.

Take the bridleway due north at the church, but don't be tempted to follow it round to Barbon Manor. An invisible footpath, a right of way, goes directly to

Eskholme where a right-angled turn to the right begins what is quite a steady slog of two miles, firstly due east and then north-east to Castle Knott cairn. A further climb of about a mile (the path is easy to follow) arrives at Calf Top. The views all around are great; to the left (west) becks gurggle down to the distant Lune valley. To the right we are on the top of the steep fell we saw on the way, with long views across to Crag Hill, Great Comb and Whernside.

Now for the long descent; the track is going round the bulk of Middleton Fell and swings round to the northwest, now with lovely views down to Dentdale.

For you, it is decision time. How to get back to Barbon! A grid reference will help. We are at 650887 and there are very few landmarks— plenty of fords but few walls. I've done it three ways; carrying on the right of way to Middleton and returning on the track bed of the old railway. This was a bad decision! As each bit of land was sold off, barbed wire fences were put across the line so, although the route is direct, doing it is hard!

The second way is to follow the boundary of the Open Access area— also a bad decision as it twists and turns but also crosses numerous gills in their deep and rough valleys.

The third route is this: from the grid reference go south over Raismoor to a good track beside Lugs Gill which eventually becomes Stockdale Beck, and join a minor road at High Green.

The nature of this walk now changes from being one hard on the knees to one hard on the eyesight— following a tricky route for four miles past farmsteads, several of which are now holiday complexes; and some careful map reading, also being on the lookout for stiles on rarely used paths. Pass Ullatherns, Tossbeck, Millhouse, Sowermire Farm and Borwens to meet the lane, High Road, for a gentle three quarter mile stroll to Barbon.

You may well need the Barbon Inn!

A.S.W

Hawes War Memorial

With the closure of the Methodist Chapel, Hawes has lost its War Memorial for World War 1 – the Memorial Organ. The Plaque has been saved and is in the Community Office – it is hoped that this will be incorporated into any future Memorial.

It is now felt that Hawes needs a new War Memorial to commemorate any local person who has died in any conflict since 1914. The most popular suggestion is that the it should be located towards the back of the green at the bottom of Gayle Lane, opposite the school.

This has been discussed by the Parish Council, but local people are urged to come forward with their own views. I list below some of the current thoughts – but all ideas are welcome and will be discussed in detail.

Location

The green at the bottom of Gayle Lane has been suggested – but can you suggest another site?

Design

Probably a cairn of some sort. A couple of photos are attached, and the current favourite is the one with the square section. But, again, we are open to other ideas and designs – please feel free to develop your own.

Names or Not?

Should the memorial list all the known names of those who died in the two World Wars, and / or any subsequent engagements? Or should there be a generic plaque dedicated to all local people who have died in any war since 1914?

Cross?

Should the memorial be topped with a cross, either of stone or brass/bronze?

All views are welcome. Please speak to:

Ian King 666096 or email kings_wyke@hotmail.com, John Blackie, Walter Head or Mary Grainger, or leave a note in the Community Office.



A Month in the Country

Don't forget the North Country Theatre's

production . The local dates are as follows:

November 16th	Leyburn
27th	Bellerby
28th	Hawes
December 6th	Reeth.

You are strongly advised to book ahead



Gayle Whist Drives

Never too old to learn how to play whist! We would welcome new players. Come along to Gayle Institute at **7.30pm:**

Mondays, November 10th and 24th

(Also December 8th and 29th– Party Night)

A Volunteer Role With a Difference

The Alzheimer's Society Befriending Scheme, relies on trained volunteers providing activity and support to enable people *in the early stages* of dementia to continue enjoying their hobbies and interests for as long as possible – something that they are no longer able to do safely by themselves.

A wide range of activities can be undertaken, depending on the wishes of the person with dementia. These may include watching or playing sport, walking (with or without animals), visiting galleries, museums, gardens and garden centres, visiting shops, listening to music, painting or craft work, baking, photography – looking at photographs and many more. Visits almost always include a cup of tea or coffee and possibly a scone and both people involved have a good time!

Being a Befriender entails sparing 2-3 hours on a regular basis (weekly or fortnightly). This isn't 'written in stone' as we quite understand that volunteers have other things in their lives – family, holidays, appointments and all the other myriad of things that make up normal life. We point out that the people with dementia also have such things so the scheme is flexible depending on the needs of both the person with dementia and the volunteer.

We don't expect the volunteers to do any personal care and no qualifications are needed. All our volunteers are checked through the Disclosure and Barring Service and training and ongoing support is provided by the Befriending Manager and our volunteers are able to reclaim agreed travelling expenses.

Anne Brown, who has managed the service since its inception in 2009 says "we're just looking for volunteers who are interested in helping people. I believe it's one of the most satisfying ways of volunteering and it's a scheme where everyone involved benefits; the person with dementia doesn't feel so isolated, the carer is able to have a few hours respite and the volunteer can often benefit too".

