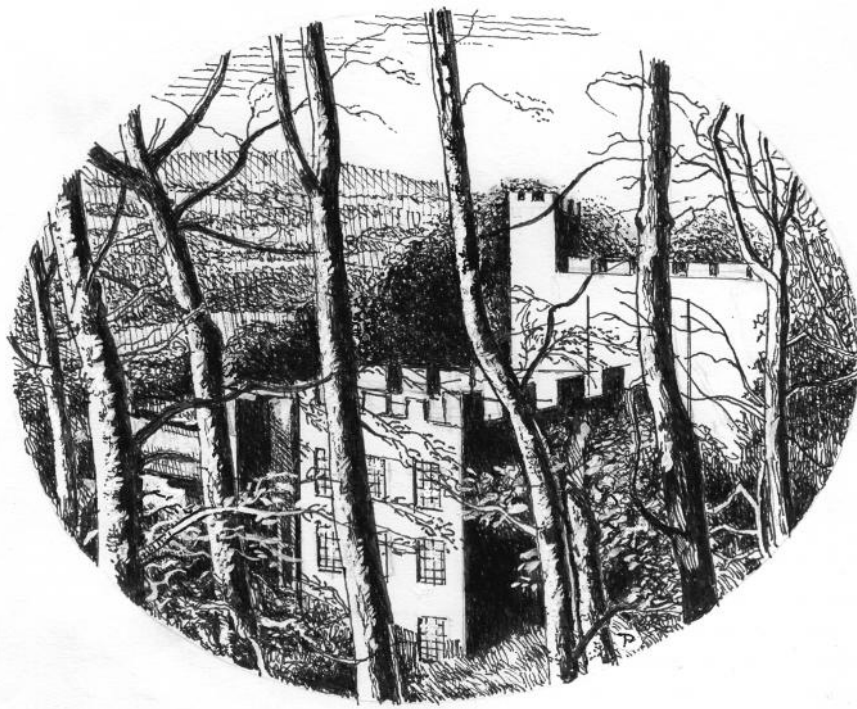


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Editorial

Whether we like it or not, we don't seem to be able to escape talk of CUTS. There certainly are more on the way. It is nice to know that some areas of national expenditure are protected and that some urban areas (those that will have mayors) are going to attract more funding and control over it.

However, the other side of that coin is not good news for us, and especially for National Parks (support for which always runs high in nationwide opinion polls and which cost English taxpayers just 83.5 pence per year). There is deep concern that future reductions over the next few years to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA's) unprotected budget, (i.e a 'soft' target) could mean further cuts might be underway on top of the ones already experienced. These have led to reductions in events, geodiversity, education programmes, transport support, wildlife initiatives, rights of way designations, visitor centres and apprenticeship programmes and grants to farmers in several national parks. It is by no means certain that the Coastal Path round England and Wales, which is partly completed, will proceed.

On the bright side, in our area, some of the more obvious things which we expect National Parks to do are still to be seen. More newly-replaced footpath signs continue to appear and some work continues on footpath maintenance, which isn't true in some of the other Parks. However, to be continued, pressure needs to be ongoing to remind those in authority of the enormous value of the outdoors for recreation, relaxation and health for all. This could be particularly true in the case of younger people for whom the attractions of the screen and the indoors are very strong. And as IT becomes even more sophisticated it is now possible to 'travel to' and 'experience' the countryside without leaving the settee! But can they experience the fresh air, the breeze, the rain, the challenge, the real wildlife, the plod of the foot on the ground, the smells or the darkness?

One other piece of good news is that the new Minister in DEFRA is Rory Stewart, who lives in Cumbria, values designated landscapes and recognises the problems and challenges of rural areas and their populations.

The more pressure that can be brought to bear on decision makers to raise the profile of Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and National Parks,

and other very rural areas, the better that is for the nation as a whole and also for those of us who live here. Personal letters or emails to those in authority are always of value, as is support for independent charities like the Campaign for National Parks (CNP) or the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE).

Alan Watkinson

Since it was founded, twenty years ago, Alan Watkinson has been the editor and main driving force of the Upper Wensleydale Newsletter.

It was his 80th Birthday last month and on behalf of all our readers, the Newsletter Committee would like to register our sincere congratulations and offer him a big thank you for his massive contribution to its establishment and continuing prosperity.

Newsletter Committee

The Next Newsletter—Free Greetings

Please remember that the next issue is for both December and January, so any 'what's on' dates and articles for the New Year must be sent by the next deadline date. As usual we offer free Christmas and New Year greetings in the December/January Newsletter.

Please submit them as soon as possible

Thornton Rust Institute

GRAND QUIZ EVENING

Saturday November 14th

7.00pm for 7.30pm start

**PLEASE COME ALONG AND SUPPORT
THIS EVENT - BRING YOUR FRIENDS!**

Teams of 4—6 people per table or make a team on the night. Compete for lots of various prizes.

Supper plus tea/coffee will be provided. or bring your own wine etc.

Please let us know if you can come (to help with catering arrangements).

Offers of desserts will be appreciated.

BOOK EARLY Please phone **Sue on 663504**
or Ian on 663923

ADULTS £6.00 Children £2.00

Hawes School News

This month saw our Year 6 pupils having amazing taster days at the Wensleydale School, Settlebeck School and Kirkby Stephen Grammar School and now they must decide over the half-term break on their choice of secondary school for next year. A very big decision.

After half term we've organised a variety of weekly after school clubs including a Christmas Crafts club, Dance club, Animal Yoga, Problem Solving Team Games club and a Multi-Skills club. We are also running a cross country club on Friday lunchtimes for children in KS2.

Boys football tournament



On Tuesday, a cluster of schools came together for a boys' football tournament. The tournament was set out like this:-There were 2 groups, each consisting of 4 teams. The top 2 teams went through to the semi-final and the winner of the semi-finals played in the final. The teams involved were Leyburn, Bainbridge, Askrigg and West Burton, Middleham, Spenithorne and us.

We didn't get through our group; we got beaten twice 2-0 and once 4-0. But overall everyone in the team put in an excellent performance, and our attitude was first class.

The final was between Spenithorne and Leyburn. Leyburn won 1-0 but one of the Spenithorne players took a ball to the head and had to leave the field of play. So at the end of the day everyone played super well and kept their heads up when results didn't go our way. We all enjoyed ourselves. Thank you Mr Tasker for driving us to Leyburn.

Rhys Tasker

Newsletter Committee

We are please to welcome a new member to the Newsletter Committee:-

Malcolm Carruthers from Skellgill.

Eunice the Ewe



I was hiding in the Stone House logo on page 7 last month. Winner: **Rita Brockbank, Wrexham**

Ladies Shopping Evening
Saturday 14th November
Hawes Market Hall
From 6.30pm
Free Entry
Little Darlings Younique
Fashion Jewellery & Accessories Yankee Candles
Raffle Stacey Moore, Artist
Buzz Boutique, Leyburn
and many more.....
Why not come along to start your Christmas Shopping or just to have a nousey & chatter.
Raising funds for Hawes & District Gala

Historic Buildings Exhibition

An exhibition highlighting historic buildings has opened in the National Park Authority's offices in Bainbridge. Called 'Every Picture Tells a Story', it is made up of photographs of a range of buildings – and parts of them – that have been selected by the Authority's Historic Environment Team.

The photos form part of the Yorkshire Dales Historic Environment Record and were originally taken to inform the day-to-day work of the team.

The exhibition is on view in the reception area of the Authority's Yoredale offices in Bainbridge until Christmas.

The Mulberry Bush Main Street Hawes

warmly invites you to their winter event on
Thursday November 12th from 6.30pm ;

seasonal discounts throughout the shop and
mulled wine and mince pies

Everyone very welcome!

Helene

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Author Dedicates Book to Local Rescuers

On Tuesday October 13th a thankful couple—Mr and Mrs Dennis Talbot from Derby — arrived at the Crown Inn, Askrigg, to dedicate Dennis Talbot's second novel “*Best Foot Forward, Ellingham*” to the Landlord, Brian Bowe.

Back in March 2013, the couple's car came off the road in a snowstorm on the Askrigg/Muker high road. After being stranded for over an hour and with darkness descending the couple were becoming very worried. However a local amateur photographer driving a dark 4x4 came up from Muker, bundled them into his car and took them down to the Crown Inn. After a warm drink by the fire the landlord and one of his customers took Mr Talbot back up to the moor and with the necessary equipment managed to rescue the car.

