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Editorial

It's often hard to work out what are the main 'issues' or 'concerns' at the present time and whether we use our crystal ball to prophesy about things international, national or local for the future.

So we've decided to be fairly local – or at least rural -- and to begin by saying that some of the issues facing our area are not unique to the Dales, to the National Park or to District or County Councils that contain large rural areas, but are nation-wide. All authorities have faced, and are going to still face, more financial restraints. At times like these it is easy to start criticising one another's ideas and policies instead of pooling our wisdom (if we have any!)

So praise for the efforts which are being made by gathering together our local 'Rural Summit' with the high-powered meeting in November at Tennants, in relation to the issues of the increasing imbalance of population (more elderly, fewer children and young families), housing – especially 'affordable' whatever that often bandied-about word means, and suitable or 'better' job opportunities for young people.

It is a fact that some of our primary schools have fewer children than even twenty years ago, let alone a couple of generations past when even Lunds School had loads of kids! It is also to be hoped that the working together of West Burton, Askrigg and Bainbridge schools is an increasing success. Much more contentious is the question of why the rolls are falling. It is often stated that young families move away because of the lack of housing; has that fact been analysed? Could it possibly be that younger people do not necessarily like the life-style of our 'deeply rural' areas and for some years at least, prefer the facilities of the cities and big towns?

Certainly many young people going off to higher education do not wish to return after graduation. However, discussion taking place about the sort of employment which might be provided here to lure them back is very worthwhile.

Then where will they live, you ask? Almost as long as we can remember, housing has been an 'issue' in the area. We wonder if some facts tend to be played down. It is a fact

that the selling off of our council houses didn't help in one way, but it was wonderful for those who could buy them at the time. Selling them on is a more contentious matter. What is often overlooked is the problem of second (holiday) homes and of local cottages for holiday rental. It is a fact that the area needs some of these because tourism is a very valuable part of the economy; it's the proportion that's the problem. It used to be said that older 'incomers' were buying up these because they could afford the asking prices. The irony is that it's the locals selling them who benefit from the asking price! We conveniently overlook the number of newer properties in many rural areas (ideal for young local couples) that have found their way to become holiday cottages. It is also a fact that for a good part of any year many properties in rural areas are unoccupied and some of our small villages become ghost towns at this time of the year.

So while there is no problem with building a small number of new homes on small sites within the area, including those described as affordable, and even the conversion of some barns in appropriate places, we are not at all sure that these rural areas which are very remote from city or town services and attractions won't continue to become more elderly and affluent. But bear in mind that these very people are often the ones providing the work for our tradesmen, and leadership and responsibility in our village halls, churches and interest groups and meetings. We need to value and respect the contribution to the community of us all, old and young.

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**

Competition

Farms and small settlements in the Newsletter area. Anagrams are marked with *

1. Sylvia's place; see issue 209
2. Boy less worth *
3. Crest of hill, 40 winks, slovenly spoken fish
4. Brace bron *
5. Sleep with dad's vehicle
6. Occidental door locked
7. Enlarge Percy *
8. Children's sounds
9. Ah glib hen *
10. Nay real dagger *
11. Did Wales die *
12. Illuminated with woman's London gardens

December/January Competition Answers

Missing middles. Find the word which links.

- | | | |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. Mince | PIE | Chart |
| 2. Shadow | BOXING | Day |
| 3. Yule | LOG | Jam |
| 4. Advent | CANDLES | Tick |
| 5. Carol | SINGING | Detective |
| 6. Father | CHRISTMAS | Cake |
| 7. Brandy | SNAP | Election |
| 8. Yule | TIDE | Mark |
| 9. Carol | SERVICE | Charge |
| 10. Christmas | PRESENT | Tense |
| 11. Boxing | DAY | Light |
| 12. Advent | RING | Fenced |

In which carols do these words occur:

1. Late in time
Hark, the herald angels sing
2. And man at war with man
It came upon the midnight clear
3. And offered there
The first Nowell
4. May have gathered there
In the bleak midwinter
5. All is calm
Silent night
6. To you and all mankind
While shepherds watched
7. Where the snow lay
Good King Wenceslas

The winner of the £20 prize, donated to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance was **Heather Caplin, Burtersett.**

Eunice the Ewe



I was hiding in the Christmas Nativity scene on the front cover, but my twin was in Bear Cottage Interiors (*Sorry!*) Winner, picked from those who spotted both: **Sophie Handley.**

Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Grant for Askrigg

A £30,000 grant which could help secure the future of the old Askrigg railway station site has been approved by the region's local enterprise partnership. Fears that the site would fall into disrepair had been expressed at parish council meetings since Weatherald Wood Components was forced to close in April 2013, and little interest had been shown in developing it.

Roy Fishwick, managing director of Cleveland Steel, which owns the site, told an open meeting in the village in November that attempts to sell the site had failed, and keeping it going was costing him money. But at a recent meeting of Askrigg parish council, Richmondshire district councillor Yvonne Peacock said since November a number of people had shown interest in establishing business units on the site: some were existing small businesses, others were potential start-ups. It was later announced that the LEP grant of £30,000 to fund a strategic business plan had now been approved.

Local residents had expressed concern that the money would be better spent on helping small businesses directly, but Cllr Peacock said a proper business plan was vital in this day and age, and the parish council would be consulted and involved at every stage. Askrigg parish council chairman, Allen Kirkbride said: "As a council we have always said we wanted to keep the site for business use to ensure the prosperity of the parish and provide work for local people. The business plan is just the start."

A feasibility study commissioned by Cleveland Steel and backed by a £5,000 grant from Richmondshire District Council's communities opportunity fund, had concluded that a combination of live-work and small commercial units was the most likely solution, but the parish council said live-work units were not the answer.

Mid Dale Lent Lunches

Between noon and 1.30pm

Friday February 20th;

Redmire Village Hall

Friday February 27th;

West Burton Village Hall

Friday March 6th;

Thornton Rust Institute

Soup, bread, cheese and tea or coffee will be served. There is no set charge but please put a donation in the jar for Christian Aid.

St Oswald's Church, Askrigg

Coffee Morning

Saturday 14th February – 10.00am to Noon

In the Back Room of Askrigg Village Hall. Entry just £2.

Everyone welcome. All profits to the Church.

Gregorian Workshop

St Oswald's Church is planning another of its very popular Gregorian Workshops with the help of experts from Schola. This is booked for **Saturday 25th April** between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm. Anyone is welcome to join in but places must be booked in advance. **Telephone Mary Rose Kearney on 650880** for further details and to book your place.

Local NHS Reminds People to Catch it. Bin it. Kill it.

People are being reminded of the simple message to protect themselves and others from cold and flu this winter: **Catch it. Bin it. Kill it.**

CATCH IT – Always carry tissues and use them to cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.

BIN IT – Dispose of used tissues as soon as possible.

KILL IT – Clean your hands with soap and water as soon as you can and make sure you wash them frequently.

Young Archaeologists' Club

The Dales Countryside Museum is home to the Yorkshire Dales branch of the Young Archaeologists Club. The Club is a collaboration between the Council for British Archaeology and the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. It's part of the Young Archaeologists' Club, the only UK-wide club for young people up to the age of 17 who are interested in archaeology, and is a great way for young people to investigate their local heritage.

We meet, on average, one Saturday morning a month to take part in exciting activities like willow weaving, stone carving and mosaic making, to learn new skills such as surveying and field walking, and to explore different historical periods. Since formation in 2006, we have had several annual themes including prehistory, the Romans, Vikings, Medieval times, the Victorians and World War Two, and have also learned and practised different archaeological techniques. We have had several trips to historical sites and have even helped in the filming of Channel 4's 'Time Team'!

The Club is tremendous fun for both members and volunteer leaders. We currently have 25 members - if you'd like to join them, why not contact us for more details and to see when the next meeting is?

As well as potential new members, we are also interested in meeting people who could help run the Club with the existing team or deliver occasional sessions. If you have skills or knowledge in archaeology and have time to get involved, please do contact us to find out more.

Talk to **Fiona or Debbie** on **666210** or email dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday 18th February 7.00pm

St. Oswald's Church, Castle Bolton

War Memorial in Hawes.

With the closure of the Methodist Church in Hawes the town lost its War Memorial Organ. Very soon it became clear that local people wanted a new War Memorial for Hawes, which could serve as a focus for memorial services and Armistice Day parades. This led to a public consultation in the Community Office, and this was discussed at the January Meeting of Hawes and High Abbotside Parish Council.

