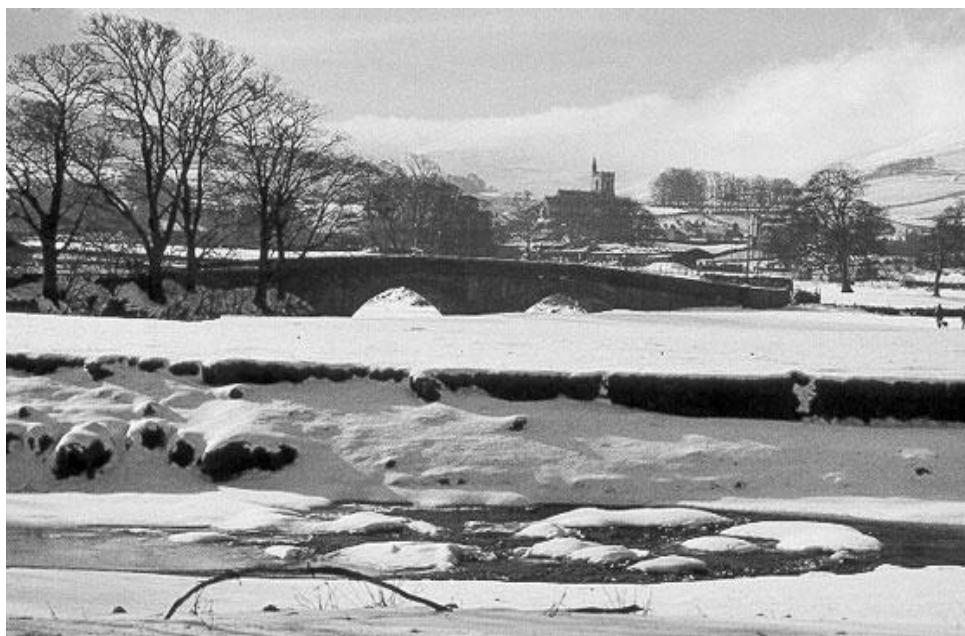




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Guest Editorial

Nicotine, alcohol, cannabis, hard drugs. They can all be found in pretty well every community in England. Our own is not exempt. Each substance can be dangerous to your health and relationships. It is a criminal offence to sell nicotine and alcohol to people below a certain age. It isn't a criminal offence for people of any age to consume them except in the wrong place. Both sale and use of the other drugs are crimes for people of any age. We have made great strides in reducing smoking. There are worries about young women in particular but limits on advertising and on packaging and endless repetition of the threat to health have made a big difference. People in their 50s and above can remember when everyone was casual about drink and driving. Few felt deep moral disapproval about those who got behind a wheel after several drinks. We all know better now. The risks are well understood and no-one wants to see the random but devastating effects on innocent lives of cars in the hands of drivers who have had too much to drink.

There isn't such a good story to tell about cannabis and hard drugs. There are statistics that can be quoted to show that the picture is improving or that it is getting worse but it is not changing anything like as much as smoking cigarettes or drink and driving have changed.

Prohibition in the United States is a long time ago but we all know that it gave rise to lots of other crime apart from the crimes of selling and drinking alcohol. There is no doubt that many crimes of theft, muggings and violence, including murder, in our society are linked to the crimes of selling and using hard and soft drugs. We lock up more than twice as many people in our prisons now as we did 25 years ago. Some of that amazing increase is to do with specific drug crimes and more of it is indirectly linked to drugs as users try to get the money to feed their expensive habit or sellers try to collect what they reckon they are owed or try to keep others off their profitable patch. Some of the saddest people in our prisons are foreign women who were bribed or bullied to bring illicit drugs to the UK inside their own bodies.

What are we to make of all this? Is the answer to treat cannabis, or even all unlawful drugs, as nicotine and alcohol are treated?

Some of us will be instinctively liberal and some of us instinctively restrictive. Our position may be heavily influenced by whether life has brought us into contact with soft or hard drugs or others who use them, just as our view of the use of nicotine and alcohol can be heavily affected by what has happened to us and those we love. It can't be right to say that the criminal law should have nothing to do with drugs of any kind. It may be right to say that our country doesn't seem to have got it quite right at the moment. Politicians seem to be afraid of what they believe to be the wish of voters to use the criminal law to come down hard on anyone who has anything to do with drugs except nicotine and alcohol. We may have a better chance of limiting the harm that drugs do if we give the politicians the message that we want them to look hard at the evidence of what works best and then to go for what seems most likely to make us as successful with cannabis and hard drugs as we have been with nicotine and drink driving.

Joe Pilling

Letter

Now that the inevitable murky November is heralding the transition to our usual sparkling winter, may I, through your pages, ask my fellow readers to remember the use of car headlights while driving. In low daylight conditions, a wet grey car on a wet grey road against a wet grey sky equals only invisibility. This applies to all cars, not just grey ones! Car lights are not only to allow a driver to see – they also allow you to be seen. If conditions warrant it, or if in doubt, drive on dipped headlights so I can see you coming! Sidelights are usually parking lights only, not driving lights – and fog lamps should be used only in real fog or in falling snow. Dipped headlights should be used when low daylight conditions make it necessary.

Many thanks!

Vivienne Metcalf, Thoraby

Now Then

Dales' poet James Alderson wrote: "Yorkshire ah love tha, thi songs en thi teals (tales)" - and alongside three of his poems there are some great tales of the Dales in the latest edition of *Now Then*. The Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum who produce this annual magazine may have lost two stalwarts last year when Ann Holubecki and José Hopper died but the sisters are far from forgotten. There are articles by both of them in this year's magazine thanks to Ann's daughters, Marysia and Janina. José's is a vibrant description of Christmas in the Dales in the 1940s and 1950s, while Ann's describes how her mother, Margaret Hopper, created the Dales Kitchen which has become a major attraction at the Countryside Museum. Artist Janet Rawlins in her article *The 1987 Chapman family gathering* takes readers back to the early 19th century and to the 12 children of Thomas and Isabella Chapman of Worton. By the end of that century the Chapman family was spread between Wensleydale and Wisconsin in the USA. At the reunion organised by Janet and her late husband, Peter Leyland, there were 175 descendants of Thomas and Isabella many of whom had come from America. But the contributor who looks back the furthest in the history of Wensleydale is Fiona Rosher, the Museum manager. She especially describes how the museum is helping school children study and record prehistory. This includes the axe mould which has been loaned to the Museum by Peter Roe of Gunnerside who found it in a dry stone wall in 2010. There is much more to read in the magazine which is on sale at £2 at the Dales Countryside Museum.

Pip Land

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

Eunice the Ewe



I was hiding in Bear Cottage Interiors.

Winner of the prize **Casslyn Drury, Hawes.**

Barns Decision

Communities and Local Government Secretary Eric Pickles has dismissed an appeal by Richmondshire District Council and North Yorkshire Country Council against a planning decision made by the National Park. Last year the Government decided to scrap local planning controls so that planning permission was no longer required for anyone wanting to change the use of agricultural buildings to some types of commercial use like shops, banks, restaurants, offices, warehouses, hotels and sports halls. Members of the National Park Authority were concerned at these proposals on two counts - first, the potential negative impact on one of the most outstandingly beautiful areas of the country, which includes around 6,000 barns. Secondly they removed the rights of local communities, through a local planning process, to have a say on what happens in their area.

Members voted in March this year to introduce a Direction under Article 4 of the Town and Country Planning Order 1995 that will effectively retain local control of the planning process so there would still be a need for planning permission to be obtained for a change of use. The District Council and County Council asked the Minister to step in and force the YDNPA to cancel the Article 4 Direction.

In dismissing the councils' request, the Minister says the National Park Authority Members are "particularly well placed" to decide on local planning issues and he has refused to get involved.

Wensleydale's Got MORE Talent

Saturday 6th December 2014

10.30-4.00pm in Hawes Market House
Classes for

3 Decorated Cup Cakes; a Lego Model;
A Painting; A Photograph; A Fruit Cake
Entry Forms from Whites of Wensleydale or

November Competition Answers

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

Peak District:	Ladybower Reservoir
Exmoor:	Porlock Weir
Brecon Beacons:	Fforest Fawr
Snowdonia:	Llanberis Pass
North York Moors:	The Bridestones
Northumberland:	Alnwick Castle
New Forest:	Bucklers Hard
South Downs:	Devil's Dyke
Pembrokeshire Coast:	St Dogmaels
The Lake District:	Bowness on Windermere
The Dales:	Gordale Scar
The Broads:	Wroxham Broad
Dartmoor:	Widcombe

WINNER: **Christine Pritchard, Redmire**

December/January Competition

Missing middles. Find the word which links.

EXAMPLE: Christmas - Stitch;

Answer: STOCKING

1. Mince — Chart
2. Shadow — Day
3. Yule — Jam
4. Advent — Tick
5. Carol — Detective
6. Father — Cake
7. Brandy — Election
8. Yule — Mark
9. Carol — Charge
10. Christmas — Tense
11. Boxing — Light
12. Advent — Fenced

In which carols do these words occur:

1. Late in time
2. And man at war with man
3. And offered there
4. May have gathered there
5. All is calm
6. To you and all mankind
7. Where the snow lay

David, Amanda Ethan & Reese Scarr
Would like to wish all our friends and family

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Donating to Yorkshire Air Ambulance instead of sending cards this year.

Operation Christmas Child



We have been able to take 111 shoe boxes to Richmond Methodist Church for packing and transportation to Eastern Europe.

Boxes from our area will go this year to Belarus, where they will be much appreciated by children and their families in refugee camps, hospitals and hospices - and those living in real poverty. Belarus is a land-locked country with a population of about 10 million and Minsk is its capital. It was severely affected by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in 1986 and subsequent environmental and human devastation is still significant. £341 was donated towards transport costs and Operation Christmas Child will be able to claim at least £54 from Gift Aid. Also some gifts were donated online.

We are grateful to everyone who packed or helped to pack a box. Special thanks to the Community Office staff for receiving the boxes and also for the generous donation from the shoe stall in Hawes market. We are glad that our community continues to support this worthwhile cause.