The dedication inside the book reads:-

To the unknown gentleman who rescued my wife Pauline and me from almost certain death, miles from anywhere, in a Yorkshire snow storm. And the pub landlord who helped me recover my car before it became just a heap in the snow – March 2013. THANK YOU!

Mr Talbot presented Brian Bowe with signed first editions of his two books (see photo). They would also like to thank ‘the amateur photographer’. If you know who it was please contact the Newsletter and we will pass the information on.



Wensleydale Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday November 14th, 10.00am-3.00pm
West Burton Village Hall

Wide variety of crafts, children's Christmas craft activity table, refreshments, raffle

Hawes Bonfire & Firework Display 2015
Friday November 6th – 6:30pm
 In association with 2015 British Firework Champions: **Fantastic Fireworks**
 Tea & Coffee Hot Dogs and Burgers
 Toffee Apples Music Punch
FREE ENTRY
 (Donations of £2.50 per person suggested)
Hawes Community Field
 6:30pm Start
 (Bonfire at 6:45pm & Fireworks ~7:00pm)

Hawes Bonfire and Firework Extravaganza - Volunteers Needed!

If you're free to lend a hand on the night
by shaking a donation bucket

or serving refreshments, please let us know.

Call **Mike on 667936**

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Save With a Dales Railcard

These are now available again for **£13** for a year and can be used on the Settle–Carlisle line, the Leeds/Bradford-Lancaster/Morecambe line and the Carlisle-Brampton line.

You must live within the designated post code areas, but for us that's OK because DL8 is one of them.

The railcard saves you one-third of the ticket cost between all stations within the area described, and can be bought at Settle, Appleby, Skipton, Carlisle or Carnforth stations, or on line from scredc.co.uk/shop as long as you provide proof of your address and identity.

Only a few trips from Garsdale to Leeds, Bradford or Carlisle, or from Giggleswick to Lancaster and Morecambe and you're quids in!

November Competition

How well do you know your sheep?

SHEEP BREEDS

1. UFYFM: go back one
2. Opposite of north up
3. LEAD WALES
4. Lakeland's speciality
5. FOGEL HURL
6. SWEET RATE
7. Sounds like local loaves!
8. UNCLES FORT
9. I LASH CORAL
10. Church Stretton's in it
11. DECLARE FLEECE IS BUT
12. A smooth man!
13. NEED WAY SELL
14. SEND HGALT



November Events

Monday November 2nd

Fundraising Curry Evening at
Saffron Indian Restaurant -
Tickets £19.95 Two sittings
6.00pm-8.00pm or 8.30pm -11.00pm.

Tuesday November 3rd 1.30pm-4.00pm

Table Top Sale Tables £5

Saturday November 7th 10.30am to 3.30pm

Christmas Projects Workshop with Sandra Morgan
- Price £30 (inc.tea/coffee and biscuit on arrival
and tea/cake in the afternoon). Applique /
Embroidery kits are available
£15-£20.

For all tickets and bookings please call **624510**

We are getting into the festive spirit and if you have any unwanted Christmas decorations, lights etc to help decorate TOSH please could you leave them in the outer reception office by **Friday November 27th** to enable us to decorate from Monday November 30th.

Also after the current art exhibition in the Cafe Bar , until later in the New Year, the cafe walls are empty,therefore, it would be great if any of our supporters, or perhaps their family and friends who have art work / photos they wish to have displayed, to get in touch with our Arts and Events Manager Judith Clark via the Admin Office.

October Answers

1. Isambard Kingdom Brunel
2. Victoria Coren Mitchell
(or Vagner Carmo Mancini)
3. Anne, Charlotte and Emily Bronte
4. Winston Spencer Churchill
5. Anthony Wedgewood Benn
6. The Beatles
7. Johann Sebastian Bach
8. Benjamin Disraeli,
William Ewart Gladstone
9. Andy Murray, Novak Djokovic,
Rafa Nadal, Roger Federer
10. John Fitzgerald Kennedy
11. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
12. Isaac Watts, Charles Wesley
13. Sophie Raworth, Kate Silverton,
Reeta Chakrabarti, Jane Hill, Fiona Bruce,
Mishal Husain
14. Ban Ki Moon, Kofi Annan,
Boutros Boutros Ghali, Javier Perez,
Kurt Waldheim, U Thant,
Dag Hammarskjold, Trygve Lie
15. Barney Harwood, Lindsey Russell,
Radzi Chinyanganya (Blue Peter presenters)

The winner of the £20 prize donated to

The Stroke Association was **Ian Halliwell, Hawes.**

Wensleydale Society

The next meeting is on **Friday November 6th at 7.30pm** at West Burton Village when the speaker will be Marion Moverley on 'Keeping the Feast' - a talk on the importance of Feast Days in the lives of ordinary people in past centuries.

Lectures are free to members (membership £5 per year) and £1 for visitors and guests. The Society has a monthly walks programme for members which adds the enjoyment of Wensleydale. The December meeting is on **Friday December 4th** and is about Raby Castle.

Muker Village Hall

DOMINO AND WHIST DRIVE

Friday November 6th, 7.30pm



Mystery picture. Last month's was of the lime kiln at Cotter End. Where is this waterfall?

Facebook

"I am not a user of Facebook, but am trying to make friends by applying the same principles. Every day I walk down the street and tell passers -by what I have eaten, how I feel, what I did the night before, what I will do later, and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog, and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversations, give them the "thumbs up" and tell them I like them. And it works just like Facebook. I already have four people following me: two police officers, a private investigator, and a psychiatrist."

Newsletters by Post

Please note that the new rate from next year is **£12 (£20 overseas)** for the year.

This is obviously owing to the increase in the cost of stamps.

Christmas Show

This year the Wensleydale Music and Theatre Group will be staging a musical version of Kenneth Grahame's much-loved book "The Wind in the Willows" adapted for the stage by Hazel Waldman. Come and enjoy a great evening of family entertainment and follow the adventures of Badger, Rat and Mole as they try to save the mischievous Mr Toad from personal ruin and the capture of Toad Hall by the villainous Chief Weasel. With well known songs such as Bad Guys (Bugsy Malone), We're in the Money (42nd Street) and a selection of Christmas favourites this musical drama will delight audiences of all ages.

Performances: **Tuesday December 1st to Friday December 4th, 7.30pm** (doors open 7.00pm) at the Market House, Hawes. Tickets are available from Hawes Community Office and Library priced at £9.00 for adults and £6.50 for U12s. Box Office open from Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.30pm, Saturday 9.00am to 12.30pm. Tel. **667400**

The Little White Bus is offering a return service from Leyburn, Redmire, Carperby, Askrigg, Bainbridge, West Witton, West Burton and Aysgarth for the Tuesday performance. Advance bookings only, reservations to be made no later than Monday November 23rd - please contact the Box Office on **667400**

Tour de Yorkshire 2016

It has been announced that the following towns will become either a start or finish for the 2016 race. They are, in alphabetical order: Beverley, Doncaster, Middlesbrough, Otley, Scarborough and Settle.

The men's race will be held **between Friday April 29th and Sunday May 1st** with a women's stage on **Saturday April 30th**.

Museum Friends

At the Annual General Meeting held on Friday October 16th, Pip Land was appointed as editor of the Friends' 'Now Then' magazine and also joins the committee.

To become a Friend and to support the work of the Museum gives free access at all times to the Museum, to receive 'Now Then' and all the details of the year's series of talks/lectures.

Police Report

This month's quick round-up of crime and incidents for Upper Wensleydale include the following:- A burglary occurred in Aysgarth where a quantity of jewellery was taken; An assault took place in Hawes; A theft of an Ifor Williams trailer from Hawes Auction Mart. 10x Swaledale Gimmer hogs were taken from Carpley Green - these were marked with ear tags 122482, a red stripe to the left shoulder and a square cut out near tip of left ear; Four minor road traffic collisions and one serious RTC involving a cyclist which unfortunately was fatal.

North Yorkshire Police latest crime prevention campaign is 'Lock Up Light Up'. The basic crime prevention tips are:-

Don't fill a thief's stocking this Christmas.

Remember to lock all your doors and windows, even if you are at home (make sure you know where the keys are).

Leave a light on when you go out - use a timer switch - a 20 watt low energy bulb costs 2p for four hours.