After a thorough discussion the Council made the following provisional decisions, which will be ratified at the February or March Meeting after giving local residents time to voice their opinions again.

Location. There is broad consensus that the Memorial should be placed on the small green at the bottom of Gayle Lane, opposite the Primary School. It was felt that the alternative location on the traffic islands at Town Foot, while prominent and appropriate, would be difficult for services or Armistice Day parades because of the traffic.

Design. Of the four designs discussed by the Council the preferred option was a stone cairn with a square, tapering shape.

Names of the fallen. There was much discussion as to whether the Memorial should list the names of those local people who passed away in the First and Second World Wars, or whether to have a more generic dedication to all who have lost their lives in any war then or since. The Consultation Vote was a tie. Council voted by six votes to three in favour of the generic dedication.

Cross. The Council voted in favour of there being the symbol of a Cross incorporated into the Memorial itself, rather than mounted on the top.

Councillor John Blackie, the Chairman, re-emphasised that all the above are Provisional Decisions, subject to revision and final decision at the Council Meeting in either February or March, after hearing further expressions of opinion from local people. Please contact any of the Parish Councillors or the **Clerk (Ian King)**, or leave your views at the Upper Wensleydale Community Office in Hawes, if you wish to have your say.

Ian King, clerk, 666096

Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society

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

February 10th 2015

Title: Russian and Soviet Art: From Icons to Socialist Realism

This lecture is an introduction to an intriguing period of artistic and political evolution in Russia. It will present the major movements and protagonists of 20th century Russian art within the wider cultural context. Topics will include imperial patronage of Russian art under the Tsar and the evolution of various avant-garde movements. The work of Diaghilev and the Ballet Russes through costume and stage design will be explored. The creation of a new Soviet culture after the 1917 Revolution and the emergence of Socialist Realist painting after 1932 in the USSR will be considered. Major works in the Hermitage and the Tretyakov Gallery in Moscow are examined in this comprehensive lecture

Theodora Clarke is an art historian and lecturer with a Masters in Russian Art from the Courtauld Institute. She has worked at MOMA and Christies. She founded and edits "Russian Arts and Culture".

Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society lecture is at 2 pm at the Middleham Key Centre.

We welcome non- members to this lecture and to 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. It would be helpful to inform the Membership Secretary beforehand if possible, on **01765 635244**, rosalindhigson@btinternet.com.

Moorcock Show

We are holding a domino evening on **Friday 20th February 2015** at the MOORCOCK Inn starting at 8.00pm. All welcome.

Colin Luckett

I NEED A JOB!

**Please ring 667695
after 6.00pm**

Genuine employers only, please

Gayle and Hawes Weather in 2014

Another year has passed us by and yet again, two years running, the Hawes weather has been kind to us all. Folks of Hawes, farmers and tourists have all enjoyed our lovely town and the surrounding areas given our 'nice weather'; not least the Tour De France event. The old joke about Yorkshire weather used to sum up our feelings about the weather.

What does daylight-saving time mean in Hawes? Ans: An extra hour of rain.

My recordings of the Hawes weather since August 2012 don't support this view; let's hope future recordings continue along this path.

The official dates for the seasons are set out in the table opposite, with comparable average mean temperatures for 2014 relative to 2013. The recorded temperatures are daily maximum figures at 14.00 hours each day.

So, 2014 has been warmer than last year, which in turn was warmer than the previous year; long may it continue.

Within the daily recordings are lows and highs. For example, 3-12 in Winter, 3-20 in Spring, 12-26 in Summer, and 2-18 in Autumn. Maybe 'There's nowt so queer as folks' should become 'There's nowt so queer as t'weather'

During the year I recorded specific comments to describe each day; the list opposite is a selection of these and alongside the number of days which each descriptor matches. The numbers do not add up to 365 days because of mixes in conditions, for example sunny and windy, wet and windy.

Dry and sunny but below 20 degrees	51
Snow	3
Dull and Cloudy	84
Rainy with more than one hour of rain	80
Sunny and above 20 degrees	17
Medium to high winds	34
Mixed during the day	90

Hottest day of the year was 26 degrees on the 26th July and the coolest was December 11th and 12th, down to 2 degrees at the opposite end.

Conclusion

My second year of monitoring weather in the Dale was once again, two years on the trot,

above average; with dry and sunny and rainy days competing almost equally.

SEASON	2013 AVERAGE TEMP CELSIUS	2014 AVERAGE TEMP CELSIUS
WINTER December 21 to March 20	3.6	6.1
SPRING March 21 to June 20	11.9	13.0
SUMMER June 21 – September 20	18.0	18.0
AUTUMN September 21 to December 20	10.0	12.1

My main reason for recording the weather was to help my gardening, and yet again a fantastic blooming year was the result.

Denis Haffner

Larger Shuttle Bus Now Running Between the Friarage and James Cook Hospitals



The 25-seater bus – which is free to travel on – is a pilot scheme until 31 March 2015.

Proctors Coach Hire, of Leeming Bar, is running the service, which replaces the seven-seater minibus used at the start of the pilot.

The bus is available for use by all hospital patients and their families, and staff. The bus travels between the two hospitals 10 times a day, and is available Monday to Friday only, excluding public holidays. It picks up from outside the Friarage's main entrance, and drops off outside the Women and Children's entrance at James Cook Hospital

RAINFALL 2014	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Total
Hawes	44	146	15	151	112	215	1594
Bainbridge	44	130	12	136	103	145	1349
Askrigg	27	85	12	120	86	128	1119
Thornton Rust	49	116	112	142	113	161	1434
West Burton	51	86	10	121	135	123	1305

Rainfall in Carperby

For several years we have received these figures from Pat Jackson and we are grateful. However she's moved away! If anyone can take her place we will be MOST PLEASED. Please get in touch: **667785**

Diary Notification for B and B Providers

The annual one way walk from Garsdale station to Hawes is on Friday May 1 this year. It is a popular event which provides an opportunity for local hotels, guest houses and B&Bs to offer special early season rates on accommodation.

Rail passengers use the Little White Bus in the afternoon for their return journey to the station - but, for those who live or are staying in Hawes, the LWB service is equally useful to get to the start of the walk in the morning. Attractive rates might encourage short break bookings from walkers from a distance

This well-established event is featured in the Ride2Stride programme of the Settle-Carlisle Walking Festival. (Walk and LWB times will be confirmed nearer the time)..

Ruth Annison (650349)

Benefice Holy Communion Service

Sunday 8th February 10.30am
Preston under Scar

The Methodist Church in Hawes

The Hawes chapel is now the responsibility of the North Yorkshire Dales Methodist Circuit via the Circuit Meeting which, as a registered charity, must ensure that its disposal is in line with the policies of the Charities Commission and also with those of the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

Since its closure a report on its heritage value and possible ways of disposal has been prepared by YDNPA for the Circuit Meeting.

A process is now underway for it to be assessed by an independent Chartered Surveyor, on behalf of the Circuit Meeting, to produce a valuation report. Once this has been received a decision will be made as to how the chapel will be marketed for alternative use/sale.



*Last issue's picture was of the clapper bridge over Beldon Beck, Low Thoresby, taken by Robert Hall (Castle Bolton).
Now where is this (easy) one?*

Step by Step

NYCC Public Health and the NHS Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group have commissioned Richmondshire District Council to deliver this holistic service.



Its aim is to improve health conditions including respiratory conditions, heart disease, muscular disorders, obesity, risk of falls and long term conditions such as asthma, arthritis and osteoporosis, as well as supporting those who need to increase their physical activity.

Step by Step incorporates the existing GP exercise referral scheme and a new service for people who need extra support to improve their lifestyle. To take part visit your GP for a referral.

You need to be 18 or over and meet the eligibility criteria and be referred by a GP or other health care professional. The programme is free for most participants with some paying a small fee.

Patients who are accepted on the programme will participate in a 12 week tailor-made programme from one of the following:

- Lifestyle workshops and/or
- Supported exercise programmes; gym, swim, group exercise

The Lifestyle Officer – **Lesley Williams** – can be contacted on **01748 901044** or by email lesley.williams@richmondshire.gcsx.gov.uk for further information.

Hawes Cricket Club A.G.M.

