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Editorial

You've probably seen the sight: four people 'together' on the train or in a café/pub, all on their smart phone or tablet, communicating with someone not there. This editorial isn't trying to make value judgments about people's communication habits but it is highlighting what some recent research is showing up: that in more extreme cases, the imagined or un-real is taking the place of a real meeting together.

Once upon a time, the only unphysical way chat! to communicate was by a written letter, and much thought would go into every phrase to make sure that the correct information, or more especially the right emotion, conveyed. When the telephone was invented, the tone of voice or emphasis greatly helped to convey the message intended. It is true to say that a smiling face can be picked up on the phone.

Now, though, with Skype for example, we can see the person as well. But is this reality? We see celebrities and presenters in our magazines or on the TV; maybe we think we know them. The vast majority look quite acceptable - even 'nice' people; but that is only what the magazine or programme wants us to pick up.

Internet dating succeeds for some people of all ages, but no-one would rely on that without a face-to-face follow up. With our friends and relations with whom we may spend plenty of By supporting the festival you support these time on the phone, text or facebook, the time good causes. Keep up to date with the Dales comes when we want to see them for real yes to touch, maybe, to feel their real presence, to exchange true affection or amusement together. At the other extreme it until Monday May 4th. is very often far more advantageous to actually meet to sort out a serious difference of opinion rather than relying on semi-live communication with quickly dashed-off emails, irretrievable once you've pressed Easter Monday, 6th April, 1.00 to 3.00pm 'send', then often regretted.

So while the phone, tablet, emails and facebook etc. are excellent for keeping in touch - especially for those living on their own, they are no substitute for calling round. Let's face it, they also can be a nastv cowardly way of frightening or bullying, a technique used by some people leading to disastrous quences.

Those who will admit to watching TV Soap Operas will notice how often people seem to knock on each other's door and call in. Is that now true? Is that kind of thing in decline? Are we happier to communicate much more with fingers on a keyboard, or phone to our ear, in the comfort of our own space without bothering to go out - even to the pub, the church or the club?

We hope not. Community thrives on real face-to-face meeting. We'll pop round for a

Dales Festival of Food and Drink

Held at Leyburn and staffed by over 60 willing local volunteers, since its inception in 2002 the Festival has given £190,000 to local community initiatives. This year live cookery demonstrations feature many of the region's top chefs including the Wensleydale Heifer's Craig Keenan and the Saddle Room's Master Chef finalist Tom Morrell. There is always the chance to sample some of the magnificent creations and quiz the chefs. The Food Hall has 80 different stands, plus Faming for Food, several literary guest speakers, live music, dancing every day and children's attractions.

The festival partakes in Tickets for Troops. Festival of Food and Drink at .dalesfestivaloffood.org, by Facebook or Twitter. Gates open at 10.00am Saturday May 2nd

St.Margaret's Church, Hawes

Cream Teas

Tuesday, 7th and every Tuesday after in April, 1.00 to 3.00pm - Tea and Scones.

Wednesday 29th April PERFORM-ANCE: Harmony Gospel Singers time to be confirmed later. Entry Free - Donations for the Restoration Fund accepted with thanks.

March Competition Answers

Bird Anagrams

- 1. I THUS MOANER
 2. O LOWER THREADS Short eared owl
- 3. RAPPING ERE ENDS Green sandpiper
- 4. GRIPE DART Partridge
- 5. CHOCS FED PET TARTLY

Spotted flycatcher

- 6. RE CHATTY CORES
 7. DRIVEL NOR PEG
 8. ROWS OUR SHAPE
 9. THOSE CANT
- 9. THOSE CANT
 10. ILL TUM EGO
 Guillemot
- 11. TRUB ENGINED Reed bunting
 12. ASHEN TAP Pheasant

The winner of the £20 prize, donated to the Robert Dent Memorial Fund, was **Vera Hunter**, **Redmire**.

April Competition

ADD A LETTER: example:

Hit the fly and perspire= swat, sweat

- 1. Scottish hillside; slow down
- 2. Darkness-horse on board
- 3. Ill, smooth and wet
- 4. Not fat; ponder
- 5. Nan–epilepsy
- 6. Getting on– join the metal
- 7. Making mistakes with a silvery fish
- 8/ Government department; pay off the cost
- 9. Castle mound colour patches
- 10. Using the oars and getting bigger
- 11. Informal friend with personal belongings
- 12. Plus group of instruments

Cream Teas for Amala

WEST BURTON VILLAGE HALL

Sunday March 29th
Easter Monday April 6th
Sunday April 12th
All from 2.00 to 5.00pm

Eunice the Ewe







I was hiding in Dales Praise on page 40. Where am I this month? The winner of the £10 prize: Josh and Ella Thwaite, Hawes

Hawes Weighbridge Hut

The Wensleydale Railway is again opening the weighbridge hut on the Museum car park in Hawes on various days during the year. On **Tuesday 28th April**, why not come along to a free teas/coffees and cakes open day, when volunteers will be there to show you the hut and perhaps get yourself weighed on the weighbridge! Our volunteers will be there from **11.00am until 3.00pm** and will be happy to meet you and answer any questions about the weighbridge or the Wensleydale Railway.

For information, contact one of the local team on richard@dalesphoto.co.uk

Hawes Gala Event

Children's Easter Disco Friday 27th March 6.30pm-8.30pm. £1.50 entry fee, under 5s must be accompanied by an adult. Refreshments available.

We would also be grateful if anyone could donate any feather pillows, mattresses or an old bookcase with a back. Please contact Emily Pickard or Emma Guy if you have any of the above you would like to donate to the Gala. We look forward to hearing from you with any new ideas or suggestions and any offers of your help.

St. Oswald's Askrigg

Gregorian Chant Workshop – Saturday 25th April, 10.00am to 4.00pm in the Church.

Places must be booked by calling Mary Rose Kearney on **650880**. The day will culminate in a service of Vespers at 4.00 pm to which everyone is welcome.

Hawes School News

Eureka Science Day - Reminder

On Tuesday 17th March 'Eureka' (an outreach workshop from the science museum of the same name in Halifax) will be coming into school to work with all of the children as part of science week. This has been partly funded by a science grant of £250.00 which we applied for. In the morning Classes 1 and 2 will take part in a 'splash' workshop. They will look at all things water related e.g. where water comes from and what fun things you can do with it

Classes 3 and 4 will have a 'Gross Lab' workshop in the afternoon where they will look at the 'ickier' side of the human body! This workshop focuses on aspects of our digestive system and what happens when you cut yourself.

We have invited children from Askigg, Bainbridge and West Burton schools to join us for the fun and if any parents would like to join their child's class to share the experience please come along we'd love to see you there.

World Book Day

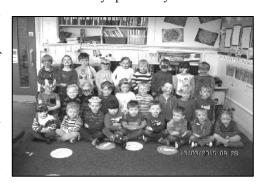
Thursday saw the children dressing up for World Book Day and what a super effort they all made! There were princesses, pirates, Little Red Riding Hoods, Harry Potters as well as a variety of characters traditional and new. Thank you to everyone for such a successful event.



Once again the parents and children have excelled and today's appearance of so many funny faces has certainly made us all laugh.

More importantly though £206.26 (+£17.00 from the Bay Tree's cake sale)

has been raised for Comic Relief, so well done everyone. I'd also like to say a big thank you to everyone who donated cakes to make it a very special day.



No More Cuts, Please

Calls for a moratorium on future budget cuts to National Parks and a top level meeting this year to consider how to ensure the future of National Parks have been made by the Campaign for National Parks.

The charity would like to see a commitment to no further reductions in the funding allocated to National Park Authorities over the next Parliament and for representatives of National Park Authorities, Government, the charitable sector and business to explore how National Parks are protected and funded in future.

The call comes at a time when more than 160,000 people have signed a petition by pressure group 38 Degrees, calling on Prime Minister David Cameron to stop the cuts. National Park Authorities, largely funded by Government to look after National Parks, have experienced up to 40 per cuts in their budgets in the last five years. This has so far led to 252 job losses in National Parks in England and Wales.

National Park Authorities have also been forced to put iconic landscapes up for sale, cut back on the maintenance of rights of way, reduce funding for conservation projects, cut grant support for apprenticeships, stop school visits programmes and close visitor centres, catering for the 90m visitors per annum to the National Parks.

Prunings



Here we are in the middle of March and there are still little of pockets

snow lying behind walls and hummocks up on the fells. As the saying goes "It taks snow te tak snow" so we must not assume that winter is quite over yet, especially not here in the Dales. At the same time the lengthening day has brought about a change from swathes of white snowdrops to jewelled patches of crocus closely followed by trembling tuffets of tiny daffodils as their taller sisters surge upwards. - Isn't spring spectacular?

I picked up a tray of gorgeous primulas spoiled for choice.

Last week a pack of plants arrived, just in time for another white blanket. No matter, they will be tough as they are Hellebores, ordered from a newspaper special offer and incredibly cheap. I did the same last year, and although they didn't seem to be doing much as the year progressed they are now looking superb: doubles, singles, pinks, purples and creams. Excellent value; I just hope this year's batch prove to be as rewarding. You can still get them. Hayloft are running an ad at the moment: 10 plants for £12, can't be bad!