Heather and Nelson Caplin 667625

Hawes Playgroup

Market Hall, Hawes. Every Monday (term time), 9.20 to 11.15am. We welcome babies - 3 years. Healthy snack provided and tea/coffee for parents. Under one year : £1. 1-2 years £3; 2 years plus: £4. Over 2 years may be left with qualified staff. We are also looking for a person to take over the running of the Playgroup as from February 2015. For more information please contact **Carol Hall 667234**

Hawes Silver Band Christmas Charity Concert

Friday 19th December, 7.30pm

at the Market House, Hawes
Admission: On the Door, Adults £8.00 (to include light refreshments)
Children free. Joining us this year are Young Singing Stars.

The Charity to benefit from the concert proceeds is the Hawes Central Dales Practice to replace their Spirometer

Best Foot Forward

Muker Figure of Eight Walk

The advantage of a 'figure of eight' walk is that it can be terminated half-way through if inclement weather or tired limbs come into play. This walk starts, middles (not sure if this is a valid word – but it makes sense) and finishes in Muker. It's fairly easy going so would make an excellent 'family walk' in the Christmas/New Year holiday period. The walk starts at the car park entrance just over the road bridge. Start walking along the road away from the village. After a few yards take a track, signposted 'Occupation Road', going off to the right and heading gently uphill. After about 100yds you should stop, turn round and admire the view looking back over the bridge to Muker. This has been captured many times by artists, perhaps most notably by Keith Mellings, whose painting of the farmer and his dog striding up the track can be seen in many local galleries.



Now continue on the track as it turns the corner and gently climbs eastwards past a couple of barns and along Muker Side. If you look across to your right you can see an unusual view of the village of Muker nestled in the valley bottom. Where the track forks off to the left just as it starts to level out, bear right and continue until you come across a small bridge. Just after the bridge turn sharply right and descend down a straight path with dry stone walls either side. Do not miss this right turn! At the bottom of this path, there is a tall barn to your right and a gate on the left. Go through the gate, cross a small beck and continue on to reach Appletree Thwaite with a newly restored stone house to your right, where you join a track which leads you down the hill side. At the bottom of the track, there is a small wooden gate amongst the trees on the right. This leads to a narrow footbridge over a pretty cascade. Across the bridge a footpath sign points to a wooden gate into a field. Bend round to your right and you suddenly find yourself at the foot of a lovely

waterfall as Cliff Beck tumbles into the valley floor.

Exit the field on to the road and turn left down the road to reach Thwaite village. Turn right at the Kearnton Country Hotel (unless you want to stop for a coffee) and follow the Pennine Way signs, climbing up a narrow stony path that eventually reaches Kisdon Farm. Bear left at the Pennine Way sign (don't go down the farm track next to the house) and after a short distance turn right to descend to meet the gravel farm track further down.

Follow the track as it zig-zags down towards Muker village and at the last bend before the buildings look out for a double gate on your left. This is the 'middle' of the walk. You can terminate the walk here and continue into Muker (about 4 miles covered) or go through the gate into a walled lane. Follow the lane (heading due north) through several gates to eventually drop down to a barn where you turn sharp right and walk alongside the Swale to Ramps Holme Bridge. Cross the bridge and turn left, not right, eventually reaching a wide gravelly track. Now turn sharp right and follow the track which turns into a tarmac lane with glorious views down Swaledale. Eventually you will reach the splendid Gunnerside Lodge initially a shooting lodge belonging to Lord Peel but now owned by an American billionaire, Robert Miller.

Turn right down the hill past the Lodge gardens to eventually reach the hamlet of Ivelet with some interesting doors and windows to admire. Continue on to reach the ancient Ivelet Bridge built originally for packhorses, but now used by the occasional vehicle. A coffin stone is set into the verge on the north side of the bridge for pall bearers to rest with a coffin on their way from Muker to the church at Grinton.

Take the riverside path to the right just before the bridge. The path bears away slightly from the riverbank to pass a wall-corner and on to a stile but then rejoins the riverbank for virtually the whole way back to Ramps Holme bridge. Cross the bridge and follow the clearly signed paved path through the meadows back to Muker.

By the time you are having a well-deserved cup of tea in the tea-shop or a drink in the Farmer's Arms you will have walked about 9 miles and seen some of the best scenery in the Dales.

B.M.C.

Prunings

By the time you read this the commercial world will be in a frenzy over Christmas. Everything we don't want will be available at prices likely to cause heart failure, and we will be encouraged to eat, drink and be merry in a style that most of us would be embarrassed to aspire to. My apologies for advanced cynicism, and I do sincerely wish everyone a most happy and peaceful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



Silver birch in winter

Winter is a wonderful time to look at shape and structure. In the Summer we northerners love our trees, they give us such a wide spectrum of colour, shape and texture, and their movement is entrancing, but in the winter they are reduced to bare essentials, and the skeletal forms are evidence of the prevailing weather as well as the influence of the topography. In the garden we combine evergreen and deciduous trees and shrubs to maintain this shape and structure when so much has died back.

To have colour at this time of year is not too difficult and introducing some species can give interesting shape into the bargain. Many of the dogwoods have coloured stems: *Cornus sibirica* is blood red in winter and *Cornus sanguinea* gives autumn shades, both standing at a height which will draw the eye and create interest in a sparse border. If you have room for larger specimens go for trees with interesting bark such as Silver Birch. The strawberry tree (*Arbutus unedo*) also has flaky bark, but needs to reach quite a size before this becomes evident. On the other hand it can be pruned when young and will remain bush-

sized for many years. It gives us a bonus in that it has flowers and fruit at the same time. This Autumn's blossom provides next year's fruit, so the key is not too much pruning which it won't need as it is slow growing and evergreen. There are lots of them at Kew where they are considered low maintenance and hardy, but they must have good drainage and shelter from prevailing winds. Another interesting addition would be *Betula jacquemontii* which has white bark and looks spectacular with up-lights, additionally back-lighting can create magical effects with spiky Phormiums or tortured shapes such as *Corylus avellana*, the Corkscrew Hazel.

I used to think of garden lighting as a rather suburban and expensive luxury, but now amazing sets of lights are available for very little outlay, and if you shudder at using mains power, many types will run perfectly well from strategically placed solar cells. Furthermore some of the smaller strings of lights which are for use both indoors and outdoors will run for a surprisingly long time on inexpensive batteries.

Whilst so much is dormant the winter ground cover works hard to create colour and interest. My *Cotoneaster horizontalis* has provided a feast for the blackbirds but if you want a less rampant specimen there are many to choose from. *Cotoneaster dammeri* forms a prostrate plant which looks good draped over low walls. It has white flowers which the bees love, and of course it feeds the birds in the Autumn.

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

Rose Rambler

Newsletters by Post

We have a good number of readers who receive the Newsletter by post and a reminder for them, that subscriptions will be due by the February issue, is included with this issue.

Other readers arrange to have the Newsletter sent by us on behalf of a relation or friend. Can we please remind you that payment will also be due: £10 for the UK and £15 for overseas for a year. Please send a cheque, payable to the **Upper Wensleydale Newsletter, to the Treasurer, Janet Thomson, Stone House, Thornton Rust, DL8 3AW**

Bainbridge School News

We have been learning about World War 1.

It was so sad because lots of the soldiers died in the war. This year it is 100 years since the First World War started.

In assembly, we heard a story about two little boys who were pretending to be in World War 1. They dug trenches and played but when they got to 18 they had to go to war and realised it wasn't fun. They didn't like it and one of them died with lots of other soldiers in the trench. The other one survived.

We remember this by wearing poppies because poppies grew up in the fields where the trenches were.

On Remembrance Day, we all remembered the soldiers who had died. All the junior children went to Askrigg Church with Mrs Kearney to look at the memorials and observe the silence. The infant and nursery children walked to Bainbridge Cemetery to watch the laying of a wreath and be silent. Some of the children read a poem called 'November'.

Sophie Handley & Alicia Reddy

Opening Hours

J & E Hogg Chemist in Hawes will be open as follows:

Monday to Saturday 9:00am to 5:30pm, except for the following:

Christmas Day (25th) - CLOSED

Boxing Day (26th) - CLOSED

New Year's Day (1st) - CLOSED

Be prepared - have a few simple over-the-counter remedies in the medicine cabinet in readiness for those minor ailments that can take the enjoyment out of the festive season. Painkillers (liquid form for the kids), cough/cold remedies, something for an upset stomach, and a few first aid essentials. Pop in and ask our pharmacists, Karen or Annette for advice or phone **667213**.

Renewables Experts Support Woodland Restoration

Renewable energy experts Sunuser Limited have teamed up with the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust to celebrate the launch of their new biomass boiler systems by supporting woodland restoration in the Yorkshire Dales. Sunuser has installed over 50,000 solar panels nationwide since 1981, helping many thousands of customers to lower their fuel bills as well as protect the environment. For over 33 years, they have been installing and servicing solar thermal (water heating) systems and extended their expertise to solar PV (electricity generating) systems in 2010 and most recently biomass boilers. To celebrate the company's new product, a sapling tree will be dedicated on behalf of each customer purchasing a Sunuser biomass boiler system, bringing long term environmental benefits as well as helping to enhance the landscape and create a valuable wildlife habitat.

The first tree has already been dedicated in **Longridge Wood in Bishopdale** to commemorate the installation of a biomass boiler system at Sunuser's Head Office in Leeds.

Chris Lodge, Woodland Officer at YDMT, added: "I'd like to say a big thank you to the team at Sunuser Limited for choosing to support our work in this way. It's great to work with organisations who share our passion for woodlands, wildlife and the environment. By working together we can play a crucial role in restoring broadleaf woodland cover in the Yorkshire Dales for future generations."

The Dales Woodland Restoration Programme is delivered and funded by a partnership including YDMT, the National Park Authority and the Forestry Commission. ***More than 1.1 million new native broadleaf trees have been planted through the programme so far.***



Mystery picture
Last month's was of Bardale Beck near
Marsett (a lovely spot to visit).
Where is this month's?