Wednesday 11th February, 8.00pm

FOUNTAIN HOTEL

Everyone welcome to attend, players and helpers, old and new.

Many thanks for everyone's support of the cricket club last year: all the helpers, players, sponsor (the Fountain Hotel), John Fawcett for the use of the field, the Tolls Trustees and the Parish Council.

Gordon Sleightholm, Chairman

Wensleydale Red Squirrel Group

The Group met in November and the following developments were noted:

Ø The web camera located at a red squirrel feeding site has been set up with the benefit of grant funding. Early 2015 it will be streamed live to the Dales Countryside Museum and to the group web site www.wensleydalersg.co.uk

Ø The regular trips using the Little White Bus to Snaizeholme to see red squirrels had about 100 visitors during the year.

Ø The group is developing links to local tourist businesses that promote red squirrels as part of the attractions they offer to visitors to the area.

Ø The group will explore opportunities to inform school children in the Dale so that they are aware of the need to encourage red squirrels, a native species, back through the whole Dale.

Ø Three collection tins to support the work of the group is now located in the Community Office and the Museum in Hawes and at the Visitor Centre in Aysgarth. More locations are being sought. Have you bought one of the stickers to show your support yet?

Ø The meeting was also attended by members of the Garsdale Red Squirrel Group, which was formed this month. This development was welcomed as they have compatible aims to our group adjacent to our Dale.

Ø The group is continuing to coordinate sightings of red and grey squirrels in the Dale through the web site and report cards. More details of sightings giving dates and location will help us to organise our work. Please let us know your sightings of red squirrels.

Anthony Bagshawe

Skip to the Green

Mobile skip

will be on Gayle Green on

Saturday February 21st

from 9.00am to 1.00pm

News from the BAWB School Collaboration

This term we have welcomed two new teachers to our collaboration. Mr Paul Price is our new Base Leader at West Burton School. He has moved from Croft School, Darlington, but did his teacher training at Bainbridge some years ago. Mrs Eleanor Harrison is the new Base Leader at Askrigg School. She has come from Mill Hill School, Northallerton, but lives locally. We hope they enjoy their new roles within the Collaboration. Base Leader at Bainbridge is our Nursery teacher, Mrs Sarah Hey.

The Christmas productions at our three schools all went well with the children working very hard to produce some very professional and enjoyable performances. For the first time, we had these performances recorded onto a DVD for parents to buy. We also made a CD of some of our Christmas songs.

We are already well into the new term and looking forward to some exciting activities.

At Askrigg School – After School Clubs have resumed with the After School Sports Club now based here on a Tuesday. The Cross Country Club is postponed as it clashes with our sessions at Low Mill. The Year 5 & 6 children are having great fun doing all sorts of outdoor activities with Low Mill instructors. During the first session Group One did some climbing and Group two did the zip wire and got really muddy! They had great fun though. James (Y5) said ‘I did zip wire. It was epic’. Mollie (Y5) said ‘I loved it. I did climbing. It was very high. It was great.’

At Bainbridge School – We have been talking about Hope. We wrote our hopes down and we learned the difference between hopes and wishes. Hopes are things that can happen but wishes are things that can’t actually happen. In assembly, we sat in a circle and Mrs Hey asked about our hopes. She wrote them on a piece of paper. Connor said he hoped to be a robot which Mrs Hey said was a wish and not a hope. Eidur hopes to be a footballer when he grows up. (Ruby, Alicia and Eidur – Y1)

At West Burton School – We missed one of our swimming lessons because the snow came and the buses could not make it. Nancy and Freya joined Tom and Jeremy from Askrigg School to enter the Level 2 Swimming Gala. We came second and have silver medals. (Zoe Bell)

The BAWB Eco Group (Sophie, Xander, Chloe, Fred, Eidur, Teddy, Zoe, Naomi, Joe-Henry and Will) is visiting all three schools at the end of January to do an environmental review of each site. It will be interesting to see how each school tackles their environmental responsibilities differently.

Bainbridge School is having a SIAMS Inspection next week (Statutory Inspection of Anglican & Methodist Schools) to look at how we define our Christian distinctiveness. We all hope it goes okay but are confident that our children have a clear understanding of our church ethos and they have all worked really hard in our work on the themes of Peace, Trust, Endurance, Thankfulness, Creation and Hope.

Birdlife in Askrigg

In connection with the new village book for Askrigg and Low Abbotside, I would be pleased to hear of definite sightings of interesting birds, particularly birds of prey, owls, woodpeckers, wagtails, dippers, kingfishers, nuthatches, tree-creepers, siskins, ducks other than mallards and wigeon, waders and, later on, returning migrants.

Sightings must be in the area north to south from moortop to river, and east to west from Woodhall to Bainbridge. You can ring me on [650880](tel:650880), drop a note in at Summerdown, Silver Street, Askrigg, or even stop me in the street. Thank you. **Niall Kearney**

Coffee, Books and Cakes

Coffee morning at Pen View, Thoraby

Tuesday February 24th from 10.00am - noon.

The proceeds are for
Aysgarth Methodist Church.

**British Red Cross and Land Rover,
working together to support
vulnerable local people living in
rural isolation.**



What is the community connect service?

This project aims to improve your wellbeing, independence and quality of life by connecting you to local activities in the community.

A member of the Red Cross team will meet with you to find out more about your needs and interests. The volunteer or member of staff will then offer short-term support and companionship to help you attend relevant services and activities. This is in addition to any help you may already receive.

How can this service help me?

We can help by:

- > Improving your self-esteem and confidence
- > Offering supported visits to activities
- > Providing companionship and emotional support
- > Helping alleviate loneliness and social isolation

About our volunteers

All our volunteers take part in a comprehensive training programme, and undergo personal interviews and DBS checks. They have good interpersonal skills and an understanding of the differing physical and emotional needs of our service users.

Could I volunteer to help?

Yes, absolutely, volunteering for the British Red Cross is a great way to learn new skills and make a difference to people's lives. As a Community connect volunteer, you will have a rewarding experience of helping people who need a little extra support to overcome isolation, or following personal difficulties. To find out more about what is involved in this valuable role, please get in touch.

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Mob: **07921403288** or **07894802794**

email: **pbroadwith@redcross.org.uk**

rsirrell@redcross.org.uk

redcross.org.uk/yorkshire

Hawes Christmas Lights

Another year passes and we would like to thank everyone who contributes to make Hawes 'shine'.

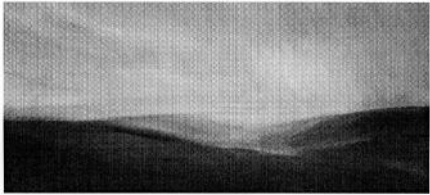
We have decided not to continue with 'Wensleydale's Got More Talent', the handicraft and homecraft competition. However we hope to expand the outdoor market. 'Wensleydale's Got Talent' 2014 was well supported and proves what talent lies in our area, unless we are told differently we will endeavour to repeat it this year.

On Wednesday 7th January 2015 we took down the lights. It was a very wet and cold day and as a result we now know that we cannot continue without more help - particularly from younger members of the community. Thank you to all the volunteers who gave their time to help erect and dismantle the Christmas lights this year, you were all outstanding. If you are willing to give us one day in November and another in January or even a morning, **more hands make light work**. There is nothing difficult to do, just our committee are getting 'physically past it'. Please contact **Kevin White, Whites of Wensleydale, 667236.** or **Liz Lawson, Wensleydale Press 667575,**

Liz Lawson

EXHIBITION
at the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority offices
Yoredale, Bainbridge

Jo Hume
Northern Hills
January and February 2015



Trips "into the dales" were a regular feature of Jo Hume's childhood. The visual memories - glorious northern landscapes in all their changing moods and qualities of light - have stayed with her and now inspire her work. "Paints are poured and pushed around onto the canvas until the painting emerges in semi abstracted form, becoming a summing-up of memory, imagination and experience, with a life and energy of its own".

Following an MPhil in Fine Art at Newcastle University and a life-long career in art education, Jo now lives in Northumberland where she enjoys the pleasure of painting and walking the northern hills.

For more information about this exhibition please telephone Lesley Knevitt at the National Park Authority, on 01969 652326

Notes from Thorney Mire

Winter

Faced with the cold, dark days of winter it is reassuring to see the daffodil shoots appearing above the ground, reminding us that Spring will follow.