There are lots of adverts at the moment for snowdrops "in the green". This tells us that if we want to divide them, now is the time to do it. The point is that the leaves have to be preserved to feed the plants for next year, and the bulbs must not dry out. Simply, dig up a whole clump, gently tease them into smaller handfuls doing as little damage as possible in the process. Pull out any lingering weeds as you go along and then replant at the same depth as before as quickly as you can giving them a handful of grit and some leaf mould in the planting hole along with a general feed. Slow

release granules are as good as anything if you have some to hand.

I bought some new secateurs a couple of weeks back. I hadn't seen any quite like them, they have an angled head, which I think might be quite useful. Looking at what needs to be done, I think many secateurs will be needed as there remains a great deal of cutting and clipping ahead.

It has been a bad spring for moles, or, the moles have had a good spring! Either way, mole hill soil collected in a field is useful as long as you are prepared to keep the weeds down afterwards. Mole hills on the lawn, however, present much more of a problem as they leave behind dips and hollows. All the solutions I've seen recently last week, and so cheap! The breeders have look feasible, and all involve cutting the excelled themselves in the wonderful range turf, slicing underneath to roll it back, of colours available. I seem to remember refilling the hole and then replacing. I think that when I was a child we had pretty, perhaps the H shaped cut might work best, purple Primula Wanda alongside the although a neighbour claims that his X cut primroses, but not much else. Now we are always works well. It depends on how much time you want to spend repairing the damage.

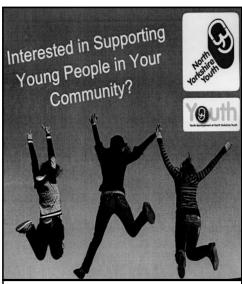
> Good luck! And whatever you grow, take time to enjoy it.

> > Rose Rambler

Upper Dales Family History Group

The next meeting is at Harmby village hall near Leyburn at 2.00pm on Wednesday, April 22nd. The speaker will be Dr David Severs on 'Hugh Pannell, an 18th century North Riding clockmaker.' Since retiring as Chief Constable of North Yorkshire, David has studied history at York University and has developed a particular interest in local clockmakers, including his own ancestors. He has written three books on the subject and recently hosted a major exhibition at Tennant's in Leyburn bringing together antique clocks from all over the country.

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



North Yorkshire Youth (NYY) offer support and advice to set up, develop and sustain community youth clubs and projects across North Yorkshire. If you are interested in making a difference in your community and working with local young people then we'd love to hear from you. For more information please contact: **Richie Bastow (Youth Development** Worker): Richie@nyy.org.uk 07584 263978 This particularly applies to youth clubs

Air Ambulance Clothes Collection

for Askrigg and Hawes.

On Tuesday 21st April, the Great North Air Askrigg and West Burton). Burton at 10:30am. You are welcome to voluntary music and drama. take bags to Askrigg School between 9.00am and 2:30pm from Thursday 16th April if that is more convenient. Thank you for your continued support.

New Year, New Logo, **New Website**

BlueBoxt is a voluntary organisation which supports a number of community music making and live performance skills ('stage craft') workshops



for young people in Wensleydale and Swaledale. Where possible these culminate in live performance showcases at local events such as Hawes Christmas Lights, Richmond Jazz Festival and the 1940s Sessions complement the Weekend. different styles of music offered by the Local Education Authority through schools and music service and local Choral and Brass Bands. Where possible, all adults/ musicians provide their skills and expertise on a voluntary basis. Since the provision began in 2008 we have provided support to around seventy young people assisting with exam preparation, Scouts and Guides badges, Duke of Edinburgh university applications, instrument loans and general mentoring and support to assist their development. We encourage young people to take part not just in the performance aspects of activities but the management and decision making elements as well. We rely on donations, funding and grant support and are thankful to The Upper Wensleydale Newsletter, Dales Festival of Food and Drink, North Riding Dales Licenced Victuallers Association, NYMAZ and Youth Music for their support.

Blueboxt Productions was co-founded by Ambulance will be collecting, clothing, Colin Bailey and West End Actor Jonathan bedding, shoes and belts from all three of Broadbent while at Giggleswick School in our Collaborative Schools (Bainbridge, 1997 as a Performing Arts group. Upon If you have leaving school they agreed that the anything for the collection please take it organisation would continue to provide along - the first collection is at Askrigg at mentoring and support for all ages who 8:30am, Bainbridge at 9:30am and West shared an interest in community and

Rainfall in Carperby

We are pleased to announce that the Carperby rainfall figures are now being recorded by Anne Moore.

Bainbridge Community Library Outlet

Don't forget that the NYCC library facility at Sycamore Hall is for everyone to use, not just residents of Sycamore Hall, so do drop in and see what's on offer:

- Books for all ages which are exchanged regularly
- Good selection of Large Print titles
- Easy to use self- issue machine
- Public computer just log on with your library card and PIN.
- Good access
- Open all day every day

We welcome feedback on this facility and there is a comments book for your use in the library.

Please also note that the **Hairdressing Salon** is now open 3 days per week on Monday and Wednesday from **10.00am to 4.00pm** and Saturday from **9.00am to 1.00pm**. Contact **650158**.

National Park Planning Review

The two statutory requirements of a National Park are 1) to conserve the environment and 2) to facilitate public enjoyment of the special qualities of the park. Helping local communities is a more peripheral duty, not a primary purpose.

However, members of the National Park Authority have realised that in order to prevent decline in the area they must support local communities. This means providing houses and jobs. To do this, some relaxation of the planning policy is needed, for example allowing open market housing to help pay for affordable houses and broadening the local occupancy restriction to include a wider range of people.

This change of heart has come about as a result of changes in national planning policies and also points made in response to last year's draft Local Plan. The new consultation documents are available at www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/planning/ planningpolicy/future-policy and the deadline for any comments is **noon on 1st May.** It will be interesting to see what difference the changes make.

Askrigg and District Produce Show

Sunday 30th August 2:45 p.m.

Spring is definitely on its way so I thought it was time to get out an early warning about the produce show this year. No, we're not introducing a tropical fruit section; - global warming hasn't quite made it here yet! It's just that we are holding the Askrigg and District Produce Show on August Bank Holiday Sunday this year instead of Monday. I know this will be a massive blow to traditionalists (!) but it was important for us to find out whether it's the clash with the Reeth Show that has diminished our numbers of entrants and visitors or if we are just suffering from a bout of general apathy. Being ever-optimistic, I am hopeful that this year will bring a bumper crowd and a full hall for the show.

This year's children's veg challenge will be the ever popular 'largest potato'. We are on with buying seed potatoes as I write this and we will be dropping in on children in the local schools to get all of our young horticulturalists on the case with chitting their red second earlies - don't worry if you don't know what this means - full instructions will be supplied. We will also be encouraging children to have a go at some of the other classes in the children's category as it's usually the most popular area for visitors. I'll personally never forget the liquorice allsort snake or the 'Narnia' in a shoe box so it would be lovely to see a good showing from our talented children.

Other areas that I'd really like to see more entries in are the art and the floral art sections. If there are any local organisations outside of the Askrigg and Bainbridge area that would consider putting in entries as visitors I'd be really happy. The schedule for the 2015 show is on various notice board and is also available online on our website at http://askriggproduceshow.weebly.com/. So – let's all get growing, painting, creating and make this the best show ever.

Mike Dechezeaux Chairman – 650424 Askrigg and District Produce Association

Fracking in Wensleydale

Fracking is the process of drilling down into the earth before a high-pressure water mixture is directed at the rock to release the gas inside. Water, sand and chemicals are injected into the rock at high pressure which allows the gas to flow out to the head of the well. The largest expanses of shale rock are situated in the countryside, and this is where the majority of economically viable sites are likely to be, although it is not yet known how much gas or oil will be commercially recoverable.

There are many arguments for and against fracking and no doubt in the run up to the General Election, they will get plenty of air time. In the meantime however, a number of companies are applying for exploration One such company is The licences Energy Exploration Yorkshire Dales Company (YDEEC) which is looking into the possibilities of fracking in the National Park. What you might have thought were road-works may well have been the YDEEC. They have been digging holes in various locations to obtain core samples of the target rock formation as well as conducting seismic surveys. The information from the exploratory drilling and seismic surveys will give them an idea of how much oil or gas can be extracted. Although it is early days yet, their geological surveys indicate Wensleydale may be an excellent place for gas extraction.

Whilst YDEEC may not have the resources necessary to take the project into production, the exploration allows them to gather the data needed to attract large investors. For more information go to their website: www.ydeec.co.uk. Of course, the National Park will undoubtedly have something to say on the matter, but who knows what the future may hold. As the saying goes: Watch this space.

The closing date for comments is April 663779 for details. 1st.

The Musical Theatre Project Open Rehearsal and Celebration Evening

Friday 27th March 7.00pm till 9.00pm

CARPERBY VILLAGE HALL

During 2014 we were awarded funding to run a pilot project providing workshops focusing on Musical Theatre. Around twenty young people aged 11 to 20 years old have been involved in taster sessions and regular workshops. Local musician Simon Chorley, 15yrs, has been using his knowledge of Sibelius notation software to arrange parts for the instrumentalists involved. "Musical scores are often written for specific instruments and we wanted everyone to be able to play and enjoy the music," he said "it has been exciting to see how electric guitar will sound with French Horn. My favourite arrangement so far is for the song "I'm a believer" from Shrek". The idea came about when young performers in Hawes asked if there were other things they could do during the year when they were not taking part in the local pantomime.

