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## Editorial

Looking back (as we tend to do at this time of the year) it is fair to say that 2016 has been more than usually memorable. The ongoing troubles in Syria and Iraq have continued to loom large, so much so that we can be tempted to 'switch off' saying "what on earth can WE do". Likewise, the referendum and its continuing repercussions, together with events across the Atlantic, tend to block out other issues which in some ways are of very great seriousness but are not always brought to our attention nor are easily visible.

Here's one: air pollution. It is easy to think that big issues don't affect us in these remote rural areas far away from all the problems of the nasty cities and towns! New clean air proposals keep getting delayed, despite the fact that in many areas the levels of air pollution are illegal. Latest figures suggest that air pollution causes 40,000 early deaths and at least £27 billion in costs in Britain every year. Earlier in the year this was described as a 'public health emergency' by M.Ps.

A rather surprising fact is that one of the worst polluting problems comes not from dirty power stations or heavy industry but from diesel vehicles. This is obviously worst in cities and towns, but there can be pockets of concentration along our main roads and around our farms. A new plan that meets requirements to cut illegal levels of nitrogen dioxide pollution in the shortest possible time is likely to involve clean air zones and in these areas polluting diesel vehicles could be charged to enter.

If that sounds fanciful, consider this: some people suggest that to concentrate on pollution from traffic is a smokescreen for a much more serious issue of indoor air pollution. According to the World Health Organisation and other scientific bodies hazardous chemicals found in indoor air are much more likely to damage health than external air pollution. This means that people occupying increasingly air-tight buildings are at risk of asthma, breathing problems and even cancers from inhaling dangerous chemicals emitted inside buildings. And we worry about the dangers of children 'playing out'!

So why not, over Christmas and the New Year, venture outside – over the hills and Dales, away from the vehicles and the super-sealed lounge – and fill the lungs with some good fresh air. It won't do any harm either to empty the mind for just a little while of the horrors with which we began this article, and do the best we can to work for a better 2017.

## Orchestral Fireworks in Richmond. The Platform Will be Packed!

**Saturday December 3rd,**

when **Cleveland Chamber Orchestra** performs three much-loved musical classics in Richmond as part of the Richmondshire Concerts series.

The programme opens with Dvorák's *Nocturne for String Orchestra* and Holst's delightful *St. Paul's Suite*. Then **David Greed**, leader of Opera North's orchestra, swaps the conductor's baton for his famous 'Yorkshire Guadagnini' violin, crafted in 1757, to perform as the virtuoso soloist in Vivaldi's incomparable *Four Seasons*.

The concert is at **7:30pm** in the Influence Church, Victoria Road, Richmond. Tickets are £14 at [www.rsconcerts.org](http://www.rsconcerts.org) or at Castle Hill Bookshop in Richmond; they will also be sold at the door, subject to availability.

## Calling Young Archaeologists

The Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes is home to the Yorkshire Dales branch of the Young Archaeologists Club.

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

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

We currently have 25 members - if you'd like to join them, why not contact us for more details and to see when the next meeting is?

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

Speak to Fiona or Debbie at the museum on **666210** or email [dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:dcm@yorkshiredales.org.uk)

## Rubbish Collection Days Changes over Christmas and New Year

<u>From</u>		<u>To</u>	
<b>December</b>			
Monday	26th	Wednesday	28th
Tuesday	27th	Thursday	29th
Wednesday	28th	Saturday	31st
Thursday	29th	Saturday	31st
Friday	30th	TUESDAY	3rd Jan
<b>January</b>			
Monday	2nd	Wednesday	4th
Tuesday	3rd	Thursday	5th
Wednesday	4th	Friday	6th
Thursday	5th	Saturday	7th
Friday	6th	Monday	9th
Monday	9th	Tuesday	10th
Tuesday	10th	Wednesday	11th
Wednesday	11th	Thursday	12th
Thursday	12th	Friday	13th
Friday	13th	Saturday	14th

### Police Report

Firstly a brief roundup of criminal activity:

October 21st - burglary of out-building at Redshaw Farm, Widdale. Related vehicle recovered in Burtsett.

October 31st - attempted burglary of a shed in Aysgarth.

October 31st - theft of bags of coal in Askrigg.

November 5th - attempted burglary of a shed in Aysgarth.

Numerous reports of suspicious activity and persons were received, keep them coming.

Slightly out of area but an incident worth reporting for those of you with farm stock: 12 sheep were stolen from a farm at Newton le Willows, November 2nd and 3rd. Please be aware of vans or suspicious activity in the area.

The annual Christmas Drink/Drug driving campaign will soon be underway. Take note and do not become another statistic either as a prosecuted driver or a fatality.

A reminder for those who like to be aware of incidents in their area. North Yorkshire Community Messaging is now available. Visit [www.nycm.co.uk](http://www.nycm.co.uk)  
Have a Happy Christmas and a safe New Year.

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, **PCSO 5232 Don Watson** via the Force Control room or e-mail,

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



### Eunice the Ewe

I was in Operation Christmas Child on page 7 last month and the winner of the £10 prize is

**Beth Edwards, Hawes**

### Emily Smith Ventures South of the Border!

Multi-award winning Scottish folksinger Emily Smith has been a leading voice of the Scottish folk scene for over a decade and for the last five years has performed a sell-out Christmas show in many venues around Scotland.

This year, on **Friday, December 2nd**, she is bringing the show to two venues south of the border for the first time with the only performance in the north of England at Reeth Memorial Hall.

Accompanied by multi-instrumentalists Jamie McClennan and Anna Massie, Emily will perform music from her new 'Songs for Christmas' album which inspire, comfort and celebrate Christmas and winter; a mixture of original and traditional pieces, alongside contemporary covers and favourite carols.

The performance starts at **8.00pm, with doors open at 7.30pm**. Tickets are £14 in advance, £16 on the door, under 16s half price; available from Reeth Post Office or contact **John Little, 01748-884759**, email: [memorialhall@swaledale.org](mailto:memorialhall@swaledale.org)

### Middleham and Dales Local History Group

#### A Middleham Vagrant in 1742

In this **Member's Presentation**, **Geoff Keeble** will describe an unfortunate Plymouth wool merchant who, being suspected of being a vagrant, was apprehended and questioned in Middleham. The unlucky traveller had been shipping goods to Jamaica when his vessel was captured by the Spanish.

Geoff has a special interest in poverty in Wensleydale in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. His presentation will look at the history of vagrancy and the adventures of this 'vagrant' at sea.

This will be preceded by a short AGM of the Middleham and the Dales Local History Group on **January 17th 2017 at 2.00pm** in Middleham Key Centre.

Old and new members and visitors are welcome. Annual membership is still only £10; visitors are welcome at £3 per meeting. For more information contact **Tony Keates 640436**, [dotandtonyk@btinternet.com](mailto:dotandtonyk@btinternet.com)

### December/January Competition

Dingbats to solve. Send in as many as you can. £20 goes to the winner's chosen charity.

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|--|--|--------------------------------------|
| 1. <b>LOIMVE</b>                                     | 2. <b>VEATLEGSEB</b>                     | 3. <b>KOOL LOOK</b>                  |
| 4. <b>HEAD<br/>HEELS</b>                             | 5. <b>STAND<br/>I</b>                    | 6. <b>GROU<u>U</u>ND</b>             |
| 7. <b>SIPE</b>                                       | 8. <b>CHRISTMAS</b>                      | 9. <b>AB-<br/>CDEFGHIJKMNOP</b>      |
| 10. <b>GROUND<br/>LONDON</b>                         | 11. <b>MOTHER MAY</b>                    | 12. <b>DON'T KLAT</b>                |
| 13. <b>WHEEL<br/>WHEEL DRIVE<br/>WHEEL<br/>WHEEL</b> | 14. <b>R<br/>O<br/>ROADS<br/>D<br/>S</b> | 15. <b>R<br/>Y<br/>S</b>             |
|  |  | 16. <b>N<br/>W<br/>O<br/>R<br/>G</b> |
| 17. <b>FORMSIFROMDEATION</b>                         |  | 18. <b>PLUS<br/>FLUE</b>             |

### November Competition Answers

Missing middles Several had local connections

WENSLEYDALE **cheese** STRAWS

KINGS **Arms** LENGTH

GRAND **National** PARK

HAWES **End** GAME

MIDDLE **ham** FISTED

FORCED **rhubarb** TRIANGLE

COMPUTER **chip** BUTTY

MOBILE **phone** CALL

GIMMER **lamb** CUTLET

TRAFALGAR **Square** DANCE

CARRIAGE **clock** WORK

PAINTED **lady** HILL

WIDDALE **Fell** ILL

GARSDALE **Head** LINE

CHEST **nut** HATCH

The winner was **Jennifer Armstrong** and £20 was donated to Yorkshire Air Ambulance

### Hawes Junction Chapel

Saturday December 3rd at 7.30pm

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

With Rev. Carole Marsden and members of  
Sedbergh Youth Band.

Supper to follow

### The Musical Theatre Project present their Christmas Concert

THORALBY VILLAGE HALL

**Saturday, December 10th 7.30pm**

Join young musicians from Wensleydale and Swaledale for an evening of popular music from the world of Musical Theatre.

Led by Colin Bailey, the group presents a varied programme of well known songs and festive favourites and celebrate their achievements during 2016.

Proceeds in aid of performing arts activities for young people in Wensleydale and Swaledale.

Light refreshments available.

Tickets £5 available from [www.blueboxt.co.uk](http://www.blueboxt.co.uk),  
**07711 211169** or on the door



Mystery picture. Last month's was of the Hunter's stone at the top of Coverdale.  
Where are we now?



## **Student Leadership at Wensleydale School and Sixth Form**

This year at the Wensleydale School and Sixth Form the Student Council has been led by the Prefect Team; we have set out to improve school life. To do this, we have focused on extracurricular enrichment, peer mentoring, the student council and the school's library.

