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## Editorial

**A**s we approach the end of 2015 and start to look ahead to next year, we wonder what the main issues will be that occupy our minds. No doubt there will be the usual local housing, planning, health, transport and education matters that arise, then sometimes disappear, and very likely “Europe, in or out”.

However, one issue that is very likely to dominate THE WORLD and have repercussions for us all is the ever-increasing matter of climate change and global warming. It isn't always easy to see how such enormous issues impinge on us, or even to consider what, if anything, we can do. It is a good job not everyone thinks that way! “Evil triumphs when good men do nothing”.

We tend to think that wars, with the dreadful knock-on effects of refugees, are brought about by power-seeking and ideology - as Isis has recently shown- and this is often true. In reality it is also, and increasingly, the struggle for resources, especially water and energy, in huge areas of the world that is of the greatest concern.

“You ain't seen nothing yet!” It has been said that the current mass movement of people from the Middle East and Africa is the biggest since the end of the second world war in 1945. But climate change and water shortage are already causing movements to cooler areas and as huge countries like India become more affluent the demand for air conditioning is rocketing causing great energy demand. In the United States, apparently, 87% of homes already have air-conditioning. It is estimated for example that in due course parts of the Middle East and Australia could become uninhabitable. Some experts think that movement to what are seen as cooler and more tolerable places to live will just go on increasing and increasing. So it affects us all.

Another factor could be a mixed blessing. An article in the national press last week claimed that even more of the work currently done manually, particularly in manufacturing, could soon be taken over by machine technology - presumably to reduce costs. This means yet more use of energy and the possibility of more movement of people looking for work!

At the risk of seeming frivolous it might be worth thinking for a minute just how much we could all contribute, not only by finding new ways and sources of providing energy, but on how we might use less. We are not suggesting we buy a mangle, wash tub and posser instead of a new washing machine; or invest in a brace and bit and a cold

chisel instead of the electric drill; or allowing time so that many of our journeys can be by bike! But, seriously, do we really need all the power-consuming gadgets we get? How many more will be bought as presents this Christmas?

Now for a bit of energy saving! (There is self-criticism here.) Who would deny that Christmas lights are a great joy - but what about other lights? How much street lighting is really required throughout the night? Can't security lights be off until an intruder activates them? (Ribblehead Station platform lights glare out for hours after the last train has gone!) Why do we leave the lights on in rooms when we've left them; or all those small red lights on equipment not actually being used; or the computer? Why do we heat the whole house all day when we might only be using a couple of rooms? Why don't we wear an extra jumper? Why do we leave doors open letting in the cold? (The instigator of this article really gets told off for that!)

All this might not save the planet, but it would save us some money! So here's the big question: is it always better to be wanting and using more, when the whole world might be needing some of us to use a lot less? Do you remember the slogan of a few years back: “Live simply, that others might simply live”?

## Wensleydale Concert Series

The next concert will take place at Aysgarth Church on **Saturday January 30th 2016** at 730pm and feature the cellist Jonathan Bloxham.

Jonathan is a cellist originally from Newcastle upon Tyne but in recent years he has been travelling the world giving recitals playing concertos (As I write he is in Australia, but in 2015 he also visited numerous European countries, the Far East, the USA and Canada as well as performing in the UK). He is also increasingly in demand as a conductor. The concert will be based around works by Bach but will include some surprises too. A great way to start the New Year.



Tickets and details are available via the website [www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk](http://www.wensleydaleconcertseries.co.uk)

Parking is available at the pay and display carpark next to the church (£1 in the meter - this is a discounted rate for concerts) and lighting is being installed at the car park to make it easier for dark evenings. There is limited free disabled parking in the church grounds.

### “Paraprosdokians” ...

are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous.

Winston Churchill loved them.

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
9. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
10. In filling out an application, where it says, ' In case of emergency, Notify: ' I put 'DOCTOR'
11. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
12. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive more than once.
13. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
14. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
15. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
16. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
17. I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.

### Eunice the Ewe



I was with the Hawes School children on page 4 last month. Winner: **Sam Dadamo, Pinner.**

Where am I this month?

Syllabus available from:  
Towlers Newsagents, Leyburn,  
The Corner House West Burton, or visit  
[www.dalesmusic.co.uk](http://www.dalesmusic.co.uk)



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### Hawes Chemist Christmas Opening Times

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

**Monday to Thursday, December 21st to 24th**  
**9:00am to 5:30pm**

**Christmas Day 25th – CLOSED**

**Boxing Day 26th – OPEN 10:00am to 2:00pm**

**Monday 28th – CLOSED**

**New Year's Day 1st - CLOSED**

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

Many thanks,

**Lis Hogg**

## Letter

*Hello from the Kent branch of the Eunice (and Upper Wensleydale Newsletter) Fan Club.*

We have been readers of this excellent publication for nearly 20 years - both as frequent visitors to the Dales and in Kent and Pinner where the monthly arrival of the UWNL to our various households often leads to a squabble about who can grab it first to catch up on the news from Yorkshire. From time to time, our keen members have submitted entries to the 'find Eunice' competition and I think three or four of us have been lucky winners. My son in law still has his certificate gained in the late 90s!

Being only occasional residents in Burtsett, we are delighted to be able to read about what is happening in the National Park, when the next coffee mornings are scheduled, where children have gone on school journeys, Gala plans and police reports. The Newsletter is always left out for visitors to our holiday cottage. And the publication is brilliant for finding electricians, plumbers, tilers etc.

Throughout our association with the newsletter, the calm, witty, insightful and efficient Alan Watkinson has been our main contact and the purpose of this email is to say a big Happy Birthday to him as we have read that he has recently celebrated his 80th birthday. We would also like to thank him and all the team for hours of enjoyment and for the oodles of information contained within the pages of the UWNL.

Best Wishes

**Steve and Sheila Birkin and the other members of the Kent Fan Club**

## The Wensleydale Society...

meets on **Friday December 4th** at West Burton Village Hall at **7.30pm** when the speaker will be Robert Hillary, on Raby through the Ages, a talk about the history of Raby Castle.

The New Year meeting is on **Friday January 8th at 7.30pm** at West Burton Village Hall, when the speakers are Pauline and Martin Beckett, talking about India Old and New.

Lectures are free to members (membership £5 per year) and £1 for visitors and guests. If you would like to make use of the return coach from Middleham, Harmby, Leyburn and West Witton please contact **Eileen Jackson 622287**. The Society has a monthly walks programme for members which adds to the enjoyment of Wensleydale.

## LASS

### (Leyburn Arts and Social Society)

The next meeting is on **Tuesday December 15th at 7.30pm** in the Oak Room at Thornborough Hall Leyburn for our Christmas Social.

The New Year date is **Tuesday January 26th** when we shall be showing a film. Please contact **622023** for further details.

## Leyburn and District U3A

The December monthly meeting of the Leyburn and District U3A will be held at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre, The Old School House, on **Friday December 18th**. Come and join fellow members for a Christmas get-together. The café will be open for tea and coffee and a complimentary mince pie. This is a drop-in session which begins at **10.30am** and finishes at noon. Information will be available and new members are welcome. Members of the committee will be present to answer any questions.

The first monthly meeting of the year will be held at Leyburn Arts and Community Centre on **Friday January 15th**. Tea/ Coffee will be served from 10.00am in the Café. The formal meeting will begin at **10.30am** when there will be a U3A update followed by a speaker. The meeting will finish at noon.

## Healing Collective

The Healing Collective at Swinithwaite would like to announce that Shiatsu, Reiki and Bach Remedies will all be available on **Saturday December 5th, 10.00am - 4.00pm** at our free monthly drop-in session. We will be closed on Saturday January 2nd but free monthly sessions will resume on Saturday February 6th.

Our Meditation Group has now finished for the winter. We will be starting again in the spring. Anyone interested please email us so we can let you know. (please see our advert)

**Elizabeth Carter and Sarah Harley-Donaldson**

## New Parish Council Clerks

Thank you to Jane Ritchie, West Burton, for letting us know that three parishes: West Witton, Redmire and Preston under Scar, now have new clerks. The full list with all contact details can be easily found on this website:

[www.richmondshire.gov.uk/council-democracy/parish-and-town-councils](http://www.richmondshire.gov.uk/council-democracy/parish-and-town-councils)



## November Competition Answers

### Sheep breeds

TEXEL  
 SOUTHDOWN  
 SWALEDALE  
 HERDWICK  
 ROUGH FELL  
 TEESWATER  
 DALESBRED  
 CLUN FOREST  
 CHAROLLAIS  
 SHROPSHIRE  
 BLUE FACED LEICESTER  
 JACOB  
 WENSLEYDALE  
 SHETLAND

The winner of the  
 £20 prize donated  
 to the Yorkshire  
 Air Ambulance  
 was **Anne Moore**  
 from **Carperby**.

## Christmas Competition “Sing Noel”

### Initial letters of first lines of Christmas songs and carols

- |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| 1. AIWFC     | 15. IBTLALLC |
| 2. DTHWBOH   | 16. HYAMLC   |
| 3. GRYMG     | 17. OLTOB    |
| 4. DTKIC     | 18. DDMOH    |
| 5. AFTROG    | 19. SHLOABOS |
| 6. CAJTC     | 20. UUABIB   |
| 7. RABMISAIM | 21. ICUAMC   |
| 8. WSWTFBN   | 22. GKWLO    |
| 9. GGROBAR   | 23. NTUGM    |
| 10. ISMKSC   |              |
| 11. TAGFHC   |              |
| 12. TVMHABB  |              |
| 13. ITBM-W   |              |
| 14. LCDAC    |              |



And in case many of you solve the above here are two lines taken from within two Christmas hymns:

24. BTMNMMD  
 25. GWLISLM



## BAWB Collaboration News

### London Visit

On Monday 9th of November three pupils from the BAWB collaboration went to London to see the Houses of Parliament. The pupils met up with Rishi Sunak MP, to hand in a petition to David Cameron to get smaller schools more funding!