To celebrate the work of the group over the last year we are holding an open rehearsal and celebration evening. We will be working on songs from Musicals such as Jersey Boys, Lion King, Oliver, Annie, Les Miserables and Blood Brothers to name a few. There will be a mixture of ensemble and solo performances as well as a chance for you to take part if you would like to. All welcome, refreshments available. For more information please contact Colin Bailey on 07711 211169, info@blueboxt.co.uk or visit www.blueboxt.co.uk

Aysgarth Institute

Did you know that Zumba classes take place on **Wednesdays at 7.00pm** and Military Whist on **Saturdays at 7.30pm?** 663779 for details.

Swaledale Festival

Saturday May 23rd to Saturday June 6th

On-line bookings now open:

SWALEFEST.ORG

Phone and walk-in bookings from April 13th

01748 880019

Here is a summary of the events roughly within the Newsletter area. The full Festival booklet is widely available: information centres.

Saturday May 23rd

Medieval Minstrels **10.30am** Gayle Mill
The Hut People **2.00 and 4.00pm** Gayle Mill

Violin and piano 7.30pm St Oswald's, Askrigg

Sunday May 24th

Guided walk 10.30am Gunnerside

Festival service 11.00am Keld United Reformed Church

Ragtime band 4.00pm Gunnerside

Tuesday May 26th

Guided walk 10.30am Wensley

Organ/saxophone **4.00pm** St Matthew's Leyburn

Wednesday May 27th

Double bass/piano **4.00pm** St Oswald's, Askrigg

Leyburn band 7.30pm St Andrew's, Aysgarth

Thursday May 28th

Poet and playwright **11.00am** Gunnerside Chapel

Saturday May 30th

Black Dyke Band **8.00pm** Tennant's, Leyburn

Sunday May 31st

Guided Walk 10.30am Carperby

Solo piano 7.30pm St Oswald's, Askrigg

Monday June 1st

Muker Silver Band 7.30pm Muker Public Hall

Tuesday June 2nd

Yorks. Film Archive **1.00pm** TOSH, Leyburn Urban Folk Quartet **8.30pm** Wensleydale Creamery

Wednesday June 3rd

Guided walk 10.30am Bolton Hall

Flute and harp duo 4.00pm St Mary's, Muker

Thursday June 4th

Ukulele Orchestra 8.00pm Tennant's, Leyburn

Workshop for Tourism Businesses

The R.D.C. is working with the LEP (Local Enterprise Partnership) to deliver some training specifically aimed at tourism businesses and would like to invite you to a workshop on Wednesdays 15th and 22nd April from 1:00 – 4:00pm at The Station in Richmond.

Over two, three hour workshops, we will

- Explore and understand challenges faced by businesses and visitors
- Share what we already know about our visitors from data collected
- Use innovative tools to help us think differently and come up with new ideas
- Come up with practical things you can do straight away, which will encourage your visitors to spend more! For information and booking:: 01748 901040

Superfast

Hundreds more people in Wensleydale will have access to superfast broadband after the National Park Authority approved the siting of four masts in West Witton.

The decision by the Authority's planning committee means that about 155 homes and businesses in and around the village will be able to go online. They join a growing list of communities within the National Park that now have a good connection to the internet.

The scheme for the village is part of one of eight national pilot projects being funded by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, and is being run by Airwave. The pilots are intended to trial a number of different broadband technologies to identify which will be the most cost-effective and commercially viable options for bringing superfast broadband to Britain's most remote communities.



Leyburn Arts & Community Centre Events Calendar

Spring Art Exhibition (*Thursday 2nd April*) - Various local artists will be exhibiting their work in the Studio for 2 weeks. Free Entry.

Sing along to Mamma Mia (Saturday 4th April, 7 pm) - Come and join us for a wonderful uplifting sing along to all Abba's great songs in everyone's favourite film. Fancy dress is optional but would add to the fun.

Portrait Painters Exhibition (Thursday 16th April)

Come relax and enjoy the artwork exhibition in the Cafe Bar. Free Entry.

Race Night with a Difference (Saturday 18th April, 7 pm) Choose your favourite jockey and cheer them on. A great evening with lots of laughs, raising funds for The Old School House.

Blue Skies (Saturday 25th April, 7.30 pm) They will take you on a journey that taps into a rich vein of music by singer/songwriters, composers of jazz, folk, blues and popular music spanning several decades. Tickets £5.

Films Fridays at 5.00 and 7.30pm





April 10th: 71 (15) with Jack O'Connell, Sam Reid, Sean Harris

April 17th : <u>Untouchables</u> (15) with Francois Cluzet, Omar Sy, Anne Le Ny April 24th : <u>Still Life</u> (12A) with Eddie Marsan, Joanne Froggatt, Karen Drury

May 1st: The Grand Seduction (12A) with Taylor Kitsch, Brendon Gleeson, Liane Balaban

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W: oldschoolhouseleyburn.com - Registered Charity No: 1122092

Tickets Adults £6 Concessions £5

Gayle Village Institute A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of the Trustees will be held in Gayle Village Institute on Friday 17th April at 7.00 pm. Anyone interested in the future development and use of the Gayle Village Institute is most welcome to attend.

S.Roocroft

West Burton Painting Exhibition

The West Burton Art Group will be holding its annual exhibition and sale of a variety of paintings at West Burton Village Hall on Easter Saturday and Sunday, 4th and 5th April. Entry from 10.00am to 4.00pm will be free. Refreshments will be available and donations at the door will go to local charities, the Herriot Hospice and Principle Trust.

£2.2 million Secured for Dales Economy

Farming and rural enterprises in the Yorkshire Dales are set to benefit from £2.2 million in LEADER funding.

The aim of this funding, which comes from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and is managed by Defra, is to promote economic growth and generate new jobs across the region.

Rima Berry, LEADER Co-ordinator explained: "This is a unique opportunity for the rural businesses and communities in our area to benefit from investment in initiatives that other types of main stream "top-down" funding fails to reach. This opportunity has This Wensleydale Society full-day trip is only been possible through the amazing open to non-members. The coach leaves commitment and enthusiasm of local people Leyburn at 9.30 am, and returns at and all our partner organisations. Together approximately 6.30pm. we have identified the barriers we face as a rural area and successfully applied for LEADER status so that we might fund the innovative and collaborative solutions to them."

towards the end of June 2015, but in the meantime Rima would like to hear from people with farming and rural enterprise projects that could utilise funding to promote economic growth and generate new jobs across the region.

Please contact **Rima**: rima.berry@ydmt.org or calling **015242 51002**

General Election

The Newsletter committee has agreed to carry no party political advertising information except to give below, alphabetical party order, the list of candidates.

Conservative Party	Rishi Sunak
Green Party	Leslie Rowe
Independent	John Blackie
Independent	Robin Scott
Labour Party	Mike Hill
UK Independence Party	Matthew Cooke
(The Liberal Democrat has	s withdrawn)

Wensleydale Society

Members of the Wensleydale Society are invited to the AGM on Friday 10th April at 7.30 pm at West Burton Village Hall. Members are reminded that we need a new Speakers' Secretary. Please contact the Secretary, Carolyn Waterhouse 624246 to apply and for more information.

The AGM will be followed by The Hungry Hushes by Margaret Brennan.

Enjoy a Great Day Out at Beamish with the Wensleydale Society on

Tuesday May 12th

The cost including coach and entrance to Beamish is £22. Bookings with full payment Carolyn Waterhouse, 3,Beckwood, Spennithorne, Leyburn DL8 5FB or **624246** by **April 14th.** Please make The programme will open for applications cheques payable to Wensleydale Society.

Exhibition at the YDNP Authority offices Yoredale, Bainbridge

Treasured Uplands An exhibition of linocuts by printmaker Fran Graham (featuring Bridget Tempest's preview show of print, film and poetry April and May 2015

Before training as an Ecologist, Fran studied at the Glasgow School of Art. Her work for the YDNPA over the last 10 years has introduced her to many a



hidden gem in the landscape and since 2012 she has developed a series of original linocut prints portraying the beauty of the wild plants and habitats found in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

Framed and unframed prints and cards are available to purchase

For more information please telephone Lesley Knevitt at the National Park Authority, on 652326

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DCM What's On

Exhibitions:

The Pennine Ways Exhibition will be on show until 26th April. Celebrating the

birthday of the Pennine Way. Dales artists have produced an exhibition highlighting the walking route using art, photography and sculpture. Also included are original artefacts and archive material.

Waiting Room until the end of April. There will a demonstration in the gallery on 31st March.