Hide all your valuables - including car keys - away from prying eyes.

Fit outside security lighting.

Be nose - report any suspicious people or vehicles in your neighbourhood. Many crimes are thwarted and people arrested after members of the public report unusual or suspicious activity to the police. Review your locks, upgrade to Euro-cylinder locks to one that is specifically designed to prevent lock snapping, known as Break Secure. Further information can be found at:-

www.northyorkshire.police.uk/crimeprevention.

Finally, the time of Bonfires and Fireworks is almost upon us. Please be responsible with your fireworks and above all stay safe. Do not throw them. Do not return to a firework which has failed to go off. Do not let them off in the street. There will be the usual well organised displays and bonfires in the dales, (weather permitting) of course attend one and have an enjoyable evening.

Shop owners are aware that it is an offence to SELL fireworks to anyone under 18 but it is also an offence to SUPPLY any fireworks to a person under 16.

To contact North Yorkshire Police:

101 (Non-emergency); 999 (Emergency only).

If you have any community issues you would like to address or discuss, contact me via the Force control room or e-mail donald.watson@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

PCSO Don Watson

Air Ambulance Concert

Yorkshire Air Ambulance will be the beneficiary of a concert by the Northallerton Woodwind Ensemble together with the Gospel Shock Choir at **7.00pm on Saturday December 5th** in Northallerton Town Hall. Tickets, costing £7 from Greensleeves, Central Arcade, Northallerton or by telephoning **01609 774158**. Accompanied school students free. Refreshments will be provided. Further info at

www.northallertonwoodwind.com.



We have been really busy at Dalesplay over the past few months and apologies for not keeping everyone updated through the Newsletter. Over the summer the staff have been busy painting the outside of the building to give us a fresh look. The children have been busy making dens, enjoying their newly installed role play area, learning about the environment around them, designing and painting T-shirts, making jewellery and much more. The upcoming months are just as busy as we have a visit from Zoolab planned who will be bringing a range of animals for the children to meet. We have pumpkin carving, a cinema afternoon, Halloween baking and then it will be the countdown to Christmas. We have just welcomed some new families to the setting and all the new children have settled in really well. They have been busy doing lots of autumn crafts including jumping in the leaves and making leaf bowls.

We have lots of activities planned for Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas. Please take a look at our facebook page to see some of the things we have been doing; maybe you could do them at home with your little ones too.

If you are looking for childcare or are eligible for the government 2/ 3 year old funding please get in touch, come and have a look around and see what we can offer you. We are a registered charity run by a group of voluntary directors and try to be as flexible as possible. We aren't here to make a profit, just provide a much needed service for families of the Dales at a reasonable price with high standards of care. Contact us on **667789** or email dalesplay1@btconnect.com

Fellowship Meetings

Gayle Fellowship meets every Tuesday in November and up to **December 22nd** in the chapel schoolroom at 7.30pm and followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

Wensleydale Centre, Askrigg.

Beat the winter blues and come and have some fun in our fitness classes taking place every week:

Table Tennis is on Monday evenings from 6.00-8.00pm. Come along to this new activity which has just started. Cost is £2.

Core and Stretch sessions are each Tuesday from 6.00-7.00pm and are £4. Led by a qualified instructor there is a range of exercises to work on core strength and mobility.

Also continuing are the popular **Netball** sessions on Tuesday evenings from 7.30 to 9.00pm. Enjoy fitness, mobility and competition. Cost is £4.

Our **Soft Play** children's sessions are continuing on Wednesdays in term time from 9.30 to 10.30am. Come along with your child and meet up with others. Cost is £3 which includes a children's snack.

The ever popular **Gentle Exercise** class for the over 50s is also continuing on Fridays term time from 10.00 to 11.00am. We can help you to maintain levels of fitness and enable you to live life to the full! Stay for a chat and cuppa afterwards. Cost is £4.

Our **Running group** is on Fridays from 7.30 to 8.30pm. All aspirations and abilities are catered for. Cost is £3.

The very popular **Children's Cycling** sessions run in partnership with Stage 1 Cycles will be on **Saturday November 7th (Askrigg) and Saturday November 14th (Hawes) from 10.00am to noon.** The cost is £2.50.

New members are very welcome in all our activities! Just turn up or for more information on any of the above please contact us on **650060 or 07968 606571 or email admin@vorebridge-sport.co.uk**

Big Breakfast

We are also having a 'Big Breakfast' on **Saturday November 28th from 9.30 to 11.30am** at the Kings Arms Askrigg. There will be a range of cooked foods including vegetarian options. For more information please contact us on the contact details above.

Askrigg and Bainbridge PTFA Christmas Fair

Saturday November 14th from 10.00am till 2.00pm in Askrigg Village Hall.

Christmas face painting, raffle, chocolate tombola, refreshments, fantastic range of different stalls and much more. Soup, hot sandwiches and refreshments will be available.

Bridging the Gap

The Wensleydale Railway Trust (WRA(T) is launching the GAP Appeal with the aim of raising £20,000 to purchase an old railway bridge deck that is due to be demolished as part of the A1(M) re-development.

The disused bridge currently sits alongside the Catterick Road traffic bridge south of Brompton-on-Swale next to Catterick Racecourse and used to carry the branch railway to Catterick. WRA(T) says the acquisition of the bridge deck will be the first tangible piece of infrastructure for the new line that is planned to be built west of Redmire to Aysgarth station.

The GAP Appeal was announced on Monday October 21st when a restored railway carriage at Aysgarth Falls Station was officially opened by Sir Gary Verity, Chief Executive of Welcome to Yorkshire. Following months of hard work by volunteers from the Aysgarth Station Project supported by the Wensleydale Railway Trust and a £5,000 grant from the Richmondshire Community Opportunities Fund, the previously derelict carriage has been converted into a meeting room and cafe which will be used on Station Open Days and is also available for hire by local groups.

Any readers who are excited by the bridge project and want to help can make an on-line donation at <http://www.charitychoice.co.uk/wensleydale-railway-trust-ltd/appeals/help-us-bridge-the-gap> or download a Gift Aid form the site, print it off and send it together with a cheque made payable to WRA(T) Ltd to the address below:-

WRA(T) Ltd GAP Appeal, Leeming Bar Station, 1 Leases Road, Leeming Bar, Northallerton, DL7 9AR



New sign spotted by Mavis Armstong in Gayle –it's about 50 miles as the crow flies!

Hawes and High Abbotside Parish Community Fund (The Poor's Close Charity)

The Trustees of the Hawes and High Abbotside Parish Community Fund have limited funds available from which to make grants to assist anyone who has needs arising from sudden distress or sickness, travelling expenses to hospitals, or providing fuel and food for the sick. Grants are also available for the general benefit of the inhabitants of the Hawes and High Abbotside parishes, including the advancement of education and of citizenship or community development.

The Trustees will shortly be considering applications for grants from residents or organisations in the parish. Anyone wishing to make an application should contact **Rev A Chapman (667553)** or **Ian Fowler (667044)** not later than **November 14th**.

Leyburn and District U3A University of the third age

Friday, October 16th, saw TOSH in Leyburn thronged with eager people from up and down the Dale signing up to express their interest in all manner of courses and events which might take place in the newly formed Leyburn U3A.

There must have been at least 60 categories, some attracting a large number of signatories—and some none at all! Courses will run depending on the availability of members within the group to organise and run them.

The next meeting will be held at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre, The Old School House, on **Friday November 20th**. The café will be open at 10.00am. The meeting will begin at **10.30am** when members will be given an update on the progress of the new organisation, the establishment of interest groups and welcome any ideas for future development. New members are welcome to join on the day. Information is now available at the Centre and you can leave your name and telephone number at The Old School House and a member of the U3A Steering committee will contact you if you cannot make the meeting.

Wensleydale Flower Club

Open Christmas Demonstration by
Rachel Paul.

Saturday November 21st 2.00pm
Wensleydale School

Make Will Aid a Winner

During November, David Gall Solicitors in Hawes, will write basic Wills, without charging our normal fee. Instead, we hope that you will donate a similar amount to Will Aid charities.

You will gain peace of mind, knowing your affairs are in order, and thousands of people in need will gain the skills, tools and support they need to improve their lives for a suggested donation of £95 for a single Will or £150 for a pair of matching Wills or £50 for a Codicil to an existing Will (no VAT payable).