We had to be at  
 Miss Harper's house  
 by 6:45 AM! Then  
 we got a taxi to the  
 train station in  
 Northallerton. The  
 train was very fun  
 because we played  
 cards. We played  
 games like go fish  
 and threes.



When we got to  
 London at Kings  
 Cross Station we  
 caught a taxi to the  
 Houses of Parliament  
 to meet up with  
 Rishi Sunak and his  
 colleague Lisa. Then  
 we walked around the  
 Houses of Parliament.  
 We then had lunch and  
 it was delicious.

Then we walked down  
 to 10 Downing Street  
 and put our bags in  
 these boxes that  
 moved through an  
 x-ray machine. We  
 knocked on the door  
 of 10 Downing Street  
 and a policeman  
 answered the door  
 then we had a few  
 pictures outside 10  
 Downing Street. We  
 did not see the Prime  
 Minister though.

Then we saw the  
 MPs shouting at  
 each other in the  
 House of Commons!  
 They were shouting  
 about government  
 and community. When  
 the MPs look like  
 they're going to  
 sleep they are  
 listening to speakers  
 in the back of the  
 chairs. Some of the  
 MPs are a bit deaf  
 so they use the  
 speaker to hear  
 what the other  
 people are saying

**Xander Connelly and Craig Woof Y6**



### **Windows 10 roll out woes**

Over the last few weeks problems have continued. I have had many requests for help from people who have taken the plunge and upgraded to Windows 10. I am sure I am hearing of the few bad cases where something has gone wrong but in the last week I have looked at three computers that failed to upgrade properly and basically turned into an oversized paperweight. It would be really helpful if you could help your friends by spreading the word that it is probably best to wait to upgrade until spring time.

In the meantime here are a few hints if you decide to upgrade anyway:

- 1) Make sure you have a good solid backup of your system before you start so that if the worst happens you are not left in a mess.
- 2) If you upgrade and have problems you have a 30 day window to revert to your old version of Windows – Click Start > PC Settings > Update and Recovery and the option to revert should be there – note after 30 days that option disappears.
- 3) If you have upgraded from Windows 7 or miss the start menu you can install Classic Shell to put it back. Things then look and behave remarkably like Windows 7 again. Free from [www.classicshell.net](http://www.classicshell.net) or a rather more polished Start menu replacement called Start 10, available cheaply from [www.stardock.com/products/start10](http://www.stardock.com/products/start10) (incidentally you can also get a version for Windows 8/8.1 called Star8 here [www.stardock.com/products/start8](http://www.stardock.com/products/start8))

### **Download Websites and scams/trickery**

I have noticed that when people are looking for a program to download (either a new program or an upgrade to one you already have installed) there is a tendency to type what you are looking for into a search engine. Quite a lot of people then click the first thing that appears in the list.

This is an approach almost guaranteed to get your computer infected with rubbish. You will probably get what you were looking for too but it will more than likely come with a lot of surprises. So many people have said to me over the years “I don’t know where that came from, I never downloaded it or asked for it”.

By far the worst culprits are the ‘download’ websites – in order to make money most products end up bundled with other things that pay the company to put the stuff on your computer. These ‘bonus’ gifts can be anything from unwanted toolbars, changing your home page or search engine, fake security software (or even real security software that then conflicts with existing products you have).

The big problem is that most of this stuff isn’t considered virus behaviour and the majority of it goes through your antivirus without giving any warning. The rule is to look-and-read before you click. If you have a list of results in front of you **ONLY EVER** click on links where the printed website name belongs to the manufacturer of the product. For example if you are updating Adobe Flash make sure the website you are going to says [adobe.com](http://adobe.com) – and not something like [softonic.com](http://softonic.com) or [download.com](http://download.com). This isn’t a 100% solution as even then Adobe may download Google Toolbar as part of the download – make sure you read everything and untick the things you know you don’t need.

That’s it for this month – have a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

[carol.haynes@dalescomputerservices.com](mailto:carol.haynes@dalescomputerservices.com)



## Dedicate a tree this Christmas

A tree is a gift for life, not just for Christmas. If you want to give something extra special this year why not dedicate a beautiful native broadleaf tree in the Yorkshire Dales.

In return for a donation of £15 we will provide a seasonal gift pack and certificate, and you'll be invited to visit the woodland in the summer.

Dedicating a tree is a unique and thoughtful gift and a living, growing legacy for the future. Your gift will help to create new native woodlands across the Dales, restoring a natural part of the landscape and providing habitats for hundreds of wildlife species.



You can complete and return the order form in the enclosed gift brochure, dedicate online at [www.ydmt.org](http://www.ydmt.org) or call us on 015242 51002. Thank you.

## Upper Dales Family History Group

October's speaker was Sam Woods who had researched the story behind a memorial in Gilling West church to Christopher Cradock from Hartforth Hall; 'The North Riding's Forgotten Admiral'.

The hall is now a hotel but retains its family links through a painting of Christopher's last command, The Good Hope, his ill fated ship at the battle of Coronel.

Born in 1862 Christopher was a younger son with few expectations. Consequently, after a brief education at Richmond Grammar school, he joined the Navy aged only twelve. Two years later he was a midshipman and then steadily rose through the ranks to Rear Admiral.

His career took him around most of the world, gathering commendations and medals on the way for his bravery in the Sudan and during the Boxer Rebellion in China in 1900. Closer to home he served on the royal yachts and was appointed ADC to Edward VII.

In his spare time he wrote books including 'Whispers from the Fleet' – essential reading for any young man contemplating a naval career. Rather alarmingly in retrospect he admitted that he had little experience of gunnery and had asked someone else to write the relevant section.

The Great War found Cradock at the other side of the Atlantic. Sam filled in the background of many of the personalities involved in directing the actions of the navy at the time, particularly the First Sea Lord, Winston Churchill. Much of the advice coming from the Admiralty was open to more than one interpretation and the only way ships could receive their orders was to put into port and collect telegrams – not exactly instantaneous.

Christopher Cradock's final engagement was the Battle of Coronel, fought off the coast of Chile in November 1914 when he was outnumbered and outgunned. Possibly he should have withdrawn but he was determined not to back down and risk court martial as had already happened to one of his colleagues in the Mediterranean fleet.

In total 1570 men were lost from the British fleet and two cruisers were sunk, whereas the Germans suffered only three wounded. Inevitably the blame for the humiliation focused on Cradock for engaging the enemy against such odds and Sam recommended a good book on the subject, 'Scapegoat' by Steven R Dunn – the title says it all!

## Thornton Rust Hall

### *Another in our series of occasional features of our village halls*

Records show that at 10.00 am on October 25th 1924 "Thornton Rust Institute" (as it is more correctly known) was registered with the Registrar at Northallerton.

The land on which the Institute was to be built was sold to the trustees for £10.00 for the purpose of establishing an Institute or Reading Room for the general use of inhabitants of and visitors to Thornton Rust. A set of rules established a Committee to direct the Institute which was to open from 1.00pm to 10.00pm every day except Sunday with members paying five shillings per year. The rules specified that no loud talking or swearing or improper conduct was allowed and no newspapers or magazines were to be removed. One rule reads: "Any member reading a paper shall not retain the same for more than 15 minutes after being asked for it by another member". Fines were levied for any infringements.

Currently the Institute has a Committee of nine and is a registered charity. It is hired out on a regular basis, to provide maintenance income, to a number of groups including the badminton club and the Wensleydale Orchestra. Whist drives take place on a fortnightly basis. During the year there are several regular events including a New Year's party, coffee mornings, games evenings and an annual quiz evening.

The Institute is rectangular in plan consisting of one large hall of two storey height with recently refurbished toilets off the entrance hall and newly built kitchen at the rear. The land at the rear which overlooks Wensleydale has just been landscaped with patio, tables and lawned area.

Like many Dales villages, Thornton Rust is slowly becoming a village of holiday homes and therefore interest in the Institute is declining so that the long term future is uncertain but it remains secure in the short term

S.E.D.

### **New Email Address for Newsletter**

Thank you to all our contributors and correspondents who used the new email address this month - and for those who didn't, a reminder that it is **uwnlinput@gmail.com**



## Heavens Above

**T**he Winter Solstice – the time when the Sun reaches its lowest point south – falls on December 22nd this year. It's the shortest day and the official start of winter. The long dark nights aren't everyone's cup of tea but if you can drag yourself away from the central heating you'll find nothing quite matches up to the view south on a sparkling frosty night. In the early part of December many of the Autumn constellations are still on the scene but things change dramatically during the run up to Christmas as the brilliant winter star patterns centred around Orion become more prominent. By the end of the month Orion, the legendary Mighty Hunter of the ancient Greeks, dominates the southern sky; he'll stay with us until well into March. Orion's outline is quite unmistakable with giant red Betelgeuse marking his right shoulder and a distinct sloping line of three stars forming his belt. Below the middle star you'll see a hazy patch of light – Orion's sword, a massive cloud of interstellar gas and dust glowing with the light of newly formed stars – an impressive sight in binoculars.