Our prefect for enrichment has already established a school debate society which has pitted some of Wensleydale's sharpest minds against each other. We offer courses such as GCSE Spanish and GCSE Astronomy on a lunchtime. Looking forward we have several proposed enrichment activities in the pipeline including a chess club, a film club and table tennis. We have taken on the advice from the student body in our mission to provide them with interesting and fulfilling activities at a lunch time.

The student council has been reorganised to make it more effective and influential. The council is chaired by our two Head Prefects and has made a number of important decisions including choosing the school's new Key Behaviours; "Respectful", "Positive" and "Hardworking". We have also organised sixth form students to help out on the tills at lunchtime to relieve pressure on the lunch staff. This has been successful so far and we usually have two students providing assistance.

A team of student peer mentors has been trained how to resolve conflict between other students. We are in the process of arranging drop-in sessions and several mentors have chosen a specialism, so between us we can support students with a wide variety of issues.

Finally, our school library is now being run by students from years 8-13. A rota has been created so our 20 librarians can each have shifts in the library at both lunch and break. The job of these student librarians is to promote learning through reading and to supervise the library to ensure that it is a comfortable, focussed environment for study and enrichment.

**The Wensleydale School and Sixth Form Prefect Team**

## **Free Publicity for Events**

Organisers of events taking place throughout 2017 in and around the Yorkshire Dales National Park can now take advantage of free advertising offered via the Authority's online calendar. The on-line application form and further information can be found at [www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/add-an-event](http://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/add-an-event).

Any events notified before **December 5<sup>th</sup>** will also be considered for publication in 'The Visitor' - the Authority's annual newspaper.

## **Wensleydale Decorative and Fine Arts Society**

MIDDLEHAM KEY CENTRE

**Tuesday, December 13th; 2.00pm**

**TITLE : Faking It – A desire to Deceive – the Allure of Jewels and Gems, from 1500**

In today's society we are used to wearing costume jewellery or buying stones that have been enhanced in some way to meet consumer demand. How did this begin and when was it considered an acceptable practice?

From the uncovering of counterfeit rubies to the foiling of precious gemstones; from the production of 18<sup>th</sup> century elegant paste to the creation of cultured pearls this lecture will explore the intriguing behaviour of gemstone dealers and jewellers across Europe since 1500 in their quest to deceive!

**Susan Rumfitt** is an independent jewellery consultant and specialist on the Antiques Road Show. Following a post graduate degree in decorative arts at Glasgow University she trained at Christie's moving to Phillips in Edinburgh as head of the Jewellery and Silver Department.

**Tuesday, January 10th 2017; 2.00pm**

**TITLE : The Arts and Crafts Garden Idyll**

The transition from the 19<sup>th</sup> century to the 20<sup>th</sup> century saw the beginning of a new ethos of art and design and the arrival of the Arts and Crafts Garden. The relationship between architects and plantsmen changed, with the former formality of gardens being tempered by a flowery extravaganza.

The lecturer will reveal the enduring qualities of a garden style crafted at a time often regarded as the "Golden Age of Gardening".

**Marilyn Elm** qualified in landscape architecture and interior design and is a lecturer for universities and organisations including RHS and the National Trust.

We welcome non-members to our lectures; £8 per lecture.. It is helpful to inform the Membership Secretary beforehand if you are coming: **01765 635244**, [rosalindhigson@btinternet.com](mailto:rosalindhigson@btinternet.com).

## **Little White Bus**

**Looking for volunteer drivers to assist with the ever-growing service.**

**Full training is given and there is no minimum hours requirement.  
Please contact Walter Head**

**667400 or  
UWCO@btconnect.com**



## Prunings December 2016

Now in early November was something of a reality check after such a mild spell. I had already changed to winter wheels and I rapidly broke out hand knitted socks and woolly vests. In 24 hours it had disappeared - panic over! Nevertheless it could be a long winter.

One aspect of early snow is that it moves lots of leaves which will need to be raked up, and one dump of snow has pretty much ruined the geraniums in the tubs. Shall we do the pansies again? They were lovely last year and it's hard to find better value. They really do need ground cover whilst we wait for the bulbs which we hope have survived in the bottom of the planters. Time will tell.

Gardening Which (November) ran a very telling article on Hebes. They had trialled some of the new ones which have been developed for winter colour, and have discovered, along with the rest of us I suspect, that they look super when you buy them, but often succumb in the second winter. They put this down to winter wet rather than cold. Not really a surprise I suppose. Only two of the pretty variegated varieties did well in their trial so if you fancy slowish growing attractive evergreens for the winter look out for "Nicola's Blush" or "Silver Queen". "Heartbreaker" and "Pascal" which I remember buying as they were so colourful came out at the bottom in the tests. It was more encouraging to see that some of the older named varieties did well. "Lady Ardilaun", "Autumn Glory" and "Great Orme" came at the top after the two best buys, and "Red Edge" which I have always valued for its colour and toughness was a couple of places further down. I have grown them for years, and the ones with purple flowers are also attractive to butterflies.

Last week The Telegraph ran a spread on Wendy Houses. In the summer a friend came round looking for wheels from old sheep racks to build a Shepherd's Hut. I may be being cynical, but the expense involved is astronomical. Growing up in the dales as a child I was used to disappearing off with friends, and we would build a den. I suppose that now, for safety's sake children need space to hide inside the garden, especially in urban areas, and maybe some adults feel the same need, but they can all do it much more cheaply by constructing a garden shed out of recycled materials.

In case you missed it, the full moon on November 14<sup>th</sup> was a 'supermoon', the largest since 1948. Unfortunately the cloud cover was

such that I didn't see it, but where it was visible it appeared 7 per cent larger and 15 per cent brighter than normal. Paul Simmons in the Times gave a very clear and interesting explanation. In essence it happens because the orbit of the moon is elliptical and at these times it passes nearer to the earth. We'll have to wait until January 2018 before we see anything comparable.

Finally, have a great Christmas, and a suitably jovial New Year! Good luck! And whatever you grow, take time to enjoy it.

**Rose Rambler**

### Syllabus 2017

The One Hundred and Seventh  
Festival of Music and Speech



**Methodist Hall and  
Tennants Garden Rooms, Leyburn**  
**March 20-24th (Speech)**  
**March 27th-31st (Music)**  
*Entries to be submitted by January 31st 2017*

## Events at Reeth Memorial Hall

**Friday December 2nd at 8.00pm** – The Emily Smith Christmas Show – Emily Smith (Scots Singer of the Year 2014) brings her Christmas show to England after sell-out concerts in Scotland for the past five years. Tickets £14 in advance (£16 on the door), under 16s half price.

**Saturday December 3rd at 7.30pm** – IF YOU MISSED IT IN WENSLEYDALE North Country Theatre – The Wish House – a comedy of rural superstition and urban myth - a story of fierce, insane, possessive love ... (and dark goings-on down on the farm). Based on a short story by Rudyard Kipling. Tickets £10, under 16s half price. Tickets are on sale at Reeth Post Office or phone **John Little 01748-884759** or visit [www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk](http://www.reethmemorialhall.co.uk)

## Cloud Computing

**M**any people have asked me over the last year “what is cloud computing; do I need it?”.

At its simplest ‘the cloud’ is just another name for the internet. Cloud computing means that you can store your files (documents and photos) on internet based services instead of, or as well as, on the disk drive in the computer. In some cases it also means you can produce and edit documents and photos directly on the internet. Let me give you some examples.

In the past if you wanted to write a document in a word processor you would have to sit in front of a computer, type and save the document and then either print it or send it by email to someone else. If you need to change the document then you would have to go back to the same computer and open it in your word processor to make the changes.

Now you can still do the same thing (and many do) but you can also store your document in the cloud. That means you can easily share it with other people and you can access and even edit it from any computer, phone, tablet etc. that is connected to the internet.

One example of an integrated system that allows you to do this is Microsoft Office 365. This is a subscription-based service from Microsoft. Once registered you get a full copy of the most recent edition (and all updates) of Microsoft Office (which includes Words, Excel, Powerpoint, Publisher, Outlook and Access) which can be installed on your normal computer. The home subscription allows a number of family members to install and use the programme. You also get a fixed amount of cloud-based storage for your document and mobile apps for phones and tablets. You also get access to internet based versions of Office programmes that you can access anywhere, and on any device just by logging in with your account details.

Similar subscription service exist for other kinds of programmes such as photo editing (Adobe have a similar system to Microsoft for the full version of PhotoShop and their professional Creative Suite).

As well as storing your files in cloud storage by Microsoft or Adobe there are many companies trying to attract you to use their services. One of the most well known is Dropbox which allows you to store files in a special folder on your computer or device and by the magic of the internet the files will

automatically be copied to all your other devices where you have Dropbox installed. It is a great way to share files or folders of files with friends or work colleagues and they provide a free subscription with a limited amount of space.

One way people also use these cloud services is to copy all their important files to the cloud as a backup – then not only are they available everywhere you also have a backup in case your computer dies. Also phones etc. can use cloud services such as Dropbox to automatically send photos and videos, contact details etc. to a secure storage location so that if you lose your phone you don’t lose all your important files.

So who needs cloud computing? It is certainly useful for work related storage so that you can share and update files easily with co-workers. It is also useful for families that want to share photos etc. with other family member wherever they might be. It is also useful for anyone with multiple devices who wants to be able to access or store their files and have access in one place to everything.