It is extremely important to seek qualified and professional expertise when making a Will, so do not put it off any longer. Telephone **667171** or call in and make an appointment today.

David Gall Solicitors, Fulford House, Town Foot, Hawes, North Yorkshire. DL8 3NN
(e-mail: info@davidgall.co.uk)

Operation Christmas Child

Each year many individuals, groups, clubs, churches and schools wrap shoe boxes and fill them with gifts and school supplies for distribution to children in need. Boxes from our area go to Eastern Europe and are given to children in hospitals, orphanages and those caught up in poverty or conflict situations. Boxes are given to children regardless of their background or religious belief.

Please make sure you get a leaflet from the schools, churches or the Community Office and follow the instructions as to what can be included in your box. Please add a £3 cheque or cash to cover transport—or donate on line—and Gift Aid if you can. Boxes must be handed in to the Community Office by **November 11th**.

Remember that a shoe box is often the only gift a needy child will receive this Christmas with the potential to bring hope and happiness in a traumatic situation. Thank you.

Heather and Nelson Caplin 667625

Churches Together Advent Taizé Service

To mark the start of advent Churches Together in Hawes and District are holding a Taizé Service at Gayle Chapel on **Monday November 30th**. The event will commence at **noon** with a hearty soup and bread lunch followed by the service itself at 1.00pm. So make a start to the advent season by joining us for the occasion. All are welcome to attend.

Middleham and Dales Local History Group

Tuesday November 17th 2.00 pm
Middleham Key Centre

The Swaledale Big Dig – answers and questions Members of SWAAG

SWAAG (the Swaledale and Arkengarthdale Archaeology Group), affiliated to Swaledale Museum, is a group of about sixty enthusiasts who contribute to the knowledge base of the history of the northern Yorkshire dales through archaeological and related activity. In March 2014 SWAAG launched The Swaledale Big Dig, a two-year project to involve the local community in a programme of discovery to increase the patchy knowledge of the history of the three small settlements of Fremington, Grinton and Reeth in Swaledale.

They have made excellent progress, due in no small part to the involvement and support of local people, landowners, parish councils and the Heritage Lottery Fund. The major activities have included working with local schools, offering free guided local walks, carrying out geophysical surveys and digging fifty one-metre-square test pits in the three villages. They have also offered a wide range of free courses to equip members of the local community with the necessary skills to enable them to carry the project forward after its funding ends in spring 2016.

In this illustrated presentation members of SWAAG will talk about what they set out to achieve, how they went about it, what they found, what it (might) tell us, and the legacy that the project will leave behind.

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

NSPCC Fund Raising Event at Carperby Institute

The event raised £423 for the Almond Tree Centre at Catterick. Thank you to all who donated food and goods for the stalls.

Evelyn Abraham

Hawes Christmas Lights 2015

On **Wednesday November 18th** the Christmas Lights will be erected. We have bought several new displays and they will take some time to sort out. It's not essential going up ladders, organising traffic is just as important. We will be starting at 8.45am at Town Foot.

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

Another new idea is *"Breakfast with Santa"*. On **Sunday December 20th, 9.30-11.30am**, in Hawes Market House. There will be a sausage and beans breakfast with story telling and a small gift for every child. Cost £5.00 per child. With a limited number of tickets available booking is essential, by **December 5th** at Whites of Wensleydale, Hawes, **667236**.

Entry Forms for *"Wensleydale's Got Talent"* are now available from Whites or email: lizwp@tiscali.co.uk. Any type of group/solo entertainment, any age, is welcome.

Kevin White

Wensleydale Concert Series

www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk

Following September's successful piano recital our next concert will be on **Friday November 27th at Aysgarth Church at 7.30pm**. We are very pleased to welcome the Melicus Duo (pianist Nico de Villiers and Soprano Marie Vassilliou) for an evening of songs in two halves. One half will be songs inspired by Spain, the other half songs inspired by or settings of Shakespeare.

This will be Nico's second visit to Wensleydale (he accompanied the cellist Corinne Morris last May), and Marie's first visit. Marie is internationally acclaimed artists and has sung widely including major operatic roles all over Europe, the BBC Proms and has given a number of World Premiere performances. It will be a very special evening.

Tickets are on sale via the website at £12 (plus a small booking fee) or at £15 at the door on the evening.

Carol Haynes

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

November

- 3 Joint Commissioning Committee Meeting 3.00pm Northallerton.
- 3 TOSH table top sale 1.30pm See p 6
- 3 and every Tuesday - Zumba at Gayle Institute 7-8pm
- 4 Hawes Drama Group reads: "It could be any one of us" by Alan Ayckbourn. Gayle Institute, 7.30pm
- 6 Hawes School - Bag2school School Gates by 9.00am See p 21
- 6 Wensleydale Society - West Burton Village Hall 7.30pm See p 6
- 6 Wensleydale's Got Talent -Closing Date for Entries See p 19
- 6 Domino and Whist Drive. 7.30pm Muker Village Hall
- 6 Bonfire and Fireworks. 6.30pm. Hawes Community Field See p 5
- 7 TOSH Christmas Projects Workshop 10.30am. See p 6
- 7 Family History Group 1.00 - 3.00pm Drop-in Computer Club at Hudson House, Reeth. See p 18
- 7 Children's Cycling, Askrigg 10.00am See p 9
- 8 Remembrance Sunday
- 9, 23 Whist at Gayle Institute
- 10 YDNPA Planning Committee: Yoredale, Bainbridge, 1.00pm
- 11 Christmas Child Shoe Boxes deadline. See p 10
- 12 Mulberry Bush Hawes. Winter Event from 6.30pm See p 4
- 13 Filling Station at Middleham Key Centre, 7.00pm
- 13 The Blue Skies concert in Hawes Market Hall. See page 15
- 14 Ladies Shopping Evening. Hawes Market Hall 6.30pm See p 4
- 14 Askrigg and Bainbridge PTFA Christmas Fair. 10.00am-2,00pm Askrigg Village Hall. See p 9
- 14 Sugartown. Music free in the bar at the Fountain, Hawes
- 14 Children's Cycling, Hawes 10.00am See p 9
- 14 Quiz, Thornton Rust Inst. 7.00pm p 3
- 14 Craft Fair West Burton Village Hall 10.00am - 3.00pm See p 5
- 15 Methodist service. St Margaret's Church, Hawes, 10.30am
- 15 Table Top Sale in Hawes Market House for Dalesplay
- 19 Hawes W.I. Members' evening: 7.00pm in Gayle Institute
- 20 Leyburn U3A meeting - The Old School House 10.30am See p 10
- 21-22 Winter Fair, Dales Countryside Museum 10.00am - 5.00pm See p 13
- 21 Christmas Pie Supper. Bainbridge Village Hall
- 21 Wensleydale Flower Club event. 2.00pm See p 10
- 21 Hawes Football Club - band in the Bar at the Fountain, Hawes
- 22 Bainbridge Methodist Church: Sycamore Hall, 10.30am
- 24 LASS Meeting -Thornborough Hall, Leyburn 7.30pm See p 22
- 25 Patient Congress Event- Tennants, Leyburn 9.30am
- 25 North Country Theatre at the DCM. 7.30pm See p. 13
- 25 Family History Group. Harmby Village Hall 2.00pm See p 18
- 27 Hawes School PTA - Christmas Fair 6.30pm, See p 19
- 27 Classical Concert 7.30pm Aysgarth Church See p 11
- 28 From Psychodelia to Sonnets at TOSH 7.30pm See page 17
- 28 Gayle Mill Christmas Fayre from 10.00am. See p 21
- 28 Big Breakfast Kings Arms Askrigg 9.30am See p 9
- 29 Christmas Lunch Thoraby 12.30pm See p 21
- 29 North Yorks. Dales Methodist Circuit: circuit services, Richmond 10.30am, Aysgarth 6.30pm.
- 30 Soup lunches and Taize service: Gayle Methodist Church noon. See p10

December

- 1-4 Christmas Show, Market House, Hawes.. See p 7

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DCM What's On



Museum Exhibition

"Familiar places, special spaces" October 12th– December 23rd

Explore the Museum collections and unseen stories in a new ways through sketchbooks and collage work of Caroline Dunn.

Waiting Room Gallery "Flockmaster's Art" November 2nd– December 31st

Counting Sheep – A celebration of British Sheep through a passion for colour by Bev Parker.