Hawes Christmas Lights Festival

Wensleydale's
Got MORE
TALENT

Open Competition
for Handicrafts & Homecrafts

Saturday 6th December 2014

Hawes Market Hall

Categories for children, ladies and gents.
Open to All

ENTRY FORMS and details available from
Whites of Wensleydale and Wensleydale Press

News From the Wensleydale Society

Although rooted in Medieval warfare, heraldry is still all around us, in the high street and on the roadsides. On **Friday 5th December** in *Heraldry* Brian Beeken will give a simple introduction to the language and conventions of this colourful historic tradition. The 2015 season starts on **Friday 2nd January** with a talk by Pete the Paramedic from the Ambulance Service.

The Wensleydale Society meeting starts at **7.30 pm** 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

DalesBook
supporting local
businesses and good
causes.



It's an exciting time of year for us, as we launch the 1st edition of DalesBook, offering locals and visitors over £1000 of savings from business based throughout Wensleydale and the Yorkshire Dales. Designed to support local businesses and encourage spending within the area, DalesBook is a collection of vouchers offering amazing discounts and incentives from some of the excellent visitor attractions and businesses that our area has to offer. Offers include savings from Yorebridge House, the Wensleydale Creamery, the Wensleydale Heifer, the Dales Countryside Museum, Lightwater Valley and many more pubs, cafes, shops and services all for just £20. We are also offering free gift wrapping on orders placed before Christmas.

Schools, playgroups, charities and community groups can also benefit from DalesBook. We promise to donate up to £4 from every book we sell to a community fund, which will be distributed annually. Our aim is to donate £10,000 to these causes, so we have a lot of work to do! We can also supply not-for-profit organisations with books on a sale or return basis, to sell at fairs and events allowing them to keep the charitable proceeds for their cause.

You can follow us on Facebook and Twitter or sign up for our newsletter at www.dalesbook.co.uk to find out more about the scheme and for some extra great savings.

Debbie Allenby 662685

A Christmas Celebration in Song

with the AYSGARTH SINGERS

conducted by Stan Roocroft MBE

And CHILDREN

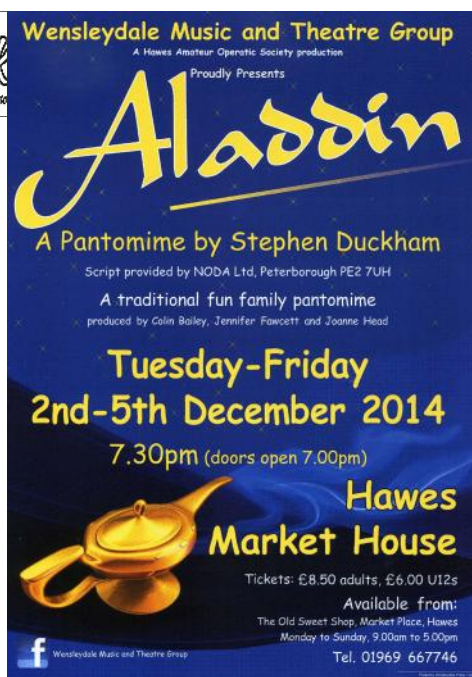
from Bainbridge, Askrigg and West Burton
Schools

AYSGARTH CHURCH

Friday, December 12th, 7.30 pm

Refreshments

FREE entry, with donations to local
charities



Aladdin

Tickets now on Sale

The cast has been chosen, they have learnt their lines and songs, the costumes have been made, the scenery is being painted and rehearsals are almost at an end. We are all ready to perform!

Aladdin will be performed in the Hawes Market Hall from **Tuesday 2nd to Friday 5th December**. Tickets are available now from the Sweet Shop in Hawes, adults £8.50 and children (under twelve) £6. We depend on your support each year to keep going, so don't delay; there are just four performances and we look forward to seeing you. This is your pantomime. So come along and clap, cheer, shout, sing along, boo and hiss and enjoy a great traditional panto.

Graham Di Duca

Charity Evening

Friday 12th December 7.30pm

Stalling Busk Schoolroom

Entertainment by the Marsett Minstrels

£5.00 entry payable on the door

supper to follow.

All proceeds will go towards the
refurbishment of the hydrotherapy pool at
the Dales School

Revd Lynn Purvis-Lee

In this edition of the Newsletter you will see a message from Revd Lynn Purvis-Lee, the new vicar of the Penhill Benefice (that is, all the Anglican churches from Thornton Rust down to Wensley). So we thought it might be appropriate to pen a few lines about who she is. Lynn has now been in office since her induction on the 8th July. You may remember an article about that service in the August Newsletter. She is from County Durham, most recently living at Crook, although she is originally from Consett where she spent her early years. Most of her career has been in County Durham, initially spanning a whole range of jobs from a clothing factory for Marks and Spencer to working in healthcare and physiotherapy. Eventually the call to the ministry led her to enrol at Cranmer Hall Theological College in Durham and there she gained a degree in theology. Her first curacy was at St. Elizabeth's in the Parish of Great Aycliffe. This was followed by her appointment as chaplain to North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust where she was mainly based in Stockton. A lot of the work was very emotionally demanding, following an end of life care pathway for those who were terminally ill. After twelve years there, training staff and ministering to the dying, she really did feel ready for a change.

Lynn is married to Alan. They have only been married for two years and only met three years ago when Alan was giving financial advice at a seminar for clergy and church people. He still works as a financial consultant, travelling around much of the north of England. Between them they have four grandchildren, varying in age from four to 22. They try to make good use of their time off together and they do enjoy walking and exploring the local area. Not having much experience of parish ministry, Lynn felt at a disadvantage when she applied for the Penhill position. In some ways this might have been a good thing, not coming with any preconceptions about running a parish. Since then it has been and

continues to be a very steep learning curve, but is also in a sense running parallel with the changing and developing structures and amalgamation of the new Diocese of West Yorkshire and the Dales, so she is in good company where learning and change is concerned. There are so many new things to grasp and lots of people to get to



Grandchild Olivia proudly holding Lynn's hand surrounded by, on the left, Alan, and (left to right) Lynn's son Gregg Clark, Alan's sister June Pennick, his

know. Lynn and Alan moved into the vicarage at Carperby just before taking up office and it has been pretty hectic ever since. It is already apparent to Lynn that some things are going to have to change.

There are seven churches and eleven villages in the benefice so it has become an impossible task for the vicar to be everywhere at once. Penny Yeadon is the associate vicar and whilst she is non-stipendiary and has a full time job elsewhere her support and experience is invaluable. There are also retired clergy and lay readers but they are not always available. Lynn believes in encouraging people to travel between villages, and will be exploring having a united service in just one church on a particular Sunday in the month, rotating around the churches. This reduces the repetition of lots of services and enables parishioners to get to know each other across the benefice. Working together, rather than in isolation, is very much the theme for the future. There will be other changes too – more lay-led services, more things for children to do.

Already there has been a very successful harvest festival for the BAWB collaboration of schools; and a Light Party (alternative to Hallowe'en) was very well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by children and adults alike. Lynn has felt that there is a thirst for change; that we are tired of the old and want something new. Certainly there is an air of excitement and anticipation in the parishes rather than fear and trepidation. There may be a little reluctance to change, or fear of taking a few risks over the forthcoming months but it is quite obvious that, whilst being sensitive to people's feelings, Lynn has a steely determination to move forward and make changes. Her lively personality, great sense of humour and open candour will go a long way towards getting people on board and carrying through the God given vision she has. We wish her well in her ministry.

N.P

Amala Trip 2015

We have been fortunate enough to be included in a group of Post-16 students from The Wensleydale School and Sixth Form who will be visiting the Amala Children's Home in Tamil Nadu in Southern India. Therefore we are planning a programme of fundraising events over the coming months to contribute to travel costs and teaching resources. Our first event is a Mince Pies and Mulled Wine Shopping Evening at West Burton Village Hall on **Saturday 6th December 2014, 7.00-9.00pm**. Stalls will include cakes, clothes, jewellery, candles, cards, crafts, beauty products, a raffle and more. Non-alcoholic punch, tea or coffee will also be available. A 2015 calendar has also been produced with local scenes and will be available on the evening or by contacting us direct on **663792**.

Further information can be found at www.amalatrust.org We hope you are able to support our events. **Charlotte Pratt, Esther Everitt and Hayley Moore.**

James and Gwen Fawcett would like to thank family and friends for cards, flowers and gifts received on their Diamond Wedding Anniversary

Beds on the Train

ENGLAND, 1838

One of the biggest problems on the railway before signalling and proper fencing were established was seeing far enough ahead of the engine to apply the brakes when something had strayed on to the tracks or when the train was in danger of running into another train or stationary wagon.

To get round the problem, one railway company sent a train out with a man sitting at the front with a telescope. The trial was deemed unsatisfactory because the lookout man was instructed never to take his eye away from the telescope – in practice, fatigue and boredom made this impossible.

Other problems with early trains centred on the coupling system between carriages. When simple chains were used, the noise of clanking was indescribable whenever the train slowed down or speeded up. Worse still, passengers were thrown about as the carriages caught up with and bashed into each other. One passenger complained that he had not paid good money to be knocked about as if he were a prize fighter.

Alarmed at the damage to its reputation, the railway company announced that it had found a solution to the problem. The company's new highly comfortable train was given its first outing on a warm spring day. All the seats on the train had been sold after a sustained advertising campaign alerted passengers and local officials and dignitaries to what was described as a 'new era in travelling comfort'

The journey was indeed far more comfortable than the passengers had dared to imagine - and how was this achieved? By the simple expedient of fitting a mattress (from a bed) to the gap between each carriage. Mattresses were also fitted at the front and back of the train to allow for bumps on the buffers.

History does not record how long the experiment lasted, but it certainly did wonders for the railway company's reputation in the short term.