So what are the down sides? Firstly cost: in the past you bought the programmes you need for your computer and used them until you decided you needed to buy a new version. Many companies are now moving to subscription models which can get very expensive. To be fair if you are the sort of person who always upgraded to the latest versions of things then most of the subscriptions work out considerably cheaper but for most people the cost has increased. Secondly companies are charging for cloud storage which is a lot more expensive than buying an extra hard disk and has to be renewed every year). Thirdly security: whilst all the services say they are secure and your files are safe, in reality popular services are going to inevitably be a target for cyber attack and data theft – all the big names in the business have had to deal with this at some point.

I hope that helps – any ideas for further articles or questions please do drop me a line at [carol.haynes@dalescomputerservices.com](mailto:carol.haynes@dalescomputerservices.com)

**Caretaker required  
Bainbridge Village Hall**  
General caretaking duties.

**From December 12th**

Please contact:

**Margaret Thompstone 650755**

**Margaret Preston 650095**



## Leyburn Arts and Community Centre - Events Calendar

Richmond Road, Leyburn DL8 5DL

**F I L M S :** Tickets: Adults £6 - Concessions £5



**Fri 02 Dec** - 5.00 pm and 7.30 pm - **The BFG** (PG) 1hr 57m.  
**Fri 09 Dec** - 5.00 pm and 7.30 pm - **Absolutely Fabulous** (15) 1hr 31m.  
**Fri 16 Dec** - 4.30 pm and 7.30 pm - **The Beatles: Eight Days a Week** (15) 2hr 17m.  
**Fri 23 Dec** - 5.00 pm Only - **The Polar Express** (U) 1hr 40m. Children £2.50.  
 Come along in your PJs, enjoy a hot chocolate and prepare for that magical ride..!  
**Fri 30 Dec** - No film will be shown.  
**Fri 06 Jan** - 5.00 pm and 7.30 pm - **Adult Life Skills** (15) 1hr 36m.  
**Fri 13 Jan** - 5.00 pm and 7.30 pm - **I Daniel Blake** (15) 1hr 40m.  
**Fri 20 Jan** - 5.00 pm and 7.30 pm - **Swallows and Amazons** (PG) 1hr 37m.  
**Fri 27 Jan** - 5.00 pm and 7.30 pm - **Captain Fantastic** (15) 1hr 58m.

### PART OF THE 'EXPLORING FILM SEASON'

**Tue 13 Dec** - 7.00 pm - **The Rocky Horror Picture Show** (15) 1hr 40m. £5. Cafe open 6 pm.  
**Tue 03 Jan** - 7.00 pm - **Whale Rider** (PG) 2hr 22m. £5. Cafe open 6 pm.  
**Tue 07 Feb** - 7.00 pm - **Britain on Film: Railways** (U) 1hr 23m

### E V E N T S

**Sat 17 Dec** - 7.30 pm - **Penhill Poachers "Frost, Folk and Festive Fayre"**

The Penhill Poachers will be performing for your entertainment and a two course Christmas Buffet will be included in the price of £13. There is also a licensed bar.  
 Tel: **624510** - email: [admin@oldschoolhouseleyburn.com](mailto:admin@oldschoolhouseleyburn.com)  
 Web: [oldschoolhouseleyburn.com](http://oldschoolhouseleyburn.com)

**Mon 23 Jan** - **Fundraising Curry Evening** 2 Sittings, 6.00 pm and 8.30 pm.

A fundraising Curry Evening of 3 courses at Saffron Indian Restaurant in Leyburn Market Place in aid of Leyburn Arts & Community Centre.  
 Tickets £19.95. To book please contact The Old School House  
 Telephone: **624510** or the Saffron Indian Restaurant - **625777**



### Operation Christmas Child

We want to thank church and school groups and many individuals who packed shoe boxes for distribution to children in Eastern Europe. We were able to take 124 boxes to Richmond and £453 was donated towards transport costs. Some gifts were donated on line and Operation Christmas Child will be able to claim at least £40 from Gift Aid.

As we celebrate Christmas here it is good to know that we have helped many children in other places to enjoy Christmas this year in spite of their difficult circumstances. Special thanks to the Hawes Community Office staff for receiving many of the boxes.  
**Heather and Nelson Caplin 667625**

### Little White Bus, Wednesday Trips

The trip to Kendal on the 14th of this month is already full ( with a waiting list ) but we will be running an additional one to Kendal in time for the Sales on **Wednesday January 4th**. Demand is sure to be high so call in to the Community Office as early as possible to book your seat.

We will be finalising the trips programme early in the New Year and I will publish the list of dates and destinations here in the Newsletter and also out on the notice boards as soon as possible.

Finally I would, on behalf of the Little White Bus Wednesday Trips, wish all our passengers a very Happy Christmas and good tripping in the New Year!

**Richard**

## Hawes School News

The children of Hawes Primary School celebrated Harvest at Gayle Chapel. The service was led by Rev Janet Park; it was a lovely service despite the miserable weather. The children brought lots of different produce which was distributed into the community by Mrs Fothergill and Miss Caygill. We have received many letters and cards thanking us for the gifts, which has been really lovely.

We were very honoured to attend the first Remembrance service at the newly built memorial which is just outside our school. The children wore their poppies with pride and stood very respectfully during the minute silence. Two of our oldest children presented a poppy wreath. The names on the memorial were read out and it was very poignant to hear so very many familiar surnames.

We're busily preparing for the Christmas events in school over the next few weeks. I am sure it's going to be a very exciting time.

### Bonfire Picture Competition

The winners of the bonfire themed picture competition are:

Reception – Cicely Baranasic

Year 1 – Frankie Iveson

Year 2 – Paige Banks

Year 3 – Hannah Scarr

Year 4 – Lola Fagg

Year 5 – Natasha Heseltine

Year 6 – Georgina Thwaite

We are very grateful to Hawes Fire Brigade who donated the prizes (chocolate coins).

### Vacancy

#### Midday Supervisor Urgently Needed,

to cover Wednesdays from 11.55am to 1.10pm term time only to help monitor the children over the lunchtime. The rate of pay is £7.58 per hour (point 7- Band 3), with annual increments up to point 9. If you would like to be considered for this post or know of someone who might be interested then please contact Miss Vasey or Dawn for further details.

**Dawn Alderson, Administrator**

### Singing for Pleasure

This group meets fortnightly  
on **Mondays at 7.30pm**  
at The Old School House, Leyburn,  
for informal singing for pleasure.  
No need to book, just turn up on the night. £3.  
For January dates, please telephone  
**624510**

## West Burton Shop

The shop at West Burton is in new hands. Brian and Nina Grant took over on October 26th. At the moment Brian is on his own but Nina is expecting to move up soon from Derbyshire where they both used to live. They fell in love with the Yorkshire Dales while travelling home from the Lakes one day. As a result of a career move Brian was actually looking for the opportunity to develop a café or bistro but here they are with West Burton Shop and tearoom.

I visited Brian on a wet Monday in November. It was immediately obvious that he had restocked the shop. Every shelf was full and he says he hasn't finished yet. He is listening to his customers and is quite happy to get in what people want. Furthermore he intends to develop a delivery service. While I was there a number of local people came in and it was impressive the way he could remember all their names: not bad after only three and a half weeks. Clearly he is a man who cares and has ambitions to "build the shop back up to what it was" (his words). After its recent chequered history that'll be a relief..

As for the tearoom there are designs for a complete refurbishment. The intention is to make it a cosier, more attractive destination for that all-important cuppa (and probably a lot more). We'll have to wait until next year for that but the shop, with its new opening times (see advert) is open now. Go and see for yourself.

**N.P.**

### Pre-Christmas Travel Miscellany

**A gift for passengers** of DalesBus Sunday and Bank Holiday Wensleydale Flyer (Northallerton-Hawes) is news that the service has been saved. The crowdfunding website *Just Giving* raised a magnificent total of £6,580 – which was followed by the offer of a year's corporate sponsorship by Acorn Stairlifts of Steeton, West Yorkshire. Thank you all for a wonderful collaboration between individuals and organisations, which has secured this important local service until Easter 2018.

**Bus Timetables:** New timetables are available on websites and in local tourist and community offices for weekday services (Little White Bus Leyburn-Hawes, Hawes-Garsdale and Swaledale) and Sunday/Bank Holiday services for DalesBus 856 (Northallerton-Hawes).

**Leeds-Settle-Carlisle** train timetables: New timetables start December 11th.

**Santa Specials** on the Wensleydale Railway (booking essential): Online bookings from [www.wensleydalerail.com](http://www.wensleydalerail.com); by phone, WR office **01677 425805**.

**Ruth Annison**

## Full Circle with Local Artist Janet Rawlins



My first question to Janet was 'how did you start out as an artist?'—she pointed to the colourful collage of a dragon on the wall and told me that this helped launch her freelance career. After Art College Janet tried teaching for a couple of years, but yearned to be a full time artist. Her parents agreed to fund her for a trial year and set her up a studio in the office of the Paintworks they owned (whose logo was a dragon).

Her first fabric collage of a dragon was exhibited in the window of a decorators shop in Leeds. This was seen by Derek Walker a local architect, who went on to commission Janet's artwork for many of the public buildings he designed. The dragon collage was bought by the paintwork's manager whose granddaughter recently got in touch with Janet and returned the collage to her (swapping it for a more recent landscape). It is wonderful that the dragon has gone full circle and is now hanging in Janet's home in Bainbridge as a precious reminder of how it all began.

Janet herself, I discovered, has also gone full circle. She opened Bain Studio with her husband Kenneth Parfitt in 1971 on the ground floor of Bainbridge Congregational Church. The studio was a great success, but was sadly curtailed by Ken's death a year later. In 1975 Janet had Unicorn House built in Bainbridge designing the studio space within it herself. She moved to West End House in Askrigg when she married her second husband Peter Leyland. Janet completed the circle by returning to Bainbridge in 2002 when they managed to buy back Unicorn House.