Events

Wednesday 28th and Friday October 30th

Big Draw Big Book **11:00am- 3:00 pm**

Drop in children's art activity with artist Caroline Dunn. Create your own unique sketchbook to take home. £3

Saturday October 24th to Sunday November 1st

Pumpkins and Potions **10:00am– 5:00 pm**

October Half Term Activities. Join us on our spooky family trail and crafty activities.

Included in museum admission

Saturday November 14th

Needlefelting day for families making Christmas decorations, Angels and fairies

10:00am– noon and 1.00 – 3:00pm

£35 for an adult and child all day or £20 half day. Please book

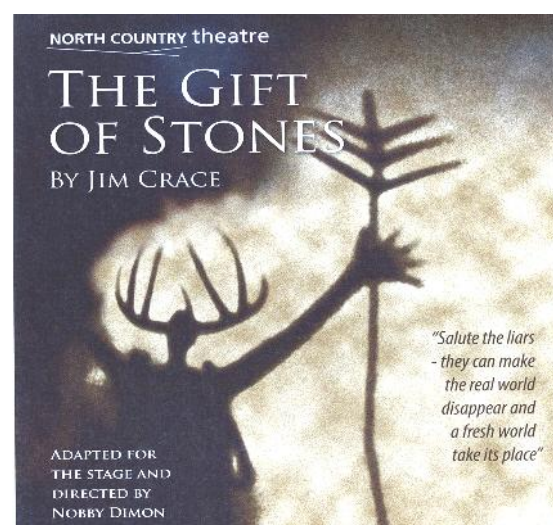
Friday November 20th

Agincourt and the Dales Connection **7:30pm**
Friends of the Museum Lecture. A talk by Juliet Barker. As part of the Friends of the Museum lecture programme. Free but donations welcome.

Saturday and Sunday November 21st and 22nd

Winter Fair **10:00am - 5:00pm**

The Dales Countryside Museum is holding a craft fair. It a great chance to pick up gifts and treats all weekend. There will be a variety of different stalls ranging from textile goods, woodwork and local food produce. Free Entry to the Museum.



Dales Countryside Museum

Iveson Thomas (Tot)

The family of the late Thomas Iveson would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the kindness and sympathy shown and for the many cards received following their sad loss.

Grateful thanks to the staff at Maple Lodge, to Ann Chapman for a lovely service, all who helped in any way caring for Tot and to Simon Barningham for his help and guidance.

Letter

Dear Sir

I would like to congratulate Colin Bailey and Friends on their recent series of concerts. I went to the one in Hawes Market House and it was a great night out. In the concert Colin talks about the different types of music which influenced him growing up in the Dales. He talks about working behind the bar at The Falls Country Club and enjoying the music performed there for The Wensleydale Country and Western Music Club and he mentions Daisy and Fred Thwaites who were two of the founders of the club. Fred attended the concert and told us that this year is the fortieth anniversary of the formation of the club. I thought your readers may be interested in the story and so with Fred's help I have written the following account.

Susan Freer

The Wensleydale Country and Western Music Club

This November is the fortieth anniversary of the formation of the club.

In 1975 Ralph Daykin and his friend Les Hall of Bedale invited anyone who was interested in starting a Country and Western music club to a meeting at the Victoria Arms pub in Worton. Daisy and Fred Thwaites of Thornton Rust went to this meeting along with Joan and Tony Buck, Jill Smith, William Thwaites, Reg Harrison, Alwyn Spence, David Dinsdale, Alan Welford, Pat Fawcett, Mary Alderson, Pauline Teasdale and Sid and Sheila Moore. A committee was formed and the first event was arranged to take place in Thornton Rust Institute on November 27th 1975. Members paid a small subscription and then an entrance fee. Tickets for this first event cost members 50p -guests 75p. Tony Richards and his Country Band performed along with singer Pamela Rose supporting.

It was a great success. The hall was full and it was such a brilliant evening that all involved thought it should be repeated. Events were held every fortnight and then later every month. A larger venue was needed so the club moved to the Falls Motel. The club was so popular that the venue changed its name to The Falls Country Club.

In 1982 Fred Thwaites became chairman and membership grew to over 300. He booked many great performers including Mary Duff, who now sings with Daniel O' Donnell, Ann Brean, Shaun Cuddy, Gordie West, Kentucky Rain and Stan Richards.

As time went on costs soared and tastes in music changed and the club became less popular. On September 10th 1997 the club closed and the remaining funds were donated to charities. The Yorkshire Air Ambulance, Macmillan Cancer Relief, The Friary Hospital and the Wensleydale School each received £700. Donations also went to Farmwatch and Bainbridge Nursery group.

Fred has many happy memories (and memorabilia) of the club and it is a tribute to him and Daisy that they brought fun and entertainment to the Dale for 22 years.

Decorative and Fine Arts Society

20th Century Glass – New Markets

Lecture by Mark Hill on **Tuesday November 10th at 2.00pm** at the Middleham Key Centre.

This lecture gives an overview of the most rapidly developing, popular and recently revealed areas in mid-century modern European glass. Makers covered include Mдина glass, Wedgewood Glass and a number of the most important Czech glass factories. Key designers and designs, and the influences behind them are examined with 'Gallery' slides to give a wider understanding of each company's production.

Mark Hill studied History of Art and Architecture. He worked as a specialist in the Collectors department at Sotheby's. He is co-author of the of the Collectors Price Guide and is a publisher of specialist books on 20th century art.

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.

Best Foot Forward

A stroll from Bellerby to Barden and Hauxwell (and back!)



A year or so ago, we downsized from our house in Woodhall to a modern, warm, dry bungalow in Leyburn. As someone who enjoys reading the story that a good map tells you, we had to check out all of the local paths, and so can now describe an interesting local walk that you might enjoy.

We begin from Bellerby, from where five paths radiate to the east. We went along the driveway to Wren's Cottage, and then across the first of several fields clearly showing signs of medieval ridge -and-furrow. A jay was startled by our presence and left a magnificent ash tree. We were soon walking through a second medieval landscape, with significant cultivation terraces. The farming in this area goes back a long way.

A very poor stile had to be negotiated to enter woodland which sheltered pheasant feeders and had the Burberry Gill running through it. Once out of the woodland, a look back over the shoulder gave us open views of Flamstone Pin above East Witton, and Roova Craggs beyond. A couple of fields later, we crossed the minor road to Barden, and skirted the renovated barn Brysbyre. A hare was disturbed, and shot off at great speed as we went towards East Barden Dykes Farm. Just before the unused outbuildings, we almost turned back on ourselves and crossed a small stream running through a narrow strip of conifers. Four noisy buzzards were calling above: surely they are warning their prey?

Two wonderful hay meadows, packed with rattle, were crossed in single file. We walked on between two woodlands and down to a newish timber kissing gate at the western end of the hamlet of Barden. We stopped on a seat on the green in front of the red-tiled cottages opposite a gaggle of barns, with Braithwaite Moor in the distance; lunch is always good outdoors.

Barden really is a hamlet that is quite unknown, and we felt as if we were intruders. At its eastern end is a stone house with interesting brick detailing. Opposite is the stony track to

Glasshouse Farm: we followed this track for a couple of fields before peeling off right and dropped diagonally to Hauxwell Hall. This is where the retired diplomat, Sir Richard Dalton lives: his family have lived here since the C17. The footpath runs through the manicured grounds behind the Hall, and there are numerous splendid specimen trees. An old disused tarmaced drive leads on to Hauxwell church. There is a C7 Anglo -Danish preaching cross in the grave yard, and the church itself goes back to C11. It is a place of pilgrimage it seems, as Dora Pattison ((1832-78), daughter of the Rector, was both born and is buried here: she was a pioneer of the civilian nursing service.

Our walk turned towards home here. We left the far corner of the graveyard over a good stile, then dropped down to cross Garriston Beck on a substantial metal footbridge. We scrambled up through woodland to find an old track leading through Obelisk Wood towards Low Farm at Garriston. The road led us to the crossroads and the Long Wool Sheep shop, where we turned right and soon clambered over a stile through a holly hedge and on across a couple of fields back to Barden. This time, we walked west through the houses as far as Barden Old Hall, then looked for the footpath sign pointing southwest, then west towards Friar Ings. The path has been diverted around the farm buildings, but this is an improvement, and soon led us into the series of fields that eventually ended up in Bellerby.