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Notes from Thorney Mire

Autumn

Having not seen a red squirrel in the garden for a while (there has been plenty of food for them in the wood) imagine my delight when not one, but three returned this week. The first one ran backwards and forwards at the base of the bird feeding station and surveyed it as if working out its line of ascent. In a flash it had climbed the pole and was sitting on the tray containing peanuts. There is a squirrel feeder on the wall but the squirrels seem to ignore it, preferring to sit on the bird feeders, much to the annoyance of the birds who are trying to feed there. The blue-tits however, spend ages on the ledge of the squirrel feeder pecking at the glass where they can see the food but getting frustrated because they cannot reach it. The red squirrels seem to be getting used to humans and if you open the door quietly and move slowly, although they are wary of you, you can get quite close to them. Later in the afternoon the first squirrel returned to the feeder and was sitting quite happily when the second red squirrel appeared. The second one went so far up the pole, waving its tail from side to side aggressively at the first squirrel. The first one was not intimidated, it gave the second one a look as if to say, "I was here first" and carried on eating. After several more failed attempts by the second squirrel to get to the food, it gave up and went into next door's garden to see what they had on the menu. You can waste, I mean spend, a lot of time watching the acrobatic antics of red squirrels, whether it's doing dare devil leaps from the hanging baskets to the feeders, gravity defying upside down balancing acts or yoga type stretches to reach the next feeder, they are fascinating to observe.

The following day the two red squirrels returned, although not living in harmony they tolerated each other. Then much to my delight, but not the delight of the other two they were joined by a third squirrel. Now war broke out. They chased each other around the courtyard until they finally disappeared. Any attempt to get a photograph of the three of them together was impossible. They definitely had no intentions of posing for the camera. Down

our lane there has been an abundance of rose hips, rowan and hawthorn berries this year so the birds should not go too hungry over the winter. The strong winds have blown most of the leaves from the trees, but the beech in the wood are still clinging to theirs and giving us a good display with their green-gold and russet colours. There have been a lot of wrens about this Autumn and we must have had a nest nearby as we were entertained for two or three weeks by several wrens flying backwards and forwards past the dining room window like Eurofighters on a mission. The rooks have returned to the top wood ready for their early breeding next year. I miss the curlews when they go to their winter quarters but look forward to hearing their plaintive cry when they return to herald the Spring.

Sylvia Turner

Upper Dales Family History Group

October's speaker was Gillian Waters on the Horner family. Gillian had investigated the roots of the family on a wide scale, plotting Horner 'hot spots' on maps showing that they often occurred in clusters on monastic lands. As an occupational name the Horners worked with communities which not only produced the raw material but also consumed it - flat horn sheets were used as book covers.

Moving out of dales some of the family went into other activities such as the cloth trade and became involved in civic life; Horners appear as mayors and aldermen in both Ripon and York. They became linked to influential landowning families such as the Markenfields and Nevilles and begin to turn up in other parts of the country on land associated with them. Even 'Little Jack Horner' who helped himself to the deeds of some Somerset manors was linked to the Markenfields.

Many individual stories went into this fascinating one name study. The importance of the name locally was well illustrated at the end of the meeting when no less than eleven different people in the audience introduced themselves as having Horner ancestors!

Tracy Little

Don't Skip This.....

When we were all a lot younger there was a lot less traffic and fewer wagons. In those days lorries had fixed load beds and things were unloaded by hand or sometimes by tipper truck. Since then much has changed and one of the innovations has been the development of SKIPS. Before World War Two an American firm came up with the idea of a removable bin on the back of a lorry (known over there as dumpsters) but it wasn't until the sixties that we started to develop the idea of skips in a big way here in the UK. Now there are skips all over the place and in our area one of the commonest names is **R & J Farrow**, so who are they?

Robert (Bob) Farrow and his wife Joan have lived at the Old Vicarage in Redmire



for about 36 years. Bob's father ran a scrap metal business and Bob followed on from this but diversified into the skip business in 1975. Since then the business has grown and is now based in Catterick. There are about a dozen people employed including their two sons Shaun and Wayne who now largely run the firm. There are four other drivers and four Polish workers who do all the sorting at the transfer station in Catterick.

So who hires skips? Well, about a third of the trade is residential, usually builders' waste. The rest is commercial or industrial and here we are talking about big skips. Skips are usually measured in yards (ie cubic yards), two yards being the smallest, four yards the ones most often seen and eight yards the big monsters. The company

has also recently acquired a large roll-on roll-off skip. At any one time there might be hundreds of Farrow's skips all over North Yorkshire, South Durham and beyond. Compared with having a similar number of wagons tied up on location this must be a considerable cost saving. The skip is simply there for as long as you want to hire it. Prices are kept competitive, not just to keep customers happy but also to stop fly tipping.

When Bob started the business the waste used to be taken to Yorwaste who disposed of it in landfill sites. As time went by there was increasing environmental concern about landfill and in 1996 John Gummer introduced the Landfill Tax, which incidentally was the first environmental tax in the UK. It can now cost over £110 a ton to dump waste in landfill so it has become necessary to sort and recycle. Anything of value, eg scrap metal, is taken out to be sold. At present much of the rest is sorted by Bob's workers and taken to various sites across the UK. A good deal of it is then baled and taken to Sweden for incineration. Clearly Bob and his team have to keep abreast of developments

and changing codes of practice in an increasingly regulated industry but at least he steers clear of much of the hazardous waste material which is more difficult to dispose of. When I spoke to him he didn't seem unduly concerned about people dumping rubbish in hired skips or indeed people stealing from them but I'm quite sure that both take place in some locations (not the Newsletter area of course).

Hiring out skips is basically a simple idea but Bob and his family have made a success of it and it is an invaluable service in our area. Skips may not be particularly beautiful but they have become an accepted part of normal life. I think we can expect to see R & J Farrow skips in the area for a long time.

N.P.

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Hawes In Bloom

A few lines from your resident 'Plant Pest' to say that the forms for completion are now available at the Community Office. Those businesses wishing to take part in another 'themed colour' display in Hawes next year are invited to complete and return these as soon as possible. There is an explanatory sheet with the form too. I have chosen blue, yellow, and white for the colour theme as I thought it would be in complete contrast to the Tour de France red and white, and a suitable selection of plants is available. I hope you agree that it should make the town look really bright and inviting for both visitors and residents, whatever the weather may throw at us! I would once again just mention that whilst businesses of course pay for their own flowers, there are several 'general areas' of planting that I hope to plant up again and I would be grateful for any help, both financial and physical. I have now placed donation jars in Spar, Masons Paper Shop, and the Community Office and there is a permanent box attached to the railings around the Town Foot traffic Islands. With the help of a small but willing band of volunteers I have cleared the old bedding here and re-planted with 500 dwarf mixed wallflowers. Once these start flowering these should give a good show right up until the summer plants are ready to go in next year. You will be pleased to know that this 'Plant Pest' will now go into hibernation and not bother you for a while! Best Wishes and thanks for your support

Richard Noble

Poppy Appeal 2014

Aysgarth

The areas and villages of Aysgarth, Bishopdale, Carperby, Newbiggin, Palmer Flatts, Thoraby, Thornton Rust, West Burton and Westholme raised £1105.28 for the Poppy Appeal.

Many thanks to those who collected for and gave to the Appeal. Jean Cockburn who has co-ordinated the collections for 35 years has now retired. A huge thank you to Jean who has collected over £20,000 for the Royal British Legion in that time.

Anne Clarkson

**MIDSUMMER BASH
WINTER WARMER**

on Saturday

20th December with

DIZZY BLONDE

WITH A GUEST APPEARANCE

Playing at the
FOUNTAIN HOTEL, HAWES

10.30 - 1.00am

Tickets: £5.00 in advance or £8.00 on door
available from The Spar Shop
or contact Diane 07773 436105

Proceeds in aid of
Hawes Summer Bash 2015
on Saturday 4th July

Advent and Christmas Message

Rev Lynn Purvis-Lee

Dear friends,

It seems very strange writing this Newsletter piece for Christmas when it's only Remembrance Sunday. But on reflection, it's an indicator of the way the seasons of this time of year intertwine with each other. The pattern goes something like this. Halloween... means, All Hallows Eve, leading to all saints, a time when we remember those who have lived good and Godly lives, who have gone before us but who have left us a legacy to remember that the saints who once laboured here on earth, now rest in glory and eternal Light and Life – we therefore have hope – hope in that death is not the end – it is the gateway to Heaven. Then we embark on Guy Fawkes night, traditional maybe but a gruesome thought, and not really something to celebrate in today's climate of events. But we do light up the skies with our oohs and ahhs as the firework displays bring us excitement and joy and a sense of celebration and warmth on a dark autumn night. Then we have Remembrance Day – where we remember with gratitude and sorrow those who gave their lives that we might live in freedom. Sadly, war and conflict remain, but we stand still in silence on Remembrance Day acknowledging how wrong war is, and we stand united in hope that peace and justice will conquer and that reconciliation and healing will be restored. We move through the short days and dark nights of November; and lo and behold, we arrive at Advent – November 30th. The word 'Advent' simply means 'an arrival'.

The Modern Advent period is marked by the opening of chocolate calendars – Hello Kitty, Frozen, Simpsons, Moshi Monsters etc.... but you can still get the traditional Fairtrade Nativity ones too you know (Tesco!), counting the days down to an over indulgence of partying, food and drink and gifts galore. Originally, however, the Advent season was a time for strict fasting, and still today it is a time in the lives of Christians to reflect on the real reason for

the season. We believe that Advent is a time to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Christ, the birth of Jesus, just in the same way as we prepare our homes for Christmas. And just as the Angel came and lit up the hillside and assured the Shepherds by saying 'I bring you Good News!' I want to encourage you all, as you prepare for Christmas, to reflect on what it means to put Christ back into Christmas. To remember that each festival I've mentioned has two sides, Darkness – and – Light... I know which one I prefer; and so I want to urge you to remember that Christmas doesn't start with pressure to spend too much – or with a dodgy jumper? – or the OTT house bling. Christmas doesn't start with a fight on Emmerdale – or with the office party, or exhausting and stressful shopping trips. Christmas starts when we help the sick and needy – when we feed the hungry – it starts with the homeless shelters – reminding us of the meaning of the Nativity Play. Christmas starts with our Toy Services, Carol Services and singing by candlelight, Christingle services which support the Children's Society; Christmas starts with LOVE and Light and Joy....and it brings us the message of HOPE. Come and join us? look out for the services and events in your local churches and communities and let's claim back the real reason for this Holy Season, remembering that Light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Lynn

Pat and Colin Jackson will soon be leaving Wensleydale to live nearer to their family and would like to say Goodbye to all the lovely people we have lived among for the past 28 years.