She named the house after finding a cast iron unicorn and falling in love with the legend that says - one must have a maiden with a grass rope to catch a

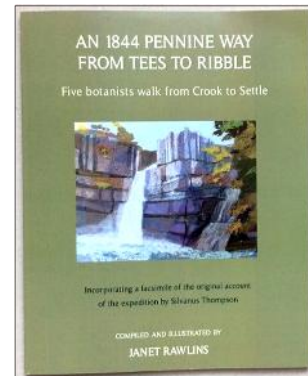


unicorn. Janet took the grass from the first sod that was cut when building the house and made a rope from it to frame a painting of a unicorn. This now hangs back in her home and was the inspiration for the title of her recent book of wildflower paintings.

Having seen her early work, I was fascinated to hear about Janet's latest project- a book entitled 'An 1844 Pennine way from Tees to Ribble'. It is an illustrated diary of five botanists who walk from Crook to Settle on a two week holiday collecting plants. Janet and Peter found the diary whilst clearing out bookshelves in West End house 32 years ago. The author was something of mystery and it is only recently that Janet managed to piece together the story which inspired her to illustrate their journey. The diary gives a real in-sight into life in the 1840's, and is brought to life through Janet's pictures.

Throughout Janet's career she has expressed her artistic flare in a variety of media from book illustrations, watercolours and interior design to hooky work and collage. It was a real privilege to be shown around her wonderful studio where each picture tells a story.

K.J.



## Wensleydale Society

The Talk Programme continues on **Friday December 2nd** at West Burton Village Hall at **7.30pm**. The speaker is Eric Scaife with a talk entitled 'Yorkshire Dialect' - Eric's other claim to fame is that he has appeared on BBC on Countryfile. In January Hilary Jones will be speaking on 'Sustrans - the National Cycle Network' which had been postponed from November. The talks are free for members. Guests are welcome for which there is a small charge of £2 per person per visit. Refreshments are provided after the meetings. Coach transport is available from Middleham at 6.30pm, Harmby at 6.40pm, Leyburn at 6.50 and West Witton at 7pm. Cost is £15 for the whole 2016-2017 season or £3 per trip. Booking is not required. For more information about transport please ring **622287**. The Society also has a Walks Programme and the annual subscription is £5. The website address is [www.wensleydalesociety.org.uk](http://www.wensleydalesociety.org.uk) where more information can be found.



Dalesplay is an Ofsted registered setting providing care for families in the dales, based in the school grounds of Hawes Primary school. The children have been busy celebrating Halloween and Bonfire night. We held a fantastic Halloween walk with approximately 100 children joining us and we would like to thank the following businesses for their kind donations of treats for the children; The Chippie, The Spar, The Sweet Shop, The White Hart, The Fountain, The Crown, The Board and Cockett's Hotel. Without your kind donations the walk would not be such a fantastic event.

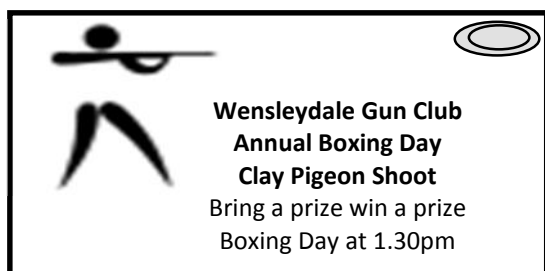
Over the half term holiday we held an open day and invited *Stu di doo the magician* and *hardy soft play hire* to help entertain the children and celebrate Dalesplay being open for 10 years. It was a fun filled afternoon enjoyed by all and everyone who attended went home with a balloon model, and glitter tattoos for those who wanted one. We are pleased with what we have achieved over the past 10 years to provide a much needed service for families in the dales and we would also like to take this opportunity to thank the directors of the setting; Stanley Roocroft, Ian Fowler, Sandra Bell, Sharon Guy, Ann Rigby, Jacqueline Berry and Lynn Irwin. All the directors dedicate their time and expertise voluntarily to help run the setting.

Don't forget if you need childcare, breakfast club, after school club, holiday club or funded 2,3 or 4



year old provision get in touch and we can help; email: [dalesplay1@btconnect.com](mailto:dalesplay1@btconnect.com), phone 667789 and take a look at our facebook page to keep up

**Joanne Fothergill**



## Hawes in Bloom

The baskets and planted schemes have all been cleared away now. I am so pleased by the comments from many of you telling me the pleasure the added bit of colour has given, especially so late into the Autumn. If there are any stray empty baskets or containers that I've missed I would be grateful if you would get in touch so that I can arrange collection.

I would like to say a big thank you to the loyal band of helpers who turn out at the beginning and the end of each season, whatever the weather. Without them I really couldn't get it all done. If everyone is in favour of Hawes in Bloom continuing next year (I am aware it is a commitment to water those baskets every day especially when you have a business to run!), I am happy to begin the necessary early planning. I will drop the forms off before Christmas and ask any business willing to take part to complete and hand them in to the Community Office as before. So far I have only had a few suggestions for next year's colour scheme and the favourite seems to be yellow, gold, orange, white and bronze shades. If anyone has a preference, well now's the time to speak!

Let's look forward to a colourful, flower-filled Hawes in 2017 and hope the weather is kind too.

Best seasonal wishes from your resident Plant Pest,  
**Richard Noble**

## Bank Holiday Buses

In general, there will be no buses in the area on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. For details for Tuesday December 27th and Monday January 2nd please contact individual operators.

**The Little White Bus, Hawes to Garsdale section, will run on these days.**

## Gunnerside Methodist Chapel

**Saturday December 17th 2016 at 7.00 pm**

**A concert by the  
 SWALE SINGERS**

**CHRISTMAS MUSIC FROM HANDEL'S**

*Messiah*

**VAUGHAN WILLIAMS'**

*Fantasia on Christmas Carols*

**Soloists - Emma Wardell and Peter Carey**

**Organist - Anthony Rudd**

**Musical Director - Hugh Bowman**

Donation £7; children free



## Doctors' rotas as supplied by the Health Centre

HAWES SURGERY ROTA    Wb - week beginning						AYSGARTH SURGERY ROTA    Wb - week beginning					
Wb	Dec 5th	12th	19th	26th		Wb	Dec 5th	12th	19th	26th	
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### Caravan Club, Hawes

Following the concerns about the expected closure of this site until next July, Kate Empsall wrote to 'the top'. Here are some of the comments received back from the Regional Managing Director:

"First let me reassure you the Club is very conscious of the effect of the closure ..... on local trades and is endeavouring to programme the work so that half of the site can be re-opened in early April 2017 as opposed to the planned opening in July. This will obviously be subject to the weather co-operating..... but if this does, then I would anticipate opening around 50 pitches which will be served by newly refurbished service points.

"The progress of the work will be closely monitored by both the Estates Department and myself and please be assured, if there is any way the site can open earlier than planned then it will be."

## BUDGET CONSULTATION

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**Call: 01748 829100**  
Consultation closes Friday 16 December 2016

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## GENERAL WHAT'S ON LISTING

### November

29,30 Cinderella, Hawes Market House.  
See page 20

### December

- 1,2 Cinderella, Hawes Market House.  
See page 20
- 2 Wensleydale Society at West Burton Village Hall at **7.30pm**: "Yorkshire Dialect".  
See page 11
- 2,3 Events in Reeth Memorial Hall.  
See page 4, 7
- 2 Musicality, will perform a Christmas concert at the Carlton-in Coverdale Methodist Chapel starting at **7.30pm**.
- 3 Wensleydale's Got Talent. **7.15pm** in Hawes Market House. See page 16
- 4 Gayle Mill Demonstration Tours at **11.00am & 2.30pm** £12 A two hour tour where you get to see the original 1879 machinery working. Includes light refreshments.
- 10 Christmas coffee morning, Thornton Rust.  
See page 19
- 10 Christmas Concert, Thoraby See page 5
- 13 Decorative and Fine Arts Society.  
See page 6
- 15 Bainbridge WI Christmas Lunch at the White Rose Hotel, Askrigg at **6.45pm**.  
Ring Margaret Preston on **650095** by 5th December to book.
- 16 Annual Charity Concert at **7.30pm** in Hawes Market House. See page 15
- 17 Swale Singers in concert. Gunnerside Chapel at **7.00pm**. See p 12 for full details
- 19 W.I. Christmas Cracker coffee morning Thoraby Village Hall. See page 17
- 20 Singing for the Memory at TOSH  
**622023** for details
- 22 Christmas Whist at Carperby Village Hall at **7.30pm**
- 23 Christmas Dominos at Carperby Village Hall at **7.30pm**
- 26 Wensleydale Gun Club annual clay pigeon shoot at **12.30pm** See page 12
- 28 The Elves and the Carpenter at the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes. See p. 15

### January

- 4 Little White Bus trip to Kendal. See page 9
- 6,7 'Cinderella': Leyburn Meth. Hall page 20
- 10 Decorative and Fine Arts. See page 6
- 14 Coffee Morning in Askrigg Village Hall  
**10.00am - noon**
- 17 Middleham and Dales Local History Group.  
See page 4
- 17 Singing for the Memory at TOSH  
**622023** for details
- 19 Bainbridge WI meeting in Bainbridge Village Hall at **7.30pm** for Chris Bibby "Stories of a Coach Driver"
- 20 U3A talk on The Lancashire Witches Walk at **10.30 am** at TOSH

### December Events for Children

#### Askrigg Village

- 6 "The Prickly Hedgehog" presented by EYFS and KS1 children at Bainbridge School at **2.00pm**. All welcome
- 7 "The Egyptian Nativity" presented by KS2 Children at Askrigg School at **1.30pm and 6.00pm**. All welcome
- 23 Children's party for pre-school (with an adult) and primary age children in the Village Hall **3.00pm - 5.00pm**. Disco and Bring and Share Tea.  
Locals and visitors welcome.
- 23 Carol Singing around Askrigg and in the pubs. Meet at the Cross at **5.30pm**.  
All welcome
- 24 Meet Father Christmas at the Market Cross at **5.00pm**. Gifts for pre-school and primary age children. Mulled wine and mince pies. All welcome.