Anne would be happy to talk to anyone who is interested in hearing more about what it

takes to be a volunteer in the scheme on **01748 850453** (Tues, Weds Thurs)

The Alzheimer's Society, Garget Walker House, 25a Olav Road, Richmond, DL10 4PU
(November is Alzheimer's Disease Awareness month)

One-liners

The trouble with jogging is that by the time you realise you're not fit enough to do it, it's a long way to walk home.

He prays on his knees on Sunday and on everybody else the rest of the week.

By the time a person gets to green pastures, he can't climb the fence.

Rabbit Chases Pheasant

As I sat working on the Newsletter today (22nd October) I glanced out of the window to see a rabbit eyeing up three pheasants which were walking across the field towards it. When they got to within about 15 yards of the rabbit, it charged towards the nearest bird and pursued it until it flew away. This it repeated with the other two pheasants and then did the same thing with another two birds which approached across the field. These were mainly decent sized cocks.

Is this normal rabbit behaviour? Might it have been protecting young or an injured rabbit which I couldn't see? I'd be interested to know.
A.M

TOSH

November events

Tuesday 4th, 7.30pm

Help the Heroes Poetry Evening

Saturday 8th, 7.30pm

Dalesfolk Live Music

Tuesday 11th, 6.00pm

Yoredale Art Group Preview event

Saturday 15th, 7.30pm

Colin Speakman: 60 years of the National Park

What's On

November

- 1 Hawes Bonfire and fireworks. See p.4
- 1 All Saints Day
- 1 Bonfire Express. See p.13 Booking essential
- 4,8,11,15 Events at TOSH. See p.13
- 4 St Andrew's Church, Aysgarth. Drop in for Coffee at Yorebridge, Thoraby from 10.00am to noon
- 5 Bonfire Night
- 5 Bolton-cum-Redmire PCC's Church Coffee Club at Hambleton House, Redmire, from 10.30am to noon
- 7 Wensleydale Society. See p.10
- 7 Domino Drive, Muker Public Hall, 7.30pm
- 9 Remembrance Sunday. See p.17
- 10,24 Gayle Whist Drives. See p.12
- 11 Armistice Day
- 11 YDNPA Planning Committee, Yoredale, Bainbridge, 1.00pm.
- 11 Decorative and Fine Arts Society. See p.8
- 13 Soup and Sweet Lunch in Thoraby Village Hall. Noon to 1.30pm
- 14 "Filling Station". Middleham Key Centre
- 14 Children in Need day.
- 15 YDMT Dance. See p.19
- 15 Coffee Morning for St Oswald's Church, Askrigg. In back room of Askrigg Village Hall: 10.00am to noon. Raffle and Cake Stall
- 16 Table Top sale in Market House
- 16 North Yorkshire Dales Methodist Service : St Margret's Hawes, 10.30am
- 18 Middleham and Dales Local History Group. See p.3
- 21 Museum Friends; "Lady Anne Clifford". June Hall, 7.30pm
- 22 Turkey and Tinsel lunch in Thoraby. See p.23
- 22 Thornton Rust Annual Quiz night. See p.10
- 22 50s/60s night at The Dalesman, Leyburn for Penhill Benefice. See p.23
- 22,23 Dales Countryside Museum Winter Fair.
- 26 Upper Dales Family History Group. See p.8

- 28 Hawes School PTFA Fair. See p.26
- 28 Christingle Making and Service in Redmire Village Hall at 4.00pm
- 28 Yoredale Natural History Society. "A Buzz in the Meadows". Leyburn Methodist Hall, 7.30pm
- 28 Stalling Busk Schoolroom: Soup and Sweet, 7.30pm. Dr Malcolm Hamer will show slides
- 30 Holy Communion Benefice Service with Archdeacon Rev. Paul Slater at 10.30am at St Margaret's Church, Preston under Scar

DCM What's On



Exhibitions:

- 8 Oct-17 November: Dales Inspired. Featuring work from the museums own collections
- 21 Oct-20 Nov: A Dales Perspective: Recent original work, prints and cards by John Hunter
- From 24 Nov and through winter the DCM will host an exhibition: Every Picture tells a story, celebrating important buildings in the Yorkshire Dales

November

- 25 Oct-2 Nov. The Big Draw: Family drawing activities all week
- 21 Lady Ann Clifford: 7.30pm. A talk by June Hall, part of the Friends of the Museum Lecture programme. £2
- 22,23 Winter Fair, 10.00am to 4.00pm. The Museum annual craft fair
- 28 "A Month in the Country". 7.30pm. North Country Theatre presents: JL Carr's story about the First World War. Tickets on sale at the museum

The Museum and shop are open 10.00am to 5.00pm everyday until Christmas
For further information on any activity phone **666210**