April

28 Mar-12 April DCM Chicken Run; 10.00am to 5.00pm.

- 1,5,9 YDNPA Walk-Lower Wensleydale, 6 miles. 9.30am start at Westholme Estate.
- 2 Hawes Town Trail: 2.00 to 4.00pm. 2 miles, Start at the Museum. Booking advised
- 7 Dry Stone-Walling Demonstration. Sessions between 11.00am and 3.00pm
- Explore Upper Wensleydale Villages. Moderate guided 3.5m walk. Meet at the Museum. Booking advised. 1.30 to 4.00pm.
- Victorian Kitchen. 11.00am to 10 3.00pm.
- 11 Sausage Making. 10.00am till noon, 13.30 till 3.30pm. Make and take home your own sausages. 6 places each Here are the official routes for the three session. Booking advisable. Cost stages: £20 Adults

NB. All YDNPA Walks £5 per Adult, Children Free.

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

Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society Tuesday April 14th, 2.00pm

MIDDLEHAM KEY CENTRE

Title: Emile Galle and Rene Lalique: Masters of Art Nouveau and Art Deco

Exquisitely illustrated, this talk contrasts the achievements of the two great French glass masters against a backdrop Art Deco.

The cameo vases of Galle were the Rugmakers will be on show in the highlight of European glass epitomising the Symbolist movement in France. Lalique was a jeweller at the time of Galle's success but moved into the production of glass by 1910. He used many of the same images as his countryman but transformed them into stylish graphic designs which continue today to maintain the Lalique name in the forefront of desirable glass. Charles Hajdamach is a top authority on glass and author of '20th Century British Glass'.

> 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.

Tour de Yorkshire 2015

May 1st to 3rd

Day 1 Bridlington, Pickering, Abbey, Danby, Whitby, Scarborough

Day 2 Selby, Market Weighton, Beverley, Driffield, Malton, York

Day 3 Wakefield, Barnsley, Marsden. Ripponden, Hebden Bridge, Haworth, Ilkley, Leeds.

Eastertime Church Services

Palm Sunday, March 29th (HC=Holy communion)

Penhill/Mid-Dale Area

9.00am Breakfast; Redmire Village Hall and procession to church

10.30am Penhill United Service; Redmire Askrigg/Bainbridge area

10.30am United Anglican/Methodist service; St. Oswald's. Palm crosses

Hawes area

9.00am Hardraw

10.30am St Margaret's HC

6.00pm Gayle Methodist Church

Holy week

Penhill/ Mid-Dale area

Monday March 30th

7.00pm Meditation. Preston u Scar

Tuesday March 31st

7.00pm Meditation. West Witton

Wednesday April 1st

7.00pm Meditation, Castle Bolton

Maundy Thursday

7.00pm Meditation and HC

Thornton Rust

7.30pm HC, West Burton Methodist

Bainbridge/Askrigg area

Maundy Thursday

7.00pm Reflection St Oswald's

Good Friday, April 3rd

Penhill/Mid-Dale area

Stations of the Cross:

9.05am Preston + service at 9.30am

9.35am Redmire Top Green

10.00am Castle Bolton service at 10.15am

10.50am Carperby Cross

11.20am Thornton Rust Institute

11.50am Thoralby upper green

12.15pm Newbiggin

12.50pm West Burton Cross

1.25pm Wensley, Hall gates

1.45pm West Witton; Wens. Heifer plus service 2.00pm

2.15pm Aysgarth with service in the Methodist Church

Bainbridge/Askrigg area

2.00pm Meditation; St Oswald's

Hawes area

11.00am Walk of witness leaves Gayle for Hawes Noon Worship in St Margaret's

Easter Day, April 5th

Penhill/Mid-Dale area

6.30am Penhill beacon: Son-rise service

9.30am Wensley HC

9.30am Preston HC

9.30am West Witton HC

10.45am Aysgarth Methodist HC

11.00am St Andrew's Aysgarth, HC with children's Easter egg activities

11.00am Castle Bolton HC

Bainbridge/Askrigg area

10.30am St Oswald's HC

10.45am Bainbridge Methodists at Aysgarth HC

2.00pm Marsett Methodist HC

2.30pm Stalling Busk

Hawes area

9.00am Hardraw; children's service

10.30am St Margaret's HC and baptism

6.00pm Gayle Methodist HC

Good Friday Walk of Witness

You are invited to take part with Churches Together in Hawes and surrounding area



The annual Walk of Witness begins in Gayle Methodist Chapel at 11.00am on Friday 3rd April 2015.

Members and friends of Churches Together in Hawes, and the surrounding area, will reflect on events that happened nearly 2000 years ago, as we walk through the town to take part in a Good Friday Taizé service to be held in St Margaret's Church at **noon.**

All are welcome to join this event.

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

March

- 27 Last Mid-Dale Lent Lunch. Aysgarth Institute; noon to 1.30pm.
- 27 Musical Theatre Project; Carperby Village Hall, 7.00pm. See p.10
- 27 Yoredale Natural History Society, Leyburn Methodist Hall, 7.30pm.
- 28 Exploding Buddhas at the Fountain Hotel, Hawes
- 29 Palm Sunday. For Easter-time Church services'. See p.15
- 29 Afternoon Teas; St Oswald's Church. Askrigg
- 31 Marie Curie; Hawes Street collection Day

For Holy Week and Easter Day Church Services, please see p.15

April

- 1 Coffee Club; Valley View, Castle Bolton 10.30am to noon
- 3 Walk of Witness; From Gayle Methodist Chapel, 11.00am. See p 15
- 4 Men's Prayer Breakfast; Sycamore Hall 8 30am
- 4,5 West Burton Painting Exhibition. See p.12
- 5 Gayle Mill Demonstration Tours; 11.00am and 2.30pm. See p. 21
- 5,6 Aysgarth Station. Wensleydale Railway Heritage Centre. 10.00am to 4.00pm. See p.22
- 6,7,14,21,28 St Margaret's Church, Hawes; Tea and Scones. 1.00 to 3.00pm.
- 6 Easter Monday plant sale and cakes; Castle Bolton. 10.00am to noon
- 6 Coffee Morning; Gunnerside Chapel, From 10.00am.
- 6 Car Boot Sale; Bolton Park
- 7 Drop in for coffee, Cross House, Carperby, 10.00am to noon
- 7 Hawes Drama Group reads Alan Ayckbourn's "Family Circles". Gayle Institute, 7.30pm.
- 8,22 Wednesday Club, Redmire. 2.00pm.
- 10 'Filling Station', Middleham Key Centre 7.00pm.
- 10 Wensleydale Society AGM. See p.13
- 11 Hopper's Refreshments for Hawes Gala

- 12 Penhill Benefice: United Service at West Witton. 10.30 am.
- 13 Swaledale Festival. Phone and call-in Bookings begin. See p.11
- 14 YDNPA Planning Committee; Yoredale Bainbridge. 1.00pm
- 14 Decorative and Fine Arts Society, Middleham Key Centre, 2.00pm. See p.14
- 15 Carperby W.I. "China, the World's Garden Centre", Peter Cunningham. 7.30pm
- 15 Bainbridge and District Motor Club Rally. See p.25
- 15,22 Tourism Businesses Workshops. See p.11
- 16 Hawes W.I. Gayle Institute, 7.00pm."45 years as a Geordie in the Dales". Philip Holden
- 17 Museum Friends: "The History of Peat" 7.30pm.
- 17 Yoredale—Natural History Society. AGM and quiz, Leyburn Methodist Hall, 7.30pm.
- 17 Gayle Institute AGM. See p.12
- 18 Gayle Mill Willow Weaving; 10.am to 4.00pm. £65. See p.21
- 19 Methodist service, St Margaret's Church, Hawes.10.30am.
- 19 Messy Church; Bainbridge, 4.00pm.
- 21 Deadline for submissions to: 'Live, Shop, Hawes' brochure. See p.28
- 21 Middleham and Dales Local History Group; Key Centre, 2.00pm. See p.24
- 21 Air Ambulance Clothes Collection at Schools. Askrigg, 8.30am. Bainbridge, 9.30am and West Burton, 10.30am. See p.8
- 24 PENNINE WAY 50 years; actual designation date
- 25 Gregorian Chant Workshop; St Oswald's Church, Askrigg. 10.00am to 4.00pm. See p.5
- 26 Bainbridge Methodist Church; Service in Sycamore Hall, 10.30am.
- 26 Gayle Mill: Intro. to Blacksmithing, 10.00am to 4.30pm. £95. See p.21
- 28 Hawes Weighbridge, Open Day. See p.5
- 29 St Margaret's Church, Hawes, Harmony Gospel Singers. Time to be confirmed

Newsletter Accounts March 2014 to February 2015

Income

Balances b/f [includes £416.52 of unclaimed cheques from 2013/14]

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	10073.95
Donations and postal subs	815.00
Collection boxes	4011.01
Adverts	10445.00
Refund	125.00
Interest	36.31
	15432.32
	25506.27
Expenditure	
Production costs	9559.10
Distribution costs	783.59
Donations	1605.00
Committee expenses and honoraria	ı
	2003.92
Room rental	20.00
Prizes	170.00
Book grant scheme for students	
	1400.11
Equipment	13.56
Computer software and hardware	43.98
	15599.26
Balance c/f	<u>9907.01</u>
	25506.27

The accounts were audited and approved on 9th March 2015 by Barry Wilcox, MCMI.