Winter was late arriving this year which gave us an extended Autumn palette. Riding down our lane I was met with a blaze of red as a shaft of sunlight highlighted the red berries on the hawthorn tree by the viaduct. Now I knew why artists added a splash of red to their paintings to catch the eye. Some things were confused by the mild weather. The shaggy ink cap or lawyers' wig toadstools (*Coprinus comatus*) which normally appear in the summer, gave us a second showing late into November.

Then the snow came. Our resident birds had to share their food with gatecrashers. The usually solitary robin was joined by another. The lone male blackbird spent most of his time seeing off a rival. The two female blackbirds, who had appeared from nowhere, got on with the business of eating, leaving the males to sort themselves out. We had a rare visit from a starling, as starlings are not often seen at Thorney Mire, and a bullfinch was spotted in the field, also a rare visitor to these parts. Two red-legged partridge stood on the apex of the roof like theatre goers in the dress circle looking down on the proceedings.

The squirrels have at last found the squirrel feeder and the nuthatch and blue-tits steal from it. Looking through the window one morning I saw a most unusual sight. A blue-tit was hanging down from the electricity wires like a bat. I have never seen a bird in this position before. It hung there motionless for so long I thought it must be dead, but how it could be dead and still hang on to the wire I couldn't understand. I had ruled out the theory that it had been electrocuted and the shock had clamped its feet to the wire. I was just pondering on this strange phenomenon when a second blue-tit flew onto the wire. It hopped on either side of the inverted



bird, eyeing it closely then proceeded to peck at its chest, which I thought looked rather painful, then it flew off. There was no reaction

whatsoever from the inert bird. The second blue-tit then returned and repeated the procedure, pecking at the chest again. This time it didn't fly away but stood on the wire about 30cms away, (that's 12ins to those of us of a certain age) and watched and waited. I watched and waited with it. After what seemed an age and I was just thinking I should be doing something more useful than watching a blue-tit doing a trapeze act, when I noticed a small movement in the bird's head and then another, until the bird had jerked its whole body into life, resumed the shape of a normal blue-tit and was standing upright on the wire. The transformation was unbelievable. The second blue-tit, now satisfied that its friend was all right, flew off. The recovering bird stood on the wire looking round nervously as if it didn't know where it was, then after a minute or two it also flew away into the sycamore tree.

I have seen birds that have been stunned before but they normally lie on the ground, wait until they recover, then fly away. Had this bird been stunned but yet still managed to cling to the wire? I don't know, if so, had the second blue-tit administered the bird equivalent of CPR and helped it to recover? I don't know that either. I'm still trying to work it out.

Sylvia Turner

Spellbound Productions

...will be showing a selection of short films about the locality at the Hawes W.I. meeting in Gayle Institute

Thursday February 19th, 7.00pm

Visitors (of both sexes) are invited to this event

Heavens Above

We're treated to two bright naked-eye planets this month – Venus and Jupiter. Venus is a beautiful 'Evening Star' low in the west-southwest after sunset. It steadily climbs higher in the sky over the coming weeks and by the end of the month sets almost three hours after the Sun. Between the nights of February 19th-23rd Venus meets up with Mars and at their closest on the 21st the two planets will be barely a Moon's width apart. At magnitude +1.3, Mars is about 100 times fainter than brilliant Venus but their close encounter should still be a great spectacle. Even better viewed with a decent pair of binoculars – 10x50s are ideal.

Jupiter, the largest of the planets, puts on a great show over the next few months. It reaches opposition on February 6th, when it comes closest to the Earth and shines brighter than any star high in the south all night long. Jupiter has a family of nearly 70 moons with the 4 biggest easily visible through well supported binoculars. They appear as bright beads of light on either side of Jupiter's noticeably flattened disc.

No other time of year quite compares to February when it comes to star-watching. The winter star patterns centred around Orion the Hunter and his faithful hounds, Sirius and Procyon, are a magnificent sight on a sparkling, frosty evening.



Sirius, by far the brightest star of all, flashes like a diamond low over the horizon. No wonder the ancient Greeks called it The Scorchers. Sirius is a spectacular sight in binoculars but even better is the famous Orion Nebula just below the middle star of the sloping line of 3 forming the giant hunter's Belt. It's a huge cloud of interstellar gas and dust over 20 light years across and the birthplace of hundreds of newly formed stars. A fabulous sight on a dark moonless night.

Next month there's a total eclipse of the Sun on March 20th. We *just* miss out on full totality but even so most of the Sun's disc will be blotted out by the Moon. More

details in the next issue of the Newsletter. In the meantime – here's hoping for clear skies!

Al Bireo

Events at Bolton Castle

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th February

10.00am-4.00pm

Lord Scrope's Tudor Household

Step back in time and experience life at Bolton Castle during its Tudor heyday. With Tudor cookery, weapon drills, herbal medicine, Tudor crafts and games and much more.

Monday 16th Friday 20th February

10.00am to 4.00pm

Super Stuarts

Find out what Mary Queen of Scots and the rest of the Royal Stuart family did for fun and have a go at themed crafts and activities.

News From the Wensleydale Society

Anyone who has experienced a presentation by Dr Ken Biggs and enjoyed his wonderful photographs will know that there is a treat in store on **Friday 6th February** when he returns to the Wensleydale Society with 'The Yorkshire Dales Through Film'.

The talk 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.

On **Friday 6th March** Bob Ellis will describe 'Music and Dance in the Dales'.

Best Foot Forward

Following footpaths, as opposed to tramping over the fell tops, inevitably means STILES!

The word is related to the Old English *stigel* which means to climb and is defined as “an arrangement to allow persons to pass but not sheep or cattle.”

They can be either a bane or a blessing; one reason for not walking in large groups is to avoid tedious delays as each person passes. They are certainly a blessing when faced with a long, high wall or a thick impenetrable hedge.

They also act as wonderful unofficial ‘signposts’ when following paths for the first time, like the top of a ladder stile popping up over the horizon, although many people feel that ladder stiles are alien to the Dales.

Here are a few examples:



Stone step stile



Timber step stile



Stone stile with lambing gate



Three stone stile



Double timber stile



Ladder stile

A few unusual stiles



However, people do moan about them, sometimes with justification. “Why are the steps, especially the bottom one, so high?” Why is there no post to hold on to when at the top of a high stone step stile over a wall?” “Why are the springs on some small lambing gates so fierce?” “Why is there no provision for my big dog or push-chair?” A good friend of mine suggests that the team of Rangers and voluntary wardens should include one geriatric member as a ‘test pilot’ when new stiles are installed!

Nevertheless, stiles are fascinating and varied according to the area of the country, the materials available and the quirky originality of the occasional landowner!

One of the most photographed stiles in our area is on Bealer Bank between Hawes and Gayle. Its style with the well-shaped curved stone sides isn’t the only one in the Hawes



parish, but here are questions that we would like answered:

Exactly how many stiles are there in the Hawes/Gayle area (a nice exercise for a winter wander), and when were they put in? Were they all installed by the same person/people at the same time and were

they authorised and funded by the Parish Council? Answers please!

A.S.W.

For Others

Here is our annual list of money raised by churches and other organisations over the Christmas period for various charities.

Bolton-cum-Redmire Churches, busking for St George's Crypt, Leeds **£440**

West Burton Methodist Church for Action for Children **£467**

Hardraw Church for SASH (Preventing Youth Homelessness Together) **£100**

Carperby Luncheon Club for the Friarage MRI Scanner Appeal **£300**

St Andrew's, Aysgarth and Thoraby Carol Service for Salvation Army **£376**

and from Christingle Service **£52**

Marsett Methodist Church to Red Cross Ebola appeal **£20**

St Oswald's Askrigg Christingle for the Children's Society **£289**

West Witton Church crib service for the Children's Society **£140**

Aysgarth Methodist Church Nativity for Action for Children and Children in Need **£187**

Crafty Ideas

Whether it's the bouncy enthusiasm of TV's Kirsty Allsop, showing us how to do everything from crocheting a doily to knitting a house, or just austerity forcing us to do more for ourselves, the urge to craft things with our own hands is, it seems, burgeoning. Even I, who have still not finished the dressing-table mats I started in primary school 60 years ago, have now got the bug, producing a crocheted hat, three scarves, one-and-a-half sweaters and a toy dog in just six months.