We will never forget the warmth and friendship we have shared here in Carperby and wish everybody a Happy Christmas and best wishes for the coming New Year. We are sad to be leaving but time moves on and we will make the best of it. Thank-you
Pat Jackson



Dalesplay is looking very colourful as Milner's of Leyburn have very kindly supplied and fitted our new blinds; thank you. The children attending Dalesplay have been making Christmas cards which have been professionally printed for their families to order. They add a very special personal touch to Christmas. We have been celebrating bonfire night by making rocket sausages, firework pictures and firework messy play with the glittery paint in the large tubs. We are looking forward to getting the glitter out next month as we start our Christmas activities. The Children are looking forward to a Christmas Lunch, followed by a party and visit from Santa on Monday 15th December. Dalesplay would like to send a huge thank you to everyone who organised, donated and helped run the stalls at our Christmas Fayre. We raised a wonderful £353.10 for the setting. Please take a look at our Facebook page to see what we have been doing in the setting. If you need childcare or are eligible for government funded 2, / 3 year old places please contact us on **667789** or dalesplay1@btconnect.com, we are here to help provide top quality care in a safeguarded environment for children in the dales.

Joanne Fothergill

Volunteer Car Drivers Needed!

... for a new scheme to take people to hospitals and other medically related venues

Contact Trish West on email:

trish.west-countersett@live.com

or tel: **650172** for further details

Thoralby Village Hall

Soup and Sweet Lunch on Thursday 11th December noon 'till 1.30pm

Dominos: Monday 15th December at 7.30pm

Whist: Tuesday 16th December at 7.30pm

Driving at Night

It is well known that people who do not drive (or who have a driving licence but not a car) are largely dependent on other people who can give them lifts to meetings and meals out because there is no local scheduled bus service in the evenings.

However it is now becoming more respectable for older motorists to admit that they don't like driving after dark. How big a problem is this? How many of the people we think might be willing to drive us to the out of hours doctor would not feel able to do so if they could not get there and back in daylight? Add to this the people who have been out for the evening and would not drive because they have had a drink - and you begin to wonder how many of your neighbours could take you to a doctor in emergency.

How big a problem is this? Can anything be done about it?

Annison

Ruth

St Oswald's, Askrigg

On Saturday 13th December there will be a Christmas Tree Preview Concert in Church at 7.30 pm featuring music and entertainment from the Year of Music concerts. Mince pies and mulled wine will be served after the concert.

The Christmas Tree Festival will open on **Sunday 14th December** and will run throughout the festive period. The theme of this year's Festival is the First World War. The church will be open from 9.00am until approximately 6.30pm daily.

All are welcome to attend both of these events with free entry though donations will be appreciated.

There be an Advent Window trail around Askrigg from 1st to 25th December. Trail leaflets will be available from Sykes Store and the Church.

K.P.



Barbara Peacock

of Sycamore Hall would like to wish all her family and friends a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Where There's a Will

To Age UK, the biggest charity in the country dedicated to 'later life,' there is no such thing as old age. You have to delve deep into their website even to find a reference to 'elderly.'

Lawyers are less coy, and solicitor Michael McGarry is proud to be a member of a national organisation which doesn't beat about the bush but calls itself simply Solicitors for the Elderly.

He also belongs to the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners - lawyers are not fond of fancy titles - which means, in a nutshell, he's well-placed for advising on all aspects of old age. Or even later life. From offices in Barnard Castle and Hawes, moving back to the latter 18 months ago after a four-year absence when his previous partnership ended, Michael and his staff cover the whole of North Yorkshire and County Durham, with clients as far afield as Northumberland and even Cornwall.

"I don't lose many," he says. (Well, only from natural causes). His home, shared with wife, Jo, and three children aged 11, nine and four, is in Heighington, near Darlington, and he's never moved far from the area. Neither, in fact, has Jo. A local girl through-and-through, she was born in West Burton and moved to Thoraby where some of her family still live. At just 42 Michael has been in the business, amazingly, nearly quarter of a century: he left school at 16, went to work in a solicitor's office, and by 17 was writing wills as he studied for his articles.

About a quarter of his clients are over 65 which is partly why he spends a chunk of his time - two full days a week at least - visiting people in their homes throughout Wensleydale and Swaledale. It's an old-fashioned way of doing business, but he's more chatty and down-to-earth than most, and travelling the dales to meet clients isn't exactly a hardship. Also, he genuinely thinks it's the only way to do business. "A personal service in an impersonal world" is our motto, says Michael. "Not very original, I know, but it's true and people seem to like that approach." With 60 per

cent of us not making a will, there's a long way to go in convincing people that they need to think about what will happen to their assets when they die.

Despite a recent change in the law when the Inheritance and Trustees' Powers Act 2014 came into force, "common law" partners will still get nothing if the partner dies intestate. There are many other pitfalls. Do-it-yourself wills and probate proliferate, but it's not for the fainthearted and the potential for litigation is enormous. "It doesn't have to be me, but you really should go to a solicitor for these things. If anything goes wrong we carry indemnity insurance and that's vital," he says.

Betsy Everett

Thank you from Askrigg School

Thank you for your support with sending in bags of clothes and bedding etc for the collection at Askrigg School on 23rd October. The collection weighed over half a tonne (620kg to be precise) and raised £124 each for The Great North Air Ambulance and School.

HAWES CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL 2014

SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER

Children's Party

In the Market Hall

Entertainment with  Eileen and Joe

1.45pm: Community Buffet and games.
Bring your own snacks
Free Admission

4.00 pm: Market Place: Community Carol Singing with Hawes Prize Silver Band
4.30pm: Father Christmas arrives

CHRISTMAS MARKET

10.00am - 4.00pm Hawes Market Place, outside Cocketts Hotel
Local Crafts, Homemade Cakes, Gifts, Books and more

SEASONAL REFRESHMENTS

WENSLEYDALE'S GOT MORE TALENT

10.30am - 4.00pm
Hawes Market Hall

Handicrafts & Homecrafts Competition

Wensleydale's Got TALENT

commencing 7.00pm prompt
Hawes Market Hall
Admission: £3; under 12 free
Everyone Welcome



Viruses on Apple Device

There have been a number of scares with malware creeping on to Mac computers in the past but they have relied on user behaviour to get there and allow them to do any damage. However, as iPhones and other iOS devices become more widespread worldwide it is to be expected that malicious types will try to worm their way on to these devices to cause mayhem, steal information etc. and in the last month two such attacks have started for real. This means Apple users really need to be very careful in the way they use their devices in future as I would guess this is only going to get a lot worse as time goes on. Apple has always argued that MacOS computers and iOS devices don't need any virus or malware protection but they have now been proved wrong. It doesn't come as a big surprise really – until recently Apple had a tiny proportion of the market (it was estimated that only about 4-6% of computers were Macs until a couple of years ago) and as a result criminal activity targeted the much more potentially lucrative pickings of Windows computing.

With the growth in mobile device usage, and especially the use of iPhones and iPads, along with heavy marketing campaigns and product placements in TV shows and films, Apple have significantly increased their presence. They have also been helped along the way by Microsoft messing up Windows Vista, and a now widespread dislike of Windows 8 (which also appears on MS and Nokia phones and tablets). Consequently Apple have now become a worthwhile target to criminals. My personal guess is things will get much worse before Apple get a grip on the situation – the reason being Microsoft are used to regularly producing updates to stop security issues and there is a whole infrastructure available to protect against many of the nasties out there but Apple are definitely playing catch up and have a lot of

work to do to shift their approach to the defensive. For what it's worth the best advice for the current viruses out there, and probably future viruses, is to avoid using products that you download off the internet unless you know they come from Apple's own App Store – this goes for both MacOS computer and iOS devices. The current problems have arisen by carefully designed (and innocuous looking) websites in China persuading MacOS computer users to download and install apps from apparently legitimate App Stores. Once installed on the laptop you only have to plug in your iOS device for it to become infected. These infections can also be spread to iOS devices across business networks. One of the infections doesn't appear to do much – but the security community are guessing it is a simple test to see how effective the virus delivery system is and a larger scale attack will follow. The other advice given was to make sure when you use a charger, ensure it is a genuine Apple charger. Because iOS devices use a charger that effectively connects like a USB device, third party cheap replacements cannot be guaranteed not to come loaded with an unwelcome extra present! And on that happy note (!) all that remains is to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy (and safe) New Year. My next article won't be until February – if you have any ideas for future articles please drop me a line at carol.haynes@dalescomputerservices.com or leave a message at 663798.

Carol Haynes

OFFICE VACANCY (to start Jan/Feb 2015)

**37.5 hour week Monday-Friday
Salary £15,000 - £18,000pa
(or part-time pro rata)
according to qualifications and
experience**

**Applications to Peter and Ruth Annison
Outhwaites Ropemakers, Hawes
Tel 01969 650349 or 667487**

Heavens Above

We have a beautiful 'Christmas Star' this month. It's the planet Venus which makes a welcome return to the evening sky from the middle of December onwards. You'll find it shining like a tiny beacon low in the south-west straight after sunset. During the coming months the planet puts on a really good show, gradually climbing higher as it pulls away from the Sun, and remaining visible long into the night for most of the first half of next year. On New Year's Eve the innermost planet, Mercury, putting on its best evening display of the year, lies just to the lower right of Venus. Both planets slowly come together over the next few nights and at their closest on January 11th they'll appear just 40 arc minutes apart – a spectacular sight in the gathering darkness.