Although the bank balances carried forward this year are similar to those of 2013/14, we have made fewer large donations and there have been further increases in distribution costs arising from new postal rates introduced during 2014/15.

support six local students with book and equipment grants during the year and we made several small donations at the request of our monthly competition winners to the following charities: Action on Hearing Loss, Caring for Life, Dogs Trust Darlington, Myeloma UK, Starlight Children's Foundation, Stroke Association, Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team, Yorkshire Air Ambulance and Yorkshire Film Archive.

Larger donations included:

£500 Thornton Rust Mission Room £250 St Oswald's PCC digital piano

£150 Askrigg Handbell Ringers

£100 King's Club

£100 HAOS

£100 Wensleydale Chorus

£100 Wensleydale Tournament of Song

As always we are very grateful for the donations that readers have sent to the Newsletter, along with lots of lovely comments about the publication. Thank you!

J.W.T.

Askrigg and Low Abbotside **Notice Boards**

Askrigg and Low Abbotside has, perhaps surprisingly in these days of hi-tech communications, no fewer than six notice boards throughout the parish.

They still play a vital part in getting messages to the local community but - unlike facebook and Twitter - they are subject to the battering and bruising of the English weather. Now, says parish council chairman, Allen Kirkbride, they are all in need of some TLC: cleaning, stripping, painting and polishing. There are two in Askrigg itself and the others are at Low Abbotside, Woodhall, Newbiggin and Nappa Scar.

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Nevertheless, we have been pleased to If you think you could give one or more of the noticeboards a facelift, parish clerk Karen Lynch would like to hear from you on 650909 or email karenaskriggpc@sky.com. There will be a small payment for the work.



Beware the world of downloads!

One of the commonest things anyone says to me, when I am looking at their computer, is "I don't know where that came from – I didn't do it". I usually stifle a chuckle as I hear the Bart Simspon defence but I also feel really annoyed that someone else has more than likely been got by the download scammers.

Here is a scenario – you are looking for something to download – you may have had a message the something needs updating (Java, Flash or numerous other things) and couldn't be bothered at the time and go looking for that update or you genuinely want to download a programme, music or video

For the sake of argument you go to Google to search and see the thing you want listed so click on the link. You are then confronted with a webpage which seems to have loads of download buttons and flashing messages saying "your computer is running slowly!" or "speed up your internet connection!" or "your computer is infected!".

If you see anything like this STOP! Don't click anything – you are more than likely on a scam download site – click the browser back button to get back to the google results page.

What you should do is look at the website address google is taking you to. Almost certainly it is unlikely to be first in the list – the scammers are good at getting their result high up the list! Look instead for the website that the program writers use (eg. If it is Adobe Flash check you are going to adobe.com and not download.com!)

Why do they do this? Simple money – every time you download and install rubbish they get paid by the rubbish writers! It gets worse – even legitimate websites now bundle other stuff – eg. Adobe often off toolbars or McAfee Security Scan as 'value added' – make sure you read the page

carefully before you click that button!

One final thing — whenever you are following an installation screen it is tempting to accept the standard or quick install — never do this always choose custom install. Read each page carefully and make sure only the things

you want are installed.

Cello concert coming in May to Aysgarth!

I mentioned last month meeting interesting people online. One such person has become a good friend called Corrine Morris.



We met originally via Facebook and she is a wonderful international cellist. She was interviewed recently on BBC Radio 3 – check out her playing and an interview here http://tinyurl.com/cm-radio3

I have managed to persuade her to come up from London to Wensleydale (St. Andrew's Church, Aysgarth at **7.30pm**) and give us a concert on **Wednesday May 13th**. It would be great if as many people could come along as possible and give her a big Dales welcome.

Tickets on the door will cost £15 but can be bought in advance via www.ticketsource.co.uk/cmconcerts for £12 (no extra charges if you print your own tickets) – you can find full details there too.

If you would like to catch a glimpse of Corinne playing check out your YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/user/CorinneMorrisCellist

It is good to know that good things come from the internet too.

Any questions or suggestions for future computer articles please do drop me a line at carol.haynes@dalescomputerservices.com ... until next month and a Happy Easter.

Carol Haynes

Newsletter Annual Report

The following is the report presented at our A.G.M. last month.

2014 was another very successful year for the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter with its continued high standard of presentation, accuracy, general information and interest, and occasional humour. We have been particularly pleased with the number of readers 'from away' who have written in to compliment us..

Our policy of "only one-third" of the Newsletter for adverts means more room for articles and news, but also allows the adverts to show up better, and we rely on them for much of our finance, although income from collection boxes continues to do well.

This year has seen the retirement of Janet Purvis from Gayle as a proof-reader, a task she had performed with great care since 1997. We are pleased to say we now have a team of six who can be called upon as required. We also welcomed Karen Prudden, from Bainbridge as a member of our bright and breezy committee.

But the monthly issues would be much poorer without the enormous support from all who write, send information and comments, and distribute the Newsletter. The list numbers nearly 150 of these. We're proud of that; please don't let it slip— and thank you.

A.S.W.

(Please remember our policy re articles. All must carry a **by-line** unless there is a very pressing reason for anonymity, and committee members' pieces only appear with their **initials.**)

"Live-Shop-Hawes" Brochure

We will be producing a new updated version of the brochure this year. If you would like to have a free entry, or update the entry you have, please e-mail your details to: live.shop.hawes@hotmail.co.uk, or call into Rhodes Pet and Wildlife Supplies in The Neukin, Hawes.

The deadline is **Tuesday**, **April 21st**. **Abbie Rhodes**, **UWCP**

Remembering Lynda in Style

A fundraising night at the King's Arms, Askrigg, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support and in memory of actress Lynda Bellingham, raised more than £3,300. Lynda, who died in October, played Helen, wife to Christopher Timothy's James Herriot, in the popular BBC television series All Creatures Great and Small during the second run of filming in the late '80s, early '90s.

The King's Arms became its fictional equivalent, the Drovers Arms, in the imaginary village of Darrowby, for one night only and prices for all drinks were just five pence, the equivalent of the old shilling. All the food and drink was donated by local businesses, as were raffle prizes and items for auction. "Everybody has been so generous, with their time, money and gifts. We have been overwhelmed by kindness," said King's Arms manager, Helen Mackay, who watched the filming in Askrigg as a child, and whose idea the evening was.

With singing round the piano, and an array of imaginative 1940s costumes capturing the spirit of the era evoked by the James Herriot novels, it was a night of celebration, as well as memories. "It was such a popular programme and Lynda Bellingham was a much-loved actress, we wanted to do something special in memory of her," said Helen.

Presentation of the cheque to Macmillan Cancer Support will take place later in the year.

Betsy Everett

New in Hawes

Somethings to look forward to: Caffe Curva will be re-opening "as soon after Easter as we can", says Pat Kirkbride, "and locals will be pleased to hear that my Mum will be baking the cakes. She wouldn't know what to do with herself if she wasn't baking for something!" Evening meals will follow later.

And on Main Street from Tuesday April 7th we will have a haberdashery shop: "Shop on the Bridge", in what was the food takeaway, being set up by John and Linda Snow

Bainbridge, Askrigg and **West Burton Schools**

The Brownlee Brothers

On Friday 26th of February, two very famous brothers spoke to Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Askrigg and Bainbridge Schools. We spoke to them using Skype so they could see us and we could see them in their own house.

The Brownlee Brothers are triathlon men. Their names are Jonny and Alastair, they do swimming, running and biking. They have also been in the Olympics: Alastair Red Nose Day. We raised lots of money won gold and Jonny won bronze.

It took us a long time to think of what to say to them. When we did speak to them, think carefully about the questions we said Lola Reilly. asked.

for breakfast?' and 'have you ever been late and I liked that it was on BAWB day.' for the Olympics?' We also asked 'which is your favourite sport?' The brothers' favourite question was, 'who is the naughtiest brother' and they replied with Alastair.

So we all had a good time talking to the Brownlee Brothers and would love to do it again soon. **Mollie Clarkson Y5**

Comic Relief

On Friday 13th March, pupils from all three schools in our collaboration met at Askrigg to do numerous activities for Comic Relief. We worked with the children in our own houses - Dormice, Red Squirrels and Otters - so we had three groups of children, with people from Reception to Y6 in each We had photo booths with funny group. faces, masks to make and sporting activities.

In the afternoon we had a school fete. Everything at the fete was organised and run by the School Council members from the three schools. Children were allowed to go round and do things such as throw wet sponges at teachers and ice biscuits.

There was also a jumble stall and other exciting things to do such as cakes to buy and a chocolate tombola. All profits went to Comic Relief - we made £449.33!

Overall it was a very good day with lots of fun activities to do. It also helped to make good friendships with house team

'I personally had to sit on a chair and get wet sponges thrown at me,' says Tom Dinsdale.

'It was a very exciting and jolly play on for just being funny,' was India Atkinson's opinion.

'I really enjoyed the day because I liked we asked them questions but we had to seeing all the schools having fun together,'

James Peacock thought, 'I liked it We asked question like 'what do you eat because it was more than just dressing up

Tom Dinsdale Y6

Community Office

IT Spectacular: 31st March at the Community Office/Library. A day of IT activities for everybody that wants to take part. I-pad and tablet taming, using ebay, twitter and facebook, online security, absolute beginners etc. All welcome, please ask in the office for details.