#### Hawes

- 3 Children's Bring and Share Party in Market Hall from **1.45pm**
- 3 Community carol singing in Hawes Market Place with Silver Band
- 3 Father Christmas in Market Place and Christmas Lights switch on **4.30pm**

#### St Oswald's Events

- 1 Advent Window Trail begins. Trail sheets in church and local shops
- 16 Christmas Tree Festival Preview Concert at **7.30pm** with the Askrigg Ladies Who Sing, Askrigg Handbells and others  
Bring and share supper.
- 17- 1 Jan Christmas Tree Festival
- 18 Carols and Lessons by Candlelight followed by hot chocolate and mulled wine at the Hogg Hut Nativity on Hodgson's farm (weather permitting)

**The Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes**  
**The DCM is open throughout December but will be closed throughout January**

### It's Gone!

Although mobile phone coverage isn't yet perfect around our area, public telephone boxes are on the move!



How many people have noticed that there is now no public telephone box on the Holme in Hawes, just along from the Health Centre? It's not easy to notice what isn't there any more!

## Bainbridge Village Hall

### Another in our series of village halls

**T**he Village Hall that you see in Bainbridge today was originally built in 1910 by the Temperance Charity Commission with funds donated by Miss Harrison of Cupplesfield and was called Bainbridge Temperance Hall. The purpose of the building was to provide a venue for village activities and over the years it has seen many.

The Village Hall has always been managed by a group of Trustees, the first of whom were appointed on January 6th 1911. Meetings were held regularly to discuss the management and use of the hall as well as various maintenance, repair and development projects. For many years, Mrs Hopper (mother of Jean Lambert) was the secretary, taking bookings and handling the accounts. She was succeeded by Hugh Gregson who continues to this day as a committee member, having now served for over forty years. Hugh is joined on the committee by 11 other Trustees, all from the village, who meet twice a year.

On January 30th 1998 the Charity Commission approved a scheme enabling the Trustees to change the name from Bainbridge Temperance Hall to Bainbridge Village Hall allowing alcohol to be served on the premises.

Over the years, the hall has seen numerous events and activities taking place inside including birthday parties, whist drives, lectures, meetings, auctions and wedding receptions. In the early days, the hall was used by the Band of Hope who were an anti-alcohol group, run by Miss Routh from Breconbar. They held lectures for children about the sins of alcohol! Bainbridge Brass Band (no longer in existence) also used the hall for practice nights. The Badminton Club have used the hall since the 1930s and continue to do so to this day. During the war, the Military of Defence took over the Village Hall as they did most chapels and halls, to billet their men, and to the rear of the hall was a park for their tanks. Whist drives with supper, and dances, were held before the war and were extremely popular with the local community, costing just half a Crown (12 ½p).

Today the hall is used mainly for the monthly meetings of Bainbridge WI and the Flower Club as well as the Badminton Club. It is also used as a Polling Station for local and national elections as well as hosting coffee mornings, soup and sweet lunches and parties. Each November, Trustees host a Christmas Pie supper to raise funds for the continued maintenance of the hall, and this is always popular.

Since first being built, the hall has undergone various changes. Initially it did not have a kitchen and was heated by two large open fires in the main hall and one in what is now the kitchen. Between 1993 and 1999 the hall was re-wired, re-roofed, had the walls re-pointed and central heating installed. In 1999, money was awarded to allow the hall to be re-decorated and the kitchen and toilet refurbished and more recently additional funding has allowed alterations to take place to install a disabled toilet and a more modern kitchen. Fundraising and applications for funding to various organisations has allowed these alterations and this is likely to continue in the future to ensure the building is fit for purpose in the 21st century, as well as covering the cost of insurance, cleaning and heating.

Anyone wishing to hire the hall should contact **Margaret Preston (650095) or Rita Cloughton (650552).**

K.P.



### Annual Christmas Charity Concert

Celebrate Christmas in Music and Song with Hawes

Silver Band and Young Voices on

**Friday December 16th at 7.30 pm**

in Hawes Market House.

Adults £8.00, accompanied children free.

There will be refreshments and the usual wonderful Raffle with all proceeds for the

**Wensleydale Marie Curie  
Fundraising Group**

### Upper Wensleydale's New Vicar

It was a great joy to spend time with Dave Clark. After only 10 days here he is 'getting around', acquainting himself with local businesses, and very wisely conducting no services on his first Sunday, but calling in at his four churches to see them as they are!

Dave was born and grew up in Hull and went to school there. 'I was a late developer' he said, but clarified it a bit by adding, 'a nuisance really'.

Knowing that he is musical I asked him how that developed. His grandma played the piano and his mother had a lovely singing voice. Now all his family are musical. Dave started enjoying singing at Junior School and was much encouraged by the head of music at his secondary school, learning to play the violin and later the viola, and also the piano—necessary to pass exams! By now he was singing solos and started singing lessons at sixteen.

Breton Hall College of Education was the next step where he studied music and drama for three years and found it an 'amazing place'. He conducted the Breton Singers as they toured Europe, became involved in Morris dancing and the theatre, together with solo work in the local area. This led to a post-grad Master's degree in Arts Education.

Although his family were church-goers, it was only at Breton that he (and his wife-to-be, Sarah, whom he met there) came to full faith, which has been his driving force ever since.

Dave's professional work until recently was in teaching. This was at Ossett High School (now Ossett Academy) in Wakefield Metropolitan District; a huge school of about 1800 students, where he taught music, drama, English and R.E. before becoming head of drama, a post he really revelled in, entering large numbers of students for GCSE drama and putting on shows involving hundreds of students!

All this time they lived in Normanton. Dave became a member of the leadership team at All Saints church, being actively involved in leading worship, youth work, and of course the music.

Later on he was involved in teacher training for the Open University and, becoming part-time at Ossett, set up his own business in training. His interest in spirituality through the arts led to the conviction to train for the ordained ministry through the Yorkshire Ministry Course in Mirfield, then for three years he has been the curate at St Paul's, Drighlington, between Leeds and Bradford.

When looking for a new parish he was reminded of a course he had attended in Whitby at which (Rev)

Ann Chapman had spoken on Rural Ministry. That sounded very attractive, and when the Upper Dales Benefice became vacant in an area the family knows through trips and holidays, that was the time to 'set the wheels in motion'. So here he is and we wish him, Sarah, and their grown-up family Andrew, Amy and Jonathon, every blessing as Dave starts his ministry among us

A.S.W.

(See 'Preparation' on page 18)

**Wensleydale's**  
**Got**  
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**Saturday December 3rd**  
**7.15pm prompt**  
**Hawes Market House**

**HAWES CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL 2016**  
**SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER**  
**Children's Party**  
**In the Market House**  
1.45pm: Community Buffet  
Fun and games with Colin Bailey  
Bring your own snacks - Free Admission  
4.00pm: Market Place: Community Carol Singing with Hawes Prize Silver Band  
4.30pm: Father Christmas arrives  
**Wensleydale's**  
**Got**  
**T \* LENT**  
**7.15pm**  
**In the Market House**  
*Everyone Welcome*

### 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**



## Heavens Above

After last month's cold spell, it's hard to believe winter doesn't officially begin until the Solstice on December 21st. That's the date the sun reaches its furthest point south and we get the longest hours of darkness. The good news (at least for stargazers!) is that we also get some of the best night-skies of the year with a host of bright stars and constellations on view.



Over in the north-east, standing on its Handle, you'll find the familiar shape of the Plough. The two Pointer stars at the 'blade' end show the way to the Pole Star. In the north-west steely-blue Vega, the brightest of the Summer Triangle stars, is just skimming the horizon. Capella, the bright yellow leader of Auriga the Charioteer, lies almost overhead mid-way between the straggly 'K' of Perseus and the 'W' of Cassiopeia. The winter Milky Way runs through Cassiopeia, flowing up from Cygnus in the north-west, and then down past Gemini's twin stars Castor and Pollux towards the south-eastern horizon. A lovely sight from a dark location.

It's the view south though that draws the eye on a sparkling winter's night. Orion, the Mighty Hunter of ancient legend, and the grandest of all the constellations, dominates the scene. His broad-shouldered outline with a line of three bright stars forming his Belt is unmistakable. See if you can spot his Sword – a glowing cloud of gas and dust hanging just below the middle belt star. Orion is accompanied by his two hunting dogs, Canis Major and Minor. Sirius, Canis Major's leader, is the brightest of all the stars and flashes like a great diamond low over the horizon. Orion faces up to his old adversary Taurus the Bull to his north-west. The beast's baleful eye is marked by the Red Giant star, Aldebaran, and its face by the loose 'V' of the Hyades open star cluster. Higher in the sky lies another famous cluster, The Pleiades or Seven Sisters, the finest in the sky. A stunning object in low-powered binoculars.

An added bonus this winter, comes in the shape of the planet Venus - a spectacular 'evening star' shining like a beacon low in the south-west soon after sunset. It stays with us well into the New Year setting as late as four-and-a half-hours after the sun by the end of January. Early in December you might glimpse tiny Mercury, well to the right of Venus, but only if you've a very clear horizon. Mars, a shadow of its former self, lies to the upper left of

Venus. Late night revellers might catch a glimpse of Jupiter which rises around 2.00am in the constellation of Virgo.

It's a pity the Full Moon spoils the annual Geminids meteor shower on December 13/14th but you should have better luck on the evening of January 5/6th when the Quadrantids reach their peak – the Moon is a mere six days old and sets shortly after midnight.