The three belt stars act as a useful guide to other nearby star patterns. Following them upwards takes you to the constellation of Taurus the Bull, home to two showpieces of the night sky, the Hyades and Pleiades star clusters; downwards brings you to Orion's faithful hound, Sirius the Dog Star, easily the brightest in the sky.

Flying high east of Orion you'll find the twin stars Castor and Pollux, in the constellation of Gemini. Castor is the lower (and slightly brighter) of the pair. Below them further to the east is Procyon, in the constellation of Canis Minor, Orion's second dog. Above Orion's head is Capella, the brilliant yellow leader of Auriga the Charioteer. On a dark moonless night you can trace the winter Milky Way flowing down through Auriga and past Gemini to the the southern horizon – fainter than its summer counterpart it's still a lovely sight in binoculars.

There are two good meteor displays to look out for during the winter months - the Geminids which peak around December 13-15th and the Quadrantids ditto on the nights of January 3rd and 4th. Both of them produce a fair number of slow bright 'shooting stars'.



Sadly the dearth of bright planets in the evening sky continues for the moment, though things improve in the New Year when Jupiter becomes more prominent. To make up for it we have a dazzling 'Christmas Star'. If you're coming home from a *really* good night out anytime over the festive season and aren't too bleary-eyed, you can't possibly miss Venus, low in the south-east, blazing like a beacon in the early morning sky. Here's hoping for clear skies in 2016.

**Al Bireo**

## Letter

I (and I'm sure many more) would like to thank the Hawes Christmas Lights volunteers for putting up the lights this year in what were atrocious weather conditions, it couldn't have been worse if it tried! Thanks for your hard work in making Hawes look lovely again this Christmas.

**Geraldine Sumner**

## Cool!

The Swaledale Festival has recently agreed an exciting new sponsorship with Brymor Ice-cream who will support the 2016 Reeth Lecture, one of the Festival's major events. It will be given by television art historian Andrew Graham-Dixon in Reeth Methodist Chapel on Monday May 30th.

The agreement also means that, for the first time at the Festival, there will be ice-cream on sale at concerts in St Andrew's Church, Grinton.

The festival runs from May 28th to June 11th.



# Pie & Pea Supper

**The Yorkshire Cancer  
Research Pie & Pea Supper**  
held at  
**The Crown, Askrigg on  
Friday 6th November**  
raised a massive  
**£665**

**A very big thank you to all  
who supported the event.**

**Working in Yorkshire for a world without cancer**  
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## Be Happy in the Yorkshire Dales

A new free guide crammed with ways to feel happier and healthier in the Dales has been produced as part of a project aimed at boosting tourism.

Called the Yorkshire Dales Guide to Health and Happiness, it is available as a book and an e-book from [www.dalesdiscoveries.com](http://www.dalesdiscoveries.com) and is full of suggestions and things for visitors to do in the stunning landscape.

The project was developed by Dales-based marketing company The Tourism Network with the help of a £6,500 grant from the Authority's Sustainable Development Fund.

Tourism Network owner Susan Briggs said:

"I worked with over 200 Yorkshire Dales businesses, looking at what makes them happy and what are the stand-out "wow" moments they enjoy in the Dales. We're using both iconic and lesser known attractions to attract new visitors, particularly stressed city-dwellers who'd like to feel happier and healthier. This is part of an on-going campaign, aimed at particularly boosting off-peak business.

"The National Park's special qualities are central to the campaign, which we're promoting through social media with the help of around 200 local businesses."

Judith Donovan, CBE, the YDNPA's Member Champion for Promoting Understanding, said: "One of the main purposes of the National Park Authority is to promote opportunities for visitors to enjoy the special qualities of the National Park, support our tourism businesses and boost the visitor spending in the Dales.



*Mystery picture. Last month's was of Water Ling Force, Carpley Green, well spotted by Seth Guy from Gayle.*

## Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society

Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm

MIDDLEHAM KEY CENTRE

### TITLE : What did the Greeks and Romans ever do for Art?

Ancient Greek art blossomed and then the Romans took that art – the sculpture, frescoes, vase painting, architecture and so much more – and made it their own. The lecturer explores what we owe to the ancient Greeks and Romans and identifies the tell-tale marks of our debt to classical art.

**Gillian Hovell – the Muddy Archaeologist.** She studied Latin and Ancient History at Exeter University, is a writer, lecturer and teacher of Latin to adults. We welcome non- members to this lecture and to any future lectures of interest. Lectures are held on the second 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](mailto:rosalindhigson@btinternet.com)

## Bainbridge Parish Council...

is seeking tenders to award a contract for grass cutting in the parish owned cemetery in Bainbridge village from 2016 onwards. The contract will cover eight cuts per year and the contractor will need to supply their own grass cutting equipment and ensure the cut grass is either mulched or removed from site. As well as cutting the main grass area there is also a need to trim around the perimeter of the cemetery to keep it looking neat and tidy. Please send tenders, in writing, to: **Clerk to Bainbridge Parish Council, 11 The Crescent, Bainbridge, Leyburn, North Yorkshire,**

**DL8 3ED** or [katiejseal@gmail.com](mailto:katiejseal@gmail.com).

The closing date is **January 5th 2016** and a decision will be made at the parish council meeting on 6th January 2016. If you have any queries please ring **Cllr. Brian Brown on 650409** or **Cllr. Darren Percival on 650774**.

**Katie Seal**

**Clerk to Bainbridge Parish Council**

## Against All the Odds

ENGLAND 1876

To travel on the Settle to Carlisle line- a line completed in 1876 — is to experience one of the most extraordinary journeys it is possible to make by rail. Not, it must be added, because there is anything inherently remarkable about the engines on this line, their speed or about the other passengers; no, in this case the extraordinary fact is that there is a railway there at all.

The difficulties of the line were, at the time it was built, virtually insurmountable. Most experts said it simply couldn't be done but they reckoned without the resourcefulness of those early railway engineers.

The Settle to Carlisle line is just over 70 miles long, but it took over seven years to make and cost over three million pounds which was about 20 times the cost of building comparable length at that time anywhere else in the country.

Difficulties dogged the railway engineers almost from the day the railway was planned. When it was being staked out, the chief engineer and his men were snowed in for weeks at the Blea Moor Inn, one of the most remote pubs in Britain. For three weeks the snow fell continuously, until it lay seven and a half feet thick, and it was only by driving a tunnel through the snow to the road that the men, who had been living solely on eggs and bacon, got water from a horse-trough to drink.

The making of the line was a battle, with every inch gained only after a massive struggle. Along its whole length there was not a single level piece of ground big enough to build a house on, and the line's embankments, cuttings and tunnels had to go over, under or through every variety of rock known to the geologist.

Along the southern part of the line there is a section through boulder clay, the most unsatisfactory of all materials for the railway engineer- one minute it was a thick soup that had to be removed by bucket, the next it was unyielding rock. One day it was so hard it took tons of explosive to shift; the next after heavy rain it turned to glue.

Further on the engineers hit the diamond-hard rock of the outlying flank of Whernside, Blea Moor, where 2000 men worked long shifts for four years or more on embankment, tunnel and viaduct, the wind being at times so high that the bricklayers could not work for fear of being blown from the scaffold.

In driving the first opening for a tunnel, only four men were able to work in one place, using the technology then available. But to compensate for this, the tunnellers not only bored from each end,

but shafts were dug down from the top, each shaft giving two more faces to work at. At Blea Moor there were seven shafts, some of them of 50 feet or more deep. This meant an opening was made for 16 gangs of men, working night and day, four of the shafts eventually left as ventilators. Once the initial tunnel had been opened up, the hole was enlarged sufficiently to allow the arch to be put up in brickwork, the space behind being filled in with loose rock. Then the excavation of the tunnel was continued down to the level of the rails, and the sides and the floor put in. In all this work vast amounts of dynamite were used and, as this could not be sent by railway, it had to be carted from Carlisle or Newcastle at a cost of £200 a ton — a huge sum at the time. It was estimated that 33,000 navvies were employed in total before the line finally complete and the first passengers were able to travel on this most remarkable line. Most knew little or nothing of what had been endured to enable their journey to take place.

*(From 'Railway's Strangest Journeys' by Tom Quinn, published by Portico.)*

## Christmas Tree Festival

The Annual Christmas Tree Festival in St Oswald's Church, Askrigg, will commence with a preview concert featuring the Askrigg Ladies Who Sing, Askrigg Handbells & The Swale Singers on **Friday 11th December at 7.30pm.**



The Christmas Tree Festival will be open daily from Saturday 12th December to Saturday 2nd January. The church will be open from 9.00 am until 6.00 pm and entry is free, although donations will be appreciated. From Monday 14th to Friday 18th inclusive, homemade soup and bread will be served in church between 12.00 pm and 2.00 pm. Everyone welcome!

**K.P.**

## Hawes Grammar School Trust

If you are currently in full time higher education (post A Level) and live in the parish of Hawes then you are eligible for an award of £25 towards the cost of books/materials related to your course. If you feel that you are eligible for the award then please contact me for further details.