10 Year Anniversary Coffee Morning -**Tuesday 7th April**

This April we will be celebrating the Community Office and Library's 10yr anniversary in The Neukin with a coffee morning. Come and join us for coffee, cake, some children's Easter Activities and stories. Help us celebrate how we have grown from strength to strength over the last decade, adding The Little White Bus and Hawes Post Office to our operations. Let's see what we can do over the next 10 years!

Abbie Rhodes

Gayle Mill Events

Demonstration Tours – Sunday 5th April 2015 11.00am and 2.30pm £12

Come and join our Demonstration Tours first Sunday of each month. A two hour tour where you get to see the original 1879 machinery working! Includes light refreshments. To book: 01969 667320 or email admin@gaylemill.org.uk

Willow Weaving - Plant Structures and



Garden Edgings – Saturday 18th April 1 0 . 0 0 a m – 4.00pm £65

Enjoy an inspiring day for making garden structures, willow edgings and plant supports. You'll master some simple techniques of weaving

and preparing willow rods and walk away with your own garden supports and structures to help you get your garden in bloom! All tuition, materials and lunch included for this spring activity. To book: 01969 667320 or email admin@gaylemill.org.uk



Hands-on Heritage Introduction to Blacksmithing – Sunday 26th April 2015 10:00am – 4:30pm £95

Adrian Wood is an expert Blacksmith well-known to enthusiasts at Gayle Mill. His courses are always very popular because his tuition style, a blend of explanation and

demonstration, makes the process of hot forging and shaping the steel seem so easy! Every one attending this course works with their own forge and has an opportunity to learn how to spread, bend, taper, split, hot punch, and thicken steel in a full day's workshop which will include a much-needed hearty lunch, all materials to take home your own hand-crafted key ring and clothes hooks. To book: 01969 667320 or email admin@gaylemill.org.uk

Future Events

INTRODUCTION TO WHEELWRIGHTING **SATURDAY 9**TH **MAY** 9.00am – 4.30pm

RELIEF WOOD CARVING SATURDAY 16TH MAY 2015 10.30am – 4.30pm

National Park Planning Review

The two statutory requirements of a National Park are 1) to conserve the environment and 2) to facilitate public enjoyment of the special qualities of the park. Helping local communities is a more peripheral duty, not a primary purpose.

However, members of the National Park Authority have realised that in order to prevent decline in the area they must support local communities. This means providing houses and jobs. To do this, some relaxation of the planning policy is needed, for example allowing open market housing to help pay for affordable houses and broadening the local occupancy restriction to include a wider range of people.

This change of heart has come about as a result of changes in national planning policies and also points made in response to last year's draft Local Plan. The new consultation documents are available at www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/planning/planningpolicy/future-policy and the deadline for any comments is **noon on 1st May.** It will be interesting to see what difference the changes make.

Heavens Above

Venus steals the show this month - a brilliant 'Evening Star' blazing low in the west after sunset. Throughout April the planet grows even brighter as it slowly pulls away from the Sun, and stays visible until after midnight by the month's end. At magnitude -4.1 it far outshines anything else in the night sky apart from the Moon, and can even cast a shadow under the right conditions. Between April 10-11th Venus passes just 3° south of the Pleiades star cluster - a beautiful sight through binoculars or a wide-angle telescope, and a good photo opportunity if you can get hold of a tripod.

Towards the end of April and the beginning of May the innermost planet, Mercury, joins Venus in the western evening sky. It's a good deal fainter than Venus but should still be fairly easy to spot if you've a clear horizon. Look for it about half-an-hour after sunset to the lower right of Venus. If you've a really clear horizon you might just catch sight of Mars on April 22nd when Mercury passes barely a degree north of the Red Planet.

The southern sky continues to be dominated by another brilliant object, Jupiter the largest of the planets. It's visible nearly all night long for most of April. Steadily held 10x50 binoculars will show you its four biggest moons strung out in a line like a string of softly gleaming pearls. On April 1st you'll find them all lined up west of the planet with the situation reversed on the 11th and 29th when all four gather together east of Jupiter. Jupiter lies in the constellation of Cancer the Crab at present, just a few degrees east of another bright open star cluster, Praesepe (the Manger). just a hazy patch to the naked eye but binoculars reveal a swarm of 80+ stars three times the size of the full Moon - not surprisingly it's often nick-named 'the Beehive'.

Conditions are ideal for this year's annual Lyrid meteor shower which is active between April 18-25th. The crescent moon is well out of the way as it reaches its peak on

the night of the 22nd/23rd when you can expect to see around 10 bright shooting stars an hour. Best time to look is after midnight. Lyrid meteors often leave glowing trains and during a good display there's a real chance of glimpsing a spectacular 'fireball' like the one seen over Loch Ness recently. Have clear skies!

Al Bireo

Aysgarth Station Wensleydale Railway Heritage Centre

Open from **10.00-16.00**Easter Sunday and Monday **5th and 6th April**.

Parking and refreshments available



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BUCK FEST 2015

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May 1st to 3rd Bank Holiday

Little White Bus Transport and Timetable Information £3 retur Bus Tickets can be collected bus tickets at Hawes Community Centre & Carol Fringes & Freekles Hairdressers

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Pick up Point	Friday 1 st May	Saturday 2 nd May	Sunday 4 th May					
Hawes Market Place –	15.00	11.30	11.30					
The Board Hotel	Return 18.15	Return 14.15	Return 15.30					
Hawes Market Place –	18.45	14.30						
The Board Hotel	Return 21.00	Return 16.15						
Hawes Market Place –		16.30						
The Board Hotel	Return 22.00	Return 21.00	1					
Aysgarth Garage	19.45	18.15	13.15					
	Return 22.45	Return 18.00	Return 16.30					
Pride of the Dales Bus	11.35	11.35						
From Kettlewell	15.05	15.05						
	16.35	16.35						
	Driver and 16 seated mini bus on hand							

Please Note – We have a 16 Seated Mini Bus on Hand To transport customers Back to Kettlewell - £1.50



The children have been busy planting flowers to brighten up the exterior of Dalesplay and potting bulbs as a gift for their wonderful Mothers. They made some spectacular Mother's day cards and made paper daffodils to bring a smile to Mummy's face. Some of the children enjoyed a trip to the Wensleydale dairy where we saw how cheese was made and some of the children saw their busy parents at work. Thank you very much for your kind hospitality, the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

We have been learning about different jobs we can do when we grow up and we are looking forward to seeing the season change to spring as lambs jump around in the fields and the flowers begin to grow. Easter is fast approaching and rumour has it that the Easter bunny will be paying a visit with a treat for the children. We have lots of activities planned for the Easter holidays including: a trip to the library, clay workshop, Easter bonnet making, Easter baking and much more. Please book your child in as soon as possible to ensure a place is available. After Easter we will be having a new intake of 2, 3 and 4 year old government funded places; if you think your child is eligible please get in touch and we can help you apply.

Polite notice

To help safeguard the children in Dalesplay and school an electronic locking gate has been fitted on the gate into the car park. Please don't prop the gate open, as you are putting the children at risk. To gain entry, press the button for either the school or Dalesplay and they will authorise your entrance and unlock the gate. We also request that you kindly ask children not to press the button and run away, we are in the process of having a security camera fitted to face the gate, so we will be contacting parents if this problem persists. We kindly ask children not to use tyres on the fence as goal posts, and the fences are there to safeguard children not for your entertainment when we are closed. Damaged equipment needs to be replaced which is funded by fundraising, so please be considerate. Thank you for your cooperation.

Joanne Fothergill

Askrigg Village Book

Work continues apace on the Askrigg and Low Abbotside Village Book 2015, a 200-page, leather-bound, A3-sized scrapbook though that will hardly do it justice - covering just about every aspect of life in the parish. Volunteer photographers are in the process of visiting every dwelling to take pictures of people in or outside their homes: if you haven't been contacted yet you will be soon. If you don't want to appear in the book then of course that's fine. If you do and haven't completed a questionnaire you can still do s o and leave it at either the village shop or with me at Wendal Main St.

The headings of each chapter have now been agreed and cover every aspect of our parish life including architecture, education, health and wellbeing, home and furnishings, transport, weather and wildlife: 23 sections in all with maps, diagrams, mementoes and - well, scraps. Of fabric or wallpaper, receipts, tickets or menus. If you have anything of interest, we'd love to hear from you. The members of the steering group are Colin Anderson, Betsy Everett, Martin Garside, Heather Hodgson, David Liddell, Karen Lynch, Catherine Madley and Eleanor Scarr.

We are always open to new ideas, more volunteers, and especially more content for the book. We are privileged to be doing this on behalf of the parish, and we welcome and appreciate all the support we have received so far, not least from the parish council. All who have contributed will be acknowledged in the book, which we hope will be ready in September. Call me with any queries.

Betsy Everett 650180

Mystery Picture

We were overwhelmed with articles this month so there is no mystery picture. The last one, easy and found by several readers, is of the railway crossing at *The* Lunds, as one finder puts it.

Correction

The Upper Dales Health Watch report in the March issue should have credited Hawes Silver Band and the Young Singing Stars with generously providing funds for the Spirometers at the Hawes and Aysgarth Surgeries.