My inspiration has been the jolly group of women who get together once a month for a Talent on Tuesday session in the cosy schoolroom of Bainbridge chapel. Like all the best ideas it was brilliant and simple: it came from Anne Deans of Askrigg, who worships at the chapel as well as being an organiser of the popular Yore Club in Bainbridge.

We use the warm and recently-refurbished space, we get a cup of tea and a biscuit, lots of chat and, best of all, a chance to try our hand at something new. The idea is that those who have a crafty talent come and show the rest of us how to do it. So far we've tackled patchwork, felt-making, crochet, knitting and card-making. Not toy-making yet (I went off-piste with that one) but it's still a possibility. Some of us bring along a work-in-progress and we are always on the look-out for new talent to inspire us. If you'd like to come to teach, learn, or just chat, please do. We meet, usually, on the third Tuesday of the month and the next session is on **Tuesday, February 24, at 7.30pm.**

Betsy Everett

Doctors' Rotas Supplied by the Health Centre											
AYSGARTH SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning						HAWES SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning					
Wb	Feb 2nd		9th		16th		23rd				
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Doctors: B-Brown, F - France, J - Jones, W - West, C - Closed											
Morning Surgery: 9.00 - 10.30 am no appointments											
Afternoon Surgery: 4.00 - 5.30 pm appointment only											
For appointments and all enquiries ring 663222											

West Burton Village Hall

QUIZ NIGHT

in aid of village funds

Saturday 31st January at 7.30pm, teams of 6

Bar, Tickets £8 (includes a hot pot supper) from Butchers or Fox and Hounds or **Christine 663792**

AMALA CEILIDH

Friday 13th February 7.30pm. Tickets £10 includes supper. Bar

Tickets must be purchased in advance from **Charlotte 663792, Esther 663065** or **Hayley 663414**.

Penhill Benefice

Easter Lilies

Would you like to donate a lily this Easter in memory of a loved one?

The lilies will be used in a floral display in St. Bartholomew's Church, West Witton at Easter. A list of those in whose memory the lilies have been given, will be displayed in the church.

If you wish to make a donation for a lily, please write your own name and the name of the person in whose name the lily has been donated, on an envelope enclosing £3 per lily and give to **Valerie Alsop (622576)** by **20th March**.

Richmondshire Area Partnership

Grant scheme 2014-15

Upper Dales Area Partnership

Applications to be considered in our Newsletter area are:

Askrigg village hall: new double oven
West Burton: parish notice board
Hawes: war memorial project
Yorebridge Sports Centre: flooring and toilets
Aysgarth: dog waste bin
Thornton Rust Institute: refurbishment
Hawes Dalesplay 'Shine a light' project.

North Yorkshire Dales

Methodist Circuit

This group of nineteen churches, mainly in Upper Wensleydale and Swaledale/Richmond areas, has two united circuit services on **Sunday February 8th; 10.30am in Richmond and 11.00am in Coverdale**.

For those less able to travel there will be a locally arranged service in Aysgarth at 10.45am.

CALLING ALL CYCLISTS!

Bike Library Scheme.

Have you any old bikes gathering cobwebs in your garage or shed?



Stage 1 Cycles is a donation point for Welcome to Yorkshire's Bike Library scheme. We are accepting preloved bikes in any condition.

The donated bikes will be assessed and considered for renovation. They will then have a new life contributing to a community bike library.

Children's Saturday Bike Club

Saturday 7th March 10.00am to noon.
Askrigg School

This very popular session is open to all primary age children who have a basic cycling ability.



It is a fun, safe, instructor led session which improves fitness and bike handling skills in a traffic free environment.

Bikes and helmets are available free of charge. The first session is free!

Adult Cycling Group

Are you looking for an opportunity to get fit or return to cycling after time out of the saddle?

We will be starting an adult session on a weekday morning very soon. It will be instructor led and equipment including electric bikes will be available. The session will cost £4.00 and there will also be opportunity for a well earned cup of tea and piece of cake.

11-16 Young Peoples Cycling

This group will start **Tuesday 17th February** (half term) **10.00am to noon** with a taster session run by NYCC and Stage 1 Cycles. The club will run on an evening after school and will be led by instructors. It will provide opportunities to access fun cycling sessions both on and off road. This will cost £2.50.

Please contact **Helen, 650074,**
ride@stage1cycles.co.uk

Middleham and Dales Local History Group

Tuesday 17th February 2.00pm

Middleham Key Centre

Nutwith Cote, Masham in the 18th Century

Michael E. Chaloner

In this talk Michael Chaloner will tell the fascinating story of Nutwith Cote, a farmstead situated between Masham and Grewelthorpe on the banks of the River Yore. Nutwith Cote was originally a grange of **Fountains Abbey**, and its buildings, lands and gardens demonstrate what has happened there over the centuries, including the start of thoroughbred horse breeding.

After a brief outline of its earlier history, the main focus of the talk will be Nutwith Cote in the 18th Century, the period of the John Bartletts, and the importance of the farmstead in the history of horse racing.

Michael E. Chaloner, B.Tech., M.Sc. is a retired lecturer/Industrial chemist. He is a keen member of a number of North Yorkshire history societies.

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

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WOULD YOU BENEFIT FROM ANY OF OUR SERVICES?

 **St. John's
Community
Centre**
Putting the 'C' back into community

DAY CENTRE	ASSISTED SHOPPING	INTERNET SHOPPING	RESPIRE SITTING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend a Day Service up to 3 times a week and receive a cooked lunch? Be taken by transport to Morrison's to do your own shopping with the assistance of a support worker? Have a volunteer visit you in your own home (with a laptop and internet connection) to carry out grocery shopping via the internet? Have a volunteer sit with your loved one for an agreed number of hours per week allowing you time to yourself? 			

St John's Community Centre provides all these services and currently has vacancies for each of the activities.
If you would like to find out more about any of these services please get in touch.
Tel: 01748 832271
Shute Road
Catterick Garrison
North Yorkshire
DL9 4AF
Email: info@stjohnncc.org.uk
www.stjohnncc.org.uk

Events at Gayle Mill

Demonstration Tours – **Sundays 1st February and 1st March . 11.00am and 2.30pm £12**

Come and join our Demonstration Tours on the first Sunday of each month. A two hour tour where you get to see the original 1879 machinery working! Includes light refreshments.

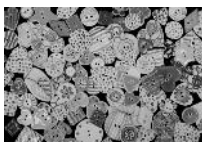


Nest Box Building – **Wednesday 18th February 2015 10.00am – 1.00pm** Admission for Adults £3 Children Free.

Nest Boxes £6 each.

As part of National Nest Box Week, come and have a go at making your own nest box to take away and hang in your garden. This event is for children under 16 years of age accompanied by an adult.

An Introduction to Ceramic Button making **Saturday 28th February 2015 10.00am – 4.30pm** £50 including materials



A new course for 2015. Under the expert tuition of our ceramic button maker, you will design and make your own set of buttons and have a unique collection of buttons which can adorn any fine item of clothing or upholstery. Bring along an old apron and towel, cutting knife and biscuit cutters. All tuition, clay and lunch is included in this full day course.

Annual Christmas Charity Concert

Thank you to all the local businesses in Hawes and supporters of the Annual Christmas Charity Concert given by the Hawes Silver Prize Brass Band and this year's guests, Young Singing Stars, held in the Market House, Hawes on Friday 19th December 2014.

This annual concert promoted by the Hawes Band has been a musical feature of the Christmas Season in Hawes as a charity fund-raiser for local, regional and national charity organisations for over 25 years. For many people attending the concert, the highlight is the Community Carol Singing accompanied by the band, interspersed in a programme of Festive and traditional Christmas Choral music presented by guest groups.

Over £50,000 has been raised over the years and beneficiaries have included 12 local Hawes and Upper Dales Charities, Richmondshire Alzheimer's Society, Marie Curie Cancer In the Dales Group, Great North Air Ambulance Appeal, Herriot Hospice Homecare, Alastair Bullen Aromatherapy Fund Friarage Hospital, Macmillan Cancer relief and the Yorkshire Dales Motor Neurone Disease Association.

This year the proceeds supported by Barclays Bank Community Scheme totalled **£2,272**. This amount is donated to the Central Dales Practice for the purchase of a new Spirometer.

The generosity and community spirit in Hawes is as strong as ever and may it continue for many years to come.

Stan and Barbara Roocroft

Bolton cum Redmire

Church Coffee Club

Wednesday 4th February 10.30am - noon

Park Lane House, Castle Bolton

Aysgarth Drop in for Coffee.