Over in the east another bright planet also puts on a great display this winter. Rising around

9.00pm at the beginning of December, Jupiter, at magnitude minus 2.4, is a striking object midway between the constellations of Cancer and Leo. The giant planet comes to opposition on February 6th when it's visible all night long. See if you can spot any of the 4 large Galilean moons strung out on either side of its noticeably flattened disc. Well supported 10x50 binoculars are all you'll need but you must keep well away from the glare of artificial lights. This year's Winter Solstice - when the Sun reaches its lowest point in the heavens as seen from the Northern Hemisphere - occurs just after 11.00pm on December 21st. We get the shortest days and the longest nights, but we also get the brilliant winter constellations. Centred around Orion the Mighty Hunter and his two faithful hounds, Procyon and Sirius - they're a glorious sight on a sparkling, frosty night. Orion's bold rectangular outline with a sloping line of 3 stars forming his 'Belt' is easily recognized. See if you can spot his 'Sword' just below the Belt's middle star. A spectacular sight in

binoculars or a small telescope. Orion's left shoulder is marked by Betelgeuse, a red-giant over a 1000 million miles in diameter and his right foot by blue-white Rigel - a real powerhouse of a star 120,000 times more powerful than our own Sun.

Orion faces up to his age-old adversary Taurus the Bull whose baleful eye is marked by another noticeably reddish star, Aldebaran. Aldebaran is surrounded by the 'v' shaped Hyades star cluster which shows up well in binoculars. Even more striking is the Pleiades or Seven Sisters, the finest star cluster in the sky.. Overhead in the constellation of The Charioteer you'll find another strongly coloured star, Capella (the She-goat), decidedly yellowish in hue and a nice contrast to steely blue-white Vega, the brightest of the three Summer Triangle stars, right on the northern horizon. Sirius, low in the south-east, is pure white but flashes all the colours of the rainbow due to its closeness to the horizon. We have two major meteor showers this month and next. The annual Geminids peaks on the night of December 13/14th and with the Moon out of the way you can expect to see around 50-60 of these slow, bright shooting stars an hour as the shower reaches maximum. Unfortunately, all but the brightest of the Quadrantids which peak on the night of January 3rd/4th will be washed out by moonlight. There are two eclipses to look forward to in 2015. The first is a partial solar eclipse on March 20th when over 80% of the Sun's disc disappears behind the Moon and the second, a total lunar eclipse on September 28th when the whole of the Moon becomes immersed in the Earth's shadow. You'll have to stay up till the early hours to see the spectacle but it will be well worthwhile if those pesky clouds stay well away. In July we should get the first close up views of dwarf planet Pluto when, after a 9 year journey, the New Horizons space probe passes within 10,000 kilometres of this remote little world. Seasons greetings and here's hoping for lots of clear skies in 2015!

Al Bireo

Proposed Dales Holiday Village

Huge public outcry

Do not be alarmed, this was in the 1930s. We tend to think that problems with the environment and wildlife are a modern concern.

We think many readers will be unaware of the Dales Holiday Centre which was established at Ballowfields on the road from Woodhall to Carperby on the left hand side when going towards Carperby, and which is now a nature reserve with information boards and little footbridge. In the 1930s a number of holiday chalets, brought second-hand from Whitley Bay, by a Mr Ratcliffe, who bought the land, were erected.

This was following considerable objections like:

"I care not how well-finished and painted the bungalows and caravans may be, they will, none the less inevitably prove an eyesore in such a position and spoil one of the loveliest views in the dale." Or: "The proposed wooden bungalows are the last word in ugliness. Everywhere our English countryside is being ruined beyond repair by the erection of these horrible monstrosities."

But there was support: *"When we have someone with enterprise come in to the dale to do good do not let us put every obstacle in his way; rather let us help him. We have plenty of stick-in-the-mud residents. In fact we breed them. ..."* In the meantime if Mr Willis (the objector quoted above) will only take a look round and see the untidy state of the numerous wooden garages, hay and implement sheds, all in a

state of decay.... And the general untidiness of the farmsteads, and wait until the camp is completed before giving his opinion, then I think he will write something of a different tone."

There was also concern about the 'type' of holiday makers it might attract and the noise and rubbish. Sewage from the site went into Eller Beck! Springs provided water.

The camp consisted of a general store, café and village hall (called the Liberty) where 'The Cyclones' travelling theatre group entertained holidaymakers each summer. In later years local lads used the



General view looking east

hall for roller skating. There was apparently a swimming pool advertised, but it was just the beck dammed (hopefully upstream!).

During the 1939-45 war some of the chalets were occupied by women and children evacuees from the Northeast. After the war the holiday village fell into disrepair and the chalets were gradually demolished and removed by the Council who bought the site, cleaned it and landscaped it.

Mr Ratcliffe lived in Woodhall before moving to his 'town' where he first lived near the café but then had his own property on the other side (the rabbit warren side) of the road where he stayed until 1953 finally living in a caravan.

As you can see from the pictures the site was quite a size. There appears to be absolutely nothing left to see today.

A.S.W. with help from Angela Kershaw



The café and hall

Aysgarth's New Shop

What a delight to have a well-stocked shop in Aysgarth again. We are so enjoying buying fresh milk, eggs, newspapers and so much more at the garage. Mark and Kathryn Oyston have worked for a year to renovate Aysgarth Garage which now not only provides residents with a shop, but also fuel pumps, a vehicle maintenance workshop equipped with the latest diagnostic technology, and a car sales showroom. The shop was set up by John Hall from Newcastle and Kathryn can often be found at the till taking care of the fuel and grocery sales. "We try to keep a good stock in the shop for the locals and also for passing trade," said Kathryn. Mark is very busy in the workshop with his assistant mechanic, Robert Labro. They are not only doing MoTs but also prepping the cars that



Mark Oyston (left) and John Hall

Nick Wear is offering for sale in the showroom. "Nick is mostly selling 4 by 4s as there is a big demand for them around here," Kathryn told me, and added that he also had some prestige sporty cars in the showroom. So what tempted the Oyston's to move from Bridlington to Aysgarth? She explained: "We used to travel a lot to the Lakes and on the way back we used to pass this garage and say 'What a marvellous spot it would make'. " Her husband has been in the garage business for about 30 years and built up such a good reputation in Bridlington that some of his customers are coming to Wensleydale for overnight stays

at local pubs just so that they can have their cars serviced by him. "It's a seven day week and hard work - you've got to put the hours in to get it up and running, and successful," Kathryn commented. For most of the year the shop and fuel forecourt will be open from 7am to 7pm seven days a week but during the winter it will close at 6pm on Saturdays and Sundays.

Pip Land

Hawes Bonfire and Fireworks 2014

The rain held off this year which meant we had some wonderful fireworks and the Bonfire looked amazing.

A great turnout was had and wonderful assortments of delicious refreshments were on sale, music played as visitors, families and residents enjoyed the roaring fire and awaited the display. Hawes Bonfire and fireworks is organised by a small committee of volunteers who generously donate their time and skills to put this wonderful traditional event on each year for people to enjoy. The event has free entry and relies on donations to produce future events so the more money raised the bigger and better it will be. The committee would like to thank everyone for all the kind donations and those who donated food, time, energy, lent machinery, made Guy Fawkes etc. to put this event together. Without this the tradition could not continue and I for one know that it is a wonderful memory to have and a wonderful thing for children to experience. Thank you everyone, I have already heard whispers of plans for next year's event.

If you would like to help out with the event next year come along to the next meeting we have next year and we would love you to join our team. We only have a couple of meetings to arrange the event as we know people have very busy lives.

On Behalf of Hawes Bonfire Committee:

Joanne Fothergill

	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">Digital <i>Comfy Seats</i></div> <div style="text-align: center;">Film <i>Surround Sound</i></div> <div style="text-align: center;">Theatre <i>Licensed Bar</i></div> </div>	Proudly Presents
Films will only be screened Fridays from December Onward		
<p><u>The Young & Prodigious T S Spivet</u> (12A) 1 hr 45 m <i>Kyle Catlett, Helena Bonham Carter, Judy Davis</i> A ten-year-old cartographer secretly leaves his family's ranch in Montana where he lives with his cowboy father and scientist mother and travels across the country aboard a freight train to receive an award at the Smithsonian Institute. A fanciful, fun family adventure story. The film featured in the recent Station Film Festival at Richmond. <i>December – Friday 5 at 5.00 pm and 7.30 pm</i></p>		
<p><u>Begin Again</u> (15) 1 hr 44 m <i>Keira Knightley, Mark Ruffalo, Adam Levine</i> A soul-stirring comedy about a chance meeting between a disgraced music-business executive and a young singer-songwriter new to Manhattan. Their encounter turns into a promising collaboration between the two talents. <i>December – Friday 12 at 5.00 pm and 7.30 pm</i></p>		
<p><u>Chef</u> (15) 1 hr 54 m <i>Jon Favreau, Robert Downey Jr, Scarlett Johansson</i> A chef who loses his restaurant job starts up a food truck in an effort to reclaim his creative promise, while piecing back together his estranged family. The food shots will make your taste buds sing! A feel-good film featured at Richmond Station Film Festival. <i>December – Friday 19 at 5.00 pm and 7.30 pm</i></p>		
There will not be a film screened on Boxing Day		
<p><u>The Lunchbox</u> (PG) 1 hr 44 m <i>Irrfan Khan, Nimrat Kaur, Nawazuddin Siddiqui</i> The heart-warming tale of a mistaken delivery in Mumbai's famously efficient lunchbox delivery system which connects a young housewife to an older man nearing retirement. They gradually build a fantasy world together through notes in the daily lunchbox. (Some of the dialogue is in Hindi with English sub-titles) <i>January – Friday 2 at 5.00 pm and 7.30 pm</i></p>		
Films coming in the New Year - <u>Pride, What we did on our Holidays, If I stay...</u>. Check website, Facebook & flyers for details.		
<p style="text-align: center;">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</p>		Tickets Adults £6 Concessions £5