Leslie Kinsman

Blue Skies in Hawes

A musical evening at The Market House on **Friday November 13th at 7.00pm.**

Featuring guitar/vocal duo **Blue Skies**, Bert Bohanan and Jean Robinson, performing the very best in popular music including songs by George Gershwin, Cole Porter, Rogers and Hammerstein, Lennon & McCartney, James Taylor and Bob Dylan.

Admission £6. For further information Tel: Liz Beresford on **667340**.

All profits will go to St. Margaret's Church. Restoration Fund.



Windows 10 snooping and internet sharing

One of the more worrying things recently being discussed is the amount of data harvesting going on by Microsoft with the new Windows 10 and also their sharing of your internet connection with other users.

First off I don't think Microsoft are the worst company out there for doing what they are doing – they are just more open about it. All the time you are connected to the internet companies are collecting anonymous information about you. But it is a little worrying the way the data collection process crept in with little fanfare and the new privacy policy is pretty wide ranging.

The other thing they are doing is using your computer and your internet connection to share windows updates with other users. Anyone who has used torrent downloads will know how this works and it is nothing sinister but it does mean that if you have a fixed amount of data each month from your internet provider some of it is being used by Microsoft to save them money. Basically what is happening is if you download an update for windows (in most cases this is automatic and doesn't require you to do anything) it may no longer be coming from Microsoft's servers - parts of the updates are coming from other users computers and once you have the update you too will be sending out packages of data for other users to download. This passes the load from Microsoft's servers to users computers – thus saving them a lot of money.

If you are on unlimited superfast broadband you are unlikely to notice anything but if you have slow broadband or a monthly limit on usage you may well notice things slowing down and your monthly limit disappearing faster.

All of this stuff can be turned off so that you don't share data or your broadband connection but the settings are buried away.

For further details and how to turn off the snooping settings see this webpage:

<http://tinyurl.com/dcs-w10-privacy>

To turn off data sharing with Windows update check out this page:

<http://tinyurl.com/dcs-w10-update>

(do copy addresses really carefully)

Telephone Scams Continue

Just to say thank you to David Emmerson for his email the other day reminding me this nasty scam is still going on and appears to be becoming more aggressive.

I have written about this a number of times before but just a gentle reminder – if someone calls you up and says your computer has a problem and they want to help fix it then it is a scam.

They are very pushy and often claim to be Microsoft – it is 100% guaranteed that it has nothing to do with Microsoft.

If you get one of these calls, ask for their phone number (they are unlikely to give it) and report it to the police.

Let me spell this out clearly: NO REPUTABLE COMPANY WILL CALL YOU AND OFFER TO FIX YOUR COMPUTER – certainly not Microsoft (it is almost impossible to talk to them if you offer to pay!)

That's it for this month. Happy computing. Any questions or suggestions for an article or topic please email me at;- carol.haynes@dalescomputerservices.com

Carol Haynes

Thumbs up to expansion of Yorkshire Dales National Park

The Yorkshire Dales National Park will be increased by nearly a quarter in the next year following the announcement by Environment Secretary Elizabeth Truss on October 23rd that its boundary is being extended. The new boundary for the Park will now include parts of the Orton Fells, the northern Howgill Fells, Wild Boar Fell and Mallerstang to the north and, to the west, Barbon, Middleton, Casterton and Leck Fells, the River Lune, and part of Firbank Fell and other fells to the west of the River Lune.

The announcement of the extension, which will come into effect next August, was made as the Secretary of State visited Wensleydale Creamery. It follows two public consultations on the Natural England's proposal and a public inquiry in 2013.

Heavens Above

Late autumn is a perfect time for observing the Pleiades, a beautiful open star cluster in the constellation of Taurus the Bull. You'll find it high in the south-east by the middle of the evening. To the naked eye it looks like a fuzzy group of 6 or 7 stars - Tennyson likened them to 'a swarm of fire-flies tangled in a silver braid' - but through binoculars they're a dazzling sight with dozens more stars leaping into view. In fact the whole cluster probably contains well over 500 stars, all born together about 75 million years ago.

The Pleiades have been known since ancient times, they're mentioned in the Bible and by Homer, and most cultures seem to have a story associated with them. To the ancient Greeks, for instance, they were the Seven Sisters - the daughters of the sea-nymph Pleione and Atlas, the giant who held up the world on his shoulders, changed into a flock of doves by the goddess Venus, to save them from the unwanted advances of Orion the Hunter. Native Americans thought of them as a group of children lost amongst the stars, whilst in Scandinavia they were often called the Hen and Chickens.

The Pleiades are probably the most famous of the open star clusters but there are a whole pile of others worth looking out for. Two of the best are the V-shaped Hyades surrounding the red-giant star Aldebaran, slightly lower and to the left of the Pleiades, and the 'Sword-handle', a striking double cluster lying halfway between the constellations of Perseus and Cassiopeia almost overhead at this time of the year.

Sadly there are no bright planets in the early evening sky this month - Mars, Jupiter and Venus are all in the morning sky. They put on quite a show at the beginning of the month with brilliant Venus passing less than a degree from Mars on November 3rd. On the 7th all three meet up with waning crescent Moon - a great spectacle and an ideal photographic opportunity. Finally look out for shooting stars around the middle of the month when the Taurid and Leonid meteor showers come to a peak on the 12th and 17th respectively. Here's hoping for clear skies!

Al Bireo

Coffee Morning Success

Sandra and Karen's McMillan Coffee Morning at the Greens, Hawes made £401. Thank you to all who came, helped and donated.

From Psychedelia to Sonnets

The Remarkable Life in Words and Music of Ashley Hutchings MBE

Following another successful fund raiser in September, Carperby Concerts are co-promoting an exciting evening with The Old School House in Leyburn on **Saturday November 28th at 7.30pm**

Described by Bob Dylan as "the single most important person in English folk-rock", Ashley Hutchings is renowned as the founder of Fairport Convention, Steeleye Span and the Albion Band. What is less well known about Ashley is his talent as a wordsmith. In 2014 he published his first book 'Words Words Words', a personal selection of song lyrics, poems, sonnets and other writings that span his entire career.

An evening in Ashley's company is an opportunity to listen to him tell the stories behind the writings, add detail to the history of the bands he has created and describe some of the many projects he has brought to fruition.

To set the scene for some of the stories, Ashley has invited talented singer/guitarist Becky Mills to sing several of the songs that Ashley will talk about, and she will accompany him on guitar on others. This will be an intimate evening and tickets are limited to 60 seats. Over a third of them have already been sold, so don't wait too long. Call TOSH on **624510** or Carperby Concerts on **663808** for tickets (£12 in advance £14 on the door). All concert proceeds to TOSH funds.

Steve Sheldon

Free Publicity for Events

Free online advertising is on offer to organisers of events next year via the special website 'what's on' calendar set up by the National Park Authority. In addition if event details are submitted before **December 1st** they will be considered for inclusion in the official annual guide to the National Park - *The Visitor*.

The online form, including criteria for displaying an event on the YDNPA website and in *The Visitor* newspaper, can be found at www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/add-an-event

Anyone who would like to take out a paid-for advertisement in *The Visitor 2016* to promote their business or activity should contact **Sheila Ward** at Bow House on **01347 825732** for rates and further information.

Prunings

I am pleased to report that last year's leaf composting project has been remarkably effective. We actually have some leaf mould that is almost ready. The success is entirely due to the fact that "him indoors" built a container to put them in. It is a simple structure: twelve posts of even size made into a cage and covered in chicken wire. As we suffer from fairly high winds on occasion, it has a lid, same principle: four lengths of wood in a square and more chicken wire. We completely filled it last year and by mid September the leaves had reduced to about one third of the original volume. I emptied it in readiness for what is to come and put the contents into a normal black plastic composter to finish off. Although some leaves compost better than others, the differences can be overcome by chopping them up. If you have a leaf vac it will do an excellent job, alternatively rake them into a heap and run them through the lawnmower. A mulch of leaf mould helps keep in moisture, suppresses weeds and adds beneficial fungi to the ground. If you use plastic bags make sure the leaves go in damp, add holes for ventilation and expect it to take rather longer. However, there are some avoidable pitfalls: despite all my efforts to get rid of it, I still find blackspot on the roses, and sometimes there are Sycamore leaves showing symptoms. I don't want to perpetuate that problem if I can help it.