**Rebecca Alderson 667760**

## Police Report

**C**rimes and incidents for Upper Wensleydale include the following: Hawes had a flurry of activity with a violent crime; a burglary was carried out at Elijah Allen and Son with goods taken. An antique wooden bench with cast iron ends was taken from Chapel House. An attempt was made to steal a Landrover Defender in Little Ings. A further Landrover Defender was stolen from Bainbridge, however following a chase the vehicle was recovered and three persons arrested. Two damage-only Road Traffic collisions occurred one on Burtersett Road and one on The Straights at Carperby. Finally, thank you for your numerous calls reporting suspicious activity and incidents in the area, keep up the vigilance.

There has been an increasing amount of road accidents (collisions) where damage is being caused to vehicles, and near misses, caused by drivers being impatient, by inconsiderately passing obstructions instead of giving way. One of the main locations for this is West Witton, but the general principle applies all over Swaledale and Wensleydale. If your side of the road is blocked, say by a parked vehicle, a skip or slow moving cyclists **you** have to give way to opposing traffic. Do not overtake, even if it involves just going into the opposite carriageway slightly, as you might cause the other vehicle to brake or alter course unexpectedly. (Rules 163 and 167 of The Highway Code). Be aware that increasing numbers of vehicles are now being fitted with dashboard cameras by drivers and these provide good evidence of this type of inconsiderate driving. Do not find yourself having to explain your actions to a magistrate – as it may not be just your word against theirs.

The Christmas Festivities will soon be on us (Bah Humbug), these will include lots of parties, after work drinks etc. Please take care, no one wants to lose their licence, lose their life or take the life of another as a result of drinking and driving.

An example of a night out could be as follows; 8.00pm your first pint of strong lager or large glass of wine. (3 units). 8.30 pm second pint / glass of wine. (6 units). 9.00pm third pint/glass of wine and so on. By midnight you may well have absorbed 25 units of alcohol – well above the legal drink drive limit. Should you choose to drive you are now a fatality waiting to happen.

**The Next Day.** The average liver eliminates alcohol from the body at a rate of approx. 1 unit per hour. Based on your night out, at 0800 a.m. the following morning you potentially still have over 12 units of alcohol in your system, enough to be over the legal limit and certainly enough to impair your driving.

From all of us in North Yorkshire Police stay safe and well and enjoy your Christmas and New Year safely.

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](mailto:Donald.watson@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk)

**PCSO 5232 Don Watson**

## Walking for the Brain!

It was reported a couple of weeks ago that researchers at King's College London have discovered a link between strong legs and a fit brain that resists the effects of ageing.

It seems to be the first study to show a clear link between leg muscle force and brain performance, and suggests that simple lifestyle changes to increase physical activity may help to keep us mentally healthy as well.



So how about trying this out over Christmas and the New Year? A few good walks might help us to do those fiendish puzzles that seem to arrive over the festive season!

Around all our villages are numerous paths that often get overlooked. Many of us know the routes round our own place 'like the back of our hand', so why not fish out the map and try a route around a village you've never really explored? I promise I will!

**A.S.W.**

### **Adelle Sharples**

would like to say a BIG 'Thank You' to everyone for their kind gifts, cards and wishes on her 30th birthday.



| HAWES SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning   |          |    |         |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |
|--|----------|----|---------|----|------|----|------|----|------|----|
| Wb   | Nov 30th |    | Dec 7th |    | 14th |    | 21st |    | 28th |    |
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| Tues   | JB       | JB | BP      | BP | FJ   | FJ | FP   | FP | JB   | JB |
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| AYSGARTH SURGERY ROTA Wb - week beginning  |          |    |         |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |
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# GAYLE MILL

near Hawes, Wensleydale

**SATURDAY**  
**28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2015**  
**10.00 am - 4.30 pm**

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Famous Gayle Mill Christmas Trees,  
 Festive Crafts and Gifts - Tool Jumble Table.  
 Demonstrations of Woodturning,  
 Wheelwrighting and Wood Carving.  
**GRAND RAFFLE TO BE DRAWN AT 4.00 pm**

**Adult Helpers Needed at**  
**Hawes and District Youth Club**

*Runs every other Wednesday, 6:30—8:30pm*  
*Hawes Market House*

**Contact Stella Dinsdale - Youth Leader on:**  
 07540438109  
 stel87@hotmail.co.uk

**Volunteer for just 2 hours every other week or even once a month to help young people in your community to have fun, be safe and learn some great skills!**





## SANTA SPECIALS 2015

**You can book online this year !**

Enjoy a journey through the Dales while your children are visited by Santa and receive a present, biscuit and some juice. You can enjoy a mulled wine or fruit punch and a mince pie and Santa doesn't forget you either as he has a little gift for the adults too.

On **December 5th and 13th** trains depart from Leyburn Station.

On the **6th, 12th, 19th, 20th, 22nd, 23rd and 24th** trains depart from Leeming Bar Station

The trains on the **19th, 20th, 22nd and 23rd** will be steam hauled, subject to availability.

We have Online Booking available this year or telephone **01677 425805 between 10:30am and 2:30pm on weekdays.**

To book online go to –

[/www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/santa-specials-aboard-wensleydale-railway-2015-tickets-17847052013](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/santa-specials-aboard-wensleydale-railway-2015-tickets-17847052013)

**New volunteers.** During October twelve new volunteers joined the Wensleydale Railway.

**A Christmas Shopping Special will run from Redmire station to Northallerton West (walk into town centre) on Wed December 16th. Bookings please to: [www.wensleydalerrailway.com](http://www.wensleydalerrailway.com) or phone 01677 424805.**

## The Fun of the Fire!

Hawes Bonfire and Firework Committee would like to thank everyone who turned out to this year's event. We had a wonderful roaring bonfire, delicious refreshments and a spectacular display put on by 'Fantastic Fireworks'.

The crowds appeared to enjoy the wonderful display which was set off to Disney music and we raised a wonderful £1870. Money is still being collected via the donations pots in the local businesses and we would also like to thank the Market Tolls Trustees who have generously donated towards next year's event.

A huge thank you goes to all those who kindly helped out on the night, donated food, wine, resources, time, machinery etc, Without these kind donations the event would struggle to survive; and thank you, Elsie, for making and selling your scrumptious toffee which raised £560 on top of the money raised on the night.

If you are able to help plan next year's event please let us know; more hands make less work.

**Mike Fothergill**

**Chairman of Hawes Bonfire Committee**

## 'Now Then' News

The long, hard winter of early 1947 is remembered vividly by 100-years-old Nora Oversby in the latest edition of *Now Then*, the annual magazine of the Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum at Hawes.



In her article she describes how she and her husband, Thomas, lived and worked on their remote farm in Dentsdale during the heavy snow and blizzards which lasted for nine weeks that winter.

The article is well illustrated thanks to excellent photographs by Frank Knowles showing how dales folk survived during times of heavy snow in 1955 and 1958.

Mrs Oversby now lives in Hawes where she was a member of the Women's Institute. It was at a WI meeting that Jean Day met her and began making notes about her life. Mrs Day has used these to write a short biography about Mrs Oversby for the magazine.

This will be the last *Now Then* to be edited by her husband, Colin Day. The chairman of the Friends of the Museum, Sue Foster, commented that during his ten years in the job the quality had improved immeasurably and it has become an excellent publication.

This year's magazine includes a dialect poem by James Alderson entitled *A Lad's Pockits*, with explanatory notes; a detailed report by the manager of the Museum, Fiona Rosher; and a fascinating and well-illustrated article about the *The Seven Ages of Nappa* by architect John Warren.

Mr Warren writes about this Grade I listed medieval hall at Askrigg: "The importance of Nappa lies in its virtually unique survival as a four bay hall with High and Low Ends intact and in its roof structure derived from overlapping north and south country traditions. Nappa has survived almost undamaged.

"Of the many upper class halls built in the late medieval period it is very rare to have retained its essential form."

The magazine costs £2 and is now available at the Museum in Hawes.

**Pip Land**



*Evening light in Castle Bolton, by Robert Hall, after what had been a dreadful day!*

## Wensleydale Wheels

*Getting to hospital* can be a real problem for many people in the Upper Dales. Not everybody has supportive people at hand. Not everyone wants to rely on friends and relatives to take them the very long distances to the nearest hospitals in Northallerton and Darlington. The Patient transport currently available does not include transport of patients' partners or carers, nor does it cater for those wanting to visit people in hospital. The vehicles often travel from Leeds, Middlesbrough or other far distant towns in order to travel the huge distances to collect patients in Wensleydale; what a huge waste of resources! There is a high percentage of elderly people in the Upper Dales, often daunted by the roads, the distances, driving at night, and the often inclement weather.

*Wensleydale Wheels* addresses the problem. This will be a health transport service for residents of Wensleydale and operated from Wensleydale. It will provide a door-to-door, accessible service which will enable individuals to attend healthcare appointments, and undertake other socially important activities. The service will be managed by two part-time, paid, Co-ordinators. The transport will be delivered using a core of two cars (owned and operated by the scheme) and driven by a team of local volunteers, serving both Upper and Lower Wensleydale. One of the vehicles will be wheelchair accessible and specified to meet the needs of passengers with restricted mobility – this is one of the reasons why the scheme cannot centre on volunteers' use of their own cars alone. The daily core service will be to serve two hospital destinations from this catchment area.

The service will focus on trips for healthcare purposes but recognise the need for a diverse and holistic approach in terms of the journey choices of the community. Therefore, the scheme will serve a variety of destinations:

- Hospitals;
- GP surgeries and clinics;
- dentist, optician, physiotherapy and other therapies;
- fitness sessions, gym, swimming pool, dance sessions, etc;
- social clubs and meetings;
- leisure and recreational activities;
- transport from health venues after bus services have ceased.