The Old School House

DATE:	EVENT	TIME	TICKET PRICE
2 DEC TO 16 DEC	WHORLTON ART GROUP – ART EXHIBITION IN STUDIO	10AM TO 5PM	FREE ENTRY
4 DEC TO 8 JANUARY 2015	JUDITH PINCHES - ART EXHIBITION IN CAFE/BAR	10AM TO 5PM	FREE ENTRY
THURS 4 DEC	TRINKET OR TREASURE AUCTION Come and enjoy a fun packed and entertaining evening with your friends and bid for gifts in our very intriguing Auction	7.00PM	£5 INCLUDING NIBBLES AND FESTIVE TREATS * *Tickets obtainable from TOSH
SAT 13 DEC	PENHILL POACHERS "CHRISTMAS PUDDING" The Poachers return to The Old School House with their seasonal show featuring songs, readings and tales of Winter and the festive time. Using their blend of complex harmonies, acoustic string, reed and woodwind instruments and a humorous glance at the Christmas period , the Poachers will start your Christmas off with a fruity diet of song and laughter	8.00PM (doors open 7.30PM	£7 * *Tickets obtainable from TOSH

 <p>Audrey Stringer of Sycamore Hall would like to wish all her family and friends very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year</p>	 <p>Jean Roberts Would like to wish all relatives, friends and neighbours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2015</p>
<p>Ann Peacock Wishes her relatives, friends and neighbours a very happy Christ- mas and a happy New Year</p> 	 <p>Bown Ian, Trish, Sam and Katie would like to wish their friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Instead of sending cards we are giving a donation to charity</p>

Police Report

Statistics show that on the run up to Christmas there is a rise in house burglaries as criminals are doing their pre-Christmas "shopping". Make sure that during these darker evenings you keep your doors and windows locked. Quite a number of burglaries are committed through unlocked doors, and sneak-in opportunists will use the cover of darkness. If nipping out, secure the house and leave it looking occupied by leaving a light (or several) on and maybe a radio playing.

There has been a significant increase in alcohol related crimes over the last two months. The most serious was an assault in Hawes where the victim had his jaw broken and which is currently under investigation. Plant pots were damaged (smashed) in Bainbridge and on one night there was a spate of damage in Swaledale fuelled by alcohol. Remember **licensees serve alcohol not drunks**, so if you appear drunk you will not get served further. **Do not** then go and take your frustrations out on other peoples' property on your way home.

Crimes that have occurred (or been reported) on the Leyburn "patch" over the past couple of months have included:-

Theft of sheep from Buttertubs Pass and East Witton (quantities involved indicate offenders are used to handling sheep and must have the necessary vehicle and /or trailer. It is suspected that these animals are being taken during the day when the activity looks less suspicious.)

Theft of a beef calf from Muker

Burglaries to several outbuildings around Askrigg where they were broken into but little or nothing appears to have been taken. CCTV has recorded an unknown male accompanied by what appears to be a female near to one such building around 1.30am)

Burglary to the shop in Askrigg. (a suspect was arrested and the investigation is progressing).

There have been several fuel thefts from vehicles throughout our area.

A plastic oil tank was attacked, surrounding protective plants were cut and the tank had a hole drilled into it in Gunnerside.

Lead flashing stolen from a building in Lower Wensleydale and in the same location a stone trough with built in pump was stolen.

Wheel trims stolen from a car in Marske.

A tipping-trailer (the type you tow behind a car) has been stolen from the Redmire area.

As can be seen the crimes have been well spread throughout the "patch" and are of various methods. If you think you may have any information which would help us solve any of these crimes please get in touch.

A crime that keeps recurring in Hawes is the cutting of fence wire along The Hill, alongside the path that cuts up from the Church and ends up emerging on Gayle Lane. This has happened over half a dozen times over the past 2 or 3 years Someone is going out armed with pliers or wire cutters with the intention of doing this. Like the owners of the fencing my colleagues and I are getting a little "brassed off" with the culprit as it is "petty childish" behaviour, notwithstanding the fact that it is criminal damage. The fencing was erected legally to protect livestock and cutting it allows them to stray. Let us know if you know who the culprit is.

Remember though we are fortunate enough to live in one of the safest areas in the safest county in England and Wales so I will sign off for 2014 saying please be vigilant and report suspicious activity to us promptly and help prevent ourselves or any of our friends and neighbours becoming a victim of crime. If you have a crime to report please ring it in on the 101 number and when you get to the menu press "1" on the options menu.

May I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous 2015.

Andy Foster PC826
Response and Reassurance
Leyburn Safer Neighbourhood Team
Telephone 101 (non emergency)
In an emergency dial 999
SNTLeyburn@northyorkshire.pnn.police.
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Hawes School News

This week featured the armistice commemoration in the centenary year of the outbreak of World War One. To mark the event we held a whole school assembly and shared the two minute's silence via a live streamed event held by the Royal British Legion in Trafalgar Square, London.

The children in Class 4 also worked extremely hard with the Konflux Theatre Company to produce a drama around the outbreak and events of WW1 which they performed to Class 3 and some parents who came along especially to share the occasion.

Once again, we've decided to accept the Rotary Club Challenge to generate some funds for charity from the £40 donation they've given us. So year 5, with the kind help of Mr and Mrs Snow (school governor), are busy drawing up plans of action to make this happen at the Christmas Fair, which is being held in school later this month.

Special praise must be given this week to Gracie Haigh and Demi Thomas who participated in the "Ride Safe Roadshow," held in Askrigg and who received certificates for their efforts in assembly today.

Years 5 and 6 have once again attended 'Crucial Crew' at RAF Leeming. Crucial Crew is a health and safety initiative organised by Richmondshire and Hambleton district councils and the local police. It teaches children how to handle emergency as well as dealing with contemporary issues such as cyber bullying. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and learnt lots about health and safety.

Finally, we are collecting Flora 'TubsforTablets' tokens which can be found on promotional 500g tubs of Flora Original, Light and Buttery and Stork (subject to availability) from Tesco. Just 50 tokens will get our school one brand new Samsung Galaxy Tab 7.0" Wi-Fi 8GB tablet so please help us to claim as many as we can. Spread the word. Remember, if friends, neighbours, work colleagues and family can help too we could collect even more tokens to exchange for tablets.

Dawn Alderman, Administrator

A Fruitful Legacy

Isobel Paton was a lady who loved the Dales, in particular the countryside around Wensleydale and its people. On her death she generously entrusted some of her land to North Yorkshire CPRE (The Campaign for the Protection of Rural England) to be managed by the Wensleydale Branch. The sale of some of this land gave Wensleydale CPRE the privilege of being able to fund rural projects in this area. Within the principles of CPRE, our only stipulation for applications for the money was that it be used for the protection of the countryside or to help the people living in the Wensleydale, Coverdale, Raydale and Bishopdale areas.

This large sum of money has taken seven years to distribute and has now been used for 67 local projects. The benefits are being felt in 17 villages up and down the Dale. The Yorkshire Rivers Trust has been able to improve river banks and fish stocks in the River Cover and Bishopdale Beck. Trees have been planted and hay meadows restored. The National Park has used funds to monitor red squirrels and moths. Foxglove Covert has encouraged bees through improved planting and also enhanced meadows with yellow rattle. School children have benefitted from educational projects in the Wensleydale landscape, at Gayle Mill and through the provision of transport to the Wensleydale Tournament of Song. Access projects for the disabled and elderly have been supported. Also Hawes Silver Prize Band has some new music and instruments.

CPRE's legacy fund has now been dispersed. Only a hay meadow and an ancient barn at Horsehouse will remain under Wensleydale CPRE's protection for the time being. However, Isobel Paton's memory will live on in the improvements that she has provided for the Dales and its people. Wensleydale CPRE has been privileged to be custodians of her legacy. Thank you to Isobel Paton, a generous benefactor to us all.

Liz Piper

Trevor and Sue Teasdale

would like to wish all friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We are donating our card money to the Air Ambulance fund.



Your pull-out pages of December and New Year events and greetings
SPECIAL CHURCH, SCHOOL AND CAROL-SINGING EVENTS (HC=Holy Communion)

ASKRIGG AND BAINBRIDGE AREA

Bainbridge Methodist Chapel	Sunday	Dec28 10.30am	Annual Covenant service joined by Aysgarth Fellowship
St Oswald's, Askrigg	Saturday	Dec13 7.30pm	Christmas Tree Preview. See Page 17
	Sunday	Dec 14 to Jan 4	Christmas Tree Festival in Church
	Sunday	Dec21 4.00pm	Carols and Lessons with children from "Messy Church"
	Christmas Eve	4.00pm	Christingle
		11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist (HC)
	Christmas Day	10.30am	HC
St Matthew's, Stalling Busk	Christmas Eve	7.15pm	HC
		8.00pm	Lessons and Carols by Candlelight
Bainbridge Meeting House	Sunday	Dec 21 10.30am	Quaker (Society of Friends) meeting
Countersett Meeting House	Sunday	Dec28 1 0.45am	Quaker (Society of Friends) meeting
Marsett Methodist Chapel	Sunday	Dec 7 8.00pm	Carols "Singalong"
	Sunday	Jan 11 2.00pm	Annual Covenant service
Sycamore Hall	Saturday	Dec 6 8.30am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	Sunday	Dec21 10.30am	Methodist Carol Service

HAWES AREA

Hawes Market Place	Saturday	Dec 6 4.00pm	Community Carol Singing
Gayle Methodist Church	Monday	Dec 8 3.00pm	Light refreshments at 3.00pm followed by Advent Taize Service at 3.30pm
	Sunday	Dec21 6.00pm	Family Carol Service then refreshments
	Thursday	Jan 1 6.30pm	Gayle Methodist New Year supper
	Sunday	Jan 4 6.00pm	Annual Covenant service
St Margaret's, Hawes	Wednsdy	Dec17 1.30pm	Hawes School Christingle service
	Sunday	Dec21 10.30am	Carol Service
	Christmas Day	10.30am	Family Service (HC to follow)
	Sunday	Jan 18 10.30am	Methodist Covenant Service
St Mary & St John, Hardraw	Tuesday	Dec23 4.00pm	Christingle service
	Christmas Eve	11.30pm	Midnight Mass (HC)
Hawes Junction Chapel	Saturday	Dec 6 7.30pm	Carols by Candlelight with Askrigg Ladies Singing for Pleasure