Shopping trip to Newcastle

Thursday November 13th

Leaves Thoraby shop 8.20am prompt.
Calls at Aysgarth Falls Hotel, West Witton and Leyburn. To book: **Mrs Bailey 663319**

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Cleaning Assistant/Caretaker, Askrigg School

7.5 hours caretaking + 17 hours cleaning / week

Cleaning duties include sanitary cleaning, vacuuming and dusting. Caretaking duties include key-holding, stock ordering and keeping outside areas safe and clean. An enhanced DBS is required which will be funded by the employer. Salary is £710.00 per month. A local pension scheme is also available and 23 days holiday per year. Full training will be provided. If interested please apply on line at: www.northyorks.gov.uk/jobs or contact Askrigg School for further information (650331).

Woody and Jean

We would like to thank family and friends for the lovely cards, flowers, gifts and very generous donations we received for our ruby wedding anniversary (£750 divided between Yorkshire Cancer and the Alzheimer's Society)

Also a special thank you to the staff at the Wensleydale Creamery restaurant for serving an excellent meal.

LAURA CLOUGHTON

Birthday wishes to a special daughter and sister on your 18th birthday.
November 1st.
Lots of love from
Mum, Dad, Emma and Jack

Hawes and High Abbotside Parish Council

Ian King, Clerk to Hawes and High Abbotside Parish Council, has changed the location of his weekly "office hour". The time remains the same – **Fridays 11.00am – noon**, but he will now be found in 'Country Cottage Holidays' office, The Neukin, Hawes - on the left as you approach the Upper Wensleydale Community Office / Post Office. Please call in to discuss anything to do with Parish Council business or to locate any council / national park information.

Steve, Sue, Matt and Ted

would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and gifts received on the birth of Lily.

Margaret Dent

would like to thank everyone for their cards and best wishes; also for their generous gifts for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance, on the occasion of her 70th birthday.

James and Gwen Fawcett

Congratulations on your Diamond Wedding Anniversary
October 23rd

Love from Pauline, Peter, Stuart, Daniel and Megan

LAURA CLOUGHTON

Congratulations on your 18th birthday
Saturday November 1st
Love and best wishes always.
Grandad Col, Gran Gayle
Auntie Sue, Funky, Matt, Ted, Lily
Uncle Mark and Megan

Great British High Street Awards

Unfortunately, Hawes was not successful in the Great British High Street Awards but the town has been selected as a case study for the Great British High Street Portal. A booklet will be printed and online highlighting Hawes. This is a great opportunity to promote the town.



Case Study: Hawes

A working group, comprising of the Parish, District and County Council, Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, and local businesses and residents came together a year ahead of the arrival of the Tour de France to plan how best to maximise the opportunity this presented for Hawes' town centre.

Planning focused on two key strands of work – one being activities and entertainment on the day itself; and one on the aesthetics of the town. For the latter, a theme and colour scheme was decided upon and the working group came together to ensure the theme's prevalence throughout the town – residents put up 3000 meters of handsewn bunting; volunteers planted all hanging baskets and troughs with uniform coloured plants; bicycles were painted and displayed throughout the streets.

The event not only saw an unprecedented increase in footfall but also changed how the town is perceived by residents and visitors alike, with many commenting that they had previously forgotten all about the town, its beauty, local characters and wealth of activities and were keen to further explore the town on return visits.

Exhibition

at the Yorkshire Dales

National Park Authority offices

Yoredale, Bainbridge

November and December 2014

Ginger Arts

*Art that Tells a Story – and Simply
Makes You Smile*



Clare Clayton has been experimenting with embroidery and illustration, creating a crossover between the two, for many years. In 2014, when her youngest son started school, she decided to create a business from this love of art – and Ginger Arts was born.

Clare creates art to make you smile, turning sketches into personalities, and keepsakes through embroidery and illustration – or a combination of the two. She is inspired by the countryside and wildlife around her home in Dent, and the often quirky nature of the Dales. Each of her pictures has a story to tell, inviting us to interpret what we see through our own personal journey.

Clare works most days from her light, bright studio at Farfield Mill, near Sedburgh. She is always happy to welcome visitors, so feel free to pop by.

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

Bellerby Study Group

This group meets each **Wednesday at 7.30pm** in the Memorial Hall.

November

5th 'Percival's Buses'

12th David Butterworth: '60 years of the YDNPA'

19th 'Memoir writing in Yorkshire'

26th 'Human bones do tell tales'

For further information ring **Douglas Dempster 622040**



Mystery picture. Last month's was of the cottage in Newbiggin (Askrigg) beside the track leading from the Green over the stream. Where's this picture?

Remembrance Day Services 9th November 2014

Services in Upper Wensleydale will be held as follows.