Tuesday 3rd February 10.00am – noon
Warnford Court, Thoraby

Prunings

Happy New Year to everyone, and I hope it will be peaceful and prosperous. As it is so important to those of us who grow things I tend to be optimistic about the weather in the forthcoming months.

The prophets of doom who predicted an arctic freeze with prolonged sub-zero temperatures, or



the wettest winter for many years, or a “storm bomb” do not seem to have much connection with the Meteorological Office. The long term forecast it seems is for average temperatures and average rainfall, with

regional variations. According to Paul Simons in the Times we had a close escape around Christmas when disturbances in the stratosphere could have triggered a major freeze, but it settled down and the mild weather returned. We have the alignment of low pressure over Iceland and high pressure over the Azores to thank for the fast jet stream which drives the fierce storms off the Atlantic to batter the north of the UK leaving southern Britain more sheltered. Records show that the snowiest part of England is the northern Pennines – What a surprise!- whilst the record for the highest January temperature is held by a village in north Wales which reached 18.3°C (65F) in 1958, and again in 1971.

All this leads me to conclude that the pattern we have had so far will continue, that the curtains of rain sweeping down the valley will be a regular occurrence, and when they fall as snow it will probably not bother us for more than a few days. I bought some waterproof furlined boots last year, and I shall be wearing them regularly along with the waterproofs. Oh Joy!

Having spent more time than I care to record standing pots and tubs back up again following overnight gales I have resolved to replace some of my pots with much bigger tubs. Although I am rather outfaced by the plethora of catalogues and what they offer I intend to keep it simple. I have lots of healthy box, grown originally from cuttings off the ancient hedge bordering the front path, and I think they will

look excellent as centrepieces or specimen plants. They are hungry plants which produce large root systems so I suspect what I plant around them will not have to be too demanding, but I have lots to choose from, and I shall have to see what works best as the year progresses. In the meantime there is so much clearing up to do, I hardly know where to begin.

The hardy cuttings which have overwintered on the patio would be a good place. Whilst the temperatures remain low there will not be much activity, but as the days lengthen they will begin to grow even if it stays cold, so potting them on early will give them a better chance in the Spring. I have started them in modules called “Root-trainers” and for cuttings that need several months I always use the longer ones. The shape encourages the roots to grow down and when a few tell-tale threads appear at the bottom they are ready to be moved on. Time to break out some new rubber gloves

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

Rose Rambler



Dales Praise

St Andrew's Church Aysgarth

Saturday 21st March 7pm

*Dales Praise is a new venture
aiming to bring Christians together
throughout the whole Dale and beyond,
in an evening of praise and worship.*

*St Andrew's Church in Aysgarth is
probably the largest church in the Dale
and will hold about 200 people.*

*It will be great to see this church full with people in
praise of God on the evening of*

Saturday 21st March

(two weeks before Easter)



Keeping safe with your computer

Since this is my first column of 2015 I would like to wish everyone a very Happy and Computer Safe New Year. Sadly I must start the year with yet another warning about telephone scams. It has been a miserable start to the year for a number of people who have contacted me. I can't say this clearly enough:

IF YOU GET A CALL FROM SOMEONE YOU DON'T KNOW, ABOUT YOUR COMPUTER, IT IS A SCAM!

Please share this with friends and family – it is so depressing when someone calls me and says “I was called by someone at Microsoft and they said my computer had a problem” and they then tell me how they got on to their computer and gave them credit card details. The scammers are persuasive. The following response should solve the problem if you get such a call: “Odd, I don't have a windows computer – so how could you detect a problem?”. Ask for their phone number and name and explain that you will be calling the police to report attempted fraud.

Backing up your computer in Windows 8

A number of people have asked how to do backups in Windows 8.

Microsoft have supplied a tool called File History which will automatically backup and keep multiple copies of your important files.

To do this you need to set up File History and ideally use an external USB hard disk to keep the backups.

To set up File History go to the Control Panel (right click on the windows Icon at the bottom left corner and select control panel or from the start menu type Control Panel and click on it when the link appears.)

Once the Control Panel is open plug in your external USB hard disk and wait for it to be ready (don't click on anything that pops up) then type File History in the search box at the top of the Control Panel.

File History will appear – click on it and wait until it finds your external disk.

You can then follow the instructions to set up file history. Files are then regularly backed up (with multiple copies) on the external disk.

Note: you need to plug in your external hard disk regularly, I would say at least daily, (or leave it plugged in) so that File History can do its job.

If you want to remove the hard disk remember to either tell windows you are going to remove it and wait until it is safe to do so (go to the file browser and right click on the drive and select EJECT) or else shut your computer down before removing the drive. If you simply pull the cable out there is a risk that data will be corrupted.

Backed up files can be restored using the Wizard on the File History Control Panel page.

That's it for this month – any comment or ideas for articles drop me an email at carol.haynes@dalescomputerservices.com.

Carol Haynes

Superfast Taster Morning



*Social Media,
SEO, Websites
and More!*

**Friday 30th
January 2015**

(09:30-12:30)

Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes

Join us at Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes on 30th January 2015 for a **FREE half day event full of practical advice**, hints and tips on topics such as **social media, website content, SEO, online networking** and more.

Plus, find out more about the Superfast North Yorkshire programme of **free business support**, including free full day practical and interactive master classes, free one-to-one advice from our specialist business advisers and the opportunity to **access grants of up to £700** for eligible businesses involved in the programme.

Visit www.sfnv.co.uk Call 0845 002 0021 Email enquiries@sfnv.co.uk

Hawes School News

Girls' Football

On Friday 9th January, Jasmine, Hannah, Harriet, Madeline, Bethan, Isabel and Jenna played in a girl's football tournament at Leyburn primary school. Despite the wind and showers we all had a great time. We came 3rd, with 2 goals from Hannah and Harriet.

Report by Bethan and Jenna

Writers' Workshop

On Monday 12th January Class 3 went to the writer's workshop at Leyburn Primary School.

We went on the bus and had to set off quite early. I sat with Aiva and we were talking about times tables and we tested ourselves on them. I felt really excited about going to the workshop.

When we arrived at Leyburn we were shown to the hall by Mrs Beveridge and we had to sit down quietly. A man called Peter Murray talked to us about the books he had written and how he got the name "Mokee Joe" which is the title of one of his books. He had got a toy train from his Dad and it was called "Smokee" so he took off the "s" and he made the name "Mokee Joe". Peter also said he was 6 feet tall and he wanted Mokee Joe to be 7 feet tall. To do this he got two huge shoes and put them on. Next he put on a hat and a large coat and now Mokee Joe was 7 feet tall. I thought he was great. We could buy his book and he signed them. Lots of us bought the book and we are now looking forward to reading it.

When we got on the bus to come home we were talking about how interesting Peter Murray was.

Reporter - Kaylee Nelson

The Rotary Challenge

The Rotary Challenge, which year 5 with the help of Mr and Mrs Snow organised on the night of our Christmas Fair, was a big success and they managed to raise £136 for their choice of charity. The charity they've chosen is the emergency aid fund for the people of West Africa afflicted by the Ebola crisis. Well done year 5!

Dales Countryside Museum

The Museum will be opening on **February 1st**. Come along and see the changes in the centre. If you are a regular museum visitor - or would like to be - we now have an annual pass on sale for £8/£7. This will give you access to the museum and events and exhibitions all year. Children are admitted free.

The new temporary exhibition programme is beginning with "Pennine Ways - Celebrating 50 years of the Pennine Way" it runs from **28th February until 26th April**. It will feature art-work and sculpture from artists inspired by the landscapes of the trail. We'd like to hear from anyone with memories or photographs of walking the route which could contribute to the exhibition.

In the Waiting Room there will be an exhibition of handmade rugs "Flock to Fireside" will open on the **14th February**. Rugmakers will be demonstrating on **21st February and 31st March**.

There is a family trail around the museum site and a prize for all who complete it through the Half Term holidays. Footprints and Finds runs from **14th- 22nd February**.

We have an events programme every year. If you would like to volunteer with any of the events, please get in touch.

Phone 666218 or email

dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk

Hawes Community First Responders Recruitment meeting

Saturday March 7th, 10.00am to 2.00pm

HAWES MARKET HOUSE

Volunteers are being sought to join the Hawes First Responders group. Responders provide immediate life saving care to members of the community in an emergency situation such as heart attack, breathing difficulties or collapse, in the vital minutes before the ambulance arrives.