Thorney MireNotes from Early Spring

When I was a child, the first sign of coltsfoot in flower, on my walk to school, meant that Spring had arrived. Now, I have to add to that the sound of the curlew. The first curlew I heard this year was on 4th March. Earlier in the year, a starling had been trying to fool me by imitating the call of the curlew. Although it was a good impression, it hadn't quite perfected its repertoire. On 6th March I saw the coltsfoot; they had been buried in the snow. Also on the same day, a hare sat on the grass verge looking at us before it ran off into the fields where the lapwings were wheeling, announcing their arrival.

The jackdaws and rooks are putting the finishing touches to their nests and even though these are high in the trees, the birds still fly away when we approach. This is a characteristic of these corvids. One theory is that they have, in the past, been persecuted by man so are now very wary of them. I don't know if this is true but, when we walk under the trees they rise noisily en-masse, circle round then return to the trees when we have gone past.

Robins are territorial and can be quite activities and aggressive but on St. Valentines Day I saw robin was chasing another robin around the day. courtyard. They both came to land on the rim of a large plant pot; the one I assumed to be the male, faced his partner, stuck his chest out a little way, held his head back and swayed from side to side as if doing a little dance. His partner flew up to him, did the same little dance, then flew away. (Either not satisfied with what she saw, or playing hard to get). This little courtship dance went on for several days. A complication arose when a third robin appeared. Now the first robin was busy chasing two robins, but for two different reasons.

We took part in the RSPB bird count in January, noting nine different species and estimated twenty six resident birds. It is not tandtonyk@btinternet.com easy counting hyper-active blue-tits.

Some of our resident species were too shy to come out and be counted in the allocated hour the count took place. This is one reason why I have my reservations as to the accuracy of this nationwide bird census. Can counting birds in one random chosen hour on one weekend really give a true picture of the birds in Britain?

Sylvia Turner

Middleham and Dales **Local History Group**

Tuesday 21st April, 2.00pm MIDDLEHAM KEY CENTRE The 7th John Rettie Memorial Lecture:

Quakers in Wensleydale by June Hall In this talk June Hall will outline the origins of Quakerism, one of the many nonconformist sects that emerged during the mid-seventeenth century. June will firstly examine the way in which the movement c a m e t o t h e Dales then go on to discuss the social, religious legal problems that leading Quakers experienced. She will also describe buildings associated with their will conclude talk by outlining how the movement proanother side to this red-breasted bird. One gressed from its beginnings to the present

> June Hall, M A, was born in Cheshire and spent her working life as a teacher, firstly in Hereford and later in North Yorkshire, where from 1974 to 1991 she was Local Studies Adviser to schools and museums. She lived for thirty years in the Dales, before moving to Cumbria in 2002, where she is a trustee of the Cumbria County History Trust.

> Annual membership of the group is £10 and visitors are welcome to attend individual meetings for a fee of £3.

> further information, please contact Tony Keates 640436 or email do-

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Hawes and District Gala News

We would like to make it clear to everybody that the gala is for the local district as well as Hawes; our official name is Hawes and District Community Gala.

So we would hope that we can get the whole district involved in this great event. Please come along to a family fun day and support us with any fundraisers in the local community. Everything that is organised and presented to you on the day and any fundraising is all done by local community volunteers.

We would also like to thank everybody who has come forward to help with the gala and have given us some great ideas. We would still be grateful for new committee members, and volunteers to help on the gala day.

If you have an hour to spare to help on the gate or would like to volunteer to run a stall please contact Emily Pickard 07868568993 or Emma Guy 07712605110.

The Gala this year will be held on the community field in Hawes, with the usual times of fancy dress parade starting from 1.00pm. This year we have no theme so the fancy dress is open to all great creations and i m a g i n a t i o n s.

Upcoming Fundraisers:

Hoppers Sale Refreshments - 11th April Hawes Market Hall from 9.00am. We will greatly appreciate any food/cake donations and if anybody could please help us out on the day to serve refreshments, even if its just an hour. Thank you

Bainbridge & District Motor Club Car Rally - 15th April, setting off anytime between 6.00 and 7.00pm from the Top car park in Hawes, £5 per car. Join in the fun and follow the directions; think it will be easy? Please come along and bring your friends and let's see who's good at following directions, women v men? friends v friends? parents v children? You decide who are the better co-drivers or map readers. Money raised is being donated to the Hawes and District Gala.

Just a reminder to any trophy winners from last year's gala: please could you get them engraved and sent back to us ASAP at the latest by the end of May. You can drop them off at **Lilly's Shop in Hawes** market place, next to Fringes N Freckles.

We are still looking for an old bookcase with a back. If anybody has one that is no use to them and want to get rid of it, please donate it to us and we will make good use of it! Any ideas, help or questions please don't hesitate to contact any of us. Many Thanks.

Hawes and District Gala Committee

Features Supplement

April 24th, 1965– 2015 50th anniversary

There won't be too many people round about here who walked in 1965 the 'Long Green Trail' as Tom Stephenson, its inspiration, first described it in 1935. Yes, it took 30 years in the planning.

Surely we all know it starts at Edale in the Peak District and ends at Kirk Yetholm in the Scottish Borders, being anything between 250 and 275 miles long depending on whom you believe or how much you wander about avoiding bogs or maybe getting lost.

My first full Way-walk with young son was in 1981. It is interesting to compare 1965, 1981 and now. In its early years much of the route was "undefined", i.e. it was on rights of way but you couldn't see them on the tops of Kinder Scout, Bleaklow, Black Hill, Great Shunner, quite a bit of the counties of Durham, Northumberland or the Cheviot. A mere 16 years later with many people 'giving it a try' and very many failing to complete it, many of these areas were rapidly becoming 'puddled' moving bog.

The preferred 'solution' (how we've improved!) was to lay chestnut paling over the ground as walkways which vibrated with the passing feet and soon disappeared into the mire. In some parts there was as much jumping as walking to find a relatively dry route.

We hadn't much idea what to expect. I'd done plenty of (long) day walks in the South Pennines and Lakes, but no 'day-after-day-after day' walks, and anyway, what did the phrase 'small store' mean at a Youth Hostel? As we were told there were no big places to buy food, would we go hungry? We practised, carrying rucksacks with bricks in, as my main load was to be the food supply: numerous tins of soup, beans, corned beef, rice puddings, packets of cheese and even a tin of crab to celebrate the half-way point which incidentally is well north of Hawes in Baldersdale. Such cargo sits uncomfortably on the back with an un-framed rucksack!

We did have good boots with no foot worries unlike several poor souls encountered at the B&B in Lothersdale where dear old Mrs Burnop pierced, bathed, cleaned and medicated some of the most unsightly multi-coloured blisters one could possibly encounter.

This is no blow-by-blow commentary of the whole walk, although a day-by-day written record exists. In fact the walks to Hawes from Horton, and from Hawes to Keld, are not particularly hard, with several miles on wide tracks and not difficult to follow. A few years later, having the quite wonderful good fortune in moving to live right on the Way, it wasn't uncommon to see Way-farers at Town Foot poring over maps and then proceeding down the private footpath beside the telephone exchange!

Just one very low point— on the highest point!; I left our lunch (to be eaten on Cross Fell), four miles back on Knock Fell! And it was a dreadfully wet day (of which there were several). Young son not impressed!

I walked it again just before Foot and Mouth year, and five days of it with our daughter a few years ago. You can't go wrong; heavy causey stones from the floors of demolished West Riding mills have replaced the chestnut paling. Like the old pack-horse and salters' trails, once laid they don't move much and rarely sink.

Some people think it boring. For those who like a bit of a challenge, wide open spaces, moors, crags, upland wildlife and time to think, it's just wonderful.

So if you want maybe 18 days on the Way, give it a try; mind you, we can all be 'brought down to earth'; on hearing that a few weeks back, our illustrious National Park Ranger, Matt Neale, ran it in five days; but that's a different story! Do see the exhibition in the Museum.

The accompanying article on Page 29 put together by a few long-standing Hawes residents, details what the Pennine Way walker through the town would have seen in 1965. Thank you for their efforts and memories.

P.S. "Songs of Praise" hopes to feature the Pemmie Way later this month.

A.S.W.

A Sweet and Savoury Heritage

The J W Cockett and Son shop has been prominent in Hawes for longer than any of us can remember, but just how much do we know about the business? I went along to meet with David Cockett to find out more about the business and the family behind it.

In the mid 1800s, John Cockett came to Hawes to work on the building of St Margaret's Church. He was a joiner/sawyer by trade but that was to change when he met a local girl, married and settled in Hawes. He opened J W Cockett and Son Butchers in 1854 and it has been operating from the same premises in Main Street ever since. A significant change took place in the early 1900s when John Whaley Cockett married Constance who was a confectioner by trade. She joined the business, establishing the bakery alongside the already successful butchery trade. In due course, their son, also John, took over, joined later by his wife Sheila.

This John Cockett that many will remember was the driving force behind the current business we know today. John was a popular and well-known figure in the local community, not only behind the butcher's counter but also for his involvement with Hawes Amateur Operatic Society. He spent almost four decades producing and directing shows, and appeared on stage in some productions. No surprise then that one of his sons, Dan, has followed in his footsteps and has achieved great things on stage, both locally and further afield.