Volunteer drivers will be on standby on at least five days each week. Hospital appointments will be given bookings priority (up to around a week in advance). The vehicles may also be used for visits to dentists, chiropodist, etc. and include social and therapeutic venues.

The project will be run in cooperation with Richmond Community Volunteer Service, the Little White Bus and other community bus and car transport providers. It will also endeavour to co-ordinate, where possible, with other patient transport providers. There will be liaison with the three local surgeries and Leyburn Patient Participation group (PPG), with hospitals and other health providers, Richmond Community Volunteer Service as well as all Parish Councils in the catchment area.

One of the additional aims is for the Co-ordinator(s) to help patients to liaise with the health providers to ensure the most effective appointment times. Another aim is to liaise with health transport providers to find the most economic and effective journeys.

The scheme, '*Wensleydale Wheels*' will be governed by a group of Trustees of the Upper Wensleydale Industrial and Provident Society (UWIPS). Bids are being prepared for funding sources for a four year pilot scheme, and evidence of local support really helps. Fundraising activities will contribute to the scheme. Parish Councils in the area will be asked if they are able to contribute.

If anybody would like to be involved in the scheme at any level, make contact using the email address below. Residents of Wensleydale are invited to join the Society, which has Charitable Status, for the donation of £1 (or more) and to enjoy any of the fundraising activities soon to be announced.

Email: [wensleydalewheels@hotmail.com](mailto:wensleydalewheels@hotmail.com)

### Hawes Christmas Lights Festival **CHRISTMAS MARKET**

**Saturday December 5th 2015**

**10.00am—4.00pm**

**Hawes Market Place**

(opposite the Market House)

Local Crafts ~ Food ~ Gifts

Seasonal Refreshments

More information please call in at

**Whites of Wensleydale, or Wensleydale Press**

## Trip to Try

### Part two— back from Pateley

As the crow flies, it is only about 18 miles to our bit of Wensleydale from Pateley Bridge but it's a roundabout way to go, so while we are here, let's linger.

First mentioned in 1175, the name 'Pateley' has several possible explanations, one of the most likely being a 'Woodland clearing of the paths' as it is a meeting place of routes to Ripon or Craven. It was granted a fair and market in 1320. The railway from Harrogate closed in 1964, here now pictured as a house.



All visitors wander up the steep main street with the 'Oldest sweet shop in England' (1827) but in a building dating from the 1660s. Poke around the back alleys, sample the eating places or cross over the river to the pleasant park. If you have time, the Nidderdale Museum is well worth a visit. (Open in the winter months on Saturdays and Sundays, 1.30 to 4.30pm).



To return home you've a big decision to make: is it via Grassington or Masham? We will go via Masham this time, but first why not visit Brimham Rocks; it is about three miles via B6165 to Wilsill and the narrow steep road via Smelthouses, or along to Summerbridge and a better road north to the Rocks (in the care of the National Trust). For children and the young at heart, this is a 'must'!



Our next port of call is Kirkby Malzeard, and if you're not familiar with this area, make sure you've a good map! There are so many tempting lanes and small villages. If you like the open moor again, then return to Wilsill, then due north over Pateley Moor and unfenced road across Dallow Moor, crossing the *Ripon Rowel Walk* to Laverton Village. This named walk meanders roughly in a large 50-mile circle via, or near, Studley Royal, Dallowgill, Ilton, Fearby, Masham, Hackfall Wood, West Tanfield and North Stainley.

Another way to Kirkby Malzeard can take in several villages. Pick up the B6265 and after about

five miles east turn left to Grantley (High, Low, and Hall!), or Winksley, Galphay and /or Laverton.

Grantley Hall is a grade II\* listed Country House on the banks of the River Skell. The house was built in the mid 18th century, . It was extended during the 19th and early 20th centuries to form the house as it stands today. More recently the building was used as a convalescent home during World War II. Between 1947 and 1974, the house was under the ownership of West Riding County Council, who purchased the property to use as an adult education residential college before it passed to North Yorkshire County Council in 1974, to become a training and conference centre. In 2006 the property was sold for residential use. It was sold again in 2010, and planning permission was granted for conversion of the building into a 50 bedroom hotel.

Kirkby Malzeard was mentioned in Domesday Book just as 'Church Village' but acquired its 'Malzeard' bit, meaning 'bad clearing' in the early 12th century. The Creamery, now part of the Wensleydale Creamery, has been there nearly 100 years. The village is well-worth a wander round...

... as is Grewelthorpe, the next on our tour. On the edge of the village is Hackfall Wood, which is a Grade I Garden in English Heritage's Register of Historic Parks and Gardens. The landscape that can be seen today was in large part a result of design and work undertaken by the Aislabies of Studley Royal. In Victorian times it was a popular attraction: there are grottos, surprise views, waterfalls, follies including Mowbray Castle. After a long period of neglect, restoration has been undertaken and it is open to the public. Also nearby is the Himalayan Garden and sculpture park brilliant for a visit in late spring. Why not add a bit of luxury to the day by calling at Swinton Park for afternoon tea (noon to 5.00pm; 3.00 to 5.00pm Sundays). You are now ready for the ride to Masham and the A6108 home.



**A.S.W.**

## Thank You

I would like to thank everyone in our community for their good wishes and messages of support during the last few months.

I hope to be able to continue my musical activities, especially Young Voices as soon as possible.

**Barbara Roocroft**

## Prunings December 2015

The temperatures at the beginning of November were just amazing, and I confess to not reacting well to the change, although it has not yet been as cold as predicted. On the strength of what's to come I have nevertheless changed to winter tyres – you never know.

It seems we emptied the leaf box just in time: the last few days have denuded most of the trees and the debris lies about in heaps. I should have moved



them by now, but they are very wet, and I am reluctant to put them through the blower until they dry up a little. I have visions of the mess I'll be in if they clog up the motor.

After such a mild Autumn it will be interesting to see how the climbers on the front wall of the house fare when the temperatures drop. I put in a winter flowering Clematis over a year ago, and last year it did nothing. Over the Summer it has trebled in size. We installed vine eyes and wire to give it support and it now has a chance to show what it can do. I am quite keen to have one that flowers in the depths of winter because there are so many pollinators that struggle to find nectar to survive, however I know that most of the best ones are only marginally hardy. Bearing that in mind I hope I have given it the best situation possible: south facing, and in a border that is pretty dry as the house wall shelters it. I can't do more, and as long as we don't get prolonged ice and snow it should be OK.

When it is dark and dismal anything showing colour is a joy. I bought some large heathers in September for pots and they provide a welcome bright spot. Tubs of pansies are fine but they prefer to be rather dryer before they will lift their heads, and all manner of evergreens shake off the rain and wave in the breeze.

Evergreen shrubs come into their own in the dark days, especially those that are variegated. Euonymus Fortunei is always reliable and will grow almost anywhere. "Emerald Gaiety" has white borders to the leaves and takes on a pink tinge in winter. Choisya "Sundance" is one of my favourites. Technically not variegated its new growth is golden fading to a more limey green and so it always sports variety. There is a



new one: Choisya "Appleblossom" with aromatic foliage and pink buds which sounds interesting. The Hebes have done well this year, always supplying structure and shape. Hebe "Red Edge" is a valuable one as it is slow growing, needs little maintenance and always looks robust, it works well in a large container. Some Hebes don't thrive in too much wind, but Hebe "Heartbreaker" with its lovely flush of pink is a must if you have somewhere sheltered for it. Again – it works well in a pot.

The year will have turned when I next put pen to paper, so Best Wishes for the festive season and Health and Happiness to all.

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

**Rose Rambler**

## Hawes in Bloom

With a small team of willing helpers I have now cleared the town of the summer bedding which was well and truly over by the time I returned from a month in Australia! I am told the weeks of sunshine I missed here enabled the show to extend well in to November. Not bad for 'the frozen North' eh? We have now also re-planted the containers affixed to the railings around the traffic islands at Town Foot. Having left a few of the hardy plants in situ we have planted dwarf red tulips, blue muscari, dwarf narcissi and cream wallflowers in the boxes. These should give a nice colourful lift in early spring, especially as those pesky rabbits won't be able to reach them! I would like to thank those of you that have contributed either with donations or time and effort (sometimes both) and especially those un-sung heroes who kept up the watering of some of the troughs throughout the season.

I shall be sending out forms to all High Street businesses in the next few weeks with details regarding the proposals for next summer, and if there is a sufficient response I am happy to continue Hawes In Bloom again next year. I would ask those commercial properties who wish to join in but feel they may have been missed to contact me please. Also, would those who feel they can help in any way next year (remember you do not have to have green fingers or be able to lift heavy containers) please contact me by email at: [rwnoble@btconnect.com](mailto:rwnoble@btconnect.com).

Finally, I would be grateful for any donations towards the spring display that I have mentioned above Thank you for all your support.

**Richard, the Plant Pest**



## Hawes School News

### Children in Need

We held a non-uniform day for Children in Need, instead of uniform the theme was 'spots' and children were asked to come to school in a spotty outfit and make a contribution towards this charity. We also held a bun sale at break time. We would like to thank everyone who made buns for Children in Need and for the donations to this worthy cause. We raised £136.65!