- 9.30am St Margaret's Preston under Scar
- 9.30am St Mary's, Redmire
- 10.15am Parade from Hawes Market hall to
- 10.30am St Margaret's, Hawes
- 10.30am St Oswald's Askrigg
- 10.45am St Bartholomew's, West Witton
- 11.00am St Andrew's, Aysgarth

Bainbridge School MSA Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a mid-day supervisor at Bainbridge. This is a rewarding role as part of our team which doesn't take a huge commitment of time (one hour per day) and is obviously term-time only which fits well with school holiday arrangements and child-care. Please enquire at Bainbridge School if you are interested on **650336**.

Hawes Primary School PTFA News

We have arranged a **Bags2school** collection for **Friday 7th November**. This is a great way for us to raise money for the school and the more we collect the more money we make! Good quality clothing, pairs of shoes, bags, hats, scarves and ties, jewellery, belts and soft toys are all accepted so please, have a sort out and bring any items you'd like to leave (tied in black bin bags) to the school gates on the morning by **9.00am**.

Our annual Christmas Fair will be held in the school on **Friday 28th November from 6.30pm**. Local trade stalls, kids tombola and festive games, home-baking stall, refreshments and drawing of the Grand Prize Raffle – many fantastic prizes including £100 1st – a great fun evening for everyone! Free Entry.

Anna Fagg Tel:666819



Annabelle Helps Water Aid

This is my granddaughter Annabelle Spensley aged 8 yrs helping me make a

As the season shifts to Autumn the children have been noticing the leaves changing colours and falling from the trees. We have been taking this opportunity to explore patterns by leaf printing and making leaf rubbings. Our small world area has turned into a hibernation tray for small mini beasts and the role play area transformed into a magical stream following the delivery of a very large box which made a great rowing boat.

The children are enjoying celebrating Halloween and bonfire by making some gruesome treats to eat and wonderful artwork. Some of the things we have been doing can be seen on our Facebook page, please 'like' our page to keep updated and from time to time we will share some great activities you can do at home with kids.

Our annual Christmas Fayre will be held in Hawes Market Hall on **Sunday 16th November from 10.00am-4.00pm**. Please come along and have a look around the stalls, play the games and enjoy some of the wonderful refreshments on sale. We're raising money for new blinds for the setting, the children have helped to choose the colour of the blinds with the help of Milner's of Leyburn, and we can't wait to get them fitted.

If you need childcare for 2/3 year old government funded places please call Dalesplay on **667789** for more information or email dalesplay1@btconnect.com. We are here to support families in the dales and have a range of reasonable packages designed to meet everyone's needs.

Joanne Fothergill

Thoralby Village Hall

Soup and Sweet lunches will be help in Thoralby Village Hall on the **2nd Thursday of each month from noon 'till 1.30pm**. The coming lunches will thus be on the 13th November and the 11th December.

Sally Stone



Harvest Wheatsheaf; she is putting the mouse on, in fact she nearly made it all by herself with just a little help from me.

Annabelle presented it at the recent Harvest service at St Oswald's at Castle Bolton. I was given the method and design by the late Mary Bostock. We are keeping up the tradition and the harvest supper at Redmire made **£500** for Water Aid in Ethiopia

Anne Spensley 624679

Hawes Allotments

Do you live in Hawes and would you like to grow your own vegetables but don't have the space or a garden? Then you need an allotment.

Under the Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908, the Council are required to provide allotments if six or more registered electors ask them to do so. If you're interested in acquiring an allotment and you live in the Hawes area, please contact me and I will coordinate a request to the Local Authority.

Colin Luckett Tel. 667071

Leyburn Bowling Club

As expected our green on Moor Road, Leyburn, closed for the 2014 season on Sunday 28th September. Before closing a number of club competitions were played during September.

On Saturday and Sunday 13th/14th September we held our annual Finals weekend when 5 trophies were played for. In some keenly fought and exciting matches the winners of the trophies were: Bob Doig (Wilkjohn Cup), Mervyn Buckley (Todd Cup), John Hall (Barclays Trophy), Anne Steggles (Walker Cup) and Peter Nicholas (Jack Ellis Cup). Congratulations go to all these winners !

The following Sunday, 21st September we held our competition for the Leyburn Cup. This is a Singles competition and in the tightest of finishes there were joint winners of the trophy this year, Chris King and John Gorman, who both won 5 of their 6 matches.

On Wednesday 24th September we held our annual Captains v Presidents match for the Wilson Cup. The winners this year were the Captains team, led by our captain Hazel Doig.

On the following Sunday, the day our green closed, we held a final Jumbles competition for the year and congratulations go to the winning team of Peter Walker, Anne Steggles and Rosie Hodgson (22 points) who secured a narrow victory over Hazel Derby, David Jameson and Dennis Boyes (21 points).

As these notes are written Leyburn Bowling Club are looking forward to our annual Presentation Night / Dinner which this year is to be held at The Queens Head, Finghall, when all the trophies played for during the year will be presented.