If you've read this column over the past year, *thanks* for doing so. Best wishes and clear skies for 2017!

**Al Bireo**

## Latest 'Now Then' Published

Few villages can boast such a superb record of their communities as that created by the residents of Askrigg and Low Abbotside since 1965.

How they produced five books up until 2015 has been recorded by Eleanor Scarr in the latest edition of *Now Then*, the annual magazine of the Friends of the Dales Countryside Museum.

Other articles include the story of hill farming since the 1940s as told by Harold Brown of Grinton and a late-19<sup>th</sup> century description of the Christmas "Awd Roy" festivities in Muker. The latter has been reproduced from the 1910 edition of T Hiscock's *Wensleydale and Swaledale Almanack*.

Grinton also features in Tony Harrison's "The caves of Wensleydale and Swaledale" as he includes the Bevis Hole Mine in his detailed article.

John Warren completes his series of articles about Nappa Hall by showing how its combination of northern and southern features makes it profoundly important and apparently unique in England.

There is also an article by Bob Ellis about how, in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, Leyburn had such a locally-famous musician that it even had a lane called the "Minstrel Court" - and yet, by day, "Old Willie" Wrigley was just a humble road-mender.

*Now Then* is available at the Dales Countryside Museum in Hawes, price £2 per copy.

**Pip Lund**

## Christmas Cracker

**Thoralby and District W.I. Coffee morning**

**THORALBY VILLAGE HALL**

**Monday December 19th 10.00am to noon**

Brie and bacon sandwiches,  
mince pies.

**663875** for details

## Preparation!

Well ... here I am; the new Vicar of the Benefice of Upper Wensleydale, sitting in my lovely new study gazing out at the snow-capped hills in the distance and trying to take in the fact that we are now actually living in this beautiful place.

Those of you who have undergone the process of preparing for a move of any kind will recognise the enormous amount of preparation time involved to ensure that the process takes place in as ordered a fashion as is possible. We have been no different in that respect but our removal preparations have also run alongside maintenance work at our old home, my planning for new responsibilities, my wife Sarah finishing her work as an Early Years Leader in a large Primary School and everything else that is involved in arranging the marriage of your daughter. It's been a busy few months!

And now it's December and the planning and preparing changes gear once more as the countdown to the 25<sup>th</sup> begins. The four weeks before Christmas is known as Advent. Advent refers to an arrival, a start, a new beginning. Many of you I am sure will have an Advent calendar in your homes creating an opportunity to open a new window every day, increasing that sense of expectation and excitement of the big day itself; but if we're not careful we may miss out on the joy of the preparation as we get caught up in the rush of events around us.

A recent survey conducted by a major supermarket chain discovered that over 90% of women begin stockpiling food for Christmas in July. Good planning? God began his preparations for the first Christmas even earlier than five months before the event. Documents written some 800 years before the birth of Jesus tell us where he would be born, who his mother would be and what would happen to him during his lifetime, in incredible detail. Now that's what I call preparation!

The Christian writer C.S. Lewis, author of the Chronicles of Narnia, writes that at Christmas we remember the 'central event in the history of the earth- the very thing the whole story has been about'. I hope that amongst all the wonderful bustle and excited rush of the season you may be able to take time to consider what the story *is* all about – that God sent his son Jesus, to be born and live amongst us that we might know just how much he loves us.

It would be great to see you and celebrate together at any of our services during this season and may the God of hope and love and promise fill your hearts with joy this Christmas and bless you and those you love with a wonderful 2017.

Happy Christmas,

**Dave Clark**

## Upper Dales Family History Group

There are no talks in December or January but meetings recommence on **February 22nd at 2.00pm** in Harmby village hall with '*A Sword in One Hand and a Complement (sic) in the Other*', an audience with Alice Thornton of Kirklington and Hipswell, 1627 – 1707, who will describe her life during the English Civil War and Commonwealth, being a daughter, wife and mother, and the profound effects of the war on her family.

For further details phone **0743 2677 783**, email [moverley.yorkshire@outlook.com](mailto:moverley.yorkshire@outlook.com) or see the website [www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk](http://www.upperdalesfhg.org.uk) for details of all events and the worldwide email discussion group.

**Tracy Little**

## BAWB News

### The Monday Times - New US President

Donald Trump is now the US president of America. The children at Askrigg and Bainbridge school feel grieved after hearing this.

Americans were voting throughout the night.

"I just received a call from Secretary Clinton congratulating us on our victory," said Donald Trump.

Two weeks ago, the children from Ks2 at Askrigg School voted and overwhelmingly it was Hillary Clinton. We had hoped that the actual vote would be the same, however we were very disappointed to hear that Donald Trump had won. People believe Hillary Clinton conceded early in the morning after the vote.

Gracie said, "I don't think he should have won because of his views and plans."

Ellie said, "I think he shouldn't have won the election because he said he will build a wall between the US and Mexico so that Mexicans can't come into the country."

Meanwhile, in the election, people all throughout America have been protesting at the result. They are angry because Hillary Clinton received more votes, whereas Donald got more states.

What did you think of the election? Did you think it was fair?

**Ruby Pattison, Year 5**

**Well Done!!**

**The Bay Tree Café, Hawes**

raised a fantastic £540 for the Royal British Legion poppy appeal. A big thank you to everyone who supported, and a special thanks to Judy Fawcett for knitting all the poppies.



## Notes from Thorney mire

### Late Autumn

**S**adly I found a red squirrel, dead, near to our barn. It had no external injuries and looked to have been a healthy specimen with no signs of squirrel pox, so what had caused its demise remains a mystery. For several years there have been no sightings of grey squirrels in the area but now we have three in the wood. Fortunately the red ones are still there. Noticing a movement in the beech tree, I saw a red squirrel blending in well with the russet leaves of the tree. It was busy running up and down the branches in its quest for food, no doubt some to eat now and some to be buried for later. I don't think red or grey squirrels have the same talent as the North American chickadee which also buries food for a later date. This bird of the tit family has the ability to let old neurons in its brain die so that it forgets earlier knowledge and lets new ones grow so it can remember more recent information. That is why it can remember where it has buried food in up to one thousand places. What a gift. Now, where did I leave my glasses?

When is a spider not a spider? For those of you with a nervous disposition it may be wise to skip the next bit. Not being an expert on spiders and not having any wish to be, I always thought they had a body, eight legs of equal size and good eyesight, well, they always see you coming. A spider was in the soap recess of our wash basin and was in a dilemma not knowing what to do next. It had the eight requisite legs, but two of them were longer than the other six and it was using them like feelers. Sweeping both long legs in a one hundred degree arc it tested the slippery surface and didn't like it. This spider probably wasn't a spider at all, but a harvestman, seen only from September to November, and is a relative of the spider. These arachnids differ from their spider cousins as they do not spin a web to catch their food, but catch their prey using hooks on their legs. Their two long legs are full of tiny sensors which act as their mouth, tongue, ears and eyes. As it stood on the edge of the basin, peering down into the white abyss with a potential whirlpool at the bottom, its sensors told it to go no further, so it bent its legs into different shapes and clung on to the contours of the basin for grim death. It was only when I took a step closer that it left its precarious position and fled on to the floor. I picked it up in a cloth and put it outside. I don't suppose it liked leaving the warmth of the bathroom for the cold of a Yorkshire morning, but there was no way I was going to have a shower with a pair of eyes looking at me, especially eyes on the ends of long legs.

Sylvia Turner

## Ranger Report

During the autumn half term holiday, Aysgarth Falls National Park Centre and waterfalls were busy with families venturing down to Freeholders' Wood on our Halloween Trail. There was a spooky quiz sheet for children (and adults) to complete and win a prize. The woodland was full of autumn colour and some scary 'living' statues! Overall, it has been a busy summer season and we had a busy September too, due to the good weather.

In Lower Wensleydale, access ranger Paul Sheehan and our Dales Volunteers have continued with the maintenance of public rights of way. Paul has recently repaired the eroded concrete 'oil drum' stepping stones at Ballowfield Bridge adjacent to the River Ure.

We have also repaired the collapsing boundary wall at Ballowfields Nature Reserve. The wall's foundations had been undercut by Eller Beck in last winter's flooding. A local contractor, Peter Iveson, installed limestone blocks as foundations and the Dales Volunteers walling team rebuilt the drystone wall. While Peter was working in the area with his digger, we also installed limestone blocks further upstream to protect the eastern abutment of the Bridleway Bridge above Disher Falls near Woodhall.

In Upper Wensleydale, access ranger Rob Wilson and Dales Volunteers have been carrying out several improvements to walled stiles and gateways on and around the Yorburch/Roman Road/Knights Close area, which is part of a longer term improvement scheme started last year. This has included a new four metre timber footbridge on a badly eroded shale bank at Ash Gill.

Two sections of collapsing riverside footpath have been rebuilt on the wheelchair accessible path at Cotter Force and the ongoing improvements at Aysgill Force are nearing completion. This has included a large amount of flagged surfacing and the renewal of most of the steps on the route.

If you encounter any problems whilst using public rights of way or open access land, please contact either **Paul Sheehan on 666226, Rob Wilson on 666225 or me on 662912.**

**Nigel Metcalfe**  
Area Ranger Wensleydale and Coverdale

## Christmas Coffee Morning

Mulled wine

THORNTON RUST VILLAGE INSTITUTE

**Saturday December 10th 10.00am to noon.**

All welcome

## **The Truth Behind the Saving of the Settle-Carlisle Line**

**Government papers released after 30 years**

NEW BOOK PUBLISHED:

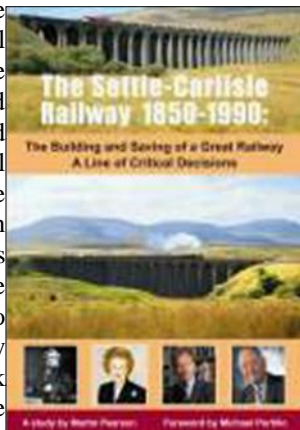
***The Settle-Carlisle Railway 1850-1990***

***The Building and Saving of a Great Railway***

***A Line of Critical Decisions***

Author: **Martin Pearson with a Foreword by Michael Portillo.**

Thirty years ago the world famous Settle-Carlisle railway line was to be closed. British Rail wanted it to close and the government was minded to agree. Under-used and in need of colossal expenditure closure seemed inevitable. Yet in April 1989 it was reprieved from closure and has since prospered to resume its role as a key part of the UK's network and to be one of the world's most spectacular rail journeys.