Children in Year 5 are looking forward to taking part in the 'Forensic Science Day' being organised by the Wensleydale School, where they will be conducting experiments and carrying out forensic tests to find out who the 'perpetrator' is – the suspects will be Y12 and 13 students from the secondary school.

The Nativity performance by the children in KS1 and Nursery is looming and the children are in full swing rehearsing! There will be an afternoon performance at 2.00 pm and an evening performance at 6.00pm on **Tuesday 15th December**. Everyone is welcome to attend.



### Carols by Candlelight

SING ALONG WITH THE HUNTON SINGERS

At Rookhurst, Gayle

**Friday December 11th at 7.30pm**

Mulled wine and mince pies

Tickets £5.00 from

**Vera 666948 or Ann 666960**

or Whites or the Old Sweet Shop

(All proceeds for St Margaret's Church)



Dalesplay has had a very busy month. We have been celebrating bonfire night, had a visit from Zoolab, made Poppies for Armistice Day and raised money for 'Children in Need' by inviting people from the community to join us for a coffee/ cake/ play morning. We raised a wonderful £116.78 to give back to a charity that helped set up Dalesplay almost 10 years ago! We are busy preparing for the festive season ahead with a Christmas party planned, visit from Santa, and the Gingerbread man will be staying for a while in our transformed role play area.

In January we will be once again offering 2/ 3 yr funded places for children in the area. If your child turns three before 31<sup>st</sup> December he/ she will be eligible for 15 hours of funded provision. For more information please contact us at Dalesplay on **667789** or [dalesplay1@btconnect.com](mailto:dalesplay1@btconnect.com). We also have spaces for children needing childcare aged 0-14 years. Please get in touch to see what different packages we offer. At Dalesplay we offer flexible childcare at very reasonable costs; we are not here to make a profit just cover our overheads and provide outstanding care for children in the Dales. Take a look at our Facebook page to see what we have been doing.

Dalesplay would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Prosperous New Year.

**Joanne Fothergill**

### Annual Christmas Charity Concert

HAWES SILVER PRIZE BRASS BAND conducted by Stan Roocroft has hosted a Christmas Charity Concert in Hawes Market House for over 25 years, raising in excess of £35,000 for national, regional and local charity organisations.

This year our Charity Event will be a big Christmas Community Sing-A-Long with the Aysgarth Singers **on Friday December 18th at 7.30pm** in the Hawes Market House. The chosen Charity will be the YORKSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE, Saving Lives Across Yorkshire. Admission including light refreshments £8.00 for adults, children free.

There will be a Raffle and the band would appreciate any contributions of raffle prizes.

(Hawes Silver Band will also be adding to the festivities on **December 5th** when it will play carols from **4.00pm** to accompany the switch on of the Christmas lights in Hawes Market Place.)



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| <p><b><u>The Legend of Barney Thomson</u></b> (15) 1 hr 48 m<br/> <i>Robert Carlyle, Ray Winstone, Emma Thompson</i><br/>         Barney Thomson, a lank-haired and socially inept Glasgow barber, lives a life of desperate mediocrity but his uninteresting life is about to go from 0 to 60 in five seconds, as he falls under police suspicion in an investigation into a string of gruesome but comically absurd murders. Emma Thompson appears in this wonderfully macabre comedy as you've never seen her before!<br/> <i>December – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> at 5.00 pm and 7.30 pm</i></p> |  |                         |   |                         |   |
| <p><b><u>Max</u></b> (12A) 1 hr 51 m<br/> <i>Thomas Haden Church, Josh Wiggins and Luke Kleintank</i><br/>         Kyle and his dog Max serve on the front line in Afghanistan. Kyle dies in an ambush and Max is sent home as he is too traumatised to remain in service. He is due to be put down but as Max seems to respond to Kyle's brother Justin, the family decides to adopt him.<br/> <i>December – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> at 5.00 pm and 7.30 pm</i></p>  |  |                         |   |                         |   |
| <p><b><u>It's a Wonderful Life</u></b> (U) 2 hr 10 m<br/> <i>James Stewart, Donna Reed and Lionel Barrymore</i><br/>         George Bailey, overwhelmed by family obligations and a sense of responsibility toward his community, sees his youth, dreams and opportunities passing him by. As he contemplates ending his life an angel intercedes and shows him what his hometown would be like if he had never existed.<br/> <i>December – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> at 4.30 pm and 7.30 pm</i></p>  |  |                         |  |                         |   |
| <p><b>No Film will be shown on 25 December or 1 January</b></p>  |  |                         |  |                         |   |
| <p>The Old School House, Richmond Road, Leyburn DL8 5DL<br/>         T: Bookings 01969 624510 E: admin@oldschoolhouseleyburn.com<br/>         F: facebook.com/oldschoolhouseleyburn Twitter: https://twitter.com/TLeyburn<br/>         W: oldschoollhouseleyburn.com - Registered Charity No: 1122092</p>  |  |                         | <p><i>Tickets</i><br/>         Adults £6<br/>         Concessions £5</p>             |                         |   |

### Busy Times

The floods of a week or so ago proved a busy time for the Hawes Fire Engine and crew. In just ten days they were called out seven times, six of them for vehicles stuck in the water, three at Aysgarth Bottoms despite warning notices.

The worst case was an 83 year old man who when found was sitting in water in his car, very frightened and cold. He was taken into the fire engine to warm up until the air ambulance arrived. It was agreed that he was then fit to be transferred to a land ambulance to which the fire engine transferred him.

Another incident at Chapel le Dale was to a helicopter stuck in the mud. The worry was that it would sink further. They were there for two and a half hours with other appliances before they got lift-off.

### Other Events at TOSH

Table Top and Book sale - **Tuesday December 1st and Tuesday 5th January 5th 1.30 until 4.00pm.** As part of Leyburn's Town Christmas Event Saturday 5th December 5th, The Old School House are taking part in the Angel Trail and have Children's Activities. Free tokens for Santa's Grotto are available from TOSH in Leyburn from 2nd - 4th December 2nd— 4th

#### WENSLEYDALE SCHOOL

A Christmas evening of hymns and words at The Wensleydale School on  
**Wednesday December 9th at 7.00pm.** Mulled wine and mince pies. Would love it if you can join us/ all welcome.

## Notes from Thorney Mire Late Autumn

The leaves of the horse chestnut trees in the top wood are always the first to change colour in Autumn. They have not produced many conkers this year. Conkers were collected during the First and Second World Wars and sold to the government. They went through several processes for the production of cordite which was used in military armaments. Evidently conkers were fetching 7s 6d (37.5p) per cwt. Ash give the countryside a lime-green hue but the beech are the most spectacular. They stand on the edge of the wood, their russet brown and gold colours looking vivid in the Autumn sunshine. They always look as if they cannot decide whether to keep their leaves or not. Fortunately for us they hang on to them for a while and give us colour into the winter.

The sycamores make little contribution to the Autumnal display. They get black spots, turn brown and drop off.

Having found some oats in the cupboard, past their sell-by date, not being one to waste things, I put them on the bird table. The robin loves them. Perhaps he is trying to keep his cholesterol level down. We have two nuthatch but they never come to feed together. One waits on the sidelines until the other one flies off. One shows aggressive behaviour. It scares the other birds away so that it can have the feeders for itself. It has met its match with the woodpecker.

I think we will need a new squirrel feeder soon. One nuthatch can see the nuts through the glass front but, cannot get to them, so it is pecking the wood away in sheer frustration.

On a walk up the lane I saw and heard fieldfares announcing their arrival for winter and a flock of goldfinches danced just in front of me in their search for seeds. According to one source, goldfinches are increasing in numbers in this country, especially in gardens, which could be due to people putting out nyger seeds. I can believe that when flocks of about twenty to thirty rise from the hedgerow and fly ahead of me.

The warm weather produced daises on the verges, a robin serenaded me in the garden and the starlings high in the ash tree were practising their curlew impressions. I could almost imagine it was Spring.

A red squirrel is being very industrious. Using the same route each time, it takes a peanut, runs up the drainpipe, over the roof and disappears, presumably it is burying them to eat later in the year. Occasionally it stops to eat one, dropping the shells untidily on to the floor. Do squirrels ever find all the nuts they bury and do they steal each others'? They don't exactly put their names on them. I think they must lose quite a few. I'm glad we have fridges and cupboards to store our supplies. If I had to remember where I had buried food I would probably starve.

Sylvia Turner

**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

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**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.

**Breakfast with Santa** Hawes Market House

**Sunday**

**20th December**

**2015.**

**9.30am-11.30am**

**£5.00.** includes sausage & beans, story telling and small gift.

**Booking essential by 5th December**  
**at Whites of Wensleydale**

### Extra Time to Take Up Free Publicity Offer

There is still time for organisers of events in and around the National Park next year to register for free online advertising.

The deadline for entry in the special website 'what's on' calendar set up by the National Park Authority has been extended to **December 8th** following a last minute surge of interest.

And, if event details are submitted in time, they will also be considered for inclusion in the popular, official annual guide to the National Park – *The Visitor*.

The events listing in the Authority's own newspaper is compiled from the online database and 125,000 copies are distributed nationally.

The website has more than 400,000 annual visitors as well as reaching a wider audience through its links with partners like the UK National Parks' portal [www.nationalparks.gov.uk](http://www.nationalparks.gov.uk) and [VisitEngland](http://VisitEngland).