During the winter months a great amount of maintenance work will be undertaken both on our green, and also in and around our clubhouse. We will, of course, also be holding a number of fund-raising events for our club during the winter, the first of these

being our latest Pie and Peas Quiz Night at Wensleydale Rugby Club, Leyburn, on **Friday 14th November at 7.15 pm**. The cost is still just £5 and as well as the quiz itself everyone attending will also, I'm sure, enjoy the pie and peas supper. Everyone is welcome to come along but please book your tickets in advance by telephoning either **Hazel 623480 or Mervyn 625734**.

If you would like any details or information regarding our club you are very welcome to contact us on either of the telephone numbers shown above.

Mervyn Buckley

Dance for the Dales

7.30pm on Saturday 15th November
at Austwick Village Hall

Don your dancing shoes and gladrags for an entertaining evening of ceilidh dancing to support the work of the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, with pie and peas supper.

The evening will raise vital funds to support the charity's work caring for the environment, landscape and communities of the Yorkshire Dales.



The Batty Moss Ceilidh Band

Music and an experienced caller will be provided by local group The Batty Moss Ceilidh Band, who are giving their time for free.



Passwords again

Over the last few weeks I have had a number of requests about passwords and the internet and I continue to be astonished at how many people seem to have a universal password that they use for everything or with only a couple of variations. This is a bad idea for so many reasons – the main one is that if a website you are registered with gets hacked into and your details stolen then hackers can try those login details on many other websites and cause havoc.

The problem is remembering unique passwords for every website you log in to. Lots of computers these days come with preinstalled tools to help manage lots of password (eg. Some versions of Norton have a password manager, HP computers often have password managers preinstalled). I can't discuss these particular products, there are too many versions and ways of doing things. I would say though it may not be the best idea to get locked into using something built in – the simple fact is if you use HP's password manager your next computer might not be HP and you won't be able to use it, similarly you don't want to be locked into using Norton forever just for the password manager (Norton would like it but it is expensive).

The solution I use (and prefer) is one I have mentioned before called LastPass. This allows you to generate completely random passwords for websites of any length and complexity but it remembers them for you and fills them in for you when you visit those websites. The only thing you need to remember is one set of log-in details to log in to your LastPass account (hence the name – it is the Last Password you need to remember). All your data is encrypted on the device you use so the people have no way of looking at or recovering your data if you do forget your details! The best bit is it is absolutely free. It supports most browsers (certainly all the

common ones) on Windows, Mac and Linux PCs. You can also use it on mobile phones and tablets but then you need to pay a subscription of \$12 a year. There are various optional methods you can use to make your account more secure – some free and some via hardware devices that you can buy. All in all it is an excellent product and you can access your data from anywhere (even if you are away from home). Check out www.lastpass.com – there is a helpful video that shows you how it works.

Discarding computers

I was asked to comment on discarding computers and protecting yourself by removing your data. The answer really depends on what you want to do with the old device If you are throwing it away you need to take it to a local recycling centre (eg. In Moor Road Leyburn) but before you do, remove the hard disk. Once the hard disk is removed all personal data is on that one device and there is nothing left of a personal nature at the recycling centre. You can either keep the hard disk if you want to recover the data in the future or destroy the data on it.

If you want to pass on your computer to someone else or to a charity, probably the best thing to do is to restore the computer back to its factory settings (so it is like a new computer) and then download and run a program that can scrub the unused parts of the hard disk clean. CCleaner (www.piriform.com) can be used for free and includes an optional tool to scrub the hard disk clean. Note this can take a very long time (hours and hours).

That's it for this month – any more article idea do let me know on 663798 or drop me an email at

carol.haynes@dalescomputerservices.com.

Laburnum House, Hawes

Big Brew Up

Many thanks to customers old and new
for helping us raise £112

Candles for Sure; Silk a Problem

Burtersett Candle Mill

Was it ever a silk mill? We search for evidence.



National Park Authority Monument report 2014:

“Four storey building, formerly used as a barn, now derelict. Probably built in the early C19th as a silk mill (but without any evidence of water power), and then converted for use as a candle mill, which continued into the early C20th.”

The former candle mill stands in pasture land on the north-facing slopes of Wensleydale, beside a tributary of Eller Beck and is roughly 400m east-north-east of Burtersett. It is a small building on a sloping site adjacent to the stream, which is partly canalised and bridged over to form a platform east of the building.

Evidence:

Chapman (1884) records that: ‘Burtersett, sixty years ago, was a flourishing village, having its manufactories of wool, cotton and silk’.

Alderson (1980) states that: ‘In 1823, W. J. Storey was a tallow chandler in Hawes, while later that century, William Metcalfe

(Candle Willy) was in the same business at the old silk mill at Burtersett. Jerry Horn of Burtersett succeeded William Metcalfe in 1913 and was the last in the business’.