Why the sudden change of heart? Using the Freedom of Information Act, Martin Pearson has spent three years discovering how the unexpected but hugely welcome U-turn came about.

**This major new book** reveals what really happened in the corridors of power. Newly-released documents include the formal Civil Service advice offered to Mr. Portillo on February 24th, 1989, and the six page letter that Paul Channon, Secretary of State, wrote to the

Prime Minister on April 6th, 1989. Reprieve was announced on April 11th, 1989.

Now Michael Portillo gives the book a personal and revealing Foreword. The decision to reprieve the line from closure had been taken well before the official announcement and it bore his fingerprints. Secretary of State Channon was pushing at an open door at Number 10 with his decision to reprieve.

Alongside the once classified documents, Pearson now reveals there is something of the "Yes Minister" about it all as facts, fiction and fantasy are fleshed out with documentary evidence. He says "*It was sometimes like drawing teeth from a crocodile. I learnt early on the need to be as stubborn as the civil servants who (nearly) always said No.*"

This is the whole story of the line told as never before. In particular the Midland Railway's attempt to wriggle out of building it at all.

Spectacularly illustrated and presented, the book sets the record straight.

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### **'Extinct' Plant Found**

Many readers will have heard the name Pete Shaw in relation to railways, especially the Settle-Carlisle line. What might not be so well known is that Pete is also very well qualified as a botanist.

He writes, "Whilst looking at a selection of orchids (back in July) I noticed a small plant with an attractive pink flower which I couldn't put a name to. I wrote down all its characteristics and took some photographs. When back home I tried to identify the plant from text books and arrived the surprising conclusion that I'd seen a plant which was thought to be extinct in Cumbria! Fearing a misidentification I contacted the experts at the Cumbria Wildlife Trust and they confirmed that I had indeed found an 'extinct' plant called *Narrow leaved red hemp nettle*. This has been described as 'a very exciting find—one of the best finds in Cumbria for a long time'."

### **Cinderella**

This year the award winning Wensleydale Music and Theatre Group will be staging the much loved and traditional pantomime - Cinderella. Come and enjoy a great evening of family entertainment.

Performances are at HAWES MARKET HOUSE, **Tuesday November 29th to Friday December 2nd all at 7.30pm** (Doors open 7.00pm) and LEYBURN METHODIST HALL **Friday 6th January 2017, 7.30pm** (Doors open 7.00pm) **Saturday 7th January 2017, 2.30pm** (Doors open 2.00pm) and **Saturday 7th January 2017, 7.30pm** (Doors open 7.00pm). Tickets are £9.00 for adults and £6.50 for U12s. available at Hawes Community Office and Library. tel. **667400** open from Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.30pm, Saturday 9.00am to 12.30pm and Leyburn Arts and Community Centre tel. **624510**. You can also book on-line at [www.wensleydalemtg.co.uk](http://www.wensleydalemtg.co.uk)



## Hawes Pub and Club Events

### December

4 Christmas Carvery	Fountain
11 Big Quiz	Board
12 Ladies Darts Knockout	Board
18 Ladies Darts Knockout	Club
20 Domino Drive Knockout	Club
21 Family quiz and Rock 'n Roll bingo. Start 3.00pm	Board
29 Domino Knockout	Board
31 Live Music	Fountain

### January 2017

7 Pairs Darts Knockout	Fountain
13 Domino Knockout	WhiteHart
14 Men's Darts Knockout	Board
20 Ladies Darts Knockout	White Hart
21 Domino Knockout	Fountain
27 Mixed Pairs Darts Knockout	Board

### February

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

Joan Hodgson  
wishes to send a huge thank you to all her  
friends in Carperby and Redmire for the  
wonderful flowers, cakes, casseroles,  
curry, books and magazines, but most of  
all the very kind thoughts and  
encouragement after her recent operation.  
I am getting better day by day.  
Wishing you all a very merry Christmas  
and a happy New Year.  
With loads of love and thanks to you all.

### Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday MAM

25th January 2017  
Louise, Steve and Gabi  
Michael, Alex and Corrina  
Xxx xxX



### December 21st Happy 60th Birthday Gran Gayle

Lots of love from  
Laura, Emma, Jack, Megan,  
Ted, Matt and Lily xxxxxxxx



### Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Mam and Dad

1st January 2017  
Lots of Love  
Louise, Steve and Gabi



### WOOD Congratulations David and Sue on your Silver Wedding Anniversary



December 14th  
Love from the best man and  
family

### Kathleen Martin

sends a big THANK YOU to all  
family and friends for calls, cards,  
flowers and meals!! - during and  
after her stay in hospital.



### Ann Peacock

would like to thank relatives, neighbours and friends  
for their good wishes, also the care team. Many  
thanks to Graham and Julia for all  
their help, also for looking after Ken-  
ny, along with Michael, Elaine, Rich-  
ard and Diana,  
following her accident.



### **The Learning Curve Project at Wensleydale Sport and Leisure Centre**

Wensleydale Sport and Leisure Centre in Askrigg now has a full spring programme of activities from January through to the beginning of April, covering everything from brush strokes to Brexit.

In January artist Moira Metcalfe will take a six-week course for beginners and improvers in drawing and watercolour painting, photographer Guy Carpenter is running two three-hour photography sessions and popular economist and writer Hugo Radice will give a second talk on Brexit - this time from a post-Referendum perspective. We have been incredibly fortunate to secure the services of these and other talented tutors, all with deep knowledge of the local area.

Moira opened a studio/gallery in Appersett 25 years ago and runs popular painting classes there. She believes the learning process should be one of enjoyment, and her aim is that students will go home each week with a piece of work they are satisfied with.

Meanwhile Guy's photographic sessions will require nothing more than a camera, though for the first one, covering technical aspects, he advises using one with settings that can be changed manually. Hugo will look ahead to what Brexit might mean for the future (other than 'Brexit' - never a very helpful explanation) following his excellent and well-attended talk in May prior to the Big Vote.

There'll be a basic computer skills course with Geoff Phillips, and more iPad fun with me. Previous sessions in the spring and autumn this year were enjoyed by all and proved a voyage of discovery for the tutor as much as for the students. There will also be map reading, Spanish conversation, mental health and wellbeing.

Our Learning Curve volunteers have, with Jan Hale, put a lot of time into getting the programme up and running. There'll be more courses throughout the year but we hope everyone will support our first term. Every household will get a full programme very soon, and the advert in the newsletter gives more details.

**Betsy Everett**

### **Course Programme Spring 2017**

iPad/Android tablet, **2.00-4.00pm, Monday, January 9th**, four weeks, £20.

Watercolour painting, beginners and improvers, **10.00am-12.30pm, Thursday, January 12th**, six weeks, £60.

Mental health and wellbeing, **6.00-7.00pm, Thursday, January 19th**, £5.

Photography, **10.00am-1.00pm, Monday, January 23rd**, two weeks, £20.

Brexit - Where are we heading? **7.00-9.00pm, Tuesday, January 24th**, £5.

iCan iPad, **2.00-4.00pm, Monday, February 6th**, four weeks, £20.

Conversational Spanish, **10-11.30am, Friday, March 3rd**, for six weeks, £36.

Map-reading and navigation, **10.00am-1.00pm, Saturday, March 25th**, £5.

Booking is essential. For full details contact **Jan Hale, 650060, 07968 606571** or email [admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk](mailto:admin@yorebridge-sport.co.uk)

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### **Communities Need Their Halls**

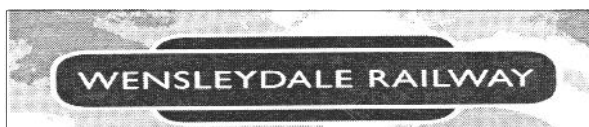
What a pleasure it was to see so many people in Thornton Rust Institute on quiz night. All credit must go to Sue and Steve Duffield and their excellent team. The evening was an undoubted success, with a super quiz and good food.

It appears to me that many of our villages are getting closer and closer to becoming holiday camps. As more of the houses become holiday properties the fewer there are for locals. The whole structure and economy of the Dales depends on the people who work them. It is a vicious downward spiral. With property prices rising, fewer workers can afford the higher prices and the area declines, becoming less desirable and eventually an area of desolation.

In Thornton Rust about half of the cottages and buildings are owned by people who do not reside in them and use short rentals resulting in a transient population. A village needs a community spirit and this comes from a stable population with places to meet and chat. One of the traditional centres of villages, after the pub and shop (and not many of those are left), that helps to hold a village together is the Village Hall. The importance of these is great and if we don't make more use of them and more people don't help to maintain and use them they will be lost, leaving another dormitory village.

The importance of our community spaces and facilities cannot be overemphasised.

**David Pointon**



### 'Santa Specials'

begin

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

**Elves to Help Santa on board in  
record bookings year.**

On Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015 the Wensleydale Railway will be running its first Santa Special trains from Leeming Bar to Redmire.

Santa and his elves will be on board for the annual festive adventure and will issue gifts to all children and adults, and stations along the line will be decorated so the Christmas magic will be enjoyed throughout the journey.