The unprecedented temperature and sunshine during late September and early October is probably the reason why we are being treated to such wonderful colour this year as it may be down to the extra sugar produced in the leaves. I have to remind myself that milder weather will not be consistent and we can still get fluctuations which will devastate tender plants, so it's either; leave them alone or be prepared to provide lots of protection. As I have said before, if it won't thrive next door it won't grow in your garden either.

Our climate lets us grow amazing colour, shape and texture in the winter. Birch and Dogwoods have many forms and shades which will all pick up winter sun. Cotoneasters and Hollies give us (and our feathered friends) berries in glorious hues as well as variegated foliage, and some evergreens have scented winter flowers. Small types such as the Sarcococcas, or Christmas box not only suit our windy situation they can create wonderful perfume in the winter garden.

If you haven't harvested seed yet there is still time. Even shrubs will propagate from seed, it's just a bit more messy extracting them. Most will need

soaking to soften them. One easy method is to mash them up and push the pulp through a sieve, leaving the seeds behind. I firmly believe that when the birds have eaten the berries the seeds they leave behind sprout even more easily. I think that explains why cotoneaster self seeds everywhere.

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

Rose Rambler

Upper Dales Family History Group

The first speaker of the new season was Karen Adams on 'Trials and Executions in York'. She began with a map of the numerous jails and places of execution which had served the city over the centuries, ranging from the 13th century prison at Davy Hall to the complex of buildings which made up the Debtors' Prison near Cliffords Tower. Condemned prisoners were executed on the Knavesmire but there were also gallows on the Hull Road, on Clifton Road, at St Mary's abbey and behind the castle walls in the city centre.

Karen had selected a number of criminals and types of offence ranging from medieval examples to the 19th century Luddites to illustrate both different aspects of the justice system and the wide social background of some of the criminals and their victims.

A number of cases had a Dales connection including the Wensleydale rioters executed in 1758 for the offence of high treason in breach of the Militia Act, and George Berry who robbed Anthony Batty on his way home from Hawes market.

The next meeting is in Harmby village hall at **2.00pm on November 25th** when Gillian Lord will be speaking on 'Great Uncle Chester! Where are you?' the story of her lengthy search for her bigamist great uncle.

On **Saturday November 7th from 1.00 to 3.30pm** at Hudson House in Reeth there will be a drop-in Computer Club for anyone interested in beginning to search for their ancestors on the internet or looking for advice of how to get further in their research. For further information please contact **0743 2677783**, email: moverley.yorkshire@outlook.com or see the website www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk for details of all events and the worldwide email discussion group.

Tracy Little

Aysgarth Village Institute Receives Grant.

Aysgarth like many other villages has an institute building used by local residents and groups for regular activities. The upkeep of the building, which is approximately three thousand pounds a year, is met solely by contributions for hiring the rooms and equipment, yearly voluntary subscriptions from households in the village and money raised at yearly events such as the August fete.

During the yearly fire safety inspection it was highlighted that new emergency signs throughout and a replacement emergency exit door for the top room were required, the cost being between £1,200 and £1,400.

The Institute committee, supported by Yvonne Peacock, applied for a grant from the Communities Opportunity Fund at Richmondshire District Council and were awarded £1,192.86 on July 28th

This grant has enabled us to undertake essential replacement works to be able to continue to provide a building for the use of the community. So when you are next in have a look at the new signs and the new steel emergency exit door.

Karen Banham

New Donation Scheme to Support Pennine National Trails

A new donation scheme has been set up to raise much-needed cash for the maintenance of the Pennine Way and Pennine Bridleway.

Heather Procter, the Pennine National Trail Partnership Manager, said "the trails are looked after by highly skilled and dedicated staff who continue to improve them so that everyone has the best experience possible. However – like all other publicly funded initiatives – resources are scarce at the moment and we hope the people who have enjoyed the trails will be able to help by making a small donation."

The donation scheme allows people to give as much as they want directly to their chosen National Trail simply by visiting the relevant trail pages on the national website at www.nationaltrail.co.uk and clicking the 'donate' button.

HAWES CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL 2015

SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER

Children's Party

In the Market House
Entertainment with 

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

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

CHRISTMAS MARKET

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

 SEASONAL REFRESHMENTS 

Wensleydale's Got T★LENT

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

Breakfast with Santa Sunday 20th December 2015. 9.30am-11.30am
Breakfast with Santa. Hawes Market House.
£5.00, booking required by 5th December at Whites of Wensleydale
includes sausage & beans, story telling and small gift.

Hawes Primary School Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who has supported our various fundraising events throughout the year. This year our **Christmas Fair** will be held at the school on **Friday November 27th from 6.30pm**. A great opportunity for Christmas shopping with some fantastic local trade stalls, games, kids tombola, cake stall, refreshments and drawing of the **Grand Christmas Raffle - £100 1st prize!** Much festive fun to be had by all! **Free Entry**. Any donations of prizes for the children's tombola or raffle would be very much appreciated and can be left at the school or please contact me for collection. Thanks again and look forward to seeing you there.

Anna Fagg - 666819

Trip to Try

Here is another day/ half-day excursion for you to follow. Part one.

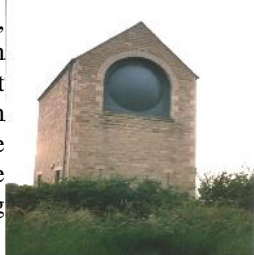
We will assume that you don't need detailed instructions to get to Coverham Abbey— just up Capel Bank from West Witton and over to Melmerby, then left to the Coverham Church and Abbey (not much remains!)

This is where we really begin. Cross over the river Cover and go along the narrow lane past Braithwaite Hall (National Trust but you have to make special arrangements to visit) and into East Witton. Here's a 'model' village: wide two-laned street with many similar cottages and the church set some distance past the renowned Blue Lion pub.

The village which is catalogued in the Domesday Book, was originally sited along what is now Lowthorpe (which leads to the old church-St Martin in the Field) acquired a town charter (and is shown on OS maps as East Witton Town) in 1307, and a market. Most of East Witton was rebuilt in the early 19th century, the houses and gardens in the same places as they were in 1627 according to an old estate map. In 1809 the church was built by the road on the new site replacing the old church, the site of which is now covered in trees and contains the tomb stone of con-joined twins.

Carry on past Jervaulx Abbey but then take the first turning on the right to Ellingstring and after about ¾ mile right again, climbing to a modern folly! The 'tower' on the hill encloses a water pressure tank and was built in the 1990s.

Carry on to Healey, originally a township in the parish of Masham, but from 1848 having its own St Paul's church. You are now in the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.



Turn SW and along to Leighton with its large reservoir. If you have plenty of time, why not turn right before Leighton and drive along the minor and very pleasant road to the end of Colsterdale, which for the walker can be approached over wonderful thick heather and open fell from Coverdale (See *'Best Foot Forward, August 2009'*).

But back to Leighton reservoir; construction started by Leeds Corporation in 1908 but halted during WW1 and resumed in 1919. The

construction site and that of the nearby Roundhill reservoir were served by a narrow gauge railway from Masham station. It ran through Healey and remained in situ until the early 1930s. Water from the reservoir is now used to compensate for abstraction from the river Ure.

Our trip continues for about four miles across lovely open heather moorland until it drops steeply and narrowly down to Lofthouse in upper Nidderdale, the principal village in the area with its 'Fountains Earth' Primary School, but no post office now! When the reservoirs at Angram and Scar House were being built in the 1910s and 1930s it was busy with the Nidd Valley Light Railway, run by Bradford Corporation and extended to service the dam-building.

At its height the Scar House dam-building village housed over 1100 people. It is a pleasant drive up to it on the old railway track and the foundations of the huts are still visible. The real attraction is, of course, How Stean Gorge and before mass travel took tourists to exotic places, this "Little Switzerland" was the place to go, as with candles you were escorted through the cave, only to emerge via a non-descript hole into a field. (You still do, but no candles.) The café here is well-known and now houses Lofthouse Post Office.



Back to near Lofthouse; why not drive up to Middlesmoor, a hilltop village with a lovely view down the dale. Continue down Nidderdale to Ramsgill (posh pub), Gouthwaite Reservoir with its good bird-watching sites; take the minor lane (left) to Wath with its railway station (now a house) and the unique chapel with five sides (to fit on the land given for it) and sitting at the end of a terrace of cottages. Rudyard Kipling's grandfather was once a minister here. Now on to Pateley Bridge, and the end of part one of the trip. We'll come back next time!