Hall (1985) refers to ‘tallow candles... made at Burtersett mill’ being found in the Burtersett quarry (where the sandstone slates were actually mined underground). The building had already lost its upper floors when the present owner’s father acquired the farm in 1948 and it was used for stock until the ground floor collapsed around 20 years ago (R. Mudd).

A description of how the candles were made at the mill, cites that up to 100 candle wick pieces were hung from a wheel above a boiling vat of animal fat, and dipped until the right size of candle was obtained.

Partick (2000) (Archaeology of standing buildings, University of Leicester)

“The silk mill attribution is problematical; it was atypical for the area and the fabric evidence raises questions as to whether the building could house a waterwheel. The stream has no evidence of water power management, and although canalised adjacent to the mill, this may have been to control erosion and provide a loading platform. Furthermore, although the eastern bay might be interpreted as a wheelpit, there is no evidence for a water-course entering the building at basement level, or for an exit tailrace. If water had entered via, say, a pentrough through the opening in the southern ground floor wall, a wheel at this level would have conflicted with the fireplace and door in the east wall.

“The only documented silk mill in the area, the 1793 mill in Raydale studied by Giles and Goodall in 1987, has clear evidence for a water wheel, suggesting that a contemporary mill would also be operating powered processes. Furthermore, the earliest documentary references occur in the early C19th somewhat later than the main wave (c.1785-1800) of textile mill building locally.”

**So, silk and candles, or just candles?
You decide!**

A.S.W



November at Gayle Mill

Demonstration Tours – Sunday 2nd November 11.00am and 2.30pm £12

A two hour tour where you get to see the original 1879 machinery working! Includes light refreshments.

Stained Glass Christmas Decorations – Saturday 8th November 2014

10.00am – 4.00pm £45 per person.

Come back to Gayle Mill for more Stained glass making, this time Christmas tree hanging decorations. A full day of fun, with all tuition, materials, tools and lunch included.

Make a Pig in a Day – Saturday 22nd November 2014

10:00am – 4:00pm. £65 per person

Back by popular demand, our expert will show you how to make your very own willow pig, yours to trot away with you at the end of the course and a wonderful addition to any family home or garden! All materials, tuition and lunch included.

Gayle Mill Christmas Fayre – Saturday 29th November 2014

10.00am – 4.00pm – Admission Adults £2.50 Children 5-16 Year Free

Our Annual Christmas Fayre rounds off the year; come and enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie whilst choosing those special Christmas gifts. Our range of wooden and craft products tenderly made by our own volunteers will be on sale, together with craft demonstrations by our expert tutors. Order and collect your unique Gayle Mill Christmas Trees.

Local Community Food Bank

Revd Ann Chapman is absolutely delighted by the response to her appeal for donations of long-dated, non-perishable food goods for those people in our community who may be struggling to feed themselves or their families. We now have a wonderful stock of food products which are available to help anyone in need in our local communities. It may be that unexpected circumstances have led to a reduction in household income, either on a one-off basis, or perhaps more regularly. Whatever the circumstances, Revd Chapman is ready and waiting to offer food supplies to those in real need. As she says, these donations have been given with love and care by people in our community and it will please them to know that their gifts are helping others less fortunate amongst us.

It may seem hard to believe that in our beautiful rural communities such hardship can be experienced, but it is a fact of modern life that there are many people across the whole country who find it increasingly difficult to meet their financial commitments and whose finances balance on a knife-edge. In such circumstances, it is very easy for the smallest change to have a huge impact. None of us would want to think that there were members of our communities unable to sleep due to worrying about how they are to put food on their tables, so please do all you can to get the word out that there is help available.

Anyone who finds themselves struggling, at any time, should contact Revd Ann Chapman in total confidence either by calling at the Vicarage in Hawes or telephoning **667553**. Please do not struggle on in silence when our communities are there to help everyone.

If you wish to make donations to the food bank, please leave them at either Hawes or Askrigg churches, during daylight hours. No fresh produce please. Thank you!

K.P.

Your Village Hall Needs You!

Askrigg Village Hall Committee is in urgent need of committee members. It isn't a big time commitment - there is only one meeting per year. The committee is responsible for the upkeep of the village hall and raising funds through lettings etc.

If you think you can help (especially if you would like to take on the role of Treasurer or Secretary!) please contact Dominic on **650285** or Andrea on **650556**.

Turkey and Tinsel Lunch

Thoraby Village Hall

12.30pm Saturday November 22nd

£12.50 per person

Ticket only:

Ring **663076** or **663139**

Churches Together Toy Collection

Owing to unforeseen circumstances the Churches Together were unable to organise a Toy Service at St.Margaret's Church this year.

However The Christmas Lights Committee have very kindly agreed to allow a collection of toys at the children's party on December 6th.

'Barnados' have agreed to distribute them for us in the Dales area to needy families.