Volunteers will be trained in CPR and the use of defibrillator and oxygen.

Come along on March 7th for more information and an informal chat with the First Responder Trainer, Patrick Murphy.

Gordon Sleightholm, Co-ordinator, 667348

Police Report

I want to start off this month talking about something that is really “a bee in my bonnet” – OSTRICH SYNDROME. I have been writing articles for this newsletter for over seven years now and it is obvious that some people read it because I have had a lot of constructive comments. However we are still seeing crimes committed in the dale which need not have occurred and it is because some people have the attitude “it does not happen around here”. Well let me tell you it clearly does. Recent examples are where a driver stops in his vehicle at around 7.30am to go to paper shop. He does this regularly and leaves his keys in the vehicle, possibly even leaving it running. He is probably only in the shop for a couple of minutes and the vehicle is always there when he comes back out – well nearly always - as the last time he did it he had to go to the police station reporting it stolen! When the officer spoke to him he said “it never happens around here”. WELL CLEARLY IT DOES.

We have had a series of shed and outbuildings entered recently. For some who fit locks (and use them) it is unfortunately just a case of target hardening but a few of the sheds have had no security at all – again the “it never happens around here” scenario. WELL CLEARLY IT DOES.

Please heed the advice I give out, month in-month out to keep your outbuildings locked – it is the simplest way of holding on to your possessions, and NEVER leave a vehicle parked with the keys in it and remember to lock it when you take the keys out. This way together we will reduce the amount of crime committed in our area and you will help to ensure that you do not become a victim.

Now that the weather has turned (and there are predictions of it lasting) it is time for a reminder about safe driving. Please prepare for any journey and leave yourself plenty of time. Think - is the journey really necessary if the road conditions are hazardous? Braking distances are much extended in snowy and icy conditions and the Highway Code recommends a braking distance ten times that of a dry road so you need to apply that to the distance between you and the vehicle in front, thus avoiding a costly collision. I have seen

several 4X4 drivers who must think they are immune from the snowy conditions, as they continue to drive as if the road was clear and dry. I have seen several lately that prove they are not immune and bear dents and damage as proof. A 4x4 may give you more traction, especially if fitted with the correct tyres, but these have little effect if you have to brake as on ice and snow. Once wheels lock it does not matter how many driven wheels you have as a slide is inevitable. Remember most 4x4 vehicles are fitted with road tyres which do not provide much of an enhanced grip in adverse conditions. The message is SLOW DOWN in bad weather.

On the crime front there has been an upsurge since Christmas and on one particular night several quad bikes in various locations were targeted and buildings were broken into, before the offenders managed to steal one. Power tools were also taken during this spate. There has also recently been a Land Rover Defender stolen locally. The vehicle had been secure and the keys are still with the owner. Finally in Hawes there was some mindless vandalism in which a car windscreen was damaged by some individual throwing a plant pot at it.

If you have any information that would help solve any crime please get in touch. Thanks as always.

Andy Foster PC826

**Leyburn Safer Neighbourhood Team
Wards of Addleborough and Hawes and
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Drop-off points and contacts

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

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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

**The Upper Wensleydale
Community Office
and Library,
The Little White Bus and
Hawes Post Office**



All eight Directors (*see end*), the Company Secretary and one member of the public were present at the meeting held on Monday 12th January (*This is a summary of the meeting; Ed.*)

The Little White Bus – Various tenders were submitted for the upcoming NYCC contract renewals in April 2015, four of which have been awarded to The Little White Bus. These will be:

Gayle/Hawes/Garsdale – including the Demand Response service and the Afternoon Tripping. This contract is offered at £5000 *less* per annum.

Keld/Reeth/Richmond – with 2 circulars to Tunstall/Scotton. This would operate a Summer/Winter timetable to make allowance for weather/tourism peaks and troughs.

Hawes/Askrigg/Leyburn and also **Hawes/Aysgarth/Leyburn**. This would possibly involve a Summer/Winter timetable element also for some of the journeys.

The new contracts offer a full service for passengers, cutting out the need for change between The LWB and Dales and District, and it means passengers only pay one fare for the whole journey, or concessionary bus passes can be used on the scheduled journeys. NYCC will be providing 4 brand new buses, all with our logos, and hopefully two will be low-floor for wheelchair/pushchair access etc. Directors agreed that these contracts were excellent news, both for The Little White Bus, and passengers in the area.

(*See also the next page*)

Hawes Post Office - We are so grateful to Steve and Linda Reynolds for helping us over the first couple of months, and Linda also very kindly lent a hand for a couple of days over the (very busy) festive period. We hope they are, at last, enjoying their

retirement! Now that the Post Office has 6 months trading under its belt, we can start the process of applying to close on Saturday afternoons. We are extremely thankful for those volunteers who help us on a Saturday, but closing on the afternoons would save on staffing expenses.

The Sorting Office is running very smoothly down at Raynes Court on Hawes Business Park, and the Outreach Services at Bainbridge and Askrigg are also running without problem. It has been noted by businesses that there has been a distinct drop in footfall at the bottom of town, since the Post Office closed at Town Foot.

Community Office – The office side of operations is running smoothly, and there is a good general hubbub about the place.

Raynes Court, Hawes - A proposal has been put forward for UWCP Ltd to manage the rental units on the Business Park, rather than Richmondshire District Council sell them. It would be a SLA (Service Level Agreement) type arrangement. Following discussions, the Directors were in full agreement that this is something UWCP Ltd would be very interested in, principally as an income generator in precarious times of austerity.

Finance – NYCC Consultation on Libraries – UWCP Ltd currently receives an SLA payment for delivering library services. In return, we pay a licence fee. We do not currently pay any overheads. This will stay in place until 01 January 2017. As the libraries are currently undergoing a consultation period, we must now begin negotiations with NYCC as to what the arrangements will be from January 2017.

The Annual General Meeting of UWCP Ltd will be held in May 2015.

Abbie Rhodes

Company Secretary, UWCP Ltd

Directors: Peter Annison, John Blackie (Chair), Denise Hartill, Jemma Hogg, Allen Kirkbride, Brian McGregor, Colin Luckett, Sir Joseph Pilling.

Life in Tandem **Tales of Cycling Travels**

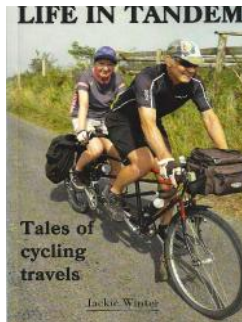
In 1976 my husband and I spent two weeks touring the Dales on our tandem, which was when I fell in love with Yorkshire.

We camped in Hawes and explored the area on a bike ride which took us over the Buttertubs Pass, into Muker and Keld and then on to Tan Hill, Reeth and Askrigg. Tough going in temperatures soaring towards the nineties. This is all narrated in my book: "*Life In Tandem: tales of cycling travels*" by Jackie Winter (01929 459207) available from Amazon in Kindle and paperback.

Besides descriptions of cycling holidays in the UK, there are snippets of local history about the places we visited. My personal favourite is Keld's connection with the Holiday Fellowship (now HF Holidays) at the dawn of the twentieth century. Visitors walked eight miles from Hawes, over Buttertubs Pass, to find their humble accommodation in Keld. An early morning bugle call and alfresco washing facilities were just a couple of the experiences awaiting these young (they needed to be young!) travellers.

In 2008, Allan and I returned to Yorkshire with the tandem, in a spirited attempt to recreate our carefree youth. Unlike 1976, there was more than enough rain that summer and we saw Aysgarth Falls at their most magnificent.

Jackie Winter



Gerry Colvin Band **Returns to Carperby** **Saturday 28th February.**

Tickets are £12 in advance or £14 on the door but they are selling fast. Please contact **663808** for tickets or further information. Licensed bar. Proceeds to the School for Blind and Visually Impaired Children in the Gambia (via RNIB)

Carperby Concerts had a stunningly successful 2014, raising nearly £3,500 for local charities.