In 1955, John had the world at his feet, gaining a place at college to undertake teacher training and even considering an application to RADA. However, he decided to stay in Hawes, helping to run the family business and ultimately making it the success it now is.. John met his wife Sheila through his involvement with Richmond Operatic Society and they married in 1969. They had three children, Louise, David and Daniel. served the local community as a Market House Trustee and a Market Tolls Trustee. He was a real family man and fiercely proud of his children and grandchildren, Adam and Dylan. Later in life he was struck down with illness, but his family were a great support to him during this time and his wife Sheila gave up

work to care for him at home. He sadly died in July 2008 at the age of 72 when St Margaret's Church was packed for a service to celebrate his life.

The business is now run by David, Louise and Daniel Cockett, being sixth generation and proud of their heritage. John had made David and Louise partners in 1998 and Daniel joined them in 2005. David spends his days working behind the butchery counter with Daniel and Louise working in the bakery. John's sister, Kathleen also works in the business and is able to turn her hand to anything, even butchering a carcase, having spent many hours in the shop, learning from her father. The shop is neatly divided into butchery and bakery counters but behind the scenes is a large production operation where the numerous bakery products are created six days a week.

David had always assumed he would work in the business and in 1988 went to study butchery at Leeds College. He already had a good knowledge of the practical side of butchery, having helped his father for many years, but needed to familiarise himself with the health and safety and food hygiene aspects of the work. He even has memories of standing on a stool as a young boy, pushing meat through the mincer with his fingers! Not something the Health and Safety officer would look kindly on these days!

The Cockett family had their own farm, raising their own stock. This has helped them to achieve the quality and traceability of their meat that modern customers now demand. David also has a strong relationship with local farmers and Hawes Auction Mart ensuring a good supply of high quality meat is available. He is a frequent visitor to the Tuesday auctions, looking to purchase animals for slaughter. It is key to the business that staff can inform customers of exactly where their meat has come from and know that it has been well-treated and is full of flavour. David says they often have a gathering of people watching the sausage making in the shop, fascinated to see how such a popular food is actually made. If you ever get the chance to see one of these 'demonstrations', just watch where you stand apparently, there was once an occasion when the machine 'exploded' covering a member of staff with the sausage filling!

The business has changed very little over the years, but it is constantly adapting to customer needs, new legislation and regulations etc. David explained that it is very evident that the modern customer demands more from their butcher in respect of quality, traceability, accountability etc. David is proud to say that there is no question the meat they sell is of excellent quality and he and his staff are happy to advise customers on the best cut for a particular dish and to make cooking suggestions, if necessary. They adapt to the changing seasons and events, offering a range of burgers for those lovely summer days that we enjoy so often here in the Dale (?!), and 'themed' sausages for the Rugby Six Nations – rugby being one of David's great interests.

During the wars, the business was protected because Alf Cockett was in a reserved occupation as a farmer and therefore was able to stay at home, running the business. Since then, there have been all manner of regulatory changes although David is confident that the regulations make it much easier to run the business safely and effectively, with every member of staff aware of the requirements of Butchers were the first to their role. the HACCP systems implement everything has been done to eliminate risk within the business operation. Of course, there have been other challenges to ride including the BSE outbreak, Butchers Shop Licensing and the economic downturn. David is pleased that the business has remained secure throughout all these challenges.

The Cocketts business of the 21st century is now a well-established, successful local brand. Alongside the three partners, there are currently 12 permanent staff, supported by several part-time staff when needed. Some of the bakery staff start work at 3.30am to bake, ready for the shop opening. Both sides of the business operate a wholesale as well as a retail trade. There is one van, delivering meat to local hotel and restaurant businesses within a twenty mile radius and bakery deliveries going as far afield as Northallerton and supplying many independent businesses including Campbells in Leyburn. They also work very closely with the Wensleydale Creamery who stock their very popular fruit cakes which, as we all know, make a great accompaniment to Wensleydale

Cheese. The business had a brief foray with Tesco, but as David points out, not all business is good business, and it soon became clear that Tesco wanted things very much their way.

There is a core of local retail customers who support the shop all year round as well as a strong tourist trade. It is essential to the business that these customers are valued and retained because there is an ever increasing threat in the form of the big supermarket home delivery services. David is keen to stress the benefits of shopping locally and enjoying the quality of locally sourced food which he hopes will win the day in the battle against the supermarkets.

As for the future, well, David says the business is constantly evolving and the partners keep their finger on the pulse of their customer base and the demands of the current markets. Facebook is already proving a useful tool to advertise special deals, and investigations are underway to develop a mail order arm and possibly some element of online sales. Being members of the National Federation of Meat and Food Traders, and the National Federation of Master Bakers, there are always up-dates on new developments and support for change which is a great help. Of course, the best way to ensure success is to make sure that your customers are happy and by word of mouth, their numbers increase.

David is marking 25 years in the business

this year and has no plans to retire yet. He is keen to secure the future of the family business though and very much hopes there will be a seventh generation to follow on this much valued local company. The secret of

Cocketts success seems to be their desire to ensure their customer satisfaction is at the heart of their business – and long may it remain that way.

K.P.

Hawes NOW and in 1965

NOW 1965

Town Foot and Main street area

Chapel Gallery Congregational Church

Chinese takeaway and Holden's Agricultural supplies (D.H. Irving)

Ropeworks shop Ropeworks Surgery Fire Station **David Gall Solicitor** Surgery

Flairs and Graces Blythe's radio and TV

Karian Private house with a visiting Optician

Old Post Office Top Knot Hair Salon Some other stuff Old Post Office Haberdashery Sweet Shop (Sunter) Three Peaks outdoor shop Bakery and café (Thwaite)

Cellar Antiques and Mulberry Bush Milner's outfitters, furniture and carpets,

> hardware and cycles Shoe shop (J. Miller)

Cellar Antiques (under club) Wellesley House (opposite ex- Methodist Church) Doctor's surgery

Sturman Antiques (next to ex-church) Eden Shoes Sturman Antiques (old Bee-Lyne part) **Electrics**

Streetwise shop and laundrette Electrical (N. Routh) Newsagent and printers J.R.Iveson Fruit and vegetables (B. Stott) J.R.Iveson (extra part on corner)

White Hart large room **British Legion Club**

Cockett's butchers and bakers **AS NOW**

Sumner Jewellery Clothes shop, tailors

Hoppers, shop on the hill Knitwear

Laburnum House AS NOW Bed and Breakfast and café

McGarry Solicitors AS NOW (Johnson Solicitors -

Tommy)

Market Place area

AS NOW; outfitters etc. (W.S. Hodgson) Whites of Wensleydale

Chemist AS NOW (R. O'Connor) Newsagent Fancy goods (Mason) Elijah Allen AS NOW plus bakery Cunningham Outdoor shop Grocer (C Chapman) Rock and Gem shop Bookshop (K. Calvert)

Sonja hairdressing Bookies and gents' hair (Gregson) Waltons of Hawes Gents' outfitters (Longstaff) and Grocer

(J. Metcalfe)

Spar shop and Wensleydale pantry Central Garage Butcher (G. Calvert) Gift shop (next to Spar) Blades' Yard Tailor (Longstaff) Caffe Curva Household (R. Hugill)

Ex Wool shop (next to Barclays Bank) Wool and shoe shop (Batty)

Black Bull Hotel (Cellar:Coffee bar and Bull's Head; and Cellar

disco)

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NOW 1965

Rhodes Pet and Garden Demolished house

Plumbers and tinsmith (Ned Shaw, Bill Community office

Gibbs, Metcalfe) Cottage Holidays office; the Neukin Out buildings

BayTree café and bistro and Herdy O'Reilly accountants Grocer (W. Metcalfe) Fringes 'n Freckles

Lilly's

Bear Cottage Interiors Bread and Cakes (H.Taylor); Aysgarth

Penny Garth Café

Chippie AS NOW (J. Walker)

Heseltines' house, Town Head

Aldersons' House, Town Head Robridding House (Lane beside Bear Cottage) Joiners

Market House Private house, café, library and cinema

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West Burton: Nadine Bell.

663559 Margaret's Cottage

Avsgarth: Hamilton's Tearoom 663423

Redmire: see Carperby above

Thoralby: Sandra Foley, Shop 663205

Jewellery (D. Raw)

Takeaway teas for buses and coaches

Sweet shop

R.D.C upstairs

Animal feeds (Elijah Allen)

Joinery

Town Head Garage

PUBLIC MEETING

Have Your Say on Transport!

A new informal partnership of Dales bus users, operators and other key stakeholders has been established in the Yorkshire Dales to raise usage and awareness of local public transport networks. In order to get local communities and businesses involved in supporting their local bus and train networks, the new Yorkshire Dales Public Transport Partnership is helping to set up six local Transport Action Groups (TAGs), including one in Wensleydale.

Anyone interested in helping to support their local bus and train services is welcome to attend – the Wensleydale Transport Action Group will meet in

The Oak Room, Thornborough Hall, Leyburn on Friday April 10th at 2pm

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THE LITTLE WHITE BUS









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