A collection point will be available from **1st to 6th December** at the 'Community Office', Hawes and in the Market Hall on party day.

Your kind generosity would be much appreciated.

Liz Beresford and Margaret Iveson
Church Wardens



Children in Need November 14th

Please let us know about the events you held and how much was raised.

Time Running Out to Join Access Forum

People interested in access and recreation issues in the National Park have until November 7th to apply to join 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 this beautiful landscape.

The forum's job is to work with individuals and organisations who live and work in the 680 square miles of the National Park and those who use or visit the area for leisure, and to advise on ways to improve access and recreation.

The forum members should represent a balance of interests ranging from land management and agriculture to local business and outdoor recreation, although there is currently under-representation in land management and farming.

The forum meets three times a year, but some members also sit on a variety of advisory groups that meet regularly to consider specific issues in more detail.

Chairman Alistair Thompson said: "We have had a good response so far but it is important that the members have a range of interests so the forum will represent a balanced view as the forum's main job is to improve access."

Anyone who would like to be considered can obtain more information by contacting **Mohammed Dhalech on 652363** or by email : accessforum@yorkshiredales.org.uk

Enjoy an evening at The Dalesman, Leyburn

Saturday, 22nd November 2014
7.00pm – 11.00pm

Listen to and Dance along
to 1950s/1960s Music

(1950s/1960s fancy dress optional!)

Buffett Supper, Raffle, Excellent Prizes

Proceeds to Penhill Benefice Funds

Tel: **622307/663097** Tickets: £8

Prunings

A personal take on plants, propagating and other related ramblings

How subtly Autumn crept up on us this year. Although the leaves are falling the



spectrum of colour is amazing, and the temperatures are still high enough to enjoy a walk without donning the winter woollies. Seed and plant catalogues are flooding in with a plethora of goodies to

choose from, and Garden News this week features reader's gardens displaying some of the prize specimens grown during this wonderful year. This week the free seeds with the magazine are a wonderful rich Rudbeckia called "Chocolate Orange" - How good is that?

In her column for The Lady, Sarah Langton-Lockton regularly gives excellent advice on seasonal jobs: planting bulbs in good time; clearing leaves; pruning shrubs; moving plants; and so forth. On the other hand, her recommendation of "Early Purple Wight" as a garlic which can be planted now to harvest at the end of May is surely more appropriate for southern gardens, I have never got away with that, and gave up on garlic years ago! Perhaps I should try again. Her plant of the week for the 10th October, however, was superb and has always been a favourite of mine. *Verbena Hastata* is a long flowering perennial which flowers on tall branched stems, lasts well in a vase and strikes well from cuttings. In The Lady the preferred plant is a pink specimen - seeds available from Thompson and Morgan at £2.89. A better deal if you fancy them, are seeds from Plant World in Devon. This firm offers a white, blue or pink form, none dearer than £2.35, so you can take your pick.

I find Plant World one of the best catalogues as the proprietors collect all their own seed from plants growing there in

the garden, and they have a high germination percentage. For a copy ring 01803 872939. They have plenty of good offers, give free packets for multiple orders and are very helpful on the phone. You can also shop on line at www.plant-world-seeds.com. My problem is not being able to resist temptation, and I regularly buy enough seeds to plant up most of the valley.

Looking out during miserable days in November I can always justify curling up with a catalogue, or a good book, imagining that as many plants settle for the winter, not much is going on. Not true! A good deal of what we will marvel at in a few short months is already working hard to produce the Spring display. Bulbs in particular are frenetically developing root systems and will soon poke through. Just as some plants begin their winter sleep others break dormancy to prepare for the forthcoming extravaganza.

Rosemary Verey once wrote (The Garden in Winter 1988) "The garden in winter is the absolute test for the true gardener - fair weather gardeners are to gardens what interior decorators are to buildings, - they only know half the story."

We'll just have to break out the wellies and oil up the waterproofs, - Oh joy!

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

Rose Rambler

NRDLVA Charity Bike Ride 2014

Those participants who have already handed in your sponsor money to me, thank you very much; those of you who haven't, please do so as soon as possible. I KNOW WHO YOU ARE!

Any local playgroup, youth groups, Scouts, Brownies etc. who wish for a donation, and have not yet applied, can they do so as soon as possible as we will soon be awarding the money with the actual hand over being in January.

Applications should be sent to me, Angus McCarthy, secretary NRDLVA c/o The Fountain, Market Place, Hawes. DL8 3RD. Sorry, but we can only accept postal applications.

Angus McCarthy

Lower Wensleydale Area Ranger Report

With the fine weather we had in early autumn we have managed to complete some larger projects. Paul, the Access Ranger, and his team of volunteers repaired St Simons and Caygill Major, two large footbridges in Coverdale. The work included replacing wooden hand rails and repairs to the masonry to protect the stone piers and abutments from flood damage.