Gerry Colvin will be making his fourth appearance with a bunch of new material and a new five piece band, including Marion Fleetwood and Lyndon Webb from the Jigantics. The band combines guitars, drums and percussion with fiddle, cello, squeezebox and spine tingling vocal harmonies. What sets them apart is Gerry's infectious and endearing energy along with his sense of the absurd that draws audiences in and leaves them howling with laughter; not surprising for someone who has performed as a comedy double act with Hollywood superstar Mackenzie Crook. In his other guise, as one half of the duo "Terry and Gerry", he is about to provide the support act on Status Quo's spring tour.

Steve Sheldon

Advance Notice

There will be an 'Air Ambulance Clothes Collection' from St. Margaret's Church, Hawes, in March.

The Little White Bus

Building on the continued success of the LWB we have been successful in the recent bids in both retaining the level of service we provide and increasing it for the next 4 years

The new service is from Leyburn to Hawes serving the south side of the dale, i.e West Burton, Aysgarth, Bainbridge and this replaces the service currently provided by the Dales and District. In addition we have extended the Swaledale service to carry on from Reeth to Richmond. The Garsdale service continues on the present schedule. The new services commence in April this year



In addition we will be replacing our existing buses from the present Ford Transits to four 16-seater Mercedes Sprinter

make. These have automatic doors and step. They are slightly larger than the Ford but still retain 16 passenger seats. We take possession of these on **31st January**.

In total LWB will operate 4 Services with additional 'on demand' to some routes. The timetables will be released shortly after consultation.

We will be looking to increase our volunteers especially for the new service as the service does rely on them to operate. Please contact Walter Head at the Community Office if you are interested.

There is consultation with the local Parish Councils and residents are encouraged to attend their meetings to find out more about the services.

Walter Head, The Little White Bus

Upper Wensleydale Community Office

The Neukin, Hawes

Tel. 667400

Yorebridge Community Leisure Wensleydale Centre

Pie and Pea Supper

Yorebridge Community Leisure is having a Pie and Peas supper at the Crown Inn, Askrigg on **Friday February 6th at 7.00pm**. Come along and join in the fun! Tickets are £8 for Adults and £4 children. A raffle will also be held. Tickets available from Yorebridge Community Leisure, Wensleydale Centre, Askrigg (tel **650060** or email admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk) or from Sykes Shop, Askrigg.

New for 2015!

We are introducing new leisure activities for 2015 with the support of Richmondshire District Council:

Running Club

Do you want to run to stay in shape? Come along to get fit, active and enjoy yourself through running. Fully qualified leader in running fitness. **Friday evenings from 7.30 to 8.30pm**. Cost is £4 per session. Starts on Friday 13th February.

February Half Term Activity Session

Thursday 19th February; 10.00am to 2.00pm

Come along to our fun packed Activity Day for school age children aged 4 to 11 years old. The day will be staffed by two fully qualified instructors and there will be a range of exciting indoor and outdoor activities to enjoy. Cost is £12 and £8 for siblings. Spaces limited so booking essential!

Coming up in the spring..... start dates to be confirmed: **Health and fitness sessions**

Want to get in shape and feel healthier and fitter? Sessions starting on Tuesdays from 10 to 12 noon.

Netball

Did you enjoy netball at school/college? Come back to netball and take part in fun, active and friendly sessions. Starting on **Tuesday evenings from 7.30 to 9.00pm**.

For information on any of the above please contact us on **650060** or email: admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk

WHAT'S ON LISTING; please add these dates to your Diary

January 2015

- 30 Superfast Taster morning. See p.20
- 30 Yoredale Natural History Society.
Aspects of Nature in Northern and
Southern England. Leyburn
Methodist Hall, 7.30pm
- 31 West Burton Village Hall Quiz Night
at 7.30pm. Bar, Hot supper. Tickets
£8. See p.16

February

- 1 Gayle Mill Demonstration Tours:
11.00am and 2.30pm. £12, See
p.18
- 3 Coffee Morning at Warnford Court,
Thoralby. 10.00am - noon. See p.18
- 4 Coffee Morning at Park Lane House,
Castle Bolton: 10.30am - noon.
- 6 Wensleydale Society, West Burton
See p.13
- 6 Pie and Pea Supper: Askrigg. See
p.25
- 8 Holy Communion Service: Preston
under Scar. 10.30am. See p.8
- 8 North Yorkshire Dales Circuit Service;
Richmond, 10.30am See p.16
- 9,23 Gayle Whist Drives; at the Institute,
7.30pm.
- 10 Decorative and Fine Arts Society.
2.00pm. See p.6
- 10 YDNPA Planning Committee,
Yoredale Bainbridge; 1.00pm.
- 11 Hawes Cricket Club AGM. See p.9
- 13 'Filling Station' - Middleham Key
Centre. 7.00pm.
- 13 West Burton Village Hall Amala
Ceilidh at 7.30pm. Tickets £10
includes Supper/Bar. See p. 16
- 14 Coffee Morning: Askrigg Village Hall;
10.00am to noon. £2. See p.5
- 14,15 and 16-20 Events at Bolton
Castle. See p.13
- 17 Shrove Tuesday
- 17 Middleham and Dales Local History
Society. See p.17
- 17 Young People's Cycling; Askrigg.
See p.17

- 18 Gayle Mill Nest Box Building:
10.00am 'til 1.00pm. Admission for
adults £3 Children free. Nest Boxes
£6 each. See p.18
- 18 Ash Wednesday Service: 7.00pm, St
Oswald's Church. See p.5
- 18 Carperby W.I.-'Little Chocolate Shop'
With Jim Hogg; 7.30pm.
- 19 Hawes W.I., Gayle Institute, 7.00pm.
See p.12
- 20,27 Mid-dale Lent lunches. See p.5
- 20 Museum Friends; Lowther Castle
Gardens; 7.30pm.
- 20 Domino Drive for Moorcock Show.
See p. 6
- 21 DCM Rug making Demonstration:
See p.21
- 21 Mobile Skip on Gayle Green. See p.9
- 22 Bainbridge Methodist Service in
Sycamore Hall; 10.30am.
- 24 Pen View, Thoralby; Coffee Morning.
See p.10
- 24 Crafty Ideas: Bainbridge Chapel,
7.30pm. See p.15
- 25 School Service, - Gunnerside Chapel,
9.00am
- 27 Gayle Ladies: Bob Ellis on Dales
Music
- 27 Yoredale Natural History Society.
'Tanzania and insects from France',
Jonathan Woolley. 7.30pm, Leyburn
Methodist Hall
- 28 Gayle Mill Ceramic Button making:
10.00am to 4.30pm. £50 including
Materials. See p.18
- 28 DCM Exhibition opens: "Pennine
Ways- Celebrating 50 years of the
Pennine Way". See p.21
- 28 Concert: Carperby Village Institute.
See p.24
- 29 Bainbridge Methodists at Aysgarth;
10.45am

March

- 1 Gayle Mill Demonstration Tours:
11.00am and 2.30pm. £12. See
p.18

Kirkby Stephen Grammar School;
A co-operative Academy

**SIXTH FORM OPEN
EVENING**

Wednesday 4th February

School Hall from 7.00 pm

All interested students and parents are invited to contact the school and have an informal viewing and discussion to help you make the right decision about post-16 education.

The school excels at helping students into employment, apprenticeships and higher education.

**YEAR 9 OPTIONS EVENING
Thursday 12th February 2015**

School Hall from 6.30 pm

We welcome Year 9 parents and pupils to see what GCSE options are on offer at KSGS, meet the tutors and have an informal look around the school. If your child is not currently attending KSGS, kindly let us know if you would like to join us on the night so that we can provide you with further information.

If you would like further information about one of the above events, please contact the school on **017683 71693**

or e-mail admin@ksgs.cumbria.sch.uk.

School Website: www.ksgs.cumbria.sch.uk



Marie Curie Cancer Care

**Great Daffodil Appeal
Street Collection**



Marie Curie's largest fundraising campaign returns this March. More collectors than ever are needed this year to collect coins and hand out daffodil pins. Being a collector is a great way to help Marie Curie nurses provide care for people with terminal illnesses, and support their families through difficult times.

Every £20 collected pays for an hour of nursing care. The money raised in 2014 has provided funding for 413,000 hours.

_This year the Hawes collection will be held on Tuesday, 31st March. ***Would you be able to give an hour of your time to help raise money for the charity?*** Now you can sign up on-line via <https://www.mariecurie.org.uk/get-involved/daffodil-appeal> or phone the York fundraising office on 01904 755260

**Margaret Knight, Secretary
Wensleydale Fundraising Group**