A.S.W.

Betty Thornborrow

Would like to thank
Family and friends

For their lovely cards, flowers, gifts
and for making her
90th birthday a special day

Gayle Mill Events Christmas Fayre

Saturday November 28th 10.00am – 4.30pm

Adults £2.50 Children 5-16 years Free



Our Annual Gayle Mill Christmas Fayre; come and enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie whilst choosing those special Christmas gifts. Our range of

wooden and craft products tenderly made by our own volunteers will be on sale, together with craft demonstrations by our expert tutors. Order and collect your unique Gayle Mill Christmas Trees. Our Grand Raffle will also be drawn at 4.00pm, first prize a sought after two seater Gayle Mill bench together with many other prizes.

Lots of festive fun under one roof!

Traditional Christmas Greenery Wreaths and Table Decorations Course– Saturday December 5th 10.00am – 4.00pm £60 per person

Just in time for the festive season, come along to our last course of the year and learn how to make a Christmas greenery wreath, build your own wreath and add holly and sparkles for display indoors or outdoors. In the afternoon create you will be shown how to decorate your own Christmas table display with ribbons, bows and anything that sparkles! All tuition, materials and a festive lunch are included.

Next Demonstration Days

Sunday November 1st and Sunday December 6th at 11.00am and 2.30pm. Then the Mill is closed until March 21st 2016.

Claire Lambert

Tinsel and Turkey Christmas Lunch

Thoralby Village Hall

Sunday November 29th at 12.30pm

Tickets from Neil 663747 or Phil 663875



Santa Specials will run from **Leyburn** again this year (**December 5th and 13th**), as well as from **Leeming Bar** on **December 6th, 12th, 19th, 20th, 22nd, 23rd and 24th**. Booking is essential as children's gifts are age-related, with seasonal refreshments for adults. For Santa bookings - or for details of Steam Running in November and December (engine Joem); Gift Tokens for Driver Experience and tickets for the Christmas Shopping Special to Northallerton West on **Wednesday December 16th** (15-20 minute walk into the town centre) - please see www.wensleydalerail.com or phone Leeming Bar station: **01677 425805** between 10.30am and 2.30pm on weekdays. If the answerphone is on, please leave your name and number and someone will ring you back as soon as possible.

Trains continue to run in November as follows:

Down the Dale from Redmire:

Sunday 1st Dep. Redmire 11.00, 13.45, 16.05

Leyburn 11.15, 14.10, 16.19

Arr. Leeming 11.50, 14.50, 16.55

Saturdays 21st, 28th and Sundays 8th, 22nd and 29th: Dep. Redmire 11.00, 14.30

Leyburn 11.15, 14.45

Arr. Leeming 11.50, 15.20

Ruth Annison

Bag2school – Re-using Unwanted Textiles

The Hawes Primary School PTFA has arranged a bag2school collection on **Friday November. 6th**. This is a great way for us to raise money for the school and the more we collect the more money we make! Good quality clothing, pairs of shoes, bags, hats, scarves and ties, jewellery, belts and soft toys are all accepted so please, have a sort out and bring any items you'd like to leave (tied in black bin bags) to the **school gates on the morning by 9.00am**.

Anna Fagg - 666819

Leyburn Bowling Club

Leyburn Bowling Club has had its most successful ever year, winning the 2015 Bateson Bowls League in our first year in this league, and finishing a close fourth in our usual league, the JSW League.

On September 12th and 13th we held our annual Final's Weekend. This year's winners were Hazel Derby (Jack Ellis Cup and Walker Cup), Hazel Doig (Wilkjohn Cup), Peter Walker (Todd Cup) and Sally Cotter (Barclays Trophy). On October 8th over forty members and friends attended our 2015 Presentation Night / Dinner at the Queens Head, Finghall.

Before our green closed we held our final two Sunday Jumbles competitions for the year. On September 20th the winners were Nimrod Wilkinson and Martin Bradford whilst on the 27th Nimrod Wilkinson and Sally Cotter were the victors.

We are holding another of our popular Quiz Night's, at the Dalesman's Club in Leyburn, on **Thursday December 3rd at 7.15 pm**. Again there will be a buffet and raffle prizes. Tickets for the quiz are still just £5 and may be obtained by contacting **Hazel (623480)** or **Mervyn (625734)**.

This is the last of the monthly Newsletter articles for Leyburn Bowling Club for 2015 but we look forward to the articles returning next spring in time for the 2016 bowling season. In the meantime if you would like any details or information regarding our club please contact us on either of the phone numbers shown above.

Mervyn Buckley

Cleaner Needed

We are looking for a cleaner for our holiday cottage in Bainbridge Friday turn around.

If you are interested please call:
Tim: 0788 4433324
Joan: 0777 1333851

LASS (Leyburn Arts & Social Society)

The next meeting is on **Tuesday November 24th at 7.30pm** in the Oak Room at Thornborough Hall Leyburn when the film shown will be the classic Parenthood. Please contact **622023** for further details.

Wensleydale's Sunday Bus Service

Northallerton to Hawes Dalesbus No 856

DalesBus has been able to reprieve the very successful No 856 bus service to run on Sundays through the winter between Northallerton and Hawes, thanks to last-minute funding from Richmondshire District Council, Leyburn Town Council and Hawes parish council – plus £1000 from their own funds.

The 856 service makes three return journeys each Sunday from Northallerton-Bedale-Leyburn- Aysgarth Village-Bainbridge-Hawes, with some connections with the Little White Bus service between Garsdale station and Hawes. The complete journey takes only an hour and a quarter from end-to-end on the A684 directly (unlike the weekday journey, which takes three buses, with changes at Bedale and Leyburn).

There are various Christmas events on Sundays down the dale, notably Bedale's trial food market and Barker's Sunday opening for four weeks before Christmas and the Sunday between Christmas and New Year. Conversely, people from down the dale are already using the service to visit Hawes, especially for walks and Sunday lunch in Upper Wensleydale.

Bus passes ARE valid on this service for free travel and – if booked by Friday lunchtime – the Little White Bus is a useful link to bus stops on the A684 for the Sunday 856 service. The 856 service WILL run on December 27th; a decision about the 28th is yet to be confirmed.

Ruth Anison

Drop-off points and contacts

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

Hawes:	Alan S. Watkinson, Burnside Coach House.	667785
Gayle:	Sarah Champion 23, Little Ings	667006
Bainbridge:	Sylvia Crookes, 3, Bainside	650525
Askrigg:	Rima Berry, 8 Mill Lane	650980
Carperby:	Margaret Woodcock, Bella Cottage	663488
West Burton:	Nadine Bell, Margaret's Cottage	663559
Aysgarth:	Hamilton's Tearoom	663423
Redmire:	see Carperby above	
Thoraby:	Sandra Foley, Shop	663205

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<p>Amy (15) 2 hr 8 m <i>Amy Winehouse, Mitch Winehouse, Mark Ronson</i> A fascinating and heartbreakingly sad and dark depiction of the life of a brilliant singer. It is a touching testament to Winehouse's career, relationships and chaotic personal life. Featuring unseen archival footage and unheard tracks. <i>November – Friday 13th at 4.30 pm and 7.30 pm</i></p>								
<p>Slow West (15) 1 hr 24 m <i>Kodi Smith-McPhee, Michael Fassbender, Ben Mendelsohn</i> A young Scottish man travels across America in pursuit of the woman he loves, attracting the attention of an outlaw who is willing to serve as a guide. <i>November – Friday 20th at 5.00 pm and 7.30 pm</i></p>								
<p>My House In Umbria (12A) 1 hr 43 m <i>Maggie Smith, Ronnie Barker, Chris Cooper</i> An unlikely group of people find solace and friendship after being thrown together in the wake of a terrorist attack. <i>November – Friday 27th at 5.00 pm and 7.30 pm</i></p>								
<p>The Old School House, Richmond Road, Leyburn DL8 5DL T: Bookings 01969 624510 E: admin@oldschoolhouseleyburn.com F: facebook.com/oldschoolhouseleyburn Twitter: https://twitter.com/TLeyburn W: oldschoollhouseleyburn.com - Registered Charity No: 1122092</p>		<p>Tickets Adults £6 Concessions £5</p>						