Working with local contractors, we have recently repaired two eroded sections of riverside footpath near Lady Hill in Wensleydale. The work to restore the flood damaged sections used a technique called willow spiling, where cut willow stakes are planted and woven around posts to form a revetment wall. This is then backfilled with stone and soil to create the new river bank and topped with aggregate to provide a suitable walking surface. Further willow stakes are then planted on top of the soil bank. If successful, the willow stakes will begin to grow and form a “living” revetment wall which will prevent further river bank erosion. New stock fencing has been erected at either end to protect the river bank restoration works.

National Park staff and volunteers have just completed this year’s surveying of the Dormice within Freeholders Wood at Aysgarth Falls. From the numbers recorded it looks like it has been a good year for the breeding population with the favourable weather in spring and early autumn and a plentiful supply of food during the summer months.

In July we started work on repairs to the bridleway that runs up Buckden Pike from Buckden and Cray. Using a helicopter we flew aggregate on to the path to resurface eroded sections caused by water and the number of boots using the route. We also flew up stone to repair the existing cross drains to prevent further erosion. We will also be working with the National Trust to undertake repair works on the path that runs along the ridge between the summit of Buckden Pike and the Polish Memorial

Cross.

Over the winter months we will be working with local Police Officers on Operation Byway, monitoring the network of green lanes within the National Park for illegal use.

If you encounter any problems whilst using public rights of way or open access land you can contact either Paul Sheehan on **666226** or myself on **662912**.

Nigel Metcalfe
Area Ranger (Lower Wensleydale)

Movember

The Movember Foundation is the leading global organisation committed to changing the face of men’s health. It has raised £346 million to date and funded over 800 programmes in 21 countries. This work is saving and improving the lives of men affected by prostate cancer, testicular cancer and mental health problems.

The Movember Foundation challenges men to grow moustaches during Movember (formerly known as November), to spark conversation and raise vital funds for its men’s health programs. To date, 4 million moustaches have been grown worldwide, but we won’t stop growing as long as serious men’s health issues exist.

So if you see someone sporting an unexpected bushy moustache or, perhaps, just a bit of fluff on their top lip, they may be collecting for Movember. Don’t hesitate to stop them and ask to contribute.

Wensleydale Tournament of Song

We have just delivered the first copies of the syllabus for 2015 to Towlers in Leyburn, from where they can be collected now.

If you entered the tournament last year then a copy is on its way via The Royal Mail!

A copy can also be downloaded from www.dalesmusic.co.uk or picked up from The Corner House, West Burton.

Julie Greenslade

Rohan Gives National Park a Boost

Footpaths around the Three Peaks are in line for a big boost thanks to outdoor gear manufacturer Rohan.

The company, which was founded in North Yorkshire, has teamed up with the National Park Authority to generate donations towards the important work of caring for its network of public paths.

Around 100,000 visitors a year visit Pen-y-Ghent, Ingleborough and Wharfedale and the YDNPA works hard to try to help the fragile landscape cope. NPA Communications Manager Richard Payne said: "The cost of maintaining the public paths averages out at £28 per metre so extra funds are always needed – and it's great to have the support of a company and brand like Rohan.

"We hope that this signals the start of a long partnership with Rohan and we will continue to look for other companies who are interested in working with us to ensure we can continue to help our beautiful National Park thrive."

"Rohan's first shop opened at Long Preston in 1983 and the National Park is an area that many of our customers love visiting – so the partnership couldn't be better."

Details of how to donate to help support the vital maintenance of the paths in the Three Peaks are available on the National Park Authority website at:

www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/threepeaks/make-a-donation

40 Miles Coin Challenge

The Wensleydale Railway Association is attempting to complete their 40 Mile Coin Challenge in order to fund a shed for the locos. They have already collected 8 1/4 miles of coins and completion of the challenge would raise at least a further £25,000.

Coins can be left at Leeming Bar, Bedale or Leyburn stations or given to any member of the train crews.

Ken Norman
WRA Chairman



The Yorkshire Dales Local Action Group (LAG) is looking for new members to help run the £3m LEADER rural funding programme.

If you run a business in the area, or have an interest in the local economy, environment or community services, then we would like to hear from you.

We are keen to expand our LAG membership considerably and we are actively approaching individuals and organisations operating within our area to broaden our membership.

For full details about the LEADER programme, its area of operation, and the role of the Local Action Group contact:

Rima Berry Transition Co-ordinator
Mon/Tues/Wed Phone: **01524 251002**
Fax: 01524 251150 Thurs/Fri Phone: **0300 4560030**, press for Reception and ask for Rima, Bainbridge.

Hawes Primary School Christmas Fair

Friday 28th November, 6.30pm

Local trade stalls - Tombola - Games,

Home-baking - Refreshments

Grand Prize Raffle - Lots of fun for everyone.

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:	Sarah Champion 23, Little Ings	667006
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