AYSGARTH, WEST BURTON, THORALBY AND WEST WITTON AREA

St Andrew's, Aysgarth	Sunday	Dec14 11.00am	Christingle Service
	Sunday	Dec21 11.00am	Carol Service
	Christmas Day	10.30am	Family Service (HC)
	Sunday	Dec28 11.00am	Readings and Carols
Aysgarth Methodist Chch	Sunday	Dec14 6.00pm	Nativity Family Service
Thoralby Village Hall	Sunday	Dec21 2.30pm	Carol service
Thornton Rust	Sunday	Dec21 4.00pm	Carol Service
West Burton Chapel	Wednsdy	Dec17 6.00pm	Carol Singing around village from 6 pm
	Thursday	Dec18 6.00pm	Carol Singing around village from 6 pm
	Sunday	Dec21 6.00pm	Methodist Nativity service
	Christmas Eve	8.00pm	Christmas Eve communion (HC)
	Christmas Day	10.45am	Christmas Morning Service
	Sunday	Jan 25 10.45am	Annual Methodist Covenant service
St Bartholomew's, West Witton	Sunday	Dec14 6.00pm	Carols Service
	Sunday	Dec21 9.15am	HC
	Christmas Eve	4.00pm	Christingle Crib Service
	Christmas Eve	11.30pm	Midnight Communion (HC)
	Sunday	Dec28 9.15am	Readings and Carols

CARPERBY, REDMIRE, CASTLE BOLTON, PRESTON AREA AND BEYOND

Carperby Institute	Sunday	Dec21	7.30pm	Carol Service
Castle Bolton Church	Monday	Dec22	7.00pm	Carols around the village
	Christmas Eve		7.00pm	HC
	Sunday	Dec28	11.00am	HC
Preston-under-Scar	Sunday	Dec14	9.30am	HC
	Sunday	Dec21	6.00pm	Carol service
	Christmas Day		9.30am	HC
	Sunday	Dec28	9.30am	HC
Bolton-cum-Redmire Chch	Sunday	Dec14	9.30am	HC
	Thursday	Dec18	7.00pm	Carols in the pub in the Bolton Arms
	Sunday	Dec21	4.00pm	Carol Service
	Christmas Eve		3.30pm	Crib service
Wensley Church	Friday	Dec19	6.00pm	Carol service
	Christmas Day		10.30am	HC BCP
Gunnarside School	Friday	Dec19	1.30pm	Christingle at Gunnarside School

GENERAL WHAT'S ON LISTING

November

- 28 Gayle Mill Christmas Fayre. 10.00am
4.00pm. Admission Adults £2.50
Children 5-16 years free

December

- 1-25 Advent Window trail around Askrigg.
Trail Leaflet available from Sykes Store and the Church
- 1-6 Toy collection point for Barnados at Hawes Community Office
- 2-5 'Aladdin' Hawes Market Hall. See p.10
- 3 Bolton-cum-Redmire. Coffee Club:
10.30am till noon. Redmire Village Hall
- 5 Wensleydale Society meets. See p.9
- 6 Community Carol Singing in front of the Bay Tree, Hawes Christmas Festival
See p.18
- 6 Hawes Lights Switch-on. Talent events
Christmas Market and Santa. See p.18
- 6,7,13,14,20,21 Santa Specials on Wensleydale Railway. Booking required: **08454 50 54 74**
- 7 Gayle Mill Demonstration Tours. 11.00am and 2.30pm. £12. A two hour tour where you get to see the original 1879 machine working! Includes light refreshments. For bookings phone **667320**
- 8 Gayle Whist night. 7.30pm
- 9 Decorative and Fine Arts Society. See p.29
- 11 Soup and Sweet lunch. Thoraby Village Hall. Noon 'till 1.30pm
- 12 Charity Evening: Stalling Busk. p.10
- 12 Christmas Celebration in Song. St. Andrew's, Aysgarth. 7.30pm. See p.10
- 12 Filling Station. Middleham Key Centre
- 13 Christmas Tree Preview Concert in St Oswald's, Askrigg. See p.17
- 14-4 Jan Christmas Tree Festival in St. Oswald's, Askrigg. From 9.00am to 6.30 pm daily.

- 15 Dominos Thoraby Village Hall 7.30pm
- 16 YDNPA Full Authority Meeting, 10.30am, Yoredale, Bainbridge
- 16 Whist at Thoraby Village Hall 7.30pm
- 19 Yoredale Natural History Society, 7.30pm, Leyburn Methodist Hall
- 19 Annual Charity Concert. Hawes Silver Band. See p.5
- 19 Christmas Whist Drive in Carperby Institute at 7.30 pm.
- 20 'Dizzy Blonde' live in the Fountain, Hawes, for Summer Bash funds. See p.15
- 23 Christmas Dominos in Carperby Institute at 7.30pm
- 29 Gayle Whist Party Night

January

- 2 Wensleydale Society meets. See p.9
- 12,26 Gayle Whist Drives at Gayle Institute at 7.30pm
- 18 Afternoon Tea at St. Oswald's Church, Askrigg. 3.00 to 4.00pm. £2 entry
- 18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 30 Yoredale Natural History Society: Aspects of Nature in Northern and Southern England. Leyburn Methodist Hall, 7.30pm.

February

- 1 Gayle Mill Demonstration Tours. 11.00am and 2.30pm. £12, A two hour tour where you see the original 1879 machinery working! Includes light refreshments. For booking ring **667320**

Dorothy Routh

Would like to wish family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



December Events for Children

Askrigg Village

- 19 Carol Singing around Askrigg. Meet at the Cross at 5.30pm
- 23 Children's party for pre school (with an adult) and primary age children in the Village Hall 11.30am - 1.30pm. With DJ Wilko. Bring and Share Party Tea. All Welcome.
- 24 Meet Father Christmas at the Cross at 5.30pm. Gifts for pre-school and primary age children. Mulled wine and mince pies.

Askrigg Primary School

- 8 "Happy Christmas Tommy" - a story of Christmas during World War 1 by children in years 3-6 at 1.30pm
- 9 "Happy Christmas Tommy" as above at 6.00pm

Bainbridge CE Primary and Nursery School

- 8 "Nativity" by children in Foundation and Years 1&2 at 6.00pm
- 9 "Nativity" as above at 1.30pm
- 10 Bainbridge and West Burton Schools Collaboration Carol Service at St Oswald's Askrigg at 1.30pm

Everyone is welcome at all these Productions and at the Carol Service

Hawes

- 6 Children's Bring and Share Party in the Market Hall from 1.45pm
- 6 Father Christmas in Market Place and Christmas Lights switch on 4.30pm
- 17 Hawes School Christingle in St Margaret's at 1.30pm

What's On at the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes in December

Two exhibitions are on show until the end of December; "A Dales Perspective" is in the Waiting Room. In the Hall "Every Picture tells a Story", a photographic exhibition featuring historic buildings in the National Park.

The Museum shop has lovely gift ideas and charity Christmas cards for sale. Open through December 10am - 4.30pm. Only closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

We will be closed in January and will reopen on 1st February.

Young Archaeologists Group

Our Young Archaeologists Group has a few places available in the New Year. Open to children aged 8 - 16. Based at the museum, we meet regularly and visit sites and get involved with digs! Please phone Fiona or Debbie for more information. **666210**

Hawes Pub and Club Events

December

7 Christmas Lunch	White Hart
12 Ladies Darts	Fountain
13 Afternoon Bingo	Board
14 Christmas Carvery	Fountain
14 Christmas Lunch	White Hart
16 Domino Drive	Club
19 Ladies Darts	White Hart
20 Dizzy Blonde Live	Fountain
21 Christmas Lunch	White Hart
26 Christmas Quiz	Fountain
28 Ladies Darts	Club
31 Live Music	White Hart
31 Live Music	Fountain

January 2015

3 Christmas Quiz	Board
10 Individual Darts Knockout	Fountain
16 Individual Darts Knockout	Board
17 Domino Drive	Fountain
23 Individual Darts Knockout	White Hart
24 Burns Night	White Hart
24 Domino Drive	Board
31 Pairs Darts Knockout	Fountain

The above events may alter slightly. Please check with each house concerned for times and more details of each event.

Please check directly with the Crown for their seasonal events and with all pubs for their opening hours on Christmas Day

Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society

Middleham Key Centre

Tuesday December 9th 2014, 2.00pm

British Architecture Now!





Anthea Streeter's special interest is in Architecture and Design of the 20th century. In this lecture she will bring the audience right up to date with the British architectural scene both in the U.K. and abroad.

She will focus on buildings which have been short-listed or have won the RIBA Stirling prize, and works which have recently caught the public's imagination including Liebeskind's Imperial War Museum of the North, the controversial Scottish Parliament building, Zaha Hadid's Performing Arts Centre on Saadiyat Island, as well as the reassuring classical designs of Robert Adam Architects.

Anthea Streeter studied Fine and Decorative Arts in London and at Harvard.

We welcome non-members to this lecture and to any future lectures of interest. Lectures cost £8 per lecture. It would be helpful to inform the Membership Secretary beforehand if possible,

01765 635244, rosalindhigson@btinternet.com.

<p>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>Mary Sumner wishes everyone a Happy Christmas and Healthy New Year. Merry Christmas!</p> 
<p>Fringe 'n Freckles would like to wish friends and customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.</p> 	 <p>JUDY FAWCETT would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year</p>
	<p>Joe and Mary Howarth</p>  <p>would like to wish all friends and relations a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year</p>
	<p>Paul and Susan of Aysgarth Joinery would like to wish all their customers a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year</p> 