Trains operate on **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>**.

"Children and adults love our Santa Specials and it's our most popular special event of the year. This year, we have broken all previous advanced booking records and have to attract more elves to help with the present distribution on board. Great fun for all ages and for Santa and our small army of busy elves it's a busy but enjoyable series of special trains." comments general manager, Nigel Park. The Wensleydale Team just love seeing the happy, smiling faces of the children and their Mums, Dads and Grandparents after each trip, as they all enjoy the wonderful scenery along the route, as well as the fun on board and the decorations at each station", adds Nigel.

Wensleydale Railway is one of the longest heritage railway routes in the country and operates a daily service in the main season between Leeming Bar and Redmire with Wednesday and Saturdays for the Northallerton-Leeming Bar section. Plans are in hand to extend the service in line with future demand.

For further information please contact:

**Nigel Park, general manager,**

**Tel: 01677 425805 Mobile: 07446 381118**

**Happy 80th Birthday**

**Hazel Snaith**

**December 30th**

Lots of love, Mum: Paul, Penny and Bob

## High Praise for Askrigg

**M**y family and I have been living in Askrigg for the whole of 2016. During that time we have worked and studied here and met many new people. We came to look after Margery Roberts, my mother-in-law but have found ourselves as part of a thriving community. We have attended Murder Mystery Night Fundraisers, Pea and Pie Nights, church morning teas, music nights, a ceilidh, and most recently a Christmas Fair. We have travelled on buses, been to see the sites, done lots of walking, been to fantastic pubs and learnt about the local accent and culture.

Now we are coming the end of our stay; we return to Australia at the end of December, so I would like to thank the people of Askrigg for being so warm and welcoming and helping us through a very sad time when Margery died. I would particularly like to thank all the people who agreed to be interviewed for my blog ([12monthsofwonder.wordpress.com](http://12monthsofwonder.wordpress.com)) and whom I have come across during this year. Thank you to all the people I have had chats with on the Little White Bus, all the people at the Crown Inn whom I have served, Mike and Ally in Sykes House, all the parents, teachers and children at Askrigg School and those in the wider BAWB Federation, all the local doctors and community nurses we have seen through the year, and especially the Bowe family, and Lou Porter in particular for employing me at the Crown Inn.

Each one of you has made our year here a memorable experience we will take with us for the rest of our lives. Thank you.

**Victoria Wells**

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## Your pull-out pages of December and New Year events and greetings

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

#### ASKRIGG AND BAINBRIDGE AREA

Bainbridge Methodist Chapel	Christmas Day	10.30am	At St Oswald's
	Sunday Jan 1	10.30am	At St Oswald's
	Sunday Jan 29	10.30am	United service
St Oswald's, Askrigg	Monday Dec 12	1.30pm	BAWB Schools Carol Service
	Friday Dec 16	7.30pm	Christmas Tree Preview. See overleaf
	Saturday Dec 17 to Jan 1		Christmas Tree Festival in Church
	Sunday Dec 18	10.30am	HC
		4.00pm	Carols by candlelight. See overleaf
	Christmas Eve	4.00pm	Christingle
		11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist (HC)
	Christmas Day	10.30am	HC for Christmas Day
	Sunday Jan 1	10.30am	HC
	Sunday Jan 29	10.30am	At Bainbridge Methodist Chapel
St Matthew's, Stalling Busk	Sunday Dec 11	4.00pm	Upper Wensleydale Sunday School
	Christmas Eve	7.15pm	HC
		8.00pm	Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight
Bainbridge Meeting House	Sunday Dec 18	10.30am	Quaker (Society of Friends) meeting
Countersett Meeting House	Sunday Dec 25	10.45am	Quaker (Society of Friends) meeting
Marsett Methodist Chapel	Sunday Dec 4	8.00pm	Singalong
	Sunday Dec 18	2.00pm	Carol Service
	Sunday Jan 8	2.00pm	Annual Covenant service (HC)
Sycamore Hall	Saturday Dec 3	8.30am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	Sunday Dec 11	10.45am	Methodist Service
	Sunday Dec 18	10.45am	Methodist Carol Service
	Sunday Jan 8	10.45am	Methodist Service

#### HAWES AREA

Hawes Market Place	Saturday Dec 3	4.00pm	Community Carol Singing
Gayle Methodist Church	Sunday Dec 4	4.00pm	Upper Wensleydale Sunday School
	Sunday Dec 18	6.00pm	Carol Service
	Sunday Jan 1	6.00pm	New Year Celebration
	Sunday Jan 8	2.00pm	Annual Covenant service (HC)
St Margaret's, Hawes	Thursday Dec 15	2.00pm	Christingle Service for Hawes School
	Sunday Dec 18	10.30am	Carol Service
	Christmas Eve	10.30pm	Christmas Eve Service (HC)
	Christmas Day	10.30am	Christmas Day united service (HC)
	Sunday Jan 1	10.30am	Morning Service (HC)
	Sunday Jan 15	10.30am	Methodist Covenant Service (HC)
The Nash, Hawes	Wednesday Jan 18	Noon	Week of prayer for Christian Unity with faith lunch
St Mary and St John, Hardraw	Friday Dec 23	4.00pm	Christingle Service
	Christmas Eve	10.00pm	Carols and Communion (HC)
	Sunday Jan 1	9.00am	Children's Service (HC)
Hawes Junction Chapel	Saturday Dec 3	7.30pm	Carols by Candlelight and supper. P 13

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

St Andrew's, Aysgarth	Sunday Dec 18	11.00am	Carol Service
	Christmas Day	11.00am	Family Service (HC)
Aysgarth Methodist Church	Sunday Dec 4	10.45am	Joint service with Bainbridge
	Sunday Dec 11	6.00pm	Nativity Service
	Sunday Jan 15	10.45am	Joint Service with Bainbridge
	Christmas Day	11.00am	At St Andrew's



## AYSGARTH, WEST BURTON, THORALBY AND WEST WITTON AREA (continued)

Aysgarth Methodist Church	Sunday	Jan 1	11.00am	At St Andrew's
Thoralby Village Hall	Saturday	Dec 17	2.30pm	Carol Service
Thornton Rust Mission Room	Sunday	Dec 18	3.00pm	Carol Service
West Burton Chapel	Sunday	Dec 18	6.30pm	Family Nativity Service
	Mon, Tues	Dec 19, 20	6.00pm	Carol Singing for Action for Children
	Christmas Day		10.30am	Christmas Morning Service
	Sunday	Jan 1	11.00am	Shake Up Service
	Sunday	Jan 22	10.45am	Annual Methodist Covenant service
St Bartholomew's, West Witton	Sunday	Dec 18	4.30pm	Carol Service
	Christmas Eve		4.00pm	Crib Service
	Christmas Eve		11.30pm	Midnight Communion (HC)

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

	Sunday	Jan 29	10.30am	Penhill Praise Candlemas Service
Carperby Institute	Sunday	Dec 18	6.30pm	Carol Service
St Oswald's, Castle Bolton	Sunday	Dec 18	4.00pm	Carol Service
	Sunday	Jan 8	10.30am	Penhill Together Service HC
St Margaret's, Preston-under-Scar	Sunday	Dec 18	6.00pm	Carol service
	Christmas Day		9.30am	HC
St Mary's, Redmire	Christmas Eve		3.30pm	Crib service
Holy Trinity, Wensley	Sunday	Dec 11	10.30am	Penhill Together Christingle Service HC
	Friday	Dec 16	6.30pm	Carol Service
Wensley Village Hall	Sunday	Jan 22	9.30am	Children's Church - 'till 11.00am. New group all children (and parents) welcome

Seasonal Greetings to all our friends Our "card" money is going towards providing needy families with some Christmas cheer  
**David Pointon and Pip Land**



**Dorothy Routh**  
Wishes everyone a  
Happy Christmas



**Margaret Fawcett,**  
Thoralby, would like to wish  
all Family and Friends a  
Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year



**Fringez'n Freckles**  
Would like to wish all our  
customers a merry Christmas  
and a happy New Year



**Elsie & Barry (Wilcox)** wish all  
their friends and  
neighbours a peaceful and  
prosperous Christmas and  
New Year



**Jean Cockburn** wishes her  
friends in Aysgarth a very  
happy Christmas and a  
happy and healthy New Year



**BOWN:** Ian, Trish, Sam and Katie  
would like to wish friends and  
neighbours a merry Christmas and a  
happy New Year. Instead of sending  
Christmas cards, a donation has been  
given to the British Lung Foundation



**Chris, Hazel, Josh and Ella**  
(Thwaite) would like to wish  
everyone a very Merry  
Christmas and all the best for  
2017 - as usual, we are making a charity  
donation in lieu of sending cards

**Anne Dinsdale**

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



**Mary Sumner** sends her  
love and seasonal greetings  
to everyone who knows  
her  
Happy Christmas



**Margaret Scarr** would like to  
wish all her friends and  
family a wonderful Christmas  
and a very Happy New Year

**Marilyn and Tony Philpott**  
send Christmas Greetings and  
the best of health and  
happiness for 2017 to all our friends in  
Wensleydale



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



**AUDREY STRINGER**  
wishes happy Christmas  
and New Year to all her  
family and friends AT  
SYCAMORE HALL

**Judy Fawcett** would like to  
wish everyone a merry  
Christmas and a happy and  
peaceful New Year



**JAMES ATKINSON.**  
Christmas Greetings to all  
my friends at Christmas and  
best wishes for 2017



**Kathleen Martin** wishes  
all friends and family a  
Happy Christmas and a  
prosperous New Year

**Betty Thornborrow**  
would like to wish friends  
and family a happy  
Christmas and best wishes for 2017.



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



**Alick Iveson**  
Wishes all his family and  
friends a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year