The Visitor 2016 will once again be packed with information for visitors plus great features. It's read by people both while they are planning their trip and once they have arrived and are looking for great things to do.

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](http://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.

### Operation Christmas Child

Many thanks to everyone who filled in shoe boxes this year for distribution to some of the world's neediest children.

We understand that most of the boxes will go to Eastern Europe but some might be given to children in the refugee camps in Calais. We were assured that the boxes will go where the need is greatest and to children who have not received a box in previous years.



We took 112 boxes to Richmond and £307 was donated towards transport costs. Operation Christmas Child will be able to claim at least £43 from Gift Aid. Also some gifts were donated online.

Special thanks to the Hawes Community Office staff for receiving the boxes. It is good that our community has again helped many children to enjoy Christmas in spite of their difficult and traumatic circumstances.

**Heather and Nelson Caplin**

#### FOR SALE

#### AQUA LIFT bath aid.

Easily fitted to any bath. Lowers a person into the base of the bath remotely then raises them up again via a wide secure strap. One careful owner, good as new. £500. - cost £1,500 when purchased 18 months ago.



## You Know You're Getting Old When...



Licking your stamps to go on your letters to the hospital is a hard day's work.  
Most of your co-workers were born the same year you got your last promotion.  
Taking out a year's subscription to a magazine is an act of positive thinking and real optimism.  
The best part of your day is over when your alarm clock goes off.  
The car you bought brand new becomes a vintage model.  
The girls in the office start confiding in you.  
The little old lady you help across the street is your wife.  
The only thing you find your ever exercise is caution.  
The only time you kick up your heels is when you fall down (and can't get up!).  
You can remember seeing adverts for brands of cigarettes which were recommended by doctors  
You can sing and brush your teeth at the same time.  
You can't tell the difference between a heart attack and an orgasm.  
You can't understand all the high-tech new-fangled things they have nowadays ..like flush toilets.  
You confuse having a clear conscience with having a good memory.  
You dim the lights for economy, not romance.  
You discover that all your favourite films have been re-released in colour.  
You discover the words "whippersnapper", "scallywag" and "by crikey" creeping into your vocabulary.  
You feel you can get away with a combination of black socks and sandals.  
You finally reach the top of the ladder, and you find it's leaning against the wrong wall  
You find you can live without sex but not without your glasses.  
You own a TV as big as the sofa.  
Your password for everything is "password", so you can never forget it.

## Christmas 2015

**D**o you get fed up with Christmas decorations in the shops in October?  
I do – it must be my age!

Recently I have found myself reminiscing about when I was a girl and how Christmas didn't start until Christmas Eve when my Dad brought home the Christmas Tree and my sister and I would decorate it in the front room with Kings College Choir on the TV singing Christmas carols whilst Mum and/or Dad would be in the kitchen getting food ready for the Christmas dinner.

It was the only time we had a big dinner and we looked forward to it all year. Turkey with all the trimmings and Christmas pudding was so exciting because there always seemed to be plenty to go around even with the extra family members who came to join us for the feast.

Maybe this is why Christmas seems to have lost its meaning – because these days roast dinners are not so unusual. Santa Claus and the shops have taken over and Christmas isn't just about the birth of Jesus anymore.

And yet – when I see the faces of the children and their parents who come to the Christingle services in Askrigg, Hawes and Hardraw as we light the candles and sing Silent Night, maybe that's the reflection of that wonder all over again. Even though the children come every year and know the story of the nativity they still find the wonder of it as they sing of a Silent Night all those years ago.

So - maybe the glitter of the shops in October and the queues for presents from Santa are not the indicator of that sense of awe and wonder but maybe it is that age old story of love come down at Christmas that truly touches our hearts?

**Rev. Ann Chapman**  
**Vicar of the Benefice of Upper Wensleydale**

**Alick Iveson** would like to wish his family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year






**Wensleydale Music and Theatre Group**  
A Hawes Amateur Operatic Society production  
Proudly Presents

*The* **WIND** *in*  
*the* **WILLOWS**

by Kenneth Grahame  
Stage adaptation by Hazel Waldman  
Produced by Colin Bailey and Jennifer Fawcett





**HAWES MARKET HOUSE**  
**Tuesday to Friday December 1st to 4th**  
**7.30pm**  
Tickets £9; under 12s £6.50  
from the Community Office.  
Little White available from Leyburn up the Dale, bookable: **667400**

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

The Centre is open daily 10.00am – 4.30pm in December. The shop has lots of ideas for gifts with clothing, books, crafts and art works for sale. There is a lovely selection of Cards for Good Causes to choose from - with 70p in the £1 going direct to the charities.

The Centre will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, then open until the end of December. In January there will be lots of work going on behind the scenes to prepare for reopening on February 1st. A very exciting week of Dark Skies events are being planned for the February half term holidays - more details in the New Year.

 **Angus, Mandy, Kim and Henry** wish all their staff, friends and customers a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year



**Penhill Poachers**  
present  
**A Christmas Pudding - Second Helping**  
**December 19th at 7.15pm**  
West Witton Village Hall  
Licenced Bar - Raffle  
Tickets £10 including a two course Christmas Buffet **Box Office 623813**

**Scarr**  
David, Amanda, Ethan & Reese  
Would like to wish all their Family and Friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2016  
(We will be making a donation to charity this year instead of sending cards)

**BOWN** Ian, Trish, Sam and Katie would like to wish friends and neighbours Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are not sending cards this year. Instead a donation will be sent to the British Lung Foundation



### Drop-off points and contacts

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

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



## GENERAL WHAT'S ON LISTING

### November

- 28 Gayle Mill Christmas Fair. See p.13
- 28 Big Breakfast at Kings Arms, Askrigg
- 28 From Psychedelia to Sonnets at TOSH
- 29 Christmas Lunch at Thoraby Village Hall.  
12.30pm contact **Neil 663747** or  
**Phil 663875**
- 29 North Yorks. Dales Methodist Circuit  
services, Richmond 10.30am,  
Aysgarth 6.30pm.

### December

- 1-4 Hawes Christmas Show. See p.23
- 2 Church Coffee Club Christmas Special.  
10.30am - noon, Redmire Vill. Hall
- 4 Wensleydale Society 7.30pm. See p. 5
- 5 Hawes Christmas Festival See p.20
- 5 Gayle Mill Christmas Greenery Wreaths  
and Table Decorations 10.00am to 4.00pm  
£60 per person
- 5 Healing Collective. Free Drop-in See p. 5
- 6 Gayle Mill Demonstration Tours  
11.00am and 2.30pm. £12
- 8 YDNPA Planning Committee. Yoredale  
Bainbridge 1.00pm
- 8 Decorative and Fine Arts Society  
2.00pm See p.10
- 11 Carols by Candlelight at Rookhurst.  
See p.18
- 11 Filling Station. Middleham Key Centre,  
7.00pm
- 15 YDNPA Full Authority Meeting.  
Yoredale 1.00pm
- 16 Wednesday Club Christmas party. 2.00pm  
Redmire Village Hall.
- 18 Leyburn and District U3A. From 10.30am  
at TOSH. See p.5
- 18 Annual Charity Concert. See p.18
- 19 Penhill Poachers. See p.23
- 22 Carperby Christmas Whist at 7.30pm
- 23 Carperby Christmas Dominos at 7.30pm

### January

- 8 Wensleydale Society. See p. 5
- 15 Leyburn U3A as Dec. 18
- 28 Singing for the brain, Gayle Institute at  
2.00pm
- 30 Wensleydale Concerts series starts. p 3

### December Events for Children

#### Askrigg Village

- 18 Carol Singing around Askrigg. Meet at the  
Cross at 5.30pm. All welcome
- 23 Children's party for pre school (with an  
adult) and primary age children in the  
Village Hall 3.00 - 5.00pm.  
Disco and Bring and Share Tea.  
Locals and visitors welcome.

- 24 Meet Father Christmas at the Market Cross  
at 5.15pm. Gifts for pre-school and primary  
age children. Mulled wine and mince pies.  
All welcome.

### Hawes

- 5 Children's Bring and Share Party in the  
Market Hall from 1.45pm
- 5 Father Christmas in Market Place and  
Christmas Lights switch on 4.30pm
- 15 Hawes School KS1 and Nursery Nativity  
at 2.00pm and 6.00pm. All welcome.
- 17 Hawes School Christingle in St Margaret's  
at 1.30pm
- 20 Breakfast with Santa in the Market House.  
Booking essential by Dec 5 at Whites of  
Wensleydale. See p 20

### Hawes Pub and Club Events

#### December

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| 3 Quiz in aid of NY Air Ambulance | Crown      |
| 6 Christmas Carvery               | Fountain   |
| 11 Dominos Ian Dixon Mem. Cup     | Crown      |
| 12 Italian Night                  | Crown      |
| 12 Live Music                     | Fountain   |
| 13 Ladies Darts Knockout          | Board      |
| 15 Domino Drive                   | Club       |
| 16 Christmas Quiz and Raffle      | Crown      |
| 18 Pensioners Christmas Lunch     | Crown      |
| 18 Ladies Darts knockout          | White Hart |
| 19 Singalong with pie and peas    | Crown      |
| 20 Ladies Darts Knockout          | Club       |

#### Christmas Day Opening Hours

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|---------------------------------|------------------|
| The Board                       | 11.00am - 1.00pm |
| The Crown                       | All Day          |
| The Fountain                    | 2.00 - 4.00pm    |
| The White Hart                  | 11.00am - 1.00pm |
| 28 Quiz and Rock 'n' Roll Bingo | Board            |
| 30 Quiz Night                   | Crown            |
| 31 Live Music                   | Fountain         |

#### January 2016

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|-----------------------------|------------|
| 9 Individual Darts Knockout | Fountain   |
| 15 Mens Darts Knockout      | Board      |
| 16 Domino Drive             | Fountain   |
| 23 Burns Night              | White Hart |
| 23 Domino Drive             | Board      |

#### February

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|-------------------------|----------|
| 5 Mixed Pairs Darts     | Board    |
| 12 Pairs Darts Knockout | Fountain |

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

## SPECIAL CHURCH, SCHOOL AND CAROL-SINGING EVENTS (HC=Holy Communion)

### ASKRIGG AND BAINBRIDGE AREA

|                             |               |                 |         |   |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------|---|
| Bainbridge Methodist Chapel | Sunday        | Dec 13          | 6.30pm  | Nativity at Aysgarth                                      |
|                             |               | Jan 31          | 10.30am | Annual Covenant service joined by Aysgarth Fellowship. HC |
| St Oswald's, Askrigg        | Friday        | Dec 11          | 7.30pm  | Christmas Tree Preview. See Page XX                       |
|                             | Satday        | Dec 12 to Jan 2 |         | Christmas Tree Festival in Church                         |
|                             | Sunday        | Dec 20          | 10.30am | HC  |
|                             | Sunday        | Dec 20          | 4.00pm  | Carol Service with Sunday School                          |
|                             | Christmas Eve |                 | 4.00pm  | Christingle   |
|                             |               |                 | 11.30pm | Midnight Eucharist (HC)                                   |
| St Matthew's, Stalling Busk | Christmas Day |                 | 9.00am  | HC for Christmas Day                                      |
|                             | Sunday        | Dec 13          | 4.00pm  | Upper Wensleydale Sunday School                           |
|                             | Christmas Eve |                 | 7.15pm  | HC  |
|                             |               |                 | 8.00pm  | Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight                    |
| Bainbridge Meeting House    | Sunday        | Dec 20          | 10.30am | Quaker (Society of Friends) meeting                       |
| Countersett Meeting House   | Sunday        | Dec 27          | 10.45am | Quaker (Society of Friends) meeting                       |
| Marsett Methodist Chapel    | Sunday        | Dec 6           | 8.00pm  | Singalong with Askrigg Ladies                             |
|                             | Sunday        | Jan 3           | 2.00pm  | Annual Covenant service. HC                               |
| Sycamore Hall               | Satday        | Dec 5           | 8.30am  | Men's Prayer Breakfast                                    |
|                             | Sunday        | Dec 20          | 10.30am | Methodist Carol Service                                   |
|                             | Sunday        | Jan 10          | 10.30am | Methodist Service   |
|                             | Sunday        | Jan 24          | 10.30am | Methodist Service   |

### HAWES AREA

|                            |               |        |         |                                       |
|----------------------------|---------------|--------|---------|---------------------------------------|
| Hawes Market Place         | Satday        | Dec 5  | 4.00pm  | Community Carol Singing               |
| Gayle Methodist Church     | Monday        | Nov 30 | Noon    | Soup Lunch followed by Advent Taize   |
|                            | Sunday        | Dec 20 | 6.00pm  | Family Carol Service                  |
|                            | Thsday        | Jan 1  | 6.30pm  | New Year Fellowship and Supper        |
|                            | Sunday        | Jan 10 | 6.00pm  | Annual Covenant service. HC           |
| St Margaret's, Hawes       | Thsday        | Dec 17 | 1.30pm  | Hawes School Christingle service      |
|                            | Sunday        | Dec 20 | 10.30am | Carol Service joint with Methodists   |
|                            | Christmas Eve |        | 11.30pm | Midnight Eucharist (HC)               |
|                            | Christmas Day |        | 10.30am | Christmas Day service (HC)            |
|                            | Sunday        | Dec 27 | 10.30am | Morning Service (HC)                  |
|                            | Sunday        | Jan 17 | 10.30am | Methodist Covenant Service. HC        |
| St Mary & St John, Hardraw | Sunday        | Dec 6  | 9.00am  | Children's Service with Sunday School |
|                            | Wenday        | Dec 23 | 4.00pm  | Christingle Service                   |
|                            | Christmas Eve |        | 10.00pm | Carols and Communion (HC)             |
|                            | Sunday        | Dec 27 | 9.00am  | Morning Service (HC)                  |
| Hawes Junction Chapel      | Satday        | Dec 5  | 7.30pm  | Carols by Candlelight and supper      |

### AYSGARTH, WEST BURTON, THORALBY AND WEST WITTON AREA

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|----------------------------|---------------|--------|---------|--|
| St. Andrew's, Aysgarth     | Wenday        | Dec 16 | 2.00pm  | Bainbridge, Askrigg and West Burton School Christmas Service |
|                            | Sunday        | Dec 20 | 11.00am | Carol Service  |
|                            | Christmas Day |        | 11.00am | Family Service (HC)  |
|                            | Sunday        | Dec 27 | 11.00am | Morning Service  |
| Aysgarth Methodist Church  | Sunday        | Dec 13 | 6.00pm  | Nativity joint with Bainbridge                               |
| Thoralby Village Hall      | Satday        | Dec 19 | 2.30pm  | Carol service  |
| Thornton Rust Mission Room | Sunday        | Dec 20 | 3.00pm  | Carol Service  |

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| West Burton Chapel                                     | Monday Dec 21    | 6.00pm  | Carol Singing around village from 6.00pm |
|  | & Tuesday Dec 22 |         | for Action for Children                  |
| West Witton Village Hall<br>St Bartholomew's, West Wtn | Sunday Dec 20    | 6.00pm  | Methodist Nativity service               |
|  | Christmas Eve    | 8.00pm  | Christmas Eve communion (HC)             |
|  | Christmas Day    | 10.45am | Christmas Morning Service                |
|  | Sunday Jan 24    | 10.45am | Annual Methodist Covenant service. HC    |
|  | Saturday Dec 12  | 1.30pm  | Decorating Christingles                  |
|  | Sunday Dec 13    | 10.30am | Penhill United Family Christingle        |
|  | Sunday Dec 20    | 9.30am  | HC                                       |
|  | Christmas Eve    | 4.00pm  | Crib Service                             |
|  | Christmas Eve    | 7.00pm  | Candlelight Carol Service                |
|  | Sunday Dec 27    | 9.30am  | Morning Service                          |

## CARPERBY, REDMIRE, CASTLE BOLTON, PRESTON AREA AND BEYOND

|                             |               |         |  |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------|--|
| Carperby Institute          | Sunday Dec 20 | 7.30pm  | Carol Service                            |
| Castle Bolton Church        | Monday Dec 21 | 7.00pm  | Crib blessing, Carols around the village |
|                             | Christmas Eve | 11.30pm | Midnight Communion HC                    |
| St Margaret's, Preston -U-S | Sunday Dec 20 | 6.00pm  | Carol service                            |
|                             | Sunday Dec 27 | 9.30am  | HC                                       |
|                             | Sunday Jan 31 | 10.30am | Penhill Praise Family Service            |
| St Mary's, Redmire          | Sunday Dec 20 | 4.00pm  | Carol Service                            |
|                             | Christmas Eve | 3.30pm  | Crib service                             |
|                             | Sunday Dec 27 | 9.30am  | Morning Service                          |
|                             | Sunday Jan 10 | 10.30am | Penhill Together United Service          |
| Holy Trinity, Wensley       | Friday Dec 18 | 6.00pm  | Carol service                            |
|                             | Christmas Day | 9.30am  | HC BCP (Note change of time)             |



**Carol at Fringes 'n'**  
**Freckles** would like to wish  
all her friends and customers  
a Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year



Christmas and New Year  
Greetings to Family and  
Friends  
From **Mabel (The Holme)**



**Barbara Peacock** of Sycamore Hall  
would like to wish all her friends  
and family a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year

**Judy Fawcett** would like  
to wish everyone a Merry  
Christmas and a Happy  
New Year



**Jean Cockburn** wishes all  
her friends in Aysgarth a  
Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year



**AUDREY STRINGER** of  
Sycamore Hall wishes a  
Happy Christmas and a  
prosperous New Year to all  
her family, friends and neighbours

**Steve, Louise and Gabi** would like to wish all friends and family Merry Christmas and Happy New Year X

(We will not be sending cards this year)



**Mary Sumner**

wishes everyone a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year

**Colin and Pat Jackson** wish all the folks in Carperby the very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year



**Marilyn and Tony Philpo** send Christmas Greetings and the best of health and happiness in 2016 to all our friends in Wensleydale



**Trevor and Sue Teasdale** wish all friends and family a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year. We will be donating our Xmas card money to the Air Ambulance



**Steve and Sheila Birkin** send Seasons Greetings and Good Wishes to all their friends and neighbours in Burtersett and beyond.

*#seeyouinthenewyear!*



**Rowley and Margaret Fawcett** wish all family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



**Richard & Anne Dinsdale** would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

**Ann Peacock** would like to wish relatives, friends and neighbours a Happy Christmas and A Happy New Year



**Steve Raw painter and decorator** would like to wish all his customers old and new a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



**Joe Howarth** wishes all friends and family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



**Tom And Betty Moore** of Simonstone would like to wish all their Family and Friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

